



Nickers n' Tails

Serving the equine companions who have so loyally served us...

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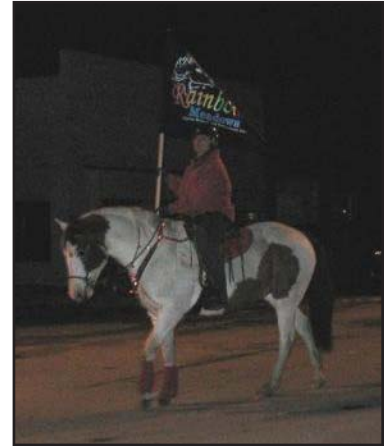
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Rainbow Meadows lights up Caney Christmas Parade

On December 6th, Rainbow Meadows made its first parade debut at the Caney Christmas Parade in Caney, Kansas. What a great evening it turned out to be! The day's weather had not been kind, and it was feared that Mother Nature would put an end to the parade. But, God is good and the temperatures mellowed along with the rain and the wind, setting the group up for a great event!

Volunteers rode or led eight Rainbow Meadows horses (Sweet Pea, Willow, Chacco, Beau, Jada, Daisy, Noble and ranch horse Jester) and two additional horses, and other volunteers interacted with the crowd, handing out candy and distributing informational flyers about the rescue. The



participating horses that were up for adoption wore banners with the organization logo and the words "Adopt me!" and the whole group was led by Karen Everhart, Executive Director, on Jester, and carrying a Rainbow Meadows flag.



Rainbow Meadows was the largest single horse group in the whole parade. They brought up the finale, right before Santa, and with everyone so excited to see old man Claus, the Rainbow Meadows group received much attention. In fact,

the organization's parade entry was so popular, that it received the 2nd place award for the whole parade – what a success!

Everyone involved ended the evening safe, smiling and knowing they each served an important role. Another thank you to ALL the volunteers who joined us in helping Rainbow Meadows have a public presence and teach our local communities about our mission and the importance of caring for our equine friends.



An IRS-designated 501(c)3 public charity- contributions are tax deductible.

Hoof Beats

with Karen Everhart, Executive Director

2007 was a landmark year for Rainbow Meadows. We received our 501(c)(3) public charity status which allows us "recognition" and "credibility" as a not-for-profit organization. We passed our two-year anniversary. We expanded our board, and enjoyed our first Open House and Golf Tournament. We actually ended the year with enough donations and hay to feed the horses through the winter. All of these are important events in the life of a new organization but without the support and assistance of you, we would not have been able to achieve what we have in this short time.

I want to say a special "Thank You" to the following individuals who have stepped up at various times over the past two years: **Warren and Bettie Ahles** of Pineville, Missouri, and their Quik Print location in Joplin; **Careen Cain** of Shooting Star Equine Rescue and Stables who has alerted us to a number of "at risk" horses at the Wakarusa Sale

Barn, giving us the opportunity to rescue and love some very special equines; **Rita Thornton and David Poire** of Waverly, Kansas, who have trailered the horses from the Wakarusa Sale Barn down to Rainbow Meadows; **Jan Asleson**, who created the beautiful watercolor prints for our notecard fund raising activity and additional works of art for the Open House; **David Asleson**, who has shared his original music and melodious voice with us at a number of events; **Diane Gillenwater and Cally Krallman**, co-owners of Prairie Glimpses, The Kansas Song Project, who have offered to allow Rainbow Meadows to sell their popular CD, with \$10.00 of each sale helping the horses; **Denise Nelson and Julie Fowler**, co-owners of Truffles Catering for their unfailing support and wonderful food and catering services at our special events; **Marty and Jim Tadtman**, Wildcat Construction, for their commitment to an annual benefit

golf tournament to help provide for the horses; those **volunteers** who visit the horses here at the ranch and lay loving hands on them, reminding our equine friends that they no longer have to fear the touch of a human; **Kira Valentin**, our marketing coordinator and webmaster, who spends countless hours creating the quarterly newsletter and maintaining our Web site; and the **Rainbow Meadows Board of Directors** who work tirelessly to help us ensure that there are funds to feed and care for the horses.

