

# OVERHERD

## Just In Time!

By Joanie Benson

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### Project day:

June 13th - 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Potluck lunch. Please come join in the fun! We have a couple of construction projects - replace the fasteners on the stall fronts, remove the fronts of two stalls so they can be used to store equipment. Please bring weed eaters and tools for working in the flower beds and weeding.

### ATTENTION MANE EVENT ATTENDEES

Would the person who accidentally received the Sapphires and Diamond Ring item #213 please return it to HPS or call Joanie for the bid amount and payment arrangements. THANK YOU!



Adele Goodman, Artist

It still shocks me to see a horrifically starved horse that I know is going to die if we cannot get them out right away. This poor horse had signs of extreme diarrhea, and his tail and legs were covered with dried manure. The poor boy was so weak that he could not swish his tail. The muscles had been reabsorbed and he had a body score of a low one.



The owner said he would not eat hay, but there was no sign of feed or salt and mineral blocks on the property. The horse lived in a small field area with some high grass that was going to seed and no shelter. Walking through the area the lower soft grass was all eaten, leaving only the tough seed stalks. The owner told us that Animal Control had come out a number of times about the horse. The owner told Animal Control that the horse was under veterinarian care, but nothing was being done about the pathetic horse that was slowly starving to death. The owner had the unmitigated gall to tell me that he had been worse in the past.

The owner had dumped the horse on a family member that knows little to nothing about caring for a horse. The family member was relying on the owner to provide the feed. That was not happening! Oh, by the way, there are two more horses on the property, a bred mare and her non-gelded 2 year-old brother. The colt is very small for his age. The mare is dripping milk, (Cont pg 2)

## Mane Event ~ by Katie Muir

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual *Mane Event* fundraiser was held Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Speedway Club, Lowe's Motor Speedway. We would like to thank Pat Heiss, the Director of Special Events at LMS, and her staff for again doing such a great job. On Friday, with the help of HPS members, we were able to decorate and organize over 200 items that were donated for the auction. Joyce & Ted Hixon did a wonderful job collecting items for the auction.

When guests arrived on Saturday evening, they were met with the smiling faces of HPS members. The room was surrounded by green covered tables that displayed the silent auction items. The stark white dining tables were a nice contrast and were decorated with pictures & stories of the horses currently at HPS. There were also monitors playing a special slide show of the horses that have/will benefit from the money raised at *The Mane Event*. Saturday evening was all about the horses! (cont pg 3)

## Unbelievable!

By Joanie Benson



About the time I think I have heard all of the stupid, ridiculous things that horse breeders will do to get rid of unwanted horses I am shocked into reality; there will always be a new unbelievable action done by a breeder. A breeder of paint horses had a colt born with no color, and when the poor little thing was just eight months old gave it to a HOMELESS family. I have no words to express what I think of someone who cares so little for a living creature. Unbelievable!!

We found this horse a year later living in an approximate eight by ten foot fenced in area with tarps flapping that freaked him out when the wind blows. The tiny area was just mud. The fence was attached to a condemned

trailer house where the people were living. (They may have been squatters on the property.) He is so little for being 19 months old. The lack of exercise along with improper diet has affected his development.

He was sent directly to Tamara Eichorn's stable to be gelded and for his after care. The gelding procedure took place with no problems and he is recovering fine. Tamara told me, "It was such a joy to see him run in an open field the first time." What a novel experience that must have been for him after his year of confinement in a tiny muddy area! Needless to say, he loves meal time! He has already started to grow; adding height to his stunted status. He will have a chance to pick a name when he comes to the sanctuary. (cont pg 3)



*(Just in Time Cont pg 1)* but not due to foal until August. Because their body conditions were not terrible, there is nothing that can be done to get them out of the very bad situation. I suggested to the property owner that they make the owner responsible for the horses; or they should have the horses removed from their property. The property owner is afraid of the two horses that were left behind.

Firelight will pull your heartstrings. He is either very old; or in the past has had his front teeth filed down to make him look younger. This is an old horse trader's trick; they will even fill in the cavity above the eyes with a syringe full of air to make the horse look younger than it is. Once the front teeth have been filed, the teeth will continue to erupt and make the horse look older than it really is. We might be able to tell his age better when he is strong enough to have dental work done and we can get a look at the back molars.

