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Science Diet has received a patent for their pet food to increase shelf-life by coating the bits with a low density poly, which is basically a PLASTIC! Read the patent here: <http://tinyurl.com/SDPFC> Do you wonder how long it will be until they are doing this to our processed food?

Ingredients in most animal feeds contain items that people should never eat: GMO corn and GMO soy beans. GMO corn can have a composite of insecticide in each kernel of corn to kill the insects. No wonder the cancer rates are sky rocketing in both our animals and humans. I have no idea what we need to do to protect the horses from GMO grain in the horse feeds. We are seeing more autoimmune diseases in people and our animals and could this be also tied to the GMO corn and soy beans. Now so much of the alfalfa is GMO. Don't forget sugar beets which are almost all GMO now too, which affects beet pulp and the sugar we eat and is found in almost everything. The pet food manufactures are now putting beet pulp in some of their products. The above is just another reason not to buy processed food. Try to buy cane sugar for home use. Please understand that these patented seeds for food have never been tested for safety in this country! Other countries that have tested them have banned GMO seeds and products

or are requiring items to be labeled GM or GMO.

Rice has been a staple and healthy food in many counties and it is considered a healthy food, providing it has not been over processed, like Minute Rice, but be warned. Rice grown in the United States in TX and many Southern states has a high level of arsenic! How could this happen? The fields used to grow cotton and arsenic was sprayed on the field to

Poisoning our country with insecticides and weed killers has got to stop! Each one of us that buys these products is destroying our ground water and poisoning yourself, your pets and the environment. Go to the internet and do a search for natural things you can mix up at home that work as well and are safer for you and the environment.

Dog Chicken strips, of course from China, are killing our dogs. The FDA will do nothing about it because they cannot figure out what is in the chicken strips that is killing the dogs. Please do not buy any treats and chew bones from China. One of the companies said it was the owner's fault because they did not follow feeding instructions....Are you kidding me! This has been going on for a long time and I am so surprised when I hear someone does not know about the dogs being killed by these products.

Health Tips Pets and More

kill the boll weevils. Much of this rice is used in baby foods!



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News from the herd

Spirit is having some issues and has been starting on pergolide for Cushing's syndrome. There are not a lot of choices and we felt that at his advanced age, the pergolide was worth a try. Arthritis has advanced in a front knee and needs daily treatment with DMSO.

Shasta's udder swelled up and her belly looked as if she was about to foal. The vet check confirmed the good news that she is not bred!

Commodore was checked to see if our veterinarian could determine why he is so weak in the hindquarter. We knew it was neurological, but determining what is causing it is the big problem. We pulled a blood panel and sent it off another EPM blood test and he does not have EPM. Another possibility is HYPP that is a Quarter horse genetic disease often present in heavy bodied horses. We have changed his diet to take out as much potassium as possible and adding other supplements.

Cree just has not gained his weight as we would like to see. A full blood panel was done to see if we could get some clues and also an EPM blood test. There were no clues in the blood panel. But he tested very high on the EPM titers. We will start treatment as soon as possible.

Concho presented with classic EPM symptoms and was given the 10 day treatment for the disease. Now it is a wait and see how she does. There is muscle wasting on her hips and lameness in her hindquarter.

Desperado was also put on the 10 treatment for EPM. He did not regain his weight when he was returned until we put him on the two supplements we use for suspected EPM horses. Desperado was in the same herd as Cheyenne who we lost to EPM.

Baby, Black TWH, Cree, Honeysuckle, Mingo, Shasta, Taiga and Zuni, all eight horses were recovered enough for their dental work to be done. Most of the rescued horses have never had dental work or it has been many years ago. Keeping the horses teeth in pristine condition will help them to stay healthy, save on feed and the teeth will last much longer. Two of the horses need to be rechecked in eight months. There are some loose teeth that may have to be extracted.

HPS has been using Bryan Taylor of Taylor Mobile Veterinary Dentistry ~ 336-998-2253. Bryan brings a stock to hold the horse which prevents the possibility of a horse horse's head is held in the perfect position All of the equipment is battery operated shock. Bryan provides a dental sheet on was done and the condition of the mouth or duced early on, it can prevent the loss of removed to prevent an infection.



going over backwards or being injured. The without it being raised too high for comfort. and prevents the possibility of electric each horse for our records that shows what if teeth are missing. If wave mouth is re-teeth in the future. Loose teeth need to be

HPS often sees an improvement of hay completed.

consumption after the dental work has been

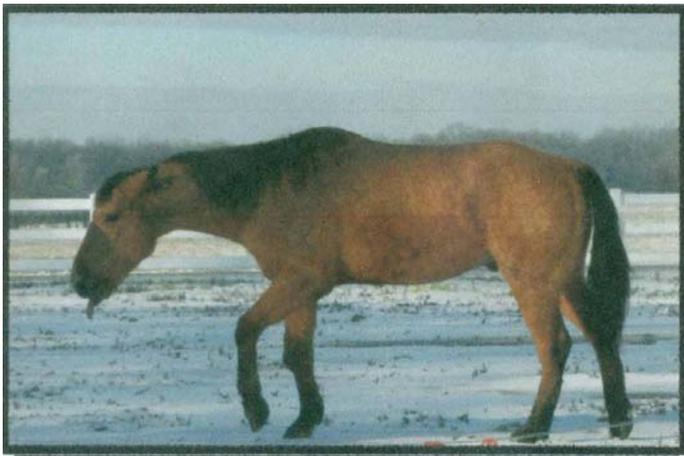
Inca was diagnosed as possibly having glaucoma in one eye, but two different veterinarian offices did not have the Tonopen that is needed for the test to be definitive. We were informed that Dr. Michelle Gardener had a Tonopen and Inca's other eye was now showing signs of glaucoma. This is not an illness that can be reversed according to the veterinarians and only managed for an unknown amount of time until she becomes totally blind. Inca will have to be on Banamine for an extended amount of time and this can cause ulcers, so Aloe Vera juice was added to her feed. Inca can have extreme reactions to some medications so we have to be very careful what she receives. Her eyes are being doctored twice times a day with four different things.

