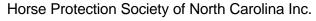
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Mark your Calendars:

October 12th. 2002 Project Day/ Members Meeting Lunch at 12:30 PM Please bring a covered dish to share.





From small to tall...meet our two newest residents **By Joan Benson**



Yum Yum will steal your heart!

Yum Yum's story...All too often the uncared for equine's owner is not willing to sustain the cost of needed care. Yum Yum spent eight lonely years in a very small area. At his advanced age of 34, life should have been kinder for him. John Kiwacka and I visited with his caregivers, and asked them to feed him as they normally would. Yum Yum gobbled down the small portion, and then continually tried to tell them he was still very hungry. He would stick his skinny neck through the fence, staring at the people,

pull it back in and stare at his bowl. This continued until he realized he was not going to get any more food. His little teeth didn't meet in the front since a couple of back ones were so long. The owners talked it over and called the next day asking us to take him since they could not provide what he needed.

Kathy Haw kindly delivered Yum Yum to the sanctuary where he is residing in the large round pen with his own little shelter. Yum Yum is enjoying the other horses outside the round pen, and has fallen head over hoof in love with Dizzy. At this point Yum Yum only weighs about 250 pounds compared to Dizzy's, at least, 1,650 pounds. He has been seen stretching his neck up as far as possible to reach...(See Yum Yum page 4)

HPS Yard Sale Saturday October 5th



Great buys, great prices, great way to support your horses. Don't miss out!

Dizzy's story...Gary Moran has a draft horse, so he seemed like the logical person to call when we needed to take in a beautiful Belgian. John Kiwacka had visited Dizzy in her home, and really wanted her to come to the sanctuary. Her loving family, were at wits end

about how to help her over come the founder she had suffered from. They found her being used as a broodmare and had suffered untreated founder. Her hooves were very long and brittle. The owners were going to put her down rather than treat her. The family took her home and in the next 18 months she became their favorite horse.

Their farrier cut her hooves back and then the big problems started. Dizzy was x-rayed April 2001 and the rotation is approximately 10 degrees in the right front and 20 degrees in the left front. The hooves kept splitting and breaking off, until Dizzy could hardly stand. Shoes were put on the front so she could once again move around. The shoes had to be extended beyond the front of the broken hooves to give her needed support. (see Dizzy page 3)



Dizzy needs a loving sponsor!

Welcome Sugar Foot!

By Joan Benson



Stop out & meet Sugar Foot!

Mike Lane dropped everything to pick up Sugar Foot from Harnett County and bring her to the sanctuary. Amy had worked hard to bring this starved older horse to safety at the sanctuary. She arranged for Sugar Foot's Coggin's test to be done free. Amy told me complaints had been lodged against the owners and numerous visits by Animal Control had taken place. They were disgusted with the owners and when Sugar Foot was reported walking down the road, they seized their

chance. Sugar Foot was taken to the animal impound. Harnett County's ordinances say an owner has 72 hours to pick up an animal after impound. If they are not collected, then the county may dispose of them any way they see fit. We are grateful they saw fit to call HPS

Sugar Foot has known starvation before in her life. Her head to is too big for her body, and she has a goiter. Both point to previous malnutrition when she was just a growing foal. Sugar Foot was a very thin starved little girl upon her arrival. The long-term lack of care was evident from the protruding bones, untreated rain rot, and poor untrimmed hooves. Sugar Foot is a sweet gentle girl that is happy to receive each and every meal. Her blood work-up detected an infection somewhere in her body and antibiotics were administered. Purina Strategy pelleted feed aids our starved horses to recover. Rice bran, shredded beet pulp, baled alfalfa, shredded bagged alfalfa, soaked alfalfa cubes and along list of supplements comprises Sugar Foots weight gaining diet.

Sugar Foot's rain rot was resistant to treatment, and she may be allergic to the betadine scrub. We are now trying a new treatment to clear this condition up. She had gained enough weight to have her teeth cared for on Sept. 20th and her rabies shot. A slight eye infection was treated and a fly mask seems to be helping her eyes.

