



Happy Holidays to all of our supporters!



Cowgirl Spirit has had a wonderful 2010! We gained many new volunteers and members and were able to rescue 11 new horses from slaughter and adopt out 11 of our rescues to their forever homes! Our group has completed major property improvements, creating a safer habitat for our horses, and even implemented a farm plan with the King Conservation District! We have attended parades and horse shows to display our beautiful horses at their fullest potential.

We hope to have a very productive year in 2011 as well! Our goals include continuing our mission of rescuing horses from slaughter and retraining them in the sport of equestrian drill. We are also hopeful of finding a covered arena facility to haul into for practices, or better yet, a facility to purchase or lease that offers our rescue horses an indoor arena, stalls, and pasture acreage. We hope to expand our organization's reach so we are able to accomplish more for the local horse community. This will require help with running our organization, rehabilitating incoming rescue horses, and most especially, training our horses in the sport of drill and performing with them at local competitions. If you would like to be a part of this amazing group, please contact us at officers@csrdr.org. All of us at Cowgirl Spirit would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Cowgirl Spirit receives a hay grant from ASPCA!

On December 2nd, Cowgirl Spirit was awarded a \$2,000 grant to be used to purchase hay for our rescue horses. We are relieved to be able to fill our storage area with over 5 tons of good quality orchard grass/alfalfa mix hay, which will feed our equines through the winter. Our current facility offers our horses unlimited free feed of hay, so having a substantial amount in reserve is very important!

While the economy seems to be recovering, Cowgirl Spirit's donations are still down from previous years and we find ourselves making difficult choices regarding financial expenditures. This hay grant couldn't have come at a better time as we prepare for the cold winter months. We are so very thankful to ASPCA for their generosity! Check out their website to see other organizations they support! We are also very grateful to our volunteer, Marie, for gathering the required information and submitting our application. Thank you!



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OPENINGS FOR THE 2011 DRILL TEAM

Practices for the 2011 drill competition season have begun! Practices are held at 9:00 am until noon each Sunday at the Fall City Arena.

We are still accepting new members for this year's competition season and we'd love to have you be a part of our team! If you are interested in volunteering and performing with our rescue horses, please e-mail officers@csrdr.org for more info!

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Local realtor reaches out to help our rescues!

In early November, Marcelina McGinnis of Coldwell Banker Bain, made a donation to Cowgirl Spirit in the amount of \$1,431.00. Her extremely generous donation came from her commission for selling an equine property. Coldwell Banker Bain established their Community Partnership program as a way for the company and its agents to give back to local charitable organizations. Every time a Cowgirl Spirit member, volunteer, friend, or relative buys or sells property with Marcelina, she and Coldwell Banker Bain will donate an amount equal to 10 percent of her commission to our rescue organization. This has been such a blessing for Cowgirl Spirit! We were able to use these donated funds to pay our emergency vet bill for our October auction rescue, Amira, as well as pay our very large blanket washing and repair bill.

Marcelina specializes in selling homes on acreage and equestrian properties. If you are in the market to buy or sell a house, please check out Marcelina's website at: www.MarcelinaMcGinnis.com!



Microsoft participates in United Way's Day of Caring!



Microsoft Day of Caring volunteers spread gravel for mud control.

On September 24th, approximately a dozen Microsoft volunteers participated in King County's United Way Day of Caring. These volunteers arrived at the Cowgirl Spirit headquarters ready to work! We accomplished a lot of tasks that day, in particular, spreading a huge load of gravel around our supply shed, which was donated by [Bird Boyz Builders](#)! This also required scooping out the excess mud and muck before setting rubber grates in place—it was back breaking work! We also groomed each of the rescue horses, picked manure, raked the round pen (and built drainage ditches), and weed wacked and mowed the property frontage. By the time we were done, our volunteers were beyond exhausted and our headquarters looked fantastic! And to top it all off, Microsoft donated financially to our organization for each hour these volunteers worked at our headquarters! Thank you to each of the volunteers and to Microsoft!

Who knew placing a manure bin on our property could be so exciting?

