



Over Herd

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Mark your calendar:

February 9, 2002

Members meeting
and project day at
the ranch.

Lunch and meeting at
12:30 PM

Please bring a cov-
ered dish to share.

Lots of fun!

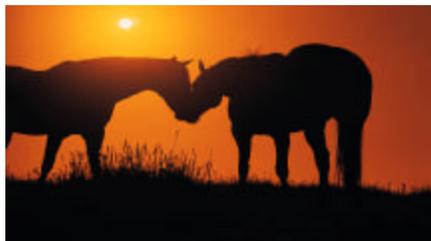
Good-bye for now.....

It is with heavy heart that I share with you the news that we have lost Snickers. He died in his sleep on Tuesday, January 29th. When Joanie went out to get Angel up she discovered he had passed in the night. Snickers left this world in the same way he lived in it; quietly, in the company of his friend Angel, without causing a fuss or commotion. Although this will be an especially hard loss for us all to bear please try to remember that Snickers was with us much longer than the vets thought he would be with his degenerative liver disease. In the past year he has overcome pneumonia and infection to remain here with us and his dear friend Angel.



Snickers & Angel enjoying a summer day

Perry Morgan came over and buried Snickers on the property in the lower pasture by the small grove of trees. Please take a moment to remember Snickers in your prayers and when at the ranch lets all make an effort to spend some extra time with Angel, who will miss the grand old gentleman more than any of us.



Beautiful Sunset

By:
Joanie Benson

Is there stress in your life? Are you thinking you need a vacation and can't get away? Have you nearly given up on finding peace in your life? Feel like there is something missing in your life? Would you like to make some new friends? Stuck inside with no exercise? Thinking about joining a health Club? That diet after the holidays hanging over your head? Like to take wonderful pictures you can show off?

There is a place with no stress, provides a mini vacation, and is one of the most peaceful places you will ever find.

The sunrises will take your breath away and the sunsets are a sight to behold. Friendly furry creatures will nuzzle you, and you can feed them treats.

There are wonderful fun loving new folks to meet and become friends with. You can learn new skills and exercise a lot cheaper than a health club would cost you..... plus you would be getting fresh air. No special expensive clothes are needed. Matter of fact, wear your oldest thread bare clothes and fit right in. No problem with dieting, you only get fed twice a month on two special days; but, all the free coffee and ice tea you want to drink. There is a place for everyone and everyone is welcome.

Open from sunrise to sunset to fit your schedule. Travel without leaving the

state...visit Dakota. Indulge in some sweetness without the calories...visit Candy Cane. Put a touch of spice in your life ...with Cinnamon. Enjoy the quiet...with Whisper. Remember your Mom's great pies...with Pumpkin. Meet royalty.... get presented to the Queen. Dance in the fields...with Sundance and Cloud Dancer. Dig for treasure....with Gold Rush. Feel the warmth of the spring wind...with Chinook. Warm your heart...with the Fire Family. Experience the greatness of the ancients...with Maya, Phoenix. Catch some rays...with Summer. Experience nature...cool yourself in the shade of the graceful Willow or the majestic Sequoia.

All this and more for the low cost of \$50 a year for the whole family or \$35 for a single membership.

Natural Horsemanship Training

By: Ambe Lewis

It was the first day of school for eight lucky sponsors and eight "problem" ranch residents on Sunday, January 27th. Armed with the knowledge from our pre-class work sessions and under the tutelage of the Pat Parelli training videos and the watchful eyes of Joanie we began the quest to develop a true partnership with our four-legged teammate. After watching the first portion of our training video we couldn't wait to get started. We picked up our new hand crafted rope halters and 15' lead lines and headed down to the lower pasture with our partner. What an amazing session!

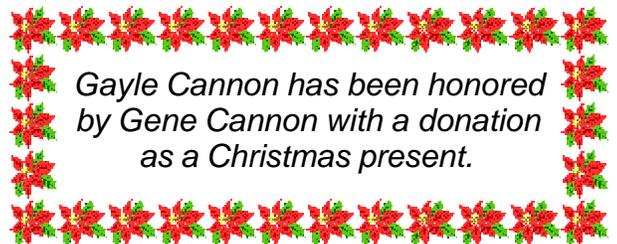


Snowstorm & Dani and Dakota & Joy.....feel the love!

