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Humane Society

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Featured Horse –



Jake is a beautiful, 11 year old, unregistered Quarter Horse gelding. He was donated to Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society when his owner could no longer keep him.

Jake will make an attractive addition to any pasture. Due to an injury caused by a run-in with a barbed wire fence in 2004, Jake is available as a companion only.

He's a sweet boy, although he's a little tense around new people. He's looking for an adopter who will take time to get to know him – and give him a loving, wonderful home!

As a bonus, Jake can be seen on RFD-TV's Horse Sense in August!

President's Letter

Hello everyone!

When I look at the website and read our email lists, it is hard to believe that Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is only about four months old. We've come so far so fast – everyone in the rescue should be proud of the work we're doing!

In June, we were awarded our first horse in a neglect case. He was seized by law enforcement, and the judge who heard his case removed him from his owners. She investigated several rescue organizations and asked BEHS member Dottie Clower to submit information on our group. The deputy on the case also called the American Quarter Horse Association and they recommended he call us. The judge was impressed and awarded "Wildfire" to BEHS.

Just a few weeks later, Jodi Luecke, Denise Crosthwait, and Laura Senseman were in Somerville, Texas performing BEHS' first seizure. The deputy on the case called BEHS after discovering two ponies and four horses who were without water. The deputy

attempted to locate the owner and began monitoring the situation – but several days later the horses were still without water. This can be deadly in the Texas heat! Our excellent members jumped in and picked up the horses. Jodi Luecke then prepared a case notebook and went to court. In court, the judge declared that lack of water was sufficient to prove neglect, and he awarded all six animals to BEHS. The county will also be pressing criminal neglect charges against the owner.

I've also been busy – I was able to go to Texas for a BEHS party at Regina Anderson's, a BEHS get together in Dallas, and to film a show on Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society for Horse Sense on RFD-TV.

I hope all of you are having a wonderful summer – and I hope to see you at a BEHS event soon.

Jennifer Williams, Ph.D.
President

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

Kelli, Brent, and Blaine
Buck

Dan and Kim Cimino

Nancy Coyle

Lane Hatcher

Jim and Susan
Munkittrick

Renee Ravenna

Leana Westergaard

Thank You to Our Lifetime Member

Cat Ballew

Become a Bluebonnet Supporter

The equines of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society need your support!

Contribute to the rescue at

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

Our 501(c)(3) status is pending and donations may not be tax-deductible at this time.

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Premieres on RFD-TV



On July 9, 2005, several Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society members and their foster horses gathered in Burleson, Texas to work with Horse Sense producer LZ to film a 25 minute documentary on the rescue. Horse Sense airs on RFD-TV and features only a few equine charities each year – for 2005, Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society is one of their featured charities!

The show features segments on rescue in general, foster homes, rehabilitation, and adoption. The show also gives information on reporting and investigating abuse and neglect and how interested viewers can get involved.

We're excited at the exposure this show will provide Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society – watch RFD-TV on August 16 to see BEHS!

Donation Jars for BEHS

Are you looking for another way to help the horses of BEHS? Talk to your local feed stores, tack stores, and veterinary offices and ask if you can put out a donation jar. We've seen donation jars for rescues at grocery stores, gift shops, and even at Dairy Queen! Lets get our 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.

BEHS NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to get more involved in BEHS? We still have several volunteer positions available – join us in making a difference in the lives of horses and other equines around

the world! 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.

Resource Development Committee Chairperson – Responsible for managing the Resource Development Committee and volunteers. The committee will seek to develop relationships with corporations in order to secure donations of hay, grain, and other resources.

Equine Ad Coordinator – Responsible for placing and maintaining ads for the equines available for adoption on internet sites. The Equine Ad Coordinator will also solicit free and discounted advertising in magazines and newspapers. The Equine Ad Coordinator will work with the Vice President – Equine Coordinator.

RAISE \$\$ FOR BEHS WHILE YOU SHOP

Do you like to shop at Country Supply? Do you like to shop for horse tack and supplies on-line? Well, you can shop at County Supply at <http://www.countrysupply.com/> and earn money for BEHS! When you check out, enter the Country Cares Program code “behs”, and we’ll receive a portion of what you spend.

