



# OVER HERD

June 2015

## The Tack and Treasure Sale

A huge “Thank You” to all the folks who donated items for the Tack and Treasure Sale. Your donations made the sale a great success! But without the gals who started cleaning and marking items in February, the sale never would have come together. We worked at the dining room table, and some of the tack was taken home to be cleaned and oiled. We worked three days a week: Susan Williams, Judy Cashwell, Norma Miller and Helen Kelleher came faithfully on Tuesdays, Pam Chandler came whenever she was not pet sitting or substituent teaching, Pam Currie washed items and helped when she could, Deb D’Amato was here helping when she could get away from work, Judy Smith was a great help on Tuesdays, and Alex and mom, Judy Smith-Ballard, came a few times to help, too.

We set up the weekend before the sale so that we would have the whole week to move things around and get everything organized correctly. It takes a huge effort of many volunteers and their husbands to move everything to the arena and then start the set up. Then on the days of the sale, we needed volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday afternoon when the sale closed, there was the cleanup and packing up of items that did not sell plus taking down all of the tables and set up. We have a wonderful group of volunteers who always step up when help is needed! A huge Horsey Thank You to everyone who made the sale a success.

We are making plans for the items that did not sell at the sale. Some will be sent to auction, and the tack will be placed on consignment in shops that sell used tack. (We always save the tack that can be used for our rescued horses.)

This fund-raiser takes such a gigantic effort of so many volunteers that we have decided that we will not do another Tack and Treasure Sale. Each year it has taken more and more time as the sale has grown.

The funds we took in from this year’s sale will help to fill in somewhat for the lower donations that come to HPS during the summer months.

## Wonderful Recoveries

It has been a year since Sparrow and Chicopee came to the sanctuary as bags of bones with skin stretched over them. As most folks know, the Horse Protection Society is known for taking in the very worst starved horses and bringing them back to full health. Sparrow and Chicopee are two of the horses that came to the sanctuary last summer. As bad as these two look in their pictures, they looked worse when you were there with them.



This is always true when you are close to the horses and it is impossible to show how really horrific their condition is in a picture. So many folks were praying that Sparrow and Chicopee could be saved.

Sparrow was rescued from Caswell County due to the efforts of Animal Control in March of 2014. You

will find the full story in the April 2014 newsletter. The question always is, “Have the organs been too damaged from the long term starvation to save the horse?” Sparrow was a low one on the Henneke Body Scoring when she arrived at the sanctuary.

Today Sparrow is now in the beginning of the training program and doing great. The volunteers are doing a wonderful job getting her ready to be ridden. The horse is always worked with at its own pace and we like to take things slow and easy.



Building trust and bonding are the most important parts to get the horse to follow the person with no lead or halter. This can take a number of weeks and has to be done correctly or progress will not take place.

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## News from the Herd

**Sonoma** touched his nose on an electric fence causing him to take off running through the fields. When he returned to the barn, he was colicking and in terrible pain. Horses can be so fragile when it comes to their intestines. There are only two points of attachment for the approximately 60 - 70 feet of intestines, so the coiled digestive tract is able to just slosh around. Even the normal exercise of running can cause a twist in the intestines; this is what happened to Sonoma. We had no choice but to let him go over the Rainbow Bridge.

**Quera** somehow got a bad puncture wound in her leg, but it is healing fine.

**All the horses** have had their dental work completed.

**Black Velvet** and **Rising Sun** were finally well enough to get their rabies vaccinations.

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## Another Court Postponement

The new court date to hear the case for Lazarus (R.I.P.), Rising Sun and Black Velvet is June 11 in Courtroom #1. We have to be there at 9:00 AM but that does not mean the case will be heard then. There have been rumors that the assistant district attorney wants to plea bargain the case out. I have never found this to be an effective way of dealing with a case of horse abuse. Most of the time it is not even a hard slap on the hand.

