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Featured Equine

~ Tucker ~

This black 1980-85 model black Thoroughbred with lots of chrome is available for adoption. Tucker has plenty of personality and is gentle enough to be handled by a child. For more information, please call (888) 542-5163 or go to www.bluebonnetequine.org.

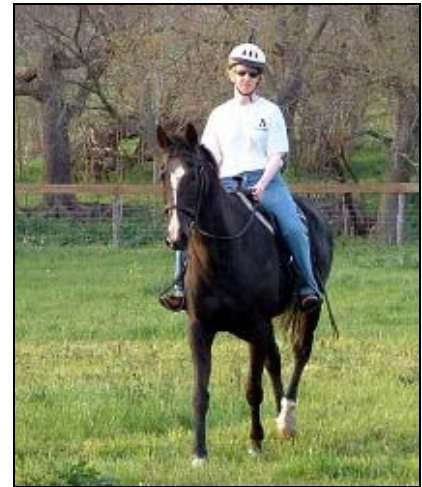


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President's Letter

Hello everyone and welcome to another great issue of our newsletter. The rescue has stayed busy and so have I! I am so glad to be back in Texas where I can finally attend some of the Bluebonnet events - and even host my own! We started out April by helping out at the Texas A&M Open House booth and went on to have a gathering of BEHS people at our home. I'm now busy charging forth towards the Liberty show. We've got some great stuff for the sale area and silent auction and I hope to get to see all of you there!

Jennifer Williams, PhD
President

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Thank You to Our Lifetime Member

Cat Ballew

New Faces & Not-So-New Faces

This section will feature a bio on an 'old' face around BEHS each month as well as one of our new members. If you would like to have your bio included, please contact Jodi at jodi@totalaccess.net.

New Faces, The Camp Family

James and Melanie reside with their two girls, Jordan (9) and Macy (2) in Warren, Arkansas, home of tall pines and pink tomatoes. Melanie is fortunate to be able to work from home, where she sells Avon and takes care of the girls. James works for a popular saddle company located in Warren—Ortho-Flex, which makes what many call the “Rolls Royce of Saddles”.

Melanie has loved horses for as long as she can remember, and shared her love of the animals with her husband James. Each of the horses in the Camp Family have a sad story, but each sad story now has a happy ending—as do the other “rescued” pets in the family.



The Camp Family

Melanie is a neglect investigator for Bluebonnet and hopes to obtain training in law enforcement focusing on animal cruelty. “I would use that to education people here,” she states, “There is a serious lack of animal cruelty law enforcement here.”

When they're not involved in horse-related activities, the Camps enjoy working outside and watching NASCAR.

Melanie feels that everyone is put on this earth for a purpose. Although some people find that purpose and some don't, she feels that she was put here to work with animals.

Not-So-New Face, Joanne Terry

Joanne grew up riding other people's horses, yet never lost the dream of owning one of her own. The type of horses “borrowed” changed as Joanne grew older—from the ponies across the neighbor's fence, to fiery Arabians in Russia—she even rode several Olympic Equestrian Team horses.

When a dear friend gave her an Arabian gelding named Revelry, Joanne was finally able to realize her lifelong dream of horse ownership. Revelry taught her to jump, taught her son to ride, and then was used as a lesson horse.

She then developed a love for the Paso Fino breed, and is expecting her sixth of the breed to be born in May. She uses her horses for trail riding, parades, clinics and fun shows and is hoping to compete in her first Paso Fino show later this year.

Joanne inevitably became active in horse rescue and is currently on the BEHS Board of Directors. At this time, she is fostering four equines for BEHS and she keeps the Bluebonnet members entertained with stories of her daily fostering experiences.



Joanne with Bob and Spirit

Self-employed as a nurse paralegal, Joanne works from her home. “I’ve discovered how much harder you have to work when you are self-employed,” she says, “but I enjoy the opportunity to work at home, at least part of the time.”

Joanne is surrounded by family on their Navasota farm and they support her love for her horses, as does her 23 year old son Nick, who visits his mother often. She also owns a small mule, Jelly Bean, as well as Domino, a paint mare she purchased at auction. She has taken in three cats and three dogs, all of which

were strays or rescues. Settled in her newly built, Texas style home, Joanne wishes she had more time to enjoy her other interests, which include knitting, needlepoint, cooking, reading and gardening.

Guess Her Foaling Date – New FUNdraiser!

