

PRESS RELEASE



Eighteen Arabian Horses Reach Safety

04/30/09 – Eighteen Arabian Horses from Niwot, CO are now safely housed and owned by Denkai Animal Sanctuary after twelve months of rigorous politics in which Denkai Animal Sanctuary fought to maintain and care for them on a shoestring budget with few contributions and minimal resources.

The final hurdle in this tiring endeavor took place April 29, 2009 in which they were required by Colorado State Statute; C.R.S. 38-20-206 to run through a public livestock market as part of their lien foreclosure. Being legally bound to follow this statute, Denkai Animal Sanctuary was forced to take these eighteen Arabian Horses to a livestock auction.

Thanks to generous contributors, Denkai was successfully able to purchase each and every one of these horses at this auction.

April 29th was a trying day for these horses, and President Floss Blackburn, Sanctuary volunteers and Board Members who all turned out to help. The horses did not want to load first thing in the morning so it took three hours to finally get all Eighteen onto the trailers. We arrived at the auction with but a moment to spare before these horses were to run through. To the credit of the Auction house and its staff, they were very kind in their handling of these horses and were very respectful of our organization.

Unfortunately two of the local kill buyers were present specifically for this group of horses. We were able to talk to one of them, a representative and he was very respectful in not bidding against us. The other bid against us on every horse. He was not successful; the Sanctuary's President stuck it out and successfully bid back all eighteen horses.

By that afternoon, the horses were once again loaded back into our trailers from the sale barn and headed home. Thankfully they were handled kindly and this unnecessary process was not completely traumatic for them. We truly believe that there is a better way to handle the livestock lien process here in Colorado and the Sanctuary's President will be looking into that on a personal level. The cost that has gone into keeping these horses safe has been enormous. Spending an entire day hauling them to a livestock auction, loading and unloading, not to mention the emotional trauma to these horses, though minimized this time, is completely unnecessary and very expensive.

These Arabian Horses are now ready to find homes. Denkai will be working with each of them and gaining a more detailed evaluation, which will be listed on our website at: www.denkaisanctuary.org. Current Descriptions of these horses can be viewed at: <http://www.denkaisanctuary.org/arabians.html> adoption fees do apply.

The steps to adopting one of these horses from the Sanctuary:

1. Contact Denkai for an adoption application at: info@denkaisanctuary.org or (970) 895-2337.
2. Visits to the Sanctuary are By Appointment Only. If you had expressed interest previously in one of these horses, please contact Floss Blackburn right away at info@denkaisanctuary.org

Steps for Horse adoption:

1. Return completed horse adoption application form to Denkai Animal Sanctuary.

2. If a suitable animal is or becomes available, all qualified parties will be notified.
3. Make an appointment to meet and work with the animal.
4. Schedule a home visit to be completed by a staff member at Denkai Animal Sanctuary to wherever the animal will be kept.
5. Adopting a horse will require a 12 month foster to adopt period in which adopter will allow visitation by Denkai Animal Sanctuary staff to check in on the welfare of the horse.
6. If potential adopters and Denkai Animal Sanctuary staff are comfortable after the 12 month foster period, the adoption is completed.

Please keep in mind that the Sanctuary houses many horses in need of homes that are not part of this Arabian group, we will be happy to send you a PDF flyer of these other horses in need.