Cowgirl Spirit leases a property adjacent to Ames Lake Road. The Right of Way (ROW) for the road as listed on the County maps does not follow where the road was actually built (which is rather unfortunate for us). The ROW, as listed on the County maps, covers much of the elevated portion of the property that we lease. The elevated portion of the property is prime real estate for us because this portion is above the 100-year flood plain. Our property has a history of flooding on a regular basis and we have already constructed an elevated paddock area to keep the horses safe during flood events. (This required approximately 80 dump truck loads and countless man-hours!)

Because the ROW covers much of the elevated portion of the property, we are asking King County's Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) to informally waive the normal 30 ft setback requirement from a property line for construction. This process is currently underway. We hope the County will see that our leased property presents unique difficulties given the fact that the majority of it is in the flood plain. Our Farm Planner, Jay Mirro, with the King Conservation District has been incredibly helpful to date and we have also contacted the Rural Land Use Ombudsman, David Spohr, to ask for initial suggestions and guidance.

UPDATE—Historical documentation has been found which clarifies the easement location and now allows us to build our manure bin in the original planned location, above the flood plain. Thank you so much to Jay Mirro, David Spohr and King County for working with us on this issue!

Cowgirl Spirit rescues 6 horses from slaughter since September!

Members of Cowgirl Spirit Rescue Drill Team have attended the last three Enumclaw Livestock Auctions in hopes of saving as many horses as possible from going to slaughter. We are thrilled to have met our mission by rescuing two horses from each of the last three auctions—that's six horses total!

Cricket & Cheyenne—September Enumclaw Auction

There were many horses at the September sale. One in particular was a petite, red Morgan-type mare. She had very, very overgrown hooves, was quite underweight, had a skin condition that caused her to rub off all of her mane and most of her tail, and had just had a foal pulled off of her, as was evidenced by her engorged udders. Our member, Kristin, immediately took to this mare and vowed to save her from slaughter. Luckily we were able to outbid the kill buyer and bring her home to start her rehabilitation. On the ride home from the auction, Kristin named her Cricket, which seems to fit her perfectly!



Cricket & Gina perform at Camp Korey Fall Festival.

Once at home, our vet age assessed Cricket as a 7 year old. She had the beginning stages of mastitis, which we suspected, as her udders were very hot, sore and swollen. She was prescribed a medicated skin cleanser for her mane and tail, and we were instructed to milk her regularly until her udders dried up. We had our farrier, Greer Hei, out right away to trim her feet, which required three nipper rows on each foot to get all of her excess hoof removed.

When Cricket was doing better health-wise, we started working her in the round pen and started her under saddle. She was very easy going and willing to do what we asked. Within a couple of weeks, Cricket was participating in drill practices, trail rides and even attended our Camp Korey presentation. This very sweet and respectful mare has become a wonderful mount and will be ready for adoption very soon!



Kristin visits **Cricket** at the September auction.



Cheyenne confined at the auction.

As we were leaving the auction yard with Cricket, we passed by the pen holding the slaughter-bound horses. We noticed a black Morgan cross mare that we had been eyeing before the auction. However, before we could bid on her, she (who was purported to be pregnant) was rushed through the auction, purchased by the auctioneer, himself, for under \$100. The mark up to buy a horse from the kill pen is enormous, and paying this inflated amount is never a logical way for us to spend our funds. However, as we stood there looking at this sad mare with her bloated belly and dull coat, we knew we had to save her. As we reached our trailer with Cricket, our president, Teri, turned and went back to the office to pay the inflated \$400 price to rescue the mare from the kill pen.

Cheyenne, as we named her, was in better physical condition than Cricket. Her feet were in good shape, though she seemed wormy (or pregnant!) and was somewhat underweight. We had the vet out to evaluate her and rule out a pregnancy. Luckily, she was not in foal, so we dewormed her and started the 11 year old on a weight-gain feed regimen. We assessed her under saddle almost immediately and found her to be a safe, quiet mare. She was initially rusty in her riding skills, but is easy going and happy to try whatever is requested. She has also attended drill practices and our Camp Korey presentation and will be available for adoption very soon!



