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Featured Horse



Sundancer

“Sunny” is a grade QH mare who is ready for a permanent adoptive home. At 24 years old, she is both energetic and healthy. Her ground manners are excellent, making her easy to handle.

Sunny has a lot of “go” for her age and will need an intermediate rider. For more information on Sundancer, you can go to www.bluebonnetequine.org and check out her webpage in “Available Horses.”

Currently in Manvel, TX. Adoption Fee: \$400

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President's Letter

Hello everyone!

2006 has gotten off to a great start for BEHS. The directors had a wonderful retreat in January. While the setting was gorgeous, we spent most of our time working on rescue topics including setting our 2006 budget, devising our fundraising plan, and discussing both our short and long-term goals for the rescue. We also developed our 2006 marketing plan with the goal of bringing in more members, fosters and adopters. The weekend was a lot of work, but I'm really pleased with how things are going with Bluebonnet.

We have a lot of great fundraisers planned this year—2-3 virtual shows, 3-4 “in person” horse shows, and a few other events. We would also like to put on a few adopt-a-thons, but I'm going to need your help to make those possible! An adopt-a-thon is a day-long event where our foster homes bring their horses to show them off to the public. Approved adopters can try out horses at the event and the public can submit adoption applications to get the ball rolling. We want to include a silent auction at each adopt-a-thon to raise some money to help the horses. How can you help? We need to find a location for the events - preferably one up in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area and one in either Austin or Houston. If you have any ideas or are willing to chair an adopt-a-thon in your area, please let me know!

I hope to see you at some of the BEHS events this year, and I am looking forward to another great year of helping horses, mules and donkeys in Texas and Arkansas!

Jennifer Williams
President, BEHS

Thank you to our Supporters – your contributions help needy equines throughout Texas and Arkansas

Learn more about our donor recognition program on our website – www.bluebonnetequine.org

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Welcome to Our New Members

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Family

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Family

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Christine Kloppe

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Thank You to Our Lifetime Member

Cat Ballew

Old and 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.

Cat Ballew grew up in Seguin, Texas and attended the University of Houston, earning degrees in Physics, Psychology and a Doctorate of Optometry. While attending college, she played varsity tennis for U.H. While in private practice, she became a Major in the Air Force Reserve and proudly served her country during Desert Storm. She retired from optometry in 2000 after 20 years of practice.



Cat and her adopted rescue horse. Two Socks.

Since retiring, Cat has been active on three boards: the Waco Tennis Association, including serving two presidential terms and writing grants totaling almost \$35,000 to develop junior tennis programs, the Waco Animal Shelter and Humane Society (currently secretary), and Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society.

In her role as a director of BEHS, Cat makes valuable contributions to the organization and is currently working on writing several grants. She is also a BEHS foster home, and is currently fostering Sierra and Jake.

Although she was ranked sixth in the state in women's singles at the beginning of 2005, she has had to limit her tournament play due to injuries. No worries, she just gets to ride her horses more.

Although undoubtedly a success in life, Cat considers herself a raging failure at retirement and hopes to attend a rehabilitation clinic for those people who just don't know when to quit. For now, she works for AstroVentures LLC, a venture capital company she named after her deceased beloved golden retriever, Astro.

Cat's heart belongs to the rescue of animals, large and small. However, her soul revolves around Kyle, her husband of 12 years, who she describes as the "mostest bestest guy on the planet."

She and Kyle live currently live in Lorena with Stella, their chocolate lab; Pepper, the schnauzer mix; two cats, K.C. and B.B., and Einstein, the baby cockatoo.

Cat has achieved and lifetime of accomplishments, and when asked what advice she would give to others who wish to make a difference, she says, “One person DOES make a difference—so dream big and go for it!”

New Face: Amanda “Mandi” Conaway

Amanda Conaway, or “Mandi,” hails from Brazil, Indiana, and has been a country girl from the beginning. She grew up on a farm, where her grandparents raised corn, beans and cattle. Of all the animals on the farm, Mandi’s favorite animals were the horses. She loved them from the start and horses soon become her passion.



