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Over Herd



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Mark your Calendars:

June 1st

Fund Raising Committee meets
7:00 PM at the Ranch

June 12th

Members Meeting: Lunch/
Meeting at Noon. Please bring
a covered dish to share.

June 27th

Sunday 2:00 pm, Chiropractor
& Natural Farrier demonstra-
tions. A chance to have your
horse analyzed, adjusted and
hooves balanced. Call the
ranch to schedule your horse.

Midnight Sun Joins the Herd

Midnight has had a sad past. The present owner took in Midnight since she was just out in a field with no attention or care. This was the impression that Midnight had very little attention in her life. It was conveyed to us that she had little training, and would kick out at feeding time. Her weight was very low because she would crib according to the owner. Then unemployment accrued and the inability to provide for this wonderful horse by her rescuer.

Since Midnight's arrival at the sanctuary, she has displayed only perfect lady like behavior.

At first we had hoped that Popcorn and Midnight could share the halfway house and become

friends. Midnight was not going to have any part of another horses having access to the hay. Midnight took one look around at the hay and grass and said, "IT IS ALL MINE!" (Popcorn has joined the "little guys" and is in love with Yum Yum to Sugar Foot's chagrin.) Popcorn will stop by and visit over the fence.

It is difficult to photograph a black horse and show the true body condition. Thank heavens Midnight was not as bad as so many that come to the sanctuary. Her picture does not show how thin she was and would have had a body score of 2.5 to 3. Midnight has gained weight quickly and enjoys attention. *See Midnight page 2*



Midnight has joined the barn group!

Force = Mass X Acceleration by YumYum (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

One balmy evening shortly before the yardsale my friend Sugarfoot and I were slowly grazing our way down the fence line in our pasture. The light was clear, the air was clean, and we were finding some clover. It was one of those lovely evenings when, with a full tummy, one sighs with satisfaction and feels that all is right within the world.

Out of the corner of my eye, I happened to notice that my typist was taking that monstrous, muscular housedog for a walk "Good," I thought, "maybe she will tire Sirius out and then she won't bark so much." The two walked briskly down the driveway and through the smaller portion of our pasture by our stalls. They circled that field and then entered the big pasture where Sugarfoot and I were enjoying our gustatory pleasures.

I had raised my head to savor a particularly scrumptious chew of clover just in time to see my typist's first misfortune. Sirius saw something she wished to chase, and chase immediately. With acceleration akin to that of Apollo 13, Sirius caved in to her desires and gave chase forthwith. My typist had no chance whatsoever. She was yanked off her feet and slammed back down to earth on her tummy. Although my clerical helper is a fairly robust girl, she was no match for the mighty Sirius who continued to drag her for another five to ten feet. To give Miss R. her due, she kept a grip on the retractable leash throughout this episode.

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Meet the Members...

I'm Brown Hobbie and have been a member of HPS for almost a year now - BUT my love affair with the animal kingdom has been going on since I can remember . My Mom used to tell me I had a chipmunk friend who would stick his head out of his hole to let me pet him - when I was 2.

I learned about HPS from a Charlotte Observer story last year and have been coming ever since. Although I've ridden for some years (not lately!) , I have never been taught anything ABOUT horses:: have never had the total pleasure of getting to know a horse one on one. Now I have 30+ horses to get to know!

It's been a remarkable experience not only to get to know each one but to meet all the exceptional people of HPS who don't laugh toooooo much when I can't tell Sugar from Ghost or Irish from Timber.

Feeding time in the barn - with geese hissing, Irish making faces, chickens clucking - it's a surreal experience for a city woman. From the mucking out of stalls to the deep, rumbling, purring sound of horse greeting - to the soft feel of horse lips on your hand, searching for treats : I have HPS to thank for it all.



Montana is a special friend of Brown's

Midnight...

