



Gallant - A Truly Brave Horse

Gallant is worthy of his name! He is one happy horse to be back home with his buddies after a week at Tryon Equine Hospital. The folks at the Tryon Equine Hospital fell in love with Gallant and took terrific care of him. The horses come up to the hospital stall to spend some time and visit with Gallant.

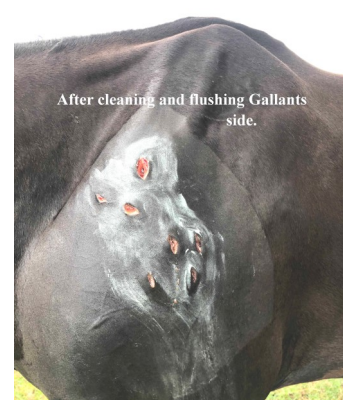
He has to be treated three times a day to flush out the six openings in the infection site, then medicated twice a day. It takes force to keep the cuts open to be able to flush them. Then he has to be walked for 15 to 20 minutes after each treatment. Gallant is still on Metronidazole - 21 tabs twice a day and Doxycycline 50 tabs twice a day. He is also given soaked alfalfa cubes twice a day with ½ cup of Aloe Vera juice. Just treating him with gentle caring, and he will be as quiet as he possibly can during treatment.

Dr. Mary is scheduled to come and check Gallant once a week unless we see deterioration and increase of the infection.

It is stressful for a horse to have to spend weeks in the hospital stall and only be walked. We are thankful that we have two large hospital stalls that are 12' by 24' each.

Gallant came to HPS about the middle of January. He was under weight and had spent years not being fed correctly or cared for. We have learned that it takes about a year or more for the immune system to recover fully. Each new horse has the potential of picking up an infection and funguses until their immune system recovers.

Here are some pictures of Gallant at the hospital and coming home. We are posting them here for the folks who missed them on Facebook.



Dehydration and Tying-up

The beautiful hot summer days can bring a plethora of problems for your horses. Providing clean, cool drinking water is a must for your horses all year round, but in the heat, the horses are losing hydration and needed electrolytes. Dehydration can bring on colic or when exercised, tying-up. Large water tubs are often hard to empty and keep clean. The water tubs that are in the sun will heat up, and the horses are less apt to drink enough water.

Any organic material in the water can promote the growth of blue-green algae that can be toxic to livestock and people. These algae can produce toxins. Some algae produce potent neurotoxins that cause clinical signs such as muscle tremors, respiratory distress, seizures, profuse salivation, diarrhea, and rapid death within minutes to hours, and other types attack the liver and cause acute liver damage.

Over the years, we have tried different types of water tubs that were donated to HPS. The large black water tubs are only good for putting hay in when the horses are up in the hospital stall or the barns when the horses are locked in the barns because of an ice storm.

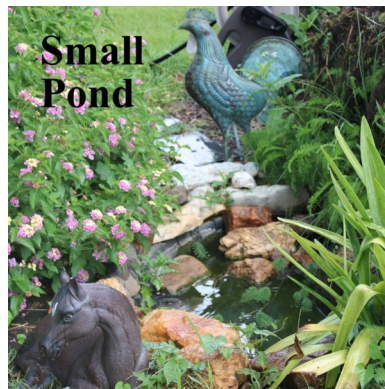
Over the years, HPS has collected the old-style bathtubs on legs. We closed off the overflow drain and the holes for the facets so the tub can be filled to the very top. Each tub has a GFI plug close to the tub so that a heater can be used during the cold months.

Salt and mineral blocks should be available for all livestock. The major problem is the blocks are manufactured for cows, not horses. A horse would have to stand there licking most of the day to get enough salt, plus it is white salt. Most people have learned that white salt is not suitable for us or our livestock.

Every day our horses are given a small amount of Redmond Minerals added to their feed, morning, and evening. The addition has cut impaction colics to very rarely, and they are normally resolved quickly. For years we gave electrolytes daily to the horses, without good results that we get by providing the Redmond Minerals to the horses.

The signs of tying up vary with the severity of the condition, and in mild cases, the horse's gait gradually stiffens, and he becomes reluctant to move. The muscles are cramping and feel very much to the horse like muscle cramps do to humans. The large, massive muscles of the hind legs are most often affected, but the triceps muscles above the elbow of the front legs may also appear stiff and painful. Call your veterinarian to come and care for your horse. You may know how painful cramps feel in people, imagine how awful the pain would be for a horse with massive muscles.

This is important for all of your critters to help keep them healthy. We put bowls of water randomly around the outside of the house in flower gardens for the small critters that live in our yards. The honey bees need a few rocks to land on to help keep them from drowning. The snakes, lizards, rabbits, birds, and toads all need water. We also have a small pond in the front yard that is visited by many of the critters.



2020: The Modern Age of Behavior and Welfare

U.K. researchers ranked welfare issues affecting the larger equine population as well as individual horses. This is what they found.

In previous decades, top concerns included stereotypic behavior (crib-biting and weaving), horse transport, and health-related issues (such as lack of veterinary care), said Dwyer. Current priorities, however, highlight the importance of owner education and solid equitation and behavior science.

