

Over Herd

WHAT A YEAR!

Give yourself a pat on the back for helping HPS through a difficult year. Thank you for making this past year a happy one for the horses. You have made sure they have had enough hay and feed. Our faith is strong and this is often the only thing we have when facing a new challenge. We are now on the downhill for bringing in hay. We may only need four more loads. The warm fall weather allowed less hay consumption than we expected.

HPS was so fortunate to be featured on Carolina Traveler. This really helped to get our message out about the hay shortage. The TV & newspaper coverage was so important. Jeff's Charlotte Observer article was wonderful. Kids to adults were creative in their ways of helping to raise the needed funds for the tractor trailer loads of hay.

The new barn is wonderful. The 14 lucky ones say thank you. I still marvel when I walk into the barn and see how fabulous it turned out and say, "Thank you God."

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet.
~Sidonie Gabrielle Colette

Horse With No Name

Our new investigator called and told me there was a horse in a desperate situation. These people had taken in a starved horse at the end of August. He gained some weight and he was turned out with their other horses. While turned out one of their horses kicked him so hard that it knocked him down. That horse then proceeded to try and stomp him to death. His neck swelled and quickly became infected. He has other wounds on the same side of his body from the attack. The owners talked to the vet over the phone, but they could not afford a vet visit. The owners do not live on the property or even in the county where their horses are located. No one was there to care for the horse who could not raise his head from the ground and the infection grew worse and worse. He lost the little weight he had gained and was down to a low one on the body scoring. It was late in the day when he was picked up and there was speculation that the horse may need to be put down. He was very weak so Tamara Eichorns agreed to take him home as her farm was much closer than the sanctuary. Dr. Robin Smith was able to see him that evening and started treatment. Tamara cared for him for almost two weeks before he gained strength and was able to make the trip to the sanctuary.

We always call a new horse "Baby" until they are strong enough to pick a name...Continued on page 2.



Tidings of Great Joy

I think I am a glutton for punishment at times. There is so much to do at the sanctuary all the time and the hay shortage has added a good bit to the long list. HPS had planned to raise funds for the second barn this fall, but instead I had to raise funds for buying and shipping in hay. The more I thought about it the more I thought, "Why can't we both raise funds for the new barn and get funds to buy the hay? The horses desperately need that barn before the other one falls down. The twenty-six stall barn would help so much to relieve the pressure of using the old buildings." I already had all the estimates and we operate on faith here anyway. We have horses in the old triplex which was slated to be dismantled this summer, but summer was so hot that we decided to wait until fall when it would be cooler to take down the buildings. Ghost Town is still housing horses and so is every other stall that was going to be demolished. Perry Morgan informed me he was going to expand his ponds and would give us the dirt that we needed for the second barn. The cost of the fill, transportation and compacting was going to be \$9,000. We still have to pay for the cost of moving the dirt from Perry's lower field to our site

and the compaction, but this will cut the cost greatly!

After applying for grants with editing help from Deborah Baker and Roberta McCardle "The Tidings of Great Joy" is that we have secured three grants totaling \$43,500 towards construction of the second barn. It will be 72' by 72' and have 26 stalls. The style will be the same as our first barn. We should have the fill dirt in place in the next couple of weeks and our favorite barn contractor, Mannie Troyer, can start the beginning of March. If we have enough funds on hand he will be able to finish the barn very quickly. Some folks have continued to provide donations towards the second barn, which will provide another \$13,000 for a total of \$56,500. This puts us more than half way to the total that is needed. We only need approximately \$41,500 more.

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**HORSE
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**Keep Those
Aluminum Cans
Coming!**

by Roberta McCardle

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank all of you who have brought aluminum drink cans to the ranch. If you have others helping you (e.g. co-workers, friends, family, neighbors, etc.) please tell them how much we appreciate it. If you have not brought cans to the ranch before and do not know where to put them, just ask someone there and they will be happy to show you our can collection area. We recently cleaned out the can holding area and took the cans over to the salvage yard. We were happy to bring back **\$ 90** to HPS. This is not big money but **every bit helps our four-footed friends**. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser. Put a box or a bag in your breakroom at work, ask others to help you-- working together is the way to maximize this effort. With thanks to my husband Tom for his able assistance....he can shift truck gears (smoothly) and lift heavy objects...could not do this without his kind help!

