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Farmers Day China Grove, July 20th.

We were preparing to go to **Farmers Day in China Grove** with Peaches on July 20th. Many of us spent a day rounding up all the things needed to be ready for the big event. Peaches loves kids and was posing with a child on her back for parents to take photos. Some of the folks have been busy making small decorated pony shoes to help boost donations.



A full grooming for the big day!



Volunteers setting up on Friday evening.



The kids loved Peaches!



Happy little cowgirl!



The kids wanted to stay on all day!



Heading home after Farmers Day fun!

EXTREME HAY SHORTAGE

HPS is going to need your help. One of our hay suppliers sprayed his fields with a new weed killer that killed all of the grass so THERE WILL BE NO HAY! We usually purchase half or more of the hay required for the horses for the year from this supplier.

1. The horses require 12 large round bales a week for \$660.00. (We pay for it by the week.)
2. The second hay supplier only has 200 round bales he can let us have at present.
3. We need to purchase 328 round bales of first cutting hay, have it delivered and stored until needed.
4. The cost of purchase and delivery will be approximately **\$25,500.00 for 328 round bales**. Please aid in making sure the horses have the hay they will need for the year. **Thank you!**

Caring for our Horses, Dog and Kitty

You may feel like you have to be a detective to search out the best food and supplements for your beloved animals. Horse feed is overflowing with GMO products sprayed with a Roundup type product. GMO plants that are Roundup ready take up the toxic poison, but it doesn't kill the corn, sugar beets (beet pulp), rape plant (canola oil), or any of the other Roundup-ready plants. All we can do as horse owners is to keep trying to find products with the least amount of GMO products in the feed.

Before the GMO grains, it was not unusual for some of our horses and ponies to live well into their 40's. We see more horses with cancer at earlier ages now.

Years ago, many of us would go to the grocery store and pick a dog or cat food off the shelves. The next time we would choose a different company to try and ensure that our pet was getting the right nutrition. There was no truth in labeling on pet foods then and there isn't now either.

What is *meat and meat meal*??? Maybe this is where the pentobarbital is sometimes found in various foods and treats. The FDA has "confirmed that extremely low levels of pentobarbital, like the levels reported to be in select shipments (of dog and cat food), do not pose a threat to pet safety." The FDA also states there shouldn't be any of this chemical in the food, but they only recall part of the affected food found to be contaminated. Pentobarbital is used to euthanize equines, dogs, and cats. How do you suppose this chemical gets into the feed?

Wonder dog, Turk is only fed grain-free dog food and organic dog treats. Good old Turk has reached the ripe old age of 12.5 years old. Oliver, our 10-month-old kitty, is being switched to grain-free cat food. Oliver has an upper respiratory infection since he was rescued at two weeks old. He has finally been diagnosed with a viral infection in the last few weeks. We have started to use a natural item that has helped the horses with viral infections. We hope to cure Oliver so that we can give him a long and happy life.

Pigweed can Kill Horses

Pigweed poisoning causes high levels of nitrite to be absorbed into the bloodstream. Is this in your fields?

<https://wagwalking.com/horse/condition/pigweed-poisoning>

The above internet site lists the following symptoms: Difficulty breathing. Mucous membranes are bluish/gray in color. Weakness. Tremors. Loss of coordination. Reduced appetite. Pregnant mares may abort their fetus. Knuckling of fetlock joints. The decreased growth rate in young horses. Rapid heartbeat. Diarrhea. Colic. Coma. Secondary hypothyroidism (due to nitrates hindering iodine).

The same internet site suggests treatments for Pigweed poisoning. It would be wise to keep a copy of the above site for reference in the future. Check your fields for pigweed to protect your livestock. There are different types of pigweed in different parts of the county. Here is a site that is a start to identification:

<https://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=27466>



The cooler temperature in the morning promotes short horse races. The horses are healthy, and happy thanks to each of you.

There were three horses that needed veterinarian care this month. Each recovered with no additional issues to be of concern. We don't have all the bills in yet, but it is going to be high.

Our big concern is the shortage of hay to carry the horse through to May 2020 and the next hay cutting. Please help HPS provide for the horses and any that may need our help to save their life.

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Happy Birthday Ann, Love Mom Stacker. (June 29)

In honor of Ann Stacker Harrison's birthday this week. Bruce & Laurie Pessier

**In honor of Roberta McCardle's birthday,
By Dottie**

*In honor of Sybil Athey's birthday.
By Jodi Douthit*

**For the horses from Morgan, Merlin and
Muffin. By Donna Dziura**

**In Loving memory of Miss Angel Le Houf August 19, 2002. Never ever forgotten. From
Roberta**

*In memory of my heart horse, Warrior, much
love. Rita Tucker*

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And a Few More Things



The war on **Ragwort** continues! The large pond field had to be sprayed to help kill it off. We have won the battle in the backfield, the southern side field, and the small rehab front field. The horses won't eat it while it is growing, but once frost hits this plant, all bets are off. Ragwort is toxic and will, over time, destroy the horse's liver.

Does anyone have any ideas on how to harmlessly keep **geese** off the fields? They are having a great time eating the grass that is trying to grow.

The horses were tired the next morning after the July 4th **fireworks**. It sounded like a war, and once horses become frightened, they may not have slept the rest of the night. The next night there was a thunderstorm to keep them awake once again. Tusca was flat out sound asleep in his stall after being brought up for breakfast. All was well, and none of the horses got hurt which is the most important thing.