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Rosie—One Year Later by Steven Benson

For those of you not familiar with Rosie, she was a foal from the Goodsprings area that the BLM brought in last June; she was in pretty bad shape with her right rear leg ripped open and two broken ribs. It seems that she was attacked by a stallion and was not expected to survive. The BLM asked if NWAH could take her and nurse her back to health, needless to say we said yes. The full story is in our Spring 2008 newsletter, which is available on our web site. This is the follow-up one year later on Rosie's story.

Well I've been asked to write a follow-up article on Rosie so I guess I should start at the very start. In July of 2008 I'd heard about a mustang foal that at 7-10 days old had been attacked by a stallion, by all accounts she shouldn't have made it with her injuries, but she had so much fight in her that she just got better and stronger after her surgery.

Rosie needed a special place to live and Happy Acre

Sanctuary only takes in special needs kids and Rosie fit right in the fold. I heard that the NWAH was helping with her care, and would have Rosie at the Wild West Ex-



Rosie & admirers

travaganza in Pahrump, NV September 20 – 21 with other orphaned foals that needed homes.

I showed up to see Rosie and find out about her status, and talked to several NWAH volunteers. I picked up an application and Monday morning I called Jerrie Bertola about Rosie and was told if I wanted Rosie and if Happy Acre was approved, I could have her on September 27 after the Fall Festival Parade. Jerrie inspected the morning of the parade and Happy Acre

passed with flying colors, Rosie would be here later that day.

That afternoon a large group of people from NWAH and Rosie arrived at Happy Acre Sanctuary. It was unbelievable, all the people and kids loved Rosie, It was the first nice thing around here since bee attack and death of Willie.

Rosie was right at home here from the beginning, she fits right in just like another finger in a glove. Since the first day she came she has wanted to come into the house like a human, not stay out with the horses. She, from the start has thought she is a person in a horse suit and wants me to find the zipper and let her out.

In the last eight months Rosie has grown in size and is at home here at Happy Acre Sanctuary. I dream of the day we can grow and enlarge this place to help more special needs mustangs and burros. Visit Happy Acre Sanctuary at www.happyacresanctuary.org.