



Another New Horse

After our volunteers have been here for a few years, they will often develop a sense of horses that need rescuing. Melanie has that ability and the perception of knowing when a horse is in trouble. Many of us watch the equine marketplace to see what is selling and for what price. The little Morgan grabbed Melanie's heart, and she knew if we didn't take him in, his fate could easily be on a meat truck to slaughter.

The picture advertising the horse showed him being ridden by a rider that was too large for his small frame. Also, the same person was shown riding him bareback. (Never ride a horse bareback!) If he is a Morgan, he should be a more massive horse. Time will tell if he ends up muscled as the breed should be.

A 26-year-old horse doesn't have much of a chance of being sold to a legitimate buyer. People don't realize the talent the kill buyers have to tell a tale of how wonderful a home the horse will have. Often they get horses for free or very few dollars.

We put him in the small front field with the new Dun (first thought to be a Palomino until we saw his dorsal stripe!) named Aslan. That was not a good match, so we moved him into the side field with Peaches. The two are getting along fine, and they are becoming best friends.

Santana is an example of the damage a halter can leave on a horse's face. Please, please do not leave a halter on a horse. Think about how hot the metal on the halter can get in the heat of the summer or the freezing weather in the winter.



Body shows him to be a four on the body scoring.



Leaving a halter on a horse causes damage to the horse's face.



The halter shows the outline of the damage on the face.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Please check out the information about Gallant on Page #5.

That was the only area of the newsletter to put in the important information about Gallant. There is a donate button on page #1.

<http://www.horseprotection.org/>

Equines' Perception of People

Everyone knows that equines are prey animals. We also know that we are predators. People are no longer hunting for their food in the woods and fields every day now. We do our hunting in the grocery store, but that doesn't change the perception of how the horse sees us. We still look, walk and smell like a predator.

Look to nature and the predators and prey animals that become friends in the wild. The friendship usually starts with "playing together." It helps the prey animal to feel safe and not run away. The formula is very simple, horses are looking for safety and fun. Horses are a great judge of people, and some are found lacking.

Years and years ago, there was a new volunteer that the horses hated! As the gal walked away from the horse, it would turn its head and look me right in the eyes and kick out a back hoof in the direction of the gal walking away. Each horse showed their displeasure when the gal was near them. I had to suggest that it would be better if she volunteered somewhere else. For the peace of the horses, it is critical that there not be discord at the stable.

HPS is blessed with outstanding volunteers to help care for the horses. We have learned how important it is to have the right people helping with the horses. *Thank you, God!*



Shasta looks shiny and beautiful after Meg gave her a bath.



Later in the day, after her bath.

Fly Predators

Fly Predators can solve your fly problems. They come with instructions for spreading the eggs, and we have them sent to us every three weeks. The little predators should be ordered now. Check out www.spalding-labs.com or call (888) 562-4241 to order from a company we have used for years. We have tried other companies and always go back to Spalding Labs.

We don't get remuneration for recommending Spalding Labs. They are a good company to deal with and receiving a large quantity of predators for the cost.

Leaving Host



News from the Herd

The horses are finishing up the last of the hay that you helped purchase that came from Virginia. The new hay has been cut and is ready for delivery. The horses always love the fresh-cut hay.

Surprise! The new older palomino is really a Dun. (You may miss that stripe down his back at first if you are short like I am.) He also picked his name, **Aslan**.

Silver Bell doesn't have a special friend in the herd, and we'll see her hanging out with a half dozen of her favorite friends. We had hoped that Silver Bell and Aslan might become friends. We put her in the front field with Aslan, and they just tolerate each other. It is time to introduce Aslan to the herd, and we like the new horse to have a special friend already. Aslan is doing wonderful with the herd.

Silver Bell and Freedom had their follow up chiropractic visit and were pronounced okay to be ridden.

Canella had her first chiropractic adjustment and was okay to be ridden.

Aslan received his first rabies vaccination.

Nova got herself into a frightful situation sometime during the night. She got into the covered hay feeder, laid down, and got her head between the rails. The hay was three to four feet deep, and she moved around until she was down to the concrete on the front end. The back end was raised about a foot off the pavement. We call Dr. Gardner to help.

