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*Teaching young people compassion and care through equine education*

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**RANGER NEWS**

This summer, we had 12 Rangers participating in our program. As you may know, our program manager Meaghan Shaffer left on maternity leave; however, Ashlee Cabral capably stepped in and continued the Ranger lessons twice a week and completed the lessons for Session 5 of Casa Pacifica.

Ashlee went back to Sonoma State in July and was sorely missed by kids and volunteers. Jose Crespo was hired to handle the expansion of our sanctuary and rescue program. He also filled in as a riding instructor in August. Ed and Brian Hogan helped during the staff shortage, with a five days-a-week summer camp with the Rangers. And what a full schedule it was, with the children watching a horse training video twice a week in the theater room at Rancho Nuevo, taking riding lessons twice a week with Jose, and spending one fun day at the Hogan residence in their pool. After a brief hiatus and following the beginning of the new school year in September, the Rangers are resuming their riding lessons.

**RANCH NEWS**

**W**e've expanded! The Hogan Family Foundation has purchased a 14-acre ranch in Camarillo called Rancho Nuevo. It is located on East Andalusia, off Santa Rosa Valley Road. Glenn Hogan is the ranch foreman and is overseeing the day-to-day operations.

tion of some much needed rain this winter. The massive projects are being done by contractor Mario Vega, the brother of our ranch manager Miguel Vega. He will help us out for about two months to ensure the job is done correctly from start to finish.

**Thanks Mario!**

Rescued horses will receive rehabilitation and training in the two large arenas and on trails through Wildwood Park. The horses that can no longer be ridden will enjoy the large paddocks and shady trees.

Both Rancho St. Francis and Rancho Nuevo are receiving newly paved roads to facilitate deliveries and in prepara-



**FIELD TRIP**

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We headed back to the beach for the second day. The wildlife there is abundant. We saw hawks, pelicans, sea otters, sea anemones, star fish, crabs, dolphins, herons, sea gulls, egrets, and buzzards. It was a wonderful experience and marked the end of summer and the beginning of school. There is something peaceful about the ocean and being in nature. It brings out the best in us and lets us recuperate and rejuvenate. The ranch is a magical place and we are grateful to the Tesoro family for their hospitality and letting us share their haven for two days.



The Rangers enjoying boogey boarding at the beach near the Tesoro Ranch in Santa Barbara

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¡Vaya con Dios! ( Go with God!)

## FIELD TRIP



Nancy wrapped in kelp

The Rangers enjoyed a special overnight at Rancho Tesoro in Hollister Ranch, just north of Santa Barbara. The kids spent two days on the beach, body boarding and hunting for seashells. They even tried their hand at boarding down a sand dune. One of the boys had an unusual close encounter with a sea otter. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that ended promptly once he saw the otter yawn. It had very large, intimidating incisors!

Mr. Hogan, Miguel Vega, and Jose Crespo also drove up for the day with three of the horses. Lobo, Noble Lad, and Antares learned for the first time about sand, the smell of the ocean and glittering, noisy waves. Lobo took to it bravely and marched right into the water with Miguel on his back. Noble Lad and Antares thought maybe they'd wait until next time.

After a home cooked dinner by Mary Tesoro, we stayed out on the patio after dark listening to the waves and watching shooting stars. We had an astronomy discussion and watched a satellite pass overhead. We all went to bed early that night after a long day in water and sun. We slept like babes and woke refreshed and ready to start again.



Martin on boogey board



Matt, Manny and Charlie Boarding the sand dunes



Natalie taking a nap



Meaghan and Jaxson testing the water

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## VOLUNTEER NEWS

We've had several new volunteers join us this summer. New volunteers are Georgia Rodger, Chelsea and Lisa Kurtz, Shea Prior, Michele DeWit, and Loree Vincent. We're so pleased to expand our volunteer program because we now have two different ranches, an expanding herd and lots of work.

Glenn Hogan is working on putting together a new volunteer program. We'd like to have different levels of volunteers, depending upon their experience and service hours. A rewards program is in the works! Now that our herd number is increasing and we're split between two ranches, there are many opportunities for volunteers.

Our volunteers put in 149 hours in June, 87 in July, and 120 in August. The following volunteers donated their time to us this summer:

Barbara West  
Conilee Kirkpatrick  
Lisa Kurtz  
Melissa Babcock  
Shea Prior

Carlos Batres  
Debbie Dimich\*  
Loree Vincent  
Michele DeWit  
Yvonne Huizer

Charlie Bernal  
Georgia Rodger  
Manny Villagomez  
Sebastian Bosso\*

Chelsea Kurtz  
Kylie Joseph  
Mari Malagon\*  
Sharlene Caldwell

\* Most hours served for June, July and August

## CASA PACIFICA NEWS

Casa Pacifica finished a fifth session of classes at Rancho St. Francis. Ashlee came up with a clever scavenger hunt for the boys in Caldwell Cottage. Afterwards, they enjoyed homemade treats provided by Brian Hogan's wife Susie.

The sixth session was put on hold over the summer but has resumed now that the children are back in school.

## DONATIONS

Special thanks go to the Davis family, Judy Vollmer-Humes, and Ms. Maevers for their donations of the nine horses we received this summer. Volunteer Conilee Kirkpatrick brought in a bucket full of supplies and shampoos for the horses at Rancho Nuevo. Lisa and Chelsea Kurtz donated a western saddle.

**(We will be in need of more saddles now that we have two ranches and more horses.)**

We truly appreciate their support and they can take pride in knowing that their items will be put to good use.

## HERD NEWS



Mr. Hogan with Tony

A lot has happened with our herd over the summer. Nine horses were donated to our herd this summer: Champion, Lascalla, Moonie, Renegade, Determinashun, Courtney, Rebel, Roulette, and Gizmo. The horses that are quiet and able to be ridden will be phased into our riding program. Others will be trained, rehabilitated, and evaluated to see if they would be suitable for adoption, for our riding program, or if they need to remain in sanctuary.

Also, new to the herd is a surprise foal. Our Miniature mare Dancer was believed to be infertile due to her advanced age. Her previous owner had tried unsuccessfully to get her in foal for several years. Well, the cool beach breezes and peaceful surroundings on Mary Tesoro's ranch must have done the trick. Dancer and Buckaroo had a feisty colt born in June the night they arrived at their summer home. He was named San Antonio Hollister by Mr. Hogan, honoring Mr. Tesoro and the ranch. We call the colt "Tony" for short.

Along with our addition came some losses. We sadly report that Hobo and Shahvannah both passed away this summer. They were both dear souls and had many afflictions. We take comfort in knowing that they're now free from their ailments and we appreciate all the joy and memories that they left with us.

Hobo had a second round with colic and wasn't faring well this time. The decision was made to humanely euthanize him. He was 27 years old. Hobo was lovingly owned by Talley Hutcherson for most of his life and gave her years of wonderful service. He also gave us a year of work giving beginning riding lessons. He spent his last year in our paddock, passionately following around his new love, a mare named Annie.

Shahvannah's passing was completely unexpected. She died of natural causes at the age of 12 in her paddock with Meaghan, Glenn Hogan, and Jose Crespo at her side. The vet believes that it may have been an aneurysm due to the sudden nature of her death.

