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one horse at a time...*

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# Newsletter



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Another year has flown by and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and supporters that contributed to a successful year for the rescue. Over the course of 2008, we were able to find loving adoptive homes for many of our rescues, allowing us to provide care and shelter for more incoming horses in need.

The beginning of a new year provides an opportunity for making plans and setting goals for the months ahead. We have a pretty ambitious set of goals for Angel Horse Rescue this year. We are settled into our new facility and plan on charging full speed ahead with several improvements and programs to allow us to help more horses in need. Many new year's resolutions tend to be forgotten as time passes and resolve fades, however we are committed to the welfare of these horses and, with your help, we can accomplish these goals— after all, the horses are counting on us.



### 2009 Goals

- *Establish a program providing an alternative for thoroughbred racehorses no longer able to perform due to injury, age or lack of ability and facing the risk of slaughter.*
- *Obtain a grant for funds to install safe, permanent fencing for our Quarantine and Intensive Care paddocks.*
- *Establish a program to provide low cost euthanasia services to those horse owners financially unable to provide a humane end to the life of their suffering or debilitated horse.*
- *Develop and obtain funding for a program to offer annual gelding clinics to reduce the number of horses produced by irresponsible "backyard breeders".*
- *Obtain funding for a trailer to be utilized in transporting horses to the veterinarian when needed as well as providing transportation for horses seized in abuse and/or neglect cases.*
- *Construction of a loafing shed/shelter in the pasture reserved for our permanent sanctuary residents with disabilities.*

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## NEW ARRIVAL

### A HORSE NAMED "HOBO"

As his name suggests, Hobo had spent the last few months of his life shuffling around from home to home before arriving at the rescue on December 9, 2008. We were told he is a 2-1/2 year old thoroughbred gelding whose official name is Face A Prince. We were able to confirm that Face A Prince was in training at the Arlington Race Track in Chicago, Illinois in September 2008, however he had not yet raced nor has he been tattooed. While in training, he suffered a fractured sesamoid bone in his rear fetlock. The vet at the track advised a 6 month layoff, basically ending Hobo's career as a racehorse. No longer able to race, he became a liability to his owner and was subsequently given away. From there he began his journey which eventually landed him in Oklahoma. Unfortunately, at some point in his travels, he was pastured with unfriendly broodmares who ran him through a barbed wire fence and he suffered a severe cut around his front left pastern. Nearly two weeks after this new injury occurred, we were contacted and asked to accept Hobo for treatment due to his current location did not have a barn or facilities to confine him to care for his wound. Hobo was brought to the rescue and relinquished to us for treatment and future adoption. Hobo seemed excited to be in a barn again as he was led, limping painfully, to his stall. He was back in a familiar setting, similar to his life at the track and you could see him visibly relax when we turned him loose in his fresh stall. We began to clean the debris and dead tissue away from his foot at which point it became evident that the cut was a very deep, jagged laceration and needed professional treatment. We gave Hobo a dose of antibiotics and called our vet out to treat the injury. After sedating Hobo, the vet was able to thoroughly flush the wound, apply



*Hobo recovering in his stall at the rescue*

medication and wrap it with extra padding to help immobilize the joint. With a dose of powerful painkillers, Hobo was much more comfortable. We were advised to change his bandage regularly and give him a daily dose of antibiotics as well as Bute for pain. Hobo is on stall rest for the next several weeks to give his foot time to heal. The vet came out for a follow up exam to check on Hobo two weeks after his initial visit and he was very pleased with Hobo's healing progress. We are continuing his antibiotics, but will be cutting back on his pain medication. Hobo is still confined to his stall, but he is walking much better and putting his full weight on his injured foot. It will take a couple of more months before Hobo will be recovered enough for us to evaluate his training and abilities, but at this time we believe he will be sound for light to medium riding flat riding, no jumping, and will be available for adoption to an approved home at that time.

