



The Santana Center Times



An Annual Newsletter

Winter 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Its been a little over three years since we started the Santana Center. We have tried different activities to see where we fit in the best. We

started with classes on basic horse care and expanded those to include topics such as Emotional Freedom Techniques and horse rescue. We have distributed general information about horses at public expos, and we have been working closely with Horses Forever to rehabilitate rescue horses and find them good homes. These activities have built strong partnerships with the RISPCA, various horse clubs and the RI Division of Agriculture.

As we move into the future, new activities are on the horizon. We recently obtained a grant to conduct a horse census in Rhode Island (See story that follows). We would welcome your help as we move into the new year. Please consider joining the board of the Santana Center, or signing up to volunteer in our various activities.

We were able to redesign our web site with some help of a professional webmaster. Check it out!

FEATURED HORSES: *Shiloh and Rio*

These two boys came to the Santana Center in June 2006 as 2 year olds. They are half-



Kathy and Hot Shot at the Bristol County Horsemen's annual Halloween costume ride.

brothers and had been rescued from a breeders auction in Iowa. Today, they are ready for adoption into their forever home. They are both American saddlebreds and can be registered. It would be wonderful to place them together.

Shiloh

Shiloh will make a great all around horse. He loves trail riding and might even like barrel racing. He is easy going and is remarkably fearless. He is green - walk, trot and canter. He has gone on trail rides and even spent three weeks at a camp in New York in the Adirondack Mountains.



He is 15.1 hands and very sturdy. He is great with vet and farrier.

He loves to eat, play and be brushed.

Shiloh at camp, under saddle and hamming it up with our volunteer, Anastasia.



Rio

Rio is a horse with potential for jumping, and/or dressage. He is light on his feet and loves to run. He is sensitive



Rio under saddle and on the lunge line.

and very aware. He needs a quiet light confident touch. He is being ridden walk and trot in a ring environment. He is almost 15.2 hands and is still growing! He lunges and long-lines and stands quietly for the vet and farrier.

Caeser

Caeser is a new addition to the Santana Center. Caeser is approximately 24 years old and was part of a larger rescue that occurred many years ago in New York. He has been in limbo for a long time and it has taken a toll on



Caeser when he first arrived and with our volunteer, Ana

his body and mind. He displays initial signs of DSLD (degenerative suspensory ligaments) in his hind legs and gets fearful easily. This horse deserves a home where he will be loved with compassion. He is very obedient and is fine with another older horse. He has been with us for 4 months. and is just



starting to trust us. He is not rideable. Please consider sponsoring him with a few dollars a month (See our new sponsorship program on last page).

HORSE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION

Update on Aurora, Atti and Lily

Aurora continues to be healthy and happy out in California. Luckily the fires did not affect the CERF facility where she lives.

Lily is living in New Hampshire and her new owner loves her. Her daughter Atti, now called Maggie, is living with her new family in Foster RI.



Lily and her filly, Atti when they first arrived at the Santana Center. Both have been successfully placed in new loving homes.

GRANTS OBTAINED 2007

This year we received our first two grants. The first was from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). The second was from the Rhode Island Foundation, Animal Welfare Program.

ASPCA - Outreach Program

We applied for a small grant to assist us in our outreach program. Since we often have a horse on display, we felt it would be safer to have a portable corral to keep



people from getting too close when we weren't watching. We were able to purchase the corral and use it in a workshop already this year.

RI Foundation - Rhode Island Horse Census

Horses are making the transition from livestock to "pet status". In order to assist horse owners with proper care and services, we need to begin to identify the horse community, provide a venue to discuss problems and provide a means of communication between horse owners, agencies and institutions that may help provide solutions. We will start down this path by first collecting information about horse numbers.

We are partnering with the RI State Division of Agriculture and the RISPCA to do a first survey of horses in RI. Starting in January, we will be meeting with all the veterinarians who have clients in RI and compile the number of horses that receive a rabies vaccination. This will give us an approximate number and distribution of horses in the state. A follow-up questionnaire will be distributed to horse owners in the spring.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Hi my name is Anastasia Venti. I work with Kathy at the Santana Center as a volunteer helper. I muck stalls in exchange for riding horses.

The Santana Center is a wonderful organization designed to help abused horses. Many of the horses have been seriously mistreated by their owners. Horses should not have to live like that, they deserve a happy and fulfilling life.

Caeser is one of the rescue horses and has had a really difficult life. Caeser is a great horse he just needs care and attention. He will probably not be able to be ridden again. But he is a great companion horse he just needs a loving home. Please help if you can!

OTHER GOOD NEWS

We were the lucky recipients of a free banner from StableKare. I had placed our business card in a raffle at Equine Affaire in Pomona, California and we were selected. It hangs proudly on our new corral.



CLASSES OFFERED OR SPONSORED

No Hoof, No Horse!

Mike Windsor did a wonderful job explaining the anatomy of horse hooves and legs. Using anatomical models and a special computer program, he was able to show us how everything works and what happens when it doesn't.



General Horse Care



Dr Finocchio explains to students how to tell if hay is good quality.

Back by popular demand, we offered a class on basic horse care. We covered topics such as hoof care, feeding, stabling, and basic first aid.

RI Disaster Animal Response Team (RIDART)



Help my horse is down is a special course taught by the Massachusetts SPCA.

RI is forming an animal response team and has started providing training for interested volunteers. Visit their web site below for more information.

<http://www.orgsites.com/ri/ridart/>