Upcoming Events

Favoring Winds Ranch Benefit

On Saturday, August 6 (weather permitting), the **Favoring Winds Ranch** will host a **BEHS** fundraiser. Door prizes donated by several generous local merchants will be awarded. Better Birds of Texas will be there and will give one lucky person a bird and complete bird kit. They will also have birds for sale. We will give 1000 pounds of Purina Select Horse Feed to lucky attendees-- courtesy of Steinhauser's of Alvin and Purina Mills.

Listed below are some of the activities available for guests:

Petting Zoo (free)	Pony rides	Concession Stand
Bake Sale	Pictures	Live and Silent Auction
BEHS Info Booth	Live Band	
Games - Fish, Ring Toss, Pop a balloon for a Prize		

The fun starts at Noon and lasts until 6 pm.

For more information: Favoring Winds Ranch, 6707 CR 511, Rosharon, TX 77583
832-244-3471

Golfing Fore Pets to Benefit BEHS

Do you like to golf or know people who do? Then come out to the 2nd Annual Golfing Fore Pets Tournament and help BEHS! The tournament takes place September 27, 2005 in Austin, Texas with a 9:00 am shotgun start. The cost is \$100 per golfer with 4 golfers per team (Golfing Fore Pets can put together a team for you if you wish!). Sponsorship packages start at \$100 for a hole sponsor and go up to \$2,500 for underwriting.

For more information, contact Golfing Fore Pets at 512-263-2900.

Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society Out and About



Regina Anderson's 4th of July Party, Kyle, Texas – July 3, 2005

Regina Anderson welcomed all BEHS members to her home on July 3 for a great celebration and party. About 30 BEHS members attended – and we even had three BEHS horses show up! Jennifer Williams test-rode BEHS horse Moose, and everyone had the opportunity to meet one of our newest seized horses, Pandora, and her foal. Everyone had a great time – watch for future get-togethers!



Dallas/Ft. Worth Area Members Dinner, Burleson, Texas – July 8, 2005

Several BEHS members met in Burleson, Texas for a great dinner at On the Border. Not only did everyone get tons of time to chat – Tina Shalmy brought BEHS T-shirts, caps, and koozies – and sold out! Everyone seemed to have a great time, and we had the chance to meet some of our wonderful new members.

Raise Funds for BEHS While Enjoying Free Pizza

BEHS is pleased to partner with Domino's pizza in a fun and tasty fundraising effort. For \$10, you can purchase a card to use at participating Dominos' that will give you 1 medium pizza when you buy 1 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 get information on how to sell cards to your friends and family to help BEHS raise much needed funds. treasurer@bluebonnetequine.org or (888) 542 5163.

Fundraisers Needed!

Regina Anderson needs you! She's in charge of the Fundraising Committee, and she needs your ideas, talent, and time to put into some great fundraisers to help bring in the funds for BEHS. More funds generated = more horses helped. Please send Regina an email to rlanderson@austin.rr.com to learn how to join the Fundraising Committee.

The Horses of BEHS

Newest Equines

Crimson is a 21 year old, Thoroughbred cross gelding. Crimson came to BEHS from another rescue. He had been donated to that rescue after his donor purchased him from a horse trader as a riding horse. After she brought Crimson home, it was clear he was not sound. She hoped the rescue could find him a home as a pet. Crimson is a sweet horse who would make a pretty pet. He has Degenerative Suspensory Ligament Desmitis (DSLSD) in both hind legs – DSLSD leaves him unridable.

Magic is a cute, 18 year old, bay Thoroughbred gelding. Magic was donated to BEHS when his owner could no longer keep him. Prior to being donated, Magic was hurt on his back, left leg. Because of this, he is often lame and occasionally requires bute. He may be available as a lead-line horse for small children. Magic is a sweet horse who enjoys attention.

Jasper is a cute, 10 year old, chocolate palomino gelding. Jasper was seized by law enforcement officers after going for days without water, and he was awarded to BEHS by the courts. Jasper is blind in both eyes. His foster home set up a paddock with good fences, and Jasper walks and trots around his paddock with confidence. He'll be looking for an adopter who is able to provide safe fencing and calm handling. Although he was timid at first, as he gains confidence in his handler, Jasper is becoming a sweet pony.