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Baby is about 19 years old, but it is difficult to look at his teeth since he cannot raise his head. We have time and will figure it out later.

This brave horse came to us with so many terrible issues, and Dr. Kristi Pierce came the first day. She worked for several hours debriding the neck of the horribly emaciated boy. Half of his neck on one side is full of infection. The muscle died and had to be removed. There was concern that a foreign body or piece of broken bone may be contributing to the infection so the next morning we did digital radiographs of the neck and shoulder. We could not see anything. We are hoping the antibiotics will take care of any possible infection in the bone.

Monday Dr. Pierce returned to remove more dead tissue, fat and dead skin from his neck. He now has an open area 8" by 9". Baby's neck has to be scrubbed once a day and then hosed off to help keep infection in check. Baby is being kept in one of the 12' by 24' hospital stalls in the new barn. He has to have a clean, dry area and yet be able to move around freely so this new stall is very important to his recovery. We are so thankful for the barn and how wonderful it has been for the horses. Thank you again to each person who has made this possible for the horses.

Tidings of Great Joy *continued from page 1*

A heartfelt "Thank you" to the following foundations: Folke Peterson Foundation- \$30,000; George D. Patterson Family Fund- \$12,500; E.B.R. Foundation- \$1,000. Just \$50.00 from each person on our email and mailing list will finish the second barn. As many of you know, I live in poverty and do not mind. I still am able to put tiny amounts of money aside almost every month. I pledge \$500 to help complete the second barn. Together we can do this!

What a Year! *Continued from page 1*

This is very unusual to report, but we are ending the year with a zero balance on our veterinarian bill. Thank you Holly & John Robbins and everyone else who has been so helpful during this past year. I am glad that we do not have the policy of letting horses go if the expenses are going to be high to help them recover. We believe that if a horse has been sent to us, then we need to do the responsible thing to help them recover.

HPS is so happy to welcome all the new members that are such wonderful helpers at the sanctuary. It has been such fun meeting so many wonderful folks and making new friends. Of course we could always use more help. There are always things that need to be done!

All 39 horses are doing very well. One is going to be returned that we placed. That will make 40 at the sanctuary. We placed a horse! Nancy Clark that has Quicksilver and Wind Song took Chesapeake home. Now that is a lucky horse with a great new home. We do not have any applications for horses pending. If you hear of any good folks looking for a horse please send them our way.

Some of our sickest horses are recovering slowly. Vaquero's tumors are shrinking. Oswego is recovering from a liver infection. Poor Sierra is slowly gaining weight. I still feel there is something very wrong there and I have learned that it will show up in time. Patience is one of my weaknesses. "God grant me patience... right now! Please." Our EPM horses are testing negative for active protozoa and are showing just that they have been exposed. The new Sag 1 titers test is just what has been needed.

There is so much to be thankful for and you have made it possible. Happy New Year and I pray many blessings will flow your way.

In memory of: Otho Earnhardt, Owona Earnhardt and Bob Memius. ~By Oron and Bobbie Earnhardt

In remembrance of Tundra, Dakota, Irish and Jurassic. ~By the Sunday evening Gang of Four, Lisa, Dottie, Michael and Judy.

In memory of Mr. Harold Krauss. ~By Mary Myers & Ronnie Burgess

In memory of Charles Robins. ~By Judith Rozzelle

In memory of Dakota. ~Mary Walters

Chloe Pennington, a second grader, elected not to receive birthday presents and have her friends donate to Horse Protection Society instead. The world will be a better place with people like Chloe.