Mandi and Dillon

Mandi attended Indiana State University where she earned her BS in Recreation and Sport Management with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation. In her studies, she gained vast knowledge of the many facets of equine therapy. She recently graduated from UTPA with her MS in Kinesiology. Mandi was previously in the medical career field at the Indiana Air National Guard, and now serves in the Texas Air National Guard as a recruiter.

Now 27, Mandi lives on five acres in Floresville, Texas with her 13 month old son Dillon and her husband Bob who also is in the Texas Air National Guard. She has fulfilled her lifelong dream of being a horse owner and has recently adopted Miss Priss, a gorgeous and sassy little Arab filly.

A new member of our organization, Mandi says, “I am very proud to be a member of BEHS and feel like I can really help make a difference for the animals I so dearly treasure.” Welcome to BEHS Mandi!

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.

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.).

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

or you can pay via Paypal at:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick&business=info%40bluebonnetequine%2eorg&undefined_quantity=1&item_name=Name%20the%20Foal%20Fundraiser&amount=5%2e00&no_shipping=1&no_note=1¤cy_code=USD&bn=PP%2dBuyNowBF&charset=UTF%2d8 and then e-mail your selection to jenn@bluebonnetequine.org.

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 any questions, please e-mail Jennifer Williams at jenn@bluebonnetequine.org

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.

The following will count towards the fundraising contest:

- Benefits
- Fundraisers
- Donations
- Sponsorships

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.

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

This month, we'll be doing a book review. The book is called "Bits and Bridles - Power Tools for Thinking Riders" by Betsey Lynch and Dwight Bennett, DVM. Copyright 2000 by Lynch and Bennett; published by EquiMedia Corporation in Austin. 190 pp.

The health of our horses drastically impacts how we'll be able to enjoy them. Some of us are perfectly happy with "useless" horses that delight us simply by existing; others gauge the worth of their horse by their ability to be ridden and perform. For this latter group, selecting tack that helps to maintain the health of the individual horse is crucial. In addition, the initial condition of the horse itself may determine what type of bit, if any, is used. We have all seen for ourselves or at least heard terrible stories of horses with lacerated tongues or mouths from ill-fitting or ill-used bits. This is a health consequence we would all like to avoid.

Lynch and Bennett have put together a wonderful encyclopedia-type book that, while very in-depth and detail oriented, captures the reader's attention and holds it for the duration. The first few chapters stress the importance of regular (and good!) dentistry for any horse expected to carry a bit in his mouth, and outlines how the individual horse's anatomy may influence choice of bit. Included are some really excellent x-ray photographs that illustrate the placement of the bit in the mouth. A good take-home point was that as the horse ages, the space between the bars and the roof of the mouth decreases; many horses will need a lower port (mouthpiece) to be comfortably ridden in their older years.

The meat of the book defines different types of bits...variations on the snaffle and leverage bits, as well as gag bits, hackamores, going bitless, and spade bits. The true definition of a snaffle is "a bit that allows a direct signal between the rider's hands and the horse's mouth." Basically, a snaffle bit is any bit that does not have a shank. A leverage bit is one that has a shank (that piece that extends below the mouthpiece to which the reins are attached). Either type can have a variety of mouthpieces—broken or solid. A considerable number of excellent photographs are provided which illustrate the different types of bits and how they are appropriately fitted to each horse.

The latter chapters are devoted to accessories and training aids, developing a "soft" mouth and "soft" hands, and noticing and troubleshooting problem areas.

In my opinion, this is a must-have book for any equestrian's library. Knowledge truly is power; in this case, it is the power to positively and safely influence your horse's responses and rideability for the duration of your partnership.

Fostering and Adopting Fun



The Conaway family with Miss Priss loaded up and ready to go.

The "Fostering and Adoption Fun" column is dedicated to the foster homes and adoptive homes of BEHS. Have an update on your fostered or adopted equine? Share it here! E-mail your stories to Jodi at jodi@totalaccess.net.