Sugar Foot is sharing the duplex with Night Mist. The small field had to have a fence put down the center to separate the two horses. Night Mist's food issue prevented the two from being in together. (Sharing is not in the vocabulary.) They visit across a short door between the two stalls and their present concerns are centered around food. Sugar Foot was in slightly better condition and is gaining a little faster than Night Mist.



A gift in memory of
Angel was made
by Dottie Rebhan.

A memorial for Angel was made by Charles Beck.

Sandy & Chuck Quinn honored Roberta McCardle for her love and devotion to

Hoofbeats...

By Roberta McCardle

We have been overwhelmed with goodness lately and I want to share this with everyone. The Charlotte Observer article about our work in the September 15th paper has created an avalanche of interest in HPS. Jeri Krentz' well-written and engaging article and Jeff Siner's lovely and in some cases, poignant, photographs touched many, many people. The phone at the ranch rang for days and the e-mails are still coming. We spent the better part of two weekends giving tours and welcoming people, many of whom have joined HPS as members. Let me tell you about these fine folks - they came out on their first visit, participated in a tour, completed a membership application, paid their membership fee, and immediately began working on whatever task needed doing. We had new members cleaning the barn, scrubbing feed buckets, cleaning tack boxes, helping with preliminary yard sale tasks, etc. Many of these kind individuals, seeing the multitude of needs, also made a donation in addition to their membership. Some new members were not able to come out but wrote us wonderful notes and sent donations. Please join me in a hearty welcome to these kind individuals! It is a wonderful thing to see our caring circle of HPS people grow. If the horses could talk, they would say, "Thank you for helping us!" One final word about HPS to the new members.....whatever you give, whatever you do here....it will come back to you one hundredfold. May God bless you for caring enough to help.



News From the Herd

Sequoia had a bout with colic and at his advanced age of 50, this is not good. He came through that fine and then a week later started showing signs of early founder. He seems to be doing fine now after a prescription to help relieve toxins from his body, and we taped pressure pads under the frog for support. The rain had caused tender grass to spout up and Sequoia was not eating enough hay. The grass may have compacted in his intestines.

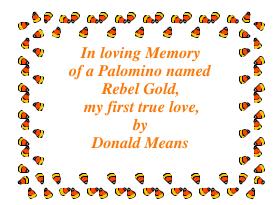
The Herd: All of the dental work was completed this month. Night Mist and Sugar Foot were in good enough condition to have their teeth worked on. Even though Yum Yum's condition was still very poor, we felt he had to have his teeth done to be able to eat. Sugar Foot has two front teeth that have been broken off some time during her life. She has not had an easy life.

Bow had a very severe colic and Dr. Featherstone felt it was a secondary condition to possibility heart failure. We asked him what else it could be and he said, "Maybe an infection in his heart valves." We told him that was a better prognosis so we would go with that. His heart sounded like a washing machine, not a good sign. He was treated with long acting penicillin and we put him on SMZ tablets. Today he is his good old self and his heart sounds fine.

Sun Dance has been fighting an eye infection and with the devoted members doctoring, she is recovering nicely.

Laredo had x-rays taken of his back leg, and we discovered two old breaks. He is doing fine and we feel he will be able to be ridden in time.

Dakota coliced not wanting to up one upped by Bow. We had the episode under control by the time the vet arrived. But felt it was better to let the vet check him out. The blonde flying under the radar towards the ranch was Joy Dwelle. That may have been a record run from Charlotte to the ranch!



Dizzy's Story...continued from page 1

All farrier work has to be done with her heavily drugged. We are so thankful we have the devoted farriers that come to the sanctuary.

Dizzy dwarfs all the other horses at the sanctuary with her massive size. She is presently in the front field with Chinook and Cinnamon. She has established herself as the unchallenged head of the field. Chinook is in love! Not so sure the feeling is mutual. Yum Yum is smitten, also.

