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Featured Equine

~ GERONIMO ~

This 2002 gorgeous gelding is ready to get started under your saddle. His flashy markings, excellent confirmation and playful personality combine to make a great prospect package. For more information, please call (888) 542-5163 or go to www.bluebonnetequine.org.



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President's Letter

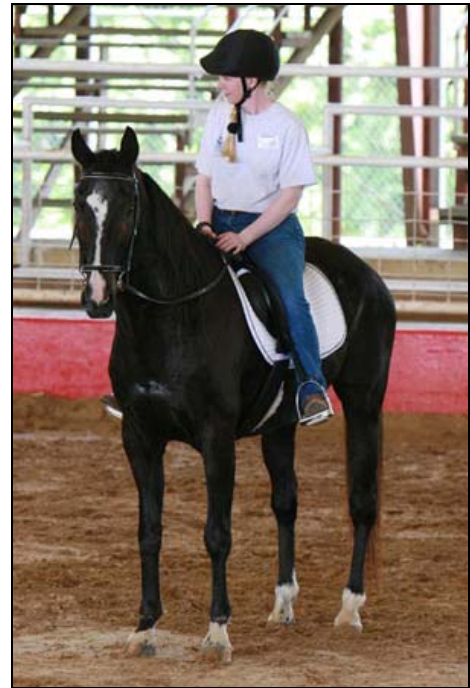
Hello everyone!

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather Texas has been offering - I sure have! Earlier this month, I attended and helped run the Liberty Horse Show, and had a wonderful time chatting with volunteers from the rescue. The exhibitors had a great time, and our judge, Gena Lowry, was very complimentary of the rescue's horses and foster homes. In fact, BEHS' Geronimo, handled and fostered by Julie Bradley, took Reserve Champion Halter Horse. What an accomplishment for both Julie and Geronimo!

Last weekend I had the privilege of attending another training clinic with Glenn Bird. I got to meet some new members and volunteers. Of course, I had a wonderful time watching Glenn work with the BEHS animals and the personal horses who attended. If you have not come to a Glenn Bird clinic before, I urge you to attend one of the future clinics we put on. Glenn is gifted with horses and explains what he does and why very well. I learn something each time I listen to him - and my horses are behaving better for it!

BEHS activities will slow down for the summer since it is just too hot to be outside much. However, this fall we'll jump back in with more clinics and fundraisers. I hope to get to see you all at an event soon!

Jennifer Williams, PhD
President



Jennifer Williams on Tucker

Coverage of the Glenn Bird clinic will be in the June newsletter.

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

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Welcome to Our New Members

Brittany Callahan	Tonya Dubois	Kimberly Erwin	Anita Henry
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Thank You to Our Renewing Members

Courtney Anderson	Regina Anderson	Pam Archung
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Thank You to Our Lifetime Member

Cat Ballew

New Faces & Not-So-New Faces

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

Tifney Wilsford, New Face

This native Texan hasn't strayed far from her roots. Born in San Antonio, she lived in Austin and now resides in Kyle where she works for a company by the name of "Studio Estates", performing pre-site construction. Currently studying small engine repair, Tifney hopes to open her own small engine repair shop someday where she'll keep herself busy when she's not working at her other passion—firefighting.

Currently a member of the Neiderwald Fire Department, Tifney remains alert and on call to assist at all times, whether it be fighting the flames of a raging grass fire or freeing a helpless victim trapped in a wrecked vehicle.

Tifney became involved in Bluebonnet through her friends Regina and Courtney Anderson, who rely on her to help care for the horses and other animals at Windy Hill Farm, where they reside. Tifney will admit to the fact that she's a beginner when it comes to horses. But parallel to the famous John Wayne quote, "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway", Tifney is proud of the fact that she's not afraid to get on a horse and ride.

When asked what she sees in her future, Tifney carefully considers her response and answers in her deliberate manner, "I'm not sure...but I'm hoping that horses and rescue will always be a part of my life." And considering that this girl goes out and grabs life by the horns, you can bet that it's a good possibility.

Courtney Anderson, Not-So-New Face

Courtney Anderson, aka, “Kicker” was born in Austin and now resides at Windy Hill Farm, in Kyle, Texas. When asked what she does for a living, her answer is simple and to the point, “Pre-site construction, putting out fires and cutting people out of cars.” And if she’s not busy enough with her construction job, firefighting and victim/vehicle extrication, Courtney will be starting an EMT basic class in June.