*If you would like to see pictures and follow Hobo's progress, visit our website at: [www.angelhorsescue.org](http://www.angelhorsescue.org)*

## FUNDRAISER FOR HOBO

Currently, Hobo's vet bills are in excess of \$500.00 in addition to the cost of his continuing antibiotics, medications and supplies for dressing his wound. We are raising funds to help defray the cost of Hobo's recovery and replenishing our depleted emergency vet fund so we will be able to care for future horses, like Hobo, that come into the rescue requiring immediate veterinary

treatment. Please consider making a donation to help Hobo continue his recovery and find his new forever home. To make a donation to Hobo's Fund, see the donation form on page 9 and check the appropriate box.

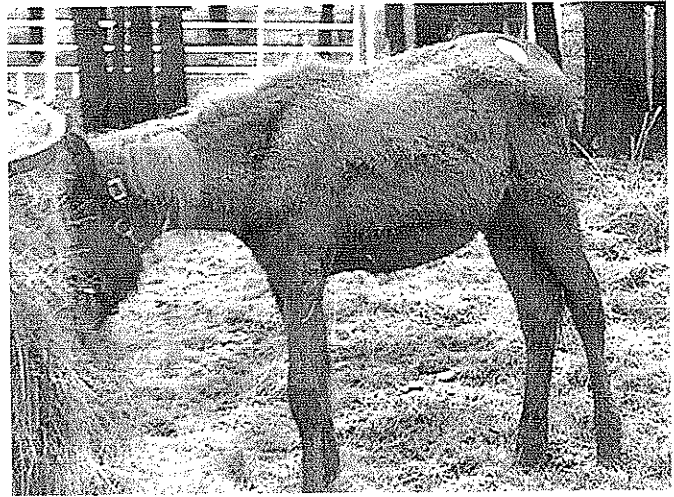
**Thank you for supporting the horses!**



## HAPPY ENDINGS ..... A Story of Hope

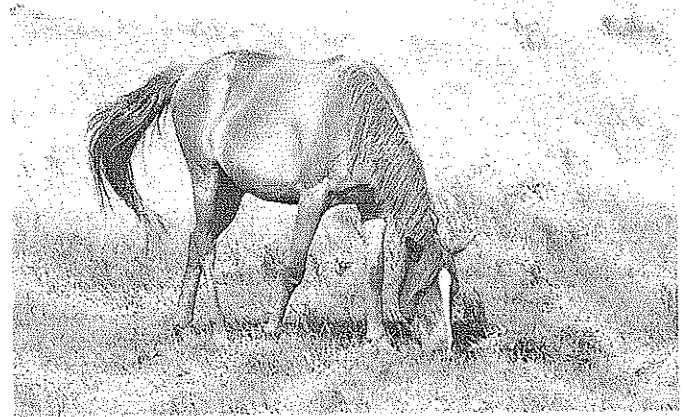
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In March of 2006, Angel Horse Rescue received two young fillies that were purchased by one of our volunteers from an auction where they had been sold by the pound. Both were severely malnourished, underweight and suffering from "shipping fever". The smallest and weakest of the fillies we named Hope. We initially feared that Hope would not make it, that she was too weak from starvation to fight the infection. Her frail little body was literally skin and bones with no muscle to inject the needed antibiotics into. We started her on oral antibiotics and after several rounds, she began to show signs of improvement. Hope was a challenge and it seemed as soon as one condition cleared up, another would appear. Once the thick, green discharge ceased to come from her eyes and nostrils, the hair all along her spine began to peel away and her skin oozed a sticky, clear liquid. Shortly after that, Hope developed a severe case of ringworm and lost most of the hair on her little face as well as gray, crusty lesions appeared all over her body. It took several months, but eventually little Hope overcame all of these obstacles, shed out her coarse unhealthy winter coat and put on much needed weight. Although she regained her health and weight, her rough start in life took its toll on Hope. With the lack of proper care and feeding at such a young age, along with the many resulting issues, Hope's growth was stunted and she remained a small horse. Potential adopter's showed little interest in such a small horse that might not ever be able to carry an average sized rider and so Hope remained at the rescue as many of her pasture mates, one by one, moved on to their loving forever homes. At the rescue, we firmly believe that there is no such thing as a truly "unwanted" horse. If just given a chance and



