



Curly Horse Rescue, Inc.

A 501c (3) Vermont Corporation
910 US Route 2 Marshfield, VT 05658
www.curlyrescue.com

Newsletter

Volume 3, Publication 2 April 2011

Meet Your New Officers and Board of Directors for 2012!

The Annual General Meeting of Members was held from March 19 - March 31st, 2012 at our member's yahoo group, chrescue@yahoogroups.com and was open to all members. We would like to introduce you to the 2012 Board of Directors, Officers, and Committee Chairs:

2012 Board of Directors:

Laurie Lee: 2011 – 2013

Michelle Ives: 2011 – 2013

Marion Huurman de-Roos 2011 – 2013

Annise Finch 2012 – 2014

Caren Schumann 2012 – 2014

Lisa Whitten 2012 – 2014

(Director's position terms expire on alternate years, with three now expiring each year.)

2012 Officers:

President: Laurie Lee

Vice President: Caren Schumann

Treasurer: Lisa Whitten

Secretary: Annise Finch

2012 Committee Chairmen:

Fundraising: Michelle Ives and

Marion Hurmann de-Roos

Public Relations: Laurie Lee

Adoption and Foster Liaison: Lisa Whitten and Trish Rosborough

Membership: Laurie Lee as President

Would you like to volunteer on one of our committees in 2012?

CHR is looking for volunteers to help us in the following areas. If you are interested in helping us out, or you have an idea, please let us know!

*Fundraising, *Public Relations, *Membership, *Adoption and Foster Liaison. Everyone is welcome to participate on a committee!

If you donated to Curly Horse Rescue in 2011, and wish to claim it on your taxes, please let us know so we can make sure you receive the proper forms from us.

Curly Horse Rescue would like to thank everyone who supported us by giving donations and gifts, fostering a horse, adopting a horse, or helping with a rescue.

Don't Forget about your CHR T-Shirt and mugs!



CHR MUGS!

The CHR mugs come in 5 different designs. One for every day of the work week!



<http://www.CurlyRescue.etsy.com>



Bright T-shirts are in style right now! You can be in style and support the CHR at the same time! Right now, you can choose from bright pink, or bright yellow. You can buy your t-shirts right now at our etsy store.

<http://www.CurlyRescue.etsy.com>

Articles are being received for this newsletter. If you have a story about a Curly Horse that you adopted, fostered, or are fostering, please submit it to chrworklist@gmail.com, subject line: Newsletter. Thank you!

To become a member, contact us at
chrworklist@gmail.com,
or via the website www.curlyrescue.com
We'd love to have you join us!

Find us on the Web!
www.curlyrescue.com

And on facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/curlyrescue>



Words from the new President

My name is Laurie Lee. I am proud to be the newly elected President of the Curly Horse Rescue, Inc. (CHR) I am honored that the board of Directors has the faith in me to be at the helm of CHR during a time that is hard for all non-profit agencies that rely on donations for survival, as well as a time that is even harder on the horse population.

I am not someone who was lucky enough to grow up with horses and to learn to ride properly at a young age. I loved horses as a child so I ensured my exposure to them by befriending anyone I could who had a horse and allowed me to hang around in some manner! As a kid, I was convinced that I knew it all; including how to ride well, even though I'd never had a single lesson. When I was able to return to horses as an adult (about 20 years ago), I suddenly realized how little I really did know!

Since that realization I have been on one big long constant "learning journey." It has exposed me to many different instructors and trainers, many horses each with something new to teach, several styles of riding and showing, from Western to Dressage, through every aspect of horse husbandry like how to know what "good horse hay" should look like, and proper feeding, through breeding, through the loss of my first "home grown" horse, and into Rescue when I adopted the Curly mare I now own. During this journey, the most important thing I have learned is that being involved with horses means there is ALWAYS more that I can learn. Ignorance is never bliss when it comes to owning a horse. People get hurt, and horses get hurt or mistreated. Many of these incidents can be prevented through education. Horses can be "an accident waiting to happen" and a seemingly small change in the way of doing something can prevent a huge vet bill or worse. Most of us involved with horses know and have learned the hard way that you can't be safe enough and you can't be careful enough when it comes to handling horses. Always expect the unexpected.

For those of us who are not new to the cost and commitment that horses involve, some things may seem like "no-brainers" when considering purchasing or adopting a horse. But a "newbie" can easily walk into horse ownership without a full understanding of everything that is involved with owning a horse, keeping it healthy and caring for it properly. That was how I saw horse ownership through my child's eyes!

There is a saying that many of us have often heard: "There is no such thing as a free horse!" This is quite true because experienced horse owners know that horses are expensive to maintain, even when age, health, and unexpected accidents are not a factor. Not only are the emergency incidents which can result in hundreds of dollars of unexpected expenditures a necessary consideration, but horses need twice yearly routine vaccinations, annual dental care, and hoof care every 6 to 8 weeks. The time commitment is a huge factor to be considered before deciding to keep a horse at home. Daily stall cleaning, the logistics of multiple feedings per day, grooming, exercise, and training all add up to a HUGE responsibility that requires both time and money. To most of us, it's hard to imagine that anyone would take on a horse without understanding what is involved, but it does happen, and horses suffer because of it.

Here at CHR we rescue the Curly horses that find themselves fallen on hard times or in perilous places, and we help owners place horses when they can no longer offer a horse the home they would like to be able to. This economy has been hard on a lot of horse lovers. Sometimes the horses we rescue fall on hard times because of human ignorance or cruelty.

The people involved with Curly Horse Rescue wear many hats: educator, adoption processor, public relations, fund raiser, mentor, and foster home "parent" to name just a few. Of these hats, we all wear the one of educator, at times. Education is vital, and just might prevent someone from "making a mistake," whatever type of mistake that might be. Taking on this new position of President means that I am now the "coordinator of the hats" and who wears what hats and when! There are plenty of hats to go around, and we can always find more hats, should other people want to join CHR! The wonderful Curly horses we rescue deserve no less!

Laurie Lee

Congratulations!



Red's adoption has been approved! Congratulations to LeAndra on the adoption of Red. LeAndra will be finishing up the paperwork and bringing Red home soon!

Don't forget to keep up with the **CHR horses' progress at our blog!** <http://curlyrescue.blogspot.com/> See how **Woody, Cinder ella, Sam, and Bella** are doing!



CHR is looking for a few good homes!

Interested in becoming a foster caregiver or adopting an available Curly Horse? Know someone who is? Let us know. We can provide you with a foster care or adoption application.

We also need people who are willing to be on standby for when a need arises. If you have some extra room at your place and a lot of love in your heart, volunteering to be a foster caregiver might be for you. Contact us through the website at

www.curlyserescue.com

for more information on how you can become a foster or adoptive home.

Would you like to sponsor a foster horse?

Head on over to our webpage at www.curlyrescue.com Click on the "support" tab. Shop our etsy store, shop using I-give, or make a donation straight to us by either sending a check, or using the paypal service. You can mark it as a general donation, or mark it for a particular horse, or even specify whether it is for vaccinations, worming, coggins, vet care, feed, etc. Check with your state, donations may be tax deductible.