



**Blue Rose Ranch, Inc.**

Horse Rescue & Adoption

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*“Many have forgotten this truth, but you must never forget it.  
You remain responsible forever for what you have tamed.”*

*-Antoine de Saint Exupery*

April 16, 2013

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters:

Glimpses of spring are welcomed at the ranch. The days are getting warmer, and after the drudgery of winter, the horses can be seen stretching out and basking in the sun. Many of the horses are enjoying time on the outlying ranch running in herds and grazing round the clock. Rescues are recognized as a safe haven for older and lame horses and we have many of these sanctuaried equines under our care. But Blue Rose Ranch is unique in that we have many untrained horses filled with promise. Several of the horses have received wonderful training recently, and two have worked on their “degrees” at the Lamar Community College Horse Program. In this newsletter we would like to introduce some talented people who have joined us to help in our efforts at Blue Rose Ranch. Additionally, we would like to thank the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance for grant funding to help train horses this year, and we would like recognize a new partner with Blue Rose Ranch for their generous grant support of our organization, the Southern Colorado Community Foundation.

We have long believed that training horses is one of the most important things we do to help horses find new homes. Zak Feeley started working with horses at Blue Rose Ranch last fall, while he was also a student at Lamar Community College. Zak has many years of experience working and showing horses, and has a passion for helping the cause of horse rescue. Zak adopted one of our horses, and he also trained Tigger in the colt program at LCC this spring. In addition to his love for horses, Zak is an RN. We are pleased that Zak will be working with us this summer. We are also looking forward to the arrival of Sophia Zahan in mid-June. Sophia is headed west from Pennsylvania to intern at Blue Rose Ranch. She is on the equestrian team at Drexel University in Philadelphia, and is a biological sciences major. Her long-term goal is to become a large animal vet. She is excited to learn more about the industry of horse rescue and to experience life on a western ranch. As you can see from the photos, she is elegant and a highly trained rider. Our youth volunteers will enjoy the leadership and opportunity to learn from Zak and Sophia.

Blue Rose Ranch has expanded its efforts in social media. For those of you who have not visited our Facebook page, we encourage you to check it out! Michelle Ivanoff has taken over the task of handling our Facebook, and usually posts something new daily. Our following has grown through this important effort. Equidopt is an equine adoption data base hosted by the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance. Lesley Jakovic posts information on our horses to this site. We have had people from all

over Colorado find horses to adopt through Equidopt. YouTube is a great tool to help us post videos so that people looking for horses can see a horse in action and get to know their personalities. Ali Werner produced the following videos of some of our horses that you can view:

Adopt Admiral

[http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CWO7\\_I2Wwc0](http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=CWO7_I2Wwc0)

Adopt Moonwalker (yes he does the moonwalk)

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gUve555f3jc>

Adopt Biscuit

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nbl6S7d3ISo>

Adopt Bella

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vo5dNLhDZoo>

Sky found his forever home! He has moved to Boise City, Oklahoma. Sky has always been a special horse to us. He is well trained, but also a little nervous. His new owner, Amanda, is a true horse lover with a gentle touch. She absolutely adores Sky...he was her Valentine's Day present! Looking forward to the summer, we have a sterling line-up on board for our Youth Horse Camp scheduled for the first week in June. On a sad note, our sweet Fancy Pants passed away. She was old and had cancer. She was happy and loved at Blue Rose Ranch, and we miss her.

Blue Rose Ranch hosted a tour as part of the Lamar Snow Goose Festival on February 23rd. After a hearty Blue Rose Ranch breakfast, our 40 visitors enjoyed a hay ride to the west side of the ranch to start their tour. The horses were excited and interested in this group heading west, and our guests enjoyed watching the horses dash out of the opened corrals to enjoy the day as well. A walking tour of Bear Creek through Blue Rose Ranch was led by Jeffery Gordon, President of the American Birding Association. Blue Rose Ranch is on the Colorado Birding Trail, and the participants reported viewing many varieties of birds on their tour.

As you are aware, drought continues to plague the region. Blue Rose Ranch is fortunate to operate on 850 acres, but we carefully monitor the pasture grassland and control grazing to not damage delicate root systems. Your donations are especially important now to help us buy hay. Costs for hay are high due to the drought and also for the fuel expenses on long distance delivery. We appreciate contributions of all sizes to help us care for the rescue horses. Our work is only possible with your help. Your tax deductible contributions can be sent via check directly to ranch. You can also contribute online via our website, [www.blueroseranch.org](http://www.blueroseranch.org).

***Have a great spring, and remember you are welcome to visit Blue Rose Ranch!***

Sincerely,

John and Cheryl Webb



**“Sky” and Amanda**



**Blue Rose Ranch welcomes Bowman Ellis to our junior horse training staff**

***Blue Rose Ranch would like to thank the following Foundations for their support this past year:***

**ASPCA**

**Animal Assistance Foundation**

**Anschutz Family Foundation**

**Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance**

**El Pomar’s Hambrick Fund**

**William H. and Mattie Wattis Harris Foundation**

**Southern Colorado Community Foundation**



**Birding Tour at Blue Rose Ranch**





**Sophia Zahan – Eastern Elegance (*she clearly wins the beauty contest*)**



**Zakariah Feeley anchors our horse training staff**