



# OVER HERD

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## *Christmas at the Stable*

The HPS devoted volunteers are caring for all the critters both big and small,  
The horses are playing and hiding by the woods, there is an impending storm.

The blistering winds are freezing cold carrying icy rain and you take a fall,  
“I know you like the cold, but if you come to the barn you’ll be nice and warm.  
It is time to fill your bellies and I have given you extra so come to my call.”

The folks here during both sunny days, rain and snow doing all for the horses,  
Supplying their needs of hay, feed and call the vet, because of your devotion.  
The cost of care for each wonderful horse is so high and it takes many sources,  
Christmas time reminds us of the love we are given and instills many emotions.

It is the time of the year to show you care for we celebrate the birth of our savior,  
Who was born in a primitive stable, you can honor his birth by aiding the horses.

*It takes everyone to care to do this mission. Some come and provide the long  
hours of labor,  
and so many are required to provide the funds for all the rescued horses’ needs.  
HPS has to depend on others to provide the funds to make this mission possible.*

***Merry Christmas from your horses and the many volunteers. May you be  
blessed!***



## Horses Looking for a New Home for Christmas

A huge THANK YOU to the folks who have designated their funds to help cure the EPM horses. We now have seven horses that test NEGATIVE!

1. Dallas is a beautiful gelding and is just 16 years old.
2. Misty is a Tennessee Walker and 15 years old.
3. Onyx is as black as coal. We are still determining some things with him since we are still evaluating him.
4. Honey is a favorite here and is doing great under saddle. She is a perfect age, seven years old.
5. Queen Anne is a beautiful horse that had a rough time before coming to HPS. She is going to make someone an exceptional horse.
6. Ebee is a good looking Thoroughbred He just needs a soft place to land.
7. HPS is not ready to offer this horse for placement. Maybe later.

Each one of the horses needs a special new home to care for and love them.

What a wonderful present to have at the Holiday time: EPM-negative horses.

Call the rescue to make an appointment to meet the horses: 704-855-2978, Joanie



## 25 Years.....THANK YOU

2024 will be our 25 year of the Horse Protection Society continually rescuing horses in North Carolina! There have been many changes over the years. One of the things that warm my heart any time of the year is the devoted contributors who have helped make the sanctuary possible and thrive since the early days. I pray that each one is okay and doing wonderfully and God has blessed them!

HPS has a new generation of donors beginning to aid the horses. I hope 25 years from now many of them will still be helping the horses have a chance at a new life. What a rollercoaster ride this has been! 20 plus horses here at the sanctuary on January 1999 was added to by the 35 Saddlebreds on Orphanage Road, Concord. Our policy has always allowing horses to be returned or taken back brought Bronco and Rising Sun back from the original Saddlebred herd to HPS after 23 years.

Some of you remember the old log barn, getting stuck in the mud until a horse came by that you could use to pull your self out. The lights in the barn would go out on cold windy nights. Of course, there would be no moon that night.

This coming year we will show pictures and tell stories of the beginning yeas that many of you missed. As a Member of the Horse Protection Society it is important you understand where we have come from and where we need to go in the future to keep recuing horses.



**Bronco and Rising Star**

## Ginger Left November 26

We wish that more horses were going to new homes for Christmas!

The old saying of "Best laid plans...." once again showed how things don't always go as planned. Stella came to HPS from Arizona for a short stay while the barn was being finished for Stella and Ginger. Things always take longer than you think it will. The last issue was getting ripped off by the so-called transporter to take the mares to their new home. What about the return of the down payment? That hasn't happened!

The extra stay at the sanctuary has allowed the two girls to become fast friends. Stella is overly protective of Ginger and doesn't want another horse looking at Ginger. The two horses have been happy here. I wish I knew more about Stella's history. She acts like the horses that have come to HPS who have never had a friend.

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## *We Need Your Help*

**Share the Love:** Spread the word about the rescued horses by sending a calendar to friends. The horses need more caring folks to help the rescued horses.

**Donations Welcome:** If you're feeling especially generous, you can make an additional donation when you purchase your calendar. Every extra dollar makes a significant impact.



***A great way to enjoy the horses all year long.***  
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## **A Christmas Present for the Rescue**

Gail, Mike Shinn, and Delanea Bost bought us a new back door. "The Carpenters for Christ" from the First Reformed Church of Landis installed the new door.

Mike and his three buddies installed the door in a non-normal size opening. That was far from an easy installation.

The rescued horses utilize the majority of funds, so repairs and maintenance on the old house gets put on the backburner.

Turk was a wonderful livestock guard dog, and we miss him. In the last six months of his life, Turk decided to move into the house. I was not about to argue with a hundred-pound dog. He destroyed the back door in his enthusiasm to get into the house.





*In memory of my 30 year friend, Barbara Daningburg. We met through our mutual love of horses. By Mary Myers*

*In memory of Alice Bischoff. By Robert Bischoff*

*In Memory of Heather Hill Beeker. By Betty J. Coulthard*

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It can be challenging to find transport, but Stephanie managed to find someone to take the girls to their new home. The traffic should be alright on a Sunday afternoon. The girls didn't get to their new home until 7:00 pm. It can be more difficult and stressful for the horses when they arrive after dark. It has helped many times having the Hospital stalls that are 12' by 24" to put horses in that come in late.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Herd and the *OVER HERD GANG*,  
 May God bless each of you!**