

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 Expery*

August 31, 2017

Dear Friends,

This Summer brought abundant rain. The lake on Blue Rose Ranch is full and close to overflowing. The horses are enjoying the lush green pastures. A picture is worth a thousand words, and our summer story “told through pictures” has become a popular tradition. Many of these spectacular pictures have been taken by our volunteer and professional photographer, Cheryl Porter. We hope you enjoy our photo tour of summer events at Blue Rose Ranch.

Summer Highlights:

The 2017 Youth Horse Camp was swirling with activity and enthusiasm. Guest riding instructor for the camp was Alec Adams, nationally acclaimed and award-winning horse trainer, equestrian, and certified riding instructor. The Blue Rose Ranch Youth Horse Camp has become an anticipated fixture. Parents and grandparents plan their summer around the dates of Horse Camp. In addition to our guest instructor, Alec, 2017 Prowers County Rodeo Queen, Emma Widener, assisted at the camp. Youth Horse Camp would not be possible without the commitment and work of our adult volunteer “Horse Walkers” and our “Youth Counselors”. This is a week where every horse at the rescue has a job. Some are used in riding sessions, some are used in ground work, and some are used in grooming school. The horses love the excitement and energy of Horse Camp.

Olivia gave birth on Mother’s Day to a beautiful filly. At Blue Rose Ranch, we do not breed horses. We only have foals when a horse arrives at the rescue pregnant. *Olivia* came to us along with seven others in a multi-horse rescue in January 2017. It is fun to have a foal at the ranch. We named the foal *Duchess*, because from the start one of our horses, *Duke*, established himself as protector of the foal. It seemed fitting that a Duke should have a Duchess. *Duchess* loves attention and has had a wonderful start to life. She has a great mom, is surrounded by horses, and has volunteers dotting on her. Life is good!

Horse News: *Ivanka* and *Shadow* were adopted to loving homes. *Ivanka* (no relation to Donald) will be used for trail rides and for hunting trips. *Shadow* will be a trail horse and companion. A special addition this summer is *Daisy*, a very sweet donkey with a proud bray.

Sincere Thanks for your continued support of Blue Rose Ranch.

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Blue Rose Ranch Youth Horse Camp 2017: June 12th – 16th



“Emma Widener, 2017 Miss Prowers County Rodeo Queen, and volunteer at Blue Rose Ranch”



“Alec Adams demonstrates communicating with minimal movement”



“Learning to groom”



“Alec started all the kids bareback and utilized a vaulting surcingle. This helped them learn to balance on the horse.”



“Taking a rest after a busy day at Horse Camp”



“Ready to Work”



“Rosi loves to have her mane braided”



“Leading horses through the trail course”



“More proficient every day!”



“Horses are excited, just like the kids!”

Kids learned to groom and care for horses, how to handle horses on the ground, and they had extensive riding sessions each day. Many parents commented that their kids not only had fun, but learned a great deal at the camp.



New Arrival Daisy



“Daisy came to us due to neglect. Her hooves had grown curled and twisted, and were painful. It took electric saws, farrier tools, and the careful work of our farrier, Rick Dodge, and John to remove the excess growth. Daisy’s hooves have now had their first trim and are starting to heal.”

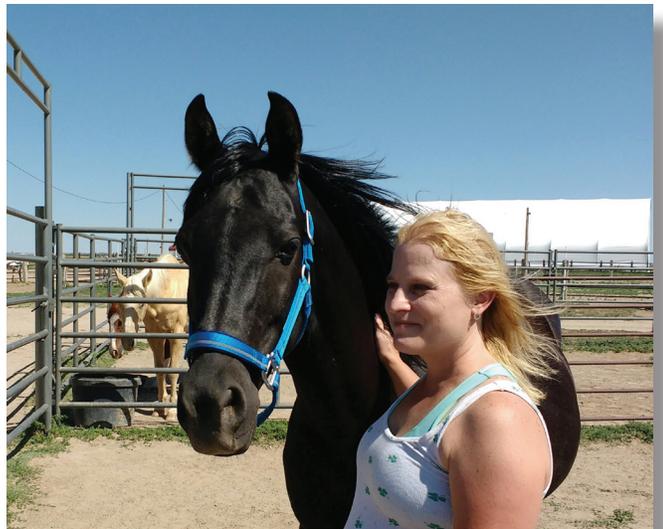


“Sydnie worked at Blue Rose Ranch this summer helping care for the horses. Sydnie has attended three of our Youth Horse Camps and volunteers throughout the year. She loves horses. They like her, too.”