Merry Christmas to all volunteers. A happy year to all the horses. ~By Stan Lathrop, a good dad to our web footed friends

Merry Christmas to all my 4 and 2 legged friends who have taught me so much! Spunky Dagenhart, Anne Bracken, Amy S., Linda Icard, Shiela Morrison, Rhonda Kramer, Joanie Benson, - and their "kids" and to my crew B.A.D.D. ~Love, Beth Phagan



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Thank you for your continued efforts in caring for the horses during these difficult times. Hopefully this will buy a little hay. -By Cynthia & Earnest Sackett, Jr.

Sierra or Star Dust 5mos, Merry Christmas to the horses. -By Patricia Scudder

Julia Conlon celebrated her birthday by having folks donate to HPS. Thank you Julia.

Thank you for the nice card thanking me for the money raised at Thanksgiving with the food sale. I am just the one that gets my friends in all this and they rally to the call. My heartfelt thanks to College BBQ (thanks Doug), Carl Wilson, Joe Harper, Steve "Frog" Smith, Randy Brooks, Roger Perrell, and last but by no means least, my big brother Gene Cornatzer. Thanks guys, we do make a difference. -By Jackie Cornatzer

- In honor of Alice Bischoff. -By Scott & Kathy Bischoff
- In honor of Marilyn & Harry Swimmer. -By Janet Elmo
- In honor of my dear friend, Ellen Bennett. -By Tina J. Evankovech
- In honor of Tiffany Ferebee. -By Charlotte and Chris Ferebee
- In honor of my Grandfather for Christmas. -By Brandi C. Gayle
- In honor of Laurie and Rik Craig. -By Elizabeth H. Jones
- In honor of Mark and Sara Hord. -By Elizabeth H. Jones
- In honor of Harry & Marilyn Swimmer. -By Diane & John Kibler
- In honor of Alyessa Wainright, for her dedication and love of horses. -Aunt Sheila
- In honor of Beverly Lee. -By Laura Stancill, Sumner & Casey
- In honor of Jack Towell. -By Elizabeth H. Taylor
- Horses honored by Sundance Stables schooling show. -By J. Conlon and friends.
- In honor of Dottie Rebhan's birthday. -By Carole Graham
- In honor of Jessica Griffin. -By Carol Griffin
- Christmas remembrance in honor of Spunky Dagenhart and Liz Sandifer. -By Lillus Kurland
- In honor of Peggie & Bill Heeneey. Merry Christmas to All! -By Betsy & Eric Little
- In honor of Denise McMillian. -By Frannie Martin
- In honor of Mike and Judy, "Two of the best friends the horses have." -By Lisa and Dottie
- In honor of the Catawba College Theatre Arts Department -Merry Christmas. -Kathy & David Pulliam
- In honor of Sharon Smith's Birthday and Christmas. -By Jerry Smith
- In honor of Jerry Smith for his birthday and Christmas. -By Sharon Smith
- In honor of Elizabeth Richardson, who loves all creatures, great and small. -By Michael Pawlyk
- In honor of Steve Cooper. -By Katie Simmons
- In honor of Nicky Turner. -By Heather Turner
- In honor of Joanne Johnson. -By Suzanne and John Casey
- In honor of Lynne Collins. -By Ted & Barbara Warholc
- In honor of Melanie Boone's birthday. -By Rocky Boone
- In honor of Melanie Boone. -By Jahala Morehead
- In honor of Spunky. -By Shannon & Scott Caviness
- In honor of Mr & Mrs. Rivers Lawther and Mr. & Mrs. John Casey. -By Kay Coltrain
- In honor of Tiffany Ferebee for Christmas. -By Charlotte, Chris, Chistepher and Collins Ferebee
- In honor of Ashley & Melissa, my granddaughters. -By Charlotte T. Gill
- In honor of Suzie Lurz's birthday. -By Mel & Flo Kostur
- In honor of Deanna Godfrey. -By Laura Lee
- In honor of Floyd Lentz for Christmas. -By Betty Lentz
- In honor of Betty Lentz for Christmas. -By Betty Lentz
- "The Pairs and Spares" have honored their Sunday school teacher, Linda Godbout. Linda is a horse owner/lover. -By Pairs and Spares.
- In honor of my wife, Ann Harrison, and in memory of Ace & Prissy. -By Doug Stacker

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