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April Showers Bring.....Sprinkles!

By: Joan Benson

Project Day/Members Meeting

May 11, 2002

Lunch and meeting at 12:30 PM

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Lots of fun! Great day to help out with ranch improvements. Mark your calendar today!

Erika and I had a chance to see Sprinkles about 6 weeks before she came to the sanctuary. Her condition was not nearly as poor as when she arrived at the Sanctuary. The owner wanted to turn her over to us since Sprinkles just continued to lose weight. The owner wanted to pony her to the sanctuary, and we insisted on a trailer for her. She never could have made the 2 plus mile walk. Sprinkles was either stool eating or she was being fed sweet feed. The oats in the stool told the story.

Little Miss Sprinkles arrived just in time to save her life. If she had been left even a few more days in her condition, it is doubtful she would have survived. The poor old little girl could hardly walk since she had been reabsorbing her own muscles. Sprinkles is 45 plus years old and a 1 on the Henneck rating scale. The top front teeth are worn to the gums but it does not stop her from chowing down her feed that has been mixed with warm water. The first couple of days she was too weak to eat very much and went down and could not get up. Dr Featherstone was called and patiently treated her until she could once again stand. Blood work was pulled and the vital organs are working better than one would expect....continued on page 3



Sprinkles and Chase Torrence

Nance to get horses BACK?

By: Barbara Jones

HPS well remembers the Carol Lewis Saddlebred case that started in January of 1999. (Of course the first thing we did in that case was get a Search and Seizure warrant.) Carol Lewis lost all of her horses in a plea bargain with the District Attorney of Cabarrus County. She knew we had her dead to rights.

But do you remember the Carolyn Nance Quarter Horse case that was going on around the same time, only in Rowan County? On Tuesday, April 16, the state Court of Appeals threw out the cruelty convictions against Nance on the basis that Animal Control unlawfully seized horses from her property. In December of 1998, Rowan County animal control officers responded to a case of emaciated American Quarter Horses in a field leased to Carolyn Nance, who owned the horses.

Clay Martin, Rowan County animal control supervisor, decided the horses were in immediate need of treatment and after three days of organizing, moved the horses. However, he neglected to get a warrant.

In September of 2000, while two members of HPS watched, a jury convicted Nance of six misdemeanor charges of cruelty to animals. Nance was sentenced to 18 months of supervised probation and was forced to give up six of the sixteen horses that were seized. ...continued on page 4



May Day

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

One lovely morning in April, Sprinkles, my new stablemate, was pondering what we should do to celebrate the first of May.

“You know, Angel, if we were in the former USSR, there would be a parade of the military hardware in Red Square.”

“Sprinkles! What on earth does that have to do with us? Navajo is the only horse here with the wherewithal to make people run” (and I decline to print the reasons why in a family newsletter....it has something to do with what he eats...).

“Oh, I know,” Sprinkles sighed, “but I want to do something special.”

I thought about it and suggested a Maypole Dance. “Yes! That’s just the thing, Angel! I’ll get everybody organized,” said Sprinkles.

Well! As you know, I am a pony of mature years, a connoisseur of hay, carrots, and fine fly masks. I had other matters requiring my attention so I stayed out of the arrangements for our May 1st festivity. Since Sprinkles is a new resident, this gave her a good chance to meet & greet.

Wednesday, May 1st, dawned sunny and a tad coolish, perfect weather for an outdoor festivity. Sprinkles was quite full of herself and could hardly wait for 6:00 p.m., the dance hour (or “adagio hour” as she called it – no presumptions here!). Finally at a quarter to six we started on our way to the back pasture. Most of the horses were already there when we got down there. My first view of the Maypole was stunning. Sprinkles and her committee had pulled out all the stops and it showed!

“How on earth did you get all that vet wrap tied up so high?” I asked. Vet wrap in all different hues was unwound, secured at the top of the pole, and fluttered to the ground.

“Don’t ask,” muttered Sprinkles, “it involves the Big Guy and myself making some precarious moves.”

“All right, people, listen up,” shouted Sequoia. “Let the dance begin! Everybody grab an end of the vet wrap and back away from the pole. Space yourselves out!”

