



# Toby

1988

## Interesting Facts:

- Sorrel Paint, Miniature Horse gelding
- Loves hugs
- Pulls a cart
- Goes visiting to extended care facilities and family shelters.

## Precautions:

- Other horses may be nervous around him
- Was stallion until winter 2004
- Terrified of swinging ropes and crops



## Sucia July 27, 1986

### Interesting Facts:

- Chestnut, Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred mare
- White star and 3 socks
- Likes pampering, grooming and treats
- Mom of Sundance, Rusty, and Moonshadow

### Precautions:

- Lead (alpha) mare – needs to be watching to protect the herd from danger
- Needs rider's eyes up and hands forward to "go".
- Narrow tree saddle, cinch very gently
- Tie her only at the entrance of the barn or at the hitching rail to right of the round corral gate.
- Untie when cleaning feet and when cinching – she may pull back

### Injuries:

- Old injury to left front knee.



# Sundance

March 14, 1990

## Interesting Facts:

- Chestnut w/white blaze, Quarter Horse mare
- Daughter of Sucia
- Likes everyone: horses and people - easy going

## Precautions:

- Unties herself from hitching rail
- Belly allergic to no-seams, needs bug spray frequently, groom in barn in afternoon/evening when bugs worse
- Food bound, may pull away to get to food.
- No side-walkers, will cow kick
- Wide tree saddle: Crates or Circle Y (light hands-leverage bit)



# Chaco

1983

## Interesting Facts:

- Bay, Quarter Horse gelding
- Likes adornment and the color blue
- Needs lots of praise
- Doesn't like shrill voices – talk calmly

## Precautions:

- Likes to crib (don't attempt to stop him from sucking on wood – could cause him to bite)
- Cinch slowly, may try to nip. Stretch out front legs after cinching.
- No rider's legs banging on his sides, just squeeze
- Make sure to support hoof when cleaning
- Black saddle pad with silver shims, placed carefully.
- Narrow tree saddle
- Fly allergy on belly



# Patriot

March 12, 1987

## Interesting Facts:

- Tennessee Walking Horse, gelding
- Black with white star
- Reserve World champion
- Gaited horse – Paces instead of trotting
- Loves carrots and singing, especially “Amazing Grace”

## Precautions:

- Grooms best in hay barn, less nervous
- English saddle or bareback pad
- Behaviors indicating he needs reassurance:
  - Bites his front legs or hitching rail
  - Cautious to pick up his feet for cleaning
- Injury to left pelvis in 2002



# Moonshadow

May 24, 1998

## Interesting Facts:

- Solid black, Quarter Horse mare
- Daughter of Sucia
- Sonja's own project horse
- Use for un-mounted activities and lead line with Sonja's permission
- Loves her neck scratched along the crest

## Precautions:

- Her personal space is very important, keep other horses well away, could kick out
- Keep a safe distance between she and Rusty (ie. 20 ft)
- Wide tree saddle (Circle Y or Crates)



# Rusty

May 21, 1994

## Interesting Facts:

- Solid Chestnut Quarter Horse / Thoroughbred gelding
- Raised (by) Sonja's son Matthias
- Loves attention, wants to welcome everyone – human & horse
- Son of Sucia

## Precautions:

- Sensitive skin
  - groom/brush with soft brushes
  - no curry comb
- Crates saddle
- Keep a safe distance between he & Moonshadow (20 ft)
- Dominant over all the horses



# Babes

1974

## Interesting Facts:

- Sorrel with white blaze, Welsh-Arab mare
- Oldest horse in the herd – “grandma”
- Good listener

## Precautions:

- Pick hooves low and quickly
- Sensitive girth area, go slowly—may nip when saddling
- Wide tree saddle, Circle Y

## Injuries:

- Foundered winter 2004 and occasionally abscesses in front hooves
- Blind in left eye since young



# Thunder

1985

## Interesting Facts:

- Palomino Quarter Horse/Mustang gelding
- 4-H show horse & trail horse

## Precautions:

- Blind spot (cataract) in right eye – easily surprised
- Dominant over many others in herd
- Left shoulder can bother him, don't overwork
- Wide tree saddle, DO NOT OVER CINCH!

# Mocha

July 14, 1989

## Interesting Facts:

- Bay with white blaze Arab gelding
- Loves trails
- From Southern California – our winters are cold and wet for him
- Responds well to talking and singing

## Precautions:

- Mouthy – give treats in bucket
- Mirrors handler's emotions (trust)
- Sensitive skin, so no curries, use soft brushes and bot bar.
- Need for personal space– groom well away from other horses



# Jazis Star

May 23, 1983

## Interesting Facts:

- Bay (with a star) Arab mare
- Previously was trail buddy for Diane for 12 years

## Precautions:

- Afraid of bridle going over her right ear
- New to herd in July 2006 – nervous around other horses
- Wide tree saddle, English best, special black furry gel-filled pad (limit bareback)

## Injuries:

- Right eye has old injury and drains, wash frequently
- Left front fetlock injury by dogs in 2005 – needs glucosamine daily