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# Rainbow Ranch Ranch Hand News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the third edition of *Ranch Hand News*. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we enjoyed putting it together. **And as always, we welcome your input.**

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## 13 Week Old Cowboy!



1<sup>st</sup> Pony Ride

This is one record that is going to be hard to break. This past fall, the youngest cowboy ever enjoyed his first pony ride at Rainbow Ranch.



## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Xmas party this year was the best ever. With a mix of old friends and new, the guests were surprised with the addition

of Karaoke, a visit from a singing Santa Claus and an art contest for the younger folks. The opening "acts" included; Diana Ross and the Supremes, Barbara Streisand, a group of Garth's friends in low places, and some of Santa's Helpers!



Then everyone got in the show!



And the Gang was all here!



The wonderful menu of culinary delights, were prepared by Marilu and Salem, the newest member of the RR crew. Salem may not know much about horses, but he sure knows his way around a chuck wagon. The consensus was; How are we going to top this party! The only way is to have next year's party in the Bahamas!

**\*\*THIS SUMMER\*\***

## Shira

### *The Pet Psychic*

Rainbow Ranch will be hosting a seminar for this amazing woman.

She can communicate with your pets, and can let you know what is on their minds. The date and time will be posted in the spring newsletter, and also be advertized in the Riverbend. If you would like to attend, and bring your pet, please send an e mail to us. A registration form will be sent back to you. Pet attendance is limited to 25, so if you want to know what's up with your four legged friend.

Sign up quick.

## The ATABOC story



Most of you know him as Santana, but he also goes by the handle ATABOC. Read on to find out why...



Hi my name is Santana, AKA Mr. ATABOC. I've lived at Rainbow Ranch for about 2 1/2 years now. I came from a place in Pennsylvania, along with my buddy, Mac. We really didn't have much purpose there, we kind of just 'hung out' and weren't ridden or played with much. On the day that we left that place, I remember being really

scared because some people came to see us, looked us over, and then rode us. We weren't in the best condition. We had big bellies from eating only hay, and our feet were very overgrown. Then they decided to take us away. I had never been on a horse trailer, but this guy the others called Joe, was very patient with me, and I finally went on the trailer. Mac, who they eventually started calling Macoda (since RR already had a horse named Mac), was older, and had been trailered before, so he wasn't scared as me.

When we got to RR, we spent some time together in a paddock. We had our own stalls and it was nice to have grain to eat, and people started taking care of us. We really loved the attention. Eventually though, we were separated and I went in with the other horses, and Macoda went in with the ponies. I missed him at first but eventually made friends with the others. It wasn't easy being the new guy in the herd, and I had to be put in my place. That's just the way it is when you are a horse.

A few months ago, Macoda was taken to live at a place where he gets a lot of attention and gives pony rides. Butch the chubby pony went there also.

Life is pretty good. I have food, shelter, and friends. What more could a guy ask for? Sometimes I like to play with sticks, usually by myself. I just kind of hold them in my mouth. I'm not sure why. Once I had to help herd Sunny, the steer, back to his pen. Everyone was so happy that I did so well.

Oh, I guess I should explain my AKA name, Mr ATAABOC. I'm kind of a show off. I like to prance around with my tail & head up high (it's an Arab thing). I especially like to prance around when I play catch me if you can, with the humans. Sometimes the folks say that I think I'm, "All that and a bag of chips!", hence the acronym.

So, that's my story. Stop by the farm and visit us all. And don't forget the carrots.



### Wellness Wagon hits the road

Now along with your Pizza or Chinese Food, you can get your chiropractic adjustment delivered right to your door! That's right, as you may know, one of the RR family, Dr D, is a chiropractor. Formerly, he had operated AAA Chiropractic, in downtown Washington. However, in order to stay a step ahead, Dr D has now gone mobile. With a new Chiropractic office on wheels! To learn more, go to:

[dconwheels.com](http://dconwheels.com)

### Best Picture of the Quarter

Provided by Joe Capo



I hope they feed this young lady before she comes to RR!

### Best Joke of the Quarter

The Lone Ranger and Tonto walked into a bar and sat down to drink a beer. After a few minutes, a big tall cowboy walked in and said, "Who owns the big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stood up, hitched his gun belt, and said, "I do...Why?" The cowboy looked at the Lone Ranger and said, "I just thought you would like to know that your horse is about dead outside!" The Lone Ranger and Tonto rushed outside, and sure enough, Silver was ready to die from heat exhaustion. The Lone Ranger got the horse water, and soon, Silver was starting to feel a little better. The Lone

Ranger turned to Tonto and said, "Tonto, I want you to run around Silver and see if you can create enough of a breeze to make him start to feel better." Tonto said, "Sure, Kemosabe," and took off running circles around Silver. Not able to do anything else but wait, the Lone Ranger returned to the bar to finish his drink. A few minutes later, another cowboy struts into the bar and asks, "Who owns that big white horse outside?" The Lone Ranger stands again, and claims, "I do, what's wrong with him this time?" The cowboy looks him in the eye and says, "Nothing, but you left your Injun runnin'."

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### Down the Road a Bit

- \* Spring Registration for 2009 Riding Programs
- \* Register early if you would like your pet to meet Shira.
- \* Don't forget to e mail us any stories you would like to share with the RHN readers.

Until next Time:

*Happy Trails to  
you, and Yours.*