Courtney’s experience with horses started a long time back, considering her relatively young age. She initially joined a dude ranch that offered trail rides on the exact same trail seven times a day. Courtney would save her allowance so she could ride that same trail seven times a day every weekend until the owners finally agreed that she might as well show up a little earlier and help out for some extra cash.

Since then, she’s worked on several dude ranches, been employed at both an Arabian show barn and a Grand Prix Dressage barn, and has been shoeing horses since the age of 14. Her other horse-related accomplishments include placing second in the entire state of Texas for FFA Equine Entrepreneurship during her junior year of high school and shoeing horses with Burney Chapman. She also brags that she showed up Craig Cameron at one of his clinics because, “He couldn’t get my horse to cross a tarp and I did.”

Courtney is a valuable member of Bluebonnet, training foster horses to make them more adoptable.



Tifney (left) and Courtney

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

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



Sharon showing Dallas

Boasting a good turnout with lots of great folks, this Bluebonnet fundraiser was no doubt a success. Bluebonnet supporter Deborah Black with the Lazy W loaded up and brought the youngsters and horses from her barn. High point was awarded to nine-year old Emily, and reserve high point went to a young lady who was only

about 13 years old. This was definitely a winning day for the youngsters!

Special thanks to the Taylor Family for all their hard work in putting this show together and making it a success. This warm, generous family is truly a valuable asset to Bluebonnet.

The Taylor Family also brought a load of horses, including BEHS' Dillon who was shown by a young man and was quite a hit with the crowd. And don't forget Bluebonnet's poster child Dream Girl, who is now a beautiful one year-old filly. As the announcer, Mearl Taylor couldn't help but show his soft side, choking up as he introduced his Dream Girl, told a little of her story, and announced her birthday.



Wendy and Dream Girl



Sharon and Sage

Thank you to Sharon Martin-Holm for bringing her foster horses Dallas and Braveheart, as well as her foster mule, Sage. Dallas and Braveheart behaved well and willingly participated in the classes, making their foster mom proud. Sage was also a good sport and brayed several times, much to the delight of the crowd.

Thank you also to the Patrick Family for bringing Pedler's Belle and for their valuable participation in helping the show run smoothly.

Many thanks to Jake Burwell and Sharon, his mother-in-law, as well as Bill, his father-in-law for their assistance and expertise in ensuring that the show was run professionally and efficiently.

Thank you again to Shirley Barnett and her son Cody—a great team. Shirley judged the show and Cody acted as Ring Steward. These two drove all the way down from Oklahoma to help with this show and offered to do it again.

Photographer *Janey Stody offered quality photographs of the day for extremely reasonable prices.

**Janey Stody, "Shutters On Site" Sports-Action-Equine Photography 817/220-0863 Springtown*

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

Despite a wet, thunderous start to the morning, approximately 50 golfers braved the elements to take part in the 3rd Annual Golfing Fore Pets Tournament on May 6, 2006. The course dried out sufficiently to ensure some good play by the 1:30 pm start but the last team did have to be called in early due to more thunderstorms rolling through the Austin area in the late afternoon and early evening. Lightning and golf courses definitely do not mix, so the tournament organizers deferred to the golf pro's judgment and allowed the tournament to end early.

BEHS members, Ari Pettigrew and Kelly Jones, were on hand to help spread the word about BEHS and to volunteer for the tournament. Kelly seemed to be a pro when it came to persuading golfers to buy mulligans (that's basically a "do over" for those of you who don't golf—wouldn't it be nice to have them in the show jumping arena?!), throws (for those golfers that decided a baseball pitch might get them closer to the green) and string (for those that needed a little help with their putting).

However, the golfers all seemed to enjoy the tournament and stayed around long after bidding on silent auction items and eat dinner. The top selling item was a small bronze statue of a nude that Ari Pettigrew had donated—apparently it's now gracing a law office.

While GFP is still waiting for the final accounting to be done, it looks as if approximately \$4000 was netted to be split between the three beneficiary agencies: BEHS, Heart of Texas Labrador Rescue, and Town Lake Animal Center. GFP is about to start planning the 2007 tournament and if you're interested in helping out, please contact Ari Pettigrew at apettigrew@austin.rr.com .

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



Loretta and Brown Sugar



Julie and Sundancer



Kelly and Lucy

Plenty of dedicated BEHS members attended this event and everyone had a great time. Many of our foster homes brought their horses to show off—some from as far as Arkansas—and several people made their showing debut.

The rescue halter class had plenty of entries and our very own Geronimo won the class, going on to take Reserve Champion Halter Horse, for which he competed against several non-rescue horses. Congratulations to Geronimo and to his foster home and handler, Julie Bradley.

