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Featured Equines



**Sage
&
Thyme**



These two are reportedly trained to pull and any mule lover would be proud to have this handsome matching team of bays pulling the wagon at the next trail ride. Sage, a '93 molly mule and Thyme, a '95 gelded john are available for adoption. 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 spring!

Spring is my favorite time of year in Texas. The bluebonnets are beginning to bloom - in fact, Spencer and I saw our first bluebonnets on our way home from Joanne's clinic on Sunday - and Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society celebrates our birthday. I cannot believe we are a year old! In some ways, it seems like our first year has just flown by. We've taken in 79 horses and placed several in adoptive homes. We've investigated many neglect cases, and we've helped horse owners learn to take better care of their horses. We've crammed so much into just one year that in many ways it feels like I have always been a part of BEHS.

Thank you to each one of you - you made 2005 a very special year. There are so many horses who would not be safe and cared for if it weren't for your help and support. I know 2006 will be even better - and we will do it together.

Happy Birthday, BEHS!

Jennifer Williams, PhD
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

3M Paints and Quarters	Eden Alaniz	Megan Cardet	Rhonda Cole
Elizabeth Cox	Stephen Cox	Sharon Darley	Robert Judd, DVM
Summer Matlewsky	Teresa Miiler, DVM	Sheila Nelson	Jill Nugent
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Albert Warren			

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 Face, Joyce Pruett

Joyce Pruett was born and raised in Texas, and she now resides in Joshua with her husband Don. Both Joyce and Don have worked numerous years for the United States Post Office as do other members of their family.

A first-rate mom and grandma, Joyce is pleased that she has successfully raised her children and grandchildren to be polite, productive, thoughtful and caring individuals who will make the world a better place. "This makes my heart swell bigger than any certificate or award could," she declares.

Always having a passion for horses, Joyce was finally able to have her own once she was married and owned her own home and property. She soon realized that her time and energy would have to be utilized in raising her two daughters, Krista and Myca, and she made the difficult decision to find new homes for her horses. However, she held onto her lifelong dream of owning a horse, and passed this passion down to her daughters, who are also horse crazy—just like their mom. Now that the girls are raised, Joyce is once again ready to become a horse owner. "I've been looking into the sport of Endurance riding," she says. A bonafide Texas woman, she adds, "I've also heard about a sport that combines sharpshooting and horseback riding and that sounds like a lot of fun."

Joyce was never able to pass by an animal in need without trying to help in some way. She's done just about anything to help an animal—from stopping traffic to help a dog in the street—to helping turtles cross the road. With such a passion for animals, it was only a matter of time before Joyce became involved in animal rescue, and she eventually found Bluebonnet. Searching online for animal rescue sites, she came across BEHS and determined that she was going to adopt a horse that captured her heart of foster a horse that needed a temporary home to recuperate and heal.

Joyce believes that volunteering your time and efforts to help others—whether human or animal—who are less fortunate than yourself is the greatest gift you can give. “It is our duty to be proper stewards of our planet and the creatures that inhabit it,” she says, “We should encourage others to be more compassionate towards those who cannot voice their pain and sorrow in human language.” Joyce sums up her philosophy with the following lines from a poem based on Dr. Loren Eiseley’s short story, “The Star Thrower”.

*As I walked along the seashore, this young boy greeted me.
He was tossing stranded starfish back to the deep blue sea.
I said, “Tell me why you bother, why you waste your time this way.
There’s a million stranded starfish, does it matter anyway?
And he said, “It matters to this one. It deserved a chance to grow.
It matters to this one, I can’t save them all I know.
But it matters to this one, I’ll return it to the sea.
It matters to this one and it matters to me.”*

Not-So-New Face, Denise Crosthwait

Denise Crosthwait is a true native Texan, born in Portland, Texas and now living in the small town of Caldwell. She has loved horses for as long as she can remember, and at the age of 13, Denise somehow managed to talk her parents into her first horse—a young grade mare that would be her friend and companion for almost 15 years.



Denise and her husband Bobby are proud of their two kids, Melissa (22) and Jason (25)—and rightfully so. Melissa works at Texas A&M University Large Animal ICU as a registered Vet Tech, while Jason works at the Pharmacy Shop as a certified Pharmacy Tech. “I’m proud of raising two great children in this day and age,” Denise proudly states, “And I’m proud that they’ve gone on to become professionals in their respective fields.” Due to her youthful appearance and seemingly limitless energy, it may be difficult for anyone to believe that Denise is also a grandmother to four grandchildren.

