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Trash & Metal Clean Up (Spring of 1991 and Beyond)

The pile of trash had to go to the county dump. What is in the picture was just one of many substantial dump truck loads that went to the dump. That was just the start of the cleanup of the property. While the horses were eating, I would take a five-gallon bucket and walk the property collecting what the horses had kicked up. I could have paid for the property if the pottery and china pieces had been whole. There were old tractor tires, glass jars, by the dozens full of old food, rotten windows from the old house, clothes, old furniture, and bags full of trash. All the wallboard, bead board, windows, and door trim were painted with lead paint. All of it had to go to the dump.



The massive amount of rusty barbwire was one of the worst things to handle. Weeds had grown, and another row of barbwire would be added instead of cutting the weeds down. There were old appliances outside and inside, water heaters, metal kitchen cabinets, metal pipes, old equipment and parts, two axles, barrels, trash cans, tin roofing, wire, a TV antenna, mowers, roofing nails on the ground everywhere. All the plumbing in the house was galvanized pipe, and of course, it had to be removed. There were several old cars, farm equipment, old rusted out wagons, a kitchen cabinet with sink, rims, electrical items, broken tools, and so much more! It took four dump truck loads to start.

The first tractor and brush mower arrived in 2005 and was a gift from Joyce (my sister) and Teddy Hixson. Up until then, everything was done with a wheelbarrow and shovels. A used Murray mower was purchased every year for less than \$200.00. They would only last about a year.

Hand tools, wheelbarrows, trash cans, hoses, and more were purchased at yard sales and auctions. I also purchased items for five antique booths that supported the horses for years. The horses in need kept coming; there were so many over the years.

I was feeding square bales and to save money, instead of having the hay delivered, I would go and pick them up out of the field, load the pick-up and then unload the hay up in the hay loft. This was good hay and it cost \$2.25 to \$2.50 a bale. For years there was only different types of sweet feed sold, some were better than others. Finally, Southern States started selling pelleted feed and then Purina came into the area. There was one farmer that grew alfalfa and I could get square bales., which was great for the starved horses. When he quit growing alfalfa, I switched to alfalfa cubes. They had to be soaked and broken up to prevent a choke.

You Have Got to be Kidding Me!

By: Christina Smith

Usually, I write articles about the horses here or something related to HPS. But Joanie asked me to write about my goat situation at home this month because she found it comical, as many of us did! A little back story: I started breeding miniature goats, specifically Pygmys and Nigerian Dwarfs, a couple of years ago. I recently cut my herd by more than half, so I only have five does (females) and one buck (male). I keep my buck and does in separate pastures except for breeding to keep accurate due dates. Apparently, my Buck had different plans for this year's kidding season!

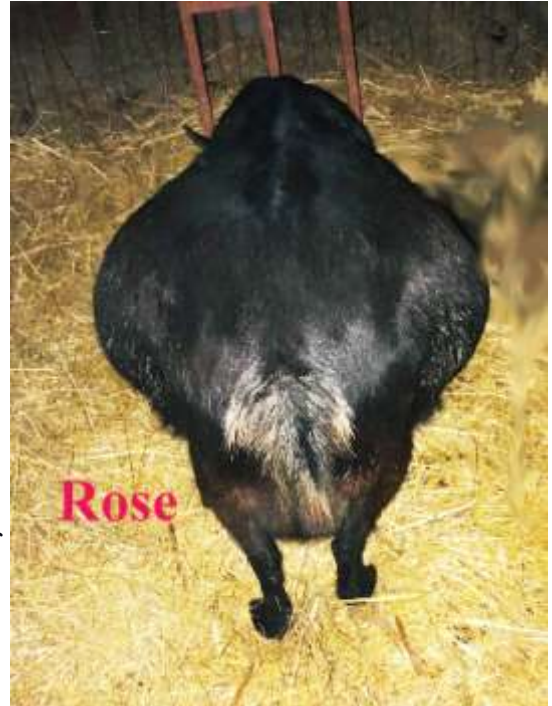
It all started when I noticed in early January that my doe named Rose was forming an udder, and her belly was huge; it seemed to be growing by the day! She's had triplets in the past, but her belly was even bigger this time. I assumed she would have four tops. But I hadn't let Buddy, my buck, in with the does, so I was surprised that she was pregnant. I started scratching my head and wondering how this had happened. And then it finally hit me. Buddy was a very talented man. He had bred Rose through the fence that they shared!