Cheyenne & Teri perform at Camp Korey Fall Festival.

Amira & Mollie—October Enumclaw Auction



Eileen holds **Amira** outside the auction.

At the October auction, we were lucky enough to outbid the kill buyer on this cute Arabian mare. Amira is 12 years old and approximately 14.2hh tall. She was ridden into the auction by a younger girl, and while we do not know much about her history, we were told that she had been used as a kids' horse. She seemed to ride well into the auction ring, despite all of the commotion, people in the stands and the loud, overpowering voice of the auctioneer.

After the auction, when we went to load Amira up, we noticed that she was covered in bite marks from the other horses, and was on the thin side. Other than that, she seemed to be in decent shape—her feet were not overdue for a trim and she had an old bridle path that was growing out. She was easy to halter and appeared relieved to be leaving the auction yard. She quickly loaded into the trailer when prompted and was very polite for the entire drive home. Once home, she dove into her awaiting hay and grain.

Since her time with us, she has developed a serious medical condition that has since been treated. Amira's story is continued on page 6.

Continued: Amira & Mollie—October Enumclaw Auction

At the October auction, we also bid on a dark sorrel Morgan mare. We continued to bid on her until we saw another person, which looked like a private home, bidding on her as well. At that point, we stopped bidding, as our main goal is to simply prevent horses from going to slaughter. Unfortunately, after the auction, we saw this mare in the kill pen, so apparently the kill buyer had outbid us and we had lost her.

While we had paid the outrageously increased price for Cheyenne the month before, we just couldn't justify doing so again. It's a difficult decision to not save a life simply because of finances, but we need to be smart about our practices if we wish to continue running a responsible rescue organization.

In the days following the auction, we watched an internet site that tracks kill pen horses' fates. When it seemed that no one was stepping up to save this girl, we offered her a place in our rescue, but let the group know that we couldn't pay the entire amount to the kill buyer, only the amount of our final bid. The internet site, Auction Horses, helped us raise the remaining funds in order to bail her out—and she got a name to go with it: Mollie.

As soon as the funds were pledged, we headed back to the Enumclaw Sales Pavilion to rescue her. Mollie has turned out to be quite the gem, with her own little quirks. She is only 4 years old, is in excellent health and is also fairly well broke! She quite quickly proved her skills with our team, joining us at team practices, and trail rides, and even performed with us at our Camp Korey presentation!



Mollie & Khallie Jo perform at Camp Korey.

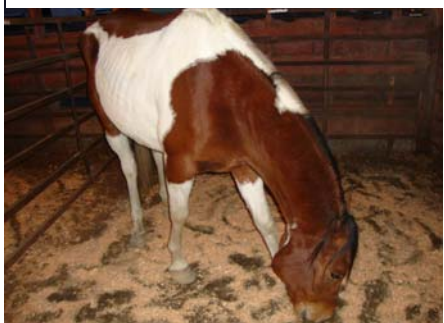
While Mollie has turned out to be better than we could hope for, she has also given our members some challenges to work with. Mollie consistently tests (and goes through) our hot wire fencing. To her credit, the fencing isn't as hot as it could be due to the solar powered battery not holding as much charge in these dreary days! Mollie also tests all new handlers on the ground, trying to prove her dominance. She will pin her ears at feeding time, when asked to move out of personal space, and also when haltered.

She has been a great example to use to teach our members and volunteers how to work safely with horses like this. So far, it has only taken a gruff word or yank on her lead rope to remind her of her manners, but we are keeping a close eye on her. She must be placed in a home that will not let her get away with her dominating behavior. On a good note, she's absolutely wonderful under saddle and so far has not shown any of these dominant behaviors towards her riders.



Juliane leads Mollie out of the kill pen, Oct 2010.

Wingman & Honor—November Enumclaw Auction



Wingman checking for hay at the auction.