BEHS is excited to announce that we are expecting our first foal. Rose, the foal’s dam, is a 10-11 year old sorrel POA Appaloosa colored mare who was seized in October 2005 due to neglect. You can meet her at <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/horses/nursery/index.htm>. Initially, we were unaware that Rose was in foal, but her abdomen continued to grow, prompting her foster home to have the veterinarian examine the mare. We soon learned that we are expecting a foal—possibly two or more months from now.

To aid in veterinary costs for both Rose and her foal, Spencer (one of our board members) proposed a fun-filled contest.

The entry fee for the contest is \$5. Each entrant has the opportunity to select a foaling date, the sex of the foal, and whether the foal will be a mule (long-ears) or a horse (short-ears). The person who chooses the closest date to the actual foaling will have the honor of naming the foal and will receive a glossy 8 x 10 color photo of the foal. If a tie is met for the closest foaling date, the person who correctly selects the sex and type of foal (long or short ears) will win the contest. If a tie still exists, a random drawing will be held.

Submit your \$5 entry fee as well as your estimated date of foaling, sex and type of foal to BEHS at:

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society
PMB 141,
6425 South IH-35, Suite 105
Austin, TX 78744

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We have also created an e-mail-list to which Rose's foster home may post updates on how Rose is coming along, and to which the announcement will be posted once the baby is born. You may join at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RosesFoal/join>.

If you have questions, please e-mail Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org
Any submission is subject to approval by the BOD of BEHS in order to avoid profanity in the name, usage of corporate sponsorship type names, etc.).

Contest Time!

2006 Member/Foster/Adopter Drive Contest

The 2005 Member/Foster/Adopter Drive Contest was extremely successful, resulting in several new members and foster homes as well as horses placed in their "forever homes". Our competitive members enjoyed the contest, so we're providing another opportunity to win in 2006.

The rules - Points will be awarded for the following:

- Each new member recruited: 1 point
- Each new foster home recruited: 2 points per horse they can foster at one time. (If they are able to foster 3 horses, you receive 6 points.)
- Each new adoptive home recruited: 2 points per horse/equine the home adopts.
- Each booth organized: 5 points
- Each newspaper ad run: 5 points

The person with the most points each month will get a BEHS prize—a t-shirt, ball cap or other BEHS merchandise. You can win multiple months.

The year-end award winner is will receive a gift certificate worth at least \$50 to a yet undetermined tack store.

So let's kick off this contest! Please help us make this successful by recruiting members, foster homes and adopters, as well as running booths or publishing newspaper ads. If you have activities to report, please e-mail me at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.

2006 Fundraising Contest

Fundraising is an issue that faces all non-profit organizations. In Bluebonnet, we have horses, donkeys and mules who need veterinary bills paid in addition to payment for seizures as well as other bills. If we raise more funds, we'll be able to help more horses, establish a training fund and establish a sponsorship fund which will enable our foster homes to foster more horses.

Raising funds is hard work, but in order to make it more fun for our members, we created this contest.

Benefits, fundraisers, donations and sponsorships will count towards the fundraising contest.

The person who raises the most funds throughout the year will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a tack store. Suggestions are welcome for the provision of monthly prizes.

If you solicit donations or sponsorships for BEHS, please ensure you're your efforts are recorded by e-mailing me at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Out and About

ChiliFest

Many thanks to member "Papa" Joe Summy for sponsoring a BEHS booth at the annual Texas State Men's Chili & BBQ Cook-off in March. It was a gorgeous day for a drive out to Johnson City and Papa Joe had reserved the prime booth location for BEHS. BEHS treasurer, Ari Pettigrew and her boyfriend, Brian Garvey, manned the booth--Brian attracted folks by setting up his massage chair and giving back massages. There were lots of visitors throughout the day and about 25 folks took membership applications. Ari & Brian thoroughly enjoyed explaining horse rescue and BEHS to a brand new group of people. They both stated that these competitors were serious about their chili & BBQ but most still took time to stop by and learn about BEHS. Ari & Brian were also invited to be judges--Brian loved the chili and Ari loved the BBQ. The only downside to the day was the overwhelming chili smell--it took forever to get it out of Brian's car!

Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine

On April 8th, Texas A&M's Veterinary School hosted their annual open house. Visitors were given the opportunity to tour the vet school, visit the anatomy and physiology labs, meet cloned animals and much more. In addition, the vet school was filled with tables representing rescues, assistance animal groups and pet therapy groups. The booths were free and gave us a chance to talk to hundreds of animal enthusiasts. Laura Senseman set up the BEHS booth, and when Jennifer and Spencer Williams arrived at around noon, they saw that the booth looked fabulous. Jennifer and Spencer manned the booth the remainder of the day, talking to plenty of people who were interested in our horses and our mission. They also handed out flyers for the Liberty event, encouraging

people to come meet the horses and do some shopping. President Jennifer Williams cannot wait until the 2007 version of this event—it has always been one of her favorites!

