

Over Herd



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Christmas Present for Your Horses

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Mark your Calendars:

December 14th
Project Day/
Members Meeting
Lunch at 12:30 PM

Please bring a
covered dish to
share.

Bring:
carpentry tools,
crow bars, ladders,
saws, hammers,
portable drills, etc.

The last two holiday seasons the horses had a "Christmas Giving Tree" with ornaments imprinted with needed items, and many delightful presents were purchased for the horses. This year the horses are in need of a large remodel job on their big barn; it needs an overhaul for winter. The horses have been fortunate that the last few winters have been mild. We are past due for a cold winter.

Hundreds of hours of work have been put into the restoration of the log barn and extensions off it. Over the years, lumber and roofing has been salvaged from houses, and old barns that were going to be torn down. Factory wood previously used to protect new equipment during shipping and salvage from construction sites have all been used to refurbish the horse barn and out buildings. Last year all of the stall fronts were rebuilt with new lumber provided by Duke Energy and their volunteers. During the November Project Day

a number of fine folks helped to spread 14 cubic yards of red dirt to build up low areas in the barn. Gene Cain has added florescent lights throughout. Outside electric outlets have been added for water tub heaters for the horses. The warmed water will encourage them to drink more water during the coldest times and stay healthier. (see Present page 3)



Our Christmas Wish list

**Icy rain and snow blow across the farm
And we shiver together to hold off the cold.
The winds are alarming, blowing through the barn.
The hayloft is empty as the cold winter unfolds.**

**Make our beds warm and soft and our barn airtight.
Pray for the hay to fill the hayloft.
Pray for the needed materials to make the barn right.
All creatures who have breath give praise to the Lord,
And our Christmas wish list will be filled by his might
And give thanks to the Lord for us horses, of course**

Remembering Angel LeHouf

Earlier this month a small group of Angels friends gathered in the lower field to place a headstone and remember the little pony with the draft horse sized heart. Her devoted friend Roberta McCardle provided the headstone and lead the



group as they shared some special memories of

Angels time here with us at the sanctuary. Appropriately Dakota joined the humans on this solemn occasion and several of the other horses walked down to join us at the end. It seems that Angel is missed equally by her human and horse friends.. Special thanks to Roberta for providing a special remembrance for a special pony.

Hoofbeats...

By Roberta McCardle

Brrrr! Winter is coming and it will be Christmas before we know it. Christmas is such a joyous time, a time to reflect as well as a time to enjoy our friends and family. We are all blessed with an abundance of "stuff," however, and much of what we give each other at Christmas is just more superfluous "stuff." Why not consider trying this year what one of our members is doing? Rather than have their family and friends spend their hard-earned money on buying yet more "stuff," this person has asked them to make donations to the horses in lieu of presents to him/her. This individual has never gone hungry and has never had a genuine need unmet. Not all, but many, of our horses have known hunger and have been without shelter. Many of these horses needed veterinary care that their owners failed to provide. Think about it, do you really need another toaster? Another blue sweater? This is a lovely way to feel that special warmth in your heart that comes from doing something kind and generous-spirited. It also decreases the general stress level that shopping brings as well as simplifies the holiday. This wonderful idea truly typifies what Christmas is all about. Think about it. With best wishes to everyone for a blessed holiday and a healthy, happy, & prosperous New Year! Sincerely, Roberta



Only 48 folks have signed up for the Food Lion funding. Holidays are coming and your shopping can help the horses. Just go to: www.foodlion.com and put in all 12 of your numbers on the card. On the right side click on Fund-raising and follow the directions. You can also register for 2003 while you are on the site, too.

Sleigh Bells in the Back Pasture

By Sugarfoot (with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening? While the white snow is glistening...." Ahhh, there is nothing like a Bing Crosby record to put me in the mood for Christmas! If only She would play music while we eat, that would be so cozy, wouldn't it? I may have to leave a note on the back porch for Her someday about this.

Can you keep a secret? Night Mist and I recently had an experience that REALLY let us know that Christmas is on the way. It happened late one night last week. We were both adjusting ourselves comfortably in our stalls when I thought I saw something in the sky flash past my stall door. I peeped out of the opening and saw the strangest sight in the back pasture – a portly gentleman, dressed in red, leaped out of his sleigh and quickly went up to his lead horse and appeared to be checking him over.

