



OVER HERD

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Unbelievable!!

In Stanley County, it is dangerous to be a horse or pony that needs help. Neighbors in the county had called Animal Control and the Sheriff’s department over and over again for months and months. Animal Control said they didn’t have any place to put the pony if they picked it up. The Sheriff’s department said they couldn’t do anything to help.

Melanie drove the truck and trailer the next day after we heard about this little pony. She was easy to find and was laying way out in a large field. Melanie headed out with a small halter and lead line. Poor little girl didn’t want to get up so Lanie headed out to lend a hand. When the little pony saw Lanie coming and got up, she had to be thinking, “Reinforcements...I better get up.” It was slow going to get her to the trailer and when she got to the road it became very evident what the problem was. Her little hooves were way over grown and pieces were broken off in odd ways and chunks. She popped right on the trailer. I don’t think I have ever seen so many burrs on a horse or pony even on her tender belly.

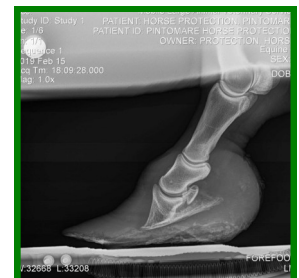
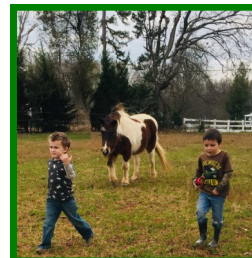
As the sad story goes, the family that owned the pony moved when the husband went to prison and the pony was left behind. She never had a fenced in area and just wandered the county neighborhood. It was reported that she spend the summer in a soy bean field gorging herself. I can’t think of anything much worse for her health.

Dr. Mary took radiographs of all four hooves and she is floundered all the way around. A lot can be done to help her. She got her rabies vaccination, and a blood panel was pulled. Her eyes needed to be checked and the tear ducts opened.

Our sweet little 18 year old girl picked the name Peaches and has a stall by Omaha and Eclipse and will be sharing their field.



Finding the pony and walking her to the trailer



First balanced meal,

New friends,

“She is following us,”

Radiograph of hoof

An Attitude of Gratitude

For years and years and years you have cared for the rescued horses. You have stuck with us through hard times and good times. (You have brought about the good times.) We know that some of our contributors have had less disposable income and we have stuck with you sometimes mailing the newsletter year after year. Please send us your email address if possible to help us, or of course you could send a donation to help offset the cost. HPS never minds mailing the newsletters for contributors.

January turned crazy near the end of the month when we had to spend **\$7,350.00** for a new furnace and air conditioner unit. The furnace was installed in 1992 and self-destructed during the freezing cold weather. Years ago I put in an old wood burning cook stove....just in case, besides it looks really good. It took longer to find a company that would provide all the information I wanted and the pros and cons. We finally found a good company that did a good job for us and the price was about \$2,000 lower than the other companies.

In all the years we have not seen mud like this. It was bad at times when we had the old barn, but this was worse. It never dried out from late summer. The horses were knee deep in places and it was dangerous. The rock is costing thousands, and thousands, and thousands of dollars. It is far exceeding what we thought would be needed. Then there is the cost of mud removal, and rock delivery, and spreading the rock. It is costing over **\$3,000.00** to deliver rock, remove mud and spread the rock. The rock has cost about **\$2,750.00**. We still need a couple more loads of rock at a cost of about **\$750.00**.

The next issue we have to deal with is the inordinate amount of horses with EPM. We just had four more tested, Eclipse – positive, Cayenne – positive, Bandolero – positive, and Omaha – negative. Studies have shown that as many as 80% plus of the horses in North Carolina will test positive for EPM. We have 30 horses that need to be tested at a cost of **\$1,890.00**. There could be 24 to 25 horses that will test positive. The cost for treatment will be **\$2,500.00**. The cost of retesting in 6 to 10 weeks will be **\$1,575.00**.

Dental care is due for all the horses. The average cost per horse is \$115.00 to \$140.00 or **\$3,910.00**.

It is the time of the year for the horses' Rabies vaccination at a cost of **\$865.00**

Furnace - \$7,350.00, total for testing & treating EPM - \$5,965.00, grading, rock, deliver & labor - \$6,250.00, additional rock \$750.00, Rabies vaccinations \$\$865.00= \$16,776.00. Remember we also had to spend \$7,350 for a new furnace, \$24,126.00. (That will make you cry!)

Do you believe the multiple issues and the costs? Any one of these would be a problem, but all of them at one time is more than we can deal with. **PLEASE HELP! A DONATION OF ANY SIZE WILL HELP!**

News from the Sanctuary

This is the fungus season and it started early. Usually we don't see this until spring when it is rainy and warmer. There are two horses with a fungus. There is some fungus in the pastern area that needs treatment. It will be easier to cure now that the mud has been replaced with rock.

All the horses are shedding as well as Turk who is losing hair by the handful. The horses are so itchy because they are shedding their hair. They are rubbing the hair off in odd places. Memphis looks like she is doing the rumba rubbing the back of her legs on the stall boards. Chicklet is doing the head bob up and down rubbing the hair off his neck. It is so tempting to want to take a shedding comb to the horses, but that would be counterproductive. We will have more cold weather and the horses are going to need the hair to help keep them warm. Most of the old horses don't have the new coat under the winter coat. It is more of just fuzz.

The pond is still over flowing at a slow rate. The dam that Melanie built with a net is still working to keep the fish from flowing out of the pond into our lower field. It looks like the field has been plowed up from the horses' hooves. So much for the reseeding that was done last fall.



To our members, donors and volunteers: To be operating a rescue for 20 years requires having incredible people in your organization. I am so grateful every day for the passionate and caring people that make the sanctuary possible for all the horse. Your willingness to give and help is very special and is deeply admired. You are the best.

In honor of Randall and Deborah Mishoe, beloved friend and companion. What the heart has loved will never be lost. Our hearts go out to you, Ann Harrison & Doug Stacker

In honor of Joanie Benson & all the volunteers. By Bonnie & Jack Munday

In memory of Whispering Feather, loved by Sheila for 28 years. By Mary Myers

In loving memory of Sundance, still miss you girl. By Patty Miller

In memory of Candice Autry McDaniel. By Gail McDaniel

In honor of HPS for their 20 years. By Mike, Kathryn & Jackie Mabry

In memory of the precious horses, Morgan, Merlin and Muffin. Mommy misses you

In memorial of Paul Johnson. By Diane Brown

Susan Buzza was a long standing contributor at HPS and she loved horses. Sadly Susan has passed away. By Terri Davis

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Dear Turk,

It's unbelievable! How did you do it? I never dreamed that it was possible to top your previous achievement, going from a barn dog to a house dog, but you have done it. You are on fire, going from victory to victory! A hundred years from now, whenever old dogs gather around a camp fire, they will talk about you. Gentle Reader, here is a synopsis of Turk's latest triumph. After taking his morning stroll, he returns to the house and lies down, lion-like, with both front paws extended, approximately ten inches apart. If his house servant fails to quickly place his breakfast bowl between his paws, he emits a stately "woof." This is a signal that the house servant needs to put her coffee down and shake a leg. Failure to do so results in a frosty look and another "woof." Wisely, his staff have never pushed him past the second "woof."

Lost in Admiration,
 Roberta



Turk has a new servant to help with his grooming. Good job Oliver.