Watterson Ranch's Cowgirl Rodeo

Every spring, Trina Miller and her Watterson Ranch family hosts a cowgirl weekend. The annual celebration includes camping, horseback riding and plenty of good 'ole cowgirl camaraderie. The fun and exciting weekend is topped off by a cowgirl rodeo that gets bigger and better every year.

Members Pam and Enes Archung, Jenni Day, and Jenni's sister Margaret put together a first class BEHS booth for the occasion. They had the opportunity to talk to lots of folks about Bluebonnet's mission, handed out fliers and collected a grand total of \$100 in donations to help our horses. Pam showed off the Bluebonnet horses with notebooks she'd artfully created, portraying each horse's photo and description. Jenni brought homemade cookies, which were a big draw for the hungry cowgirls, and the feedback was appreciation that Bluebonnet people were out there making a difference. Margaret and Pam even managed to sneak a few carrots to the horses standing tied near the booth.

Since a lot of our members join through word of mouth, booths like these are a great way to help us spread the word! If you know of any events coming up in your area and you think BEHS might be able to get booth space, please let us know!

Housewarming party for Jennifer and Spencer Williams

On April 15, Bluebonnet members got together for a housewarming party held by BEHS President Jennifer Williams and her husband Spencer, a member of the BEHS Board of Directors. The attendees celebrated both the return of Jennifer and Spencer to Texas as well as the fact that they have just bought their first home.



BEHS in the News

BEHS treasurer Ari Pettigrew was interviewed by Fox TV Channel 7 News "Seven On Your Side" in which she explained how BEHS was contacted by scammers trying to obtain money. The filming took place at the home of Regina and Courtney Anderson and Tifney Wilsford, a BEHS foster home where the foster horses were given plenty of airtime and attention. Thank you to everyone who made this a success.

If you have attended an equine event at which you have represented or promoted Bluebonnet, please let us know so that we can include it in our next newsletter.

Show Biz

Since BEHS has been holding horses shows (both in person shows and virtual shows), many of our members are getting their first introduction to the world of showing – and they have many questions! If you have ideas for the Show Biz column, please email jodi@hikn.tamu.edu or call the BEHS line at (888) 542 5163.

Jodi Luecke
Secretary

Now that we've covered the many elements of English tack (in the previous Show Biz article), it is now time to discuss the various types of English classes that you may come across in the typical horse show.

ENGLISH PLEASURE - In this class, horses are to be judged on performance, apparent ability to give a good pleasurable ride, and manners.

From the class description, you can see that the judge is not going to be judging *you*, but rather your *horse*.

Performance - Is your horse willingly performing the commands of the class—walk, trot, canter, halt, and reverse? The judge may also call for an extended trot and/or a hand gallop, although they rarely do so. An extended trot consists of a longer stride, but not too fast. A hand gallop is a long, free, ground-covering stride under control. “Control” being the key word here—judges don't give high marks to runaways, although admittedly it can be a crowd pleaser.

Ability to give a good pleasurable ride - For those of us who may wonder if our horses have ever given us a “pleasurable ride”, this means that the horse is not spooking, bucking, trying to drag you off on the fence, etc.

Manners - The English are known for their good manners, but what about their horses? Do the horses avoid making obscene bodily noises, and allow other horses to enter the ring first? Actually, this is closely related to the “ability to give a good pleasurable ride.” Your horse should be well-mannered—in other words, your horse should behave.

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION (ON THE FLAT) - Exhibitors will be judged on seat, hands, legs and ability to show the horse. Exhibitors will be judged on their ability to attain the desired ride or results according to the judge's instructions. The performance of the horse is not to be considered more important than the method used by the rider in obtaining the desired results.

(The term “on the flat” is a fancy way of saying that your horse will not be required to jump in this class. Whew, big sigh of relief!)

From this class description, you can see that the judge is going to be judging *you*, rather than your *horse*. He's judging you on how well you ride—are you sitting correctly, exhibiting good riding posture and controlling your horse in the pattern?