The show ran smoothly and Bluebonnet made a positive impression on the attendees, several of whom had such a great time that they promised to come to the next Bluebonnet show.

Funds were raised through not only the show itself, but also through the silent auction, concession stand and information booth.

Thank you to Jennifer and Spencer Williams, Alex and Christopher Scott, Laura Kaptain, Taylor Lehr, Julie Bradley, Loretta Pinnell, Mandi, Bob, Robby and Dillon Conaway, Kenna and Kami Graves, Tina Shalmy, Denise Crosthwait, Pam Archung, Enes Balandran, Laura Senseman, Tricia and Michael Gilbreth, Kelly Bolinger, Courtney Anderson, Tifney Wilsford, Kathy Fraser and Jodi Luecke.

Special thanks to Marianne Skarpa for her enormous efforts in making this happen and to Steven Skarpa of Skarpa Insurance Agency for sponsoring our show.



Marianne and Dusty



Mandi and Sierra



Tina and Maggie

Show Biz

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

Jodi Luecke
Secretary

Western Attire and Tack

In our last article (April 2006), we covered the various types of English/Hunter classes, and now it's time to wriggle out of those tight little jodhpurs and toss aside the velvet helmet. Parder, grab yer Stetson 'n saddle up yer hoss. This month, we're going to cover the basics of show ring "Western Attire and Tack".

Now, there's a little more to showing in western classes than riding a saddle with an emergency grip—I mean a saddle horn—and making sure your cowboy hat isn't on backward. (By the way, *never* wear your cowboy hat backward. Although doing so may provide more protection for your face, people will laugh at you—trust me on this.)

Western Attire

Rules require that riders should wear pants. Although it would be interesting to see the exhibitors ride in their underwear, this rule specifies that any attire other than slacks, jeans, etc. is illegal. Unfortunately for those of us in hot and humid states, shorts are usually not acceptable either.

Your shirt should be long sleeved with a collar. Although show rules are typically adamant in requiring pants, some shows will permit you to wear a short-sleeved shirt, especially in extremely hot weather.

A western hat is required, and the fact that your ball cap sports "2004 Budweiser Bull Blowout" does not mean that it would be considered western. The hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena. Cowboy boots (or boots with a heel) are also required. Spurs and chaps are optional, but again—these must be worn with pants.

Western Tack

In all western classes, you must use a western stock-type saddle with a saddle horn. This can be a saddle specifically made for roping, cutting, pleasure, trail or any other type of western riding.

A western headstall should be used, and you can use either a western snaffle bit or a shanked bit, depending on the age of your horse or the rules of the individual shows and associations. Typically, a snaffle bit is used with a younger horse, while a shanked bit is used on an older horse with more training. If you are using a shank bit, you'll need to ensure that both your bit and your curb strap meet the requirements of the show rules. For example, AQHA requires that a curb strap be flat and at least one-half inch wide.



Tacked up "all the way" western style

Tack that is not permitted in the western show arena includes martingales, draw reins, tie-downs, wire or mechanical hackamores and cantle mounted drink holders. (Several of these items are permitted in the speed events, which will be covered in a future article.)

Optional equipment for a western class includes ropes or riatas and hobbles. Of course, the rope and hobbles would be tied to the saddle during the class—not used on the horse. A reining pattern in hobbles does not bring a pretty picture to mind, nor have I ever heard of anyone winning a western pleasure class while swinging a riata.

Certain gear is also optional in certain types of western performance classes. This includes splint boots and bell boots, which protect the horse's lower legs and feet during difficult maneuvers such as spins and lead changes. Skid boots are also optional, and are designed to protect the horse's hind hocks during those long, sliding stops—a major reining maneuver. *Note: Tying your skid boots to the back of your saddle is really a hip thing to do in the western world. Make sure that they've been scuffed up a bit—if your horse doesn't perform sliding stops, you can scuff them up yourself by dragging them behind your truck for a few miles.*

You should now have a general idea of what is acceptable western attire and tack. Although it is not necessary to appear as if you have just left the set of Lonesome Dove, you and your horse should be dressed/tacked up in western style. To get a good idea of current western styles, try looking at recent online western photos or check out some popular western magazines and catalogs.

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

EPM - Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis

EPM is a term that strikes fear in the hearts of horse owners. Much of it is fear of the unknown ... How did he get it? How can it be diagnosed? Can I afford the treatments? Will he ever get well? Most of these questions are very difficult to answer.