It was a sight to behold. Dakota and Joy Dwelle were definitely "head of the class" due to the work that Joy has put in with him over the past couple of years; but there are lots of rising stars to keep an eye on. Erika Torrence has been working with Willow and can now pick up her feet (wait until Hawk, Tree and Mike hear this, can you say "sedative free hoof trim"). Perry Morgan has Patience turning into a whole new mule, she is still nervous but will now allow Perry to pick up her feet and her stress level is dropping rapidly. John Kiwacka has been spending time with Gold Rush and her whole attitude towards men has turned around. Cari Berns has Phoenix **under saddle**, and he is a complete angel and having a grand time. Snowstorm has fallen in love with Dani Lewis and she is also working him under saddle. He is not quite the angel Phoenix is, but is making super progress. Jim Ladislav... (continued on page 5)



Joanie Benson has made a donation, in memory of Snickers and honoring Roberta



Gayle Cannon has been honored by Gene Cannon with a donation as a Christmas present.

Hoofbeats

By: Roberta McCardle

Hello everyone! This month I'd like to talk with you about fund raising. Your Fund Raising Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the ranch. If you are interested in helping HPS this way, please join us! New committee members are always needed and always welcome.

The Fund Raising Committee works hard to come up with new, viable, and remunerative ways to raise money to continue to take care of our four footed friends. One of our recent ideas is to encourage other organizations to conduct fundraisers for us. This would have several benefits – it would publicize our cause, we might gain some great new members, it would raise needed funds, it would diversify our efforts, and it would free us up to do other, much needed things at the ranch. When we are out fund raising we are not spending time with the horses.....and a desire to spend time with the horses is the reason most of us joined HPS in the first place.

The Fund Raising Committee has been collecting information and ideas for awhile now. If you know of an organization that might be interested in doing a fundraiser for us, let us know! Contact Kathy Haw or myself (numbers and e-mail are on the last page) and tell us about it. If the group does not have a specific project in mind, we have information about different things that we'd be glad to share (e.g. Port-A-Pit chicken, candle sales, etc.). We have one member presently exploring a project with the Boy Scouts and another member pursuing a project with an elementary school class. If we could get a couple of fundraisers going each month, what a help that would be! So....put on your thinking caps....think about organizations you belong to and people you know....you might be the key to a great fundraiser!

With best wishes for a Happy Valentine's Day! (wouldn't this be an appropriate time of year to sign up for a TLC sponsorship? Get a REAL sweetheart at HPS!)

Special Thanks to everyone who helped out in January

What a wonderful month January was! HPS received some of the many items we were praying for.

Anne Coley is donating a 1990 4 wheel drive Dodge crew cab flat bed truck. Come join the fun and watch some of us learn to drive a stick shift. Roberta McCardle assures me that that husband Tom can teach even me. (I wonder if Tom has been told that he will have the pleasure?... of teaching us to drive a shift stick.)

Suzanne Platt showed up laden down with bags and boxes of horse equipment. Most of it had never been used. Everything from an electric fence charger to hoof picks, videos and books for our library. A huge bag of new grooming tools, saddle blankets and English saddle covers, were some of the other wonderful items for the horses.

Jill Thomas arrived the next day with a

brand new western saddle, 2 saddle blankets, bridles, and a huge box of supplements and other need items.

Antrim Transport Inc donated three large salt blocks with holders, two rubber feed tubs, and two small salt blocks.

Each and every month there are folks who drop off things for the horses and we do not always get them thanked. Roberta McCardle saw that Snickers always had his needed bananas and often picks up Tundra's favorite dog food. **A special thank you to all of the wonderful folks who notice we need something and see that it appears at the ranch.**

WOW!! Everyone felt like we had Christmas all over again.

Special thanks to everyone who ordered a HPS shirt. We will be taking orders again in April.

The following folks donated to aid in

the HPS mission:

- Ann Powles**
- Thomas Clements**
- Kaitlyn & Duane Callahan-King**
- Kim Cress**
- Debra Hood**
- Patricia Cade**
- Zeleznik Appraisal Co.**
(From Charlotte)
- Dr. Winfry Whicker**
- Jan Smith**
- Christine Adams**
- Suzanne Nutt**
- Helen Bishop**
- Cindy Buchanan**
- Anne Shrago**
- Lillus Kurland**
- Tara Wilson**
- Mary McClure**
- Joan E. Curran**

It's that time again.....yard sale time!