The rail had to be cut with a Sawzall to be able to get her out of the hole she was down in. We didn't want to do the cutting unless she had a little drug first. Once the rail was cut and we could raise Nova's head off the two remaining rails, we were able to remove the fence. The three of us had to work hard to get her out of the low spot for her to be able to stand. It took the tractor to be able to pull her to a place where she could stand up.

Nova was dehydrated, in shock, and stressed. She drank water several times and was hydrated. Cruiser and Gypsy kept Nova between them for the next couple of days as she recovered. She had rubbed a spot on her neck raw but is healing okay. We have her on Aloe Vera juice twice a day to help treat ulcers that would form from the stress.

It is so important to get a veterinarian to help in situations when horses get themselves in dangerous places.

Chief is doing great with Lanie helping him to get ready to go under saddle.



Nova



Lanie & Chief in the training arena

Killing Weeds, Safer for You and the Environment

Weeds are the bane of every gardener! With a country property that has animals, it becomes even more difficult. Any Round-up type of herbicide is terrible for the environment and any living thing on the property.

We have been fighting **Ragwort** for several years and then found a product made in England for killing Ragwort. The product was expensive, the shipping was costly, but it worked! Later we received a notice that the company could no longer ship to the US at that time. I looked up the Patent and realized we could make the weed killer for much less money. It was just three ingredients, Citronella oil, water, and an emulsifier.

When obnoxious weeds grow up in your garden, an easy way to protect the surrounding plants is to use a soda bottle. Cut the top and bottom off the plastic bottle and use it as a sleeve over the weed. Spray the weed killer into the bottle and leave the sleeve until the moisture dries. This protects the surrounding plants from the herbicide.

Here is the recipe to create a safer, effective one gallon (128 fl. oz.) of weed killer:

30 fl.oz. of Citronella oil - 23%

6.5 fl.oz. of an emulsifier (Dawn soap) - 5%

63.5 fl.oz. of water – 72%

Shake well each time before using the weed killer.

We order the 123 fl. oz. size of Citronella oil for \$85.50

<https://bulknaturaloils.com/citronella-oil.html>

The Citronella spray will kill the dangerous weeds, Pigweed and Ragwort. Both have appeared in the fields already. This kills all plants.



Terrible prickly weed with long roots that brakes off



Cover the weed with soda bottle that has the top & bottom cut off.



Spray the Citronella mixture in the bottle on to the leaves..



The following day, the weed is dead!

Gallant Needs Your Help

Any donations at all would be greatly appreciated! The projected cost is upwards of \$4,000.00 plus.

Gallant had been up in the med stall for almost a week. A small dime size cut was noticed on his shoulder. The next morning his shoulder was slightly warm and a little swollen. We put him in the med stall and started him on antibiotics. By Thursday, it had swelled even more, and he had a fever. Dr. Mary Gochnauer was called. She checked him over and gave us instructions and put him on a stronger antibiotic. By Monday, the area was significantly worse.

Dr. Mary cut open the abscess and put in a drain. This morning was more bad news with the swelling going all thru his chest and down his leg. Dr. Mary suggested we take him to Tryon Animal Hospital, where they could keep him in a controlled, sterile environment. Joanie and I drove him the two and half hour drive. It is an excellent facility! At this writing, Gallant is being cared for at Tryon Equine Hospital in Columbus, North Carolina.



In honor of Grace and Canella. Wonderful article about Grace & Canella! By Henry Land

In honor of Sybil Athey and Roberta McCardle's July birthdays. By Dottie Rebhan

My late wife, Barbara, loved horse, especially Saddlebreds. Rob Schantz introduced her to HPS and she supported the Society until she passed away in Dec. 2018. By Paul Hoecke

In loving memory of Comanche, July 14, 2000. By Roberta

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Farmers' Day

China Grove has canceled **Farmers' Day** that usually takes place in July. Last year we set up a large area with panels. Peaches was the main attraction, and parents could take pictures of their kids sitting on Peaches dressed with cowboy accessories items. It was an excellent way to introduce people to HPS, and everyone had a good time. It was a lot of fun, and we will miss it.



Simple Repair

Sometimes the simple chore turns into more of a problem and time than expected.

The first can of Tire Fix didn't want to fit on the valve stem and work.

The second can was the wrong type of spray

The third was new and the fit on the valve stem. It didn't want to come off and kept spraying all over until it was empty.

The tire is fixed, but now there is the cleanup.
 What is there to do but laugh.