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# Over Herd

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## Candy Cane is One of the New Residents

By Joanie Benson

### Up coming events:

January 12, 2002

Members meeting  
at the ranch and  
project day.

Lunch and meeting  
at 12:30 P.M.

Please bring a cov-  
ered dish to share.

Lots of fun!

Several months back Erika Torrence bounced into the farm house and announced that there was a free pony listed in the newspaper. Usually we would not pay any attention to something like this, but I had a bad feeling..... So Erika called. No information was provided about the pony. Just that it had been given away.

Months later we received a call about a very badly foundered pony that needed a home quickly. I knew this was the pony that had been in the ads. The new owner confirmed that the pony was the advertised one. She had no idea that the pony was going to need to be trimmed every 3 to 4 weeks. And felt they could not afford the expense of her care.

HPS made arrangements with Gary and Mary Moran to pick her up. Hawk and Tree were due to come and we wanted her picked up as soon as possible so they

could start repairing the damage done to her feet. Dr. Robin Smith came and x-rayed all four hooves. The rotation of the coffin bone is front: 32 and 28 degrees. The rear rotation is 21 and 29 degrees.

Since we were so close to Christmas, Candy Cane was the perfect name for such a young sweet little girl. She started coming to her new name the very first day.

Candy Cane had been at a stable for a year and after speaking with the owner, I feel they did as well as they could for her. The stable bought her from a man who had owned her for years. He had no idea what founder was or that there was anything wrong with her. As the story goes he did not know that horses need to have their feet trimmed. Her last home was not feeding her and Candy was fishing through the leaves

for something to eat the second she got off the trailer. We only see this behavior in starved horses. Otherwise the horses are more interested in the other horses. Candy could have cared less about the other horses.

Candy Cane has quickly gained back the lost weight and we expect a full recovery. John Kiwacka has been working with the farriers and hopes to learn enough to do some trimming between their visits.



## Patience is Two and Seneca makes Three



Gary and Mary came to the rescue once again when Patience needed to be picked up from an owner that had health and financial problems. The third trip to get her was the charm... the drugs Dr. Smith gave her may have helped!

Patience is a 16 hand, 19 year old red mule with either very sore feet or the worse case of stress I have ever seen. Our neighbor Perry Morgan has wanted a big mule for years and it was love at first sight. Perry has built her a half way house that borders his and HPS prop-

erty. Candy Cane is keeping her company.

By the description of the last time the owners had her trimmed, I know Patience was not well treated. Cross tied and twitched to trim her feet **7 months ago!** She was very wormy and had not had her immunizations.

Patience has been trained to ride, pull and plow. She was a show mule for part of her life. As time goes on she will tell us more of her story than we know today. I hope to contact a past owner for more information

Won't you spend some time with me?

concerning Patience.

### Seneca

For Seneca's short life of only 5 years, he has satiated horrific abuse before he came to his last two owners. He was already in the hands of a horse trader and his tongue had been badly cut. He was thin and may have been drugged. A first time horse owner bought him and soon found out that he could not handle this horse that wanted to

buck him off at any gait beyond a walk. A vet told him it was okay to ride him even though he was thin. Another vet later told him he should not be riding the horse.

Quickly the owner realized he had made a mistake and was planning on sending him to the auction. Enter a nice gal who did not want to see that happen, and she purchased him. She knew he was more horse than she was prepared to handle. So she sent him to a young friend who did some horse training.

Shoes were put on all the way around and within a month she had him back under saddle. The bucking would accrue as soon as he was asked to increase the gait. The realization of the mounting cost of his care was too much for his new owner to deal with.

HPS was contacted and Seneca was delivered to the ranch. Once again, based on folks knowledge, everything was done for Seneca that they believed was correct for him. He had gained weight and was starting to accept the trainer.

Seneca is suppose to be a Tennessee

Walker and time will tell on that. He was one of the most frightened horses to ever come to the ranch. It took two times and drugs to get his shoes off and trimmed. We were determined not to cause him stress. He has had way too much of that in his short life! The first time I watched him move around in the round pen, I realized he had a bad weakness in the back left hind quarter. We have him on MSM and arthritis medication. DMSO treatments may aid in his healing. There is no way of knowing when and how this injury took place. But it explains the bucking. We are praying for a full recovery of this fine horse.



### Nice Family Needs HPS

Christmas is over, but giving should go on each and everyday. We will be collecting food and supplies for a good family in great need. The husband lost his job when the airlines let so many go! They lost their home, have a child with cancer, and just before Christmas, were living on soup and bread. The husband has found a job up north and now they have two households to keep together. The Mom and 3 children need to stay in this area because of the cancer treatments for the youngest child. This family of 5 needs our help. Please collect anything from your cupboards and when you go to the grocery store...think of this family. Food, cleaning supplies, paper goods and treats for the kids. Please bring your donations to the ranch for this needy family. May God bless you.