"Psst! Night Mist! Look at these funny-looking horses," I exclaimed.

"Oh, Sugarfoot, those aren't horses, they are reindeer! Look at the cute little tassels on their ears – that's what the Laplanders put on reindeer, not horses," explained Night Mist..

"Night Mist," I said, "THAT is Santa Claus!! He's for real!!!! YAHOO!"

"Oh, boy, oh boy, oh boy," said Night Mist (the dear girl repeats herself when she's nervous), "We should offer them hospitality, let's get them some bananas!" Although I had my doubts about the bananas, I helped Night Mist gather some up and we slowly approached the sleigh. "Er, excuse us, sir, would you and your reindeer care for some bananas?" Santa Claus turned and saw us and said, "Why, thank you, young lady, that is most gracious of you. Yes, my reindeer would enjoy that." (Note: it has been awhile since anyone has called me "young lady").

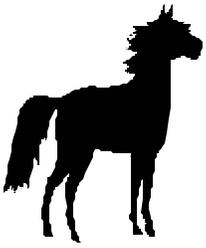
While we spoke to each horse, er, reindeer, Santa continued to examine Rudolph. "What are we going to do about that gash of yours? I MUST put something on it." A flash of insight struck me....HOTDOG!! We could help Santa Claus! "Night Mist, gallop up to the tack room, open the fridge, and get that jar of Mr. Honbarger's recipe." As soon as we had the jar, I gave it to Santa and told him of its wonderful healing properties.

"Ho, ho, ho, this is wonderful, thank you, my dears! And you say that Rudolph's coat will grow back in the same color? Marvelous! I have been so worried about him. We rode a little close to a radio station tower and that's how Rudolph got hurt. He is Mrs. Claus' favorite reindeer, you know."

Santa doffed his cap (what courtly manners!), bowed, and leaped joyfully into his sleigh. With an "on Dasher, on Dancer, on Comet, on Cupid..." Santa and his reindeer were nothing but a flash, then a twinkle in the dark night sky.

Queenie and Dakota slowly came out from behind their round bale. "Wow, guys, what was that?!"

"Just some old friends stopping by for a snack and a little first aid," said Night Mist as we slowly returned to our stalls.



News From the Herd

Joy Dwelle has continued her wonderful care of **Dakota's** abscessed front foot, **Dakota** has moved into the round pen until he is healed. From time to time it is sometimes necessary to change the horses location at the sanctuary. **Cloud Dancer, Moncha, Raven, Queenie, Laredo, Raven and Seneca** now have access to the big barn along with the older horses for the winter. We tried moving **Bow**, but had to put the old boy back in with the Rowdies. (He wanted the big barn all to himself.) **Dizzy, Willow and Shoshone** have joined the Rowdies field. **Yum Yum** seemed lonely in the round pen and was spending too much time outside watching the other horses in the rain, wind and lying on the cold ground. We moved him into the duplex with **Sugar Foot** for company. **Sugar Foot** took over **Night Mist's** stall, and **Night Mist** now resides with Whisper. **Night Mist** never showed any interest in **Sugar Foot** except to reach over and bite her. **Whisper** will have a new girl to watch over. **Sugar Foot** was not at all happy about the change and tore around the fenced area with breakneck speed. (She must be feeling much better, since we have never seen her run before!) We are hoping **Yum Yum** and **Sugar Foot** will become good friends since they both are gentle and have spent years by themselves before coming to the sanctuary. **Yum Yum** escaped from his new home the first morning. He tried to camouflage himself by rolling in the worst black mud, and it worked. It took several hours to find him. (He was not happy when he realized the electric fences were now working, and he was not going to have the run of the ranch.) **Chinook** and **Raven** are still an item and visit across the stalls. (One of them is trying to eat their way through the wood wall to get back together.) We had to separate them since **Raven** was being unkind to **Cinnamon**. **Star Fire** is feeling better since most of the acorns have been eaten in the woods, and she is now more interested in her feed. **Wind Walker, Teton, Shoshoni, and Seneca** are ready to go back under saddle. **Wind Walker** has been moved in with the Rowdies. It just makes the Holidays even more special to see these fine horses recover from their health issues.

