



Mandy Rescued!

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Our Treasurer, Ruth Storer, likes to walk with her dogs in the morning. Ruth lives in the Ganado area, on a red dirt road several miles from the highway. She noticed this sad little horse in a crude log corral. She began to look for the horse every morning as she walked. Ruth saw that the dejected horse rarely had food or water and that her halter was embedded in her face. Her tiny hooves had never been trimmed and because she never got exercise, they'd grown very long. One of her hind legs was crooked from an injury or maybe because of her hoof problem. Ruth called some other members of our group and started through the usual channels... the sheriff, the grazing committee, the rangers. No one seemed to care. Ruth took hay and water to the small horse and knocked on the door of the nearby house but no

one answered the door. One day when Blackhat member Tamara Martin was visiting Ruth, they saw their chance! Noticing cars in front of the house, Ruth and Tamara drove over and confronted the owners of the horse. They told the owners that, as members of Blackhat Humane Society, they wanted to help the little horse get medical treatment. The owners said the horse was 3 years old and they didn't have much time to do anything with her. They said

the crooked back leg had always been that way. Finally, they agreed to let us take the horse in exchange for \$60. We got her out of there that evening. "Mandy" is now in Gallup with a wonderful horse rescue organization called [HollyBerry Farms](#). She had her hooves carefully trimmed and surprise!... that crooked hind leg straightened out! Because she is so small and gentle, the rescue group has made Mandy part of their education program.



When children come to visit, Mandy lets them pet her and brush her. She is a reminder that we need to be brave and not turn away from any animal in need. Mandy's life has changed for the better because one person cared!

Dogs Fly to NJ!

Tourists from New Jersey were visiting Canyon de Chelly this summer and noticed the stray dogs that were hanging around motels and grocery stores. They contacted our group and asked us how they could help. We said that the strays would have to be evaluated.



Sometimes, because of temperament or disease, we can't manage strays in foster care. However, if the NJ folks could help us find homes for the many, healthy, socialized dogs we presently had in foster care, our group could begin to move in and pick up more strays. Patricia Klemick in NJ became the catalyst for this adventure.

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Tourists to the Navajo Nation are shocked by the starving animals they see roaming the highways and scenic areas. Some visitors vow never to return.

Working with Rose Moonwater, the mastermind behind desertanimalcompanions.org, and pilot Mickey Hart of [Sky Ark](http://SkyArk), a non-profit group of pilots that transports rescued animals across the nation, Patricia set up a network involving planes, volunteers and shelters, enabling 4 of Blackhats foster dogs to fly from the Navajo Reservation to safety in New Jersey. "Kisses", a Beagle/Heeler mix fostered by Leah Schimon, first entered the



Leah and her foster dog "Kisses", just before boarding Sky Ark.

plane, followed by "Mac", a Foxhound/Cattle Dog mix. Then "Cheyenne", a Yellow Lab mix, and "Sophie" a Blue Heeler, were on board, along with their personal blankets and toys, on the small 2-propeller plane. Then it was up, up and away... 4 days to Patricia in NJ. The dogs arrived safely and settled in. Within 3 weeks, all 4 rez dogs had been adopted and were loving their new homes! Thank you, Sky Ark!

History of Blackhat Humane Society



Blackhat Humane Society was started in the year 2000 by some people who wanted to do more than just feed the starving, homeless dogs and cats wandering the vast and open Navajo Nation. Towns are often 100 miles apart with nothing but desert and rocks between them.

Many folks who live and work on the Navajo Reservation are concerned about pet overpopulation and they're doing all they can to find medical care and homes for the abandoned animals. What our group seeks to do is help these kind people to continue helping the animals. We have set up a network of foster homes throughout the Navajo Nation. Abandoned animals are taken into foster care where they receive food, vaccinations, medical

care and lots of love. When the foster home feels the animal is ready for adoption, we put their picture and biography on our website: www.rezdog.petfinder.org.

