



OVER HERD



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Raffle Date Has Changed

The date for the Raffle drawing has been changed to Saturday April 22nd at 3 pm on Facebook live. **We've extended the raffle because folks trying to purchase raffle tickets on the HPS website were not able to add a note to PayPal to identify their contribution as a raffle ticket purchase. We have corrected this issue. Now you are able to buy your raffle tickets from the website and add the word "Raffle"** and your contact information to the notes section. Also, we have added two more incredible baskets (see pictures below) to the raffle, thanks to French Express, The Candy Shoppe on Main, Darling Arts, and The Tint Shop plus! Please check out the Horse Protection Facebook page and share the raffle post with your family and friends so they too can purchase their tickets!! Thank you and best of luck!



5 th Prize
Me Time



6 th Prize
The Candy Shoppe



Fields of Honor

In May we are displaying flags along the fence line at HPS to honor our fallen veterans for Memorial Day. This is a great chance to remember a fallen veteran and help support the horses. Starting this month, for each \$10 donation towards the Fields of Honor, we will attach the name of your loved one to a flag in their honor. You can donate through PayPal, the website, or by sending a check to HPS, 2135 Miller Rd, China Grove, NC 28023. Please include, your name and the name, rank, and branch of service of your loved one.

Arabian Mare in Need

HPS received the following message from Iredell County Animal Services (ICAS):

".....a 20-year-old Gray/Dapple Female Arabian Horse whose owner surrendered to ICAS after being picked up as a stray due to escaping a pasture with a broken fence. She had a vet check done and is believed to be healthy. She has two wounds on her chest that are being treated. The wound on the left is about ½ a finger's length deep, and the one on the right is just a tiny gash per the Vet. She is receiving antibiotics for the wounds and having them flushed daily with an iodine solution.

Due to her age and minor wound care, we ask for Rescues help. Her previous owner stated he used to ride her but had not in a few years. She is approachable and, per Animal Control, had no issues loading in the trailer for transport.

We are asking for Rescue commitment: ASAP

Coggins report: NEGATIVE.

Must be CLAIMED and OUT of the shelter: ASAP"

HPS later learned that 15 years ago a previous owner asked the current owner to take care of the mare for a while. The previous owner then left and never returned.

The little mare was alone when she got out and had to be rounded up. It had become too difficult for the owner to keep the fences up and care for the horse, so she was surrendered to ICAS. HPS has agreed to help and accepted the horse from ICAS.

Thank you for making it possible for HPS to accept horses from ICAS. This is important so they will continue to take in horses in need.



Freedom Had an Itch By Christina Smith

With the arrival of spring and warmer weather, horses have started to shed their winter coats. Shedding makes them itchy. When horses have an itch, they will use anything as a scratching post; barn doors, corner posts, and occasionally a wheel barrow (of course, spilling the contents.) Several of the horses, including Freedom, enjoy rubbing their itchy necks on the top of the wooden stall walls. I was checking over Freedom one morning and noticed a hard lump about three inches **long on his throat. It had yellow discharge, but I couldn't see anything.**

The vet was called and came out to take a look. She sedated Freedom and shaved and cleaned the area. When she pulled the scab off the wound, a tip of wood was visible. She pulled **out a large splinter! We couldn't believe it! Freedom had apparently rubbed his neck on a stall wall with splinters and rough edges caused by several horses with the bad habit of cribbing.** After the initial treatment by the vet, we flushed the hole in his neck for a few days and it has since healed wonderfully.

As a result, we have now added another chore to the never ending **'to do' list here at the sanctuary. All the top stall boards in the two barns have to be sanded down to prevent**



Thank You By Joyce Darling

In response to our March [Over Herd](#) article, *Volunteers Needed*, Susan Katraba and Mike McDonald came to HPS to do some repairs. When I arrived for evening shift, I noticed the new door right away and how amazing it looked. I stopped to thank them and to let them know how much I appreciated what they had done. Mike shared that it was his birthday and he told Susan, for his birthday he wanted to come to HPS to help. What an awesome way to spend your birthday! Mike and Susan are beautiful people and I really enjoyed our conversation. Susan taught me when you hug someone it should always be heart to heart and I will always cherish that thought. It touches my heart when HPS is blessed by people like Mike and Susan. All the volunteers that care and share their love and willingness to help, make a big difference for these horses.

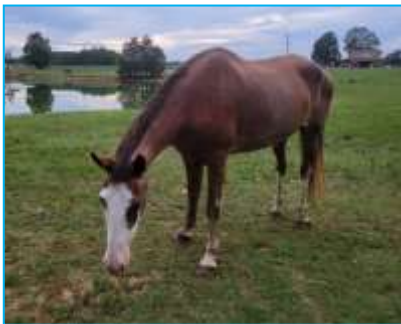
Sunshine's Injury By Joanie Benson

This month started with a horse at the local veterinary hospital. During the morning examinations of the horses, we discovered that Sunshine, a 24-year-old Tennessee Walker, had a badly swollen left knee. Just under the knee was an opened wound. Taking a closer look, we saw one of the oddest wounds we had ever seen. There were two parallel holes about the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen and about ¼ inch apart. Since the vet was already on her way for another horse, we had her look at Sunshine. She was very concerned because the injury was close to the joint. She explained that if the injury had penetrated the capsule around the knee joint, it was susceptible to an infection that could be deadly if not properly treated. She recommended that Sunshine be transported to the veterinary hospital for further treatment with aggressive antibiotics.

At the hospital, the wound was x-rayed, and the radiograph indicated that the small holes were about ½ inches deep and jutted upward close to the joint. Sunshine was sedated and prepped for the treatment. The treatment called Regional Limb Perfusion, is a technique used to deliver drugs directly to a site of infection. A tourniquet was placed above the injection area, and Amikacin (an aggressive antibiotic) was slowly injected into the isolated target area. This treatment allowed the medication to be injected and remain where needed.

Three days later, we were able to bring Sunshine home. She was placed in the 12' x 24' hospital stall to continue her recovery. Her follow-up treatments continued at the sanctuary, including IV fluids, wound flushing, and hydrotherapy. When she started feeling better, we put her in a small field during the day and then back in the stall at night. Now Sunshine is doing well and happy to be back with the herd.

Since this was an emergency and crucial for Sunshine to receive this treatment, we paid for the \$2,000 vet bill from "Rudy's Fund."



Honor & Memorial

In memory of Jack Booze,
and in honor of Judy Booze for their love of
animals. By Dianne Doub



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