We need your stuff, your neighbors, your friends, your families, leftovers from other yard sales, and anyone you can wrangle some goodies from for the spring yard sale. Are you planning on buying a new car and trading in the old clunker? Why not donate the old car to HPS and get a tax deductible donation for the vehicle? This may put more dollars back in your pocket than what the dealer would give you for the trade in, providing you file a long form tax return.



Clean out the kids' closets and old toys. They sell great at our sales. **Please no adult clothes**. Linens, bedspreads and furniture are great sales items. Think no one will buy the old stuff in the basement or attic.... wrong. You would not believe some of the furniture that has sold at the HPS yard sales. The famous 1970's orange and brown sofa with missing cushions with the 1970's hanging orange and brown huge light fixture. True, we did not get a lot of money for it, but it did sell.

Let's fill up the upstairs of the old farm house with goodies for the yard sale.

New Members:

- ? Gene Cain Jr.
- ? Jan Smith
- ? Kim & Walter Kincaid & family
- ? Carol Ann Schendell

New TLC Sponsors:

- ? Dawn Fowler
- ? Rosana Beyer
- ? Michael Mc Daniel

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 ★ A heartfelt thanks to the ★
 ★ monthly sponsors of ★
 ★ horses at the sanctuary. ★
 ★ Their monthly donations ★
 ★ is the only funding we can ★
 ★ count on. Some folks are ★
 ★ able to come and visit ★
 ★ their horse others are as ★
 ★ far away as Alaska and ★
 ★ Kuwait. Please consider ★
 ★ becoming a TLC sponsor ★
 ★ for only \$20 a month. ★
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HPS Needs List:

Ivermectin Wormer: we are able to purchase this expensive wormer for \$4.50 a tube. We need to purchase 30 tubes at a cost of \$135. Please help with this expense.

Shredded Beet Pulp: The horses need 3 to 4 bags a week at a cost of \$7.50 to \$8.50 for 40 pounds.

Purina Strategy: Angel needs to have this expensive feed. The little old girl eats 25 pounds every 5 days at a cost of \$8.00 to \$9.00 per bag.

Supplements: Most of the needed supplements can be purchased through HPS for a two for one price. This has been a wonderful savings. Please feel free to ask for your donation to help purchase the needed supplements that aid the horses. The list is long.....

General Barn Needs:

4" x 4" by 10 foot long treated posts.

2" x 6" by 10 foot treated lumber.

We need the same size in untreated, used lumber is fine

Metal hay feeders (to hold the round bales and prevent waste of the hay)

Cut away Western Saddle Blankets

Long Western reins

Western Saddles

Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

Stamps

Printer Ink Cartridges (Contact Ambe Lewis, Editor)

Computer Paper

3 Hole Sheet Protectors

Hot Vacation Destinations for Horses!!



By Miss Angel LeHouf (with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

It's that time of year again...the doldrums of winter. Thinking about that made me dream about where I would like to go on a winter vacation. I decided to poll the herd and see what the other guys think.

Dakota - "Oh, I want to stay somewhere at a Bed & Breakfast. Any place that has the name of a meal in the title has got to be great!"

Snowstorm - "Do you know if they do reverse gelding in Sweden?"

Sequoia - "I know when I have it good; I'm not going ANYWHERE. Been there, done that."

Irish Night - "Durham, I'd love to go to Durham to visit my Mom. It would be fun to surprise her the way she surprised me when she found me again."

Queenie - "Call me Queen, it's more dignified. I would like to be presented to HRM Elizabeth II at the Court of St. James. I'd love to meet the Queen Mum too!"

Cheyenne - "Boston - I hear it's very cold there and my coat would be about right. I could also take in some cultural activities."

Whisper - "Tucson. It's supposed to be a wonderful climate for lung conditions."

Chinook - "I'm going with Whisper."

Meadow Flower - "I hope to go to Chicago and hire a hit man to ice my previous owner. They're redoing part of the interstate there if you get my drift." (Note: Yikes! I had no idea the lovely Meadow Flower nurtured such thoughts!)

Summer - "Well, I really want to go to the Mayo Clinic for my hip. I can't get any guys with the way I walk."