An accountant at Sanders & West in College Station, Denise is now busy with the annual rush of tax return preparations, but in her spare time she is involved in a variety of horse-related activities—including volunteering for Bluebonnet.

Denise served as a director for Bluebonnet for the first year and continues to contribute in many ways toward the growth of the organization. Whether it’s offering a home for a

previously unhandled stallion or assisting in a last-minute seizure, Denise is always ready to step up to the plate.

In addition to fostering, Denise and her family have several horses of their own as well as several cats and dogs—which are of course, members of the family.

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

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 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

Sorting Clinic at Watterson Ranch

On March 3rd, BEHS member Jodi Luecke participated in a sorting clinic at historic Watterson Ranch, located between Bastrop and Austin. Participants learned the basic rules of the game as well as hands-on practice in skill and strategy. Sorting is an event which is rapidly increasing in popularity among American horse people. Special thanks to Trina Miller for hosting this clinic as well as to BEHS member Pam Archung for promotion.



Benefit Trail Ride, Cypress Lakes

A group of 19 riders saddled up and hit the trails in scenic Cypress Lakes to raise money for BEHS horses. The trailblazers followed roads which wound through forests, near lakes and alongside a river. Cypress Lakes also featured camping areas with the



comforts of cabins, RV hook-ups, pools and tennis courts. Everyone had a wonderful time and several riders even stayed the night and rode the next day. Special thanks to Carrie Isaacks and her friend Robyn O'Quinn for recruiting a great bunch of riders and raising money to help the horses.

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.

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.

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

I was asked a battery of questions prior to my flu shot and although all of my answers were no, I felt terrible for the following 36 hours. Related to horses, is it a possibility when administering a vaccination to an at risk horse (ill, foundered, navicular, etc.), that the vaccination would worsen their condition?

Exactly two "absolute" contra-indications to flu shots exist: an egg allergy and a previous serious allergic reaction to a flu shot. These are the only 2 questions my patients are asked when they come in for their flu shot. Everything else is very "doctor-dependent." Depending on where your doctor trained, who [administratively] makes the rules for his clinic, what he's been reading lately, etc., will make a difference. This is the same situation for vets. My vets, who are very basic country type guys, will give any vaccine if you ask for it. Obviously, other vets will be more "holistic" -- which may be good or bad. Being an independent thinker is never a bad thing, but making medical recommendations on what you "think should be right" or "what makes sense" as opposed to "what has/has not been proven in studies" is something all of us practitioners have to be careful of. And of course there is a large number of situations in which either the studies haven't been done, they haven't been done completely, or questions are raised which need more investigation... The short answer is that there is very rarely a black and white answer to anything in medicine.

So we do need to vaccinate regardless of what is currently happening with the horse? No additional problems should be expected due to vaccinations?

No, I would not vaccinate a horse that has recently foundered or colicked. Navicular is a different matter—it's basically an arthritis—and should not be affected. DSLD would be the same situation—a chronic degenerative disease that won't be affected. However, if your foundered or colicked horse is doing fine a month or two after the affliction, I would have no problem doing the vaccines.

People are similar in that I wouldn't administer vaccinations to a baby with a fever of 103. However, the same baby with 99.5 and a cold will definitely receive their vaccinations. If someone had a heart attack last week, they would not yet receive the flu shot. A month later, that same person—if they are home from the hospital and doing well and are stable—would be a prime candidate for a flu shot. This is because if they catch the flu after having that heart attack they're much more likely to develop a case of pneumonia and die if they're not protected. It's people such as these and horses whose immune systems are weakened from other factors who will have a more difficult time fighting off

an infection and not developing a nasty complication from it. These are the ones who need to be protected the most.

Is there a difference between at risk for disease or currently suffering from an ailment that increases the possibility of vaccinations causing more problems?

Yes there is a difference, but more often than not it is related to the severity of the disease. As in the examples above, if a horse or person is so sick that they're hospitalized for something, the vaccines can wait. However in most cases, you only need to wait until the disease has stabilized.