You may enter the ring with the rest of the class and perform on the rail or you may enter one at a time and perform a 'test' or pattern. You may even be required to do a combination of the two—enter with the entire group and perform on the rail and then line up and perform a pattern. Either way, follow the instructions issued by the judge. He may request various gaits, that you stop and back your horse, and other horsemanship tests. He may even ask you to ride without irons (stirrups), or to perform a flying lead change. He may even ask you to stand in your saddle at a canter and have your horse leap through a ring of fire—no, not really, but if he did ask you to do so, just remember that he is judging the method used by you in obtaining the desired result.

HUNT SEAT EQUITATION (OVER FENCES) - The exhibitors will demonstrate their ability in controlling their horses while going over fences at a balanced, even pace, while maintaining a safe and suitable Hunt seat position.

You may be thinking, “The only time you will ever see me going over a fence would be if a mad bull was chasing me.” However, “fences” in this context means “jumps”, not a contraption that keeps in livestock and keeps out nosy neighbors.

This class is similar to the Hunt Seat Equitation On the Flat in that the judge is judging *you*, not your horse and he/she is looking at your performance and your control of your horse as you execute the fences.

HUNTER UNDER SADDLE – The judge evaluates the horse on the flat (no fences), at a walk, trot and canter. The judge is looking for smoothness of gait, free-flowing stride and willingness to perform. As in English Pleasure, the judge may ask for an extended trot and/or a hand gallop.

Of course, this is judged on your horse’s willingness to perform. Your willingness to perform was demonstrated by the fact that you rose at 4:30 in the morning, bathed and groomed your horse, hauled him three hours to the show and paid your entry fees.

HUNTER HACK – This is a transitional English class between Hunter Under Saddle and Working Hunter.

You and your horse would be required to jump a couple of fences, followed by riding on the rail while performing various gaits in both directions. Emphasis is on manner and way of going on the flat as well as style over the fences.

WORKING HUNTER - This class is designed to test the horse and rider in their performance over obstacles found in the hunting field. Manners, style and way of going at a hunting pace will be judged.

This class should be no problem for those fortunate enough to have just returned from their month long excursion to their country manor in the lovely rolling green hills of the English countryside. However for those of us in the *real world*, what are “obstacles found in the hunting field”? I guess for starters, that would be your foxes and hounds. However, foxes aren’t easy to come by and hounds are too noisy, so we’re talking about fences, brush/plants, water, etc.

A few things about jumping...

When your horse stops in front of a fence or obstacle and takes a step backward, this is called a "refusal". This can be amusing to spectators, but painful for the rider.

If your horse evades or passes the obstacle he is meant to jump, this is called a "Run Out". This is not quite as amusing to spectators, and not nearly as painful for the rider, thanks to the continuing forward motion in a saddle which has no swells.

And there you have it...

If you haven't done so already, I hope you take the time to discover the thrill and excitement of competing in an English class of some sort. (Thrill, excitement and English—now there's three words you never thought you'd see in the same sentence.) And don't be intimidated by what is sometimes seen as a social cliché of English riders. If anyone is rude to you, then you will know that they are a horrible fake, because everyone knows that the English are polite!

Health and Hooves

The Health and Hooves Column is a new addition to the Bluebonnet Bulletin. We'll cover topics such as DSLD, founder, natural trim and more. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact Sharon at leosharon@earthlink.net.

Sharon Martin-Holm
Director

COPD: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

COPD in horses is basically like asthma in humans. Some external insult (dust, allergy, exercise, heat, etc.) causes the small airways deep inside the lungs to squeeze down—this is called "brochoconstriction" or "bronchospasm". Some horses manifest by coughing, while others just breathe harder than they should. Some do both. Many horses plagued with COPD are very poor keepers because the heavy breathing burns lots of calories. Most horses with COPD are not able to perform optimally if their condition is not well controlled.

COPD is also called "heaves" or "Inflammatory Airway Disease". One variation is called "Summer Pasture Airway Disease".

Controlling the environment is the most important aspect of COPD management. For horses with the "summer pasture" variety, it is likely that the cause is allergies to the grass or to something on the grass resulting in necessary indoor confinement of the horses during that part of the year. For many horses, being in a stall or dry lot (inhaling dust or mold or some other allergy trigger) is what triggers COPD. These horses need to be kept out in pasture in order to be healthy. Many horses will need to have their hay soaked down in which case they may do much better, while other horses are very sensitive to heat and will have to be moved to a geographic location further north in order to be comfortable.

Medical treatments include steroids (corticosteroids), which are anti-inflammatories, and veterinary items such as Ventipulmin, which is a "bronchodilator".

Commonly used steroids are triamcinolone and dexamethasone. The steroids are a mainstay of treatment but may have side effects. Laminitis/founder is one of the most dangerous adverse results of this type of medication.

