



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

## BACK AT THE RANCH...

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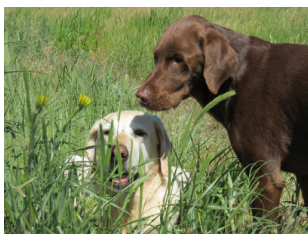
Shana is our newest addition to the ranch. A 23-year-old Arabian, she quickly adapted to her new surroundings and, great news, she LOVES our hay! That was a huge relief. After a couple of days of figuring out her new routine and diet, we were satisfied that she was going to do well and hopefully gain back a few of the pounds she had lost over the winter. Here are a few things we have learned about her: 1. She, like any honorable horse I suppose, is an escape artist. All doors and gates must be closed and bolted when we leave the barn! Not that she has escaped

yet, but she has certainly given it her best shot! 2. She loves attention. While admittedly she looks for treats or a brush in your hand she most often willingly comes over to greet you at the fence or the barn door and if you happen to have a halter in your hand she will dive her nose into it ready to go for a walk or a ride. She has a special brush which was passed down to me from the previous owner who had received it from her previous owner before that. If you hold the brush out to her she will come and rub her forehead against it. 3. She is well mannered and sweet and adapts her manner to the person she is being addressed by--more about that observation in the months ahead. All in all, she is a great addition to the ranch and we feel blessed to be entrusted with her ongoing care.

UPDATE: After Shana's arrival, we were subsequently visited by her co-owner who came to teach us some new things and help me learn to ride, bridle and saddle her, and continue to help with her transition. She rode her bareback all around our property every evening and it was a joy to watch. Thank you Rachel G-B for an amazing demonstration, and thank you Rachel M. for the extraordinary picture you took of her!



**ZAC TAILS:** A couple of weeks ago, I got a visit from my "city" cousins. Sitka and Kody came to the ranch to spend a couple of days with me. Sitka is my older cousin; she's cool and takes it slow, enjoying the scenery. Kody is younger and full of energy. He's all over the place. Talk about a herding nightmare! Just when I think he is in one place, he shows up in another. When they first arrived, I took them aside and told them, "look, it's hard out here in the country; we don't have all those nice things you have in the city, like soft grass to run on, and lots of trees to mark. If you want to mark something, look for a rock." Sure enough after a day or two,



Kody was walking pretty gingerly across our gravel courtyard. One thing I will say, my city cousins have a good

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sense of humor. Right away, they started playing with my toys and hiding them from me. I was able to round up most of them but when they left, I was missing my space ship toy and my toy squirrel. It was a good visit and we had fun roughhousing and chasing each other all over the property. It's good to have family. Family is important. Family is those people who, even after much time has passed, you pick up with each other like the last time you saw them was yesterday. Family is those people whom you love and who love you. Make sure you take time to tell your family how much you love them. By the way, three days later, I found my space ship toy out behind the barn. I still haven't found my squirrel. (photo by JV)

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The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears. ~Arabian Proverb

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**OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS:** The 2nd Annual Barbeque at the Barn



was a huge success! It marked our grand opening and 22 people attended in all. Steve was an amazing chef at the grill! Rachel and Chris designed a beautiful blackboard menu and we signed up three families to begin participating in our program. Robin gave a tour of the property and introduced all the animals (except Mulan and



Archimedes who were hiding inside the house). Shana was the star of attention.

It was fun to see people roaming the property and the courtyard full of cars! Kids were able to put together birdhouse kits created by Steve, and as they return to the ranch in the weeks ahead they can paint them and choose where to put them on the fences around the property! We now have 4-5 sessions open per week and hope to see the schedule fill up in the weeks ahead! (photos by Rachel M.)



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**Two main focuses this month: 1) Complete a 3rd pasture in order to accommodate all the horses and provide more options for pasturing. 2) Purchasing hay for the year. If you would like to help, please send donations to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.**



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