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OVER HERD

Our newest Resident

Rowan Animal Shelter did the correct thing by having the owner release this poor older mare. They called HPS to see if we had room to take her in and care for her. She had just been delivered to Animal Control so Charles and I took a run over to see her and sign the needed paper work. (We have a bad tire on the horse trailer so they delivered her to the sanctuary.)

She is a tall girl and a one on the Henneke Body Scoring. Her hooves are a mess, cut on a rear leg and a swollen fetlock joint on the same rear leg. We could tell the joint is painful based upon the way she is moving. Radiographs will be needed to assess any damage to the joint. She will be residing in the side field where there is nice green grass for nibbling. She has all the hay she wants to eat and refeeding will start slowly, but not so slow that it continues to starve her. She seems like a very sweet horse. But we will know more as she gains her weight back.

You will have to stay tuned to find out what name she will pick once she has settled in at the sanctuary.

It is the first time I have been to the Animal Shelter in the past couple of years and I can't wait to go back and see the new 1.1 million kitty addition to the shelter. Thank you Clai Martin for helping to see this wonderful addition was provided for the cats that need new homes. Lots of really nice changes and updates to the shelter have taken place since the last time I visited. We should be thanking them rather than the small group that are lambasting them...why not be of value and be of a help which would be so positive rather than all the negativity. Accidents happen, mistakes are made because none of us mortals are perfect.

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We will miss you Dallas!

This is a difficult time to find a quality home for our recovered rescued horses. Folks that have had horses most of their life are reducing the number of horses they are willing or able to care for. The hay shortage from last summer's draught has not helped the situation.

When Dallas came to the sanctuary he was about 7 years old and he is just coming 12 years old now. Tex, the other horse with him, was much older and in very poor condition and was not with us as long as we would have liked. He had multiple issues. Yadkin County Animal control had worked with the family for about a year to get them to take better care of the two horses but to no avail. Finally the wife agreed to surrender the two horses. She kept saying how much she loved the horses. Love is never enough!

The owners reported that they could not ride Dallas and he would kick and bite. Do you think Dallas was trying to tell the people he was unhappy? We have never seen a kick or a bite from Dallas! *(Cont. on Page 4)*

News from the Herd

The Herd is doing great! It is the time of the year when half of the herd got their rabies vaccination. The other half was done last fall.

The younger horses had not been tested for EPM so the remaining 14 horses had the blood test done. The following horses are going to need treatment: Cayenne, Ebony Star, Frosty, Sparrow, Tacoma, Rising Sun, and Bandolero. The treatment for each horse is \$200.00. Just because a horse doesn't show symptoms doesn't mean they shouldn't be tested and treated for this devastating illness. (The new horse will be tested later after she has had some time to recover.)

The next big expense is each horse needs their dental appointment. This is very important for maintaining a healthy horse. The cost is \$110 to \$150 each and there are 34 horses to be done. (Even a small donation helps towards this big expense.)

Rising Sun had a slight colic that after the vet treatment resolved quickly. The changeable weather is harder on horses than many people realize. We watch the horses closely for the first signs of colic that causes the death of more horse nationally than anything else.

The Herd: It is wonderful to watch a happy herd of horses run and play together. Even Cloud has been observed running with the other horses. It is not the prettiest gate I have ever seen, but she is feeling so much better with the continual DMSO put on her atrophied muscles in her hind upper back legs. The more movement she has, the better she will be. Sunrise, Hokie, Cree and Natchez are not the hanger outers in the barn any longer. They are going out in the pond field often each day. They come in for a nap and then back out they go. Of course the new grass coming up is a great enticement.

The peace at the sanctuary is so healing for the horses. We have many new wonderful volunteers joining into care for the horses. *Thank you for becoming a part of HPS. You make a difference for the horses.*

Open every Saturday for 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Come meet the rescued horses.

Honors and Memorials

In loving memory of our daughter, Kristen Hinds. By Barbara and Mark Hinds

*In memory of my golden boy, Bali. May you continue to run
free across Rainbow Bridge. By Stef Mills*

When I see the horses running with great energy and joy I think of what **Lord Byron** wrote almost 200 years ago:

*“With flowing tail and flying mane,
Wide nostrils, never stretched in pain,
Mouths bloodless to the bit or rein,
And feet that iron never shod,
And flanks unscar'd by spur or rod
A thousand horses- the wild – the free –
Like waves that follow o'er the sea,
Came thickly thundering on.”*

Our Newest Resident *(Cont. from Page 1)*

Often you can't predict how an animal is going to react. Be a positive force and foster a dog or cat and help to find it a new home for your foster baby. Many folks don't know you can foster a pet from the shelter. What a great program!

A fact that is almost never brought up is that Rowan County is number three in the whole state in the placement of animals. I think that we should all be proud of the good job our county shelter is doing in so many ways. The shelter handles 5,000 or more animals every year. What a daunting number of animals! What a huge difficult job they have. This number has been dropping by about a 1,000 animals each year for years. The numbers have improved so much.

Many Animal Controls in North Carolina will not even go out on abuses calls concerning livestock. Thank you Rowan County Shelter for caring about the horses. HPS will do everything that we can for this sweet starved injured horse.

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We Will Miss You Dallas (cont. from page 1)

Dallas has always been a favorite here at the sanctuary. He was full of fun, a quick learner and so very healthy. Finding just the right home for him has not been easy. Finally after all the years he has been with HPS, the perfect person wanted Dallas.

For years Amy boarded her beloved horse, Fergus and she and her husband were finally able to purchase the country property they have always wanted. Friends were called in to get everything ready for Fergus and a new buddy. This is a great placement and everyone that met Amy feels Dallas could not have a better home.



Thank you Amy! We send a huge "thank you" to all the kind folks who have helped to care for Dallas over the years. But without our devoted contributors, none of this would have been possible. It takes hundreds of people to make the placement of one horse possible and often years!