



## *Welcome to Your New Home, Sugar*

Once again, another rescue referred a person in need to HPS. Folks can have such terrible problems to deal with at times in their life. These owners were doing their best, but their two horses were not getting the care they needed. They found a new home for one of the horses, and because the second one had breathing issues, it was not possible to find her a home in the standard marketplace.

The owners had Sugar for years and years. She is a Quarter Horse-Appaloosa cross, between 18 to 20 years old. The owner could not name a veterinarian that had ever taken care of Sugar. Under these circumstances, the owner is responsible for trailering the horse to HPS. When the horse arrives, we like it to have a quiet time before being unloaded. Have you ever stepped off a boat before you were acclimated to the boat stopping and your legs felt like rubber when you stepped to land? That can happen to a horse if unloaded too quickly.

When Sugar arrived, the owner entered the trailer and started slapping her neck hard enough to bruise her. She told me that Sugar was apprehensive about being approached in a field or stall; can you understand why? Some people think slapping an animal shows affection, but we are predators. Horses are prey animals and do not like this kind of treatment. (I will keep talking about not slapping horses until the last person has learned to be gentle.)

After her arrival, we immediately put Sugar on medication for her breathing issues, which is helping. She shared the side field with Santana, and they did great together. She has gained weight and has joined the Herd.

Sugar will have a **Merry Christmas** because we were able to say "Yes," and welcome her to the sanctuary.





## A New Holiday Horse

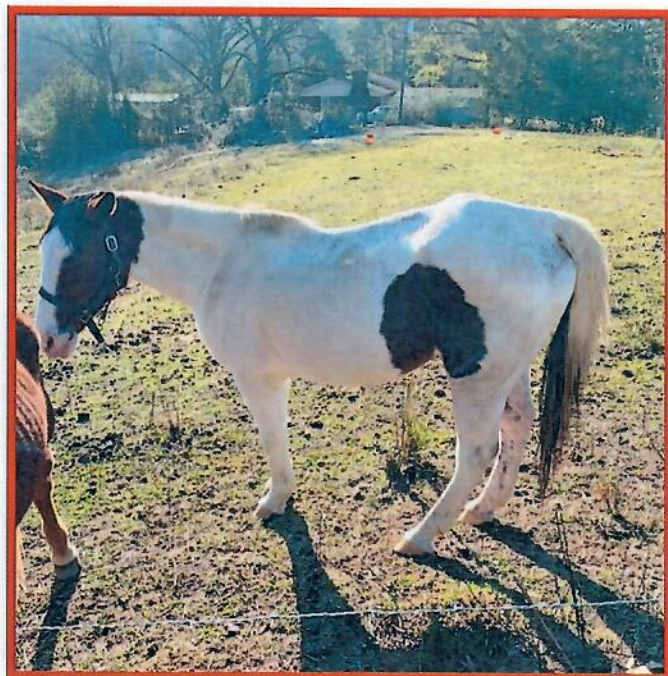
Some folks periodically take in unwanted horses or those being starved and neglected. This gentleman took in two horses a couple of weeks ago.

The original owner had died of Covid-19. One can only surmise that the horses did not get proper care during that traumatic time. At least, we hope that this was not standard care. The daughter of the deceased owner gave the two horses to the gentleman. He found a new home for one of the horses but realized that the second horse was in worse condition. He didn't feel comfortable bringing the horse back to health. He called HPS for help and was willing to transport the horse from Cleveland County.

The horse is a paint that is reported to be about 12 years old. It is a sad story. The new owner said the gelding had warts on his sheath. When he arrived, it was apparent that he was drugged. The sheath area looks like a giant ugly-looking cancerous overgrowth. The big question is whether we can do anything to help this sweet gelding.

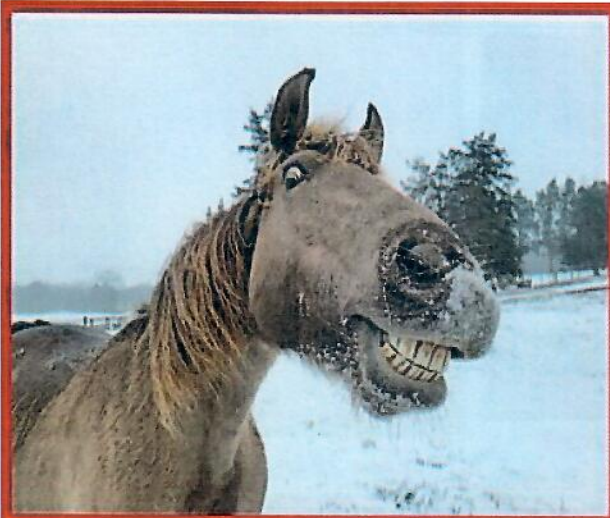
HPS has decided to give this young horse a chance. We are looking for the right veterinarian's office to do the surgery. This condition of overgrowth cancer is the worst we've ever seen. The surgery to remove the cancer spots and the ongoing care will be extremely expensive.

Our young gals thought it might be fun to ask the horse if he wanted the name of one of Santa's reindeer. He only showed an interest in Rudolph, and he liked it better when they tried "Rudy." Please help Rudy get the care that he needs. Your contributions allow horses to be saved or given the best quality of life possible for the time they have left.

