

Roundup!

Summer 2018



Horse Tales from the Heart!

MEET EUGENE

Sunbathing is Eugene's favorite pastime. If you saw him lying flat on his side, basking in the sun at the sanctuary, you would never guess that this easygoing young gelding is a survivor.

Orphaned at only a few days old when his mother died from foaling complications, little Eugene was lucky to be given a nurse mare quickly. Life began to look brighter with his surrogate mother until, at only a year old, his owners noticed lameness in his left hind leg. X-rays revealed that the cause of Eugene's discomfort was a bone chip in his hock that would require surgery, and his owners made the decision that they could not invest any more money in him.

When Eugene's trainer heard that he would be euthanized, she acted quickly and called Redwings. The following week, Redwings staff set off to pick him up. When we arrived, we found that the facility was under major construction with large trucks and bulldozers everywhere; the scared colt had been separated from his pasture mates and placed in the midst of the chaos. A bulldozer drove just a few feet from Eugene as we loaded him into the trailer, but he never put a foot out of place.



Eugene hopped out of the trailer at Redwings and looked around. After a few moments he took a deep breath and suddenly his whole body relaxed, as if he knew that he was in a safe place. Eugene has now settled into his new pasture with herd mates Patrick and Cyclone, but his story is far from over. He still needs the surgery to remove the bone fragment from his hock to ensure he has a bright future as a riding horse and good chances for adoption.

If you would like to support Eugene's surgery, you can contribute to "Eugene's Fund" on Go Fund Me gofundme.com. Or, please be sure to mark "Eugene's Fund" on your remit envelope in this newsletter. 100% of donations to Eugene's Fund will go directly to support Eugene's surgery and rehabilitation.

Eugene's social and outgoing personality reminds our staff why we do this work. Horses never forget, but they can be healed. When he is fully recovered, Eugene will be available through our foster to adopt program.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we begin our new fiscal year, all of us here at Redwings Horse Sanctuary want to express our heartfelt thanks for the tremendous support from donors from across the United States. Your generous contributions allow us to continue to rescue, recondition and rehome many of our equines. We are able to provide ongoing care for our companion and permanent resident horses, many of whom require daily special feed and medications. Our older horses will live out their days here at the sanctuary. Rideable horses will find their forever homes. So far in 2018 we have rehabbed, trained and placed 12 horses. Happy stories. Happy endings.

Our monthly equine expenses for each horse includes hay, special feed, hoof trims/shoes and veterinarian care. Horses are given dental care on a rotating basis. As you can imagine, providing this comprehensive care for 80 horses gets quite expensive!

Monthly gifts are the life blood of organizations, ours included. We would like for you to consider becoming a member of our inaugural program "Circle of Friends". Your ongoing gifts will allow us to continue our top-notch care for our horses throughout the year, and you will be an integral part of making this happen. To start, our goal for this program is to convert 5% of our community of donors to monthly givers. 150 new members of "Circle of Friends" who will have an even bigger impact on our horse rescue operation. Over time, we hope this program gives us an opportunity to get to know our loyal supporters and celebrate our successes together. As we grow, we hope to have you continue to be or become a beloved member of our Redwings family.

Warmly,
Andie Wilcox
Executive Director

HOW MONTHLY GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

12 Months | 12 Gifts

\$15 buys one bag of alfalfa pellets

\$20 buys one bale of hay

\$20 buys one bag of senior feed

\$45 buys one hoof trim

\$75 buys one set of front horse shoes

\$150 buys hay for one horse for one month



Welcome



Eugene



Hero



Miller



Legacy

Adopted



Fancy



Mysty



Sage



Aspen



Sundance



Topper

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HORSES AND HOT WEATHER

Summer is quickly approaching and the days are getting hotter. Extreme heat can often be harder on horses, especially seniors, than the cold weather. Here are some important tips for making sure your horse is comfortable over the hot summer months:

- **Increase water** - In hot weather, horses can drink over 20 gallons of water each day. This is double the amount that they consume on average in cooler weather.
- **Increase supply** - If your horse is in community pasture, make sure there are enough water supply locations for all the horses. Often if a dominant horse is at the water trough, the submissive horses will not come in to drink.
- **Cleaning and salt** - In the hot months, troughs should be cleaned more often. Excess algae growth or debris can cause horses to drink less. Horses should have free access to salt at all times.
- **Access to shade** - Make sure your horse has access to shade. Trees with a thick canopy are great natural sources of shade. Always check to be sure the tree is free from low-hanging branches that could injure your horse. If you provide a shelter for your horse make sure it has good air flow. Always make sure in community pastures that there is enough shade for all the horses. Dominant horses will sometimes keep other horses out of the shelter if it is not big enough.
- **Turnout** - Provide early morning turnout or overnight turnout for stalled horses. Try to make sure they are turned out during the coolest part of the day. While your horse is stalled during the hottest part of the day, consider installing fans or misters.
- **Hosing down** - Hosing your horse down will provide immediate but only temporary relief from the heat. If you choose to hose down your horse, be sure to use a sweat scrapper to remove the excess water from the hair when you are done. Excess water in their coat can actually retain heat and make them hotter.
- **Insect control** - Insect populations increase during the summer months. Make sure you have an adequate insect control program. Fly masks, sheets, and fly sprays help keep horses protected from biting and irritating insects. If you put a fly sheet on your horse, make sure the horse doesn't get too hot under it. Fly traps



should be placed strategically around the horse facility and we highly recommend using fly predators to keep the insect populations low.

