



The Latest and Greatest at Grace!

Spice Up Your Life!



When we remodeled the office, we set up the cats with their own little house in the single-wide trailer. All the kitties love their new personal space...except for one.

"Spice Girl," our beloved calico cat with her beautiful green eyes refuses to go to the cat shack. She says she's done with community living and loves people too much!

She does not spend much time outside and prefers to be on someone's lap or snuggling close by. We feel that she would be much happier with a family or special person to love in a home. If you know of anyone who wants to "spice" up their life with Spice Girl, please call Beth at the ranch 916-941-0800.

**Saturday Tack Sale -
10am - 3pm 3/27!**

Greetings!

This has been an unbelievable week. We have some good news with the Trainer Challenge and some sad news with two of our beloved horses. Please read the articles below!

TONIGHT is Dr. Mike's latest vet clinic - Equine Laminitis!

Save the dates! March 27th is our Spring Cleaning Tack Sale with proceeds going to support our booth at Horse Expo! **Saturday, April 3rd is our Pony Town Easter Egg Hunt** with country station 101.9 the Wolf hosting a remote!

A couple of weeks ago, we introduced the **Barn Builder** donor program. At such a difficult economic time, I did not know if we would have any response. We never want anyone to feel pressured to help, but we had to ask since these barns would make such a difference for the horses and our program. I am overwhelmed by the response! Already, we have sold a total of 6 barns. A very special thanks to our first barn owners: Kathy and Kahele Kukea, Pam and Dave Broadfoot, Charles Hooper, Jean Acosta, Robert Hedrick and Anita Falk, and Omar Sultan. We need 10 sponsorships to build our first barn. If you are interested, please e-mail beth@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org Please remember that you can make 3 payments of \$300.

Click here to see the Barn Builder flyer:

<http://www.thegracefoundationofnorcal.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/barnbuilderflyer.pdf>

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank this year's **horse sponsors**: Chris Navratil for Miss Bay, Patricia Gray for Logan, Eileen Herrin for Sophie and Kathryn Sousa for Ginger. These ladies have either paid or are making monthly payments totaling \$1,000 to feed their designated horse for one year. WOW!

31 trainers and 44 horses are heading to Horse Expo!



We have had an unbelievable response from the trainer community!

As of today, we have a total of 31 trainers from all over Northern California (literally) - Winters, Shingle Springs (3), Foresthill, Marysville, Modesto, Herald, Oakdale, Oakley, Placerville,



We've been collecting our donated tack for a year, and we have lots to sell - some of it brand new, but mostly used. Come out this Saturday from 10am - 3pm. We'll have English, Western, and Australian Saddles. We have halters, bridles, bits, pads, blankets, sheets, fly masks, boots, wraps, and more! We're raising money for a booth at Horse Expo. And, while you're there maybe you'll get to meet one of our trainers in the Challenge as they come to pick up their horse! We hope to have the media out that day as well, so stop by if you can!

Easter Egg Hunt in Pony Town April 3rd!



Watch out people! The WOLF is coming to the Grace Foundation for Easter!

Join us Saturday, April 3rd with Country station 101.9 the WOLF who will be hosting a remote feed from the ranch for our Easter Egg Hunt that day.

The WOLF will have a tent with country music, a prize wheel and bumper stickers. Come out with the kids (free egg hunt for kids up to 10 years old) at 11:15am. Pony rides, snacks and beverages are extra, but worth it - bring the camera!

*** We could use some Easter Candy donations and eggs to fill - bring them by the ranch!

Our Wishlist - Give Us a Hand Up and Get a Tax Deductible Donation!

- Computers - Need 3 with Pentium 4 processor or better
- Fax Machine w/Auto Detect - we only have 1 phone line
- Conference Table (2)
- Riding Mowers (2)
- ATVs (2)
- 46" Mini-blinds (4)!!
- Floor Vacuum

Aromas, Corning, Loma Rica, Galt, Ione, Folsom, Davis, Morgan Hill, Cool, Bradley, Rescue, Gorber, Proberta, Jackson, Burson Watsonville, Clovis, Fiddletown and Somerset.