*Hope shortly after her arrival in 2006*

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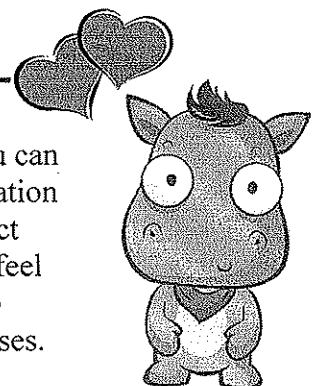
necessary time, every horse will find that special home where they belong and such was the case for Hope. She is now settling into a very loving, caring home as a companion to a lonely mare. Hope's small stature and non-aggressive disposition made her a perfect match for her new pasture mate. We are very grateful to Hope's adopter for giving her the "happily ever after" ending to her story.

## Adoption Guidelines

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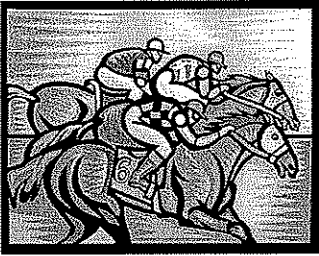
If you have room in your heart (and barn), please consider giving one of our rescued horses a permanent, loving home. Please visit our website to view our adoptable horses and for a copy of Angel Horse Rescue's adoption policies. Our website is

[www.angelhorserescue.org](http://www.angelhorserescue.org). You can also download an adoption application and a copy of our adoption contract from our website as well. Please feel free to call us at (918)607-5983 to arrange a visit with any of the horses.



## Thoroughbred Program

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One of our goals this year is to officially launch our program to provide an alternative to auction and risk of slaughter for thoroughbreds that are no longer able to race due to injury, age or

simply are not competitive. These equine athletes put their heart into performing for their owners, trainers and race fans. They all deserve our best efforts to provide a chance at life beyond the racetrack. Angel Horse Rescue will be offering our facilities and adoption services to help transition these horses

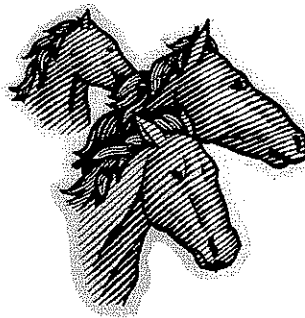
from the track into permanent, loving homes. We will be available to offer treatment for those horses, like Hobo, who are injured and need time to heal as well as those horses just needing time to adjust from the fast paced life at the racetrack to a more relaxed atmosphere. These wonderfully versatile horses can be retrained for dressage, hunter/jumper, cross country competition as well as trail riding mounts or simply companions.

Over the next few months, we will be contacting the local racetracks as well as trainers, owners and breeders to promote our program and help prevent these horses from falling through the cracks.

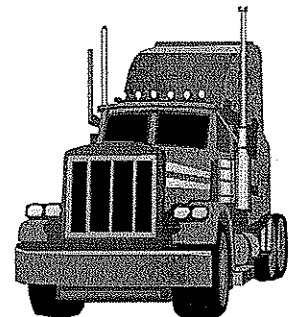
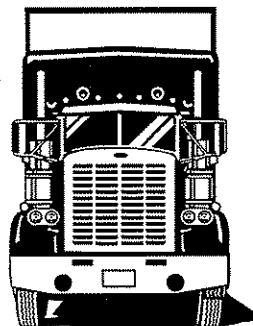
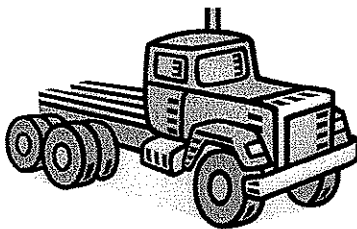
## Open House Event

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We will be having a weekend Open House this year on Saturday and Sunday, June 20th and 21st. In addition to our Open House, the Heartland Sooner chapter of the American Truck Historical Society will be hosting an antique truck show here at our facility in Inola on the same days. Whether you have an interest in horses or horsepower, there will be something here for you. Vendors will be available with everything from barns to big rigs, horse tack to truck parts. There will be smoked



brisket with a special all-you-can-eat price! Watch for our next newsletter for all the details or if you would like to sign up for vendor space. You can also go to the "Events" link on our website at [www.angelhorserescue.org](http://www.angelhorserescue.org) for more information. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to stop in and visit with the horses or come out to enjoy the truck show. It is father's day weekend, so show Dad a good time and bring him out to share in the fun!



