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## Horse Helpers

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### Dear Horse Helper,

A lot has happened over this past winter and we have been busy rescuing and re-homing horses. Though I could spend all day writing to you about every single one of our rescue horses, I am writing to share Chance's story.

#### Chance's Story

Chance is one of our newest horses. He came to us a very sick little boy, only about a year old and missing 90 percent of his hair. Chance was rescued from starvation when he was about 6 months old and has never been able to really thrive. The vets think he has a weak immune system and was unable to fight off environmental risks as would a healthy horse. He began to lose his hair in late winter without coming out in handfuls. In January Horse Helpers paid a vet to go to his owner's home and she put him on antibiotics and told the owner to move him to a different pasture. He started doing better but they were unable to move him so he remained in a very wet environment. He was in a pasture virtually naked with no coat until a Good Samaritan lent the owner a sheet. In March Chance started going downhill again. The problem became too

big for his rescuer to handle and so she surrendered Chance to us.



Chance has been with us about three weeks now. He has stopped losing hair and is putting on weight. The swelling in his back legs has gone down and his legs are no longer extremely painful. His skin still hurts so baths and brushing is hard but it is less painful than when he first arrived. And although if you saw him today you would say he looks terrible, to us, he is looking like a miracle; he has little peach fuzz over almost all of his naked parts. Every warm day he

**Chance before coming to Horse Helpers His neck and head were bald along with most of the rest of his body. He lost the remaining hair over the next few days. His skin was scaly and leathery from being**

receives medicated baths he goes on daily walks where he is starting to kick and buck because he feels better. He is getting all kinds of things to boost his immunity, probiotics, aloe, iron, alfalfa and a youth feed. Our Healing Touch practitioner works on him twice a week and the vets are on top of other healthcare. Chance's hooves were too long and one hoof was twisting out and had thrown his back leg out into an unnatural position. The farrier started working on his hooves and he is learning to walk again. He is really improving. If you get a chance we would love for you to come visit him!



**Chance after Three Weeks and lots of medicated baths. The chamois reduces the pain of a halter on his face**

Because of caring donors like you, we have saved the lives of 67 horses in the last five years and helped to change the lives of hundreds of horses through education and advocacy. Horses just like Chance found their way on the road to recovery; whether they faced an urgent need, disease, or needed a little bit of extra love and care to get them back on their hooves again.

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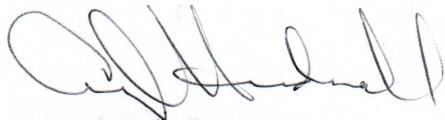
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Horse Helpers of the High Country is here to stay, but we need your help to continue the work we do. Your contributions have helped make Horse Helpers of the High Country the organization that it is today and we are grateful for your support. Your donations help us continue this mission, and provide resources that make an immediate impact. You can give a gift and specify how you would like it to be used, maybe you want to sponsor a horse or put the money toward hay No amount is too small, for example here are some things you can help pay for:

- Bale of hay \$5
- Wormer is \$8.95
- Bag of feed \$20
- Bag of Alfalfa \$8
- Vaccinations \$31
- Halter and Lead line \$25
- Muck Bucket \$19.95
- Load of Shavings (lasts weeks) \$260

Your donation will make a world of difference—we can't do it without you. Thank you so much for your continued help and generous support.

Sincerely,



Amy Hudnall  
President, Horse Helpers of the High Country

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