There was a flurry of activity and some of the prettiest backing-up moves I have seen in years. May I say that despite her bad knee, Morning Glory was particularly graceful? The horses seemed to instinctively know what colors would be most becoming to them. Cloud grabbed a blue streamer (to match his eyes) and Irish looked lovely with a yellow streamer. Summer, of course, went for the power color of red.

“Now, when I give the word, everybody needs to begin moving with the music in a clockwise direction.” Sequoia nodded to Sprinkles who turned on the phonograph (Note: we still have records in the barn....She has not yet provided us with a CD player).

Oh, they all looked so beautiful! I had taken a seat a good way back, close enough to see but out of the way.

“Very good,” shouted Sequoia above the music, “now let’s begin to weave in and out.”...continued on page 5

For the new folks who may not know Cinnamon and Dallas’ story. They came from a wonderful caring family. But because of Cinnamon’s “Moon Blindness” attacks the stable would no longer care for the two horses. Nor would any other stable take them, so of course we took them in. Even through Kate’s illness, she continued to help support

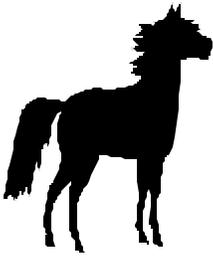
**A memorial contibution
has been made
In memory of
Kate Gosnell Harrison
From friends and her
sister Judith Kempe.**

**In memory of
Kate Gosnell Harrison

By
Oak Value Capital
Management**

**In memory of
Kate G. Harrison

By
Lorie Wickham**



News From the Herd

Hoofbeats...

By: Roberta McCardle

Tonto is gaining weight amazingly fast. If you could not see the spots you would still know he is an appaloosa by his pick up in attitude.

The Herd for the most part can be shed out now. There are the few exceptions like Sequoia who is shedding but has no new hair coming in yet. Cinnamon's hair is also quite thin. At the last minute we were able to pull together enough money to get the wormer for the horses and everyone has been wormed once again. Please keep your herd of horses in your prayers.

Star Fire has been feeling down, and Dr. Featherstone found a slight infection, a stool sample was negative, slightly iron low, as were muscle enzymes. We are watching her closely. Part of the problem may be Fire Breeze. He has taken up with Sundance once again, and Star Fire is lonely.

Cheyenne is getting his spring hair cut and so far about 12 hours has been invested in his new do. He is less than half way there. It is similar to cutting the hair off a woolly mammoth. The Cushing's symptoms have been worse during the hot spell.

To use an Angel word, "Hotdog"! When I opened up the "Salisbury Post" early Sunday morning, April 21st, I was surprised and pleased to see that HPS was the local winner for the 2001 national Make a Difference Day award. We were one of the twenty-one NC winners (out of 529 nationally). In addition to being listed in the USA Weekend supplement, there was an article about our October 27th volunteer effort with foster children on the front page of the area news section. A big THANK YOU to all of the HPS folks who helped with this effort, either directly or indirectly! While we have not yet received our certificate from the Make a Difference Day/Points of Light Foundation, we can feel the warmth in our hearts from knowing that we gave these children and their families a nice outing as well as fostering a sentiment of kindness toward animals in general and equine in particular. As the newspaper stated, this day of lunch, horseback rides, and T-shirt decoration helped the children gain insight by seeing that these large, majestic animals sometimes need to be rescued, just like they do. Truly, this is an organization of caring, good people; may God bless all of you.

Sprinkles

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based on her physical appearance and age. She had an infection and antibiotics were needed. Sometimes equine will be so weak that even drinking water takes too much effort. The first few days it would take most of the day for Sprinkles to eat her small ration of food. In the short time she has been with HPS, her appetite has greatly improved, she is now able to eat the leaves off alfalfa, chopped baled alfalfa, and is nibbling grass. The chopped baled alfalfa costs us \$12 a bale, and is a favorite of Angel also. Her feed ration has been increased and she is gaining weight and strength. Sprinkles is going to need a good deal of dental work and her shots.