We are not sure what is going on with **Summer**, but she is walking and running better that we have ever seen her move. Years ago when she came to us, and we treated her for EPM, we knew she had a bad stifle joint. Usually her back leg would stick out at an odd angle when she was standing still, her gaits showed the past injury. But in the last week **Summer** is not showing the crippling that has always been present. Her full recovery would be another wonderful miracle to take place at the ranch. How special this would be at the Holiday season! Please add her to your prays for a full recovery.

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We have plans to put tons of road base on the east side of the big barn when it dries out enough to get a dump truck in there. We are determined to solve the mud and drainage problems there. Perry Morgan kindly brought over his bulldozer to dump the new dirt in the big barn Project Day. He also worked on scraping up the mud and worked on the ditches.

Now we are ready to do the next phase of this on-going project to provide the best that we can for the horses. The large barn can house 19 horses. It is a great old barn and well worth the work to save this structure. In the summer the ventilation is great, but for winter the cold rain and penetrating winds that can blow through does not provide the shelter needed for the old horses that call this barn home. John Kiwacka and Gene Cain have a great plan to maintain the breezes in the summer and stop the wind and rain in the winter, yet still providing natural light during the day. The plan is to construct large shutters from 1"x 4" lumber to framed clear fiberglass roofing for all open sides of the barn. They will be able to be folded back in the summer and closed in the winter. Framing for new T-11 siding is needed for all sides of the barn. Hinges for the shutters, wood stain, and treated 2"x 6" lumber for the bottom of the outside around the perimeter of the barn are needed as well. The roof needs patching until we can rebuild it next spring. (But that is another day, and another project.) The project will be started as materials can be purchased. The Construction Committee needs only approximately \$1,800 to complete this project and your help with the demolition of some of the old part and construction of the new.

What a wonderful Christmas present this would be for your horses! Please help make this project possible for the horses. Project Day will be December 14, and the prayers are that the material can be purchased and the work will begin.

The officers of HPS extend their good wishes, prayers and heartfelt thanks to all of the kind-hearted folks who helped in another year of successful rescue of horses. May your Christmas and New Year holidays be blessed.

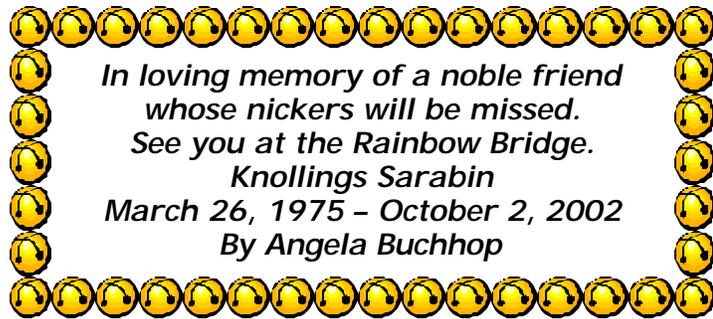
Wind Walker, Raven Feather, Eagle Spirit, Mesa, Wrangler, Laredo, Teton, Aztec, Yum Yum, Moncha, Dizzy, Tonto, Patience, Candy Cane, Sugar Foot and Salida are thankful for their rescues and chance of new healthy lives this year.

Whisper, acting as spokes horse for all the rest, sends tons of love and a big horsy nuzzle

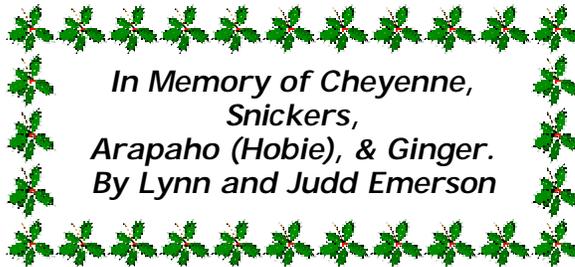


The horses would like to send a heartfelt huge thank you to the following folks for helping them this month. Without you there would be no Horse Protection Society..... and we all know what that means to the horses in need.

