



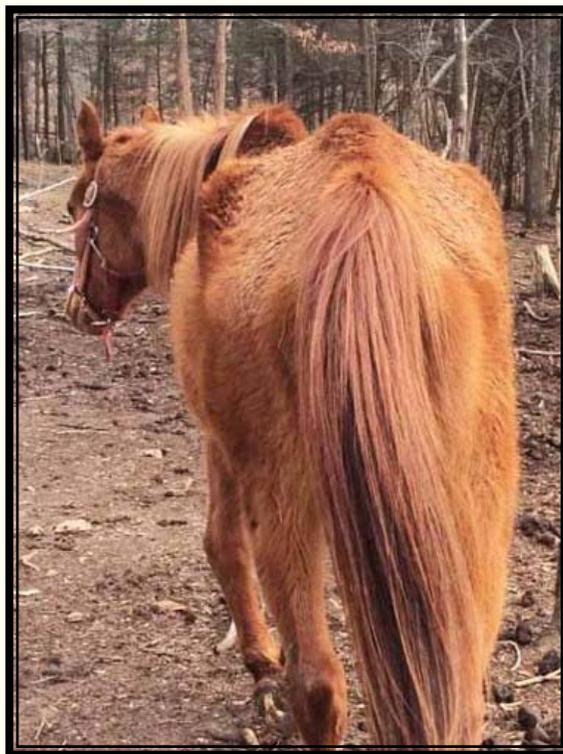
# OVER HERD

## We all Remember Lazarus

We all remember Lazarus...the poor horse that came to the sanctuary with the horrific infections in his hooves. The front hooves were going to shed of, so we had to let him cross the Rainbow Bridge.

I received pictures of two of the remaining horses that were at the same location in Lincoln County. This was a few days before the freezing weather was due to hit. The horses there had no shelter and the picture showed an infection in the one horse's eye with pus running down its face. The other little Arabian was so very skinny that if she were to lie down on the freezing ground, I doubt she would have ever gotten up again. *(These photos are the ones sent to me.)*

People had been reporting the horses for about six months to Animal Control and the owner was not following the instructions to have a vet come and to feed the horses better. Now it was an extreme emergency to get the two horses out of there and to good shelter before the extreme weather moved in. I worked with AC for two days and they were on again, off again about taking out a search and seizure warrant to pick up the horses. Finally I could not stand it any longer and called the wife of the



owner. She contacted her husband and they decided to turn the two horses over to HPS, but we were not to pick them up until 5:00 pm when he got home.

The temperature had already started to drop when Mike, a new member left work to drive the truck and trailer, and when we arrived the owner had the horses in front of his home ready to load. He wanted to keep the tattered old halters that he left on the horses all the time. He had wiped the pus off the face of the black horse. The owner told us the Arabian kicked and raised Cain the whole time she was on a trailer. We had filled the trailer with hay and never heard a sound from the two horses the whole way back.

We started out at about 3:30 pm and did not get back to the sanctuary until after 8 o'clock. Normally I will spend the time asking questions to gain more information about the horses, but I had an overwhelming desire to get out of there as quickly as possible. The two hospital stalls had been prepared for the horses and each horse had a large Rubbermaid water tub full of hay. The next morning there was no hay left in either stall. The two must have spent the whole night

eating to have polished off all the hay. *(Cont. on Page 2)*

## Honors and Memorials

Happy 32nd birthday to my wonderful horse, Kipling! By Laura A. Willis

Happy Valentine's Day to Betty, my wife. By Floyd Lentz

In memory of "Virginia," beloved horse of Anne Boone Urquhart. By Elizabeth & Ben Brinson

In memory of Debbie Lisk Rinehardt. By Delores Smith

In honor of Alice Bischoff. By Scott Bischoff

In memory of our son, Joe "Paso Joe" Scardamaglia. By Christine Scardamaglia

My mother, Margaret B. Killian passed always several years ago. Today is her birthday, this is in honor of her life. By Rebecca Kay Killian

Happy Birthday to Tiffany Ferebee. By Ann Seagle

In memory of Muzzy, a great German Shepherd and friend who has been missed for six years.  
By Janet & Lou Elmo

## Health Tips

New research lists the dangers of using some types of over the counter drugs and the development of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. A team of University of Washington researchers, headed by Dr. Shelly Gray a professor, the vice chair of curriculum and instruction, and director of the geriatric pharmacy program at the UW School of Pharmacy, followed 3,500 healthy people aged 65 and over for almost 10 years who did not show signs of dementia. The most recent 12 months of use of the drugs was excluded.

