



# OVER HERD

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Cayenne



Desperado



Strudel

## What some of the Horses want for Christmas!

**Autumn:** "I want Kim to spend time with me every day.... doing what I want."

**Bandolero:** "I want all the mares to love me. I just can't make up my mind which one I like the best."

**Chicklet:** "I want to know what "gelding" means. I keep hearing the two-leggers talk about this. Is this a present?"

**Chuckles:** "I want, I want, a.... what is Christmas?"

**Frosty:** "I want to have colors on my white coat like Chippewa and Sparrow."

**Cree:** "I want a whole hay bale in the barn just for me."

**Desperado:** "I want my own two-legger to pay attention to me and take me for rides."

**Teton:** I want a stocking full of peppermint candy.... Oh; the two-leggers won't let me have candy.... I could hide the stocking of candy!"

**Strudel:** "I could help pull Santa's sleigh. Why does he use reindeer when horses are better than reindeer? Horses are smarter!"

**Shasta:** "I want to be head mare and have everyone do what I tell them to!"

**Flame:** "I want a whole bushel of apples just for me."

**Pecos:** "I want a special lock on my stall so I can let myself out when I am finished eating."

*The whole Herd says "Thank you for loving and caring for us!"*



## Merry Christmas to All

Tis Christmas Eve and the barn is warm,  
No one cares if there is a bad storm.  
The feeding is done, all bellies are filled,  
It is time to pray since we are so fulfilled.

*Thank you Lord for a warm safe home,  
For the folks who make sure we are not alone.  
We will tell of the horrors of past life and attest  
How each person who helps deserves to be blessed!*

***“Merry Christmas two-leggers, we send our best!”***

## News from the Herd

**Teton, Sparrow, Ebony Star and Rising Sun** had a chiropractic visit. Rising Sun had more issues than we expected and had to have a second visit to determine what was wrong. Her fetlock joints in the hind legs were injected to block them. It was determined that Rising Sun has severe tendon injury in the lower pastern area in both hind legs.

The energetic way that Rising Sun runs and plays never gave us any indication there was an issue. She will never be able to be ridden. Rising Sun has hidden her disability. Her past owner was way too large a man to ride her and this may have caused the damage to her tendons.

**Topaz and Saragon** were well enough to have their rabies vaccination. Topaz's back fetlock joint continues to slowly improve with the care that she is receiving.

**Saragon** came to the sanctuary with terrible front hoof problems. Digital radiographs were done of her front hooves. They showed some remodeling to one coffin bone and both coffin bones had dropped. This coming week Dr. Mary will put a cast on one of the front hooves to help prevent her from walking on the sole. This will give the hoof a chance to grow out. With the correct farrier care, Saragon may be able to have a full recovery. It is difficult to determine if Saragon's hoof issues were caused by lack of farrier care, incorrect farrier care or founder. She did have rings on her front hooves that sometimes can indicate founder when she arrived. The rings can be caused by other issues also.

**Autumn** had an eye issue that necessitated an emergency visit. She recovered quickly.

**Honey Bun** needed to have digital radiographs done of her front knee. They showed that she may have taken a fall on her knee. She is on pain medication and was given several expensive injections to help stop the calcification of her knee. We will continue DMSO on the knee to help reduce the buildup of calcification. She is also receiving Adequan injections each week for four weeks and then she will get the injection once a month.

**Teton** will have three small cankers removed from the bottom of his hooves this coming week. This is the third or fourth time for this surgery for him. Some horses are prone to cankers. Normally cankers are seen in draft horses more than other types of horses. Different horses have had to have this surgery over the years. The first one was a pony named Snickers.

***The rescued horses' expenses for veterinary care is costing about \$3,000 for the above care.  
If at all possible, would you please send a gift to help with the vet care! Thank you for caring***

**May you be blessed through this holiday season for caring!**

### Honors and Memorials



*In honor of Vivian Aubel, an avid horse lover. By Nancy & David Aubel*

*In honor of Judy LeGrett. By the Mount Zion Circle #4*



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*“It was a great treat to us to be turned out into the home paddock or the old orchard; the grass was so cool and soft to our feet, the air is so sweet, and the freedom to do as we like was so pleasant; to gallop. To lie down. And roll over on our backs, or to nibble the sweet grass. Then it was a very good time for talking, as we stood together under the shade of the large chestnut tree.”*

ANNA SEWELL (1820-78)

From “Black Beauty”

The rescued horses spend their days as portrayed in “Black Beauty.” Their horrible life is over because of you. For most of them they would be dead today...  
...if no one cared. You did care and it has made all the difference for the horses. There are more hoses that need you.

### Another way to Help the Horses!

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### *Christmas at the Sanctuary*

Our volunteers are the best! They arrive early in the mornings about 7:00 am and work hard to care for the horses. Afternoon folks normally arrive between 3:00 to 3:30 pm. There is extra work this time of the year since all hoses have to be drained and extra care needs to be taken to make sure none of the water hydrants are leaking. All tub heaters are checked to make sure they are working so the tubs don't freeze. Some of our volunteers have been with HPS for as long as 11 years! Many have been with us through hard time and many changes.



Our contributors are the best! Some of you have supported the horses since the early years. Some were once volunteers who could no longer continue, but know our work and the care the horses receive. Some donors have started helping during times of emergencies like the hay shortage of 2007 and last year.

**We have elves and Santas every day of the year!**