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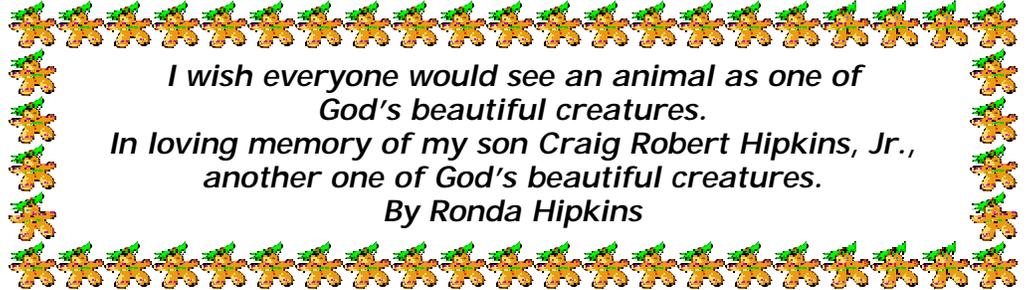
*In loving memory of a noble friend
whose nickers will be missed.
See you at the Rainbow Bridge.
Knollings Sarabin
March 26, 1975 - October 2, 2002
By Angela Buchhop*



*In Memory of Cheyenne,
Snickers,
Arapaho (Hobie), & Ginger.
By Lynn and Judd Emerson*



*For Honey Bear
my Angel Dog.
By Annie*



*I wish everyone would see an animal as one of
God's beautiful creatures.
In loving memory of my son Craig Robert Hipkins, Jr.,
another one of God's beautiful creatures.
By Ronda Hipkins*



*In Honor of Kathy Haw
For her excellent Taxi Service
By
Snowstorm, Salida,
Dani, & Ambe Lewis*



*In loving memory of
Black Bart & Charming Charlie
Kicking up their heels together now.
By Lois & John Nixon*



*Get well wish for Wrangler, SugarFoot,
Sequoia, Star Fire, & Dakota.
By Lane Thornhill*



Long Sleeve T-shirt Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Maroon ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Order Form for HPS Shirts & Sweatshirts

Crew Sweatshirt Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Maroon ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Hooded sweat shirt w/zipper (Medium weight) Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Maroon ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Price: Long T-Shirts: \$12.00 Sweat shirt: \$14.00 Hooded sweatshirt \$ 23.00

For XXL size add \$3.00 each for Hood/Crew Sweatshirt, \$1.00 each for T-shirt

If can't pick up at the ranch (we'd love to see you!) Add \$3.50 for shipping in NC, add \$4.50 for outside NC



Logo will be in white.

Total Order: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

We need all Shirt orders in by Sunday Dec. 8th. This is our only hope of having them finished by Christmas. Thank you.

HPS NEEDS LIST:

If you can part with any square bales to fill the hayloft, please HELP! We thought we had located all of the round bales the horses would need this winter, only to have the seller call and cut our order by 100 round bales. Hay is costing us 40% to 50 % more, and we cannot locate all that we need. We cannot afford to purchase square bales. The horses can have fescue, orchard or timothy grass. If you know of any round bales for sale, please call the ranch: 704-855-2978

Horse Needs:

- Purina Strategy (New starved horses need this special feed.)
- Golden Flax Seed (All older horses with arthritis)
- Red Cell (we are almost out of this important supplement.)

FREE COMPOST
YOU LOAD, NO LESS THAN A PICK-UP OR TRAILER LOAD.
(Of course we would not turn down a donation)

Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

- Stamps
- Printer Ink Cartridges (contact Ambe Lewis, Editor.)
- Printer paper
- ½ inch black, gray, blue or green, (needed each time we place a horse.)
- Clear shelf paper (can be purchased at Wal-mart or Family Dollar. Used for display posters and HPS scrapbook.)

Members are welcome at the sanctuary any time during daylight hours, visitors are welcome on Saturdays from 10:00 AM –4:00 PM. Come and get some fresh air and hug a horse.

Donation Form:

Your name:	Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No
Your phone number:	Whom do you wish to Honor:
Your e-mail:	Their e-mail:
	Their Address:

Your Message (for newsletter):

Any donation amount is appreciated: \$_____ Please make checks payable to **Horse Protection Society**.
For a \$25 or more donation the honored person can receive a year of "Over Herd."
Would you like the newsletter sent? Yes NO

Please clip and mail to: Horse Protection Society

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Making the World a Better Place for Horses

It is the mission of the Horse Protection Society of North Carolina Inc. to make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation.

Founded by Joan Benson and incorporated in 1999, we continue to reach out and to grow. We are always seeking new members.

HPS is a fully incorporated 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Your donations are the main source of income to support the sanctuary and are eligible for tax deduction.

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