## Hoofbeats

by Roberta McCardle

Another year has sped by and I'd like to take a moment to reflect on it. A Dakota THANK YOU (that's a BIG thank you) to all of you for your efforts on behalf of HPS in the last year....whether you built stalls or cleaned them, picked up feed or dispersed it, participated in fund raising, made horse salads, donated money, or said a prayer for the horses, it ALL helped and it ALL mattered. Thank you very, very much! We have so much to be grateful for in the last year. We have welcomed many great new members. I'd like to remind everyone, especially our newer folks, that there is a place for everyone in this organization – whatever yours skills, talents, and interests, there is a place for you – come on out and let us help you find it!

We were able to make further improvements at the ranch – TNTC (too numerous to count!). We increased the number of fund raisers in the last year and I like to think that we have had some fun while fund raising as well -- the yard sales, working at the Verizon Pavilion, working at Kohl's, the Current Inc. stationery/card sale, etc. Much has been accomplished and much remains to be done. I never forget that **we are all that these horses have.....if we don't care, no one will care.....we are the end of the road for them.** That's a pretty awesome responsibility. So please, if you have not come out to the ranch and gotten involved, this is a new year and it's a new chance to get involved. You won't be sorry that you did! Again, thank you all and God bless.

## Let's Dish!!

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

Can we talk? Look, I'm no Luella Parsons or Hedda Hopper but golly, I've GOT to tell somebody this stuff. I don't know if it's the unusually mild weather or eating all that Strategy or what, but this ranch has turned into a sort of mini-Peyton Place in the last month. Some of these horses appear to be having a mid-life crisis. After years of love and devotion, Fire Breeze has thrown over Starfire for another woman, er, horse. Incredible! As you know, those two were bonded....it was a major whither- thoughest, I-will-go-type of love. Now, she is cast aside and Fire Breeze only has eyes for Sundance. As much as I love and respect Sundance, it sickens me to see that little flirt

Fire Breeze making goo-goo eyes at her. Starfire continues to eat heartily and acts as though she doesn't care but a pony has to wonder what's really going on in her heart.

And that's not all – another unexpected love affair got its start in the front pasture (Note: maybe She should check the grass out there, isn't that where Cupcake and Comanche first fell in love?). Excuse me, I digress. You'll never believe this but Chinook and Pumpkin fell madly in love at first sight. As a couple they are a mess. She is a Shetland with a bad eye and he is a stately former show horse. Yet, within hours of meeting, they were inseparable and even began to behave in similar ways (Note: not a good thing, involves biting motions). They are in separate pastures now but they continue to



call each other, a la Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald.

There's more but I've got to go. What is wrong with these horses? Can a pony not rely upon anything any more?! I thought Fire Breeze and Starfire were solid. This is not Paris and it's not the springtime. Maybe they're getting too much protein – I'm going to write Her a note and put it on the back porch.



## Sponsorship is the Next Best thing to Ownership

By Tracy Hubert

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So you love horses but do not have the space, money or knowledge to get a horse of your own right now. What's a person to do? ..... You could sponsor a horse through HPS's TLC program, that's what! For a mere \$20 a month you can pick a horse to lavish your love on. There are several horses in need of sponsors right now.

But what will a measly \$20 a month get me .. you ask? Lots!! Whenever your family has free time you can come to the sanctuary to groom, pet, love and spoil your new horse. You'll make lots of new friends, the two legged and the four legged kind. But wait, there is more... You can bring your new horse

treats like fresh fruits and veggies, you can bring presents like a fly mask and supplements. You can take her for a walk, give her a bath and take pictures with her. But most importantly you will learn about horses and their care.

I took riding lessons for over 5 years and did not learn as much as I did in one year at the ranch. I learned about proper nutrition, hoof care, dental care, first aid, parasite control, immunizations, and most importantly, how a horse thinks.

Because of my new found knowledge I have acquired about horses and their care through HPS's sponsorship and exercise programs, I finally felt

confident that I would make a responsible horse owner. Now I have a horse of my own through HPS's Long Term Foster Care Program. I board Nova close to my home and still have time to visit all my other friends at the ranch.

So... This weekend come out to the ranch, meet the horses and make a difference in a rescued horse's life and your own. The horse will love the TLC and so will you! Morning Glory, Moon Glow, Summer, Willow, Whisper or Sequoia, to name just a few, are waiting for you. This is a wonderful program and great horses! See ya' at the ranch!



*Give me a kiss big boy!  
Joy Dwelle & Dakota*

## A Prayer for the Animals

*Hear our humble prayer, O God. For our friends the animals, especially for the animals who are suffering; for any that are hunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessings of the merciful.*

-Albert Schweitzer-

## The Night has a Thousand

The night has a thousand eyes,  
And the day but one;  
Yet the light of the bright world dies  
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,  
And the heart but one;  
Yet the light of a whole life dies  
When love is done.