Albuterol is the most common inhaler that people with asthma use. Basically, Ventipulmin is albuterol for horses. The official name is "clenbuterol". This is given orally and is much more expensive than albuterol. Some people use it daily for their COPD horses, others only use it as needed such as during exercise, trailering or hot weather.

Many advocate allergy testing for sensitive horses. Although this does have its limitations, allergy testing can occasionally be helpful in targeting which grasses or other plants to avoid.

The Color Corner

The Color Corner discusses interesting color patterns and coat color genetics. If you have suggestions or submissions, please contact Sharon at leosharon@earthlink.net.

Sharon Martin-Holm
Director

Breeds and Color

Many breeds have color restrictions in their breed standards. These have developed through history and breeding programs, and it is interesting to look at why our modern breeds have some of the color patterns that we see today. Breed societies and registries



Bluebonnet's "Beau", a grade Quarter Horse type, would be considered to be a sorrel.

also use different color terminology at times which can be confusing. A common example of this is in the Tennessee Walkers and Clydesdales who use the term "roan" when the true color is sabino (which usually has a roaning type pattern, but is genetically different from an actual roan). The use of the terms "chestnut" and "sorrel" is also infinitely confusing ... sorrel and chestnut are genetically the same, but are often given different names based on shade. For example, only the Jockey Club and Arabian registries recognize the term "chestnut". The AQHA classifies red and lighter shades

as "sorrel" and darker shades as "chestnut". Many other breeds only use the term "sorrel" regardless of how dark or light the color appears.

Most breeds that came out of England, France and the other northwest European countries will only be found in the basic, solid shades: black, bay, chestnut and gray. This is because throughout the centuries, the aristocracy of those countries had insisted on

breeding out any of the more unusual or bright colors. The Spanish, Iberian, Northern European and pony breeds have been historically lenient about color, and therefore those breeds tend to come in a rich variety of colors. The Icelandic breed has been genetically isolated for almost 1000 years ... you can export stock, but you can't import it ... and they come in all colors and varieties.

Some breeds exist which are restricted to only one color. Fjord ponies are only dun, while Cleveland Bay horses are bay with no white socks and minimal facial white. Friesians are black, and they also disallow white markings. Several breeds exist that are exclusively sorrel/chestnut. This is the easiest color to restrict, due to the fact that a chestnut bred to a chestnut will always give chestnut. Of the draft breeds, Belgians are primarily chestnut, preferably with a white/flaxen mane and tail and white stockings and blaze. The Suffolk Punch is "chesnut" (traditionally spelled without the first "t") with facial white allowed but no white markings on the legs. The Halflinger is a versatile light draft breed that is only found in chestnut; light manes and tails are also seen with this breed.

Some breeds come in a single primary color, but on occasion others are allowed. The Andalusian is most commonly gray, but bays and blacks are still allowed in the registry. The Andalusian registry notes that as colors become rare, they are banned. This recently happened with chestnuts. (It is interesting that a very close cousin to the Andalusian, the Lusitano, still comes in a variety of colors including the creme dilutes of cremello, perlino, buckskin and palomino.) The Lipizzan horse is another famously gray breed. Their registry states: "The gray color is dominant. Brown and black occur and should remain. All other colors are disliked." The Percheron draft horse is also primarily gray, although blacks are allowed and seen periodically.

As fashions and preferences change, some breed registries have also changed their rules, as recently occurred within the AQHA. Until recently, cremello horses were not registerable, although buckskins and palominos were. The progression of genetic studies, combined with the increased popularity of the dilute colors, has prompted the AQHA registry to amend this rule.

Increased interest in the U.S. toward the more unusual colors has risen during the past few decades. The surging popularity of gaited horse breeds and Miniature horses, both of which encourage and encompass many unusual colors, has added to this. The colors that we are seeing more of are the dun and creme dilutes, champagnes and silvers. Pinto/paint and appaloosa patterns are also becoming more common and desirable, even in sports like hunter/jumpers and dressage which had previously frowned on anything other than a modest, solidly colored competitor.

The Horses of BEHS

NEWEST EQUINES

Dillon is a 2003 Bay and White Paint gelding. He was seized by law enforcement and awarded to BEHSON 03/14/06. He is a petite boy at 14.1hh but is beautiful and sweet. He isn't registered right now, but could be into the Pinto Horse Association for showing. Since

we received Dillon through seizure, we do not know anything about his history. Because of his age, he is likely not broke to ride at this time, but is at a great age to begin, once he has some more weight on him. He loads into a trailer like a dream. Located in Burleson, Tx.