Miss Priss was adopted this January by the Conaway family (see "New Faces" section, Mandi Conaway). Her foster mom, Cat Ballew, spent many hours preparing Miss Priss for her future adoption, teaching the filly excellent ground manners as well as how to load into a trailer. On January 21st, the Conaway family arrived to pick up the newest member of their family. "Miss Priss made me a proud foster mom," Cat recalled, "She stepped right up into that strange new trailer without a fuss."

Congratulations to the Conaway family! Special thanks to Cat Ballew for her dedication in training Miss Priss and thank you to Loretta Pinnell and Randi Smith for participation in coordinating this adoption. Thank you to trainers Dwayne and Nevada for helping pick up Miss Priss. Be sure to keep us updated on her progress!

Got Hay?

The Texas Department of Agriculture is doing all they can to assist livestock owners in the drought-stricken state of Texas. TDA has established the Hay and Grazing Hotline, which will provide a list of available hay supplies both in Texas and out of state. These lists are updated nightly on TDA's website at www.agr.state.tx.us under the "What's New" section. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of the list faxed or mailed to you, please call (877) 429-1998.

How to Capture that Moment... Tips for horse photography by Jodi Luecke

Have you ever admired a photograph of a horse and wondered why your horse pictures never turn out so well? Don't feel discouraged—below are a few helpful hints that will help you take magnificent photographs of your horse, and you'll be proud to show them off to your friends and family.

Groom your horse. If you were sweat soaked and filthy from working in the yard, would you want someone to approach and start taking photographs? Heavens no! And you shouldn't take photos of your horse when they're not looking their best. Prior to your photo shoot, give your horse a good bath or at least a thorough brushing, removing any mud, dirt or other debris from your horse's coat. Untangle and brush the mane and tail, leaving them slick and shiny. Using a wet rag, gently clean around the eyes, nose and mouth of our horse. If your horse will stand still, you can use a set of clippers to clip the "whiskers" around their nose and on the chin and jawline.

What time is it? The best time to take photographs is in the early morning or late afternoon, when the colors are warm and vivid, loaning a slightly richer hue to your photography. These "magic hours" can quickly come and go, so it is best to be ready to photograph when the opportunity arises.

The background is important. Look for a background that is clean, simple and uncluttered. A grassy field or the weathered side of a barn make excellent backgrounds. You can also find a background that is complimentary without being distracting. For example, a field of flowers or a reflecting pond make excellent backdrops, providing a mood or ambiance to your photo.

As you're taking your photos, ensure that your shadow isn't in the picture. Your shadow in the photograph will be a distraction, taking attention away from the subject—your horse.

Find a helper. In order to get those ears up or to keep that head from dropping to graze, drum up some help for your photography shoot. Your assistant can help you position your horse in the most flattering angle. Or, if your horse decides he's had enough before the photo shoot is over, your assistant can help chase him down!

Ears up and stand at attention! You simply can't deny that the most flattering photo of any horse is taken when the ears are up. Some horses seem to keep their ears up most of the time, flicking them in interest, curiosity or anxiety. Other horses may have that been-there, done-that attitude and may require a "distraction" to get their attention. Several suggested distractions include feed buckets, squeaky toys, mirrors or a significant other jumping up and down waving a cowboy hat.



Cute photo, but not a flattering depiction of your horse's best assets.

If you are taking a “posed” photograph, do your best to square up the horse’s feet. This gives a much more balanced and flattering appearance to your horse. Of course, photographs of movement are exceptions.

Focus on your horse’s assets. If your horse is an Arabian, you may want to focus your photographic efforts on the gentle dish of the nose, the delicate jaw line and the soft eye. If your horse is a well-muscled Quarter Horse, you may want to consider an upward shot taken from slightly behind. Consider your horse’s best assets and play them up, using the right angle to do the job.

Try various angles. Have you ever looked at a picture you’ve taken of your horse and sworn that his head wasn’t that large, his back wasn’t that long, and his ears weren’t that short? Try taking pictures of your horse from various angles. Very rarely is a head- on shot flattering, unless your intent is comedic. One possibility is a “three-quarter” shot, which entails the photographer standing at an angle directly out from the point of the front shoulder. Another option is the “profile” shot, taken directly from the side of the horse, or you can show off that hip shooting from the side and slightly behind the horse. Squatting down a little can add height to your subject and will add interest to your photo.

