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Idaho Humane Society Rescues 60 Horses



On April 1, 2004, the Idaho Humane Society rescued nearly 60 neglected horses from a pasture near Meridian, Idaho. The horses suffered from malnutrition, starvation, lice, and worms. They had not been vaccinated for anything. Their owner failed to provide them with enough food for the large herd, and the food that was periodically provided was of very poor quality. Their feet were long and had not been trimmed and their teeth had not been floated (many horses were of a mature age where this would have been appropriate). The horses suffered from a heavy parasite load of tape and round worms and an infestation of sucking lice. The herd was comprised of about thirty mares and nearly twenty stallions, along with their yearlings and foals, all mixed together in one pasture. This was definitely a bad situation.



With the help of the Bureau of Land Management and Idaho Humane Society staff and volunteers, the horses were rounded up and impounded at the Wild Horse Corrals just south of Boise. There, the horses were separated into smaller groups, wormed, vaccinated, gelded, fed a special diet, checked repeatedly by several veterinarians, and rehabilitated. After nearly two months of veterinary care and feeding, most of the horses were in stable condition and able to be adopted out to new, loving, homes.



The Idaho Humane Society would like to thank the community for their outstanding support which made this large rescue operation a success. If you would like to contribute to the Idaho Humane Society's Livestock Division so that we can continue to rescue horses in need, please contact Chris Moore at (208) 342-3508, Ext. 231.