A protozoa is an organism that is a little bigger than a bacterium, but still only consists of one cell. It can only reproduce within a host organism. The protozoan in the case of EPM is named *Sarcocystis neurona*. *S. neurona* did not set out to destroy our beloved horses. It is meant to spend its life cycle in opossums; the horse is a "dead end" host for *S. neurona*. A horse who accidentally grazes near a place where a 'possum has defecated can pick up the *S. neurona* sporocysts. Most horses, when exposed this way, never get sick because their immune systems recognize the intruders and get rid of them. Only a few horses go on to get symptoms of infection. An affected horse can not "give" the disease to another horse; it is not transmitted from one horse to another.

The *S. neurona* travels through the blood stream of the horse until it gets to the central nervous system -the brain and spinal cord- which is where the real problems start. Parts of the spinal cord are damaged by the parasites, and depending on where the cord is damaged will determine what symptoms the horse has. Some look lame. Some get very off balance. Some can't seem to keep their front and back feet coordinated. Muscle wasting (atrophy) can happen, so can seizures or collapse.

There are other diseases that can have these presentations as well - West Nile Virus can cause a similar reaction. So can the other encephalitis diseases: Eastern/Western/Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (the EEE, WEE, VEE viruses). It is very important that you seek immediate veterinary attention as soon as you notice any unusual symptoms in your horse.

EPM can be very difficult to diagnose. Just doing a blood test won't give you an answer. All horses who have ever been exposed to the protozoa, regardless of whether it's still present in their body or not, will test positive on blood samples. The gold standard so far has been spinal fluid analysis.

It is also very difficult to treat. There are just a few treatments available, all are expensive, and none can guarantee a cure. Marquis (ponazuril) was the first to be FDA-approved for treatment. It still costs several hundred dollars per month and more than one month may be needed. A sulfa combination called pyrimethamine/sulfadiazine is now marketed under the trade name ReBalance. It is recommended for use from 120 to 150 days. Neither drug has better than a 50-60% cure rate. Some people recommend folic acid and

vitamin E supplements to improve and support nerve tissue function, but these have not been "approved" as treatments. At one point there was a vaccine in production, but it was found to be ineffective.

You can try to prevent infection by making your barn and property inhospitable to opossums. One very important precaution is to not leave out cat or dog food, as this definitely attracts the homely nocturnal mammals.

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

The genetic control of white face and leg markings is not yet completely understood. These markings are considered as "polygenic" traits, meaning that several genes exist in several places likely on different chromosomes—and these control the white face and leg markings. An interaction has been seen between the base coat color and white markings. Chestnut/sorrels will tend to have more white than bays, and bays will tend to have more white than blacks. Horses with more extensive facial white will also tend to have more extensive leg white. Leg markings tend to be more extensive on the rear legs, and also on the left legs.

In some breeds, white markings have been discouraged to the point that very few, if any, individuals in the breed have them. These include Friesians, Fjords and Cleveland Bays. The Percheron and Suffolk Punch breeders discourage leg markings, but the Clydesdale and Hackney breeders encourage them because the white highlights the leg action of these horses.

Terminology:

Face

Star - white between the eyes

Strip - white on top of the nasal bones

Snip - white on the upper lip/nose

Chin Spot - white on the lower lip/chin

Stripe - a narrow connected star, strip and snip

Race - a stripe that runs off to one side

Blaze - a wide stripe

Baldface - a wider blaze that covers the nostrils or muzzle



Miss Priss sports a "star, disconnected strip and a snip".

Legs

Coronet - white only just above the hoof; often incomplete

Half-pastern - only the lower part of the pastern is white

Pastern - white that stops below the fetlock

Fetlock - white that covers the fetlock

Sock - the white goes half way up the cannon

Stocking - the white goes farther than half way up the cannon

Ermine Spot - small dark spots that occur in the white leg markings, usually near the hoof

The Horses of BEHS

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

Upcoming Events

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

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

April Financials

April 2006

Income:	\$	4,591.13
Expenses:	\$	3926.01
Net Income:	\$	<u>(665.12)</u>
Checking Account Balance:	\$	13,955.26
Savings Account Balance	\$	3,800.99

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

www.bluebonnetequine.org

If you have any questions about the finances of BEHS, please e-mail Ari Pettgrew at apettigrew@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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resource Development Committee Chairperson - 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.

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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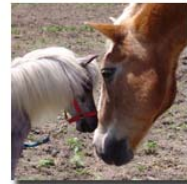
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