We attended the November auction with the goal of saving another horse from slaughter. As we perused the horses before the auction started, we noticed an underweight paint gelding with no information on his pen. He seemed depressed and lethargic, with not much personality. Since he wasn't saddled, we figured he'd be led through the ring, which often means that many in the audience would not bid on this horse without knowing if he's broke. We kept our eye out for this guy and were able to outbid the kill buyer.

As soon as we paid for him, we were given his papers and were very pleasantly surprised to see that he is a triple-registered Half Arabian, Half Saddlebred, Pinto gelding. His registered name is Blazing Wing Command, he is 5 years old and 15.2hh tall. We liked his registered name so much that we nicknamed him "Wingman." He has turned out to be a truly "bombproof" horse and has obviously had extensive training in his young life.

Another horse that we were very concerned about was a younger, gray Arabian mare that was terrified, and snubbed tightly to a post so that she couldn't move. She was obviously very scared as she stood there trembling. We were able to slip into the empty pen next to her and scratch her neck, wherein she quickly relaxed. Her moving lips showed her pleasure at the attention and reassurance she was receiving. We decided we would try to save her as well when she went through the ring.

However, much like what happened with Mollie at the October auction, Honor was led through the ring. The auctioneer started the bidding, so we quickly put our bid in. Pretty quickly, he was pointing at someone in the audience, asking if they wanted to outbid us. Again, we were fooled into thinking it was a private home, when in fact, it was the kill buyer. We were disheartened, but we weren't able to pay the extreme markup in price from the kill buyer, so had to leave her behind. Members of the Auction Horses board leapt to the rescue, donating funds for us to rescue her. Within two days of the auction, Honor was on her way home. She is settling in to her new daily routine, which includes lots of desensitization and hands-on one-on-one time with our volunteers!



Honor relaxing in her quarantine pen.

Horsemanship Clinic helps our members, volunteers & rescues!

On Sunday, August 29th, 2010, Cowgirl Spirit Rescue Drill Team hosted an informal Horsemanship Clinic for its members & volunteers. Cowgirl Spirit member, Khallie Jo Narsi, grew up in the world of horses, as her mother, Debbie Hendrickson, was a professional Arabian show horse trainer in California for over 20 years. Debbie graciously donated a one day horsemanship clinic to our group! Debbie explained that many of our rescue horses do not come with a lot of background history, if any. In addition, our volunteers have a variety of horsemanship skills from beginners to experienced horseman. This can be a dangerous combination in some circumstances, so she focused a good part of the day on round-pen training. "Really training horses comes down to learning how to communicate with the horse in their language," explained Debbie. "Keeping it simple is also very important. For example, make the right thing easy and the wrong thing hard."



Debbie & Khallie Joe work with rescue mare, Terra.

In the wild, a horse's only defense against predators is 'Fight or Flight.' When you aren't speaking their language that's often exactly what they revert to. Debbie explained how to take any horse and begin to build an understanding and trust in the round pen. She demonstrated the technique with several of our rescues. Each horse was allowed to run off some steam, and then asked to Whoa! If the horse didn't stand and face Debbie, she would crack the whip in the air, "making the wrong thing hard." It didn't take long for each of our rescues to figure out that the least stressful place to be was with Debbie. "This is the cornerstone of building a relationship with your horse. You speak a language they understand, and become the safest place on earth for them to be," said Debbie.

Debbie also demonstrated getting the horse to respond to cues from the ground, such as side-passing, backing up, turning on the forehand and turning on the hindquarters. It is important to accomplish as much as possible from the ground so that when its time for the first ride, the horse already knows to move away from pressure. In addition, Debbie demonstrated teaching a horse to give to the bit and to flex from side to side, again expressing the importance of achieving these skills on the ground first.

Our members and volunteers learned a great deal from Debbie and we are extremely eager to work with her again! All of us took turns using our new found skills with the rescues in the following days and have adopted many of her teachings in our regular operations. Thank you so much for your help and expertise, Debbie!

