

Cupcake's Story



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BAY PONY MARE, RESCUED APRIL 2000

Foaled: *unknown month, 1998*

Saving Cupcake was my first experience in life that not all "horse rescues" are actually what they claim to be. While visiting the Horse Expo in Denver in March of 2000 I visited a rescue booth and saw a picture of a little brown mare advertised as a Miniature Horse for adoption at a "rescue" in Wellington, Colorado. Some weeks later I visited the "rescue" to look at Cupcake and found the conditions there what I would consider to be less than adequate. The horses were all in 12 x 12 or 12 x 24 pens made from portable panels with no shelter. Hoof care, veterinary care, and worming seemed to be non-existent based on the condition of the horses I saw there. Cupcake turned out to be a pony, not a Miniature Horse. I could not leave her there and went back for her a couple of weeks after my initial visit. Cupcake was so fearful of people she had to be sedated for her initial hoof trimming and still has trust issues to this day. She is healthy and happy living in a herd of Miniature Horses which have become her family. I was told in 2000 that Cupcake was 2 years old, and that as a foal was at a slaughter plant with her mother. Cupcake was turned away for being too small and the truck driver delivering the horses dropped her at the rescue in Wellington. Cupcake is still distrustful of people even after 9 years in our home, but can now be haltered and led, groomed, wormed, vaccinated, and have her front hooves trimmed without sedation.



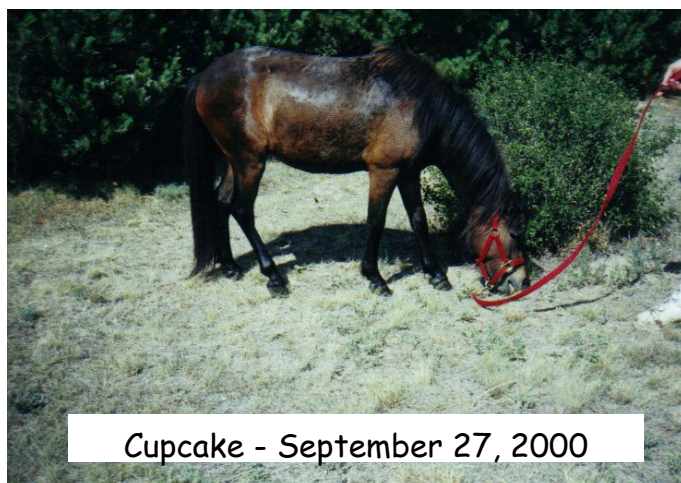
Cupcake's feet - April 13, 2000



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Cupcake - September 27, 2000



Cupcake - October 21, 2008