

MINI BITS
Newsletter March 2006
The Hearts & Hooves - Sacramento

This is the sixth issue of Hearts & Hooves Mini Bits. You are receiving this monthly newsletter because you are a volunteer, sponsor, client or special friend of the miniature horse therapy service we provide.

The Visits March was a relatively slow month for visiting - some of our regulars were not available.

1. First Sat: Sacramento Children's Receiving Home - the minis were a big hit with the kids.
2. Second Thur: Williams Elementary School in Rancho Cordova went well, but the time is conflicting with lunch, so will be scheduled a half hour earlier in the future.
3. Third Fri: ARC adult care in Roseville once again saw the minis decked out in their tennies for this inside visit. This was the first solo by our new driver Bonnie Thomas...congratulations on a job well done.
4. Training on Sat the 11th and Fri the 17th: each had one new volunteer.
5. Fourth Sat: We have a new monthly client, which is the Kiwanis House at the UCD Children's Hospital on Stockton Blvd. This facility provides housing for the families of sick children (similar to the Ronald McDonald House that serves Shriner's Children's Hospital right next door). Please look for this addition in the Calendar signups starting April 22.

The Stable

All of the nameplates have arrived and been mounted over each horse's feed bin. A picture is tacked under the name to help you match them up and learn their names.

I was out of town 23-25 March and Ellie Blake again took care of the morning feeding/stable chores...many thanks, Ellie.

NOTE: If you're interested in helping with the stable duties, I conduct training any morning 9-10 am, when I do the regular feeding/grooming/cleaning. Just pick a day that's convenient for you and call me at 916-991-7040. I will be travelling regularly, so helpers are needed. If you can only commit on certain days of the week or weekends, that's fine...every little bit helps.

Fun Stuff

1. 22 March was our Birthday Bash at the Casa Ramos restaurant in the Birdcage Shopping Center. We raised over \$400 from a combination of button sales, donations and the 15% contribution from the restaurant. It was great fun, good food, and resulted in a half dozen new names added to the volunteer roster. If you missed it, there will be similar events quarterly at different restaurants...so watch the calendar.
2. We have a new Webmaster - Chris Parry. This is something we've really needed for a long time and are grateful for the help.
3. Put a big circle on the calendar for Sunday 10 Sep...it's our annual fund raiser at the SHA clubhouse from 3-7 pm. You can't find a better family outing, so bring all the shirtil cousins for a good time. Hearts & Hooves is getting a reputation for F-U-N !!!

If you have something to donate for the auction/raffle/doorprizes or you want to help in other ways, call the committees:

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