The requirements of feed for such a large horse are going to be huge. We have worked her up to 10 pounds of feed a day and expect to increase from there. Large amounts of supplements will be needed to promote healthy hoof growth. I don't even want to think about the amount of hay this paradigm can put away. We will know longer have to be concerned that the round bale of hay has remained too long in the front field. Dizzy is definitely an eye stopper from the road and folks will pull in to ask about her. She is only 8 to 10 years old and deserves a change for a good life. Please help by providing a monthly sponsorship for Dizzy or one of the other horses.

Special to "Overherd" by Morning Glory

Hotdog! Have you heard the latest? We have lights in the big barn! Mr. C. (that two-legger known as Gene) has wrought a miracle. It is absolutely splendid. The light rays extend down each corridor. No more wondering about any feeding errors that might be made in the evening. No more sneaking into the wrong stall (by some of the more juvenile horses). Finally, the barn has been brought into this century! I heard them talking about lights and I feared that She meant oil lamps, a dangerous thing to have around hay plus someone would have to trim the wicks, refill the oil, etc.

This lighting will not only avert errors (i.e. I do NOT wish to inadvertently be fed Fire Breeze's VERY well-ripened banana) but it will open up a whole new aspect to the social life of the herd. Sequoia is already talking about starting a book club and Sundance wants to start a sewing circle. Navajo, the silly goose, is wondering if this means that we will get breakfast earlier during the winter. (When it comes to food, hope springs eternal in his heart). Anyhow, the barn is getting quite uptown and all of us are very grateful. The herd voted to start stockpiling treats and to present them to Mr. C. as a token of our appreciation. Well done, Mr. C.!

As I sit here before the computer, tears roll down my cheeks. My heart is full of love and thanksgiving to the kind folks who read the article in the Charlotte Observer. I praise God their hearts were moved to aid the rescued horses at the sanctuary. The Monday after the article appeared HPS had \$23 in their checking account. The following Monday HPS was able to pay \$5,000 on the veterinarian bill, order needed supplements for the horses, 40 tubes of Ivermectin and pay some back bills. The new members, sponsors, donations and the continuing support of our faithful folks have made this possible. Our prayers go out for you, and may God bless each and every one of you. Thank you does not express the deep feels and thankfulness for the kindness in caring about the horses. Welcome new Members and Sponsors thank you for your donations, you are solely need by these wonderful horses.

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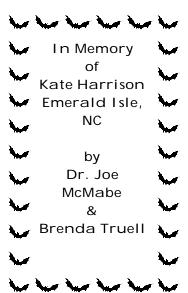
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Yum Yum's story... continued from page 1

Dizzy's nose reaching down to him.

A blood test was done that showed some liver damage. Since he was having so much difficulty eating, it was decided to do his teeth at once. Yum Yum loves his alfalfa cubes wet down and his feed dry. His worming has been started and we hope to see some weight gain soon. He is very anemic and iron is being added to his feed daily. We hope and pray with the right feed and care Yum Yum will have a full recovery.



HPS NEEDS LIST:

FREE COMPOST, YOU LOAD, NO LESS THAT A PICK-UP OR TRAILER LOAD.

Of course we would not turn down a donation.

Ditch Cleared: Do you own or have access to a piece of equipment that could be used to clear our ditches? This must be done before fall. Our drainage ditches are filling back in.

Coral scraped: Bulldozer, Bobcat, what do you have? Two areas need to be scraped down.

Hard pack fill dirt needed: We have a number of areas we need fill dirt for, under a shelter for feeding hay, and in the big barn for low places.

Horsy Needs:

Garlic oil, (we use it in our fly repellent.)

Natural fly repellents

Refill chemical for the flytraps

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.)

General Barn Needs:

2"x 6"x10" treated lumber, (when doing 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 the hay.)

Cut away Western Saddle Blankets

Large gate hinges

Hanging feed buckets & hangers

Lightweight old bathtub

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 needed for help with:

Fund Raising Committee

Placement Committee (horse experience is very helpful.)

TLC Committee

Stall Cleaning

Members are welcome at the sanctuary early in the morning when it is still cool or in the evening. Come and get some fresh air and hug a horse.

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