



## The Latest and Greatest at Grace!

April 1, 2010

### **HORSE 101 and E-STARS!**

One of our goals is to help all of our volunteers who want to learn more about horses and training to achieve their goals. For the past year, we have been putting together a training program called "E-STARS" (Equine Standardized Training and Required Skills program). Our Horse 101 class is a four week course and will cover everything from equine anatomy and first aid (taught by our own Dr. Mike) to everything you need to know about equipment and safety. We will also dispel many old myths about horse ownership.

These classes will have two start dates:

- Thursdays starting April 1st (now April 8th) from 1-4pm. Classes will

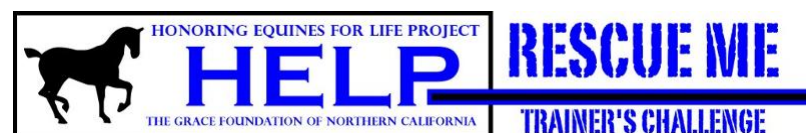
### Greetings!

Due to the muddy conditions from the rain, we have decided to postpone this Thursday's HORSE 101 class and will start on April 8th at 1pm. Non-members pay \$75 per session (4 classes in a session). Click here for more information on becoming a member and SAVE: <http://www.thegracefoundation.com/members.html>

**This Saturday is our Easter Egg Hunt with Country Station 101.9 the WOLF attending! Festivities Begin at 11am!** Bring the kids, grandkids and neighbors - it's going to be a ton of fun, complete with a pony parade, face painting and pony rides!

If you can help volunteer Saturday at 9am, please e-mail [Sharon@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org](mailto:Sharon@thegracefoundationofnorcal.org). Go to our website home page [www.thegracefoundation.com](http://www.thegracefoundation.com) to see the flyer. We're looking good with the weather, so it's still on!

**Dr. Mike has his fifth installation of his vet seminar series TONIGHT: Equine Vaccinations.**



**Wow! As of today we have a total of 33 trainers and 47 horses going to this year's first annual HELP Rescue Me Trainer's Challenge at the Western States Horse Expo!** We still have several more more horses that can go with a trainer, so please refer your trainers to us! Never in our wild dreams could we have imagined the response to the Challenge.

run through April 22nd

- Saturdays, starting on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm and will run through May 1st

**Spice Girl Gets Two New Men in Her Life - Harold and Jack!**



Spice

Girl isn't looking very photogenic in this photo, but that's only because we had to chase her under every table for about five minutes before we wrestled her into her carrying cage. She really liked her office chair and we should have sent her off with it.

Harold, a new volunteer and now a new cat owner already had a single cat named Jack. His friend and several of us volunteers agreed that Jack needed company. "Jack and Spice" - sounds nice!

Let us know how those scratch marks healed Harold - thanks for adopting her!

**Volunteer and "Milkshake" Enthusiast, Jodi King Says Thanks to All Who supported the Grace Gate Fundraiser!**



*Thanks to the dedicated work of Adrienne Monarrez, Laurie Crane and the help of Katja Wendjt, the Sacramento Senator Lions and many*

**What a way to kick off HELP (honoring equines for life project).** Not only will this change the lives of the 50 horses that are leaving the ranch, but we are excited about taking this out and branding it all over the country to help other rescues.

We are so impressed with the level of trainers who have chosen to spend their time and resources to help us work with our rescued horses. Hats off to you folks - you are making such a huge difference in the lives of so many, and not just our horses! Click here to watch news coverage of trainers picking up their horses: <http://www.cbs13.com/video/?id=70363@kvr.dayport.com>

**A special thanks to Colleen Auernig for donating to our Barn Builder campaign!**

**This year, we're joining forces with The Folsom Mounted Police on their Annual Poker Ride April 24th.** Deadline to register is April 18th! Click here for details:

<http://www.thegracefoundation.com/folsomdpokerride.html>

## How Does This Trainer Challenge Make a Difference?

Ok, this is so cool (Linda Bak here).

I was trying to think of what to write about how this year's first annual HELP Rescue Me Trainer's Challenge was going - it's hard to describe. I just want to say that this event, combined with our newest students and members from Ride and Shine, the enthusiasm and support from our volunteers, and Beth's unwavering belief in what she's doing, has us firing on so many cylinders.

So, I thought I'd share just one of the many touching stories that I've been receiving from the trainers and let it speak for itself. I promise to send these more of these communications and will start more frequent updates (if you're interested). Starting next week you can follow all the stories of our trainers and their horses on our website at [www.thegracefoundation.com](http://www.thegracefoundation.com). The trainers will be updating their personal pages, which should be up by Monday.

