



OVER HERD

November 2015

Update on the Two Colts

The little black and white is called **Chuckles** and the sorrel and white is **Chiclet**. It has been an interesting month with the two new babies. The first thing we discovered is that the colts did not understand how to eat hay. (I don't think they had ever had it.) The little guys eat all the grass in the field first and then started nibbling the hay. The boys developed a taste for the hay, but this was not going to be enough nutrition for them. They would not touch the soaked alfalfa cubes or our regular pelleted feed.



After doing some research on the Internet, I decided we needed to try something different. These babies needed a high protein feed to build muscles. I purchased a 40 pound bag of chopped Alfalfa forage and we started giving them a little at a time. They loved it! Then we added a small amount of foal feed to the chopped alfalfa... and they started eating the pellets. The chopped alfalfa cost \$17.50 for 40

pounds. The foal feed is \$16.50 for a 50 pound bag. We were then able to start adding the needed supplements slowly to the mix of a small amount of chopped alfalfa hay and the pellets. They eat a little soaked alfalfa mixed into their pelleted feed for the first time. They are getting use to eating different things for the first time in their lives.

Deworming was another issue that had to be addressed. Chuckles let me put the first small dose in his mouth, but Chiclet had to have it mixed in his feed. After the second small deworming, Chuckles was not feeling well by afternoon. He was trying to lie down and roll. We started his first halter and lead line lesson and he did great. We were going to have to hold on to him while he was being treated. The veterinarian arrived and he still had diminished gut sounds. We was treated for colic and recovered quickly. He had pasted a lot of parasites, but we know he is not cleaned out yet. *(Cont. on Page 2)*



Christmas is Closer than you Think

Please remember to add the rescued horses to your Christmas list. We especially need your help this year. There are two more loads of hay coming and at \$68.00 a round bale it has hurt our budget. The cost will be \$5,168.00 for 76 bales of hay. Any amount will help! This is proving to be a difficult year.



Please get your orders in for the 2016 calendar. This fundraiser so helps with the fall expenses. Your purchase of Calendars can be deducted from your taxes as a donation. This year the Calendar was put together by some of our volunteers, since I was so busy finding hay and a shipper for our rescued horses.

You can order via our website using Paypal or use the form included on **Page 3**.

We wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas!

News from the Herd

Taiga has lymphangitis in a hind leg and has since she came to the sanctuary in August 2012. Periodically she has gone through bouts of her leg being very swollen. This is different than “stocking up” which is normally caused by a horse not moving around due to stall rest or just lazy.

Dark horny, almost wart-like growths tend to develop on pasterns and the top of the hoof of chronically effected horses. Frequently these are mistaken for “mud fever” or “scratches.” Taiga had a bad episode and the veterinarian was called to help. We now have her on several new supplements that we hope will help her lymphatic system to work better.

Hopi had a slight colic that was resolved quickly.

Cayenne stabbed herself on the inside of a back leg. It was a deep wound and it would have been detrimental to sew it up. *How do the horse do this to themselves!*

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Dr. Elise checked his teeth and felt he was about four months old. It is usually recommended that a foal stay with its mare until they are six months old.

Chuckles and Chiclet are not well enough to have any of their vaccinations yet. That is going to take a while until they have a better immune system so they can build the antibodies.

Everything has to be done so slowly not to stress the babies. Chuckles has decided that he likes people, but Chiclet is just starting to let the folks touch him. Chuckles is a piglet and likes to roll in the muddy spot in front of the stalls.

I am pleased with the weight that Chiclet and Chuckles have gained. Their back bone is only slightly protruding and they are filling out all over. They do not have all the weight they should have, but they are getting there.

We are very hopeful for the babies’ recovery. *Chuckles and Chiclet could both use Angel Sponsors to help off-set their high expenses.*

HPS Ducks

Last summer a young couple from Salisbury came by and asked if we would take in their three half grown ducklings. They had gotten a baby duck for each of their children. They did not have a pond for them to learn to swim and the ducks mostly lived in the house. The family quickly learned that they were not going to be able to housebreak the ducks.

We agreed to take in the ducks and take care of them. Two of the ducks are Indian Runner ducks and the other is a Mallard duck. The Mallard quickly learned to fly and the other two seemed amazed at her ability, since the other type of ducks cannot fly.

The young Mallard found a boyfriend and soon hatched a large catch of babies. They have done well on the feed we provide for them and now it is time to see if they will fly off with the other Mallards that enjoy the pond.

One of our volunteers, Eddie, found a nest of a Wood duck. We have been concerned for her setting eggs so late in the year. I went to check the nest today and found a half dozen broken and unhatched eggs. I feared for the duck’s safety!

The pond is finally looking healthier after the rains. The Blue Heron was visiting, there were three paint turtles sunning themselves a few frogs and then I was surprised by a momma duck with a large group of tiny ducklings. I think there are between seven and ten babies. They were not about to let me get close enough to count them. Mamma and babies are welcome to winter over at the sanctuary.

Honors and Memorials

In Memory Jennifer Zirt. By Judy Zirt

In loving memory of Quera. By Judy & Mike LeGrett

In honor of Bruce Pethel. By Myra Mahoney

In memory of Papa Bill on his 83rd birthday on Oct. 4th. By Jill & Charles Messer, Jr

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Ladybug AKA Grace

This is a fun update of a beloved horse that came to the sanctuary in November 2005. You can read about her in the December 2005 newsletter. The veterinarians felt Ladybug was between 2.5 to 3.5 years old. Ladybug had not had a chance to develop correctly and we were hoping that given enough time she would finish growing to the horse she was meant to be.



April 2006 Doug came into Ladybug's life. She had gained weight and was doing very well, but needed at least two years before she could be trained under saddle. Doug changed her name to "Grace" and sometimes called her "Gracie." During the needed time for Gracie

develop, she and Doug would take long walks to help her build muscles and just hang out together.

It has been ten years since we first met Ladybug AKA Gracie. I just had to share the picture sent to HPS of Gracie today and a picture of what she looked like when she first arrived at sanctuary.



We posted the pictures on our Facebook page, but not everyone will have a chance to see Ladybug's update. I thought you would enjoy seeing her today.