



OVERHERD

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Valentine's Day is a great time to remember the people you love and care about. Perhaps it would also be a good time to think about loving our earth and the animals that live here! Are you recycling? Plastics? Paper? Cardboard boxes? Clothes and shoes? Donate your aluminum cans to HPS to aid the expenses for the rescued horses. Each person can make a difference for the world in which we all live!

Our volunteers have to clean up trash thrown out of vehicles by persons driving past the sanctuary. Who are these people who carelessly trash the world where we live? Our children must be taught to love the earth and respect our fragile world. We have become a disposable country and we have to consider changing our way of thinking. Almost everything can be repurposed or recycled. Let's love our earth and not be a contributor to its destruction.

The horses that come to the sanctuary have been thrown away and not cared for by their owners. Here, the horses are loved and for some of them, it may be the first time in their life they are treated with value and respect.

Love is a powerful force of change.

Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has aided in the costs of the wonderful horses at the sanctuary!

News from the Herd

Everyone loves good news! **Midnight Sun** will be leaving for a new home early this month!

She has had her favorite person since arriving at the sanctuary about nine years ago. After years of working with her to put her back under saddle, it was determined that she would never be a safe horse to ride. One mistake and she would panic. She has never liked

other horses and is a loner, so was not a good prospect for folks looking for a Pasture Pet. The only chance for Midnight to have a forever home was with her favorite person who is now in a position to have



her and who fully understands Midnight's personality.

Placing horses is so very important to allow us to rescue other horses in danger of dying.

Cayenne has been placed in a new home who loves having foals to raise up. We will let know how things progress. This placement will save HPS a great deal of funds.

Wind Dancer had a colic episode that was quickly resolved.

Baby had an ulceration spot in both eyes and a possible fungal infection. It is very important to never touch the eye with fingers since it can cause a fungal infection. Many of the horses like to put their whole face in the hay bales. It is then easy to cause a scratch on the eye ball. It is very important to have all eye issues checked by a veterinarian and treated correctly.

Midnight Sun needed to have her Coggins test done before she could leave the Sanctuary.

Pontiac needed his vaccinations of a 5-1. He is only eight years old and may never been vaccinated. He will need a booster.

Chippewa is also young and got his 5-1 vaccination.

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We need all the help we can get to save funds and one of the easiest is to send us your email address with your name so we can email you when the newsletter has been published on our Website. There will be a link to the page and then you just scroll down to the correct month and click on the link. This helps to save us the printing and postage costs. We understand that some of our contributors do not have email and Internet, we do not mind at all mailing you your newsletter to help keep you updated with the news from the sanctuary.

Please sign up for Amazon.smile.com to make your purchases. A small percentage of each sale will be contributed to the Horses Protection Society when you select us on their site. You can use the same code and email you use for Facebook.

Register your Food Lion card on their website, once again having the funds donated to HPS. They have changed their policy to only give credit for the Food Lion brands that you purchase. More credit is given on the 10th of each month.

One gal has trained most of the folk in her neighborhood to save the aluminum cans and then brings them to us about once a month. Remember, only drink cans and not cat and dog food cans.

Cleaning out the house or stable, did you get a gift for Christmas that you will never use, just remember to donate those really nice items to HPS for our next "Tack and Treasure Sale."

A huge horsey "Thank you" for caring!

Honors and Memorials

In honor of Susan and Mike Williams for Christmas. By Suzette Biskey

In honor of Tara M. Boyce. By Patrick Boyce

In honor of Sophie, Sawyer, Shasta, Grey Kitty, Traylor, Baby Mystery, Joey and Moo. Oh yes, and Susan and Mike Williams. By Linda and Bill Brown

In honor of Joanne Johnson. By John and Suzanne Casey

In honor of my mother, Betty Lentz. Merry Christmas and God Bless. By Kim Clark

In honor of Jennifer Keann. By Elizabeth Cozart

In honor of Karen and Mike Gill. By Joyce H. Dickerson

In memory of my horse and friend, Lonesome. He colicked in August and I had to put him down. I am still heartbroken over his loss. Hope to help other horses. By Chris Donaghy

In loving memory of our dog, Cayce. By Diane Etheridge

In honor of Tiffany Ferebee. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you fo rall you do. With much love, Chris and Charlatte Ferebee

Bless All the Animals! For Christmas I honor my sister, Pam Chandler, who loves all animals and has a very special place in her heart for horses. Thank you! By Elaine McAndrews

In honor of Benjamin Mills-Tarmey. By Joseph Mills

In Memory of Jack Moore. Jack passed away in September. He was a fine man that helped to look after my horses. By Mary Myers

The Year of the Horse



The Year of the Horse is galloping in and it'll be nice to see the Year of the Snake slithering away. You'll be glad to know that the forecast for 2014 has a bright outlook with lots of good news and opportunity ahead for the year.

The Year of the Horse represents high spirits, optimism, energy and beauty. Last year was hard, so wave it goodbye. In 2014 there is a lot to look forward to. The Horse year is considered a fortunate year that brings luck and good things. Magical Horse has supernatural powers, is heroic, strong, and can even fly! (We know that already.)

A white celestial cloud Horse is sacred to the Chinese Goddess Kwan Yin. Her White Horse flies through the heavens, bringing peace and blessings. Watch for your White Horse in the clouds. Our white horses are here at the sanctuary running in the fields. Watch long enough and you will see them fly.

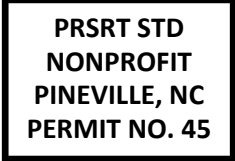
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Unwanted Horses



The phone calls and emails have accelerated in the past several months. During the extremely cold time in January most of the calls were about horses in areas with no shelter. Some progressive counties now require shelter for equine, but the state laws do not. The type of shelter is extremely important. The horses have to be able to get out of the freezing cold wind so an open carport type shelter is not adequate even in hot weather. There were also reports of horses not being fed, starving and foals out in the extreme cold.

All I can tell concerned citizens is to call Animal Control if they do not have an equine rescue in their area that can work with the owner or has openings to take in horses.

There were two horribly starved horses in Stanley County that neither the Sheriff's Department nor the Animal Control would do anything about. We did not have the room to take them in which is heart breaking. I told the concerned people to go through the Internet, phone calls and news media to put some pressure on and see that the horses were seized and cared for. It worked in getting the horses out through an equine rescue in South Carolina who contacted the owner and had him release the two horses. It concerns me that none of the North Carolina rescues were able to step up and take the horses. We have to be able to place horses in new quality homes so we will not be in this position again.

HPS is now getting inquiries concerning our fully recovered rescued horses and we are hopeful to be able to place horses in the near future. Our other concern is always, do we have the funds to care for starved horses, which always cost so much more to care for? Baby's feed and needed supplements cost over \$100 a week and her veterinarian cost to save her life the first five months was over \$5,000.

When we take in a horse we never know what may be happening medically with that horse. Saving each horse is not determined by the cost, but simply, can the horse be saved.

Each person with a Facebook page can help place horses. Pick a 'Saddle Pal' on our website (Flame is shown in the photo), save the picture to your computer and then post it on your Facebook page and ask your followers to share the horse's picture and information. Please put in our website address. It is important to add that we only place horses in North Carolina.