Little Bit is a little Arabian mare about 8 years old. She was seized by law enforcement and awarded to BEHS 03/23/06. We do not know her background, but at this time is very leery of people. But she is learning that people bring food and scratches and is warming up in her foster home. Located in Kingsland, Tx.

Shamrock is a bay Arabian gelding about six years old. He was seized by law enforcement and awarded to BEHS 03/23/06. We do not know his background, but at this time is leery of people. But he is quickly learning that people bring food and scratches and is warming up to his foster home. Located in Kingsland, Tx.

Harley is a 1992 ½ Tennessee Walker and ½ Quarter Horse gelding. He is about 15.3hh. Harley was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure on 03/23/06. He is a beautiful boy and seems to be very calm. Nothing is known of his history. His donor stated that Harley is broke to ride but should have an intermediate rider. He will prance and be a little hot under saddle, but does not rear or buck. He needs an advanced beginner on the ground. Harley was recently ridden in his foster home and he does not appear to really know much. He does not really respond to any cues at all. Does not appear to have had any quality training. Located in Rison, Ar.

Sonny is a 1987 Bay Quarterhorse gelding about 16.2hh. He was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure on 03/23/06. He is a beautiful boy and seems to be very calm. He is very thin right now, so this could change with weight gain. Nothing is known of his history. Located in Pine Bluff, Ar.

On 3/25/06, BEHS was awarded ten little ponies of various size, age and color. All are very afraid of people at this time, and are safely tucked away in various foster homes. They will be listed on our website shortly.

Rusty and Blazer came to BEHS through a well meaning lady that went to the auction at Round Mountain on the first Saturday of March 2006 to just “watch” and when Blazer came out and the killer was the only bidder at \$50, she bid \$60. Not long after Blazer, another very skinny gelding was brought into the ring, head down and barely able to walk, Rusty was a pitiful sight. No one bid, not even the killer buyer. Finally the auctioneer asked if someone would give \$25 and this same lady raised her hand. Unfortunately she really did not have the room or the resources to rehabilitate these two old guys and she donated them to BEHS.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Please view our horses available for adoption at <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org>

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE ADOPTED HORSES

Dottie, a 1999 chestnut Chincoteague Pony mare, was donated to BEHS in January 2006 and this cute little pony was quickly adopted on March 20, 2006. She will continue to receive training in her adoptive home and will hopefully be out on the trails soon. Happy trails to Dottie and her new forever home.



Shasta is a 1988 gray registered Quarter horse mare who was donated to BEHS in July 2005. She is a very well mannered horse and is good on the trails. She was moved to a new foster home not too long ago, and that foster home fell in love with her. She was adopted March 15, 2006. Happy trails to Shasta and her forever home.

Storm is a 1999 flashy black and white Paint gelding who was seized by law enforcement and awarded to BEHS in December 2005. The veterinarian who attended him also happened to be a BEHS member, and she decided to foster him until he was adopted. Storm was pitiful looking when he came into BEHS, but in a very short time, his foster home had transformed him into this absolutely gorgeous black and white paint ready for adoption. A client of the foster home saw Storm one day and quickly completed and mailed in their paperwork in order to adopt this boy. Storm was adopted into his new family on March 18, 2006, where they will continue his training. Happy Trails to Storm and his new forever home.



Sweet Pea is a 1999 14.2hh sorrel/white Paint mare. She was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure and upon her entry into BEHS, she was extremely malnourished. Her sweet and curious personality, coupled with her love of attention quickly won the heart of her foster home. She was adopted 04/07/06, and will be a very special gift to her foster home's daughter. Her adopter will continue her training and rehabilitation. Happy Trails to Sweet Pea and her new adoptive home.

Upcoming Events

May 6, 2006 ~ Annual Golfing Fore Pets Tournament ~ Austin, TX

The event will be held at Lakeway Golf Course, near Austin beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bluebonnet is honored to be one of the beneficiaries for this fundraiser, so spread the word to your golfing friends, family and colleagues. Full details and registration info can be found at www.golfingforepets.org.

May 7, 2006 ~ Open Horse Show, Adopt-A-Thon, Silent Auction ~ Trinity Valley Expo, Liberty, TX

In addition to an open horse show with halter, showmanship, English, and western classes, this event will include a silent auction and Adopt-A-Thon. BEHS horses who are available for adoption will be on hand during the Adopt-A-Thon to meet the public, and we'll be taking adoption applications all day long. The silent auction will include farm and ranch items, horse equipment, horse-themed decorations, and more! We're still looking for silent auction items – so clean out your tack room and make a tax-deductible donation today! <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/news/may7show.htm> . For more information, please contact jenn@bluebonnetequine.org or call (888) 542-5163.