Adoptions



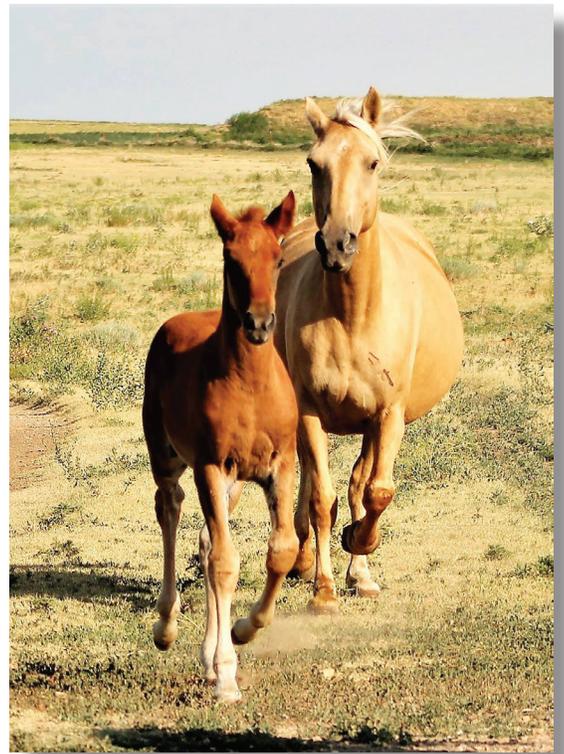
“Ivanka with adoptive owner Steve, along with Steve’s brother”



“Shadow with his adoptive owner, Jennifer”



“Olivia and Duchess, Day1. Mother’s Day 2017”



“Running the Ranch with Mom”



“Duchess has an itch”

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From the desk of John Webb

Things I've learned along the trail...

1. **The Code of the West:** We don't need Congress or the Statehouse. This code contains the laws a man needs.

1. Live each day with courage.
2. Take pride in your work.
3. Finish what you start.
4. Do what has to be done.
5. Be tough, but fair.
6. When you make a promise, keep it.
7. Ride for the brand.
8. Talk less, say more.
9. Know where to draw the line.
10. Some things aren't for sale.

2. **Make a plan, work the plan.** A life spent in search of the perfect plan, is a wasted life.

3. **It's the journey, not the destination.** The present moment is where life is lived.

4. **Be yourself, don't Sell yourself.** You can't push your knowledge or beliefs on others. If people want what you offer, they will reach out to you.

5. When things aren't going well or you don't know what to do; **Focus on your horse and your own ride.**

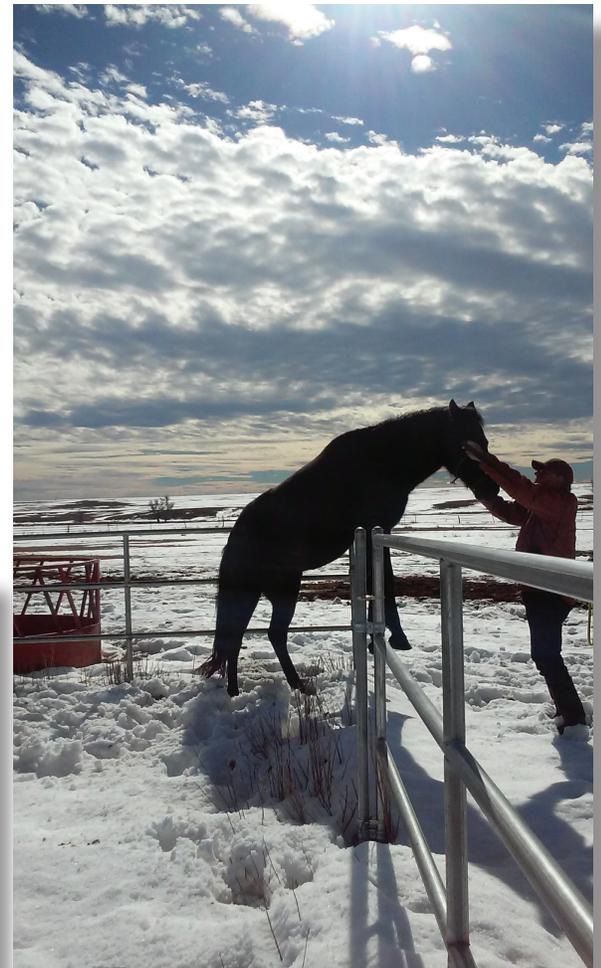
6. **Honor God, Honor the Land, Honor the Horses.**

Deuteronomy 4:39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the

LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.



“A moment from Horse Camp”



“Helping a mustang in a predicament.”



“Working on the entrance to the ranch”