

Happy Holidays from Wild Places Horse Rescue



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The Year in Review

Founded in October 2012, Wild Places has made huge strides in the last year! Our accomplishments:

- Built phase 1 of our barn, with two oversized stalls
- Fenced approx. half of our 74-acre property
- Launched our website: www.wildplacesrescue.org
- Rescued 5 equines!
- Placed one of our rescues in a new home
- Helped several Colorado horse owners find new homes for their horses
- Hosted three volunteer days – thanks to all our fabulous volunteers for the work they did!
- Held our first fundraiser event in June
- Received 501c3 non-profit status from the IRS

The Year Ahead

Because we receive many more requests to take horses than we are able to accommodate, our goals for the next year are:

- Expand our barn facilities
- Run a water line to the barn (we currently have to “truck” the water in every few days)
- Rescue at least two more equines
- Expand our volunteer & sponsorship programs
- Organize two fundraiser events
- Fence more of our property

All donations to our charity are tax-deductible!

The Amazing Race for Animals - 2013

A fundraiser in the style of "The Amazing Race" was held in Colorado Springs in June. Twelve teams of two raced around the city; clues provided in each leg led the teams to the next destination or directed them to perform a task. The team that arrived first in the final leg was awarded the grand prize -- a weekend stay, meals, and a jeep tour in Ridgway, Colorado! Prizes were also awarded to the 2nd place & 3rd place teams, as well as to several teams who arrived first at various checkpoints during the race. And those who gathered the most votes for their teams also received prizes. The race raised over \$4,500! Join us in 2014 when we do it all again!



Winning teams: 1st place–Cerian & Phillip (center), 2nd place–Eric & Liz (left), 3rd place–Tinya & Troy (right), race organizer–Diane

These companies made our "Amazing Race for Animals" possible!

The Compassionate Vegan

Say Fromage Photo Booth

Molly's At The Market

Marcelo Campón - Nationwide Insurance

Jose Muldoon's

Buffalo Gals Catering

Kaleidoscope Village - Integrative Healing

Rampart Plumbing Supply

Advanced Neuromuscular Therapeutics

Casey's Dog House Grill

Seek Out Cycling

Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co

Chipeta Solar Springs Resort

Backstreet Bistro

Adobe Inn Cantina

Colorado West Jeep Tours

Autumn Leaves Massage Therapy

The Cellar Door

Wag-n-Wash Healthy Pet Center

Johnny's Navajo Hogan Restaurant

Spice Island Grill

Williams Log Cabin Furniture

Outside the Breadbox Bakery

Body Essentials Holistic Health

Earth Cures - Natural Remedies

Kimball's Twin Peak Theater

Copper Neily Creations

Thai Paradise Restaurant

The Wines of Colorado

The Pantry Restaurant

Rockyspring Winery

Mercurial Security Solutions

Jim & Lynn Martin

This Place is for the Birds!

Garbanzo Mediterranean Grill

The Sweet Elephant

Your Skin From Within

Gertrude's Restaurant

Dogtooth Coffee Company

Mya Bella Cupcakes



"Amazing Race" teams at the starting line

Please "like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/wildplacesrescue

Our Horses

Diamond arrived in November 2012 and is a 13-year-old gray mare from Park County, Colorado. She has a chronic back injury that prevents her from being ridden.

Maggie Mule arrived in December 2012 from Rye, Colorado. She is a 22-year-old bay mule. Maggie recently went to a new home, right here in Guffey.

Buttercup arrived in April 2013 and is a 6-year-old sorrel mare. She was one of the "Yoder" horses who was found emaciated and with no hoof care in Yoder, Colorado in February 2012. She is now at Triple Acres Horse Rescue in Boone, CO.

Hopalong arrived in July 2013. She was impounded from her owner on cruelty charges and had a temporary stay at the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region. Her feet measured over 12" from the coronet band to the toe of the hoof. She also suffers from advanced arthritis in both "knees" and is not sound for riding.

Esther arrived in September 2013 from Kerrville, TX. Esther's right eye was removed when she was young, and she is almost blind in her left eye, but she manages quite well!



Diamond, Esther, and Hopalong

Thank You to Maggie's Sponsors!

Maggie Mule would like to thank her Fully-Belly Sponsors for the last year, Violet and Jackie Fonseca from Texas – their monthly support was a crucial ingredient to our success this year!

Got Web Design or Writing Skills? We'd love some help with our website and help creating a web database to match up homeless horses with new homes. We also have a great need for help writing grant requests. Let us know if you're interested in helping!

Our Holiday Wish List

What we want for Christmas:

Grain
Hay (grass or alfalfa)
Gift cards for Big R or Tractor Supply
Water tank for bed of truck
Flatbed trailer
Tractor or Skidsteer
Gas-powered generator
Fencing materials

For our complete wish list, visit wildplacesrescue.org & click 'OUR WISHLIST'.

Horse Sponsorship Makes a Great Gift

The next best thing to having your own horse is sponsoring one of ours! If you have limited time or space, or just can't commit to a lifetime of horse care, becoming a sponsor allows you to take an active part in providing a safe place for horses. By pledging your monthly support for one year, you can become an essential part of our rescue efforts. A horse sponsorship is also a unique and meaningful gift for those hard-to-shop-for people in your life! There are 3 levels:
APPLE-A-DAY sponsor
FULL-BELLY sponsor
NOSE-TO-TAIL sponsor

Visit wildplacesrescue.org & click 'SPONSOR' to see what you'll receive as a sponsor!

Master Chef Challenge – February 2014

Inspired by the hit TV show, Master Chef, we invite YOU to be a chef or judge! Plant-based three-course dinners will be created by local "chefs". Sample portions of an appetizer, entrée, & dessert will be prepared for each themed challenge. Judging criteria include: Presentation, Taste, & Originality/Creativity. Several chefs compete each night (Feb 7th, 8th, & 13th) at Seeds Community Cafe. The three winning chefs from these nights compete in the final cook-off on Valentine's Day!

Visit wildplacesrescue.org to sign up as a chef or food taster!