



The Grace Foundation of Northern California and The Western States **HORSE EXPO**  
present the first annual



## RESCUE ME TRAINER'S CHALLENGE

### WHAT IS THE HELP RESCUE ME TRAINER'S CHALLENGE?

The goal of the Trainer's Challenge is to show the benefits of adopting a willing and grateful partner - A RESCUE HORSE! This Challenge will:

- Showcase the training talents of high quality California trainers
- Enable horses to go work in a new career for their adopters
- Expand awareness and exposure of the dynamic, emerging rescue adoption market
- Help trainers to develop their businesses by establishing a network of trainers on The Grace Foundation's website

Half-time show includes exhibitions from our Ride and Shine at Grace Therapeutic Riding, our Youth Leadership programs, the Folsom Mounted Patrol and our special guests from the ranch.

**7PM**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT**  
**JUNE 10, 2010**  
at **HORSE EXPO**

Trainers will have 70 days to train their horse for competition!

**CASH & PRIZES** OVER  
★ **\$10,000**

**JUNE 10, 2010 7PM AT HORSE EXPO!**

**TICKETS** ADULTS: \$10 YOUTH (ages 7-13): \$5 KIDS UNDER 6: FREE

Up to 50 area trainers will be selected to compete in the challenge.

#### GROUND ME TRAINER'S CHALLENGE

These horses are under the age of three years old and will compete on the ground only (no riding).

#### GREENIES TRAINER'S CHALLENGE

These horses have some training prior to entering the challenge. This group will compete both on the ground and under saddle.

#### ELITE TRAINER'S CHALLENGE

These horses have no training prior to beginning the challenge. This group will compete both on the ground and under saddle.

For more information, visit our website at [www.thegracefoundationofnorcal.org](http://www.thegracefoundationofnorcal.org) or call the ranch at 916.221.1088.

## INFORMATION

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- Trainers that are interested in competing in the Challenge can send in an application to The Grace Foundation.
- Trainers must meet qualifications and submit the category that they would like to compete in.
- Trainers will be selected by The Grace Foundation during the month of March and horses will be randomly assigned to trainers based on the category that they are competing in.
- Trainers may compete in more than one category if they want to take on more than one horse.
- Horses will be delivered or picked up by their trainers between March 26-29, 2010. All horses will be current on vaccinations and each trainer will be given the history of their horse.
- Trainers will have until June 10, 2010 to train their horse.
- The Grace Foundation must be contacted immediately if horse becomes sick or dies. Veterinary confirmation is required.
- Horses will be current on vaccinations and de-worming before they leave the Grace Foundation.
- Trainers will be given a list of skills that they will be judged on.
- Trainers must bring their horses to the the Horse Expo on Thursday, June 10, 2010 by 10AM.
- Each horse will have its own stall. Trainers will be responsible for cleaning and caring for their horse(s) during the Expo.
- A veterinarian will be on sight throughout the event to verify horse health and conditions.
- Trainers will be required to adhere to the dress code as established by The Grace Foundation during competition: Trainer's Challenge provided shirt, jeans and boots.
- Each trainer will need to provide a photo of themselves and a biography. The Grace Foundation will market each trainer in promotional and advertising materials, as well as on The Grace Foundation website.
- Horses will be adopted out on a bid system. The highest bidder must meet the required adoption qualifications as set by The Grace Foundation. Trainers will receive 60% of the adoption bid. Horses that are not adopted can either go back to The Grace Foundation after the event or the Trainer may adopt the horses out themselves. However, all adoptions must be pre-approved by The Grace Foundation.

## JUDGING & SCORING

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- Trainers will compete in the compulsory round on Thursday, June 10, 2010. The top 15 horses from the compulsory round will be able to showcase their routine during Thursday's evening events.
- Trainers will be judged on their individual routines on Friday and Saturday.
- Trainers will be judged on: 10% body condition of the horse, 40% pre-determined obstacle course, 50% routine.
- Judges will be made up of horse professionals and trainers.

## CASH & PRIZES \$10,000

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- GROUND ME CATEGORY - (ONE) First Place Winner \$1,500 and (TWO) Runners Up \$500 each
- GREENIE CATEGORY - (ONE) First Place Winner \$1,500 and (TWO) Runners Up \$500 each
- ELITE CATEGORY - (ONE) First Place Winner \$3,000 and (TWO) Runners Up \$1,000 each

## TICKETS

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- General admission tickets will allow attendees to watch Friday's event. Separate tickets will be sold to Saturday evening's event. Tickets will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth (ages 7-13) and kids under 6 are free. A portion of ticket sales will go to benefit the HELP project.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- The Grace Foundation reserves the right to accept or deny participation in the Trainer's Challenge.
- Trainers must be 18 years of age or older.
- Trainers will be pre-qualified by The Grace Foundation including reference checks, barn inspection, etc.
- Substitutions of trainer must be authorized by The Grace Foundation.
- Facility that horse will be kept must meet the requirements of The Grace Foundation.
- Natural Horsemanship techniques are strongly encouraged.
- In the case that a trainer feels there are potential health issues or behavioral issues that deem the horse not-adoptable, the horse must be returned to The Grace Foundation immediately.
- Trainers are responsible for all care related costs from the day the horse is picked up or delivered to the day the horse arrives at the Challenge.

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