All new equine spend a little time in the round pen to make sure they are parasite free and will not bring an illness to the herd. Sprinkles was finally strong enough to move her to Angel's duplex. At the present time they are still getting acquainted, and do not want to share the same stall yet. According to the past owner the pony was kept for years alone in a pasture, and had no care. It may take awhile for her to get adjusted to being with another pony. They are to the peek around the corner at each other stage. We are hoping they will become good friends. Please come and visit Sprinkles, she enjoys the attention! If at all possible please TLC Sponsor Sprinkles for only \$20 a month or one of the other of your horses. Thank you for caring!



It's almost Tee-Time

Do you know a golfer or a sports store or pro shop in your area? Please tell them about the golf tournament to benefit HPS being held at McCanless Golf Club in Salisbury on May 18th or ask them to post the flyer enclosed in this months newsletter. The tournament has a \$35 entry fee, is captains choice, and will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM. We will be selling mulligans and tee busters and prizes will be awarded. Please contact Roberta McCardle or Kathy Haw with questions or to register your team. The event is shaping up to be a fun day for all.



May Day

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Sequoia should have never, ever said that. The scene in front of me deteriorated so rapidly that it is hard to describe. In the space of less than thirty seconds, almost every horse was at a standstill, unable to move. Some were more incapacitated than others. Seneca's body was crisscrossed with vet wrap; pink, green, and orange streamers were wrapped all around him. "Somebody, help me!" he yelled.

"I want to go back to the half-way house," wailed Tonto. "Things like this don't happen over there."

I could see that things were going to be out of hand very shortly. Some horses were truly scared and others had flaring tempers. Seneca's nostrils were flaring and he was on the brink of panic.

"Here, Sprinkles, take these safety scissors and get in there and cut that stuff off them," I said as I handed them to her. To her credit, she rapidly obeyed and moving faster than I would have though possible, she soon had everyone set free. Bohdan was last and as she cut him free, I heard Queen mutter, "Doggone, why can't they keep that rascally Bo tied up?"

There was a flurry of dust as all the horses galloped off to the far flung corners of the ranch. I heard some comments as they sped by, "That's the last Maypole Dance I'm going to attend" "Yeah, no more vet wrap for me." Sprinkles and I were left staring at the largest pile of vet wrap I have ever seen.

"Angel, we'll just have to pick it up, re-wind it, and sneak it back into the medicine cabinet. Maybe She won't notice."

"Yeah, right, and maybe the grass won't grow tomorrow," I thought. Worst of all, the Maypole Dance had been MY idea. This is what happens when you step outside your area of expertise and just start freewheeling.....a lesson learned.



*Happy Birthday
Shannon
Love Ya, Spunky*

Dakota Haiku

By Joy Dwelle

*Warm sun, sweet smell,
My love looks to me in anticipated
flight.*

*Yes, my Darling, Today is the day.
We shall fly together.*

*Blue Sky vast as the Sea, Earth eaten by strides
We are one again.*

*Sun on our backs, soaring
Through Meadow and Time.
Our Love, remembered.*

*Breathless as always,
we walk out and come home,
Well pleased with ourselves.*

Nance to get horses BACK?

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Judge Timmons-Goodson, who ordered the new trial for Nance, said it was clear that obtaining a warrant would not have presented an impracticable delay. Timmons-Goodson will only allow the photographs generated before the illegal seizure to be entered into evidence, if there is a new trial.

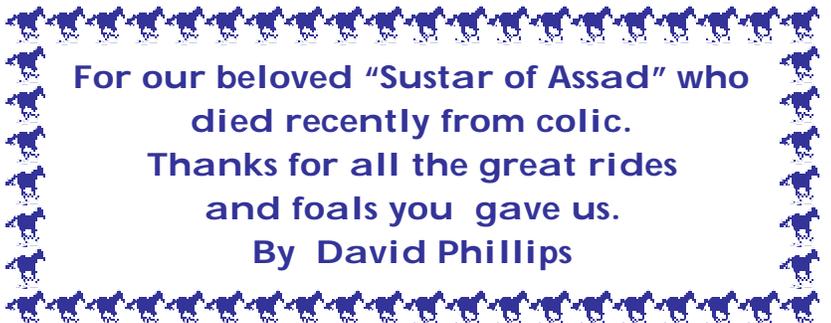
Though Timmons-Goodson was sympathetic toward the efforts of North Carolina animal control officers to prevent cruelty to animals, he felt that seizing the horses without a warrant was unlawful.