For instance, the most commonly used medications in the study were tricyclic antidepressants like doxepin (Sinequan), first-generation antihistamines like chlorpheniramine (Chlor-Trimeton), and antimuscarinics for bladder control like oxybutynin (Ditropan). The study estimated that people taking at least 10 mg/day of doxepin, 4 mg/day of chlorpheniramine, or 5 mg/day of oxybutynin for more than three years would be at greater risk for developing dementia. Dr. Gray said substitutes are available for the first two: a selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitor (SSRI) like citalopram (Celexa) or fluoxetine (Prozac) for depression and a second-generation antihistamine like loratadine (Claritin) for allergies. It's harder to find alternative medications for urinary incontinence, but some behavioral changes can reduce this problem.

"If providers need to prescribe a medication with anticholinergic effects because it is the best therapy for their patient," Dr. Gray said, "they should use the lowest effective dose, monitor the therapy regularly to ensure it's working, and stop the therapy if it's ineffective." Anticholinergic effects happen because some medications block the neurotransmitter called acetylcholine in the brain and body, she explained. That can cause many side effects, including drowsiness, constipation, retaining urine, and dry mouth and eyes.

## We All Remember Lazarus (*Cont. from Page 1*)

The next morning Dr. Bob Gochnauer came to diagnose the eye issue and prescribe a treatment. I knew it was the worst eye I had ever seen other than an eye with cancer. The poor large skinny black horse has a melting cornea. We had a lavage system put it to make administering the many eye medications he would need. This is the same thing we did with Kit Carson when his eye was infected. (We were able to save his eye.) If the eye ball ruptures, it will have to be removed. We are hopeful that we can save the eye. It would not have been unreasonable to have it removed, but we always like to try. This is also a learning time for us since we have never seen this before. I have read about a melting cornea and a small untreated ulcer in the eye can lead to this condition. Just one of his medications is over \$200.00.

The Arabian is supposed to be about 22 years old and has an excellent chance to have a full recovery. Her new name is Rising Sun. It is difficult to tell the breeding of the large black horse and a guess would be a cross between a draft, maybe a Percheron and who knows what. He is about 16 years old. His recovery is going to be long and expensive. His new name is Black Velvet. I am so thankful they are here being fed and not out in this freezing weather. *Please help with the care of these poor starved horses by making a donation of any amount. It will help! Thank you for caring!*



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## Ebony Star

The owner sent me pictures of this little Tennessee Walker mare months ago. She was thin on the top line and had been for years. It can be difficult to get the last of the weight on a horse. In the photo her hair is standing out due to the cold weather, so it does not show how thin she is and black horses are particularly difficult to photograph.

I will only give you some of the issues that were affecting the owners. The son has a very serious illness and needs continuous care, funds are short and mom has not been well either. There was not time for her beloved horse. A bad batch of hay caused additional weight loss and finally she was able to get some good hay.

Ebony Star was hours away near the Coast. In order to agree to take her in at the sanctuary, she had to be brought to us. First it was issues with the horse trailer that needed its wiring fixed. Then it was problems with the truck to pull it for hours to the sanctuary. It was a long time to be able to arrange everything to get her here.

Finally everything was ready and the 19 year old mare arrived and has settled into the sanctuary. Ebony Star is a very slow eater and needs to be separated from the other horses until she is strong enough to join the horses. Being by herself gives her hours and hours to finish her food and peace to eat her hay.

The equine dentist will be here this month and will be doing all of the horses. Ebony Star will be strong enough to have her dental work done and we are hoping that Black Velvet and Rising Star will also be able to have their needed dental work done. Who knows how many years it has been for these horses?

*The cost for the dental work will be over \$5,000. Please help with any size donation because any amount will help to make the needed medical procedures possible for the rescued horses.*

