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Two Rescued Horses Leave for New Homes

Honey Bun has been with us for years and people could not look past her missing eye. It did not bother Sara that Honey Bun was 20 years old. She was looking for a smaller size horse so she could ride with her daughters and one that would be safe around her girls. One was riding a small quarter horse



and the younger one, a larger pony. Honey Bun immediately took to one of the girls' horses as if they had known each other before.

Sara was not in a hurry to start riding her and knew she had to wait until she could bond and build trust with Honey Bun. It did not take long and Honey Bun was running across the field to meet Sara as she returned from work, and then run along the fence line as she drove in the driveway. Even the older daughter can ride Honey because she is so loving and well trained. This is the perfect person and home for Honey Bun and you can see how happy she is in her picture with Sara.

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Wonderful Visits

HPS certainly has been blessed by the generosity of these two special girls! Reagan & Madi came by with their Mom and younger siblings to deliver a check for \$300.00 to help feed the horses!! These girls are truly "horse angels" Using their Intragram accounts @countrygirly_12 and @simplyyequestrian and their website www.ibachequestrian.com/ they sell custom designed, high quality unique products for the horse-loving girl. All the sales include a charitable donation to help the rescue horses! A HUGE horsey thank you from the herd!



We had a visit from a small group of very sweet young equestrian girls today. Sydney, Reagan and McKenna came to the barn ready to give some TLC to our horses. They helped walk the horses out to the woods where their summer hay was delivered yesterday, groomed Cree and Wind Dancer, and Breeze got a much -needed bath and her long mane detangled. This visit was spearheaded by Jane



Iregmonger and Karen Mazzaferr as a way to help HPS with horse chores and grooming while at the same time giving the girls the opportunity to give back through volunteering their time. Sydney also came with a donation of \$40.00 that she had collected to give to the rescue. We really do appreciate your generosity so much! Thanks Sydney, that's a bale of hay! Homemade horse treats, a fly mask and carrots were also in the car ready to

share! It is hoped that this will become a regular arrangement to have these lovely young girls come and groom and lend a hand. It was a pleasure being a part of a group of girls with such big hearts and a deep love of horses. We look forward to your return.

Cree and Wind Dancer had a wonderful visit from their Angel Sponsor Rob Saturday afternoon. Rob drove over two hours each way to spend some bonding time with his favorite twosome! It was sweet to see them all together; some light brushing, lots of loving strokes and a good bit of conversing was going on! It's only because of the help we receive from people

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A Difficult Month at the Sanctuary

June was the month for my three week vacation this year. Normally this is the only time I have off each year. I work every weekend and every holiday during the year, so it takes a tremendous effort to get everything organized for me to leave on vacation. We try to divide my obligations as much as possible between different folks and much is left for me to pick up and do as soon as I return. We always pray that everything will go smoothly.

I had only been gone a few days when there was a terrible thunder storm at the sanctuary. The night was pitch black with lots of lightning. The next morning **Shasta** had a huge swelling above one eye and was act-



ing very neurological. She was head-bobbing, her ears were not standing up correctly, she would circle and circle and her legs were camped out trying to maintain balance in order to stand. (Folks had taken a video and good pictures to show me when I returned.) There was also two small scrapes on the side of her neck. There was speculation that another horse had kicked Shasta hard enough to cause the injuries on her face. If that was what happened, there should have been cuts from the other horse's hoof on her face and there was not a mark, only two small scrapes on the side of her neck.

Shasta is the head mare of a small group of horses. She would have taken off running to lead her little herd to the barn for shelter when the storm started. Shasta has a small growth in one eye and there is no type of treatment for her condition. She is not blind in that eye, but it may have caused an issue on a very dark night. I think she ran into something or slipped and fell. This also could have caused the two scrapes on her neck.

At first it only took a small upset and Shasta would lose her balance and fall. One time she fell and cast in the stall not being able to rise without help. The volunteers checked on her all through the night to make sure it did not recur. The veterinarian was coming daily the first week to treat Shasta

with IV DMSO and to examine her. Once Shasta was a little more stable the volunteers were able to provide her medications she needed by putting them in her feed. Only time will tell if she will fully recover. We are very hopeful due to the improvement that has been seen so far.

Shasta has greatly improved over the last couple of weeks, but still is not steady enough to leave her stall. As the swelling goes down her balance is improving. Shasta still holds her head to one side and it could be a neck issue or pressure on her inner ear from the swelling. As soon as she is steady enough we will have a chiropractor adjustment done and possibly radiographs.

The treatments continued on **Kit Carson's** eye and the lavage system we have been using for treatment of his eye has been a wonderful aid. His eye is not perfect, but we expect to see more improvement in the future. Eyes can take a very long time to heal. Kit Carson is extremely happy to have the lavage removed and to be finally turned out of the hospital stall.

Pontiac had to be moved to the front small field to keep him from jumping the fencing and going from field to field as he pleased. He never leaves the fields, but he does stress some of the other horses. He is a tall paint horse that would be a great jump prospect!

There were other issues that were handled perfectly. A huge horsey "thank you" to all of the folks who helped to make it possible for me to have a break from the sanctuary for a vacation!

Honors and Memorials

In honor of Ann Harrison Stacker's birthday on June 28th. By Matha Stacker

In memory of Coco. By Ann and Benjy Seagle
In honor of Sybil Athey's birthday. From the Horses and Dottie

In honor of Nicole Pfeifer. By Jackie and Tom Mooney

My Sister's birthday Pam Chandler, was May 26th. Nothing makes her happier than helping the rescued horses.

This is in honor of my wonderful sister hand her birthday. By Elaine McAndrew

Congratulations and love to the newly weds, Julie & Greg Johnson. By Mom

In memory of Betty Laferty. By Grace E. Hoellein

In memory of Betty Laferty. By Dot Cobb

In honor of Breeze. Please give her a hugs for me! God bless the horses and volunteers. By Jennifer Dellinger

In honor of Vivian Aubel's 9th birthday. By Nancy & David Aubel In honor of a very special person, Floyd Lentz on Father's Day. By Betty Lentz

Sienna M. requested that a donation be made to the HPS for her 8th Birthday gift. By Robert Walters In memory of "Sleepy" and "Cooper" who at 30+ trotted many children around the ring. By Carolyn McAnallen

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All of us at the sanctuary are so happy for Honey Bun and Sara but life is full of surprises and this is one of the wonderful ones. While I was awa, Robyn Martin and Star Peninger were helping with any inquires for placing horses in new homes.

Star was helping a family find the right horse for their young daughter. **Stardust** immediately took to the family and especially their little girl! They were not concerned about her advancing age of 29 to 30 years old, that she had gone blind in one eye or that she had a stone bruise on a front hoof at the time. Stardust is beautifully trained and makes a perfect first horse for a young person. Stardust is doing wonderfully in her new home. She missed her sweet young girl that she had been with for almost five years when she was returned to the sanctuary. This is a perfect placement for Stardust!

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that we are able to help the horses. Our Angel Sponsor Program is a vital source of our donations, and, with as many horses as we help each day, it's a program that has no limit on how many people can participate in it. We would love to see it grow by adding more angels, like Rob, to it! If you would like to learn more to see if you would like to become an Angel Sponsor, please visit our website. If you think you can't become one because you live far away, please reconsider. You may not be able to visit, but we would be happy to keep you in touch with your selected horse. Thank you for loving our horses!

