



OVER HERD



The poor gelding ended up at Iredell County Animal Control for the *second* time. A little over a year ago, he was in the Love Valley (NC) area, kept in a small pen with little to no food or water. No one could remember anything about him except his poor body condition. He stayed at Animal Control until he was placed.

Misunderstood and Unhappy Leads to Misbehavior and Relinquishment

By Joanie Benson

The 14-year-old Tennessee Walking Horse was given to a family that did not have any other horses and was renting where they lived. At first, he would let the kids ride him and was happy for the food. The family was not willing to invest in a good safe horse fence (remember, they didn't own the property), and he started to escape to go down the road where there were other horses. Each time it became more difficult to catch him and, so, they would chase him. Once back at home, he started to act out more and more. First he would not let the people catch him while he was in the field... so he was chased again and again and again. He would misbehave around the children, kicking out and trying to bite them. *The poor horse was just trying to tell the family how unhappy he was to be by himself.* (I do not know how many times I have to say, "Never have just one horse!")



Horses are herd animals and it is almost impossible for them to feel safe when they are by themselves. They do not speak cow or goat and will often hurt these other companions to show their displeasure of not being with other equines.

Animal Control was called a number of times when the horse escaped from the fencing. Finally the family wanted Animal Control to take him back. The family had the horse for about a year. It took three people to chase him into the trailer.

HPS was called (thank you Animal Control!) and we agreed to go pick him up. He was in with a number of goats and their constant noise was driving him a little crazy. It took about five minutes for him to allow me to put on a halter, lead and load him into Janet Elmo's trailer. I think it was so easy because he hated the goats and wanted to get away from them.

We had promised the folks at Iredell Country Animal Control that we would get our next kitty from them.

Deborah Baker helped to pick out a cute little gray calico to join Pumpkin at the sanctuary.

She is a little sweetheart and just got spayed.

I knew from the first introduction to him that it was going to be a problem once we were at the sanctuary. We call horses like him "Brain Fried" from all the chasing - a horse loses trust when this is done to them. Horses "think" in terms of predators chasing them, and we are predators. It just takes time to overcome the damage and fear that has been created. He is going to have to stay in the round pen until we can establish an understanding and start him on the road to trusting again. The good news is I have found what he dearly loves to eat...Watermelon! (I wish it was less expensive.)

He has large hanging sarcoids back behind his sheath. I have not been able to see them well enough to determine which type we are dealing with. (Oh, great news! Flint's sarcoids are almost gone. Just a couple of little spots left.)

Update on the Horses

By Joanie Benson

Editor's Note: We are so glad to have room this month to bring you an update on some of the horses and some of the care that we have mentioned in previous editions of Over Herd. Your concern for and donations to these precious animals are never taken for granted, and we know that your interest goes beyond the rescues that we share through these pages each month. So here's some information to bring you up-to-date.

Prairie Flower: This lovely mare has finally turned the corner in her recovery. Long-term starvation of a horse always takes much longer for the horse to start the long road to full recovery. We are still putting her up in the hospital stall at night. Prairie Flower has a weakness in a hock, and the loss of muscle made it impossible for her to get up without help. She is doing much better now and gaining back her weight at a reasonable rate.

Flint: Flint's occult sarcoids are shrinking and we are hopeful that we have found a cure for this terrible affliction.

Wind Star: This lovely Thoroughbred was so close to needing to be put to sleep. She was crashing due to EPM, the protozoa that gets into the brain and spinal cord. We had to try something quickly or lose her. We administered a compound by IV, and day by day we have watched her improve; she is now running and playing with the other horses. The prescription medications have only a 10% to 20% full recovery reported, and only 58.2% show some improvement. We have never had any success with using the drugs and have been looking for years for something that really will kill the protozoa without damaging the horse's organs. We are carefully watching Wind Star and are hoping for a full recovery from this dreaded illness. We had a full blood panel done and there was no indication of any problem from using the compound. HPS has a number of other EPM horses. It is always HPS's policy to try and find a natural cure when the vets do not have anything that really works.

Dental: We have been working our way through the list of horses that needed dental work. Dr. Bryan Taylor, (336-998-2253) an Equine Dentist, is doing the needed dental work on the HPS horses. Dr. Taylor has a portable stock that he brings and sets up. This is much safer for the horses, and his equipment is battery operated. The horse owners are fortunate to have so many veterinarians that are specializing in different needed services. Their additional training will aid our equines and the cost is very reasonable.

