

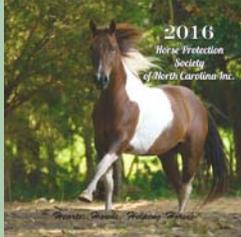


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Abandoned

What happens when a boarder leaves their horse behind after they move out of the area? In the case of Eclipse, a kind stable owner took care of the horse for 6 years, but now his health is failing and the new barn manager sees no value in the older horse and reduced Eclipse's feed, resulting in a great deal of weight loss. People at the stable were becoming more and more concerned for his well-being, and one gal brought him additional

feed and made sure that he was dewormed. Eclipse, a fine 25-year-old horse, desperately needed a new home to keep him from being put down. Members here at HPS contacted us about this poor horse to see if they could arrange with the barn manager to release him to us.

If a new home can't be found for him once he has recovered, he has a chance for many years of freedom here at the sanctuary. Eclipse has dental issues that need to be addressed along with his weight loss, but we are hoping he will act as a surrogate parent to Chuckles and Chiclet. They need an adult horse to teach them how to be a horse and to learn horse etiquette.

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Merry Christmas



God made the horse from the breath of the wind, the beauty of the earth, and the soul of an angel.....

Thank you for helping to create a world where horses are valued; a place where they can run free and are not confined to stalls all day and night; a place where they can come into their barn any time they wish; a place where there is always hay and fresh water; a place where the horses are fed morning and evening, checked over, and doctored as needed. Thank you for this place where the horses are treated with kindness, gentleness, and love. The sanctuary allows their true nature and spirit to return, creating a happy horse.

You make the rescued horses' lives possible! If you were not here to care, there would be no safe haven for the rescues. You bring Christmas to their lives every day of the year.

Our wish for you: a Christmas filled with Love and many Blessings.

Merry Christmas!

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Unfortunately, I often hear of cases where owners have walked off and left their horses at a boarding stable. There are laws in each state directing what stable owners must do to get title to a horse. They can't just sell the horse or send it to auction, even if the contract calls for this resolution in the event that board is not paid. Just because you write something in a contract, it does not negate the laws of a state. In this case after all the years of care that had been given to the horse, the laws of adverse possession take care of the issues of ownership, as the past owner never contacted the stable or showed any interest in the horse after abandoning him. I don't understand why people won't give title to a horse to the stable instead of just deserting the horse.

Over the years we have had similar situations arise when real estate agents, new purchasers of property, stable owners, and the general public call to find out what to do with an abandoned horse/s that have been left on a property. We have taken in many such horses. Cree was left in a field and brought to HPS by one of our contributors in July of 2012 and is doing great here at the sanctuary, and we look forward to a similar outcome with Eclipse.

So Easy to Make a Difference

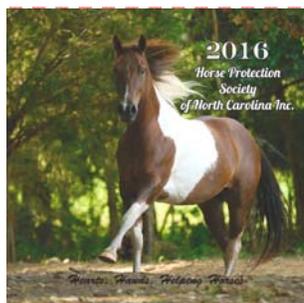
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Love and hope to all the darling horses at HPS! By Linda Strong

In memory of our son, "Paso Joe." By Christiene Scardamaglia

In honor of my brother, Jim Brown, who volunteers at the sanctuary. By Carolyn Darwin

In honor of Jodi Douthit and Dottie Rebhan's December Birthday. By Sybil Athey.



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Our Christmas Wish for the Horses

Just when we think our construction is over at the sanctuary, a new problem arises. Each year the hay we purchase has gone up in price while the harvest has decreased. We have gone from \$25.00 per round bale when HPS started to \$50.00 for a round bale last summer. Now it costs \$76.42 per bale to bring in hay from northern Virginia. That covers the cost of the hay at \$48.00 per round bale, \$700.00 for transport of 38 bales (or \$18.42 a bale), and then the unloading and storage fees at \$10.00 a bale.



At these prices, we can't afford to waste one bit of hay. We have discussed the best ways to ensure we're not losing hay to the rain, and the reality is we need another covered hay feeder.

This is a good solution for the horses since they do not share well, and another 44' long, double sided hay feeder provides more feeding room and would be the ideal solution to our problem. The cost will be \$21,500.00 for the feeder and approximately \$5,000.00 for the fill dirt and leveling of the area. This expenditure will ultimately save HPS the loss of hay to the weather while also providing more grass areas to graze, as these areas have been covered by the five to six bales placed out in the fields.

A covered hay feeder also keeps the horses out of the cold weather and storms and gives them shade in the hot summer months. We desperately need this for the good of our rescued horses. Please help HPS build another covered hay feeder. *A donation of any size will be helpful.*