

Dear fellow horse lovers and other concerned parties,

I met Karin Reid Offield from the Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council (RFVHC) two years ago at my place of employment. We started chatting and discovered our mutual horse love pretty quickly. Soon we were discussing my long term vet problems with my horse. She promptly gave me her contact info and offered to help me. I could tell she was seriously interested in my situation and a genuinely compassionate person.

In a nutshell over 12 years of owning my horse who was still only 18 years old, he developed a chronic and intense case of navicular in all four feet... and over many, many of these years I tried to find some answers ... many vets, many trials.. I was confused and helpless.

Karin spent months from long distance talking to me to find a solution. I sent her 12 years of veterinary records, (100's of pages from various vets) that she kindly sorted through and she even offered to take my horse into her care at her farm in the Midwest.

Locally, Karin contacted Holly McLain at RFVHC to help me. Holly is a very well-known horsewoman, who had never met me. She promptly drove all the way out to my rural stable and took a long time analyzing him and taking me through the realities of the situation, which unfortunately were not good. It was hard to hear but done kindly. I was so impressed that people I didn't even know were so compassionate. After a lot of back and forth with these horse angels, I decided to end my boy's suffering and went the humane way. From many states away Karin "held my hand" and emotionally supported me and she continues to check up on me regularly as it was a horrid ordeal emotionally. I had only met her once for a few moments and had never met Holly as well.

I would like to at minimum stay involved somehow in the horse world and they have graciously included me. While I may not be a horse owner in the near future, their kindness has encourage me to be involved somehow with horse rescue both financially and physically. I would like to pay it forward ... thank you Karin and Holly,

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