Our group rescues mainly dogs and cats but we care about ALL the animals and have helped horses, cows, sheep and hawks to find a safe haven. Most of our money goes to veterinary care. Few young animals receive vaccinations on the Rez, resulting in a high incidence of Parvo and Distemper viruses. All BHS animals are vaccinated and spayed or neutered before adoption. Our group feels that education is the way to make changes and we have taken steps to provide programs and literature on responsible animal care to all ages.



A generous donation has been made in memory of Jasmine, by Lisa Holmes. Jasmine and her puppies were rescued in Steamboat several years ago. The pups all found wonderful homes. Lisa kept Jasmine. In May, Jasmine was diagnosed with cancer. Lisa was with Jasmine as she crossed the rainbow bridge to heaven on 10/3/03.

OUR WISH LIST

Dog and cat food

Airline crates

Collars and leashes

Toys

Digital camera

Blankets and quilts

Special needs, Special love

Alice is a 4 month old female purebred German Shepherd puppy. Her original owners let her fall from the back of a pickup truck. Faced with the cost of surgery for her fractured hind leg, they asked that she be euthanised. Dr. Day, a veterinarian in Tse Bonito turned to our group for help. The owners released Alice to Blackhat Humane Society. Alice had the surgery she needed and went into foster care to recuperate. Sadly, an infection developed in the



bone and Alice's leg had to be amputated.

Alice bounced back after surgery and within days she started climbing stairs (and onto the couch) with a little help. She began an exercise program, walking a little farther each day. Alice was started on Glucosamine and

Chondroitin supplements to help her joints function smoothly.

Last week, Alice went back to the vet to be spayed and to have her remaining hind leg x-rayed for dysplasia.

The x-rays looked fine.

The vet says that Alice may have to wear a "boot" on her hind paw occasionally because that foot has so much work to do, but otherwise, Alice is a normal, mischievous puppy who loves to play with toys and other dogs.

Sarah, a rescued goat



THANK-EWE!

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Dr Day

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The Navajo Nation

Blackhat Member (and students) Wash Cars & Trucks For Fun(ds)!

On Sept 13, fifteen Chinle school kids and their parents held a car wash to raise money for Blackhat Humane Society. They washed over 60 cars including a Navajo Nation Police Car, 2 motorcycles and a Big Rig (see photo).

The children raised \$272.86 to help Blackhat pay for vaccinations and surgeries for our rescued animals. Their teacher, Jano, lives in Many Farms and devotes many hours to helping stray dogs and cats in that area. Thanks, Jano!



Chinle School students and the "Big Rig" they washed on Sept 13

MUTTSHOTS!



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“The greatness of a nation
and its moral progress can
be judged by the way its
animals are treated”
Mahatma Gandhi

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Volunteer Opportunities

Blackhat Humane Society would be lost without our wonderful foster homes! We are proud that none of our rescued animals are confined in cages. All live in foster homes and are part of the family that cares for them. We can tell you if they're housebroken, if they like children, whether they embrace or chase cats, their behavior around livestock. We know how they behave while riding in cars and how they act at feeding time. All of our rescued animals go to their adoptive homes up-to-date on vaccinations. All are spayed or neutered (if old enough). We supply our foster homes with food, supplies and financial

assistance for medical care. We do the advertising for prospective adopters and are always available to guide the foster parents through the adoption process.

_____ Yes, I would be interested in fostering a stray animal. I understand that I may choose dog, cat, sheep, cow, horse or any other animal that interests me.

_____ Yes, I would be interested in attending your monthly meetings.

_____ Yes, I enjoy teaching. Please contact me about doing a short, monthly educational lesson at the school and grade level of my choice.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Donations Needed!

100% of donations go to the animals; for food, vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery. Please help us to help them! Send to:

Blackhat Humane Society
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Ganado, AZ 86505



Becky Stack and her foster dog, Dixie