A few weeks later, it became very apparent that all five of my girls were bred; I couldn't believe it. Now, I don't usually breed my goats to kid (give birth) this time of year because it's the middle of winter and cold. Newborn goats have difficulty regulating their body temperature for about the first week to two weeks of life. So, I was almost panicked getting my barn stalls set up and winterized with deep straw and heat lamps to keep newborn kids warm.

By the end of January, Rose was showing signs that labor was around the corner, so I set an alarm at night to wake up and check my barn camera every couple of hours to see if she was in labor. She went into labor around 11:30 pm on January 29th.

When I checked the camera, she already had one on the ground. I woke my son up, threw my coat on, grabbed my birthing box and towels, and ran for the barn. It was seventeen degrees that night, so I knew I had to get them dry and under the heat lamp quickly if they would survive. I knew Rose was just as wide as tall, but I never expected her to have quintuplets. I was quite shocked, especially since there was a 1 in 10,000 chance that Rose would have five babies at once! They were all healthy and survived. Four doelings and one buckling, I couldn't believe they all managed to fit in my tiny pygmy goat.

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The does all ended up kidding within a week and a half of each other; thankfully, everyone was healthy. Later that evening, on the 30th, Hope gave birth to twins. On February 4th, Sahara had twins. On February 8th,



Faith had a single doeling, and on the 9th, Lola had a single buckling. That brought my kidding season total to 11, 8 doelings and 3 bucklings. Everyone is doing great, happy, and healthy. All 11 will be ready to go to their new homes at the end of March. I already have deposits on 8 of them, so only 3 are still looking for their forever homes.

So many folks are moving to a county home and one of the things they ask me about is goats. Pre HPS I rescued six baby goats and raised them. Loved the larger type goats I had, but today if I were to get a few goats it would be the type Christina has. Joanie

The End of Winter has Its Challenges



It is a difficult time of the year for horses. They must contend with temperatures falling too close to freezing and up to the low 70s. The horses will soon be shedding their winter coats. They decorate the ground with circles of hair and trim the trees and anything they can rub on, leaving strings of hair. We don't shed the horses out too early, or they will come in cold in the morning.

I have mentioned this study before, but it is worth repeating. The UK often does excellent equine research using many horses. This study utilized 1,800 horses that had colic. The only common denominator was a change in weather. There is only one possible deduction.....the equine needed to drink more water.

The Horse Protection Society has found if we give each horse a level tablespoon of salt over the morning and evening feed, we don't have colics! Do Not use white salt, as it is unhealthy for you and the horses. Commercial electrolytes are a waste of your money. HPS uses Redmond Minerals, and everything is natural. Himalayan salt is a good alternative for just a couple of horses.

A horse can simply lay down and roll to cause a twist, and surgery is the only option to save the horse's life. Equine can also have other health issues that can cause the horses' gut motility to stop functioning.

This time of the year, it is essential to watch for lice. There are two types: blood-sucking and dander-eating types. There is a lot of information on the Internet to learn how to eliminate the lice.

My Short Time in Court

You can go to court, be 100% correct, and still be found guilty. Kenneth Ray Bostian Jr. made statements that could not be verified but were accepted by the court. One concerned a black and white "No Trespassing" sign that looked new. I did not see and do not believe that it was there at the time. Kenneth Bostian bought the property on 7/29/11 and lived there for about 12 years and said the sign was already up when he purchased it. Any sign in the woods will not hold up and look new.

I showed the court a photo of the property lines that indicated that the horses' area was on the neighbor's property. Bostian swore in court that it was his property. It appeared I was on the neighbors' property and not Bostian's. The court wouldn't accept the property lines. Oh, well, I am not surprised. If I am correct, I hope the neighbors claim their property before it is taken by adverse position.

It cost me \$208.00 to step on his property because I did go up to the house. I was shocked at the trash EVERYWHERE! No one answered the back door, and that is where I saw the fighting cocks housed in separate cages with the ducks in a small fenced area. Bostian has been told to clean up the property or be charged. It is okay to starve your horses, and possess fighting cocks, but don't trash your property.

14-362

2005 North Carolina Code - General Statutes § 14-362. Cockfighting. § 14-362. ♦ Cockfighting. A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, allows property under his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, or profits from an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is guilty of a Class I felony.

Federal Law: Federal law also makes it a crime to "knowingly sell, buy, **possess**, train, transport, deliver or receive" any chicken across state lines for fighting purposes. Guilty of a felony.

Blood sports are an abomination!



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