Greer Hei, of Naturally Sound Equine, donates educational seminar

On August 25, 2010, Cowgirl Spirit's farrier, Greer Hei, put on a clinic for our members who were interested in learning more about our rescues' hooves. There was quite a turnout, and the clinic was very fascinating. Our members and volunteers learned how to properly handle a horse's hoof, including how to safely pick it up and put it



Greer Hei introduces Wingman to her hoof stand and rasp.

down. Who would have thought that there was more to it than just doing it? There's a lot of respect requested and given in return. We also learned other important information such as the terminology used for various parts of the hoof, the various condition scores that help determine the quality of a horse's hoof, and how to quickly evaluate a horse's hooves for soundness. In the field of rescuing, we often have to make quick judgment calls at the auction without fully knowing a horse's history. The information that Greer gave us will help us make more informed decisions at the auction, and hopefully will enable us to bid on horses without severe hoof issues. We also now have the knowledge to properly treat minor hoof issues as they arise in our rescues. Greer has been our primary farrier for over 3 years and has always been a valuable resource in helping our horses as they go through various stages of rehabilitation. We really appreciate the information that Greer was able to share with us, and we hope she will offer another clinic in the future. If you are looking for a farrier, please check out Greer's website at: <http://naturallysoundequine.com/>

Our rescues display new drill talent at Camp Korey Fall Festival



Cowgirl Spirit rescues Cricket, Casanova, Cheyenne, Dove & Skye perform at the Camp Korey Fall Festival.



Casanova greets children during a break at the presentation.

In October, Camp Korey invited Cowgirl Spirit to perform at their 2nd annual Fall Festival. Located on the historic Carnation Farm in Western Washington, Camp Korey is a nonprofit camp serving children and their families living with serious and life-threatening illnesses. The Fall Festival is a yearly fundraiser in which all proceeds benefit the camper programs and operations.

We were excited about this excellent opportunity to display what our rescue organization's mission is. We presented our rescues, some of them very recently saved from the kill pen, as we executed precision drill maneuvers. All of our horses performed extremely well, taking in the new sights and sounds with ease. There were plenty of activities at the festival, including hay rides and a corn maze. In particular, loads and loads of pumpkins went wheeling by, as energetic kids were eager to go home and start carving!

Our riding members were able to educate the public about slaughter-bound equines and the types of horses that are often sold to kill buyers at livestock auctions. Each of our rescues looked stunning in their red, white, and blue tack, coats gleaming in the sun as they followed their rider's guidance to maintain an accurate position within the drill program.

We are so grateful to Camp Korey for this wonderful opportunity, both for our horses' sake, as well as to enlighten the public about the unfortunate circumstances that many of the horses in today's economy face. Most of our rescues are young, well trained, good-looking horses with a great future ahead of them. They all have the potential to be family horses, equine athletes or kids' mounts. It is our job to expose them to any and all environments that we can to make them as safe and desirable as possible. A horse with the training it receives at Cowgirl Spirit is much less likely to end up back in the kill pen, awaiting the slaughter truck. Cowgirl Spirit is always looking for opportunities to show off our rescues, so if you'd like us to perform at an event, please email us at officers@csrdt.org.

Beyond the auction: It's more than just outbidding the kill buyer

After outbidding the kill buyer for Amira at the October Enumclaw Livestock auction, we brought her home and settled her in to her quarantine pasture. She didn't show any signs of illness and happily ate the hay and grain that we provided to her. She was on the thin side, but many of our new rescues are, so we didn't think much of it. Three weeks after we rescued Amira, one of our volunteers noticed that her legs were hot and extremely swollen. We sent pictures to our primary veterinarian, Dr. Hannah Evergreen of Evergreen Holistic Veterinary Care, who scheduled an emergency vet visit with Dr. Kelli that night.

It was hard to diagnose Amira's issue—she did not have a fever and was not lethargic. However, her legs were very hot and swollen, even after cold hosing for 15 minutes per leg. Dr. Kelli prescribed her bute and SMZs, as well as suggested she have all four legs pressure wrapped daily. We followed these instructions, and while Amira's swelling seemed to have gone down, she developed multiple scabs all over legs which were very painful for her. She also got to the point where she was in so much pain that we couldn't wrap her legs, even with two people working with her.