She will be joining the "old lady herd" that shares the big barn in the next couple of days. Midnight is only about 14 years old, and we are not sure of the breed or breeds she maybe composed of. From all indications, she has had some good training. She just needed to know she was safe and would be provided for everyday. *Thank you for making that possible.*

Horseplay Golf Tournament



Come horse around at McCanless Golf course in Salisbury on July 24th to help the rescued horses. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 o'clock on the 18 hole course. Free soft drinks and snacks, lots of prizes, and we look forward to seeing you on the course. Form your foursome or come and join some other golfers to make a foursome. The cost will be \$35.00 a person. Part of your greens fee is tax deductible! Wow! Play golf and get a tax deduction at the same time. Please sign up early and let us know you will be joining in the fun. If you have a foursome, please pick you captain as your contact person. PLEASE PRINT

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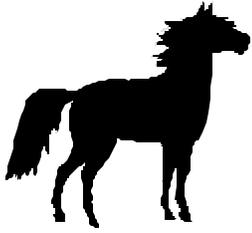
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News From The Herd

Sunset has developed an abscess and needs to be soaked twice a day.

Tacoma's trial has been continued to late May from the earlier date. The judge was not amenable to the charges. The owner was not being charged with the death of one starved horse. Court was not postponed. (Quote from Marcia Bowen, the county investigator) "The way the magistrate worded the charges, we have to prove intentional withholding of sustenance, and the Judge is having a hard time with this with 5 horses on 20 acres of pasture. According to the Dep. Prosecutor, he was telling her to take it back to civil and do something. A civil complaint has already been filed. One portion has already been dismissed." The case is now due to be heard the end of May.

I wonder if anyone bothered to mention that it would take 60 pounds of wet matter (fresh grass) to equal 20 pounds of hay, per day per horse. (More hay would be needed if no feed was being provided.) That equals 360 pounds of grass per day. The horses were taken in December of 2003. Did the judge happen to think that grass was not growing then nor had much if any nutritional value? There was also a draught in the fall and a heat wave. So fescue was not growing. It is my understanding that the horses were expected to survive on the pasture ONLY! Sometimes educating the judges is the hardest part of the abuse cases.

Aztec came into to be feed a few days ago toe walking on a front leg. The vet was called and Aztec was checked for an abscess. Nothing was found and Patrice Eanes came to check her. Within a day the leg and tendons were swelling. We now feel Aztec has injured her elbow and x-rays have been taken. This is not looking good for recovery. The x-rays will show us more.

Bo got kicked in the side of his neck and developed an edema and then an infection. Through careful doctoring and antibiotics it cleared up with good results.

Queenie continues to gain weight. Her spring coat continues to come in a very dark chestnut. There is still a hindquarter weakness that we pray will improve in the future. Queenie has had her spring bath and it took Dottie, Lisa and myself to accomplish the bathing. Queenie was not a happy camper! Dottie and I took turns holding her while the other two scrubbed and rinsed. The good news is no one got hurt! **Queenie, Montana, Wrangler, Seneca, and Summer** needed to have a chiropractor visit. It is wonderful to see the horses step out with perfect form after being adjusted.

Sun Dance has been in respiratory distress for most of the month. The pollen, hot weather, and stress have caused her to eat very little. This has made it difficult to get the supplements that she needs to recover. We had to resort to a steroid shot to help her feel better so we can get her medicine down her.

Horse baths are needed this time of the year. We are in need of Mane & Tail shampoo and conditioner from Wal-Mart. Please come and bath a horse!

Yum Yum should be feeling much cooler now. It took several times and much cajoling to convince Yum Yum that I was going to trim off all the long hair. Threats were also issued as I tried to trim a moving target. I finally had to resort to cross tying him. This has got to be the worse trimming I have ever done on any equine!

Irish needed a visit from the vet to treat an eye problem. She had poked herself in the outside corner. Several days of wearing a fly mask with an eye patch and medication twice a day solved the problem. Irish was not at all pleased about having one eye covered and she let everyone know how unhappy she was. The good news is that once we caught her up and put her in her stall, she was an angel to be doctored. **Navajo and Moon Glow** also had to have eye treatments. Neither one were as polite about their treatments as Irish was.

