

Over Herd

Looking for an easy way to help HPS?
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Project morning, June 14th. Starting at 8:00 am to 12:30 and then a pot-luck lunch.

We are going to be working to get the horses into their new barn. There is cleanup needed and fences to be put up.

Please email or phone the sanctuary if you plan to come. It is pot luck lunch so please let us know what dish you will be bringing.

Please come lend a hand to help get the horses in their new barn.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The question is not, Can they reason? nor, Can they talk? but, Can they suffer?"
~Jeremy Bentham

Anza & Mojave Back at the Ranch ~by Joanie Benson

Years ago I received a phone call reporting two abandoned horses in Huntersville. The gentleman that called had his business next to the property and trimmed the terribly overgrown property line. To his extreme surprise, when he looked past the old deserted house, there were two horses in the field. He had been in this location for years and had never seen anyone come or go to care for the horses. He and his daughter bought horse feed and over the next few days fed the horses while they tried to figure out what to do. Someone suggested that they call HPS.



Mojave is showing a typical EPM stance

We found two underweight horses with horrifically overgrown hooves. With a few well-placed phone calls I was able to locate the owner of the property. The elderly owner lived in Charlotte and was horror stricken that the horses were still on her property. She evicted the owner years before for nonpayment of the field rental and no one had lived in the house for many years. The property had been sold and was closing soon. The purchaser was ready to develop the land as soon as it closed. I contacted the Huntersville police department and informed them of the problem. I told them I was going to try and find the horses' owner and had permission from the property owner to remove the horses. The only thing the property owner could remember about the owner of the horses was her first name and that she once worked part time for a newspaper. I was able to track her down after a couple of

days. I called the police and told them to expect a call from the owner saying "my horses have been stolen" because we had already brought the horses to the sanctuary. The police informed the owner that they may charge her with abandonment.

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Shoshoni Returns ~by Joanie Benson

This has been a bad month because horses that were adopted have come back to the sanctuary. When Shoshoni had first come to the sanctuary, it was due to abuse. Her owner was new to horses and one day she stepped on his foot and he got so mad that he slammed her in the pastern with his heavy boot. He then put her in her stall. Days and then weeks went by and still she was locked up with no care and little food. Even in her stall it was obvious she was lame on the leg he had kicked. A friend of the owner did not know anything about horses either, but knew that the way she was being treated was not right. The owner was then going to send her off to the auction. The friend could not stand it any longer and called HPS. He proposed to buy the horse and bring her to us. We agreed to take her if he could arrange



to buy her. When she arrived Shoshoni had high ringbone and was very lame. Through good care, she recovered and is still sound today. Shoshoni left HPS five years ago for a new home. Over the years she was cared for at a boarding stable. Her new people loved her dearly, but seldom had her under saddle. Her person enjoyed playing with her, brushing her and grooming her. She received a saddle for a Christmas gift as a promise to ride her, but things with her people were changing financially and spending time with Shoshoni became a problem.

Over the last few months the stable itself kept wavering on whether they would continue or close. During this period Shoshoni did not receive the same quality of care that the stable had been providing previously. She lost weight. Not too

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Reminders:

~Thank you to those that have allowed us to email the newsletter. If there is anyone else that would enjoy receiving Over Herd via email, please let us know. This saves HPS precious pennies!

~Your help is always welcome at the ranch. Please contact Joanie if you are able to come out to volunteer some of your time. Get out in the fresh air, move around, learn something, love on some amazing animals, and bond with your family.

~If you prefer to send a gift card donation in lieu of monetary donations Tractor Supply Company and Staples are great choices. We get many supplies at both locations.

~There are many horses that are ready for their new home. Please spread the word to as many people as possible about HPS and the wonderful animals ready for new families. Check our updated website for photos and descriptions or better yet, come see them in person!

Keep Those Aluminum Beverage Cans Rolling!

~by Roberta McCardle

A "Cherub thank you" (that's a big one!) to all the kind folks who collect aluminum beverage cans for HPS and transport them to the ranch collection area (AKA Can City). On a sunny Saturday a couple of weeks ago Tom and I took a huge load of cans over to the salvage yard -- 228 pounds to be exact. What did we get? A nice check to HPS for \$ 114! Isn't that great? It's a win-win. We are making some money to help support our beloved horses AND we're recycling and keeping the cans out of a landfill. The real heroes in this are the folks who save their beverage cans and who also involve their co-workers, family, friends, and neighbors in this. We have one dear lady who gets cans out of the large trash containers at the plant where she works. If you are not already helping with this effort, please consider doing so. If the horses could speak, they would say, "Thank you for caring about us enough to help!" (NOTE: This only involves aluminum beverage cans. The salvage yard does not take cat food cans, pie containers, etc.)