Rowan County assistant district attorney Bonnie Busby said she wasn't sure if the state would appeal to the Supreme Court, but said those who saw the photos would not have forgotten the case.

Noell Tin, Nance's Charlotte based attorney, said he was pleased with the ruling and that it was a victory for the 4th Amendment.

The question is now whether Rowan County will drop the mishandled case or take Nance back to court again.

HPS says that once again, the horses lose! We have said all along that we believed the appeals court would throw the Carolyn Nance case out! We still live in America where people have rights. These cases have to be handled correctly or the horses will suffer. The Nance case is an example of that.



**For our beloved "Sustar of Assad" who
died recently from colic.**

**Thanks for all the great rides
and foals you gave us.**

By David Phillips



New TLC Sponsors:

- ♥ Beth Parker & Derek Thompson
- ♥ Kayla Chipley
- ♥ Elizabeth & Amanda Beck
- ♥ Amanda Miller
- ♥ Becky Causby
- ♥ Dawn & Henry Fowler

New Exercise Sponsors:

- * Laurie Popowycz
- * Judy & Jerry Spry
- * Beth Imorde

New Members:

- ◆ Cathy Wray
- ◆ Debbie Dart
- ◆ Elizabeth & Amanda Beck
- ◆ Beth Imorde
- ◆ Mark & Karen Schnell
- ◆ Theresa Gahren

Donations:

- Lori & Douglas Drake
- Kim Wrenn
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- Roberta McCardle
- Ann Shrago
- Kathy Haw
- Harold & Mary Hanig
- Robert & Betty Conkle
- Nicole Timoney
- Ann Powles
- Janet Gilliam
- Charissa Loftin
- Theresa Gahren
- John Kiwacka

HPS Needs List:

For the Horses:

- Garlic oil, (we use it in our fly repellent.)
- Natural fly repellents
- Refill chemical for the fly traps
- Purina Strategy, (Angel and Sprinkles need this special feed.)
- Golden Flax Seed, (all older horses with arthritis)
- Red Cell, (we are almost out of this important supplement.)
- Ivermectin Wormer, Safe Guard, (new wormy horses)
- SrongidP, or Rotectin 2, (either of these two can be used for when we double dose for horses with tapeworm)
- Shredded Beet Pulp, (wonderful for rehabilitation, diarrhea and aiding in weight gain)

General Barn Needs

- 2"x 6"x 10" treated lumber, (when you are doing your summer projects, please pick up a few extra pieces for the sanctuary)
- 1"x 6"x about any length, (some treated, but mostly need untreated, can be rough cut)
- Metal hay feeders, (to hold round bales and prevent waste of hay)
- Long Western reins
- Cut away Western Saddle Blankets
- Western Saddles

Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

- Stamps
- Printer Ink Cartridges, (contact Ambe Lewis, Editor.)
- Printer paper
- 1/2 inch black, gray, blue or green binder, (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 needed for help with:

- Fund Raising Committee
- Placement Committee (horse experience is very helpful.)
- TLC Committee
- Sunday afternoon helpers (The warm weather is here and the fruits and vegetables that are so kindly donated will not hold. They need to be cut up and put out for the horses. HELP!)
- Yard Clean up (yard sale is coming up and the yard is a mess. Please do not pull out plants that may be flowers. If you are not 100% sure please leave the plant.)

Items Donated:

Our semi-annual yard sale is fast approaching. Thank you to all of the wonderful folks who have been donating all of the wonderful items. **DO NOT MISS THIS SALE!** Watch for information in the June newsletter. The ranch kitties and dogs would like to thank the kind folks who help to keep them fed. This month we have been helped with bags of Shredded Beet Pulp, and a wonderful saddle pad.

Donation Form:

- Your name:
- Your phone number:
- Your e-mail:

- Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No
- Whom do you wish to Honor:
- 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

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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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