



Hay from Virginia

Hay for the Horses

Hay is an important part of the horses' diet. They would stand at the covered hay feeder, eating most of the time. We have set up a schedule that rotates the five fields so that the pond field is open to the horses more often and the other four. The horses are allowed in them once a week. If the rain continues, the herd can enjoy the areas. Rotating the fields helps to stretch the hay. With the shipment from Virginia, we will have more than enough hay to carry us through to the May cutting.

Once in a great while, the horses will not eat one of the bales. It happens about three times a year. We have broken the bales open and inspected them to find a reason the horses wouldn't touch the hay, and never saw anything or smelled anything to cause the horses not to want to eat the bale.

Your kindness makes it possible to keep hay in front of the horses! THANK YOU!

Training Program for Volunteers

We have a fun program for the volunteers here at the sanctuary. Every Saturday morning, the folks that have signed up to help work with the horses meet. I read a study that reported that 80% of the horses don't like being groomed. Here we want the interactions with the horses to be pleasant, not forced. The horses are never tied, so if something feels uncomfortable, they can move away.

It is important to build trust and bonding between the horse and their person. We start with groundwork, and this doesn't mean lounging or forcing the horse. It has to do with getting ready to ride. If the horse doesn't do what you ask while on the ground, it will be the same when you are in the saddle.

If you are not having fun, your horse won't be having fun. Most of the horses are well trained, and it is the people who need to learn to communicate correctly.

Austin is the good looking teenager pictured on the July calendar page. He was a fast study and loved working with the horses and took to riding quickly. This present college semester, he joined the Equestrian Team and took fourth and second in his first show. We are all proud of him!



Last Saturday we had two of the past group join in, and this could help some of the new folks by watching them. Jared is working with Pecos and Christina is working with Gallant. Grace and Tusca are proving to be a good team. Lauran would take Heavenly home if it were possible. Lillian and Gypsy seem to do well



together. Joyce and Cruiser make a pretty picture, and she has wonderful balance. Laura is working with Meeka, a fine horse in every way.

Kachina and Oliver

Kachina loves Oliver and the horses. The folks would come and get Kachina as soon as the horses were up in their stalls for their morning feed. When called by someone at the barn, she would race to the barn. Kachina would be returned to the house before the horses were turned out of their stalls.

After several weeks, one morning, Kachina flew out of the house to the barn before the horses had been put up in their stalls. The first time is always the scariest when we let a new critter loose with the horses. We were all nervous when Oliver joined the horses for the first few times.

Kachina, like Oliver, has no fear of the horses, and they will put themselves in what we feel is dangerous positions. Kachina is interested in checking out the male parts of the horses and their back legs. The horses seem to be very patient with her. Oliver disappears when Kachina is hanging out with the horses, but her real favorite is being with the volunteers and getting belly rubs, and she will love you forever.

There are a couple of small problems that we have to deal with concerning Kachina. One of her favorite things to do is to roll in fresh horse manure. If that isn't bad enough, then it is time for

adding pond scum to the mixture. She comes back to the horse so proud!

Oliver loves to come in the house and often slips in when Kachina returns, which just happened. Oliver left the chair he was curled up in to

stretch out on Kachina's bed, while she was relegated to the hardwood floor next to her bed. Both are ready for their midday naps.



News from the Herd

Red Sky and **Shinook** have finished their EPM treatment for a cost of \$1,060.00. It is time to have them retested and see where the numbers are for a cost of \$180.00.

Dewdrop's exams and testing's bill came to \$360.85. There is no hope for her to recover. Dewdrop has dropped in all four pasterns.

Freedom had a check-up while Dr. Mary visited Dewdrop, and that saved a farm for \$67.50. He had been sore on his front hooves, and he overall felt terrible. He is doing better with the new farrier. Farrier costs have increased by \$5.00 a horse.



History was Made

History was not made here at the sanctuary but made nationally. I am talking about the GREAT TOILET PAPER SHORTAGE. The Chinese invented paper in the 2nd century BC for wrapping, padding, and of course, toilet paper later. In the late 15th century, paper became widely available, so the newspapers were a popular choice for toilet paper. *(Some of you will remember years ago the ink would rub off newspapers.)*

In 1857, Joseph C. Gayetty created the first commercially packaged toilet paper. The paper was medicated with aloe, and Joseph Gayetty printed his name on every sheet. *(Standup comics could make funny jokes about this.)*

In 1935, splinter-free toilet paper was invented by Northern Tissue. *(The depression was terrible enough without splinter in your TP.)*

In 1973, America experienced the first toilet paper shortage after one of Johnny Carson's jokes, "You know what's disappearing from the supermarket shelves? Toilet paper. There's an acute shortage of toilet paper in the United States." People actually believed him and bought as much toilet paper as they could. *(I don't remember this run on TP.)*

The comedians will be joking about the GREAT TP SHORTAGE OF 2020 FOR YEARS. The other jokes will be about all the finger-pointing – The Chinese are blaming the US Army. The democrats are blaming Trump, and the list goes on and on.

Mid-March, there were 12 cases of COVID-19 reported in North Carolina, and about 3,000 cases nationwide.

