



Blue Rose Ranch, Inc.

Horse Rescue & Adoption

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

-Antoine de Saint Exupery

November 28, 2014

Dear Valued Friends and Supporters,

Approaching this holiday season, we are thankful for many things at Blue Rose Ranch. We had a warm fall and our volunteers were able to enjoy time riding and working with the horses. John finally completed our stately new entrance at Blue Rose Ranch. We are thankful for Michelle Ivanoff, who creates and updates our fabulous facebook page! We also would like to thank the Hambrick Fund of El Pomar, the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance, and the Alice Jenkins Foundation for grant support received this fall.

From the desk of John Webb

2014 has in many ways been our most successful year in horse rescue. I hope it has been a great year for you. Our name, *Blue Rose Ranch*, has special meaning and as this year draws to a close, I would like to share that special meaning with you.

Some years back I read a book entitled *A Rich Man's Secret*. On the cover of the book is a picture of a beautiful blue rose. The book was written by Ken Roberts. This book is essentially about a man trying to find his meaning and purpose in this world. While he is on his journey of discovery we are introduced to another character and real-life person, Clement Watt. Clement was a very successful industrialist who also had a passionate avocation in horticulture. Specifically, he spent much of his life and all of his free time in pursuit of developing a blue rose. Blue roses are not indigenous to nature. The blue rose, over decades, has become a symbol of dreams fulfilled – miracles come true.

As the story unfolds we get a view into the world as seen by Clement Watt. He lived a spiritual life engulfing the present moment as if it were the air he breathes. His only expectation regarding the future, was that by living fully in the present moment he would be inspired to take the next, perfect step in life. Clement Watt saw this simple, peace-filled plan of single steps into the present, as the truest most direct way to discover your purpose and to live a life filled with happiness and success. The present moment is where miracles hide and it contains the fulfillment of dreams. It produced for Clement Watt, a true, first ever, blue rose.

For Cheryl and me, Blue Rose Ranch Horse Rescue is our miracle, our true, first ever, blue rose. It is our dream come true.

Horse News Highlights:

Blue Rose Ranch has partnered with Harmony Equine Center, located outside Franktown, to train five of our horses. This is a wonderful opportunity. A trained horse is a more adoptable horse. Our horses will stay at Harmony for two months. Blue Rose Ranch appreciates the donation of the time and talent of Harmony's staff. When our five come home, we will also bring two other horses from Harmony to Blue Rose Ranch and take

over their care and development. It is good to see team efforts in helping unwanted horses!

New to Blue Ranch are *Clementine*, *Shadow*, and *Vector*. The Sheriff's department contacted us regarding *Clementine*. She was a victim of neglect, with a lower leg injury that had not been treated for months. The resulting infection in the tendons have caused near-permanent damage, but after two months of antibiotics and TLC, *Clementine* is no longer a three legged horse. She is incredibly sweet and is thriving at Blue Rose Ranch. *Shadow* is a well-bred Arabian. His owner was transitioning to a new home and could not find a place to take this stallion. *Shadow* needed a complicated and expensive procedure to be gelded. *Shadow* has a wonderful temperament, and he is now one of the horses being trained at Harmony. *Vector* was "on loan" during our youth horse camp. He is a very well trained horse, limited due to painful navicular disease. This affects the nerve endings in the hoof. The treatment is expensive, but we are proceeding and will continue to work on ending his painful condition. *Vector* has a gentle, kind spirit and is very valuable to our youth riding program.

Another horse addition is "Preceptor". "Preceptor" is the horse statue who now stands watch at the entrance to Blue Rose Ranch. The name Preceptor means honored teacher. "Preceptor" is symbolic of teaching us how to best guard our equine treasure.

Horse Health Fair:

In September, our veterinarian, Dr. Rusty Murdock, along with his assistant Taylor Crawford, came to Blue Rose Ranch for our "Horse Health Fair". Dr. Murdock's clinic is located in Boise City, OK, 50 miles away. We drive horses to Boise City when they need medical attention. The Horse Health Fair is an experiment for us in preventative care. In addition to our routine vaccination and worming schedule, Dr. Murdock checked teeth on each horse and did an overall health exam. A horse's teeth can develop ridges and points, making it difficult for horses to grind their feed. Many of the horses had their teeth "floated" to knock off points, enabling them to grind food effectively. Although the expense of having the vet and staff with us for an entire day was high, we anticipate fewer problems with horse health during the year. Hopefully, the Horse Health Fair will save us money.

Youth News:

Our youth volunteers received a great education as they assisted and observed on Horse Health Day. They managed the rotation of horses and helped with errands for the vet. At times the volunteers seemed more nervous than the horses with the dental drill! Our youth also participated in a horse training clinic in September. Stetson and Ramsye Mitchell are professional horse trainers and nationally ranked team ropers. Ramsye and Stetson worked with some untrained horses and refined skills under saddle on others. The horse clinics are an opportunity for our youth to learn new skills.

We are thankful for each of our supporters!

Blue Rose Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and all contributions are tax-deductible. Contributions to Blue Rose Ranch can be made directly via check or donate via PayPal on our website. We also participate in Colorado Gives Day.

ALSO: When you complete your tax filings, there is a tax check off for charity designated for “unwanted horses”. These contributions go to the Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance, who in turn gives grants to organizations like Blue Rose Ranch.

We Wish You Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year

Sincerely,

John and Cheryl Webb
Executive Directors

New Entrance - *Preceptor*



Ahab poses with Preceptor



Clementine - the day she arrived, receiving her first dose of antibiotics.



Vector, Lady and Ahab, along with some of our youth riders.



Health day dental drill: "Oh my gosh!"



Stetson preparing for Shadow's first ride.

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Being trained at Harmony Equine Center



Shadow



Annabelle



Bluebelle



Cork



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