Truthfully, scientists, doctors and veterinarians have yet to prove that any of the vaccines cause any problems in and of themselves. All the vaccines we use now are "killed" vaccines—they physically cannot cause the disease they're protecting against. Obviously you can have a "reaction" to a vaccine as you did with your flu shot. However, what you should understand is that that vaccination did not "give" you the flu, but rather your body had a hyped-up immune response to the vaccine. This rarely occurs, but when it does the experience is unpleasant. The same idea applies to animals. You cannot "give" them the disease with the vaccine.

I will admit however, that I have begun to stagger my vaccines in any of the horses I have which are in any way compromised. My healthy horses receive them all in one day, but the compromised horses are given two vaccinations and then the rest are administered a few weeks later.

I know that if my cats/dogs had issues, the vet would not give them vaccinations at that time. Are horses different?

No, I don't think so. And again there's always that difference of professional opinion, which makes our job of figuring out the right thing to do for our "kids" that much more difficult. I am extremely concerned about any reluctance to vaccinate for rabies. Rabies is 100% fatal, and I cannot think of a worse way to die, except maybe from tetanus. In fact, if I had to choose one vaccine I would always use, it's rabies. If that county and the surrounding counties have had NO rabies reports in the last 5-10 years, then I might let it slide—maybe. However, I'd want to check that out. (The CDC has that information.)

I am going to stand by my original opinion that everyone must follow the vaccination guidelines established by BEHS. The vaccines may be spaced and do not have to be given all at once. We, as the Officers and BOD, have taken that responsibility upon ourselves, and if a horse has a bad outcome then we will live with it. However, if a horse dies or is otherwise disabled from a disease preventable by a vaccination which was not required, I would have a much more difficult time living with that decision.

Fostering and Adopting Fun

Fostering Clinic and Foster Horse Evaluation, Navasota, TX



This event provided an opportunity for BEHS foster homes to bring their foster horses and have them evaluated by trainer and clinician Glenn Bird. Several fosters also received hands-on help and advice and Glen answered a variety of questions regarding training and technique. Throughout the clinic, Glen emphasized and demonstrated his four main points in training: Consistency, Patience, Repetition and “In the Moment.”

Consistency - You must be consistent when you handle a horse. For example, if you want your horse to pay attention to you when you have him on a leadline, always ask and require that behavior. Do not let him eat grass, wander off and ignore you. Be consistent.

Patience - You must be patient when training. You cannot go into the arena expecting to spend 15 minutes working on leading your horse. You should plan to spend whatever amount of time necessary to achieve your goal for that day. This may be five minutes, or it may be 500 minutes. However, if you become impatient, your horse will not learn.

In the Moment - Horses live “in the moment.” If the horse misbehaves, then you must correct or discipline him. Once you have done so, immediately take the pressure off and back out of his space. Your horse will learn right and wrong—and he’ll always forgive you the discipline.



Repetition - Until the horse learns, you must repeat the lessons. Some horses may understand after three lessons, other horses may require 30 lessons.

BEHS horses Glen worked with included Faeden, Logan, Patriot, Crisco, Geronimo and Topaz—all of which made huge leaps in their various stages of education. Special thanks to Joanne Terry for her hard work in arranging this and her hospitality in providing the use of her facilities. Special thanks also to those who brought their fosters and to those who attended and supported this BEHS function.

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. This month, Sharon submitted a favorite poem which humorously illustrates the traditional—and not quite truthful—beliefs in the power of color.

The Best Colour

-- by Marjorie Lacy

Tradition, they say
Can teach us a lot,
So here is what horsemen
On colour have thought.

A bay is hardy
A chestnut is fast
And you can't kill a buckskin
He'll just last and last.

A grey is gentle,
A sorrel is hot,
A dun is a horse
You'll be happy you bought.

"White eyes" are flighty,
White feet may crack,
While some won't rely on
The feet of a black.

Some pintos are lucky,
Like the Medicine Hats,
But all horsemen agree--
The best colour is FAT.

