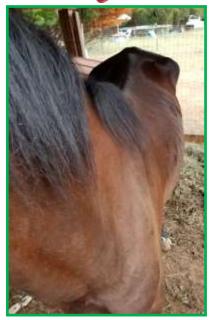
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## LaKota's Journey By Joyce Darling

December 2021

At the beginning of September, we received a call from Animal Control inquiring about some information. Joanie decided we should go to assess the situation. When we arrived, we found LaKota pacing outside a fence and you could tell he was stressed. He was stressed because he was a stallion and there were two mini horses, one being a mare, inside the fence. On a scale from 1 to 9 he was a 4. Joanie gave the owners some ways to help LaKota gain some weight and shared that he needed to be gelded if they were going to keep the mare.

On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Christina and I went back out to assess LaKota and found that he had lost an incredible amount of weight since the last visit. At that time, we made arrangements to have the owners surrender LaKota to HPS and to have him transported on Friday. We could not bring him back to the rescue because he was a stallion. We arranged to keep him off property until he was able to gain enough weight to be gelded.

We provided 5-year-old LaKota with water, hay, grain and a nice sized pasture. After two weeks LaKota gained enough weight to be gelded. He is doing well and will be transported back to HPS December 5<sup>th</sup> . He will spend a short time in the front condos and field, then get introduced to the herd .



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## Corriher Lipe Middle School Visits HPS

By Grace Meckley

We had the opportunity here at the Horse Protection Society to host a field trip for the zoologist club from Corriher Lipe Middle School. This was a great opportunity for many of the young kids as they came to learn about what we do at our organization. First, they came and learned our daily routine for taking care of our horses and what we do as volunteers. With this, the kids were encouraged to come back on their own time to volunteer or even become a member. The kids got to learn about many of the different stories of the animals we have rescued here at HPS. Horses including Honey, Tusca, and Santana were eager to greet the children and help us teach them about approaching horses. They were shown how to properly handle and even halter a horse. A few brave kids even haltered the horses themselves! We then split up into groups and, with a few willing horses, we taught the kids how to properly groom a horse. With curry and soft brushes, every kid was able to participate and work together to groom up the horses and learn their body language. At the end of the trip, we all gathered together for a group picture. With all of the kids huddling towards Tusca, we had to take a few shots in order to get all 15 kids and Tusca in the frame. We hope that these kids will come back to visit us, and that they have learned about the volunteer work and beginning care for horses.



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On November 13th, we were invited to bring a horse to the Christmas Family Celebration & Toy Drive. The event was held at Samuel C. Hart Post on Main St, Salisbury and was to help collect toys for Toys For Tots.

We decorated the corral, added a few holiday accents to Dusty and had an amazing day! Dusty was so excited, because he got to see Santa and tell him what he wanted for Christmas!





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Thank you, for caring! It has been the most expensive year so far except for when we were building the barns and the training arena.

One of our needs is Members volunteering 14 to 16 hours a month that would like to learn how to work with the rescued horses. It can take time to build trust and a bond with the horses so that they can be ridden.

Since the horses don't have muscle tone, it takes lightweight folks to start them under saddle. Some young people are perfect for this.

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In honor of my wife, Susanne Blume, for her birthday on November 28th. By Harvey Blume

In memory of Elaine Addison. George Sease

In honor of Elaine Addison's life. By Jennifer Kunkel

In memory of Elaine Addison. By Jamie Harrell

In memory of Elaine Addison from the class of 1957 Clinton High School, Clinton, SC. By Magie M. Fuller

In memory of Elaine Addison who for many years was a supporter of the rescued horses/ She died at 82 years old in October 2021. She will be and missed.

In Honor of my Father's birthday (Oct. 8). He took me riding before I could walk and fostered my lifelong love of horses. My thanks to him, and for all you do. By Laura Bryan

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## My Vacation

By Joanie Benson

Normally I take a vacation in the spring for three weeks, but I didn't want to leave during the horses' 100-day treatment for EPM just in case any of the horses had an adverse reaction.

I finally got to Colorado. The bad news is my grandson Carson had just come down with COVID. About three days later we were all sick with COVID-19 that turned into pneumonia. No one went to the hospital, except to get chest x-rays, and we all recovered In the end, my three-week vacation turned into almost six weeks. I didn't get home until well into November.

All the folks here at the sanctuary did a great job to keep things going and the horses cared for. Please feel free to call the sanctuary 704-855-2978, this is a landline.

We wish each and every one of you to have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!