Something I noticed with all the different trainers that I've met over the last few days (and let me tell you - what a cast of characters) was that each trainer had his or her own method for choosing a mustang. Christa Petrillo, a trainer from Winters, CA took two horses for the Challenge. Her method was to pick the first mustang (Hubble) that walked up to her...this is an e-mail chain she forwarded to me:

others, "An Evening Toast to Special Friends was a fun success and raised a net total of \$2,752. Special thanks to the Snoring Dog Pottery for the beautiful bowl that was donated and Valerie and John Piotrowski for donating 2 cases of wine. And also to the owners of Cafe Nostra who graciously let us use their facilities, to The Purple Place, Sienna, Riverside Grill, Kru, Soparro's Japanese Grill, Sutter Street Grill, Costco, Trader Joes, Narrow Gate Winery, Bogel, Todd Taylor Wines, Tahoe Spa, Lava Cap, Jodar, Zocolo's Scotts Seafood on the River and many more who donated towards the silent auction. Keep tuned in to the next fund raiser, and thank you to those who volunteered to serve on the committee!

**Special Thanks to all Those Who Have Stepped Up for Grace!**

We couldn't have Grace function at the level it does without the tireless support of our volunteers. At this time, we would like to thank all those who have stepped up to the plate to support Grace with their time:

To Sheree Stein, Marina Towne, Teresa Daly, Mair Auerbach and Mikki Barham for helping to build a trainer database for the Trainer's Challenge, and following up by calling trainers and their references!

To Kathy Kukea, Chris Navratil, Jeanne Warr, Kathy Hanna, Christie and Karen Samboy, Phoebe Crais, Cori Resha, Sharon Meriam and webmaster Kristin Bryant for helping with the "behind the scenes" stuff.

To Sheriff Margie Rudd, our traffic controller for Trainer Challenge Horse Pickups, fearless Adoption Coordinator and sponsor of Margie's Place Hay Barn! **Help Margie fill the barn with hay - make a donation today and make sure it says "Margie's Place"!**

**To Mikki Barham and all the Volunteers and Youth Leaders who help with Tack Sales, Easter Egg Hunts and Birthday Parties - you make**



SENT MONDAY, 3/29/2010 from Christa  
Hi everyone,

Here is the first day with my two mustangs from the Grace Foundation. Grace Foundation is having a Horse Rescue Trainers Challenge and I decided to enter. The bay is Hubble, a mustang gelding. He is supposed to be wild and has never really been handled....but don't tell Hubble that. :0)

The line back Buckskin mare is a Rescue from an auction. I wasn't supposed to get two mustangs but after grooming her I found her freeze brand. I am thinking she may be a Kiger Mustang....I am waiting for more history on her as I don't think the rescue realized she was a mustang.

SENT TUESDAY, 3/30/2010 response from a client:

Christa I just love these pics and I am a MUSTANG lover!!!! Would I be able to adopt one from you when your done???????????? I had a mustang for 20 years and have been soul searching ever since! It was hard the day I had to put her down. She was my best friend and I have never had a connection with another horse like I did with her. She was my life!!! I love the bay one reminds me of my Mustang Star! She was big boned like the one in the pic with you. So excited you are doing this!!! Your so cool Christa!!!

SENT TUESDAY, 3/30/2010 from Christa:

This is a client of mine. I only sent the below email to a few people and will be sending a more professional one to other clients this week. I have no doubt that Hubble and Pumpkin will be adopted in June.

sure we have fun!

And of course, to the fellas who helped us with the mustangs by building a wooden chute and keeping up the property...Dave Fulton, Kahele, Roy, Dennis, Tim, and our own Dr. Mike! And to Dave Reynolds for helping to photograph our trainers and horses. To read Dave Reynolds' blog about his Grace experience, click here: <http://wordsbydavereyn.blogspot.com/>

And last but not least - to Dave and Pam Broadfoot for helping us with the use of their tractor, trailer and hands - we are so glad to have you be a part of this wonderful journey!

There are so many others that come religiously to help us at Grace - please know how much we appreciate all that you do.

WEDNESDAY, 3/30/2010

Linda Bak received a message at Grace about someone calling to adopt Hubble (one of our 35 "3 strikes" unhandled mustangs). Way to go, Christa!

Click here to read about and see the mustangs's story:

<http://www.thegracefoundation.com/id70.html>

### **Vet Clinic Thursday at 6:30 - Equine Vaccinations**

The next installment of the seminar series will focus on vaccinations in horses. We will engage in a detailed discussion of the equine immune system and how the different types of vaccines work to provide your horse protection against various pathogens.

In particular we will discuss vaccinations against Rabies, West Nile, Sleeping Sickness, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis. A brief description of each disease will be presented. We will also discuss vaccination schedules for horses in various stages in life including the aged, pregnant, newborn and highly reactive individuals. Regional distribution of disease and vaccine use will be covered.

A brief description of the Strangles vaccination will be discussed and the indications and contraindications for its use.

Please bring your questions and thinking caps as we discuss this very interesting topic. As always, please encourage any friends and family that may be interested to attend as all proceeds support the Grace Foundation of Northern California.

See you tomorrow, April 1st...no foolin'.  
Dr. Mike

We think you can see that The Grace Foundation is movin' on and up along with our rescue horses that are on their way to finding new homes. Jump on board!

**Sincerely,**  
Beth DeCaprio  
The Grace Foundation of Northern California