The Horses of BEHS

NEWEST EQUINES

Lucy – is a Bay Saddlebred Mare that is reportedly broke to pull. She was donated to BEHS after a neglect investigation by her owner. The owner was so happy to see us, she broke down and cried she was so worried about Lucy because she did not have anyway to care for her. Lucy is pretty malnourished right now, but other than that seems to be doing well. She is now located in Berryville, AR

Miracle – was born into BEHS. His mother was Hope that we took in just about a month ago and she was in foal with him at that time. Hope was so very badly malnourished she had a very difficult birth. Hope was so very ill, that her and Miracle had to be separated at birth. Even with all the heroic efforts of the vet, we were only able to hold on to Miracle for a couple of days.

Oreo – a 22 year old Paint mare donated to BEHS in lieu of seizure. She is at this time less than a body score of 1 and is resting and eating quietly in her new foster home. Located in Navasota, TX

Dusty – was donated along with Oreo to BEHS in lieu of seizure. He is an older horse, around 25, very malnourished and was caught up in a herd of younger excitable horses. He is absolutely stunning, with a long tangle mane, long tail and a very unique golden brown color with dark brown points. He is fairly tall and is reportedly a Tennessee Walker. Located in Navasota, TX

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

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

Congratulations to Pandora



A beautiful Arabian mare seized by law enforcement and awarded to BEHS has found her forever home. She will be living in a beautiful location with running creeks and other equines for company. Her adopter, Christine Kloppe, was excited about adopting Pandora and will be riding her in endurance competitions throughout Texas. Christine has been riding for years and it was love at first sight these two. Happy Trails and Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

March 1-31, 2006 ~ Virtual Horse Show

The Virtual Show entry deadline of March 15th has come and gone. Winners will be announced April 5-10th. Rosettes awarded to 1st place. Flat ribbons awarded 2nd - 6th place. The high point horse will win a High Point Award (TBA).

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 .

April 15, 2006 ~ BEHS Get-Together ~ Alvin, TX ~ 3:00 pm - ?

Mix and mingle with other BEHS members and have a great time getting to know everyone. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, please bring a side or dessert. For more information, please contact jenn@bluebonnetequine.org or call (281) 993 5287 to RSVP.

April 23, 2006 ~ Open Horse Show ~ Salt Creek Arena, Boyd, TX

This fun open show will have classes for rescue horses, halter, showmanship, English, western and more. Plenty of classes will be held for green horses and riders. Come out, enjoy the show, and help support the horses of Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society <http://www.bluebonnetequine.org/news/april23show.htm> . For more information, please contact Wendy Taylor at cowgirlwendy@gmail.com or call (888) 542-5163 for more information.

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.

February Financials

February 2006

Income:	\$	765.20
Expenses:	\$	2,620.69
Net Income:	\$	<u>(1,855.49)</u>
Account Balance:	\$	13,135.15

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.

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

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 **Mearl Taylor**, our new Trailing Committee Chairperson. Mearl is responsible for managing the Trailing Committee and committee volunteers. He is also responsible for maintaining the BEHS Trailing Volunteer Application paperwork, approving trailing volunteers and coordinating trailing volunteers/needs. Mearl is doing a terrific job coordinating trailing efforts throughout Texas and Arkansas—and that’s no small job!

Congratulations to **Ralph Pinnell**, our new Resource Development Committee Chairperson. The Resource Committee is responsible for seeking donated goods and services that can help BEHS—everything from donated hay/feed and veterinary services to office supplies and equipment. Ralph has already excelled in this position, enabling BEHS to operate more cost effectively thus enabling us to help more horses. If you are interested in assisting Ralph on this committee, please contact him at rspintxcowboy@wmconnect.com.

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.

Upcoming BEHS Booths

April 8, 2006 - Texas A&M University Open House, College of Veterinary Medicine, College Station, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

April 23, 2006 - BEHS Spring Fling Show, Salt Creek Arena Boyd, TX, 8:00 am - ?

April 28-29, 2006 - Heart of TX Morgan Horse Show, Diamond F Ranch, Seguin, TX 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

May 6-7, 2006 - Equine Expo of TX, Will Rogers Memorial Center, Fort Worth, TX 9am - 5pm

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.

AlliRetG Photography. Portrait, Landscape, Animal, Special Events, Weddings. Now offering prints for sale as a great gift giving idea! Serving the Tarrant/Johnson/Parker County areas! Alliretg@aol.com. Please feel free to contact me and discuss your photographic needs!

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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