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HEARTS & HORSES
Therapeutic Riding Center

Helping Our Heroes Thrive: Equine Care at Hearts & Horses

At Hearts & Horses, our equines are the heart and soul of what we do. These four-legged heroes show up for us day after day, year after year, to carry our mission forward on their backs. That's why we take pride in providing the highest level of care for our equine team. In this month's HeartBeats, we invite you to take a glimpse behind the scenes of our equine care program and learn what it's like to be a member of the prestigious Hearts & Horses herd.

Medical Care & Alternative Therapies
All of our equines receive high-quality veterinary care as well as state-of-the-art alternative therapies from a team of eight different equine practitioners. This team includes two primary care vets, a lameness vet, three equine chiropractors, an equine dentist, and an equine massage therapist. We also partner with the world-class CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital for both routine and emergency care. Twice a year our primary care veterinarians assess the health and wellbeing of the herd, and they are on-call whenever we need further assessment to identify and treat any medical conditions we might be concerned about.

Feed
Hearts & Horses feeds the highest quality grass hay sourced locally, thanks to long term relationships we've developed over the years. Every one of our equines has an individualized feeding plan. Our herd gets hay four times daily, as opposed to most boarding facilities, which typically feed their equines 2-3 times a day.

Turn-Out
Our equines are happiest and healthiest when they're outdoors with their friends. Being outside in a pasture or paddock helps combat boredom, improves health, encourages companionship within the herd, and helps burn off excessive energy. We turn out our entire herd from 5:00 AM to 3:00 PM every day, pending good weather.

Training
We currently have three horse trainers on our team, whose collective experience in the industry spans more than 70 years. To ensure that every equine receives personalized attention, our dedicated trainers utilize a variety of different methodologies to create customized regimens for each member of our herd.

Saddle Fittings
Frequent saddle fittings are essential for the comfort of both our equines and riders. Happy Horse Saddle Services comes to the ranch three times a year to perform saddle fittings on our herd and check for any body changes in our equines that may require saddle adjustments.

At Hearts & Horses we take immense pride in the care and attention we provide to our equines. To become a member of our herd is a great honor, and these equine athletes are chosen with the utmost care. We are currently looking to expand our herd, so if you know of any horses that would make a great four-legged therapist, please let us know!

Equine Intake Form

Lucky Hearts Silent Auction Drive

Do you know of anyone who owns a small business? Do you have a favorite massage therapist, boutique store, or other local service provider? Help us raise critical funds by letting them know about our silent auction!

Every contribution and business name will be featured in a mobile auction viewed by people around the nation and by hundreds of people at our in-person event. We are currently seeking donations of gift vouchers, baskets, and stand-alone items with a minimum value of $50.

Auction Donation Form

Gala Tickets on Sale NOW!

Tickets are now on sale for our 23rd Annual Lucky Hearts Silent Auction! This evening of fun and FUNding will be held at the Embassy Suites in Loveland on Saturday, September 23, 2023, starting at 5:30 pm. Attire is "classy Colorado Western."

There will be a delicious dinner with surf & turf and vegan plate options, cocktails, live music, silent auction, heart games, reverse games, Hearts & Horses program highlights, line dancing, and more!

Your ticket to the 2023 Lucky Hearts Gala includes:
- Hosted beer & Coyote Gold margaritas
- A three-course meal (choice of Surf & Turf or Vegan)
- $500 "HiRo Bucks" for gaming

Ticket sales end on 9/12, so purchase your tickets today!

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