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Twentieth Year for HPS

January 2018 is the start of the 20th year for the Horse Protection Society rescuing horses and returning them to health. Wow! There have been some crazy ups and downs, starting with dilapidated old buildings to stall the horses. Work had been done on most of the old building before becoming HPS, but they were still pretty awful looking.

In 2005 I felt we were ready to build our first new barn, and then the second large barn, a covered hay feeder, four portable buildings designed for two stalls each, the indoor training arena and another covered hay feeder. There are four placards in the front of the first barn with the engraved names of the folks who made the first two barns possible for the rescued horses.



All the years are not just about the buildings and improvements. They are the milestone markers of the progress we have been able to accomplish for the horses.

You are not making a short term investment by committing to help aid the horses. This is going to be a permanent equine sanctuary Thank you for helping to make this possible!

Happy New Year and may you be blessed through the coming year.

Happy New Year

Happy New Year one and all! Our New Year's resolutions are easy: 1. Keep researching the latest information for caring for the horses. 2. Provide everything the horses need. 3. Continue the high quality of care and gentle training. 4. Continue to pray for our supporters and the folks who are having financial issues. 5. Do everything we can to help the equine that are in trouble. 6. Continue the conservative policies that have served the horses so well and allowed for the positive growth. 7. Do everything possible to maintain the peace at the sanctuary. 8. Continue to look for some possible help to the unwanted horse problem.

We need volunteers to work on possible solutions for placing unwanted equine in new homes. Thus far this week we have been asked to take in or help find homes for 14 equine to include minis, ponies and horses. This is not a good indicator of things to come in 2018. I hope it is just a fluke.

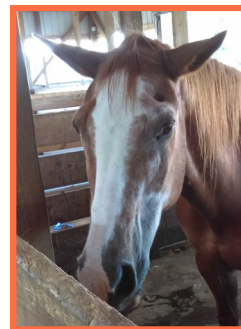
The horses agreed to the following New Year's resolutions:

"I will not shy away from things just for the fun of it."

"I will not bite other horses just to say hi."

"I will put my ears forward when a two-legger wants to take my picture." ("This is just for Jan. 1st. right?")

We hope at least one of your New Year's resolutions is to aid the rescued horses though the coming year! They need you.



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Thank You for the Miracles

You have empowered the Horse Protection Society to accomplish so many wonderful things. The Stallion to Gelding national program has spread across the US as I prayed it would continue. Horses have been healed when the veterinarians thought there was no hope.

Sierra is still with us at the advanced age of 32. Remember she was out in a wonderful home for seven years. Our babies are always welcome to come back. The miracle is that we have been able to take everyone of them back, with no problem.

I wish we had kept track of every equine that has come through our barn doors., hundreds and hundreds and hundreds! We did the best that we could for each one.

I am hoping that this coming year folks will come up with ideas to help with the number of unwanted horses and some folks will step forward to get involved looking for a solution.

There will be new challenges in the future and with you at our side we will be able to face them.
Keep praying for all the horses in need.

Spotted Owl and Red Sky

You had a chance to read about Spotted Owl and Red Sky last month. Christmas was a miracle for both of the two horses. I was overjoyed to receive the email and mail from some folks expressing their anger at the way these two horses were being treated. Spotted Owl being dumped off in a heavily wooded state park in Burke County was unconceivable. It makes it so much worse for Spotted Owl since he is blind. He has settled into the round pen happily. It helped that he started off with Red Sky in with him.

Dr. Mary Gochnauer informed us that Spotted Owl had no sight in either eye and the one eye is covered by a cataract. In all the years we have never had a chance to try and help a horse that was blinded by a cataract. There have been many reasons for horses to go blind in the past, but never cataracts. The surgery to remove it would cost about \$2,000 to \$2,500 and of course, no guarantees. We are looking for natural things that may help shrink the cataract. We are putting together a list of things we want to slowly add to his feed to treat his eyes.

The older horses that have cataracts here at the sanctuary are given a handful of chopped cabbage three times a week to help keep their cataracts small and soft. Once they go hard the horse will be blind in that eye. HPS has never had a horse go blind from a hardened cataract. The horses also receive lutein with bilberry and large doses of beta carotene, both are gel capsules. We have several other things we will be adding to try and help dissolve the cataract. He has put on almost all of his weight..... boy, can he go through the hay. He loves his feed.