Gold Rush - "Oh, that's an easy question. I want to visit a Purina plant."

Navajo - "Acapulco! That's where the girls are."

Phoenix - "Any Club Med! I hear that they have lots of fun activities!"

Chief - "Hmmm, as a former entertainer I'd like to carry the flag at the opening ceremonies for the Cheyenne Frontier Days. Did you know that I won first place in a barrel racing contest when I was 31?"

Moonglow - "I've only lived here and one other place. I'll stay with Sequoia."

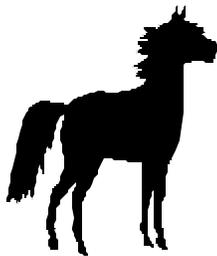
Sundance - "Either a private sanitarium or an Arden Red Door Spa in a remote area - peace & quiet are the thing when you get to be my age."

Pumpkin - "Just being here is enough vacation for me."

Maya - "Candy Cane and I would like to go hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains Park. Our feet feel ever so much better now!"

Firebreeze - "Any NASCAR speedway.....I could run in circles as much as I want."

Well! You never know what you will find out when you ask a question. I'm not done but better get back to my stall. The Yellow Thing is sipping in the sky and She will be coming around with our dinner. And as for me....I'll be the babe on "B" deck in the big sunglasses and the Hermes scarf catching some rays on the Big Red Boat, somewhere in the Caribbean. Some people think that I bear a striking resemblance to Marilyn Monroe. Ciao!



News From the Herd

Maya's front hooves were x-rayed and there is new growth where the coffin bone should be. Her hooves look more normal after each trimming. She is another walking miracle with a 44 degree rotation in one hoof and a 45 degree rotation in the other.

Cheyenne continues to improve on his cancer fighting anti oxidants.

Candy Cane's little founder hooves look almost normal after just one trimming. Her worst rotation was 32 degrees in one of the front hooves. The other three hooves have a rotation in the 20's of the coffin bone. The Veterinarians will tell you that only 50% of horses that founder with a 7% rotation of the coffin bone will survive. There is every reason to believe Candy Cane will have a full recovery and be perfectly normal, thanks to the wonderful farriers that volunteer their time at the Sanctuary. Without Cindy "Hawk" Sullivan, www.TribeEquus.com, Anne "Tree" Coley and Mike Green the horses would not have as much of a chance to recover from the poor care they have suffered.

Some of the Equine Sponsors started a new training program for the horses needing placement. This is going to be a fun project for all concerned. The Sponsors will learn more about gentle training and the horses will be easier to place. We will be starting another training class later. Please let us know if you are a sponsor and would like to work with a horse.

Pumpkin should have her name changed to "Miracle Child!" As you may recall, Pumpkin's eye had atrophied back into the eye socket. We were arranging surgery to have the eye removed to relieve the pain she was experiencing. Pumpkin was put on 25,000 units of beta carotene twice a day. The eye has returned to it's normal size and shape. The large spot of discoloration is lessening everyday. She is no longer in pain from the injured eye.

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has been working with Shoshoni and she was definitely strutting her stuff with the group in the lower pasture as well. As for me, I asked to pair up with Chinook but had not spent more than a couple of getting to know you chats with him and spent the entire class time convincing him that the thing I was carrying (the rope halter and lead) really were nothing to fear. Chinook did manage sniff it over real well and accepted some light caressing with the lead line. Looks like we'll be staying after school to catch up with the rest of the class.



Willow & Erika and Gold Rush & John get to work!

Joanie is already working up the class participants for the next session, hopefully Shadow and Starburst will be back in time to make the next session plus Seneca, Irish, Moonglow, and Chinook (don't reenroll him just yet, Joanie, I'm not going to let the pretty boy be held back before we even have a chance to join the class) are all on the list for next session. Only sponsors will be eligible to learn and work with the horses that are in the Natural Horsemanship Training Program. What a super way to increase your horse savvy for only \$20 a month and help the horses get ready for the long-term foster care program. If you are not presently a sponsor and are interested in taking part in this great program please contact the ranch.

Donation Form:

Your name:

Your phone number:

Your e-mail:

Your Message (for newsletter):

Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No

Whom do you wish to Honor:

Their e-mail:

Their Address:

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."

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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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