May 20, 2006 ~ BEHS Member Training Clinic with Glenn Bird ~ Navasota, TX

The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the following participants at the following costs:

BEHS members w/personal horse	\$35
BEHS members/foster horse	\$15
BEHS members audit	\$10
Non-BEHS members audit	\$15

Although all slots are full for those attending with horses, please call if you wish to be waitlisted in the event that an opening becomes available.

The main course for a delicious lunch will be provided, but if you would like to bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks and ice, please feel welcome to do so. A trail ride around the property will be held after the clinic.

For more information, please contact Joanne Terry at jmterry468@msn.com or call (888) 542-5163.

June 10, 2006 ~ Training Clinic with Glenn Bird ~ Redfield, AR

This clinic will begin at 9:00 am and will be open to the general public and their horses. A \$25 fee will be charged for each horse receiving professional instruction. BEHS foster homes are encouraged to bring your fosters. For more information, please contact Tina Shalmy at shalmy@tds.net or call (888) 542-5163.

March Financials

March 2006

Income:	\$	8,134.62	To view a detailed financial report, please
Expenses:	\$	5,642.63	go to our website at
Net Income:	\$	<u>(2,491.99)</u>	www.bluebonnetequine.org
Account Balance:	\$	17,090.14	

If you have any questions about the finances of BEHS, please e-mail Ari Pettgrew at apettgrew@austin.rr.com, Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org, or any other BEHS director. You may also call BEHS at (888) 542-5163.

Reminder of Reimbursements to BEHS Members and Foster Homes

De-Wormers - BEHS will now be reimbursing our foster homes for paste de-wormers (up to \$10 each) for foster horses every 8-12 weeks. If your vet feels you need to de-worm your fosters more frequently, please contact VP Equine Coordinator Loretta (Lacy) Pinnell at lacy@bluebonnetequine.org. Please note that tube de-worming or daily de-wormer will is not reimbursable at this time. If you use more natural de-worming products, please contact Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org and provide information on your preferred type of de-worming product (such as frequency, cost, etc.) to obtain prior approval. If you decide not to request reimbursements for these, you may claim them as tax-deductible donations. De-wormer reimbursements will be similar to other reimbursements in that they must be submitted via a Reimbursement Form which must be accompanied by a readable receipt. Please remember that reimbursement requests must be received within 60 days of the date of the receipt or they will not be reimbursed.

Mileage – We are pleased to announce that mileage reimbursement has increased from 14 cents/mile to 20 cents/mile. Any trips for which you will be requesting a reimbursement must be pre-approved (inspections, investigations, and trailering trips are specified at this time).

As finances allow, we plan to add other reimbursements in the future. Thank you BEHS members for your hard work and dedication.

Ways to Help BEHS

Many opportunities exist to help BEHS. Remember, your contributions and participation in these fundraisers help us to help those needy horses, donkeys, and mules who need us!

Become a Bluebonnet Supporter

The equines of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society need your support!

Contribute to the rescue:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&business=info%40bluebonnetequine%2eorg&item_name=BEHS%20Newsletter%20Donation&no_shipping=0&no_note=1&tax=0¤cy_code=USD&charset=UTF%2d8&charset=UTF%2d8

Or mail a donation to Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society at PMB 141, 6425 S. IH-35, Suite 105, Austin, TX 78744-4230.

We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization—donations are tax-deductible.

Donation Jars for BEHS

Are you searching for another way to help the horses of BEHS? Talk to your local feed stores, tack stores and veterinary offices, asking them if you may place a donation jar in their business. Donation jars for rescues have been sighted at grocery stores, gift shops and even at Dairy Queen. Let's put our BEHS donation jars out there and help bring in funds for the rescue!

If you put out a donation jar, be sure to check it weekly and send all funds to PMB 141, 6425 S. IH-35, Suite 105, Austin, TX 78744-4230.

Recycle and Help BEHS

BEHS is pleased to announce that we have signed up with both Rethink, Ink and GreenFund Network to recycle ink and toner cartridges as well as cell phones. Not only are we helping the environment, but we earn money for doing it.

Our partner code for GreenFund Network is "BEHS-ATX". Please mark your items accordingly before shipping. Rethink, Ink does not have a partner code, but does recommend writing "Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society" in full on each item.