Without the help of these individuals and others I have highlighted before, Rainbow Meadows could not survive.



Karen with Indi, daughter to Lexi, rescued in 2004.



Reservations
required.
Please RSVP by
February 16 to
Karen Everhart at
620-725-3402.

For the *Love* of horses...

A mane affair Benefit and Gala

Saturday, February 23rd, 2008
6:00-9:00 p.m.

at

CityArts
in Oldtown
334 N. Mead
Wichita, Kansas

~ Enjoy an exciting evening of fun, food and friends with dinner and live entertainment, a silent auction and table games of Horseopoly with prizes for winners!

~ \$50.00 per plate or \$350.00 for one 8-person table. Seating limited. Attire - business casual.

~ Corporate and individual sponsorships available.

All proceeds will go directly to Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc., located in Sedan, Kansas (www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com). Rainbow Meadows is an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) public charity - all donations are tax deductible.

Our event is almost full - be sure to reserve your seats today!

Welcome to our new board members!

Nancy Kemmerer

Board member

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Nancy Kemmerer joined the Rainbow Meadows board in the winter of 2007. She has been a small business owner for more than 20 years, and brings that expertise to the table as a dedicated volunteer and supporter of the Rainbow Meadows mission.

Nancy has been married for more than forty years to a self-employed CPA. They have two

children and one grandson. Nancy loves all animals, both great and small, although she still retains some fear of horses from a bad fall she took as a teenager.

When time allows, Nancy loves to read, visit their family cabin, cook, crochet, embroider and work with people. She has a passion for brainstorming and doing project work, an excellent combination that makes her an invaluable member of the Rainbow Meadows board.



Denise Nelson

Board member

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Denise Nelson, a board member since early 2008, has been an animal lover all her life. She always had cats and dogs, but only got her first horse, Adelio, a Paso Fino gelding, in 2001. That sparked her passion, and she now owns two other horses - Rocket (a.k.a. Rocky) a solid Paint gelding she adopted from Rainbow Meadows, and Sundance, a beautiful Peruvian Paso gelding. She competed in her first competitive trail ride (CTR) in October 2006 and loved it! Her sister, Julie, also rode that CTR and is Denise's riding partner most of the time.

Denise's husband Bob is an

optometrist in Wichita, and both are great supporters of Rainbow Meadows. Bob rides with Denise from time to time, but mostly does the composting! Denise has a stepdaughter and a stepson who are fantastic young adults.

Denise first met Karen Everhart through a mutual friend and began meeting with her to learn how to "really ride right" in 2003. Denise credits Karen for not only teaching



her riding skills, but also teaching her many lessons in understanding the nature of horses. The two became fantastic friends, and Denise introduced Karen to Julie, who she also worked with on basic riding skills and CTR training. Denise and Julie hope to compete at a CTR again in the near future.

Denise and Julie own Truffles Catering and City Bistro (the café located in Wichita's City Hall). Denise is the Business Manager/Event Coordinator and Julie is the Executive Chef.

In her spare time when she's not riding, Denise enjoys jogging with three of her four dogs (all rescues), hiking, waterskiing and reading - and of course, helping out any way, any time she can with Rainbow Meadows.

Our newest additions

Cap'n Morgan

Rescued gelding, Year of birth: approx. 1993



Captain Morgan (Cap'n) is a Morgan or Morgan-cross gelding who was abandoned when his elderly owner experienced a health-related emergency and was hospitalized. After hospitalization, it was determined that he could no longer live alone, so he was placed in a nursing home. Captain lived alone for 2.5 years with no care. When the farm was scheduled for auction, a neighbor contacted Rainbow Meadows, concerned that the gelding would be sent to slaughter by the new owners. Contact was made with the power of attorney for the owner and permission was received to transfer Cap'n to Rainbow Meadows. His appreciation for human attention was evident the moment he arrived as he allowed numerous volunteers to work for hours to remove all the cockleburs tangled in his mane and tail. Cap'n is a sweet soul that will make a wonderful partner.

