



DRIFTER'S HEARTS OF HOPE

This is our Story

OUR STORY

Rescue. Rehabilitate. Teach. Empower.

Inspired by Bella and Drifter



Missy and Soul won first place in the in-hand barrel competition at the Colorado Horse Rescue Network Horse Show this summer.

IT'S ABOUT THE HORSES.

Drifter's Hearts of Hope (DHOH) has never looked back since the first three horses stepped away from the kill auction, and into our hearts.

On July 16, 2014 DHOH saved Spirit, Clarity, and Hope; since then we have rescued over 96 slaughter bound horses, mules and donkeys. We currently have an adoption rate of 66% and a 5% euthanization rate. Our commitment to such an incredible number of horses, as well as our commitment to ensuring each horse is brought back to health and finds a perfect home has earned the respect of the entire equine community.



We didn't know Cabo was pregnant until she became ill due to placentitis. We used the opportunity as an educational experience for the kids and Cabo gave birth to a healthy filly in August.

IT'S ABOUT THE SPECIAL KIDS.

What started out as one rescue horse (Drifter) and one very special child (Bella) has blossomed into an active community organization in Elizabeth, Colorado where special needs kids get to care for the horses, learn basic horsemanship skills, host fun events, and continue to grow with their rescues.

We created an opportunity for other teens like Bella to be a part of the community by contributing and caring for rescue horses. Their lives, not so different than the horses they helped rescue, have changed forever from this experience. We continue to empower our kids through the courageous effort of giving horses a second chance at life.



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IT'S ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.



A local Boy Scout built a shelter, now known as Cabo's Palace for his Eagle Scout project in the summer of 2015

With the dedication and ongoing support of the community around us, DHOH continues to grow in both number of rescue horses as well as the number of children who are able to participate in our activities. From baking cookies, to going to parades, to grooming horses, to hosting tack sales, to selling hot dogs.... the possibilities for the kids are truly endless! We've seen many of our rescues go to wonderful loving homes throughout the community.

"We just adopted 2 horses, Ghost and Cabo, from DHOH and cannot say enough about these horses. They are affectionate and so happy to be here. We feel blessed to have them and want to thank Jacqui for all her help in choosing just the right horses for our family. Please make the decision to look at some of their horses. Give some of these animals a chance to regain their trust in human contact and enjoy the results."

Karen Julien

"There is no doubt of the high level of commitment there is to caring for the horses. Drifter's Hearts of Hope is doing an excellent job and the horses they have rescued receive the physical and emotional care necessary for recovery. We were very impressed with the staff and the facility. Many thanks for all you do!"

Russ Breakstone Crees



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IT'S ABOUT DRIFTER & BELLA



Drifter passed away on December 17, 2015 with Bella at his side. He continues to change the world with the legend he left behind.

Drifter was a quarter horse that was adopted from the Horse Protection League (HPL) in 2011. He was a top roping horse that had found himself suddenly unwanted when he started having soundness issues. He found his way to safety when he was taken in by HPL. With crippling feet issues, the rescue feared that Drifter would never find his forever home. But he did! A wonderful family adopted Drifter and vowed to do everything they could to help this huge hearted horse. As his soundness issues came under control, his owners felt that Drifter missed having a job, he had always been a working horse after all...

In a tiny four-pound package, Bella came into the world in 2000! Bella was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. She was lucky that she had people to help her reach potentials we never dreamed possible. While Bella adored all those people she was missing the previous gift of caring for somebody herself. Then in 2013, near her 13th birthday, Bella met Drifter. The new 1300-pound friend empowered Bella, and gave her a new sense of strength she had not experienced. Through Drifter, Bella gained an understanding of other who needed her as well as giving her a new sense of confidence.

DRIFTER CHANGED BELLA'S LIFE.



Drifter's Hearts of Hope currently has 30 horses in the rescue program. We operate completely on a volunteer staff and rely solely on donations.

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IT'S ABOUT OUR MISSION



After 90 days of training, Prairie Fire competed in the 2016 Equine Comeback Challenge sponsored by a Home for Every Horse.

At Drifter's Hearts of Hope we are dedicated to empowering children with special needs to rescue slaughter-bound horses. Our mission is to give these kids the opportunity to give back to the community, through the courageous effort of giving horses a second chance at life. Our kids are learning the responsibility of caring for a creature that is dependent on them, as well as independence, confidence, as well as the joy of loving a horse. Nothing is more pure than the love between a child and a horse. Most importantly, these kids are seeing the benefits of their hard work every time they look into the eyes of a horse that they have rescued....the powerful gift of diligence...for their determination has saved yet another soul.

I LOVE Jacqui and Kari, what they do and how they love to do it... rescue horses! I found my first horse through them 3 months ago and now am bringing home another. This is the best rescue, hands down. They have true dedication and are so passionate! Any horse that I'll ever bring home, will be from them. Love, love, love!

Rachel Lee Collins



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IT'S ABOUT OUR SUCCESS STORIES



Shelly leading Waldo from her motorized scooter for the first time.

Waldo was lost in the chaos of the feedlot, he was almost completely overlooked. Drifter's Hearts of Hope paid his bail and he missed the shipping deadline with minutes to spare. We discovered what a diamond in the rough Waldo truly is. He was a well broke gelding with minor arthritis from several years of hard riding. Waldo is now a personal therapeutic riding horse for one of our biggest supporters. Shelly, who suffers from MS and is wheel chair bound most of time. With the help of a special mounting block, Shelly is able to ride Waldo all over her property.



Dolly was 400 pounds under weight when she arrived at DHOH (above), she is now thriving as an arena horse (below)

Dolly was as skinny as a horse could be before dying. She had a body condition score of 1.5 on the Henneke body condition scale. It took several months of soaked meals three to four times a day before Dolly was ready to find her forever home. Dolly was adopted in to a loving, forever home where she will never be hungry again.



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*Great people, great horses!
They do an exceptional job!*

Beth Chapman



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Before



After



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