Elective Veterinarian Care: James Reber DVM (704-896-7240) has been helping with the vet care of the HPS horses. Many of the horses are due for their rabies vaccine, six need digital radiographs to check on the progress of the foundered hooves. There are a few horses that need to be checked for thyroid function, Cushing's and Insulin Resistance. This is going to be a large bill, and any help would be wonderful!

All the horses in recovery are gaining wonderfully and most we expect to be able to be put back under saddle this spring or early summer. There are approximately 14 horses that we will need to be working, with more added as they recover and have their field rest time.

Grant Funds Update

HPS has received \$35,000 in grants towards the Indoor Training Arena. Our wonderful contributors have added approximately \$9,100 for a total of \$44,100. The materials for the construction of new buildings were going up at an astounding rate! Our choice was to return the grant funds and cancel the project or go ahead and buy the materials. The cost was up by over \$6,000 and another price increase was expected the following week. We bought the materials! It cost more than we had collected. The other challenge we have encountered is the rift of rock that was uncovered when leveling the area. Now it is going to cost well over (an unexpected) \$5,000 to bring in fill dirt to cover the rock and level the area for the arena. Add to this the sand for the base and the electrical that is needed. The bottom line is we need \$34,000. This provides HPS with a metal building that matches our other buildings and will last us forever. The north side will have clear panels the 120' length eight feet down from the top of the roof. There will be a rollup garage door on each of the four sides for ventilation when needed as well as two large fans in cupolas on the roof.

119 of our contributors have provided the donated \$9,100 towards the Indoor Arena. If the remaining folks donate just \$20 each, HPS will be able to complete this important project. We do understand that there are folks that will never understand why this project is so important for the rescued horses and will not contribute to this project. It is so imperative to be able to get the horses ready for placement in new quality homes. Please add your name to the list of donors. Any amount would be so greatly appreciated! Please specify your donation as "Indoor Training Arena" or it will go into our general funds instead. THANK YOU!!!

The People's Corner

Health Tips from
Joanie Benson

Coming to you from
Joanie's personal ex-
periences or
research

Just two sodas a week can increase your chances of pancreatic cancer by 50%. Think about switching to a good fruit juice or water. Please help yourself by reading the ingredient list of drinks, and if sucralose (Splenda, Altern), aspartane (NutraSweet, Equal, Canderel), Neotame, Acesulfame-K (Sunette, Sweet & Safe, Sweet One), cyclamates, saccharin or high fructose sweeteners are listed, do not buy these products. Many people make the mistake of not checking labels carefully and continue to poison themselves. Even most yogurts have corn fructose. SAFE sugar substitutes include Stevia, evaporated cane juice, fruit juice, rice syrup, honey, fructooligosaccharides, amasake vegetable glycerin, sugar alcohols (xylitol, sorbitol), maple syrup, and barley malt. Eat healthy to become healthy!

Vitamin D3: Latest research from the University of California has found that each of us needs 8,000 to 10,000 IU each day to halve the risk of breast cancer, colon cancer, multiple sclerosis and type 1 diabetes. Rickets has increased in children who lack adequate vitamin D. The relationship between Vitamin D dosage and circulation vitamin D levels in the blood was studied. (The study involved 3,000 volunteers.) The study results were shocking, revealing a 90% vitamin D deficiency rate across the U.S. Population.

Monthly Donations & Contributors

The Spring flowers have started to bloom which means that the worst of the winter weather is behind us. With Spring comes hope for the future. Here at the sanctuary, hope for the future also comes from our dedicated Angel Sponsors and contributors who support our efforts to save, rehabilitate and rehome otherwise abandoned horses. On their behalf, we say thank you and bless you!

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...Moves Like a Cloud... by Joanie Benson

It is so nice to get two horses in a row that are not bags of bones. Cloud is in great body condition and was well taken care of until she developed an issue in her front hooves. The husband would not let his wife get the necessary care needed for her horse. At times while she was away from the home at work, the husband would have to meet the vet or farrier, and he would hit the horse around the face.



The wife made a good choice and left her husband. She had two horses but could afford to continue to care for only one. She contacted HPS to see if we would take the second horse.

Cloud is a 22-year-old, light-colored paint horse. We brought her into the sanctuary and placed her in the front field until we are able get to know her and make sure she was dewormed. Her shoes have been removed, and we need to figure out what her issues have been. Digital radiographs will be done on April 1st for her along with our other foundered babies. She will also need to have a Cushings, IR (insulin resistance) and thyroid blood tests. Once we have taken care of any issues, I believe she will not be with HPS long as she is a really nice gaited horse. In the meantime, however, we are

going to have a large vet bill on Cloud and would greatly appreciate any help you can provide. Wouldn't you like to be responsible for helping Cloud mend so she can move on to her new forever home?

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