Sterling

Rescued gelding, Year of birth: approx. 1982

A grey Arab gelding, Sterling was estimated at being within a month of death from severe malnourishment when rescued by Rainbow Meadows. He was very weak but willing to cooperate, and upon arrival, indicated that he understood his lot in life had changed. He is a very friendly horse and eagerly anticipates mealtime, but does require a senior diet. Sterling is well on his way to recovery. He has a history of having been a successful 4-H horse and family mount. He should be fully back to health by the summer of 2008 when he will be ready for a forever home.



Noble

Rescued gelding, Year of birth: approx. 2005



Noble is a cremello gelding that came to the rescue in October of 2007. He had originally been rescued by another Kansas rescue organization in December 2006 as part of the same weanling slaughter sale that brought Rainbow Meadows fillies Ko-Ko and Keoni. Noble was adopted from that rescue, but as an ungelded colt, he began acting "studdy" and his new adopter did not feel comfortable handling him. So, Noble was returned to the Kansas rescue. Under an agreement with that rescue, Rainbow Meadows accepted Noble as he grows and awaits his forever home. He was gelded prior to arriving at Rainbow Meadows, and has proven to be a calm and friendly horse with a love for people.



Thunder

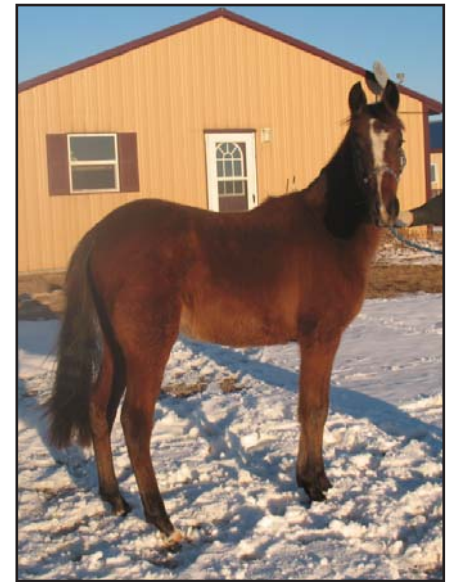
Rescued gelding, Year of birth: 2003

Thunder was owned by a young mother of two who found after a divorce that she could no longer care for her three horses. Desperate for assistance, she contacted Rainbow Meadows. The eldest of the group, a BLM Mustang mare and mother to the two younger horses (Thunder and Stormy), was placed immediately. Rainbow Meadows is currently seeking a home for Thunder, a young gelding who is ripe for his initial saddle training. Thunder is incredibly friendly and nearly unflappable, while being very curious. He is only 14 h tall and slight of build, so would serve a smaller adult or child very well.

Stormy

Rescued mare, Year of birth: 2006

Stormy, the half sister of Thunder, found herself in the same desperate situation. She is currently being fostered in Claremore, Oklahoma, where she is learning all her baby lessons while awaiting a forever home.



Isabelle (a.k.a. Izzy)

Rescued mare, Year of birth: approx. 1984

Izzy is a rescued Thoroughbred mare who was going to be euthanized by her previous owner because she was too energetic for the family's children. She was only days from a date with the needle when her previous owner sought another option, contacting Rainbow Meadows. Izzy has proven to be quiet, easily handled and sound. She is a large mare, over 15h 2" tall, and looking for her forever home.

All our new additions, along with several other of our current residents, are up for adoption! For more information about adopting, go to www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_AdoptingARescue.htm or contact Karen Everhart, Executive Director, at rainbowmeadowsranch@gmail.com or 620-725-3402.