BEHS Treasurer Ari Pettigrew has mailing labels and boxes for Rethink, Ink who prefers to receive many items shipped simultaneously. Ari will be happy to send you a mailing label, but because mailing an empty box would be cost prohibitive, please feel free to recycle a box on your own. If you are in the Austin area, Ari will be happy to meet with you and provide a box.

Ari also has GreenFund Network pre-paid shipping envelopes, so if you need one of these, please let her know and she will mail one to you.

If you need supplies or have questions, please contact Ari at: treasurer@bluebonnetequine.org.

Raise Money for BEHS While you Shop

Do you enjoy shopping at Country Supply? Do you enjoy shopping for horse tack and supplies online? Now, you can shop at Country Supply at <http://www.countrysupply.com> and earn money for BEHS! When you check out, enter the Country Cares Program code "behs", and we will receive a portion of what you spend.

Buy Air Fresheners and Support BEHS

BEHS member DD Steele is an Ecoquest dealer, and carries a wide selection of quality air and water purification products. DD has generously offered to make a contribution to BEHS for any referral resulting in a sale. Please contact DD at deedee@damonsteele.com for more information.

Shop for Charity

Do you love to shop? Now you can shop and make money to help the horses! BEHS is now a beneficiary of "Shop for Charity Day", an online site where you can make purchases from dozens of popular stores, all the while earning money for BEHS. Just visit www.shopforcharityday.com and select Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society as the organization for which you wish to shop. Birthdays, anniversaries and any other special occasion is now an opportunity to raise funds.

Rescue Charity Initiative

Another way to earn money for BEHS and you can do it just by shopping for those horse essentials. Visit <http://www.horsesaddleshop.com/rescuehelp.html> and 5% of your total purchase amount will be donated to BEHS.

Volunteer Positions Available – Help us Help the Horses

If you wish to help Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society be the best rescue we can be and have some time to volunteer, please consider applying for one of the following volunteer positions!

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org or call BEHS at (888) 542 5163 to request a copy of the job description.

Congratulations to Denise Crosthwait

Denise has assumed the position of Foster Coordinator for BEHS. Her extensive knowledge of horses and experience in fostering will provide her with the expertise to perform her new job with skill. In addition to her responsibilities as Foster Coordinator, she will be assisting with special projects, such as implementation of the training fund and coordination of foster horse clinics.

If you have fostering questions, concerns, ideas or input, Denise may be contacted at dcrosthwait@sandersandwest.com or call (979) 272-7404-home; (979) 846-5700, opt. 2 – work; (979) 777-0768 (cell).

Donation Committee Chairperson - Responsible for seeking donations for BEHS, managing the donor recognition program, and organizing and managing committee members.

Music Festival Committee Chairperson - Responsible for putting together and organizing a music festival as a fundraiser for BEHS.

Nominating Committee Chairperson - Responsible for running the nominating committee, seeking nominations for officer and director positions, and researching the candidates.

Expo Committee Chairperson - Responsible for managing the Expo Committee and volunteers. Will be responsible for coordinating the 2007 BEHS Expo.

PR Committee Chairperson - Responsible for managing the PR Committee. Will be responsible for writing and distributing press releases, working with the media, etc. Will also be responsible for coordinating committee members and assigning tasks.

Fundraisers Needed!

Regina Anderson needs you! Regina is in charge of the Fundraising Committee, and she needs your ideas, talent and time to invest into some great fundraisers needed to bring in funds for BEHS. More funds generated = more horses helped. Please contact Regina at rlanderson@austin.rr.com to learn how to join the Fundraising Committee.

Foster Homes Needed

If you are interested in learning more about fostering and how to take on a more active roll in helping needy horses, please contact Loretta at lacy@bluebonnetequine.org.

Booths Volunteers Needed

Booths are a great way to spread the word about BEHS, recruit new members, engage new foster homes and sell BEHS products. We need your help to staff these booths, so if you know of a booth opportunity or can assist in a booth project, please e-mail Wendy Taylor at cowgirlwendy@gmail.com.

Classified Ads

Classified advertising is available to our members free of charge. Larger ads are available to members and non-members for a fee. See <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/about/advertising.htm> or e-mail info@bluebonnetequine.org for more information.

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Saddleseat Saddle for sale. Used 20-21 inch saddleseat saddle. Brown in color. Includes stirrups and leathers. \$250. E-mail jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.

Model horses and supplies for sale. Many model horses from the 1980s for sale – collectors items, special runs, and limited editions. Also model horse tack and more. <http://www.vanbasti.com/modelhorses/>

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