



Meeka Leaves for a New Home

Meeka had a terrible time before she came to the sanctuary. Animal Control convinced the owners to turn Meeka over to HPS April 2018. September 2017 Meeka was kicked in the face by a horse that broke her jaw. They recommended that the jaw be stabilized, but the owners refused. Normally horses will not kick another horse so hard to break bones unless there is a shortage of food or the horse is crazy.

When Meeka came to HPS the jaw was not healed and it was too late to repair the break by then. Meeka recovered and turned into a beautiful mare. She separated herself from the other horses out of fear of being hurt again. We put her in a stall next to Ebony Star, it took a long time, but they became friends.

Our young trainers worked with Meeka and she didn't want to be ridden. She liked the attention. Finally a 19 years old Meeka had a chance for a new loving home as a pasture pet with one other horse. Many smart horse owners want a pasture pet for the horse they ride, but don't want to have to keep another horse exercised. They like the grooming and care part. The picture tells us everything we want to know about how Meeka is doing in her new home.



So many folks helped to support Meeka to bring her back to full health to make this day possible for a wonderful mare.

Santana Rides off

It is rare for a horse to not fit in with the other horses. Santana never seemed happy with the other horses and never made a friend here. He liked attention from the volunteers and most of the time stood just watching what was going on.

HPS can put a horse in a separate area with what we hope will be a friend for a short time. Santana was in with the pony Peaches for a while, but they really were not what we would call friends. They just shared a field together.

Santana was checked by the chiropractor just before he left for his new home. He was given a clean bill of health.



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His new person has a couple of young granddaughters that would love to be lead around on a sweet smaller horse like Santana. I think he would enjoy it also.

HPS folks love it and are sad at the same time when the horses go to new homes. All of us are attached to the horses and it is hard to let them go. We know it is a good thing, but we will miss them and pray they are happy. It is so good when the new family stays in touch to let us know how they are doing.

What Did Kachina Find?

Kachina sounded so different when she was barking and this needed to be checked out. There was a large turtle in the front yard, about 10 inches across her shell from head to tail. Kachina needed to go inside since she was not going to leave the Cooter turtle alone. (I think this is the correct type.) She was covered with mud and there was a spot on the top of her shell that was still wet mud. Her tail was short and that indicates a female turtle. Maybe she was off laying her eggs.



Much earlier in the spring two large turtles got killed on the road. I was concerned the large turtle seemed to be heading towards the road. She surprised me and headed down the ditch out front towards the pond field. I was determined not to let her get in the road and followed her all the way to her diving into the pond and disappearing.

If you find a turtle on the road, just determine which way the turtle was going to cross the road and carry them across to safety.

News From the Herd

Chiropractic Adjustment: Dr. Lisa Busko helps the horses that act silly and hurt themselves. I hate to see them running on the hard pack ground. Ten horses benefited from Lisa's expertise.

EPM Testing: HPS had ten horses' blood samples drawn and sent off to Univ. of Calif. Davis.

Rabies Vaccination: Normally we have the horses vaccinated in April or early May. We are running late. The vaccinations were just completed.

Equine Dental: HPS tries to schedule the appointment to have the horses done early in the spring. That didn't work out this year since Dr. Bryan Taylor hurt his back and we have been doing just a few of the horses each time as Bryan feels up to doing a few horses. We started with the new horses first. Rocky is missing six front teeth, three on the top and three on the bottom. Rising Star has a terrible heart condition and can't have any drugs or stress. Long term starvation can cause this issue.

Hay: Our hay supplier informed us that he only had 300 bales of hay for the year for the horses. We made arrangements and had additional 72 round bales shipped in by a hay producer near Siler City. The hay is great and I would be happy to pass his name on to anyone who needs round bales. The cost plus shipping is reasonable and less than some local suppliers are charging.

Rat Snake Attack

We have a female Muscovy and two drake Muscovy ducks. Year after year the little female has tried to hatch her eggs. Sadly a rat snake took her eggs, and when she did manage to hatch an egg or two, the ducklings disappeared in the first couple of days.

This year she picked what we hoped was a safer place to hatch her ducklings in one of the condos in the front field. Large black hay holders still had a little hay left in the bottom and this was her choice.

Miss Muscovy was doing fine until one day Christina heard an odd noise in the condo and when she checked it out, a rat snake had poor Miss Duck by the beak. The snake was wrapping around her body.

Brave Christina got the 3.5' to 4' snake off Miss Muscovy. Christina had the snake in a strangle hold and we put it in a sack and she moved the rat snake miles away from the sanctuary.

