

BITS OF INTEREST

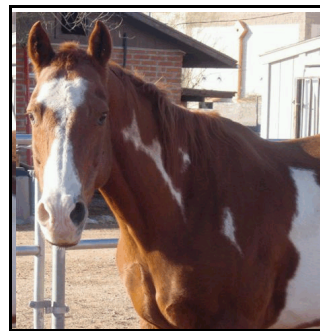
Volunteer Training: We now offer two different tracks for volunteers interested in improving their skills at working and interacting with our horses. One is a self-paced track, in which the volunteer works with a trainer to learn some basics. When the instructor feels that the volunteer is ready, the volunteer will be assigned a mentor to learn more about horse handling. The second track is intended for advanced horse handlers who mainly just need to learn the "Horses Help Way."

Room for Improvement: It is with unbridled enthusiasm that we announce that our new tack room is no longer just a vision. When the construction is completed and the dust has settled, we will move our tack into the new room and the current tack room will become our new Equine Education Room (we'll sweep it out first). In this room, we will be holding classes in equine literacy for kids, certification workshops, and therapeutic riding informational classes. Scottsdale Community College will also use this facility several times weekly for its equine management and massage classes.

Feedback: Those of you who spend lots of time in the Feed Room assembling lunch buckets may have noticed a few changes for the better. There are extra shelves where all the supplements are plainly labeled and nicely organized, more working space, and, best of all, a feed chart that is visible without having to wear your cheaters. All of this came about as a result of complaints – whoops, we mean suggestions – that there was definitely a need for improvement. We thank you for taking the time to point out the obvious to us and we hope that this encourages you to give us the feedback that we need to make your life as an HH volunteer easier, more fun and more rewarding.

Gone But Not Forgotten: **Tiffany** is enjoying herself in Prescott, the retirement capital of the Southwest. Although we could not use her as a therapy horse, she was well loved and admired at HH during the short time she was here. We sent her to spend her days with a herd on 80 acres of pasture.

Charlotte has found a new home in Tempe with one of our past instructors. And **Slick** just received his honorable discharge from HH for his selfless service from 2002 through 2007. He will be returning to his previous owners to enjoy green pastures.



Slick

Photo courtesy of Sarah Beesley

Pre-Flight Regulations: If you didn't see the updates on tacking, grooming and haltering that were announced a few weeks ago, please e-mail Lisa Péwé at lisa.p@horseshelp.org.

HORSE LAUGHS

You know horses are smarter than people. You never heard of a horse going broke betting on people.



– Will Rogers