

## THE WINGS PROGRAMS

Quarterly Newsletter

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# Spring Is Almost Here!

It's been a long, cold winter for us all, and here at Wings the winter challenges have been the basics: keeping the water troughs from freezing, keeping the shelters maintained, and checking horses every day to make sure they are eating enough to sustain them.

For horses, eating hay equals heat, and with several cold snaps of zero and sub-zero weather, our hay supply has diminished more rapidly than usual. We are

looking for hay donations to get us through to the first

hay cutting of the season in June. If you or anyone you know has hay to donate, please contact Debora Lay at (406) 363-3346 or email wingsprograms@live.com.

We've had a lot of help from our regular volunteers in getting through the winter, and we've had quite a few new volunteers willing to come out in all kinds of weather to take care of the horses and donkeys. We greatly appreciate the help!



Our wonderful long-time volunteer Clay Stauffer has started a weekly video blog that we are posting on Instagram and Facebook. Clay spends every Sunday at the ranch, mucking pens and feeding the horses, and is always willing to help out when needed. His easygoing and humorous take on life at the ranch is funny and entertaining.

You can help our effort to expand awareness of Wings and our various programs by following and liking us on

social media, and you'll get to see some fun videos!

Instagram: @wingsprograms

Facebook: @WingsProgramsInc





Wings relies mostly on donations from people who love horses and donkeys. All donations are taxdeductible and directly benefit our equines.

If you can help, please visit our website and use one of the Donate buttons to help make a difference in the life of a rescue.



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## Adoption Update

Annie the mule came to us last year after her owner died, and the family was unable to continue caring for her. Wings volunteer Dan Agee fell in love with Annie, and he and his wife Angela decided to give her a permanent home.

Annie is quite a character and has made friends with quite a few staff and volunteers. We are so glad that Annie found her new people so quickly!



## New Arrivals

Nell, Gracie and Hope are new mini rescues at Wings. Nell is a mini Appaloosa, Gracie is a mini-donkey and Hope is a mini Paint. All three were owner relinquished and in good health and have blended into our existing mini-herd very nicely. Gracie has bonded with our older mini-donkey Zoe, who lost her companion last year.

It's nice to see Zoe happy with a

new friend.

Nell and Hope have also adjusted and we plan to take them to events to meet and greet the public, and get treats!



Gracie





Hope



# Have a Mini Birthday Party!

One of our new fundraising programs is to bring our mini-horses to your birthday party or special event. Adults and kids alike can enjoy meeting, treating and dressing up the minis.

Our Easter Bunny minis are ready to attend kid parties for photos and fun. We also have this pinto Cowgirl, dragon, fairy, unicorn, Santa and angel minis for birthday and other events.

The cost is \$50/hr for 1 mini per hour, and \$25 per hour for each additional mini. We will come to your event, back yard or other facility, and all proceeds support our rescue and sanctuary horses. Contact Debora Lay at (406) 363-3346 or email wingsprograms@live.com.

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