Pandora is a pretty, 9 year old, Arabian mare. She was seized by law enforcement officers after going for days without water and then awarded to BEHS in court. Pandora was very underweight when she came to BEHS, but she's gaining weight thanks to her foster home. She's a sweet mare, and she will make someone a wonderful foster horse.

Equines Available for Adoption

Jake is an 11 year old, chestnut, unregistered Quarter Horse gelding. He was donated to BEHS when his owner could no longer keep him. Jake suffered an injury due to a barbed-wire fence, and he is available as a companion (non-riding) horse only. Jake is a

little leery of new people, but he's a sweet horse once he gets to know you. He'll be a beautiful addition to someone's pasture! *Adoption fee: \$100*

Moonshine is a grade Appaloosa gelding. He's between 15 and 20 years old. Moonshine was donated to BEHS by his previous owners when they could no longer keep him. They had rescued him out of a bad situation and rehabilitated him. He is a quiet horse who has wonderful ground manners. Moonshine is broke to ride but he is very rusty. He could use a short refresher course and then may be a nice horse for a child with riding experience or a small adult. *Adoption fee: \$400*

Eclipse is a stunning 12 year old, registered Quarter Horse gelding. He was donated after he bucked and bolted with his owner. Eclipse is broke to ride, but his donor feels he is unpredictable. He has been ridden in BEHS and appears very well-trained, but his adoption fee is in review as he undergoes more evaluation.

Moose is a stunning, 8 year old, registered Arabian gelding. He was donated to BEHS when his owner could no longer keep him. Moose has been ridden in BEHS and is a calm, laid-back horse who is easy to work with. He knows how to give to the bit, turn, and stop, but he's uncertain about moving forward. He's currently in a training home where he'll be ridden frequently. Moose has the potential to become a nice show horse in a variety of disciplines. *Adoption fee: \$1,000.*

Fancy is a pretty, gray, 27 year old, $\frac{3}{4}$ Arabian mare. She was donated when her owner could no longer keep her. Fancy is broke to ride and is a great riding horse. Due to her age, she's available only for light to moderate riding. ***Fancy has an adoption pending!***

Rainbow Bridge

The most difficult part of rescue is realizing when it is time to help the horses Cross the Rainbow Bridge – and sometimes, it is the kindest thing we can do. Our sympathy goes out to everyone who fostered, cared for, and loved these horses. We appreciate everything you do to make their lives better.

Dandy was donated to BEHS in May 2005. He was a pretty, bay grade gelding. Very little was known of his history when he came into the rescue, but he was suffering from severe founder. Unfortunately, Dandy's foster home came home from work about two months after he had entered the rescue to find him suffering from severe colic. His veterinarian agreed that nothing more could be done for Dandy and his foster mom made the tough decision to let him go.

Paloma was donated to BEHS in May 2005. She was a pretty, black, Paso Fino mare. She had been lame in her foster home for several months – her owner decided to donate Paloma after she could not make her comfortable. Paloma's foster home worked with a veterinarian who had been unable to diagnose exactly what was causing Paloma's pain. In June, Paloma went into kidney failure, and although she was hospitalized, she continued to decline. Her foster home made the tough decision to help her go and spare her any further pain.

Petey came to BEHS just a few days before he left us. While waiting to testify in a neglect case, Joanne Terry received a call from a sheriff's deputy. He had found a starving horse, and he wanted Joanne to hold the horse while he attempted to locate the horse's owner. When Joanne picked Petey up, she was amazed that he was still on his feet – he was a

1.0 in Body Condition Score, and he was weak. His owner was located a few days later and decided to surrender Petey to BEHS. Unfortunately, Petey was already suffering from long-term neglect, and he had chronic liver failure. Joanne wrote this about Petey:

Petey was himself until the very end. When I went up at 1 p.m. to check on him and he would not even touch any food, I knew it was time to take him to the vet. At that point I had tried everything I could to help him.

He loaded pretty easily into the trailer. The guys working on the inside of the barn came out to watch and see if they could help. As Petey walked into the trailer, they took off their baseball caps and held them over their chests, as a sign of respect for this gallant old man who touched so many hearts in such a short time.

