



Linda Kuhn places horses with deserving people as a community service project.

DONATES HORSES TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BUY ONE

Horse Lover Runs "Adoption" Service

By Kitz Cleary

For two years Linda Kuhn has been giving away Arabian horses - purebred mares, geldings and colts, some with papers and shots and some worth as much as \$2,500.

Kuhn runs an 11-stall stable where she sells riding and breeding stock and markets other people's horses. Her "adoption" service is a sideline community service project she came up with on her own. In two years, she has placed 28 animals with deserving people ranging in age from 11 to over 60. The whole project started more than two years ago when a young couple came to her 10-acre horse farm near Downing, Wis., looking for a horse. Kuhn knew they didn't have the money to buy a good horse. She also knew of large Arabian stables and private parties that simply wanted to find a good home for a favorite horse that had passed its prime, so she matched them up. Both parties were delighted.

Kuhn matches personalities. After an interview to see what kind of horse accommodations the applicant has, and what activities they want the horse for, she reviews her list of available horses and makes a choice. Donors range from single-horse owners to large metropolitan stables. So far, she has dealt only in Arabians, but she's not limited to that breed.

The donors are guaranteed that they'll

hear from the new owner, that Kuhn will visit the new owner at least three times the first year, and that she'll hold the papers for one year. After a year, the new owners can do as they please with the horse.

Her giveaway program is good for the Arabian breed, says Kuhn. The flashy breed has an undeserved reputation for being dangerous. By placing the gentle, intelligent horses with families, she helps dispel that notion. In addition, she says, people who couldn't normally afford a good horse receive a quality animal.

Rhea DeBoer and her husband, Russell, received a horse from Kuhn. They owned draft horses when they moved to the farm in the 1970s but had not owned a horse for 15 years. Rhea yearned to have a horse again. A mutual friend put her in touch with Kuhn, who gave the couple a tall, energetic gelding to use to pull a buggy.

Kuhn says she welcomes inquiries from anyone interested in donating horses to her adoption service or in adopting a horse.

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Amos Miller welded four horse-drawn rake and mower seats to the tops of four wheels which he salvaged from a 1920's era horse-powered hay baler.

STEEL SEATS AND WHEELS SALVAGED FROM HORSE-DRAWN FARM EQUIPMENT

He Built A "Wagon Wheel" Picnic Table

Amos Miller, Hatfield, Ark., welded together the steel seats and wheels from old horse-drawn farm equipment to build his own antique "wagon wheel" picnic table.

The table, 5 ft. long and 40 in. wide, is painted a striking red and silver. Miller welded four horse-drawn rake and mower seats to the tops of four 20-in. dia. wheels which he salvaged from a 1920s-era horse-powered hay baler. He supported the table top with two 36-in. dia. wheels which he took from an old horse-drawn cultivator.

"My wife and I wanted a different kind of picnic table," explains Miller. "This one is real sturdy and heavy. All haying equipment in those days was horse-drawn, including the baler. The horse walked around in circles to drive the plunger while men used pitch forks to feed hay into the com-

paction chamber."

Miller welded a 6 by 6 in. plate to the bottom of each seat as well as to the top of each wheel. He welded a length of 1 1/2-in. angle iron to the tops of both large wheels to support the table top, which he built from 2 by 6 treated boards. He covered the boards with three coats of water seal and painted them, as well as the seats and wheel hubs, red. He welded the bottoms of all wheels to four lengths of 2-in. dia. pipe which form a rectangular base for the table. He welded two more lengths of pipe between the large wheels to strengthen them and to use as a footrest. He also welded a pipe between the hubs of both large wheels.

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STATIONARY ENGINE PROVIDES POWER

"One Lunger" Makes Good Parade Tractor

The first couple years after Dale Luttig, Emmett, Kan., bought a 1928 Sears Economy "one lunger" engine, he hauled it around to shows on a trailer. Then one day, while pulling the engine in a parade, he started to think, "Why not let this engine pull itself?" Luttig had bought the engine in near-mint condition in 1980. The only repairs it needed was a new connecting rod bearing and a paint job (he painted it "1!" red). The engine has a 6-in. piston, a 9-in. stroke and runs at 400 rpm's.

"I built a frame and running gear and then hooked the engine up to a 3-speed transmission from a 55 series Deere combine which has a transaxle-type gear box. I also made use of the combine's clutch, differential and

twin disc brakes. Steering components were salvaged from a 1946 Ford truck and the front axle was fashioned from a piece of 2 1/2-in. sq. tubing and Ford car spindles."

"The engine was connected to the transmission with two V-belts on 12-in. pulleys - a 1:1 ratio. Low gear is 25:1, second gear is 11:1, high gear is 5:1, and reverse is 12:1. Speed varies from 7 1/2 mph in high gear to 1 1/2 mph in low.

"We took the tractor to 16 parades or pulls last year. It really draws a crowd and people of all ages enjoy riding on it. A local politician even drove it in parades during his reelection campaign."

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