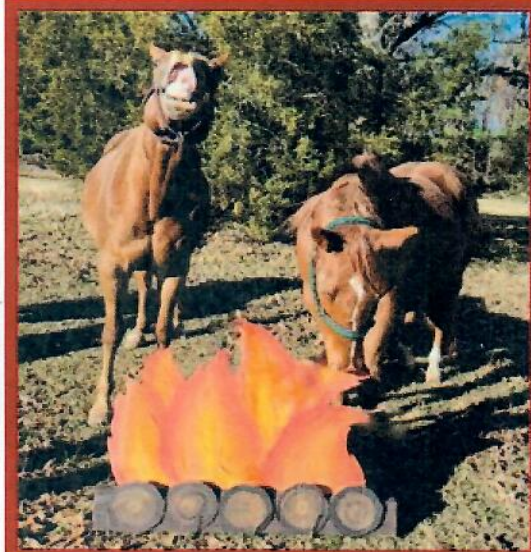




# The Horses' Wish List



"I want a new custom fitted saddle.....  
so what if it cost over \$3,000." **Heavenly**



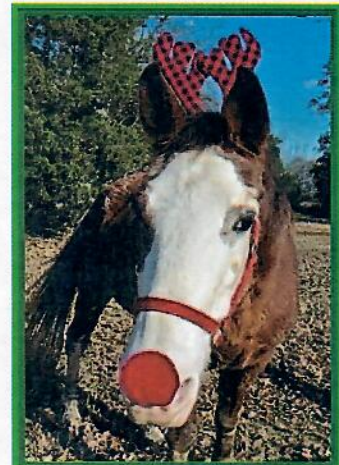
"Chestnut roasting on an open fire" WHAT?  
WAIT! You've got the wrong chestnuts!  
**Penny and Scooter**



"Please leave me a huge bag  
of carrots in my stall. I  
promise to share." (Hooves  
crossed). **Ebony Star**



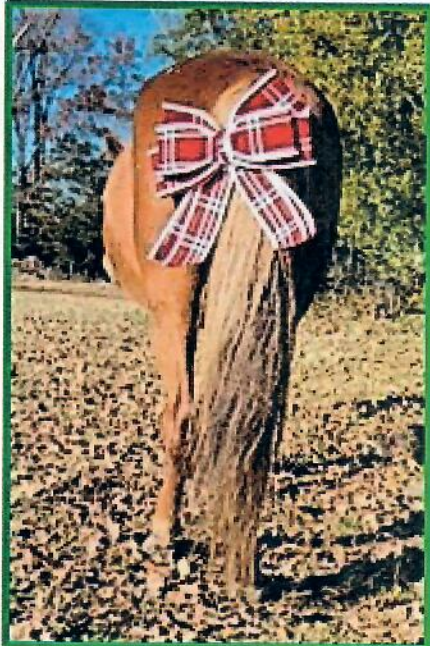
" Let's be naughty and save Santa the  
trip." **Chicklet**



"This year I believe I should  
lead your sleigh, Santa."  
**Sunshine**

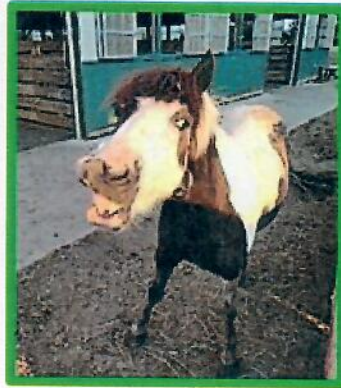


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"Santa, please give us a gallon of Cowboy Magic! We ran out here and my tail is a tangled mess."

**Nina**



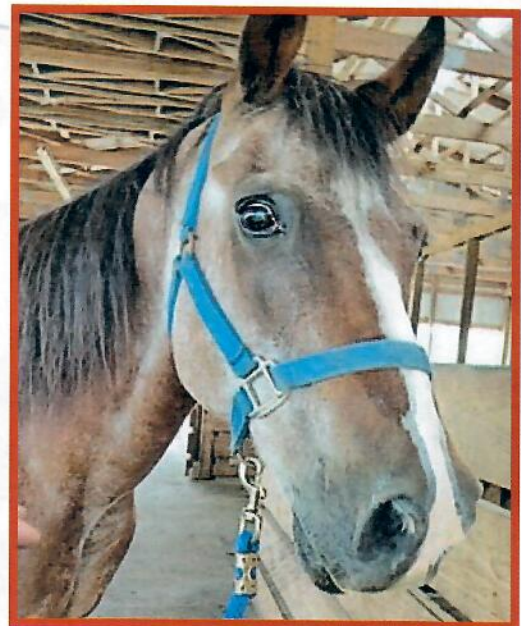
"Dear Santa, before I explain, how much do you know already?" **Chuckles**



"The two darn dogs took the Jolly balls and ate the handles. PLEASE send Jolly balls." **Gallant**



"How about a stocking full of peppermints?" **TUSCOA**



"Humans, stop sending your Christmas list to me... my name is SantaNA not Santa" **SantaNA**





Samantha Kathryn Kuhn, 24, of Waxhaw, NC, passed peacefully in her sleep on November 22, 2022.

Samantha was very kind, very loving and always smiling. One thing she had in common with HPS was her love for horses and volunteering. Samantha started her passion for horses by participating in many horse camps. This passion continued as she began to volunteer at Latta Plantation Equestrian Center.

Samantha's family has requested that, in place of flowers, people would continue to support HPS in honor of her passion for horses.

I'm so pleased to have the opportunity to donate to this organization in the name of Samantha Kuhn. She will be so missed by all including her four-legged friends.

With love from Debbie Grymes Bolger and family

*In memory of my 24 year old niece, Samantha Kuhn, who died suddenly.  
By Barbara Grant Brune*



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**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 can 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!"*