Healing Horses, Kauai

*a stride in time*

Aloha to all of Healing Horses, Kauai family and friends. Here is our Summer Newsletter, letting everybody know what we have been up to lately. Even with the pandemic going on we have had a busy spring/summer and a lot of great horse things have been happening at the HHK Ranch.

**What's Happening Now!**

We are continuing to clear and fence more acreage along the highway (to increase pasture, riding trails and develop more obstacle course space). Transplanting/seeding grass on the back pastures continues. We are seeking t-posts & pallets (to add more bays to our compost system, and re-section the pasture areas). We are working to secure funding for a new fencing, roof and solar system for the shipping container(s), a covered arena, and pond aerators. Please consider donating to our GoFundMe:

https://gofund.me/59163ac1

Finally, we are training more volunteers and securing scholarships to get them instructor certified.

**If you are interested in volunteering to help us with any of these projects, please go to our website and sign up.**

https://www.healinghorseskauai.org
Look Who Is Coming:

With the support of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation look who should be arriving on the 30th:

CHIP - Belgian/Quarter Horse Cross

ROWDY - Belgian/Quarter Horse Cross

Chip and Rowdy are 11 yr olds. They were the lead team (though they could be hitched in any position- solo and tandem) for the Wells Fargo Historic Stage Coach Team. They have been to the Rose Bowl Parade and travelled the country many times over. They are coming to us to support our larger riders, and in the hopes of introducing a therapeutic driving program soon. Cross our fingers for us as we apply for grants to acquire a wheelchair accessible carriage & hoist mount. *We are still looking for a craftsman to build a wheelchair accessible cart for the mini’s to pull. Please email hhkwebsite@gmail.com if you have the know-how and machines -- we will work with you to create the perfect design that fits Lollipop & Jellybean."
Summer Camp

Summer camps have been successful. All of the happy kids and the volunteering adults have been enjoying working with the horses. Summer Camp included the fun of horseback riding lessons, how to take proper care of the horses, proper grooming and even mucking stalls. They did fun horse art projects, including painting on the horses using non-toxic water paints. The kids and horses enjoyed going on nature walks around the pond and throughout the acreage of the ranch.

Camp topics ranged from:
 Balanced Seat, Mounts and Dismounts
 How to be a Sidewalker/horseleader
 Arena Figures and Rules
 Horse Health & When to Call the Vet
 Identifying your horse: colors, markings, etc.
 Horse Senses

Body Language & Vocalizations
Herd Dynamics
Gaits, Catching, Tying, and Leading
Anatomy, Joints and Conformation
Hoof, Teeth and Health
and more
Please come join us for any of the camps. We can always use volunteers.
It's an enjoyable time for all. (Especially if you're a horse lover!)

*With the success of camp we will be getting new stall footing and gravel for the parking lot.

Veterans Program

This spring HHK piloted the 8 week HHK Heroes and Teen Leadership program (thanks to funding from other granting organizations -- yahoo new helmets and tack, scholarships and stipends). We enrolled 15 teens and 15 veterans [from all branches of the service and all eras (ages ranged from 37-91 - - yup 91 - - that's Robert H. on Ivan)]. Participants utilized Parelli groundwork games and rode their assigned steeds in the arena and through the newly constructed obstacle course (constructed thanks to the Kapaa High JROTC program). HHK looks to host more programs and obstacles soon.

Birthday Parties

We are hosting great birthday parties and kids LOVE it!
Balloons, horses, cake, horses, presents, horses, games and did I mention HORSES! What better way to celebrate your birthday? Everyone gets to ride. Everybody has a great time! Give us a call to book your next party!!!
Other ways to help:

Arena Volunteer & Instructors
HHK has an ongoing enrollment of new volunteers to feed, sidewalk, horse lead, and be instructors. See our website to complete the volunteer application and read the volunteer manual.

Facilities Volunteers
HHK has an ongoing enrollment of new facility volunteers. If you love to clear fence lines, install new fencing, repair pipes, and be a general handyman. Please come on by and share your skills. Call 808-634-3896 and ask for Ginger. See our website to complete the volunteer application.

Bookkeeping
HHK is looking for a bookkeeper to donate 1-2 hours a week inputting data into Quickbooks and the like.
Email

Board Members
Looking for a replacement VP & treasurer.

Medicine Wheel & Trail Reforestation
We are looking for gardener volunteers to help on our Medicine Wheel & Trail: weeding, watering, planting, and propagating (including creating a data fact sheet for each plant on our website & geo-tagging them).

Public Relations
We are looking for the right individuals to get positive, educational weekly posts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.

~DONATIONS & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DRIVE ~  https://gofund.me/8ea1d479
Healing Horses, Kauai is currently raising money for several specific program needs. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Three Steps Forward Capital Campaign Drive
Goal: $585,580  Raised so far: $62,290

The HHK Three Steps Forward capital improvement/expansion project has begun. The clearing and fencing of the front 10 acres of land, the construction of a Clearspan building over our arena, and the conversion of a 40 foot shipping container into an off-grid office will enable HHK to increase equine health and happiness while decreasing feed expenses. Thus HHK will be able to obtain additional equines; which will permit an increase of ridership (up to 20%); and promote volunteer and instructor retention and equine longevity due to more comfortable working conditions for HHK equines and staff. The completion of the land clearance and fencing portion of this project also has the additional benefits of beautifying the Kapaa Kuhoi Hwy corridor. The invasive plants and piles of concrete waste and abandoned vehicles will be cleared and replaced with new pastures and fencing. A partnership with Kauai Master Gardeners, and NTBG volunteers and local nurseries will also provide replacement planting materials such as Hawaiian native and canoe tree/hedge species to be replanted along the perimeter fence lines, hence restoring the native mesic forest trees species and wetland plants. Covering the arena will also make participating more comfortable for our medically sensitive clients (clients with MS, SCI, TBI, post-stroke, heart disease, and those taking certain
medications all have difficulty with thermoregulation). Outfitting a shipping container with off-grid solar will permit onsite record keeping and lesson planning, hence increasing job satisfaction, improved instructor retention, and increased quality and continuity of care for our clients.

**AMAZON DONATIONS**

**AMAZON Shopping**
AMAZON.COM will donate money from your sales to Healing Horses, Kauai.

[AmazonSmile Charity](https://www.amazon.com/gp/grouper/amazon-smile-charity.html_SOLAR-PANELS_SUSTAINABLE?ie=UTF8&camp=9195&creative=390958&creativeASIN=B07S12B3M2)

Go to AmazonSmile Charity on Amazon.com
Please select Equine Therapy, Inc. Kauai

**Mahalo so much!** Every little bit helps.

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**VOLUNTEERS**
Thank you to all of our volunteers for participating, volunteering, and giving over the year. We hope to see more giants strides towards our goals in this upcoming quarter. If you can help in any way, let us know. **Please come to our monthly Volunteer and Staff Meetings** - next one is Aug 8th for more information and training.

Please go to our website for more information on how you can become a member of the HHK volunteer team!

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