After consulting the veterinarian, we hauled Amira up to the Northwest Equine Stewardship Center (NWESC) in Snohomish. Amira was diagnosed with a severe case of bacterial dermatitis, requiring all four legs to be shaved clean of all hair, and all of her scabs be softened and removed. Amira ended up staying at NWESC for about a week to get a handle on her infection. Once it was under control, she was moved to Cowgirl Spirit's President's house to continue recovering. Teri and other members washed her legs with medicated shampoo and applied ointment, donated by [Zephyr's Garden](#), before re-wrapping her legs every day. It was a grueling couple of weeks, but Amira was a very good patient. While she wasn't used to all the attention, she was very patient with the process.



Feeling better, Amira plays in the pasture at our headquarters.



Teri stands with Amira as Dr. Kelli shaves her infected legs on October 18th.

Over a month after her original emergency vet call, she was finally deemed healthy enough to be returned to the Cowgirl Spirit herd. It warmed our hearts to see her running and frolicking with the other horses. We are so happy to have our girl back and healthy! Now it's time for the next step, which is assessing her under saddle and bringing her along to attend practices and other drill team related events! Go Amira! Special thanks to our trusted vets at Evergreen Holistic Veterinary Care, NWESC and of course our tireless members who worked so hard to get Amira healthy again!

What's been going on with our Members and Volunteers?

2010 has been a wonderful year for Cowgirl Spirit Rescue Drill Team. The volunteers, members, and officers that work countless hours for the organization are the reason it can successfully adopt out our horses and rescue horses in need. Cowgirl Spirit has an increasingly large following and is supported by communities not only in Washington State, but around the world! Below are some of the great accomplishments made in 2010:

- *Property Improvement Project.* Eileen Carrel has worked with the King Conservation District to get a Farm Plan written up for our headquarters. The horses need a safe place to seek refuge if flooding occurs. The project is almost complete and we hope to have everything completed by late Spring! Thanks for all the hard work of so many people! Led by: Eileen Carrel, Member.
- *Sustaining Donor Program.* The idea of Cowgirl Spirit Rescue Drill Team having a sustaining donor program was a longtime goal. Today, it is a reality! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Belinda Jensen, we currently have five wonderful sustaining donors that sponsor our rescues. If you become a sustaining donor, you'll receive monthly updates of where your sponsorship dollars are going, and what your donations are helping fund. You can also choose to sponsor a specific horse if desired. Sustaining donor levels starting at just \$10 per month. If interested, contact officers@csrdt.org. Led by: Belinda Jensen, Member.
- *Social Networking.* Our Facebook page now has over 600 followers! "Like" our page, www.Facebook.com/Cowgirl.Spirit.Rescue, for up-to-the-minute updates on our group, as well as extensive photo albums of our horses, members, and events. Led By: Kristin Brown, Secretary, and Juliane Hanley, Coach.
- *Horse Health Records.* Thanks to Khallie Jo, all rescues will now be sent to their forever homes with up-to-date medical charts detailing their time with Cowgirl Spirit. Project maintained by Khallie Jo Narsi, Member

Many more wonderful accomplishments have been made in 2010, but these are just a few of the highlights. Our organization is totally run by volunteers and is completely funded by donations. If you are interested in volunteering and making a difference in the lives of slaughter-bound horses please email officers@csrdt.org.

Coach's Corner: Winter practices

I am so excited about the riders and horses that we have interested in participating in our upcoming 2011 drill season. Official practices started in October, though quite a few have been cancelled due to recent weather restrictions. (We've dealt with freezing temperatures, snow fall around Thanksgiving and flooding due to the Pineapple Express storm!) I am anxious to start teaching drill maneuvers and routines starting in January, with help from a local sister team, the High Valley Riders. Currently, all of our horses seem well suited for drill, and our riders are eager to learn the technical aspects of riding drill!