Baby's court case date is still unknown and the judge has not ruled on the objections, yet. Once again she has a skin fungus and her immune system is still low. We need to get her tested for EPM and treated if needed.

The Herd there are many issues that arise each month with different horses that we do not have to call in a veterinarian for help, like Baby's skin fungus or Anasazi's hoof abuse, some eye issues, and on and on.

Abuse calls are rising again and the good news is that we have been able to solve issues without taking in anymore horses. They have been spread out over different counties. Often times, just some education in the correct feeding of malnourished horses will solve the problem.

Veterinarian bills need to be paid each month and if you can help, it would be greatly appreciated!



Solve your Christmas Shopping Issues

The Horse Protection Society is offering a 2013 calendar featuring pictures of the rescued horses. Place your order now since we have a limited number available. The cost per calendar is only \$15.00 each and we will happy to mail it to you for only a \$1.00 each. The calendars will be delivered to HPS the first week of November.

Please remember to add the rescued horses to your Christmas list! They are so deserving!

January 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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2013 Calendar Order Form

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Special Honors and Memorials

*"In loving Memory of the
Great Mystic Dream,
November 12th, 2001.*

*It was a privilege to know him.
Remembered by Roberta"*

Jennifer Zirt

one of our feeders and long-time HPS member,
passed away October 20.

Jennifer will be greatly missed. It was very kind of
Jennifer to ask for donations to be sent to the
Horse Protection Society in her name.

Jennifer's obituary was in the Salisbury Post.

*A big Thank you to the Girl Scout
group that worked on their
horsemanship patch at
Boo Matthew's stable, Diamond
Saddle Club near Harrisburg, for
their donation.*

**In honor of David Clark
on his Birthday ~
September 28th.
Mom**

December-Christmas Newsletter Notice

Anyone who would like to have an Honor or Memorial placed for Christmas December newsletter needs to have the information to HPS by November 20. We have to close the information for the newsletter by that date in order to have it to the printer in time for delivery the first of December.

Another Odd Visitor

I do not appreciate being awakened at 5:30 in the morning unless there is an emergency. Turk, our livestock guard dog was having a fit barking. So I jumped into my clothes and headed out with the big flashlight. Turk just acted like he wanted to play jumping and running around. I could not find anything amiss so I headed back in and decided to have a cup of coffee and read a couple of pages of the book I was reading.

By 6:00 am Juniper, the Turk was still barking on and just wanted his best friend to took off in their usual run and and off, which is not normal, wrong. Lisa was at the barn breakfast and Sybil arrived and dogs looking for their morning rived and came to the house to side yard. The two dogs were a couple of saw horses covered and the little pig came strolling



trying to herd chickens, but I was finally able to get the pig into a dog kennel that is behind the house. I called Animal Control who gave me the name of someone in the area that may know who the pig belongs to. Poor little thing was so cold and needs help. Pigs have to be kept warm and we really do not have a good place to keep her up until we can find her owner. She had a hurt leg and was walking three legged.

Lisa and I drove the roads around the sanctuary and found the direction Miss Piggy came from. We asked a number of people along the way and no one knew who owned the little pig. We did learn from someone who saw her that she was already limping and at least we knew it was not the dogs or a horses' fault that she was injured.

Animal Control would not take the pig to the vets so we packed her into a kennel and headed off to get the leg checked. That was not a fun experience.... Poor piggy was not happy about having her leg x-rayed. It looks like muscle and not bone damage and she was given a shot to help the muscles.

Finding Virginia, as Lisa calls her, solved another question that Deborah and I had. About 3:30 the day before, Waco came racing out of the woods area screaming at the top of his lungs as if something spooky was chasing him. A few moments later, here comes Cherub galloping faster than I have ever seen her move, with Sahara and Teton running way behind. Other horses were following racing in to the barn. Quera and White Feather raced in next with Quera in the lead. Deborah and I decided we had better go check the woods and see if there was anything spooking the horses. We walked out to what we call the "Picnic area" where we put their hay in the summer and did not see anything wrong. There were still a couple of horses munching happily away at the hay bales.

I would be willing to bet that Virginia was in the woods and spooked the horses. Pigs and horses are natural enemies. Wild boars can kill a horse and smell, not size, would be enough to scare some of the horses.

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This was not the only visitor we had this month. One morning the gals at the barn reported finding three kittens that would be about five weeks old. Then later, another one that was older, maybe eight to ten weeks old. But the strangest one was one kitten that was only about a week old and not moving around yet. It was found in Turks condo in the hay. All of them looked as if they had slobber on their bodies.

We feel that someone dumped off the kittens and Turk saw this during the night. He likes cats, so of course he brought them to his condo. The older kittens left the condo, but the youngest one was left behind. The tiny one went home with our farrier who had some replacement milk and had carried for young kittens before. Sandy took home the older kitty that has taken over her home.

There may have been more kittens, but we could not find them. Turk may have only brought in the ones he could catch and then lost interest.

We have \$220 in vet bills for Virginia. Any of you folks who love little piggies, please help with her bills. I am not real hopeful that we are going to find her owner. We have had a nice person call who has pot belly pigs that would like to have her.

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