



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

## BACK AT THE RANCH...

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We have had a busy start to summer! First, we have another new addition to the ranch! She arrived just 2 weeks after Sampson, but we wanted her to have her own spotlight in the newsletter, so we waited until now to announce her. She is a very special treasure--14 hands, 14 years old. We adopted her from another rescue organization in Oregon, Mustangs to the Rescue, ([mustangstotherescue.org](http://mustangstotherescue.org)) and have been working on her ground work and riding. We have named her Remington (Remy), and she is learning to come to a whistle which has been a fun learning experience for both of us! She is a lovely pinto with one blue eye and one brown eye. She is gentle and quiet--well, except maybe when it's feeding time!



Second, we celebrated our 3rd Annual Volunteer Work Day with friends and community members on June 6th and had an excellent turn out. The Friendship Arena is now complete and has already been put to great use! In addition we started (and have since completed) the division of a larger pasture into two smaller ones so we can separate the horses for feeding purposes and ease of accessing them for our daily sessions. The brave volunteers who lingered to the end got to help muck out one of the pastures-- one of our daily chores, but we loved having all the extra help that day! Thank you ALL so much for all your support and willingness to spend time working on the ranch!



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Third, we have had a stream of visitors for the past 2 weeks--family from up and down the coast and one from as far as Munich,

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Germany have come to experience the ranch and build new memories. So great to see Mom, Nelson, Jen, Dave, Ally, Skippy, Kai, Chris, Steph and Gearhardt. It is always hard to say goodbye and we hope each will find a way to return again soon and that more will continue to find their way here!

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**Our mission/vision: To provide free equine experiences for youth in a safe, loving, and encouraging environment that is fun for both children and horses.**

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**ZAC TAILS:** *Chasing dirt.* Life here on the ranch continues to keep me very busy. While I do admit to an occasional respite in the shade of the Kubota from time to time, I have a whole new past time that was created when the arena was leveled last month. It is weed-free and very dusty. My people call it the Friendship Arena and my job is to help keep it friendly. So, if I sit in the middle of the arena and look west, I can not only hear, but can actually see when a gust of wind is coming towards the ranch. As it approaches I fill with excitement because I know what is coming! Then that gust of wind hits the arena it swirls and tosses and dances across the dirt and creates fun little spirals of dirt that I love to chase from one side of the arena to the other where it hits the grass and disappears. My people call them dirt devils. Time and time again they blow across the arena and I give chase and make sure they don't linger or dally. We don't need those dirt devils interfering with anyone who is there to ride or spend time with the horses. We all need to shake a little dirt off sometimes. Me? I love rolling in the dirt until I become a brown dog instead of a black dog, but my people won't let me in the house until they hose me down and dry me off. Do you need to chase the dirt out of something in your life? All it takes is a little patience, persistence, an attitude of anticipation, and maybe a little help from a friend.



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**Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. Let us work towards complete purity because we fear God.  
2 Corinthians 7:1**

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Don't think of it as dust. Just think of it as the dirt and dust of far-off lands blowing over here and settling on "Pig-Pen!" It staggers the imagination! He may be carrying the soil that was trod upon by Solomon or Nebuchadnezzar or Genghis Khan.  
~ Charlie Brown

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**OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS** : The June sessions have been a great success, and the July sessions are nearly booked! It's great to see both new and returning participants, and we look forward to a busy rest of the summer. Watch our Facebook page for sessions available in August.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**: Even though the arena is completed, another \$600 is needed to completely defer the expense. Also, we have one more project this year (another run-in shed or two so each horse has shelter), so if you would like to help, even \$10 or \$20 will make a big difference! Donations can be sent to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. You can also donate through GuideStar--just click on the link below.



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