



A Sad Month at O.A.T.S.

We are all saddened this month (June 2010) about the losses of our wonderful horses Shadow and Hank. Unfortunately they weren't around as long as we would all have liked, but we can all remember all the good they did while they were with us here at OATS.

Shadow, besides winning Therapy Horse of the Year through NARHA for our region, could be counted on weekly to carry everyone from our most fragile riders to our independent riders. Volunteers of all ages could lead him, as he loved to please people. We will all remember Shadow's wet and slobbery kisses on our hands. It's still difficult to look out in the paddock and not see him standing by the gate, waiting for some attention.

Shadow's buddy Hank, also contributed more than many of our newer volunteers and riders may know. Before our big drafts such as Maddie and Glory B, it was Hank who was called on to carry our heavier riders. He did this weekly without complaint. He carried our most precious babies as well...steady and confident. William, Jeff, Jamie, Ross, Norah and Susie (just to name a few) all started at O.A.T.S. on Hank. He will be greatly missed.

Our horses, our four legged volunteers, may only be with us a short time, but their time here lasts a lifetime for all of us....especially our riders.

Walk On!!

With love,

Miss Sue
(O.A.T.S. volunteer)