The good news is that the horses keep improving and are very close to the full weight they should be. Each has about 50 more pounds to go. The volunteers are doing a great job in helping to remove the horses' fear of people. They still have more issues with men than the gals.

## Health Tips

Who knew that the FDA does not test for heavy metals when allowing organic labeling on products? Cadmium is just one of a long list of toxic heavy metals allowed in our food supply. Cadmium will stay in your body for 20 years and will cause premature kidney damage. Our food supply contains alarming levels of heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, mercury, arsenic and aluminum. The county of China is so polluted that it is not safe to eat anything from China, even if it is labeled "Organic."



Fluoride-based pesticide chemicals such as cryolite (sodium hexafluoroaluminate) are commonly used on non-organic food crops because they are highly effective at both killing pests and protecting crops against pest damage. Citrus fruits, it turns out, are allowed by law to be contaminated with up to 95 parts per million (ppm) of sodium aluminum fluoride, while potatoes are permitted to have up to 22 ppm on the outside skin, and two ppm on the inside flesh. Raisins are allowed to have 55 ppm of the chemical, while romaine lettuce can have up to 40 ppm.

But perhaps the worst offender is iceberg lettuce, which is allowed to have a whopping 180 ppm of sodium aluminum or 180 times the amount of fluoride typically added to municipal water supplies. Wheaties™, for instance, contains an average 10 ppm of fluoride, while Post Shredded Wheat™ contains 9.4 ppm. Conventional juices made using highly-fluoridated fruits such as grapes, apples, and cranberries also tend to test high for fluoride as well. It's also very sticky, so when they spray it, it's more likely to stick on your produce, unless you're really working at trying to remove it.

Remember, Fluoride is a poison!

## **Honors and Memorials**

Thank you for all you do to save these beautiful horses. **By Jacqueline Oliver**

From "Lady" in honor of Bandolero.

In honor of Betty Lentz's for Mother Day. By her husband, Floyd T. Lentz

**These majestic beauties need your help. Please donate to H.P.S. By Linda Brown**

**In honor of Alice Bischoff. By Robert H. Bischoff**

The girl Scouts Hornets Nest Council North Hills Troop # 2867 kindly donated a portion of their cookie sales to the rescued horses. Thank you so much.

**In honor of John and Holly Robbins. By Robin Moore**

**In memory of Anne Granata. By Bill & Beth Krzaczek**

In memory of "Consentido del Guao." by Marilyn & Edward Gideon

**In honor of Tammy M. Albertsen, lives in California. By Dianne Doub**



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### Wonderful Recoveries (Cont. Page 4)

Chicopee came from here in Rowan County from a woman who could not figure out how to separate her horses to make sure that each received its feed. This was in spite of her having a barn that looked like it just needed some cleaning out and the stalls repaired. Poor Chicopee was at the bottom of the pecking order and seldom got more than a mouthful of hay or feed when it was given. The area where the horses were kept had no grass at all. Chicopee has a cleft palate, and special care needs to be given so he is not gobbling his feed down. I am amazed at how well he handles this condition. After doing research and talking to different veterinarians,



surgery does not seem like a good option for the cleft palate. This should have been done when he was a foal and nursing from the mare. A liquid diet increases the chances for successful surgery when they are young and growing.



Some of us thought Chicopee would take to the training easier than Sparrow, but the opposite is what has occurred. It is just going to take a bit longer for Chicopee.

Both horses are so very friendly and enjoy the attention of people. I was out taking the pictures and Sparrow kept stepping in between the camera and Chicopee. Then she wanted to play with the camera strap and pull me towards her and away

from him. Horses have a wonderful sense of humor and they love it when we laugh with them!

Of course, their rescue and recovery would not have been possible without your contributions.

*If the horses could understand, they would humbly lower their heads in "thank you" for saving their lives. Both are happy to be here and to be in such wonderful health. They just could never grasp the scope of how many people there were whom they may never meet who made it possible.*