

Rudy Needs Our Help

Rudy is one of the worst cases of horrific neglect we have ever seen. He has a cancerous tumor on his upper right eyelid and multiple large cancerous tumors on his sheath. He is a kind, gentle 12 year old horse and deserves an opportunity for a pain-free, healthy life. Together, we can make that possible.

He will need two surgeries; one to remove his eye and one to remove the sheath. We felt it would be less stressful for Rudy to have both surgeries at one time rather than two different times. NC State University is the best hospital for these surgeries. We tried to schedule the surgeries as soon as possible, but the earliest date we could get him in was January 18th. We may get an earlier date if there is a cancellation.

The estimated cost to remove the sheath is \$3,500 to \$5,000. We will need to wait for ophthalmology to examine Rudy's eye to get an estimate for the eye enucleation. In the past, it has cost \$500 to \$750. With today's prices, the cost could be much higher.

HPS is counting on your help. Any contributions will give Rudy the chance he needs and is an excellent way to start the New Year.



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At the start of this New Year, I like to reflect on all I am thankful for at HPS. I am thankful for each and every one of you!

All of our wonderful donors, we are forever grateful that you contribute. People from all over the country financially help keep HPS going. As a non-profit, we rely heavily on your contributions to keep saving and rehabilitating horses. Thank you!

Our wonderful volunteers put in countless hours of hard work at the sanctuary. No matter what the weather may be, blazing hot heat in the summer or freezing temperatures in the winter, you are always there to help feed, love, and clean up after them. With 35 horses, it's a lot of work, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you!

Others donate gently used items for the horses or buy things off of our wish list and have them shipped to our door. It is like opening a present each time these packages arrive because they are much-needed supplies used constantly to keep the horses happy and healthy. Thank you!

It warms my heart to think of all the generosity you have shown, and it gives me hope that there are still good-hearted people in this world. So, however you contribute to HPS, it plays a vital role. We couldn't do it without each and every one of you. So, on behalf of the horses and myself, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Christina



2023 New Year's Resolutions



Ebee: I will work on my attachment issues, but I love Scooter so much!



Nova: I will not follow you around to get my butt scratched.



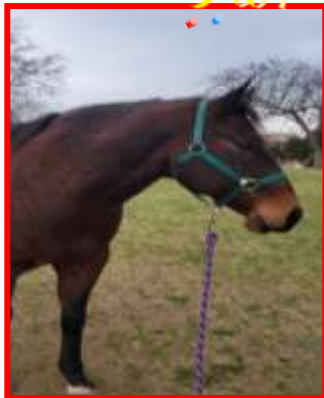
Char: I will consider letting the two leggers put a halter on me.



Dusty: This year I want to join a rock band.



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Pecos: My goal is to do at least one lap around the arena before eating hay all day.



Whistler: I will keep licking my bowl clean.



Red Sky: I will eat my new diet blend without complaining.



Silver Bell: I will remember the arena is not a race track!

2022 What a Difference a Year Makes 2023

By: Grace and Lauren

With the new year upon us, we can look back at all of the progress the horses have made in the training program. All of them have grown in different ways, and this is something that we should celebrate. Let's look at some of the progress the herd has made in training. Some of our Green Beans have genuinely come around to being solid riding horses!

Ginger started the year with little confidence and knowledge. She now has a wonderful solid foundation at the walk and trot, is learning to canter, and stops off of just the rider's seat. She has become more confident on trails and is now helping teach one of our young volunteers the ropes of the training program.



Chicklet was a very reactive horse who was not keen on human interaction. We were doing groundwork at the beginning of the year, and I maybe sat on him a few times. We did saddle work and plenty of trust work because he is so quick to react to situations that he feels uncomfortable. Just by spending time with him and showing him he could trust me; I set him up for a good year! By the end of the year, Chicklet is now starting to be ridden! We have only taken a few rides so far; they were not perfect and very short. He knew what to do when I asked him to turn because of all the groundwork preparation. I then had to go back and touch up on my queue for him to step forward. With simple repetition of a cluck and go, he learned that same day how to go forward with vocal commands. We still have a long way to go, but small laps around the arena are tremendous signs of progress in training.

Silver Bell: Silver has had a problem with bolting and having absolutely no brakes. In her past life, her people just got on and made her run, so she didn't know how to go slow. She is now learning she can relax and enjoy nice, calm rides with her rider, and she is doing very well learning to listen to her rider's seat and not be so stressed the entire ride.





Penny started the year with a minor issue of being buddy sour. She was not fond of leaving her friends and would be very pushy. She had a hard time standing still and would not calm down. With plenty of small steps, I worked on Penny's independence. We started her in the arena with her friends and slowly worked her with other horses that weren't her regular friends. Now Penny will stand quite calmly and is focused on me instead of other horses. We have worked on her trot and canter, which will improve with the new year. I hope to one day jump Penny over small jumps as she has remarkable jumping potential, as seen from her groundwork lessons!

Sunshine: Sunshine has spent the year doing groundwork as she's had some health issues to work on before going under saddle. She is confident and handles obstacles of all kinds super well. With any luck, she will be able to enter the program as an under saddle horse next spring.



Chuckles: The once troublesome Chuckles has become quite the riding horse! Looking back to the beginning of the year, this horse had everything backward. When I asked him to go forward, he went back; when I asked to turn left, he went right. One of his biggest problems was the significant lack of confidence he had. With this in mind, independence was one of our biggest focuses throughout the year. I started him with little steps on his own (in the correct direction) and slowly increased until we got where we are today. Now, I ride Chuckles all around, and his confidence is strong. He has done arena and canter work and plenty of trail and field riding.

Gallant started the year slow and boring, but this year has discovered a love for trails (it's seriously all he wants to do) and is now going walk, trot, and canter under saddle, as well as recently popping over some small jumps for the first time. He loves to explore and is always game to go down new trails.



Red Sky was always a horse who honestly didn't know how to calm down and walk under saddle. Of course, she would walk, but you could tell she was chomping at the bit to go (although none of our horses, including Red Sky, ride with bits, we use hackamores and sometimes halters). The bits may be a contributing factor as to why her old owner called her crazy. However, Red Sky wasn't crazy; she simply needed to be taught to relax. It took me a long time to comprehend, and I often found myself getting frustrated that she wouldn't relax. I came to learn that my behavior was quite contradictory to the goal. Within the year, I slowly worked with Red Sky, showing her that it was okay to walk and relax with her head stretched out. Now, Red Sky enjoys simple walks on trails and in the arena! It's incredible what we can accomplish when we slow down and take the time to work towards our goal little by little.

Chief: Chief has had a slow and gentle start to his riding career, with lots of groundwork and confidence-building exercises. He's now mastering steering, becoming more confident riding off on his own, and learning how to handle all kinds of scary things on rides (like the mounting block two feet from where it was initially).



Shinook: Riding Shinook came with many challenges throughout the year. He started being quite unstable and off-balanced when riding. His gait was a little floppy, and his movements were quite off. After several efforts to treat this horse for EPM and get him in a better physical condition for riding, he is back under saddle! Now Shinook goes smoothly and can be ridden just about anywhere! His coordination has improved dramatically, and he does amazingly well with all gaits.

In honor of Benny & Ann Seagle. By Tiffany Ferebee

To my husband, the best and most giving person. By Ellen Lopez

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In loving Memory of my kitty, Chip. From feral to my best buddy for at least 15 years. By Elaine Towner

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