2007 Financial Report

EXPENSES

Dental-Horse dentistry	765.00
Equipment Lease	150.00
Facility Usage Fee	24,045.00
Farrier	65.00
Fundraiser Holiday Giving 07	256.38
Fundraising - other	92.99
Fundraiser RM Notecards	832.50
Horse Medications	783.83
Horse Tack	179.99
Licenses and Permits	785.00
Marketing	117.09
Office Expenses	446.36
Supplemental Grain	6,749.25
Veterinarian	647.52
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,915.91

INFLOWS

Charitable Donations - Cash	31,388.08
Fundraiser CDs	36.00
Fundraiser Holiday Giving 07	7,030.00
Fundraiser Photo Notecards	195.64
Fundraiser RM Notecards	1,188.52
Fundraiser Wristbands	405.00
Fundraiser – Golf Tournament	8,600.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	48,843.24

CARRYOVER to 2008 ***\$19,892.11***

We thank all our generous donors who have supported our efforts and allow us to enter into 2008 with a positive balance and the confidence that we will be able to meet our expenses for the remainder of the winter months. However, as we look ahead, we know that our work is far from complete. Financial solvency for any non-profit operation is the ability to generate adequate inflows each month to cover all normal expenses. To date, Rainbow Meadows is unable to meet monthly expenses with current "regular" monthly donations, which means any dollars generated from our special fundraisers must be used for operational expenses. Our future goal is that the fund raising events scheduled each year will assure that we have the means to cover unexpected illness or injuries, educational programs, and other projects.

Our first foster home



Rainbow Meadows is excited to announce that Teresa of Claremore, Oklahoma has been approved as a foster location for horses rescued by Rainbow Meadows. She will be providing a safe and loving home as our rescues await their forever homes. Currently, Stormy, a rescued Mustang filly, is being fostered by Teresa and settling in to her new home. Thank you for caring for our equine friends, Teresa!



(Left) Teresa with foster resident Stormy, a rescued Mustang filly. (Above) Stormy takes a stroll with a friend in her new home.

Finally home...

Three more Rainbow Meadows rescues have found their forever homes! Art's Sweet Fortune (a.k.a. Cash), Willow and Jada are now settling in with their new families where they will always be loved and cared for!



Cash and his adopter, Kira



Jada on her first ride with new adopter, Gracie



Willow at her new home with adopters David, Sherry and sons

Caring for your own...

We hear about horse thefts nearly every day, even in the 21st century. Just this week two mares were stolen from Stillwater, Oklahoma. The thieves came while the owners were away, loaded the horses into their own trailer and drove away. One of the mares is pregnant and due in March. To protect your own horses from being stolen or even just being lost, consider some of the following suggestions:

- 1) Have photos of your horse from all sides readily available for authorities or searchers; 2) Adopt an anti-theft policy by considering a freeze mark, registered brand, lip tattoo, or micro-chip for your horse; 3) If you do not want to permanently mark your horse at least braid an engraved tag with your name and phone number into the mane or tail; 4) Install anti-theft devices on your trailer; 5) Place padlocks on all gates to pastures and paddocks; and lastly, 6) Lock your barn.

If a horse is stolen, remember that Stolen Horse International at www.netpossee.com is a wonderful resource and can assist you in trying to locate your equine friend. Hours count when a horse is lost or stolen.



Yes, I want to give...

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Donation information:

Amount: \$ _____ Cash Check (Payable to: Rainbow Meadows Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc.)

If you would like to donate online, go to www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_HowToDonate.htm

Upcoming events

February 23

For the Love of horses... A mane affair
benefit and gala

CityArts in Wichita, Kansas

February 29 - March 2

EquiFest of Kansas

Kansas Coliseum in Wichita, Kansas

April 25-27

“Riding to the Rescue” NATRC

Competitive Trail Ride

Perry Lake, Kansas

**All profits will benefit Rainbow
Meadows. We are in need of volunteers -
contact Karen Everhart for more details!**

*For more information about our upcoming events, go to
www.rainbowmeadowsranch.com/Rescue_HomePage.htm*

All services provided by Rainbow Meadows
Equine Rescue and Retirement, Inc. are
funded entirely by gifts and donations.

For more information about how you can
help support these extraordinary equines,
please contact:

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