



Grace News!

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A Rescue Horse Named Stanley



Hi! My name is Stanley and I am three years old now. This picture is of me and my momma on the day I got adopted.

The Grace Foundation rescued me before my first birthday from a neglectful situation (that's what I heard them say). I am so thankful and sometimes, especially before breakfast and dinner, I think about how hungry I used to be! Whew, thank goodness for the people at Grace.

Stanley at Home With His New Brother

Greetings!

Good news just keeps flowing in through the doors of Grace! We've gotten a great response as a result of our media coverage on the Sac County abandoned horses; two of our own horses (Tango and Angus) were just adopted yesterday! We can't wait to hear back from their new owners on how they're doing.

Beth is being interviewed by Sac and Co. on News 10 at 9am tomorrow to talk about the Grace Foundation.

Dr. Mike has another fascinating vet clinic (no kidding on the fascinating part) this Thursday, 6:30pm at Sac County Animal Control. And, we have a wonderful story about Stanley, one of Grace's young adoption rescues.

Lastly, we've kept a lid on things until now, but we just got the green light today. The Grace Foundation of Northern California is putting on its **First Annual HELP Rescue ME Trainer's Challenge at this year's Western States Horse Expo on Thursday night, June 10th!** Help us to spread the word and buy your tickets as soon as they become available!

Horse Expo 2010 Welcomes the Grace Foundation!





Now I have my own family who takes care of me and my only worries are about doing well in school and what time dinner is being served. My older brother, Sparky shows me all kinds of stuff, but then likes to take *all* the credit for my good manners and good decisions. This picture is the first time Sparky and I played together at home.

I'm getting ready for training. It's all just so exciting even though Sparky keeps trying to warn me things won't ever be the same ("they'll make you a show horse!").

Wait, I thought I already *was* a show horse...my mom tells me all the time how fancy I am, and how sweet and smart I am. Then she said something that made me even happier: I am better than a show horse, I am her best friend.

Become a Grace Member Today and Save on Clinics!

If you already signed up to be a member in 2010, you are welcome to the Vet Clinic Series, as well as the new classes we are offering and are going to offer to members. Please visit our website at www.thegracefoundation.com and click on the Members Button on the left. Sign up today!

Watch Sac and Co Tomorrow Morning at 9am on News 10!

Beth DeCaprio, our founder and executive director will be interviewed tomorrow morning at 9am on News 10's Sac and Co. TV show.

She'll give an update on the Sac County abandoned horses and our own rescues.

Don't forget to watch!



On June 10th of 2010, The Grace Foundation and the Western States Horse Expo proudly invite you to the First Annual HELP Rescue Me Trainer's Challenge.

The goal is to help bring awareness to the benefits of adopting a rescued horse. This Challenge will:

- Showcase the training talents of local, quality trainers from all over Northern California
- Produce horses who are ready to go to work for their adopters
- Show the community the benefits of adopting a rescue horse
- Help trainers to expand their business
- Educate potential horse owners about the need to have a quality trainer
- Expand the rescue horse adoption network
- Establish a network of trainers on the Grace Foundation's website (www.thegracefoundation.com) as well as on the www.equineonline.org website to provide horse owners and adoption clients a resource for quality trainers

We are going to showcase not only our rescued horses, but also our other programs and ranch animals like Milkshake and our Therapy Horses.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth aged 7-13 and children ages 6 and under can come free! Tickets will be available soon on the Horse Expo website: www.horseexpo.com.

Pass this on to all your friends and help us to sell out the arena (which holds 5,000 people!).

Vet Clinic Thursday at 6:30 - the Equine Mouth

Grace Foundation Veterinary Seminar Series: Lecture #2

Thursday, Feb. 25th at 6:30PM

Sacramento County Animal Control Facility off of Bradshaw Rd (South of Hwy 50)

The Life Cycle of the Equine Mouth

In our opening seminar, we discussed many of the wide variety of causes associated with equine colic. In this second and the next few seminars we will begin focusing on specific problem areas a horse may encounter. This seminar will extensively cover the equine dental anatomy from a newborn foal to an aged equine mouth. We will also focus on many of the common pathologies that

occur in the horses' mouth. Basic dental procedures to extensive motorized efforts of correcting abnormalities will be extensively discussed.

The seminar will address many questions horse owners have about their horses' teeth and dental procedures including:

- What are the common signs that your horse is in need of a dental exam?
- What happens when my horse's teeth get old and it has difficulty eating?
- How do you tell a horse's age by looking at their teeth?
- Are there any serious risks to having motorized dental work done to my horse?
- What happens if I don't do anything to my horse's teeth?
- What about wild horses that never have dental work?
- What's the smell coming from my old horse's mouth?

These and hopefully many more of your questions will be answered. Again, the seminar will last about one hour with a question and answer period to follow.

NOTE: There have been a few requests for an additional presentation of the first seminar: Understanding Equine Colic. If you or any of your friends were unable to attend the first lecture, please contact us to see if there is enough interest for a second presentation. Most likely, it would take place on another Thursday in April or May. If you attended the first seminar and felt it was time well spent, please encourage your friends and family members that may be interested to attend. A huge thank you to all that have attended so far, you have had great questions and made the discussion very interesting.

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow!

Dr. Mike

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We appreciate everything you do to support the Grace Foundation and hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely,
The Grace Foundation of Northern California