- Francis Bourdillon

## Tax Time and your Charitable Deduction

It's that time of the year again! ~\*#!%~ The IRS wants as much of your income as they can get. There are deductions that we sometimes forget about that at the end of the year can add up to a nice taxable write-off. Miles to and from the sanctuary from your home were worth \$.145 cents a mile last year. What that means to you is: if you come to the ranch once a week and you live

45 miles away, that would be a deduction of \$731.

HPS will be sending you your yearly computed contributions on our letter head for your records. The items you purchased through the year and donated are also a write-off. You only need a letter from us for items over \$250. You can also put a value on the things you donated to our semi-annual

yard sale. NOTE: we are already collecting for the spring sale.

One of the ways to see your money is put to the uses you want is to make contributions through the year to ... of course, your favorite horses. Instead of letting the government spend it the way they want.



**HELP STAMP OUT  
PAYING TAXES**

## May God Bless you in the coming New Year

### Big Horsey Thank you!

#### DONATIONS:

Nicole Lockhart  
Genise Harper  
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Sara Lane  
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Roberta McCardle

#### TLC Sponsorship:

Concord Independent Tribune  
Kathie Wilson

#### New Members:

Terry Andreis  
Janet G. Elmo  
Jill Thomas provided the Membership for the following families:  
(Arnold & Allison Watt family,  
Lorrie & Sonny Mortan Family,  
Mike & Janet McLain Family,  
Don & Sarah Campbell Family)

#### New Volunteers:

Gene Cain  
Kim Cress  
Bob Fuller  
Kathy Allen

#### Items Donated:

Kathy Allen bags of Purina Strategy feed  
Debbie Myers, Feed Bucket, fly masks, leg wraps, web stall door, betadine solution, & thrush Crusher, equine measuring tapes.  
South Ridge Vet Clinic, Flex GL & 6 Flex Free  
Vita Flex, 22 pounds of Sy nequin  
Tracy Hubert, Fly masks & English saddle pad  
Sue Wortman, MSM  
John Kiwacka, lounge whip  
Jim & Trever Ladislas, grooming brush & MSM  
Lida Pinkham & Friends, black feeding tubs, tubes Ivermectin, Cut Heal, coat conditioner, shampoo mitt, Epsom salts, vet wraps, vitamin E –selenium, leather conditioner, grooming tool, vitamin B-12, hoof dressing, MSM.  
Erika & Paul Torrence, manure rake  
Mary & Gary Moran, Computer paper, metal manure rake, Excaliber, Epsom salts, vitamin E.  
Kathy Haw & Friends, black feed buckets, 4-in one shots, fly masks, bananas.

"A big thank you to all the folks who participated in the Kohl's HPS fund raising effort! **Sandy Babinski, Margie Doyle, Deanna Godfrey, Kathy Haw, Rachael Hurlow, Erin Kincaid, John Kiwacka, Roberta McCardle, Ann Powlas, and Heather Safrit** -- thanks, guys!"

It is a wonderful help when folks see something that needs to be done and just do it. **Terry Eller of Eller Diesel Repair and Tom McCardle** fixed the shock Yellow truck was dragging. **Jim Ladislas** has been picking up feed for the horses the whole time Yellow was in need of repair.

## Let's Do Better in the Coming New Year



How would you feel about guests in your home leaving a mess behind?

Joanie opens her home and heart to the members of HPS. But often at the end of a long day upon returning from the barn she is faced with a collection of dirty dishes, overflowing ashtrays, remnants of left over food, muddy foot prints through the house and a raided refrigerator.

Only some of Joanie's closest friends know how deeply she has been hurt by the items that have disappeared from her home and the buildings. Sometimes she kindly loans folks things.... and they are never returned.

Joanie always tries to think the best of people by saying things like, "Oh someone picked it up by mistake and will return the item as soon as they realize they have it."

Here is a list of some of the things

I know have come up missing: Joanie's silver bracelet with a purple stone and 2 small gold leaves on either side. (This has great sentimental value to her, and we have prayed for it's return.)

Large Turkey Roaster  
Books & horse magazines  
2 garden shovels  
Wire cutters  
Red ice chest  
Hammers and small hand tools  
Grooming boxes and tools  
Equine items, & white scoop

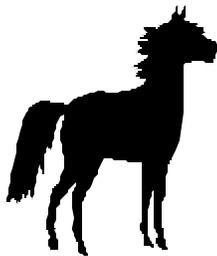
HPS members are allowed to use her tools, saddles and property. Tools, tack and items are left out for others to pick up and put away. Tack is not being cleaned by some of the folks in the exercise program. People have broken things and

not replaced them.

If HPS members expect to continue to be able to have the opportunity to be able to use Joanie's things and to be welcome in her home.... We all need to do better!

Anyone who has spent any time at the sanctuary knows how hard she works and the long hours that she puts in. Let's all pitch in and make things easier for Joanie in the coming year.

Please look around your home for anything you may have borrowed or picked up by mistake. Let's get Joanie's things back to the ranch.



# 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](http://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.

## Natural....from page 2

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.

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