“I wonder if owners might be surprised that so many of the issues relate to them—their behavior and knowledge—and less to veterinary issues,” she said. “I think this is starting to become an increasing concern in equitation science—that many of our accepted practices with horses have arisen out of tradition and may have very little scientific backing, including training methods, horse management, understanding horse behavior, and so on.”

Other owner-directed issues making the Top 10 list of population issues included indiscriminate breeding, unstable social groups, and poorly fitted tack, said Dwyer. As far as individual issues were concerned, inability to have normal social interactions, overwork, and overweight riders ranked in the Top 10. (By Christa Lesté-Lasserre)

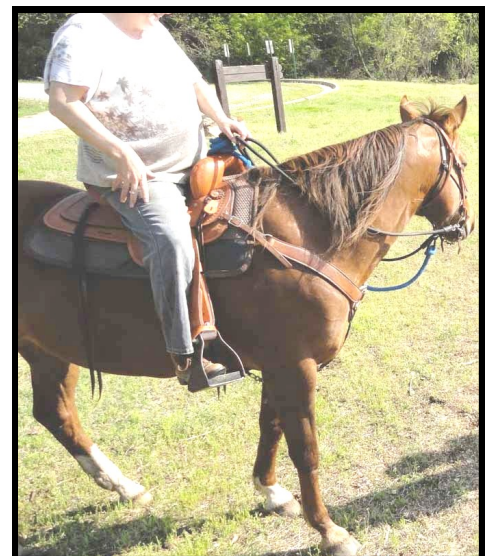
Education is an essential factor in maintaining your horse in a happy, healthy, pain-free life. The above article brings many issues to light. One is ...”tradition and may have very little science backing.”

The teaching of the so-called natural horsemanship is an example of many areas that can kill the horse’s spirit. They try to convince people that chasing the horse around with a whip in a round pen create joining-up with the person. When the horse stops and licks and chews, they tell you the horse has surrendered to the person. Wrong! When horses lick and chew, it is a release of stress that the person has stopped torturing them by making them run around in a circle.

HPS teaches people how to interact with their horse and become friends, not owner and slave. Some people get upset with us bringing to their attention how what they are doing frightens, hurts, or mistreats the horse.

What’s Wrong With This Picture?

The saddle must fit the horse AND the rider. There should be room for the rider to move in the saddle so there should be at least two inches of space in front of the person and two inches between the person and the back of the saddle. If the rider can’t move correctly in the saddle, it will hurt the horse.



See that Your Horses are Trained

Most of the calls we are receiving to take in horses are coming from the owners. We hear the same story over and over again.

1. They have waited until they are in a desperate position to try and find a new place for their horses.
2. One or more of their horses have serious health issues.
3. The owners have done nothing to try and find new homes for the horses.
4. Some times every horse they own has not been trained to ride.
5. The owners were back yard breeders.
6. Mix breed horses and unregistered.
7. They have done nothing to figure out how to find homes for their unwanted horses.
8. If they have run ads to sell the untrained and or older untrained horses, the owner is asking way too much money. (They can't understand why no one has called them.)
9. They thought they could call Animal Control and have them take their horse/s.
10. They refuse to understand why we will not take their horse(s).

In a perfect world, we would have more land and zillions of dollars to care for every horse that needed us. Regardless of how long they lived and their many needs, we would be able to take them in and provide for their needs, even knowing the horses would never find new homes.

The lessons to be learned: Don't breed your mares. Make sure every horse you own is well trained. Find new homes before the circumstances become desperate. Make arrangements for your horses before the need arises and have a backup plan.

Contact a rescue and agree to leave a significant enough term life insurance policy that will care for the horses.

Continue to study about horses before you get them and after you have them. Never stop learning! Please make arrangements for your horses.....just in case!



Lanie and Chief are building a relationship. Soon it will be time to fit a saddle and then start putting weight across his back by standing on the mounting block and leaning across the horse's back.

Thank you for the help with Gallant's medical expenses. You have provided almost \$3,000.00. We are short about \$1,300.00 and he will still need on-going care.

*The kind notes you send lifts our spirit to remember, 'We are appreciated for all our hard work.' Your encouragement helps to keep us going. **THANK YOU** for every thing you do !*

In memory of Nugget and Smokey. By Missy Anderson

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News from the Herd

Aslan needed help for his arthritis and we started with a chiropractic visit. His gait is off and he is stiff in his movements. Remember, he is an old guy of about 23 years old, and we don't have any history on him. He will need another visit with a different vet.

Nova has gone down hill since we had to pull her out of the covered hay feeder. Acupuncture was recommended and done, but it didn't seem to help her.

The new spring hay is nice and the horses are enjoying it. One of the things I like to do with the new hay is take a large handful and put it in a bucket with water. I can tell a good bit about the hay by how much of it turns bright green in the water. This year's hay is beautiful!

Shasta, Gallant, Nova, and a couple of other horses lost a little weight caused by the hot weather. Then some of the horses don't eat as much hay as they should. Soaked alfalfa cubes and a small increase in their grain helps.

The Herd spend more time in the barns when it is hot and humid. Each feeding the folks can tell how much time the horses have spend inside by how much cleaning needs to be done.