A total of 44 horses are leaving with their trainers over the next several days. This weekend, we will also have the media out, along with our tack sale and youth leadership day on Saturday. So, it's going to be crazy, but in a good kind of way. If you see a horse trailer coming down the road, please make way for it! If you would like to help volunteer this Saturday or Sunday, please contact Sharon by e-mail at sharon@thegracefoundationofnocal.org.

We will post the trainers' photos and their horse on our website and follow their stories. So start checking in next week, and please support the trainers who support Grace!

Thanks to everyone who decided to participate or help! The horses are on their way to finding their new forever homes! Our event at Horse Expo is June 10th at 7pm. Save the date! We'll have tickets for sale on our website very soon!

p.s. Our goal was to have 50 horses participate and we are so close! If you know of a trainer who might still want to compete, please send them our way!

Seminar #4: Equine Laminitis

Hello All,

This is a reminder that the next lecture in the Grace Foundation Veterinary Seminar Series is tonight, March 25th at 6:30PM at the Sacramento County Animal Control facility. The topic will be equine laminitis.

Laminitis is one of the most insidious and often difficult diseases to treat in the equine. When an owner hears that their horse has been definitively diagnosed with laminitis it is an extremely stressful time. In this lecture, we will discuss implicated causes of laminitis, the various methods used to treat laminitis and the possible outcomes of treatment. We will also discuss how you can detect early disease, as well as management techniques to help prevent this occurrence. As usual, detailed information will be provided on the topic, including anatomy of the equine foot, pathophysiology of laminitis, as well as medications and their intended usefulness during treatment.

Please come with all your questions in hand to that we can have a good discussion at the end of the lecture. Again, please let any friends and family members that may be interested in this very important topic know about the lecture as all proceeds help to benefit the Grace Foundation.

Dr. Mike

Goodbye to Two of Our Fallen Angels - Ribbon and Trixie

It is with great sadness to let you know that Trixie and Ribbon passed on Monday, March 22nd. Many of you strengthened your skills and compassion through working with these two sweet old gals. As you know, Ribbon had been struggling with cancer for 3 years; Trixie had a variety of health issues. At the Grace Foundation, we always look at Quality of Life -- does the good outweigh the bad? Recently, Ribbon's cancer had become more invasive and we moved her to the medical area for monitoring. Trixie has also become worse and was having trouble walking straight. She was no longer able to get her feet trimmed and picked up for cleaning. On Saturday night, Trixie went down and was unable to get up. Dr. Mike had to be called to get her up. Many of us felt that the two had been keeping each other going and, without Ribbon, Trixie would be lost. We knew that Trixie had very little time left and we were heartsick at the thought that her last weeks of life would be spent mourning her best friend.

So, when the time came to make a decision about Ribbon, we wondered if it would be best to let Trixie go at the same time. Both girls were well into their 30's. We talked to a number of youth and adult volunteers as well as staff members and all felt that it would be most loving to let Ribbon and Trixie go together.

As sad as it is to let them go, we all feel better that they are together running with Nikki and the rest of our angels. I want to thank you for all the time and care you gave these two sweethearts over the years. I also want to thank Chloe King and her wonderful parents Matt and Kristen for sponsoring Ribbon. These horses knew they were loved to the very end. They will live in our minds and hearts forever.

Thank you all for your generous donations of time, money and heartfelt enthusiasm. Together we

- Clumping Cat Litter
- Kitchen size garbage cans (2) and bags
- Small Recycling Containers (5)
- 4 or 5-rail panels
- Barbless fencing wire
- 8-ft T-posts
- Pressure Treated Posts
- Fence post wire
- No-climb fencing

can do great things! As you can see, we already are...

Sincerely,

Beth DeCaprio and The Grace Foundation of Northern California