We have some alumni riders and horses to help our newbies, which is one of our most valuable tools in drill. This is going to be a phenomenal year and I anticipate there being an impressive amount of interest in adopting our rescue drill athletes. They are already showing signs of being wonderful mounts for the whole family! I'm so proud of my team already! Go Cowgirl Spirit!

- Juliane, Coach



Riders train rescues in the sport of drill to prepare for the 2011 season.

Helping the horse racing industry

Our primary mission is to save horses from inhumane slaughter. However, we rescued a horse last year that was thought to have been rehomed with an honest owner. When the previous owner of Ready Say Go found that we



Tattle munches on hay at the headquarters pasture. had rescued him from the kill pen, she stepped up with a donation to help offset his costs. She was so happy with our work in getting Ready Say Go adopted to a forever home, that she requested that we take another one of her racehorses that came off the track. She had been boarding this 7 year old bay mare named Tattle at a barn that had occasionally been riding her on trails. She had retired Tattle from the racetrack clear of injuries and just needed to find a home for her where she wouldn't be at risk of slaughter.

We agreed to take Tattle and put her into our drill program. Tattle was delivered to our headquarters in mid-October and has easily become part of our herd. She has a gentle manner and is very polite, quickly becoming a volunteer favorite. She has already attended drill practices and trail rides and is going to be an exceptional mount. Although, she does stand out against all of our short rescues when in the arena performing drill exercises!

In the new year, we hope to be able to expand our services and help other horses in need of a safe, forever home, not just those headed to slaughter!

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Jagger, a rescue from 2005, returns to Cowgirl Spirit

Jagger was originally rescued by Cowgirl Spirit in September 2005, after being abandoned at a local boarding facility when his owner fell behind on the monthly board payments. The barn owner contacted us in desperation, asking us to take Jagger or she would have to sell him to the next auction. We were told that he was 3 years old (at the time), halter broke and recently gelded. She was certain that he was purebred Arabian, but that she could not get his registration papers since Jagger's owner had abandoned him. We agreed to take him in, knowing that as an un-broke, grade, 3 year old, he'd likely go to slaughter.



Jagger & his adoptive family, Dec 2005.

When we picked up Jagger, he had dreadlocks down to his shoulder, so we nick-named him Fabio. He was up to date on everything from the vet, thanks to the barn owner, so he quickly went into training. He was lightly started under saddle in November 2005 and quickly became confident in his new job. He participated in trail rides with our members and continued to excel.



Gorgeous Jagger as he is today, Nov 2010.

In December 2005, he was adopted to Kathy & Tom, a wonderful family who planned to put him in training and have him join their herd of miniature horses at home. Kathy faithfully updated us on his progress when he was sent out for training, and how he settled in at his new home. He was flourishing and becoming an integral part of their family. However, in October 2010, Kathy & Tom retired and could no longer keep Jagger. They had spent the previous year trying to place Jagger in the perfect home, but were not successful in finding the right match.

Part of rescue is making sure that the horses don't fall through the cracks again in cases like this. Cowgirl Spirit was happy to accept Jagger back into our program as he awaits his perfect home. Jagger is now an 8 year old, well trained gelding. He has filled out and is the picture of health. Since returning to Cowgirl Spirit, he has been on trail rides and to drill practices. He has been extremely well taken care of and loved, which is shown in his fine manners. He is going to make an excellent partner and is available for adoption now! Email officers@csrdt.org if you are interested in meeting Jagger!

Cowgirl Spirit's Competition Schedule

Date	Event	Location
May 7, 2011	Show & Shine	Rocky Top Arena, Salkum, WA
May 14, 2011	Eastside Round Up	Bloom Arena, Ellensburg, WA
May 21, 2011	Spring Classic	Clark Cty Saddle Club, Vancouver, WA
June 4, 2011	CC Riders Annual Competition	Rocky Top Arena, Salkum, WA
June 17-19, 2011	PNWDTA Regional Competition	Tacoma Unit, Spanaway, WA
July 14-17, 2011	WLRCA State Competition	Mt. Hood Equestrian Ctr, Boring, OR
July 29-31, 2011	OWDTA State Competition	TBA

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