## ebay's Giving Works Program

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We want to say a special "THANKS" to those generous ebay sellers that donated a percentage of their online auction proceeds to Angel Horse Rescue during the past year. Since signing up for the ebay Giving Works program in 2006, we have raised an average of over \$600.00 annually. That is enough to purchase grain and hay for one of our horses for a full year! That is one less horse being starved or neglected, and one horse at a time can and does make a difference—especially to that horse.



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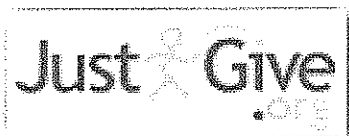
You can sell an item on eBay and donate from 10% to 100% of the final sale price to help Angel Horse Rescue help the horses!

### ***How Does It Work?***

MissionFish, a nonprofit organization specializing in online charitable auctions, developed Giving Works for eBay. Although items will be posted through MissionFish, they will appear with all other listings on eBay. Giving Works items are marked with a charity ribbon icon so buyers know they are supporting a good cause. Buyers tend to trust charity sellers more and these items often sell for more than non-charity listings. In addition, Giving Works items appear in three categories for the price of one: the category you select, the eBay Giving Works category and on the MissionFish nonprofit homepage.

### ***To start:***

1. Visit [www.MissionFish.org](http://www.MissionFish.org)
2. Get registered
3. Choose an item to sell
4. Write an item title and description
5. List your item through MissionFish and indicate that it will benefit Angel Horse Rescue.
6. Complete your transaction- MissionFish collects your donation and passes it on to us.



