



OVER HERD

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~ *Happy Easter* ~

What happened changed everything! Have you contemplated the significance? It seems I have to learn things the hard way sometimes. One of the important lessons for me was, "By whose stripes ye were healed." I Peter 2, 24. HPS would not have survived all the issues over the years if God had not been with us. Thank you God, Thank you Jesus, Thank you everyone who heard his call to be part of helping to save the horses.

We pray that you have been blessed as we have.

You can do much but the only thing that is important is to have a life of significance. J.B.

Update on Peaches

Sweet little Peaches' blood test was very high from the reference level of 10-40 for normal. Her insulin level was 139.77 ulU/mL. Peaches is on 7 metformin tablets morning and evening for her type 2 diabetes.

This seems to be helping her feel better and have more energy.

There is a love affair going on in the side field. Eclipse has claimed Peaches as his new love. Omaha is best friends with both Eclipse and Peaches. Eclipse and Peaches will lie down to take a nap and Omaha will stand guard over them until they get up.



HPS has found that when dealing with a foundered horse or pony the farrier is most important. The next most important thing is to keep the equine moving. Often you will be told to put the horse up in a stall with deep bedding. HPS feels keeping the horse moving will help to have the coffin bone realign correctly providing the hooves have been trimmed to look like a normal hoof. Our farrier is trimming Peaches every three to four weeks and this can help her heal faster. Peaches may never recover to the full extent since the founder has been taking place for a long time. There is extensive damage in one front coffin bone. In the other three, the coffin bone is not as eroded.

Peaches would be a great little pony for a child to be an Angel Sponsor. You could come on a Saturday afternoon and spend time with Peaches and brush her. Many of the horses don't have an Angel sponsor to help offset their expenses.

Earth Day ~ April 22nd

Every day should be Earth Day! I don't know of any animal person who doesn't also care about the Earth. These are not the people who throw trash out their car windows. I just got back from a walk down in the lower field with the horses, beautiful, wild flowers coming up. After so many days of rain, it was great to take a walk with the horses.

Thank you for Funding the Dental Care!

Dental care is imperative for the overall health of a horse. A horse can die from an infected tooth that was not taken care of. The infection can spread to the horse's brain or cause blood poisoning.



This large tooth was found in the field and we are not sure who lost the tooth. Peaches has to have most of her back teeth removed because they are loose and a couple of front teeth are also loose. This could be from poor diet and the diabetes.

Nova is 25 years old and her teeth have been cared for every year since she came to HPS at 10 years old. Her dental was done for the 15 years she was in a wonderful home. Today her teeth are in wonderful condition.

Dr. Bryan Taylor only does equine dental care and has been caring for the horses at HPS for years. Dr. Bryan provides a sheet for each horse that shows what condition the teeth are in and what corrections have been made. Normally with the

herd it takes two or three visits to complete all of the horses.

We typically do the geldings first and it is a great time to clean their sheath area while they are sedated. We clean the mares' udders while they are also in this state. Sometimes the mares and geldings will rub their tails when they need cleaning and people think that it means they have parasites and need to be dewormed. Clean the horse first and see if that solves the problem and keep to your deworming schedule.

Some horses need to be cleaned more often than others and this is just one small part of caring for the horse.

Ginger, Nutmeg and Honey have recovered enough to have their dental care done along with the other new horses that have recovered.

Thank you for making this important care possible for the horses!

Tall Boy Problem

My family decided it was time for us to finally find a couple horses of our own. I would have loved to take a couple of these babies here at HPS and give them a home at my place but my boys are just so tall! My husband and I are both pretty tall as well and who knows how big my daughter will get. I know you need to look to the future when planning these things so I would hate to take a horse home that Lanie would outgrow and

us all be heartbroken! There are really no horses here that would fit all of us through the years.



So this began an adventure for us I'm not likely to repeat any time soon! People are crazy with what they try to sell...or should I say lie about! We looked at so many horses and it was one ordeal after another! One particular horse we were so excited to see turned out to be 10 years older and 500 lbs heavier than the picture that advertised him! Another horse that was advertised as a jumper/show horse was so thin and his pasterns were dropped so badly that I knew that would only spell trouble. So many different people either outright lied about the horse for sale, or they truly did not see the shape their horse was in.

We did end up finding our horse. I'm sure we were not easy people to sell a horse to because of all the questions we asked and visits we needed. After 5 visits and a vet check, and several sleepless nights, we are so happy to have finally brought him home! He is gaining the weight he needs. But to think we could've saved ourselves all that hassle if my boys hadn't grown so much! Any ideas on how to keep your kids small?

Tears come to my eyes every time a donation arrives from someone who we have not heard from in some time. We have received the sweetest messages and celebrating our 20 years. Thank you one and all for making it possible to get the horses dental work done! We are now able to start to set aside funds for the testing and treatment for EPM. You folks are the greatest!!!

In honor of Ann Harrison Stacker. By Martha Stacker

*In honor of Bailey, Tyler and Hunter, Happy St Patrick's Day.
By Donna Dziura*

In memory of Braveheart, my horse of 21 years. By Carolyn McAnallen

In memory of our dear friend Jodi Douthit's son. From Dottie and Lisa

*In memory of Sunni, March 31, 1976 to November 14, 2009.
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A Beautiful Herd

After all of the rain, the horses are enjoying the green grass in the fields.

They will eat for awhile and then lay down and sleep. They love to roll in the green grass. It's paradise for them!

We close the horses out after evening feeding so they will eat their hay during the night

It is such a joy to see them healthy and safe from the abuse they suffered.