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Stolen Horse Captured Hearts of Black Hawk College Equestrian Participants

March 26, 2007 – Kenwaukee IL – Thieves must have known exactly what they wanted when they crept onto a college campus on March 10, 2007. Sizzle, a strawberry red roan Quarter Horse mare, was stolen from Black Hawk College in Kewanee, Ill. Three people were seen on a surveillance video stealing the icon for the Black Hawk Equestrian program from her stall.

There are thousands of horses stolen each year in the United States. The vast majority of the people think that horse theft went out with the “old west days” ... if they give it any thought at all.

Donna Irwin, a professor in Equine Science, says present and former students are stunned and upset at the theft of this well-loved horse.

“Sizzle is the best college horse that we have ever had. She has been an icon of our program. She jumps, does equitation, horsemanship, trail, rail and barrels,” says Irwin.

“She has been a huge asset to our program, especially to beginner and intermediate riders. Sizzle is also a wonderful asset to the Equestrian Team. We have used her in the program for at least 13 years, and she has assisted over 500 students. There is no monetary value that can be linked to her educational value.”

Sizzle can be easily identified not only for her color but she is one of the lucky horses and carries her own ID. Sizzle has a “Z” hot brand on her left hip that will be easy to see.

There is only speculation on who would do something like this, but the people at Black Hawk College, Stolen Horse International and in the equine communities are doing everything they can to get her home.

“In the summer, Sizzle has been used as a 4-H family horse. We truly love her and are hopeful for her safe return,” commented Irwin.

At Stolen Horse International, our favorite quote is, “Never underestimate the power of one!” It only takes one person to forward an email, post a flyer or make a phone call. If you would like to help, a flyer can be downloaded from the organization’s Web site: www.netposse.com. Just click on “view stolen horses” and then locate Sizzle listed in Illinois.

For more information on Stolen Horse International and its programs, visit the website at www.netposse.com.

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