It was decided to move Miss Duck and the hay bin to the side condo next to the chickens for safety. Today she has hatched eight of her eggs. Finally she and her ducklings are safe and doing great. **A small area of the chickens' fenced in area was fenced off for mama and babies after they all hatched. The chickens would eat all of the ducklings' chick starter feed when we tried them in together.**

We would like to get the ducklings large enough that they would be safer to turn loose in the pond. When they are so small the Cooter turtle could easily pull them under water and eat the baby.



These are two of my favorite little people. Their mom started helping here and brought the boys when they were two and three years old. Mom would put them in an empty stall until all the horse were put in their stalls to be fed.

Grace has been helping the guys learn to ride. They are now nine and seven (soon to be 8). Cruiser is the largest horse at the rescue and being ridden by the smallest volunteer. Dusty is amazing with his young friend.

You can see there are no bits in the horses' mouth. It is not needed.



Cruiser



Dusty

Update on Some Horses

Raisin has had a hard time. She is foundered and needs to wear special boots to walk comfortable. She is being trimmed every three weeks. The test results showed Raisin has Cushings, but not insulin resistant which normally goes along with Cushings. She is on Prascend that is a pill. We have found that the Cushings horses do better on the pill than the compounded Pergolide where it is impossible to know how much Pergolide is in each scoop.

When a horse is very thin, they often don't appreciate being groomed. As Raisin shed out her winter coat, large hard lumps could be felt under her skin. We had a pony with the same type of lumps in her utter. She was diagnosed with cancer. At the time we questioned this. Today we realize she had the same thing as Raisin. Amyloidosis is a rare disease in which abnormal protein, known as amyloid, is deposited within tissue and disrupts normal organ function. Multiple types of amyloidosis occur in humans and domesticated animals.

Sky has been having a rough time at 33 years old. Her buddy of many years, Naavya decided to be very mean to Sky and chase her off any time she came near her. Sky was weak and several times when Naavya scared Sky so badly that she would slip and fall and sometimes she could not get up without help. We moved her into the side field with Ebony Star and Ebony started being mean to sky. Sky is one of the horses we had tested for EPM. We are waiting for the results.

Rocky has had a hard time gaining his full weight back. At times his tendons seem like a DSLD horse, Degenerative suspensory ligament desmitis. We will get the test results for EPM early in July. We do needed to have some other tests done to try and help Rocky. All of the thin or starved horses that come to the sanctuary have ulcers. It doesn't take much stress to cause ulcers in horses. Rocky is always with Raisin and Misty.

Rising Star has gained his weight back, but his health has been compromised by the long term starvation. He has the worst heart condition we have ever heard. We could loose Rising Star at any time. He can't have any sedation to have his dental work done or it would kill him.

Bronco has regained most of his weight and is in fairly good health for 31 years old.



Thank you, each and everyone. This has been an expensive spring and summer, increase in the cost of feed and hay..... And everything else. The cost of trimming the foundered horses every three weeks, The cost of shipping in 72 round bales to complete what is needed for the year. The expense of Honey at the Vet school was a surprise. The Angel Sponsor funding is all we can count on each month and the surprise donations are often what carries us through the month. May God Bless You For Caring.

In Memory of Maggie and Holly Brown. Diane & T. F. Brown

In honor of Robin Clark's birthday on June 19th. Robin LOVES horses. By Kathy Gray

In honor of my daughter's birthday. Happy birthday Mary. By Marjorie Green

In memory of "Sunni." By Mary Myers

In honor of Roberta McCardle and Sybil Athey's birthdays. Wonderful volunteers of HPS.

By Dottie Rebhan

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Last Minute News

Frosty and Rosie will eat any thing that is left around. Frosty stopped eating and **that is not like her. Loading her in the back of Christina's large van was not easy.** She spent a day and half at the vet office getting medication to help her defecate and x-rays **to see if the vet could see any thing in her intestines that shouldn't be there.** We put Frosty up in a hospital stall to make sure she can move her bowels. We have never had any dog at the sanctuary that is like these two Maremmas and their odd interest in destroying any item they can find.



The HPS Printer

Printers don't last too long here. The last one we purchased with an extended repair service for five years. The service was local at the time of purchase and then this month when I called to get help we were told we had to **ship the printer to them at their expense. After about a week we were notified they couldn't repair the printer and will send us a check for the original cost of the printer.** The new one cost less than the old one and we needed it right away to print the newsletter. So the newsletter is gong to be late printed. It is the 30th and no printer.