The vet clinic was very busy this afternoon. Dr. Goodman and I decided blood work was the first order of business so that we would have some idea of what we were dealing with. Petey and I waited in front of a big fan, and he dozed for a bit. A pretty mare was in a stock, having a leg wound doctored. She was in foal, so could not be sedated, and was acting up. Petey walked up and stood by her, and she nuzzled him and stood quietly until the bandage was in place.

But the concrete floor was hard, and we both longed to be outside in the fresh air. Petey and I both turned our heads and spotted a nice green patch of grass just outside the door. He busied himself immediately, tearing a mouthful, then another, and chewing happily away, never noticing the grass would come out in a wad when he grabbed another mouthful.

Dr. Goodman came out to tell me the bad news about Petey's lab results, and Petey worked on the grass, seemingly unconcerned, as I cried and watched him graze so peacefully. So many people came to talk with me, and to pet Petey. They heard his story, and shared their feelings of anger. For me, the anger was over, washed away by the knowledge that I would soon have to say goodbye.

When it was time, we led him out to a larger patch of even greener grass. Petey's ears perked up, and we let him graze a few more minutes, while I hugged him and told him how much we loved him.

He passed quickly, with a mouthful of grass, but will be forever remembered. Across the rainbow bridge, there is plenty of green grass, and he is running, young and healthy forever.

Foster Homes Needed

Within days of opening our doors to horses, it quickly became obvious that BEHS is greatly needed in the horse community. We've got a waiting list of horses needing to come into the rescue – but we don't have enough foster homes! We need kind people to open their hearts and homes to the horses of BEHS.

Currently, BEHS is unable to pay veterinary bills. However, once a foster horse is adopted out, BEHS will use his/her adoption fee to reimburse any pre-approved veterinary bills and after BEHS has several fundraisers, we'll be able to begin reimbursing veterinary bills.

If you are interested in learning more about fostering and taking an active roll in helping the needy horses, please contact Loretta at lacy@bluebonnetequine.org

Getting to Know Each Other

This section will feature a bio on a different member of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society each month.

Vice President – Equine Coordinator Loretta “Lacy” Pinnell loved horses from the day she was born. Growing up, she spent time on her grandmother’s farm and she learned to ride before she could walk. She then went on to spend her teen years helping her aunt saddle train horses. Lacy tells us that you could always find her in the pasture with the horses – often just sitting and talking to them.

Although Lacy spent her early years riding and training, she did not have a horse of her own until she was 40! Since then, Lacy has been making up for lost time and her ranch now houses four miniature horses and three full-sized horses – all but one were adopted from rescue organizations.

Lacy's life-long dream is to run a ranch where inner-city children and underprivileged kids can come to learn about horses. She's able to make that dream come true with the horses she's adopted. Favoring Winds Ranch has hosted several groups of children - and they plan to host countless more!

Lacy lives with her husband Ralph at their Favoring Winds Ranch. In addition to their three horses and four miniatures, Favoring Winds Ranch is a home to Lacy and Ralph’s dogs and cats.

Recycle and Help BEHS

BEHS is pleased to announce that we have signed up with both Rethink, Ink and GreenFund Network to recycle ink & toner cartridges and cell phones. Not only are we helping the environment but we get 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. They prefer to receive many items shipped at one time. She will be happy to send you a mailing label but it will be cost prohibitive to mail you an empty box, so feel free to recycle one of your own. If you're in the Austin area, Ari will be happy to meet up with you and pass along a box.

She also has GreenFund Network pre-paid shipping envelopes, so if you need one of them, please let her know and she'll mail it to you.

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

June Financials

As of July 8, 05

ASSETS

Current Assets

Compass Bank Checking 6,372.08

Total Checking/Savings 6,372.08

Total Current Assets \$6,372.08

TOTAL ASSETS \$6,372.08

Income:	971.82
Expenses:	360.00
Net Income:	611.82

You can see a detailed report on our website at www.bluebonnetequine.org.

While it appears we have plenty of cash on hand right now, we'll soon be spending most of that money on insurance for the rescue. Insurance is important for our fundraisers and when we do booths at events.

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