Red Sky just hurt all over and it made her cranky. Horses will try to tell you when something is wrong, but most people are not listening. When horses are asked to carry people that are too heavy, it is going to cause the horse pain.

I was holding Red Sky gently while I rested a hand on top of the stall wall. Red Sky placed her teeth on my knuckles and just looked me in the eyes. She was just telling me she hurt and then it was time for her to be checked. pain. *Continued to page # 4*

***I honor the horse lover in you,
Because this love is also in me.
When we are in that place,
We are one with the horses.
May God see your love and bless you.***

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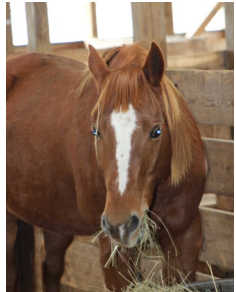
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Dr. Mary checked her over and could hardly find anything that wasn't out of place and causing pain. Poor Red Sky danced and pranced until Dr. Mary was able to do the first adjustment. That was it! Red Sky started to relax and the stress was dissipating with each adjustment. She moves with more freedom of movement and welcomes attention from folks. She is still very leery, however, of having her face touched. This is usually caused from beatings around the horse's face. It is wonderful to see her out with the other horses and happily running freely. This little girl is going to make someone a great horse.



Spotted Owl

Dr. Mary suggested a second chiropractic adjustment after giving Red Sky some time. Spotted Owl is going to be one a number of supplements. It would be wonderful if a few folks would become Angel sponsors for them.



Red Sky

Happy New Year to Everyone!

We wish each of you a safe and blessed New Year!

Happy Birthday Gayle Cannon. You have been honored by the following friends and family: Gene Cannon, Ruth Crumpton, Brenda Henley, Gilbert & Angela Ho, Nalini Joseph, and Diane & John Kibler.



Eva had funds donated for the rescued horses.

Thank you from the horses.

In honor of Eva Bolin's 8th birthday.

By Kristina Hartwig



Thank you for helping these magnificent animals! Tracy Smith

In Honor of Lisa Murry's Birthday and in honor of the Faithful Volunteers, Merry Christmas. By Sybil Athey



In honor of my mother, Susanne Blume, who loves all animals.

By Carol Everhart

I would like to be one of Spotted Owl's Angel Sponsor in memory of my Appaloosa, Warrior. By Rita Tucker

In honor of Harry and Marilyn Swimmer. By Diane & John Kibler

Judy Cashwell has been honored by Gail Miller

Judy LeGrett has been honored by Mt. Zion Circle #4.

In honor of Jennifer Kenny. By Elizabeth Cozart

Merry Christmas to my best friend, and horse lover, Vickie Troutman.

By Mary Tucker

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



Merry Christmas to Sarah Whitney.

By Ann and Benjy Seagle

In loving memory of my husband Floyd. By Betty Lentz

In Memory of Floyd Lentz, and in honor of Mrs. Betty Lentz. They have been long time, kind supporters of H.P.S. and a very special couple ~ From all the horses they have helped over the many years



Rosa Belle Hamm Betts, known affectionately by all as "Tissie" passed away on Dec. 6. At 91 years old. For years "Tissie" contributed to help the rescued horses. The following folks have sent a memorial in loving memory of Tessie Betts: "The Carolina Boys," June Cook, Fred and Nancy Hutchison, Ham and Debbie West, and the board of Directors and Management of Builders Mutual Insurance Company.



*In loving memory of gentle Snickers, dear friend of Angel Lettoaf.
By Roberta*

(Angel Lettoaf was Angel's pen name for the articles in the newsletter. She was just 28" to the withers. She was loved by everyone and her grave is in the lower field. Angel lived to be 51 years old.)

*In Memory of Quicksilver, a calm, gentle soul and a beloved member of the herd.
By Nancy Clark*

In memory of "Poo" & "Jonesy." By the Bolin & Hartwig family

In Memory of "Velvet." By Debbi Hood

The lovely Penny past away Christmas night. She was 13.5 years old. She was 10 years old when she arrived at the sanctuary. We take in one old dog at a time to be the house dog. Penny will be missed by all the folks here at the sanctuary.