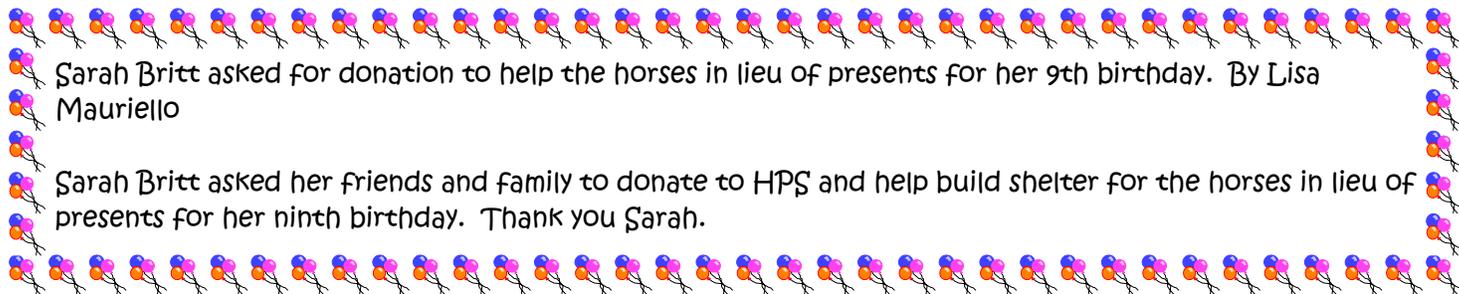
Firelight is too weak to have a full trim of his hooves. We had to have one back hoof done since it was so long that it was causing tendon issues. There were at least two soles and the bottom was full of abscess and thrush.

It took several days to get the diarrhea stopped and for Firelight to get strong enough to eat hay. He has started to gain a little weight and we are hopeful of a full recovery. He is so shaggy with old shedding hair, but there is no new growth of hair underneath the old stuff. His recovery is going to continue until his body is able to grow hair and protect him from the sun. The fungus is almost totally cleared up and it does not seem to have done any permanent damage. Everyone has grown attached to Firelight. He softly nickers as the feeders arrive, reminding them to hurry up with his meal.

Firelight loves attention and would be delighted with an Angel Sponsor who could visit him from time to time.

(*Unbelievable cont pg 2*) This is where this story takes another sickening turn. Poor starved Red Cloud came from the same breeder! There is nothing that can be done to put the breeder out of business except for people to be very consciences about only buying horses from reputable breeders who register all of their foals. Better yet, bypass the backyard breeders and get a horse from a rescue!

Update: The new gelding has become friends with Freedom and both will be coming to the sanctuary shortly. Freedom went to Tamara's for a little riding tune-up. He had a strange fear of other horses coming close to him when he was under saddle. He is working though this and doing much better around other saddled horses.



Sarah Britt asked for donation to help the horses in lieu of presents for her 9th birthday. By Lisa Mauriello

Sarah Britt asked her friends and family to donate to HPS and help build shelter for the horses in lieu of presents for her ninth birthday. Thank you Sarah.

In Honor of Gail Shinn's 61st birthday, April 27. By Brenda Hepler  
In Honor of Amber Hozey's birthday May 31st.  
In Honor of David & Matha Lane. By Kimberly Lane  
In Honor of Sarah Britt's ninth birthday. By Victoria Zimmerman  
In Honor of Bright Angel. By Tammy Pritchard  
In Honor of my wife, Alice Bischoff, for Mother's Day. By Robert Bischoff

In Memory of our big boy,  
Shenandoah. by Sybil P. Athey

In Memory of Goldie.  
By Crystal Hardee

(*Mane event cont pg 1*) Despite the tough economic times, over 200 guests attended the event. While enjoying a delicious dinner, guests engaged in light conversation, lots of laughter, and bidding on the silent auction items. Gayle Canon (*Event Coordinator*) thanked Joyce and Ted Hixon for their continued generosity to HPS. She also commented on the great accomplishments HPS has had in the past year. We have started a successful training program and established a nationally recognized Stallion to Gelding Support (SGS) program. Suzie Lurz, Director of SGS, attended the event with 20 of her closest friends. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Once dinner and the silent auction were finished, Bill Mintz, of Toastmasters, started to emcee the Live Auction. One live auction item was a pastel of Barbaro, done by local artist Adele Goodman. This breathtaking portrait was 16" x 20" and took Ms. Goodman over 30 hours to complete. Several of the guests who attended this year, came with the sole purpose of viewing & bidding on this item alone. We can not thank Ms. Goodman enough for her contribution of this magnificent portrait that truly captured the heart of this wonderful horse!

Words can not express how thankful we are to those who worked, attended, and supported *The Mane Event*. A special thank you to *The Mane Event* sponsor, Greenfield Feed NC with Progressive Nutrition; their line of concentrated equine feeds and supplements provide high quality nutrition for our horses. Joyce & Ted Hixon have donated countless hours and items to HPS and without them, *The Mane Event* would not be what it is each year. Bill Mintz did a great job encouraging guest, raising funds, and adding entertainment for the evening! Of course, there are no words for what Joanie Benson has done for the past ten years with HPS. She has dedicated her heart & soul to the horses and has impacted countless lives – both human and equine.

With the money raised, we are able to care for the 43 horses currently at HPS as well as rescue, rehabilitate and place countless more. Tom Brokaw once said, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." You have made a difference in the horse's lives and for that we are truly thankful!



# Monthly Donations & Contributors



On Behalf of every life at the sanctuary, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who purchased a Mane Event ticket or made a donation to the Event. I also need to thank everyone who continually gives to the horses on a monthly basis. For without your generosity, we would not be able to help save God's creatures. Thank You and May the Lord Bless You.

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From Tommy Hall

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courageous fight with lung cancer  
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**If your horse says no, you either  
asked the wrong question, or asked  
the question wrong. ~Pat Parelli**



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