



CIRCLE F
HORSE RESCUE SOCIETY

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Hello, Circle F friends,

I was reading a story recently about a woman who took in an abandoned cat and gave it care, little knowing that she would be healed of her own distress in the process. She summarized her experience of animal rescue in this statement:

“Animals”, she said, “are the healers. And through animals you can help heal others”.

I find this to be true at Circle F with the many horses that have come and gone over the years. How often we have received comments from volunteers and adopters that the horses give more to them than they give to the horses, that their time spent with the horses is therapeutic for them.

This year Circle F rescued Dallas, an older quarter horse disposed to accidents and needing vet care. Some days he could be ridden and other days not depending on the condition of his leg at the time. Our vet and farrier could not make a definitive diagnosis. Needless to say, we had a hard time finding a home for him until Debbie came along. She felt this was just the horse for her in spite of its presenting problems. She took in Dallas very much like that “abandoned cat”. Some of Debbie’s story follows.

“Hello”, she writes, “Dallas is accident prone. My vet and I were laughing because Dallas walked out of his barn stall and there is a tiny edge and he hurt his front leg while we were standing there watching him. He thinks he is a big wild pony that doesn’t have to watch his step. Oh well, he gives me laughs every day and that makes him a happy boy”

She sent us a picture of Dallas looking across the fence. “If you are wondering what he is looking at”, she says, “he hears the kids next door out playing and he wants to be over there with them having fun. Never seen a horse that loves kids as much as Dallas does. He lets them crawl all over him. When we go for walks he likes to stop and visit with ALL the kids. If one is missing he doesn’t want to move on until he has seen the missing one. We have a foster home at the end of our lane and he needs to see that they are all ok. He is very protective of all his new family.”

Children do have a special affinity for horses. Several children from different families, ranging from ages 7-10, instead of asking for birthday gifts asked that donations be made to help care for the horses at Circle F.

One mother after visiting Circle F writes, “It is certainly a family highlight to come out and visit. I am so glad Jayde chose your charity as it has been a far more enriching experience than we could have ever imagined. You really do inspire Jayde to continue to think of others and that she can help make a difference”.

Making a difference in the lives of horses is what we are all about. In caring for vulnerable horses, we are thrilled when human lives are positively impacted as well. And we know from past years that your support has been very much a part of this. We express our warm gratitude for that.

Last year, for example, we asked for support to help meet the costs of caring for the horses, and also asked for support towards buying a used tractor in good shape. Our 1964 tractor we had for over ten years had given out on us. With your support, in addition to help care for the horses, we now have a used John Deere tractor in good shape.

As we approach year end, we invite you to consider making a donation to Circle F so that we can continue the care of the horses that have been entrusted to us. Our major costs are feed and supplements, facility care and vet costs.

This year we hope to upgrade our riding, round pen, paddocks and yard area with additional gravel and sand to assure that the horses have dry, sound footing.

Also, we face the rising cost of veterinarian care. Because the horses we take in often have presenting health issues our vet bills alone can be over \$7,000 a year. An illustration of how costs can mount happened a number of weeks ago. One of our horses, Sophie, had a bout with colic, first noticed in an evening shift. The vet came out and volunteers took shifts through the night to keep Sophie moving. With the vet's guidance and the volunteer care and commitment Sophie pulled through okay.

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We value your support in helping us meet our commitment to caring for the horses. A donation in any amount is always gratefully received. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Happy trails in your many ventures,

Walter Paetkau
President, Circle F Horse Rescue

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