Fill up your frame. Don’t take your photographs from your horse 4-5 feet away. Rather, stand back a short distance from your horse and zoom in with your camera. Be sure that ample space is allowed above and below the subject, so that you don’t cut the feet or the tips of the ears out of the picture. If possible, allow slightly more room in front of the horse than behind the horse. This gives a more balanced and eye-pleasing aspect to the photograph.

Just a little patience... This is perhaps the most important aspect of equine photography. If you believe that you can take a prize-winning photograph in ten minutes, you may get lucky, but you’re most likely fooling yourself. Horses are interesting, multi-faceted animals—it’s only fair to take whatever time is necessary to explore them in the realm of photography.

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

Our topic this month is “donkey color.” As of yet, the genetics of donkey colors have not been nearly so well defined as the horse colors. However, certain agreed-upon classifications exist which are used by the American Donkey and Mule Society for registration purposes. Most donkeys have light points: the muzzle, eye rings, under the belly and inside the legs. Most donkeys also have a dorsal stripe and shoulder cross. Some will even have bars or “zebra marks” on the legs or dark spots called “buttons” under the throatlatch.

The most common donkey colors are **gray-dun**, **brown** (light, medium or dark), **black** (with or without a cross) and **red** (which includes sorrel, russet, red roan and “pink”). The gray-dun is dominant, while the others are recessive.



Opal, a BEHS "ivory" donkey

Spotted donkeys are rapidly gaining in popularity. A donkey can have a spotting pattern on any of the base colors mentioned above except red. Although the spotting genetics of donkeys appears to be related to the "overo" genetics of paint horses, no appaloosa horse spotting equivalent exists in donkeys. Donkeys with blazes or white feet/legs are called "masked spotted". This phrase means that although they carry the spotting gene, it just wasn't fully expressed. If bred, a donkey with a blaze has just as much chance of a fully spotted foal as a fully spotted parent would give.

There are two ways to produce a white donkey. One is called "**ivory**" and has pink skin and blue eyes. It is a theory that this is related to the "cremello" color in horses, but this has not been proven. Notably, no buckskin or palomino donkeys exist. The other white donkey is called "**frosted, spotted white**" or FSW. This is a combination of a

frosty gene that results in roan- appearing donkeys, with the spotted gene. The result is a white donkey with dark eyes and it will usually appear to have "eyeliner" around the eyes. Small, residual dark spots may be noticed on the ears or withers.

One thing that is very common in donkeys is that the foal coat color may not be anywhere close to the true adult color. It is especially true that foals will tend to look more red than in their final adult color.

The Horses of BEHS

Newest Equines

Braveheart - A 2001 13.2 to 13.3hh sorrel Mustang/Paint/Quarter Horse gelding. He was donated by his owner due to training and pasturing constraints. His owner wanted BEHS to take him in to ensure that Braveheart would eventually go to the right home and be safe from any harm. Braveheart is a cute little guy, and with the right training will eventually be a wonderful mount. Located in Azle, Tx.

Dottie - A 1999 12.2hh chestnut Chincoteague Pony mare. Dottie was donated to BEHS by her owner who found it necessary to "trim down" her herd. Dottie loves to be in your pocket and enjoys having a halter on with the possibility of something to do. She has been trail ridden in situations that she can follow other horses, but does not know what to do on her own. She was on exhibit at the State Fair of Texas "Spirit of the Horse" in 2004 and loved all the attention, even appearing to pose for photos with the children and people in wheelchairs. Located in Rockwall, Tx.

Peddler's Belle - A 1987 15.2 black Tennessee Walker mare. Registered with the TWHBEA as both a Racker and a Walker, Peddler was donated to BEHS when her owner found it necessary to reduce her herd. Peddler was a show horse in her younger days, and then became a brood mare due to her excellent bloodlines. Peddler is ready to go out on the trails and could possibly still be shown. Located in Rockwall, Tx.

