

## Thank You, God!

Everyone is so appreciative that we had the funds to have all of the elective veterinarian care done. Dr. Mary Gochnauer checked 21 horses that were 15 years old or older for cataracts. Thirteen of the horses tested positive for cataracts and most were just early stages and in one eye only. I think that every horse that is 15 years old or older should have their eyes checked every year for cataracts. Memphis is 32 years old and has the most maturely formed, which may have to do with her low immune system due to Cushing's. Sierra is 32 years old and has no sign of cataracts and Tuffy at 31 years old doesn't have them either.

It was time for the yearly rabies vaccines for the horses. Ginger and Honey received core vaccinations and will need boosters' vaccines later.

Ebony Star, Memphis, and Peaches needed their insulin re-checked, and Ebony Star was the only one that didn't have high blood sugar. Memphis's Pergolide had to be increased to help with the high insulin level, and Peaches will be taken off of Metformin and put on a new protocol. Metformin doesn't work for all horses, and it is not helping Peaches. Memphis, Peaches, and Ebony Star will need to be rechecked in about three months.

Salida and Bandolero needed full blood panels done, seven of the horses had EPM tests this month and then twenty-six horses had the blood pulled for the EPM testing for \$988.00 for the test.

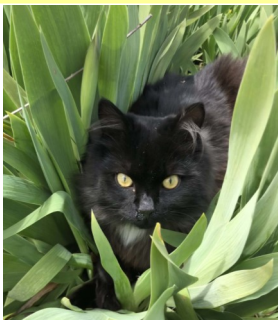
Bandolero needed a full physical work up. He tested positive for EPM and was treated, but this didn't help Bandolero's problems with his movement. A complete physical examination and radiographs were needed to have an accurate diagnosis of the navicular syndrome. This is a sad turn of events, and he will never be able to be ridden.

The cost for the elective care of the horses was \$3,147.95 plus the \$988.00 for the EPM tests. It is a marvelous relief to know the funds are there to pay the cost of this necessary elective vet care.

We took a break from working with the horses, and everyone had a lunch of pizza, salad, and brownies for dessert. Great veterinarian, Jordon came to help Dr. Mary and the good folks that came to help out when we need extra hands.



Love the kitty!



Do you people ever untangle the tails?  
Do I have to do every-thing?



## More Surprises!

In 2008 HPS had four custom built two portable stall buildings constructed. That gave us eight more stalls that were sorely needed through the economic downturn, and they have served horses well since then. The shingles only had a ten year expected life. Each roof had leaks, and it was time for a replacement and upgrade. Richard Wright of Thomas Allen Renovations and his men removed all the old shingles, replaced the rotted wood, upgraded the underlayment, installed three-dimensional style shingles, and replaced the ridge vents with a larger one that will give better air circulation. Our favorite addition is the metal flashing on both sides of the building on the gambrel. The upgrades on the roofs are a delightful improvement in quality and appearance. The cost was no higher than one company's estimate just to put new shingles over the old ones.



**Two of the four portable stall buildings showing the old roofs.**



**The same two buildings with the new roofs. The improvement of quality and appearance is visible.**

This summer there are some repairs needed on the body and the doors of the buildings. Then they need to be repainted. We try to set back funds to maintain the property and the buildings, but this has been a hugely expensive year so far. First the furnace and then the roofs, but we had planned for them, but not the furnace and air conditioning. Don't forget the high cost of removing the mud and adding back all the rock for the safety of the horses. It is impossible to budget for the expenses that we have incurred!

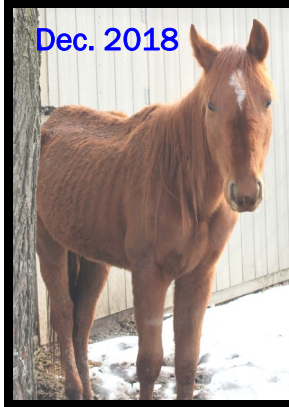
The people here feel that our storage trailer is an eyesore and want to be able to remove the tractor trailer that we have used for storage for years, but we need to be able to afford to build a storage workshop building to replace it. It would be perfect if we could add a garage large enough for the truck and trailer and our other equipment alongside the workshop. This is not the type of building that we can receive a grant to help develop.

We were hoping we had someone who was going to help with the cost of a new building, but things must not have worked out for them to be able to provide support. Any ideas of how we can raise funds to build this needed building?

## Honey

Honey and Ginger arrived in December 2018 right before the snow storm. Honey was so small for her age at 2.5 years old. Today she is as tall as Ginger and may soon surpass her height. (It amazes us how fast some of the horses will grow when given good nutritious food every day.)

Honey is still food aggressive, and stall aggressive. Honey and Ginger recovered and were being fed in barn one until Honey started teaching Ginger bad habits like threatening to bite people and charging the front of the stall when someone



walked by. Kim Eichorn helped with getting the horses back under saddle years ago when she was young. She has progressed into a gentle horse trainer. Kim took Honey home to help work with her to aid Honey to overcome her fears when being feed and in her stall. If you need help with any of the following, just give Kim a call: Kinetic Equine - Kim Eichorn - Saddle fitting, training, lessons, and more. 704-213-4842.

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We will let you know how Honey does with her training.

As you all know, the expenses here have been off the charts. Please donate to help with Honey's costs. Thank you for caring!!

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So many come with  
emotional trauma.  
Thank you for giving the  
horses a chance to  
heal.

*In honor of my wife, Alice.  
For Mother's Day. Best  
wishes, Robert Bischoff*

Sheika - My horse, who  
lived 32 years - the best  
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### News from the Herd



**The Herd** needed to have another bath with tea tree oil to do in the lice because the second bottle of oil didn't arrive in time for the second treatment. Some of the horses will stand around wanting to be sprayed down with water once again after the bath. The winter coats are shedding out and the new shiny summer coats are coming in. The horses are loving the spring grass.

**Lice treatment** is safe and easy on the horses.

1% Tea Tree oil

97% water

3% Dawn dish soap -

Soak horse down with water. Cover horse with Tea Tree mix.

Wash off the next day. Repeat in 7 to 10 days that should kill off any eggs that were left that have hatched.

**Two new ducks** and one is a Muscovy. The other looks like a mix breed and is much smaller than the Muscovy. I think they are having a breed identity crises. The two are hanging out with the geese and not the other ducks.