Back to the Toilet paper shortage issue and what used to be used: Flush your buns with a water bottle, a rag, hay, corn cob, Sears and Roebuck catalog *(We could use phone books today)*, Lamb's Ear plant, in ancient Roman, a communal sponge on a stick, which was stored in strong sea brine or vinegar when not in use, and flat sticks (a bit like tongue depressors).

This past year, Americans bought over seven billion rolls of toilet paper. That is an average of 22 rolls of TP per person per year. A family of four would use about 88 rolls a year.

Thank you, God; the horses do not demand toilet paper to wipe their butts!

Important update: The FDA has been working closely with other government agencies and academic centers that are investigating the use of the drug chloroquine, which is already approved for treating malaria, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, to determine whether it can be used to treat patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 to potentially reduce the duration of symptoms, as well as viral shedding, which can help prevent the spread of disease. Studies are underway to determine the efficacy in using chloroquine to treat COVID-19.

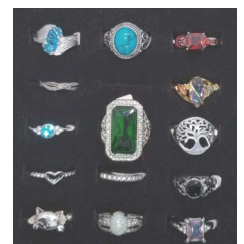


What would some people be like if there was a REAL shortage?



Jewelry Sale

The Jewelry Sale will be postponed, and we have not set a date for the future sale. All of us that have been helping to plan the sale are disappointed. We have been looking forward to it. The beautiful hand-picked silver and gold-filled jewelry will be ready when the band on meetings has been dropped. Something fun will be coming when this illness has run its course.



Don't forget!

Once a year, I try to remind folks to provide for their critters before you die that have loved you unconditionally. Also to remember the horses that have been abused by their owners.

Most states allow funds to be left for the care of your animals, but they cannot have a bank account or own property. The way that you can make a provision in your Will for your pet is to leave money and/or property to the person or organization that you have designated to take care of your animals. The provision is not watertight. All you can do is request that the caregiver uses the money for the animals.

Some people will use a Trust to help provide for their best buddies. Nothing seems to be perfect, and this also can have issues that don't benefit the pets as planned. Horses can live much longer than most people think they can. An amount could be set to be dispersed each month, but costs of care may more than double over the years as they have done here at the sanctuary. It is essential to designate the trust remainder when the animal passes. Rewarding the caregiver seems an excellent choice.

Nonprofits are bound by law to use the funds that are donated for the proposed purpose.

A few of the sad cases I have heard about over the year and there are many more:

1. A woman called and told me her friend died suddenly and left her horses to her in her Will. Yes, she had agreed to take the horses years before, but now she couldn't afford to, and no funds were left for the horses' care. I suggested she talk with the executor of the estate and that she would try and help find the horses new homes.
2. A young man called and wanted us to take in two horses that had been owned by his deceased parents. He was left all of the estate with an additional \$75,000 for the care of the horses. Within a year and half he and his wife blew through all of the money and were broke. (I suggested that he get a second job and take care of the horses.)
3. Rufus went to an elderly woman's home to help her make funeral arrangements. She had four small dogs, and Rufus asked if she had made arrangements for her dogs. She was sure her children would take care of them. Her children did take care of the dogs. When she died, they chased the dogs out of the house and into the woods. When Rufus found out what had happened, he called me, and asked me to go and look for the four dogs. I found two, but never found the other two. They wouldn't have a chance against a coyote. I kept the oldest little dog and found a good home for the other one.

Providing funds to care for the animals is becoming more critical when they are left in a Will for someone to care for.

The estate that was left to HPS in 2008 aided in rescuing more horses and for the next few years we often had over 50 horses at the sanctuary. In one case, funds helped to build the indoor training arena and add to the reserve funds that helped carry us through last year.

"It is better to walk alone than with a crowd going the wrong directions."

~ Herman Siu ~

In Memory of my sister, Nancy N. Kirkner, who lived in Little River, SC. Nancy so greatly admired the work of HPS. By Phillip Nelson

*In memory of dear FERGUS. You are my sunshine Big Brown, and forever you will be.
Love, Your Person/ Your Partner/Your Friend. Amy Cranmer*

**In honor of my wonderful Cousin and her Fuzzy Faced kid - Benson - her dog.
Cindy Sheaffer**

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Barn Repairs

The first of the year had brought high winds. One of our folks noticed leaks in both barn one and barn two. Bobby Safiert checked out the two rooves and found that all of the ridge skylights had failed. Some parts of the metal roof had loosened in the wind and needed longer new screws. The first barn was constructed in 2006 and the second in 2007.

John Jancic, the owner of Mid-State Metals, kindly gave us a generous discount on the materials. All the work was completed for \$2,180.00.

There are four garage doors in each of the two barns and four roll-up doors in the arena. In the last two years, we could not afford to have the doors serviced. Last winter, the horses damaged a door in barn one and a door in barn two. The doors on the end of the windy side can be closed off. The horses can get frisky during days like that, and somehow they destroyed the three lower panels on one door and side rail on another door in barn two. Roman installed all of the doors and has repaired and serviced them as needed over the years. He is now a regional manager for a door opener company, but he still will come and help us for a cost of under \$1,000.00 to service all the doors and repair the broken ones.

We feel that it is important to maintain our assets that many of you helped us build.