Albert - A 17hh grey registered Quarter Horse Appendix gelding. Located in Taft Tx.

Eddie - A 16hh bay sporting black markings. Eddie is registered Quarter Horse Appendix. Located in Taft, Tx.

Nickers - A 20+ year old dark bay Thoroughbred gelding, Nickers was seized by law enforcement due to starvation and placed in BEHS care, then was awarded to BEHS on 1/23/06. Nickers is extremely gentle, and is vocal as well as loving. He was named Nickers because he will greet you and "talk" every time he sees you. Nickers is well broke to ride western, although he will bluff when being saddled, pinning his ears. This behavior could be due to the fact that he was ridden when extremely malnourished and is still frightened the saddle will hurt him. Nickers can be handled by a beginner both on the ground and under saddle. He is a very smooth and comfortable seat. Located in Redfield AR.

Sweet Pea - A 2001 14.2 sorrel/white Paint mare, Sweet Pea is registered and BEHS is currently waiting the arrival of her papers. She was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure due to the fact that she was extremely malnourished. Sweet Pea has a loving personality and enjoys attention. Located in Rison, Ar.

Hope - A 1990 14.0hh sorrel grade mare, Hope was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure. She is very malnourished, and is approximately one month away from delivering a foal. Hope is affectionate and enjoys attention. At this time Hope is easy to handle, which could change once she has gained some weight and is feeling healthy. Hope is blind in her left eye and has major lameness issues in her right hind leg. X-rays and tests will be conducted to find the cause and determine a treatment, if possible. Located in Rison, Ar.

Ebony - A 1996 Black Tennessee Walker mare, Ebony was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure. She is a beautiful girl but very afraid of humans at the present time. Nothing is known of her history, but her veterinarian aged her at approximately nine years old. Ebony is extremely difficult to catch and once caught, exhibits fear in handling. BEHS is hopeful this behavior will change once Ebony realizes she is now safe. Located in Rison, Ar.

Tiffany - A 1994 Sorrel Paso Fino mare, Tiffany was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure. She is a beautiful girl but is very distrustful of humans at the present time. Nothing is known of her history, but she is estimated to be 9 years old. Once Tiffany caught, she will mind her handler. She is a bit pushy on the ground and will need an intermediate handler. Her previous owner stated that Tiffany is broke to ride and we will evaluate her in this element once she becomes more physically stable. Located in Rison, Ar.

Maggie - This striking 2002 Bay Paso Fino mare was surrendered to BEHS in lieu of seizure. Maggie is distrustful of humans at the present time, but has good ground manners. Nothing is known of her history, but she is estimated to be only 3-4 years old. Located in Rison, Ar.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

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

Congrats to Miss Priss

This spirited Arabian filly came into BEHS in July 2005 after being seized by law enforcement and she was later awarded to BEHS. The perfect little lady, Miss Priss has found her forever home, going home with the Conaway family in late January. Congratulations to both Miss Priss and the Conaways, and we wish you all a lifetime of love and fun.



Upcoming Events

Annual Members Meeting

Due to winter weather advisories, the annual members meeting previously scheduled for February 18th has been cancelled and will soon be rescheduled. Once determined, the new date will be posted to the e-mail lists. If you do not have internet access to the meeting information, please call (888) 542-5163.

March 1-31, 2006 ~ Virtual Horse Show

Our first Virtual Horse Show was such a success that we've decided to conduct a second virtual show to be held in March 2006.

Virtual shows have many advantages—you don't have to get up early, clip your horses or stand in long lines to use port-a-johns or register for classes. Instead, simply submit photos of your horses, sit back, and watch the show on-line!

<http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/virtualshow/>

Entries accepted: March 1 through March 15, 2006

Judging: March 16 through March 31, 2006

Winners announced: April 5 through April 10, 2006

Entry fee: \$5/photo/class or unlimited entries for one horse for \$50. You may sign up for an unlimited number of entries for an unlimited number of horses for \$100.

Prizes: Rosettes awarded to 1st place. Flat ribbons awarded 2nd - 6th place. The high point horse will win a High Point Award (TBA).

