



Newsletter Issue 3, October 2009

What is Shadarobah? Shadarobah means “May the future be better than the past” in a Native American tongue.

Rescue – Rehabilitate – Foster – Adopt

Winter is coming and we need to prepare! The horses will need 200 round and 3000 square bales of hay. Square bales are \$4 each and round are \$40 each. That’s \$20,000!!!! Help if you can!



Horse of the Month – Cisco

Featured this month is Cisco. He is a two-year-old Saddlebred Arabian mix. He is a stallion and stands 14.2.

We have been working with Cisco on desensitizing, de-spooking and picking up his back feet. He is now wearing a saddle, lunges, and trots an obstacle course. He is an exceptionally gentle and passive boy. He did well on the last farrier visit. He has a naval hernia, and we are currently trying to raise the money for his surgery.

Cisco Needs Surgery!

Cisco has a naval hernia. His intestine will drop into the hernia and cause a fatal colic. The vet says “it’s not an IF, it’s a when”. Help us raise the \$650 for this necessary surgery!

Angels Among Us

Joan Cushing nominated Michelle for channel 33’s Angels Among Us recognition. They will be interviewing and filming Joan and Michelle on October 7th at 1:00 p.m. It will be aired on Wednesday, October 14th on all four newscasts. The following is Joan’s nomination letter:

Michelle has dedicated her life to provide a home, food, training and tender loving care to abused and neglected horses. Her original intent, just over a year ago, was to open a boarding stable as a business BUT was thrust into turning her “dream” into a horse rescue when she found herself thrust into the horrors of what happens to horses whose owners either can’t or will not take proper care of their horses. She takes horses from terrible conditions – sometimes buying them off a trailer bound for a slaughterhouse in Canada or Mexico – other times she will rescue them from owners’ properties convincing them to either sell them or release ownership to her. Michelle, her family and volunteers such as myself help do the chores and help in nursing the animals back to health both physically and mentally so they can be rehabilitated and adopted to caring new homes. The main goal is to do everything – and I mean EVERYTHING to help these abused animals find a life that is so much better than what they were “living” before. She finances the costs of running Shadarobah Horse

Rescue from her own pocket as well as from fundraisers and donations from businesses and individuals in the local community. Her mindset is always focused on what is in the best interest of the horses. Everyone that volunteers at the rescue KNOW just how important this mission is to Michelle because she sacrifices sooooo much for the horses who have become another victim of the economic and financial crisis that has affected so many people. Michelle, her husband Shane and their kids sacrifice so much to make sure the horses have a clean place to live, good nutritious food to eat, medical care when needed BUT mostly the tender loving care that these beautiful animals so richly deserve. To just talk to Michelle is to truly see the love and respect that she has for these beautiful creatures – it truly brings one to tears to hear some of the horrible stories of what these poor animals have been through – being beaten, starved nearly to death or simply deprived of simple human contact. That is why I nominate her for this recognition. The words I have written above do not even come close to telling the whole story of the love, compassion and respect that Michelle gives to the horses. One really needs to go and see the horses and talk to her and the volunteers to truly understand just how special this cause is and how deserving she is to be recognized for it.

Many thanks to Joan for her thoughtful and heartfelt nomination letter. It will be aired three days before the fall benefit!!!!

Upcoming Events

October 5th - Volunteer Meeting at 6:30

October 8th 5:00-7:00 p.m. Chick-fil-a at Jefferson point - Come and have dinner! 15% of all sales between 5pm and 7pm will go to the rescue. We'll be taking a few horses and passing out information.

October 17th Fall Benefit-

Flier with list of events and times is posted on the website. Horse rides, pony painting (weather permitting), auction, carnival games, bake sale, refreshments, 50/50 drawing – Win a Horse!

October 30th Halloween at the Barn-

Come join the horses in costume for a spooky night of fun. Trick or treat at each horse's stall. Haunted straw maze! Bake sale & refreshments.

November 9th - Volunteer meeting at 6:30

November 14th - Kids Horse Around Day 9 am to 3 p.m.

November 21st - Teen Horse Around Day 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Horses need the dentist too!

Did you know?

Teeth floating

Horses need to see the dentist annually just like us! They develop spurs on the sides of their teeth that cut into the tongue and cheeks. The equine dentist smoothes these out. He will also check for loose or abscessed teeth and pull them if necessary. Bad teeth can cause digestion problems, weight loss and can even lead to colic.



HORSE FUN!!

1. Why can't horses dance?
2. What has four frogs but doesn't croak?
3. What disease do horses fear the most?
4. What has four legs and flies?

(Answers at the end of the newsletter)



Halloween at the Barn

Friday, October 30th
From 6:00-9:00 pm



Come in costume and Trick or Treat at each horse's stall. The horses will be decked out in their Halloween finest.

Wind your way through the spooky straw maze!

Autumn refreshments & bake sale items will be available.

Cost: \$4.00 – Trick or Treat & 1 Spooky Maze
\$1.00 – Extra Spooky Maze trip



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Saturday October 17, 2009
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visit Us Online At:
www.shadarobah.com
Or
www.myspace.com/shadarobah

Live Auction
50/50 Drawing-1st Place Horse* or Cash Option
Carnival Games
Horse & Pony Rides
Rake Sale & Cake Walk

Have fun with your entire family, help a great cause, interact with the rescued horses & see why we need to rescue more!

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For additional information call Michelle at (260) 410-1999

What Else Can I Do to Help?

DONATE aluminum cans for recycling.

DONATE plastic milk & juice jugs for horse toys.

DONATE items for the benefit auction being held October 17.

DONATE baked goods for sale at the October 17 and 30 events.

DONATE hay for winter.

Stable News

Arrivals: Joey

Back up for Adoption: Hershey & Copper

Adoptions Pending: Mac

Adoptions Completed: Tito, Bambi, Beauty & Crescents

Gelding: Lightning

Dentist: Lucky, Hershey & Glory all had their teeth floated

Farrier: Everyone had a pedicure this month!

Brain Teaser Answers:

1. They have two left feet
2. A horse
3. Hay fever
4. A horse in summer



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