



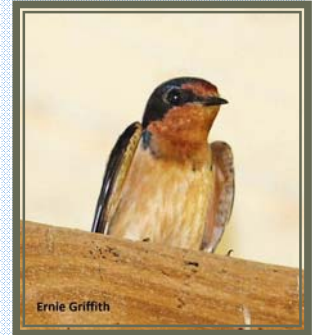
January 2017

OVER HERD

Happy New Year

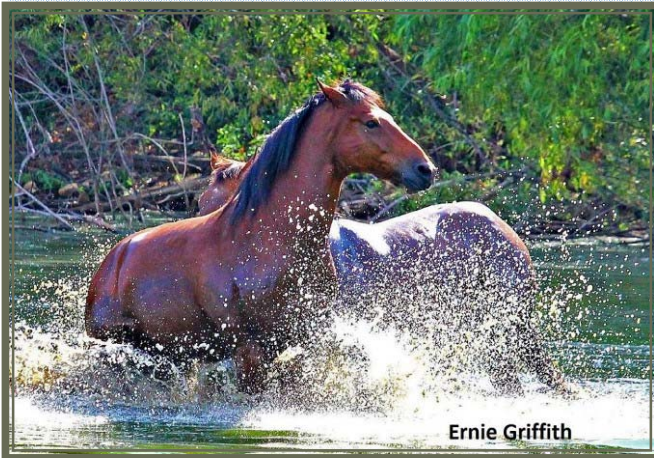
2016 sure seemed to have gone by quickly. It was a good quiet year at the sanctuary. The horses got along great together and so did the volunteers. Our main feeders and volunteers work quietly with the horses and it keeps them happy... no drama with the horses. No drama with the volunteers either. The peace at the sanctuary is so essential for the horses' well-being. Drama queens just don't work out well here.

We had some special new residents arrive last summer. Our first barn swallows moved in and hatched five babies. We are hoping they will come back next summer. It was great fun watching them clean the barn of flies.



Ernie Griffith

The summer had the longest period of hot weather I had ever witnessed in my 26 years here at the sanctuary. The horses' appetites were affected and they often were not interested in eating. Some of the older ones lost some weight. Many of the horses enjoyed playing in the pond to cool off. There was no problem with them gaining back their weight when things cooled down. Normally we would see the horses on the shady side of the covered hay feeders.



Ernie Griffith

Our New Year starts with a long list of elective veterinarian care. We hope that each of you will be willing to help HPS make these possible for the horses. There will be more information coming to you soon.

Welcoming placed equines back to the sanctuary is an important service to protect the horses from slaughter in their later years. Few owners think about this issue when they are looking for a new home for the horse they may be selling or giving away. We have

another horse coming back to HPS later in the month that has been out in a wonderful home for many years. Watch for the February Newsletter.

It took Sierra awhile to pick a new best friend when she came back to HPS in 2016. Cree won the lottery and Natchez is okay with her joining their small group. Sierra is helping them be more active and leads them out to the pond field. She obviously likes her man tall dark and handsome. Cree is now 34 years old and Natchez is 29 years old. It is delightful to see Sierra start the New Year with such good friends.



*We are praying you are blessed, the horses are blessed and our amazing folks here are blessed in the coming year.
Thank you for making all this possible!*

New Year Resolutions from some of the Herd

Cayenne: “I don’t want to change anything about myself. I’m just who I want to be. You don’t like it.... Too bad!”

Chicopee: “I’m going to try really hard not to sneeze slime all over the two-leggers. It is funny to see their reaction.”

Cloud: “Yum, hay! I’m going to try to eat less.... Yum, yum more hay.....and not gain so much weight this year.... Starting next week!”

Commodore: “I’m going to try to be nicer to Freedom since he loves Autumn too.”

Ebony Star: “I’m going to give Kim a hard time every week when she doesn’t come to pay attention to me!”

Freedom: “I am going to win Autumn away from Commodore. He has dropped his guard and I am moving in.”

Frosty: “I am going to be good and not take my fly mask off anymore.”

Kit Carson: “I’m going to stop hiding from Memphis.”

Memphis: “I’m not going to turn my back on Kit Carson to give him a chance to disappear.”

Rain: “I am not going to try and kick the farrier... I am not going to try and kick the farrier. He is kind and I like him, but sometimes I forget.”

Rising Sun: “I promise not to make ugly faces at the other horses.....unless they don’t move out of my way.”

Sparrow: “I am going to work hard with the two-leggers so I can get a home of my own with my own two-legger that loves me.”

Tacoma: “Where did my kid go? I am going to find a new kid to do my bidding and brush me, sneak me treats and I will let the kid ride me.”

*The rest of the herd is still thinking of a good resolution to make for the new year.
The Herd’s suggestion to you for a New Year’s resolution is not to forget them
during the coming year.*

Our New Year’s resolution is be able to continue providing the best care for the horses. Please make one of your New Year’s resolutions to come and visit the sanctuary if at all possible. Remember we are open for visits every Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Honors and Memorials

In memory of Inca. By Jodi Douthit

**In memory of Snickers, true friend of Angel and Comanche. January 30, 2002.
Forever in our hearts, Roberta**

In honor of Michael and Olly Wiebe. Merry Christmas. By Dianne Doub

In honor of Dottie Rebhan and Jodi Douthit's December Birthdays. By Sybil Athey

In memory and honor of *Natalie*, who died peacefully on November 22nd. after many great years and many great rides with her loyal best friend and owner Linda Icard. By Ashley Kerley

In honor of Jennifer Kenny. By Elizabeth Cozart

In honor of Benjamin and Ann Seagle. By Tiffany Ferebee

In honor of Judy Cashwell, Merry Christmas. By Gail Miller

In memory of our son, Joe Scardamaglia, Love you still. By his Parents

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