



An Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation Center Newsletter

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Dear Members and Supporters,

We've been extremely busy at Bomar this year. You may have noticed that we didn't hold our annual open house or get out a summer newsletter. We tend to get overwhelmed with caring for all of the animals here at Bomar and with our cruelty investigations (Livestock Inspector Bea Bell and I are now preparing for the prosecution of a case in which a Thoroughbred gelding was starved beyond salvation). Paperwork and fundraising got lost in the shuffle this fall.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> we received a Milagro Award for Humane Education from Animal Protection of New Mexico. We were also honored to receive an award from Homeless Animal Rescue Team (HART) for our efforts to eliminate suffering of animals in Valencia County. We deeply appreciate the recognition of our efforts by our colleagues in animal welfare work.

Beth German, an attorney who has assisted Bomar in the past, is working to put together a committee of New Mexico attorneys who are willing to help with the prosecution of animal cruelty cases. Our thanks to Beth and the rest of the legal community that are working for the benefit of animals in New Mexico.

Another group of professionals that is crucial to our work are the veterinarians who never hesitate to drop everything to attend to our latest victims of neglect: Dr. Jerry Cospser and staff, Arrow Animal Hospital; Dr. Marvin Bowman and staff, Bosque Animal Clinic; Dr. Mark Meddleton and Thea Legaarden, Meddleton Equine; Dr. Rikia Park and staff, Sun Ranch Pet Hospital; Dr. Mike McCallister and staff, Village Veterinary Hospital.

Believe it or not, our website will be done shortly. Check after the holidays at [www.bomarequine.org](http://www.bomarequine.org). Be aware, though, that many of the photos we are posting are disturbing.

Thank you to everyone who cares about the animals and our work and for supporting our endeavors. Thank you. We can't do it without your support.

Happy Holidays!

*Marguerite Bowers*

## Humane Education Award

### BOMAR EQUINE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION CENTER



THE 2004 HUMANE EDUCATION MILAGRO AWARD is given for innovative education efforts that foster humane ethics. Bomar Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Belen, under the direction of Marguerite Bowers, has provided effective training and education to the public, law enforcement, policy-makers, veterinarians and agencies about animal overpopulation and animal cruelty, especially regarding livestock. Marguerite is known throughout the state as *the expert on handling livestock cruelty investigations*.

During Bomar's decade of involvement, it has also provided a home for neglected and abused livestock to recover and heal, and in some instances be adopted to caring homes. For three years, the New Mexico Livestock Board has entrusted them to care for animals seized from neglectful situations. Bomar was the first non-profit humane organization ever allowed to care for livestock in protective custody.

Most recently, through comprehensive training, Bomar has been teaching people how to effectively follow through on animal cruelty cases, and how to ensure that local and state laws are enforced. Bomar's community outreach also includes working with children and schools about how to recognize and respond to animal cruelty, and holding training seminars on disaster preparedness.

These comprehensive endeavors have had and will continue to have a marked impact on how New Mexicans view and treat animals.

Excerpted to the right are the kind words that appeared in the Milagro Award program. We are so grateful for Animal Protection of New Mexico's recognition of our work.