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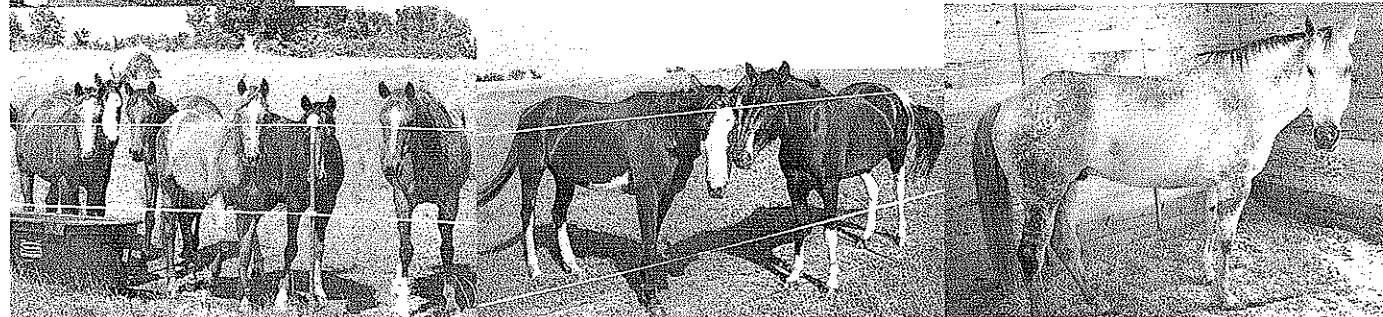
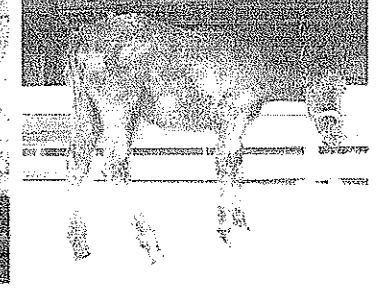
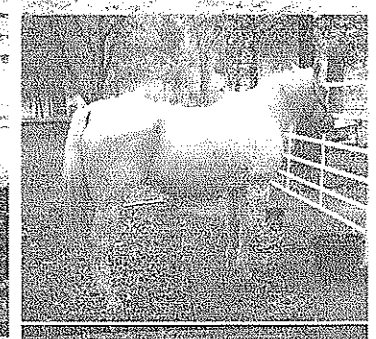
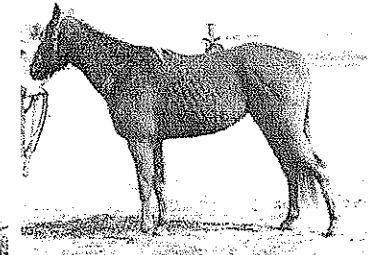
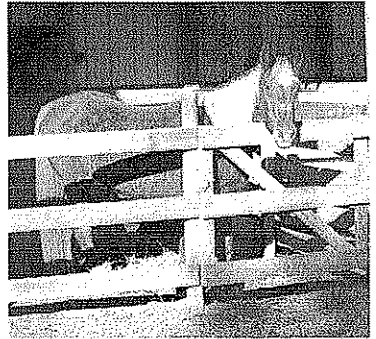
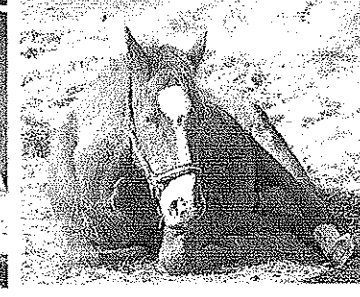
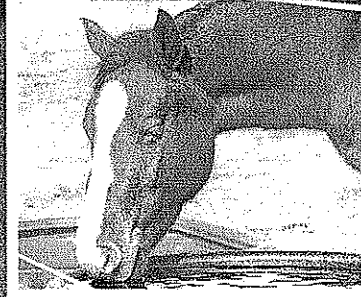
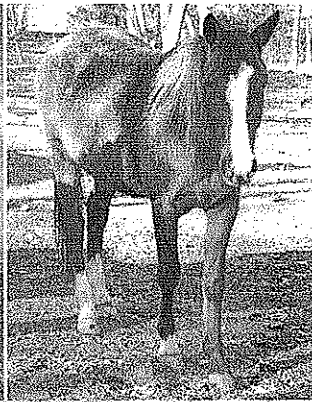
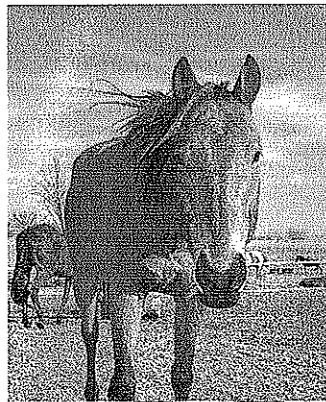
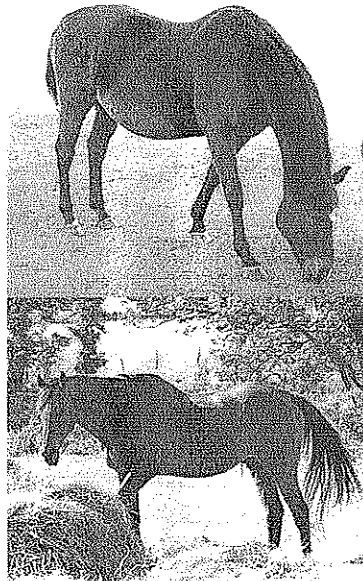


Our Care Code: AngelHorseRescue

# Angel Horse Rescue celebrates our 5th Anniversary!

February 2004 – February 2009

Angel Horse Rescue was incorporated as a non-profit in February of 2004 and we mark that as our beginning as an official rescue organization. Prior to that, our founder had been privately rescuing horses for 3 years. We applied for and received our recognition by the IRS as a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable organization in June 2005. Since then we have been helping horses recover from bad situations including abuse and neglect and finding them permanent, caring homes or providing sanctuary for those not able to recover. These pictures represent a few of the horses that have come to our rescue in the past five year. We look forward to the next five years and hope we can make a difference to an even larger number of horses as we continue to grow.