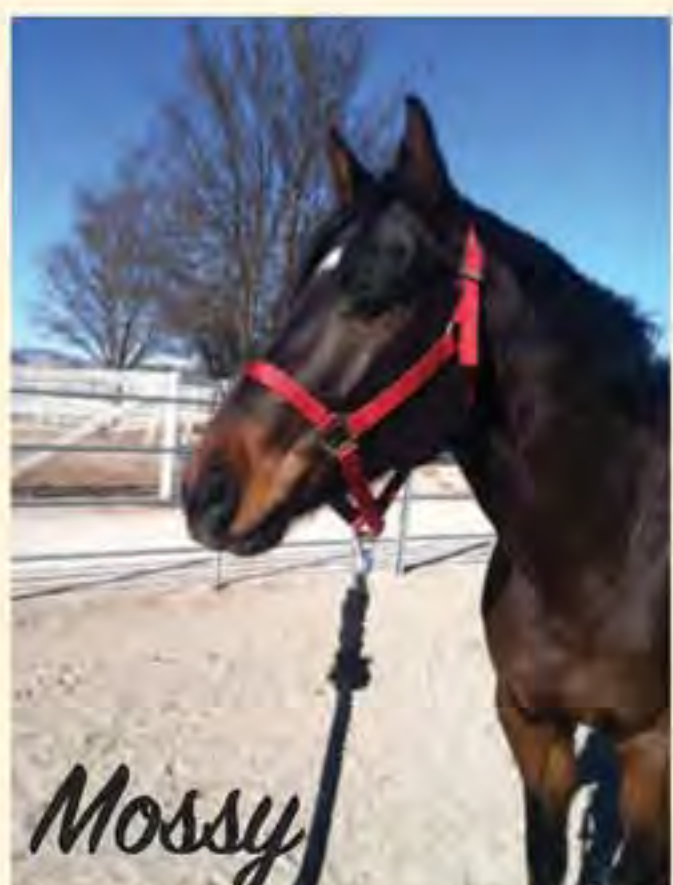
- **Choose your ride time wisely** - If you ride your horse, make sure that you ride in the cooler part of the day such as early mornings or late evenings to reduce the chance of heat stress. If you do ride in the middle of the day try to reduce the intensity and duration of your ride. It is also important to transport your horse when it is cooler. Horse trailers can get very hot even if they are well ventilated in the middle of the day.

There are other considerations for particular types of horses. Horses with longer coats, such as Cushing's horses, can be clipped to make them more comfortable. Make sure if you clip your horse that you adequately protect them from biting insects. If your horse has any pink skin exposed, such as paint horses that are clipped or horses with snips or blazes, sunscreen should be applied to protect them from sunburns.

Some horses have a condition called anhidrosis, which causes the horse to be unable to cool its body temperature down through sweating. This often occurs with black horses but can occur in any breed or color. It is very important to seek veterinary advice on how to manage a horse with this condition during the hot months.

We hope you and your equine friends stay cool this summer!

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Farewell

*Until we meet again
over the rainbow
bridge...rest in peace
dear friends*



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Black Jack:

Remember back in May of 2015 we welcomed little Black Jack into the world after rescuing his mom Circe? Well, Black Jack is all grown up and ready for his forever home. Black Jack recently completed the Cal Poly Colt Starting Class and is now started under saddle. He has about 30 rides on him and is ready to go in any direction with a new family. He is sound, has good ground manners, trailers, ties, bathes and is good for the farrier. At this time, he is barefoot, but he may require front shoes as his training intensifies. Black Jack is an easy keeper and gets along great in community pasture. Are you looking for a nice young horse to grow with and train? Come meet handsome Black Jack and we know you will fall in love.

Hiccup:

Horses don't get any cuter than Hiccup. Hiccup is an adorable six-year-old red dun mustang gelding. Hiccup is only around 14.1 hands, so he is technically a pony, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in personality. Hiccup is a pocket pet. He is extremely friendly and absolutely loves everyone. We rescued

Hiccup from a horrible situation of neglect when he was two years old. At some point, long before we rescued Hiccup, he injured his right hind leg and it never healed correctly. Due to the injury, Hiccup is not rideable but will make a great companion horse. Hiccup is an easy keeper and gets along great in community pasture. Come out to the sanctuary and meet Hiccup!



*Don't forget you can see more photos of Black Jack and Hiccup
and other available equines on our website
at www.redwingshorsesanctuary.org*