

Spirit Keeper News

August 2017

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Horse hay; small bales 50 - 90 pounds

Alfalfa hay; 50 - 90 pound bales

Tractor or skid loader for dirt work, plowing, unloading pallets.

Horse safe fencing or donations for this!

Special points of interest:

- Spirit Keeper Equine cares for 34 special needs horses at the sanctuary.
- Spirit Keeper is responsible for 4 horses currently in foster homes.
- Spirit Keeper cares for 9 rescue horses at the sanctuary.
- There are 2 boarded horses and 2 board-owned horses who were not from rescue at the ranch.



Mario and Dusty eating in front of one of the new shelters and behind one of the better sections of the existing wire fence.

Indy Give 2017 (aka GIVE!)

Spirit Keeper Equine Sanctuary is proud to announce we have been accepted as participants in the 2017 GIVE! campaign. 72 local non-profit organizations were chosen to join the GIVE! Class of 2017 after an application process and waiting period for the Give Board to decide on who would get the honor this year of being part of the new campaign.

A few changes this year: GIVE! is requiring each returning non-profit to secure \$2000 in matching grant pledges by September 1, 2017 in order to remain participants; however, they encourage more. Our board of directors have attended several of the GIVE! training sessions and each one stresses the importance of the matching grant pledges to encourage individual donations during the live campaign between November 1 - December 31, 2017.

We have thus far been able to secure the following matching grant pledges:

Aviation & Personal Safety LLC \$1000

Deseos Arabians & Miniaturs LLC \$500

Mr. & Mrs. David Wallace Johnson \$1000

St. Paws \$1000

We may submit further matching grant pledges through September 1, 2017.

Once GIVE! kicks off when the website going live on November 1, 2017 our supporters will be able to donate directly online to Spirit Keeper and at a minimum we will need to match our grant total (so far \$3500). Individuals, companies, organizations, and other non-profits may contribute and we are really hoping to work between now and then to find some heavy hitting donors!

Last year we raised \$23,410 and were able to purchase 6 horse shelters and have them installed. This amounts to the equivalent of 22 individual horse stalls! This in addition to the shelters that we already had means that every horse at Spirit Keeper now has more than enough shelter. So exciting and 100% of that GIVE! money went to this.

This year we are working to replace all of the existing wire fencing with horse safe fence such as 440 Horse Fence, RAMM Horse Fencing, or Electro Braid. We are in dire need of safe sturdy fencing for our blind horses, elderly horses with some dementia, and our horses easily startled by stray dogs we have had issues with in the area. Unfortunately we have had more than one horse injured in the last year running into or through the wire fence, even despite trying electric wire.



We have a preliminary estimate from 440 Horse Fencing to do the entire 35 ranch is \$425,000 for the materials not including shipping and installation. The cost to do 1.4 acres is \$25,000. We need to make the whole property safe for these horses; however, we will do what we can one pasture/paddock at a time. We have a sample of the product pictured below (440 Horse Fence) at Spirit Keeper and welcome visitors to see the existing fence and the sample.



The current GIVE! class can be viewed at:

https://indygive.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Give_Classof2017.pdf



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*“Preserving Spirit One
Life at a Time”*

Spirit Keeper Equine Sanctuary is dedicated to the care of special needs equines as well as other species on a case by case basis.

We rescue at-risk and elderly animals from slaughter, neglect, and premature euthanasia giving them a safe place to live out the rest of their lives. Spirit Keeper provides these animals with the medical, nutritional, and psychological care they need to make sure each animal experiences wellness and contentment.

We are dedicated to providing community education in the areas of science-based animal husbandry and training, basic safety around equines, and emergency preparedness for equines and pet animals

The safety, well-being, and excellent care of the sanctuary residents is our number one priority.

We ALWAYS need **financial donations** and these are tax-deductible.

Our immediate goals are **SPACE - SHELTER - SAFETY - SUSTAINABILITY** for our animals.

Our long term strategic plan after reaching sustainability is focus on:

ENRICHMENT - EDUCATION - EMERGENCY SERVICES - EXPANSION



Photos are of Amir and Rapture enjoying two of the buildings we were able to install thanks to GIVE! 2016

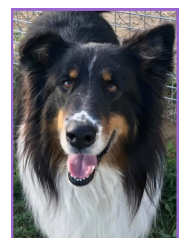
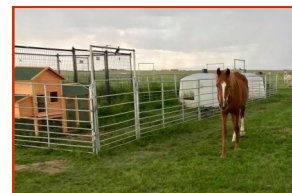
Volunteers and Partnerships

Spirit Keeper Equine is grateful to the Kit Carson Riding Club and Pikes Peak Community College for sending us lots of able-bodied volunteers over the last year to groom horses, clean waterers, clean pens and stalls, and unload grain and hay deliveries.

The Pikes Peak Community College Zoo Keeping Science students studying Exhibit Design spend an entire day at Spirit Keeper relocating our pot-belly pig and goat enclosure. They also put up a brand new addition to the pig's area and built a chicken coup for our one remaining chicken.

We have also enjoyed a partnership with Rocky Mountain Collie-Sheltie Rescue and the Lad White Rose Collie Fund. Together we rescued, transported, and placed several collies in new homes when their owner's were no longer able to keep them or when they had been abandoned.

We look forward to continuing these partnerships this fall and into the future!



THANK YOU ALL!