# ANIMAL WELFARE INSTITUTE ESTABLISHES ABANDONED HORSE REWARD FUND

**Washington, DC (January 29, 2009)** – The Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) announced today the establishment of the “Animal Welfare Institute Abandoned Horse Reward Fund.” Under the program, individuals providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who abandons a horse in violation of state law will be rewarded with up to \$1,000 by AWI. “We’ve heard time and time again from those defending horse slaughter that the fight to end this cruel practice has led to an increase in abandoned horses. The truth is that the number of American horses going to slaughter now is the same or higher as before the domestic plants closed under state law. In fact, killer buyers seem to be buying more horses than when the plants were open,” said Chris Heyde, AWI’s Deputy Director of Government and Legal Affairs.

Under the program, individuals with evidence should first contact their local police department, provide as many details as possible about the horse abandonment situation and let the department know about the Animal Welfare Institute Abandoned Horse Reward Fund. In such cases, eligibility for rewards and specific reward amounts will be determined by AWI. For complete terms and conditions of this reward fund, please go to [www.awionline.org](http://www.awionline.org).

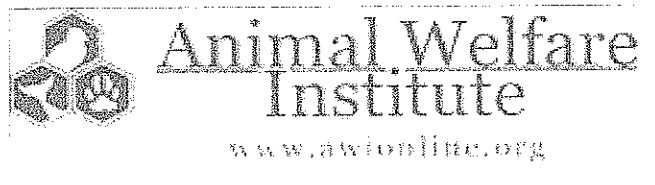
“If horses are being neglected or abandoned and the law is being violated, individuals need to be held accountable. Caring for a horse or any animal is a lifelong responsibility and not something you toss aside when inconvenient. We hope our reward fund will assist in bringing criminals to justice,” said Chris Heyde.

The Animal Welfare Institute has been at the forefront of efforts to pass a federal law to end horse slaughter. While the few remaining horse slaughter plants operating in the US were shut down in 2007 under state law, the absence of a federal law means that American horses are still at risk of being slaughtered for human consumption, and more than 100,000 horses were exported to Mexico and Canada in 2008 for that purpose. In Canada, horses are often shot to death while in Mexico some plants still use the “puntilla” knife to stab the horse into a state of paralysis prior to being slaughtered while still fully conscious. The meat is then sold to high-end consumers in Europe and Asia. Congress is currently considering the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act (H.R. 503), which will protect American horses from this brutal trade.

**For further information contact:**

Chris Heyde, 202-446-2142

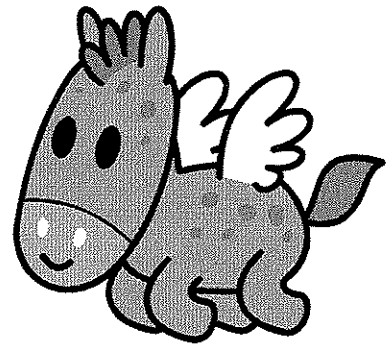
Liz Ross, 202-497-6780



# "Horse Angel" Sponsorship Program

Upon arrival at Angel Horse Rescue, each horse's immediate physical needs are addressed. Over the course of the next few months, each horse is evaluated to determine its level of training, abilities and any physical or mental limitations. Some horses, as a result of severe neglect or abuse, may take several months or even longer to achieve a healthy weight and/or basic skills (halter training and minimum ground manners) which are required in most cases prior to being eligible for adoption. Other horses are considered unadoptable due to extensive medical needs, behavioral problems or advanced age and will remain at the rescue for the rest of their lives. AHR's sponsorship program allows a donor to specify a particular horse that they would like their donation to benefit. AHR also has a **HORSE ANGEL** Program where ongoing monthly sponsorships are available for long term equine residents of the rescue. Under the Horse Angel monthly program, a

donor will receive periodic updates and photos of the sponsored horse for as long as their sponsorship continues and may schedule visits with their sponsored horses by appointment.



## SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please use this donation towards the care of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ name of horse]

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A "**HORSE ANGEL**" AND BE AN ONGOING SPONSOR FOR THIS HORSE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

LENGTH OF SPONSOR SHIP: \_\_\_ 3 months \_\_\_ 6 month  
\_\_\_ 1 year \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT OF MONTHLY DONATION:  
\_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form with your donation to:*

**ANGEL HORSE RESCUE, INC.**

**P.O. BOX 1058**

**INOLA, OK 74036**



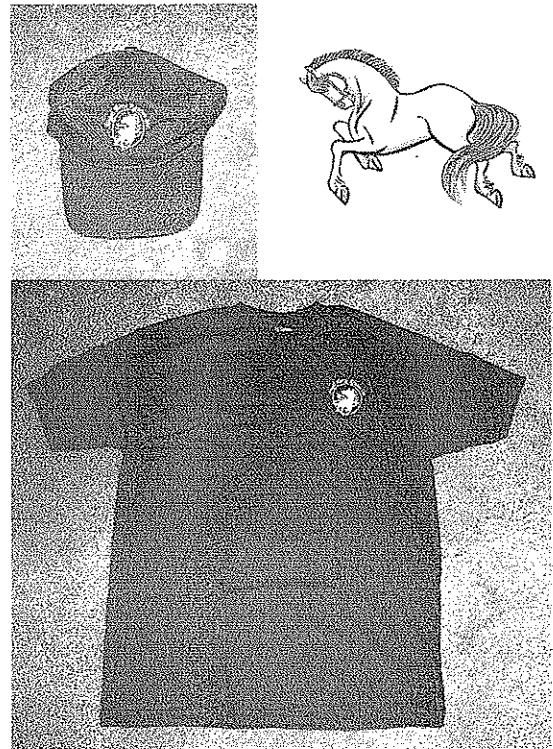
# AHR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

## 2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We would like to welcome our new members who joined in 2008 and invite YOU to join our Angel Horse Rescue club this year! By donating \$50 for each 12 month annual membership, you will receive your choice of a T-shirt OR cap embroidered with our angel horse logo. In addition to our regular newsletter, you will receive exclusive offers and special notices as well as invitations to "members only" appreciation events held at the rescue during that year. If you would like to join, simply mark the appropriate box on the donation form below and be sure to indicate "cap" or "T-shirt" and mark the size if choosing the T-shirt. Just include the completed form with your \$50 membership donation and we will send your free gift and all future notices, invitations and newsletters to the address provided. Please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery of your cap or T-shirt.

THANK YOU!!

Net proceeds from membership donations are used for the daily care and feeding of all horses at the rescue



## Donation Form

Angel Horse Rescue is 100% volunteer and donation supported. We are currently raising funds for installing permanent fences and shelters to expand our new facilities. Of course, funds are always need for the daily care and feeding of our residents as well as regular vet exams, dental checkups, vaccinations and farrier care. We are recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 charitable organization and all donations are tax deductible to the donor as allowed by law. We greatly appreciate any and all donations no matter what size! Please make checks payable to: **Angel Horse Rescue, Inc.**

Mail to: **P.O. Box 1058 Inola, OK 74036**

Please use the enclosed donation for:

- Membership –please circle one: Cap OR T-shirt  
indicate shirt size: \_\_S \_\_M \_\_L \_\_XL \_\_2XL
- General Fund - use towards the care of all horses
- Specific horse: (name) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hobo's Fundraiser - vet care
- Shelter / Fencing fund

Please include your name and address below so that we can forward a receipt for your records.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Angel Horse Rescue, Inc. was established in Oklahoma as a non-profit corporation in February, 2004. We received determination of our 501(c)3 tax exempt status from the IRS in 2005, making all donations to our organization tax deductible to the donor. Our mission is to provide rescue, rehabilitation and adoption services to abused, neglected and abandoned horses as well as horses at risk for slaughter. We are 100% volunteer and donation supported. Visitors are welcome at the rescue, however we do ask that you call ahead first and make an appointment to insure that a volunteer is available to meet you and show you around our facilities.

Our phone number is (918) 607-5983.

Our website is [www.angelhorserescue.org](http://www.angelhorserescue.org) where you can view all of the horses available for adoption and get forms and additional information about our adoption and sponsorship programs. Thank you so much for your interest in our organization and please feel free to contact us with any questions!



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