The Mane Event ~by Margaret Kennedy

On Saturday, May 31, we held our 3rd annual Mane Event fundraiser at the Speedway Club (Lowe's Motor Speedway.) Nearly 200 tickets were sold, and the receipts at the end of the night totaled more than \$36,000!

On Friday, May 30, HPS volunteers loaded more than 300 items into the Speedway Club for the silent and live auctions. These items, donated by Joyce Hixon, were unpacked, put together, and arranged neatly on tables.

Then Saturday, the results of everyone's hard work came together nicely. After perusing all of the **silent auction** items (and bidding), we all enjoyed a lovely dinner. Deborah Baker presented, with thanks, a dozen red roses to Joyce Hixon, for all of her work and incredible donations to HPS. After the silent auction was closed, our volunteers gathered and tallied all of the bids. Donnie Pressley, the Director of Merchandising with the syndicated radio program "The John Boy and Billy Big Show," emceed the lively **live auction** of items.

During the entire evening, a photo show featuring the horses at HPS was played over several monitors in the room. There was a lot of mingling and lots of laughter among old friends and new. A fine time was had by all!

We will use some of the funds raised to help pay for a covered hay feeder for the horses. The new hay feeder will cut down on the amount of hay that is wasted, a much needed help with round hay bales now at \$45. Some of the funds will help pay for our brand new barn which is almost ready for the horses. And some of the funds will help in the daily care of our 45 horses.

There are so many people to thank— Joyce and Teddy Hixon, Joanie Benson, Donnie Pressley, Pat Heiss with the Speedway Club, the HPS volunteers, our Mane Event sponsor Fiona Ritchie Productions, and of course all of our fantastic patrons, who once again, came through for us in a big way. We can't thank you enough for your continued support and generosity. THANK YOU!

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bad, but enough to cause us to put her on an increased feed. We were concerned about her worming and took care of that right away. Within a couple of days, we noticed that her gums were yellow. A full blood panel was done and it showed her liver was a little off. The additional tests to look more closely at her liver did not show any problems. We are just going to have to watch her closely. Milk thistle has been added to her feed to help aid her liver. We are very hopeful that we can straighten her out and be able to place her in another home soon. Shoshoni is a beautiful friendly horse and we hope to be able to put her back under saddle soon.

Anza & Mojave ...Con't from page 1

Mojave was in very poor shape and we quickly realized he could not eat. His teeth in the back were so long it was too painful for him to chew. We like for horses to gain some weight before we do teeth, but in this case it was an emergency or he would die from starvation. Anza and Mojave recovered quickly from their years of neglect. One of our folks that was helping at the sanctuary wanted both of them. They were with her for three years. Mojave, now 31 years old, came back to HPS thin and suffering from EPM and we are working hard to help him recover. Anza is younger at 21 years old and is in good body condition. She is a wonderful riding horse, and we hope to be able to find her a new home.



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Monthly Donations

HPS runs on monthly donations. We cannot do this without your support! Thank you.

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Happy Birthday to Lauren McDonald. Thanks for loving horse! ~By Judy Smidt
In honor of Ashley Hoy. ~By Melissa Willis
In honor of Susan Kotraba. Happy Birthday (May 28th) to a beautiful angel. ~By Frank Zinke
This donation I won betting on "Eight Bells" in the Kentucky Derby. It only seemed right to give it back where it could do some good. ~By Nicole DiBona
In honor of Michael Matz, Trainer of Chelokee, who has a 50-50 chance of survival after suffering ankle and leg injuries. ~By Bobbie & Arthur Bowen
In honor of Ashley Hoy. ~By Deborah Norman

We will miss "our Mamacita" and are grateful to you for the wonderful love and care. ~Fondly, Marilyn
In memory of Papa Bell Long on Father's Day. ~By Jill & Charles Messer
In memory of Jan Smith. ~By her father, Bill Eutsler
In memory of Tresa Burton. ~By Jeff & Kim Burton
In memory of my aunt Alice Rebecca Pitts. ~By Debra C. Eident
In memory of the valiant Eight Bells whom we lost at the Kentucky Derby. ~By Bobbie & Arthur Bowen

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