Yard Sale Results

The Yard Sale was a great success! Many members came to help set up on Thursday, Friday and run the sale on Saturday. We were all concerned when the rainstorms



moved in earlier than predicted in the week. HPS members were undaunted by the morning showers and would run to cover everything as quickly as possible. As soon as the shower past, everything was uncovered once again. Colleen kept us well feed through the day. The workers did not dry out until afternoon. Finally in late morning the showers cleared and the buyers flocked in. By the end of the day there was not much left..... except clothes. When the money was counted we were all thankful, surprised, and very tired. The final count came to a little over \$4,700.00. Thank you for contributing to make the sale so successful. We were able to pay over \$2,000 on the over \$5,000 vet bill. We still have a good bit to pay down, and please join in the upcoming fundraisers to help get the bill paid off.

Congratulations Raffle Winners!

And the winner is...actually there were 28 winners from the HPS Raffle. The two large awards went to Kim and Dave Benson (\$100 in Omaha Steaks) and Chris Palmer (\$100 Lowe's Gift Certificates). All of our winners will be contacted shortly. Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets to support the HPS residents. The complete list of winners is as follows:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Kim & Dave Benson | Eunice Holt |
| Chris Palmer | Mariam Swinker |
| Shirley Smith | Novaro Nichols |
| Maxine Handy | Jimmy Hampton |
| Megan Humphreys | Edgar Dunham |
| Ann Powlas | Sue Zook |
| Kathy Haw | Brenda Seamon |
| Sue Wortman | Lou Honeycutt |
| Joe Murray | S Lathrop |
| Becky Thomas | Lorna Brown |
| Nicole Moose | Martha Safrit |
| Jeff Gambino | Phillip Richardson |
| Sandy Millen | Bill White |
| Nancy Newton | |

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Sirius eventually felt the drag of this two-legger behind her and stopped. Turning around to see, she had a horror-stricken look on her face. I caught a momentary thought (sometimes this happens to me with dogs but never with cats) as it raced through her mind - "Good Heavens! I've taken down one of my best tummy -rubbers!"

Sirius raced back to my typist with all sorts of apologetic motions. She was so relieved to find that she had not killed her that she began to run in circles around her out of sheer relief and joy. By now, Miss R. was sitting up and saw that Sirius would have the lengthy, retractable leash wrapped around her neck (like a garrote) if she was not careful. My typist then crouched in a low sitting posture, holding the retractable leash over her head as Sirius ran her circles. By now, the whole Rowdy herd had gathered at the fence line to watch.

"Hey, YumYum, isn't that your helper? Is that the best typist you could find?" said Aztec.

"I missed the first part," said Windwalker, "do you think you could do that again?" and the final blow....."Where's a video camera when you need one?" said Joanie. (Note: No names have been changed to protect the innocent or the guilty. No animals were injured in this event. The only injuries were to clothing and pride).

Equine Chiropractic & Natural Trimming Demonstrations

Do not miss this chance to have your horse checked out for correct alignments and hoof balance. It will be a great opportunity for your horse to feel and move out much better. We have been privileged to arrange for Karla Christy to be available to talk about the adjusting of equine and it is possible to arrange to bring your horse. Karla's fee is \$65.00. Patrick Eanes will be on hand to check for the correct balance of the hooves. His fee for trimming will be \$45.00. We have had the pleasure of working with these fine professionals and to see the benefits it has afforded the horses at the sanctuary. We feel that each horse owner or future owner can gain useful information from this demonstration. The Horse Protection Society will ask for a \$5.00 donation from folks attending without their equine friend that wish to watch and learn.

**Date: Sunday, June 27, 2:00 pm. Lots of shade available, and free drinks.
Register your Horse - Please Print**

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Additional phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Horse's name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Breed:** _____

Discipline used for: _____

Noticeable problem, if any: _____

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Founded by Joan Benson and incorporated in 1999, we continue to reach out and to grow. We are always seeking new members.

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