Entries must be e-mailed to jenn@bluebonnetequine.org. Please send one photo per e-mail. Include the horse's name, sex, breed and age as well as the owner's name. The person entering the photo must own the horse or must include permission from the horse's owner. For horses in the rescue class, please include the name of the rescue the horse was adopted from or is for whom the horse is being fostered. You may also include the rescue's URL.

Proceeds from this show will be used to benefit the horses, mules and donkeys of BEHS. You can learn more about BEHS and our animals at www.bluebonnetequine.org.

March 4, 2006 ~ Foster Horse Training Clinic, Navasota, TX

Foster homes wishing to have their horses evaluated for riding or who just need help with a training issue are invited to bring their fosters to this clinic where they will receive professional training help and advice from trainer Glenn Bird. Others who wish to attend the clinic or to visit with other members, please feel welcome. Donations are welcome to assist in covering the cost of Glenn's training fee, and lunch will be provided. Please contact Jodi at jodi@totalaccess.net for more information, or call (888) 542-5163.

March 11, 2006 ~ Benefit Trail Ride, Cypress Lakes, TX (rain date March 18th)

BEHS member Carrie Isaacks has volunteered to coordinate a fundraising trail ride in March. The ride will be held in a beautiful location during one of the most favorable months on the Texas calendar. Trail riders do not have to be BEHS members. Please invite your friends and family. A firm commitment is required by March 3rd, and this is limited to only 20 riders. If you'd like to join in the fun, please contact Regina Anderson at rlanderson@austin.rr.com, and detailed information regarding the meeting point/location will be provided.

Time: 9:00 am

Cost: Donation of \$10.00 (or more) per rider to BEHS.

April 23, 2006 ~ Open Horse Show ~ Boyd, TX

Contact Wendy Taylor at cowgirlwendy@gmail.com or call (888) 542-5163 for more information.

January Financials

January 2006

Income:	\$	2,827.19
Expenses:	\$	1,247.14
Net Income:	\$	<u>1,580.05</u>
Account Balance:	\$	14,503.64

To view a detailed financial report, please go to our website at

www.bluebonnetequine.org

As our account balance is increasing, the directors are setting aside \$5,000 in a savings account. We are currently investigating starting an endowment fund to plan for the future of the organization. We will also be setting aside \$800/month into the savings account in order to pay for insurance which is due in July.

BEHS has begun reimbursing fuel for those doing inspections and investigations the Texas charity rate of 14 cents/mile, and we will soon begin reimbursing fuel for trailering, also at 14 cents/mile. Once we are able to safely accommodate those reimbursements on a long-term basis, we may increase the rate at which we reimburse. Other reimbursements will be introduced over time as more successful fundraisers occur.

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.

Ways to Help BEHS

There are many ways to help BEHS – remember your contributions and participation in these great 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.

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.

Raise Funds for BEHS While Enjoying Free Pizza

Everyone loves pizza, and here's a new meaning to the pizza-term, "combo."

BEHS is pleased to partner with Domino's pizza in a fun and tasty fundraising effort. For only \$10, you can purchase a card to present at participating Dominos who will give you one medium pizza when you buy one large pizza. Better yet, this 2 for 1 offer is good for up to 20 separate times over the next 12 months. Not sure you want to eat that much pizza yourself? You can still help! You can pay a \$3 deposit per pizza card and then re-sell them to your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. Once you collect payment, send the remaining \$7 per pizza card on to BEHS.

Please contact Ari Pettigrew to order cards or to receive information on how to sell cards to your friends and family to help BEHS raise needed funds. treasurer@bluebonnetequine.org or (888) 542-5163.

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 name on each item.

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 as mailing an empty box would be cost prohibitive, please feel free to recycle a box of 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 those, please let her know and she will mail you it to you.

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

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.

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.

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.

Trailing Committee Chairperson - Responsible for managing the Trailing Committee and committee volunteers. Responsible for maintaining the BEHS Trailing Volunteer Application paperwork, approving trailing volunteers, and assigning trailing needs.

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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