

# VOICES from the Horse Community

*From our readers*

## Mounted Search and Rescue, Sad News

The following excerpts are from a series of e-mails following a deadly horse-related accident in Northern New Mexico.

— June 25, 2006

*From Mary Adams to the NNMHA (Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association) forwarded to THV editor*

Jim [Adams] was called out Friday morning to do a search and rescue in the Pecos wilderness with the Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse. On their return, just three miles from base camp some teenagers appeared out of the brush on a ledge above them.

Carolyn Montman and Jim were riding in pairs, their common practice. Both of their horses were spooked and went into a panic mode. Carolyn called for the kids to talk to them because the horses perceived them as a threat. (Possibly, it was the



**Huey died "in the line of duty" June 25, 2006, while participating in a Mounted Search and Rescue with the Santa Fe Sheriff's Posse. They were searching for a missing hiker.**

backpacks). Jim's horse, Huey, was trembling, stepped back over the ledge, and lost his balance.

Jim was eventually thrown free and has many injuries. However, he is OK. We spent five hours in the emergency room, and Jim does not

appear to have internal injuries.

Huey continued to tumble down the cliff—and did not survive. We are so sad and are grieving the loss of such a beautiful, sweet, and skilled horse. It was just one of those accidents—if they had been at that location 10 minutes earlier or later, it would not have happened.

This is but another reminder that life can change in a single moment. Enjoy today.

**Mary Adams**  
Santa Fe

—June 25, *Response from NNMHA*

We all wish Jim a swift recovery and condolences at the loss of his fine equine partner.

— July 14, *E-mail from the Adamses*

... This was the most devastating event in Jim's life. We have stopped crying finally, and Jim will get another horse.

**Mary**

Many thanks for thinking of Huey. This will help with my pain.

**Jim**

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