



OVER HERD

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*May your Thanksgiving be filled with love and cheer, but also with full tummies. Don't forget to help keep the horses' tummies full. **Happy Thanksgiving!***



Your Christmas List

Forget the **LAMBORGHINI** this year. The taxes and insurance on the car would be astronomical! The hay for the horses will be much less expensive.

Forget the **THREE MONTHS IN HAWAII**. It would be difficult to take the horses with you, and they would rather have 100 bales of hay.

Forget the **HOPE DIAMOND**. There would not be that many places to wear it anyway. A donation to buy hay won't last as long as the diamond, but it sure will be admired and enjoyed.

Forget the **7,000 SQUARE FOOT HOME**. You would hate cleaning it. The dining room wouldn't be large enough to serve all 32 horses their hay. It would be much better to help buy the needed 100 bales.

Forget taking home **FOUR HORSES** and paying all their expenses. Donating towards the purchase of hay will save you years of costs.

The last time we had to ship in round bales to feed the horses it cost us over \$78.00 a bale. Shipping costs, unloading, storage, and delivery to HPS are in addition to our average cost of \$55/bale. If those costs are identical this time, we need \$7,800 or maybe more if the shipping costs have gone up. HELP! PLEASE! And make it a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for the horses!



Tack & Treasure Sale



The Tack and Treasure sale was fantastic! A huge thank you to all the folks who donated items to make this sale possible. We tried something different this year and only priced the more expensive items. The household items did well, but the horse items brought in 45% more funds. The photo only shows the things in the side yard and parking area, not the household things in the front yard. You will notice the grass on the side yard is crispy brown. The sad news is that the pastures look the same. Since we have no grass, the horses are eating a lot more locally procured hay that is costing \$55.00 a round bale. The funds went to monthly expenses.

Check the back page for information to order the 2020 calendar.

Medical Needs

Equine Protozoal Myelitis (EPM) has been a nemesis to the horses. For years we used Pathogens EPM cure. The parasites have built an immunity to the medication. Years ago, we used Super Immune Booster and chasteberry tea to help the horses with EPM. It didn't cure this devastating illness, but it helps the horse deal with it for years, and then the horse would crash.

We are on the search for a cure for the horses with EPM. This is a desperate situation since two of the horses are displaying outward symptoms, Shinook, only ten years old, is a gaited Rocky Mountain horse and a real cutie. Red Sky is eleven years old and is so sore she has to be on a pain killer until we got the latest medication for the two horses. It is so sad to see the two horses sick, but what makes you cry is the cost of the latest supposed EPM cure, Sefacon, which cost \$900.00 for the two horses. This is a ten-day treatment that is given morning and afternoon. If it cures Shinook and Red Sky, there are other horses that need to be treated.

Both horses are going to need a long list of supplements to help boost their immune system. A critical adjunct will be Super Immune Booster by Equine Science. Vitamin E is helpful in aiding the damaged muscles. Both of these supplements helped Tusca recover from pemphigus along with his other treatments.

Please help provide for the horses' medical needs!

News from the Herd & Others

There seems to be some large scary critter living in the woods. Melanie and I were between barn one and barn two when we saw the horses acting strangely. The herd was below barn two, and many were frozen in place and staring into the wooded area. Suddenly the horses whirled and took off at a full panic run, except for Flame. Head high, neck curved and prancing towards the area the other horses had just run from with fear, Flame charged in. Leave it to the brave Flame! (I can't understand why no one has taken him home?) Melanie and I didn't see anything when got down to the edge of the woods.

Another day Melanie did see something moving to quickly to identify. Usually, the herd of horses don't show fear of any animal in their field. They will chase the animal out of their fields.

One of the Saturdays, I was showing visitors around, and Oliver came bounding out of the woods. Knowing Oliver, if he found the scary critter in the woods, he would want to make friends and play with the creature. He thinks every animal is his friend.

We have an appointment to meet a Great Pyrenees female dog that was used as a LGD for the first 11 months of her life. We will foster her for a while to make sure she likes us and will get along with the other animals and birds here at the sanctuary.

Finally, it rained! We may have enough moisture in the ground to reseed the fields. This is expensive but well worth it to keep the horses happy for most of the year with good grass for them to nibble on.

Thank you for your kind notes of encouragement.

The shortage of hay and the increase in other expenses are of concern. We need to look carefully at every cost. We have been mailing the newsletter to families that we have not heard from in some time. Please donate so that you will continue to receive OVER HERD. It would help if you sent us your email address: horseprotection@windstream.net or hps@horseprotection.org Each month there are emails coming back to us as 'undeliverable'. Please let us know when you change your email address.

20 years ago the cost of a round bale was \$20 to \$25 and today we are paying an average of \$55 a bale. Each person is so needed to help with the vital mission of caring for the rescued horses.

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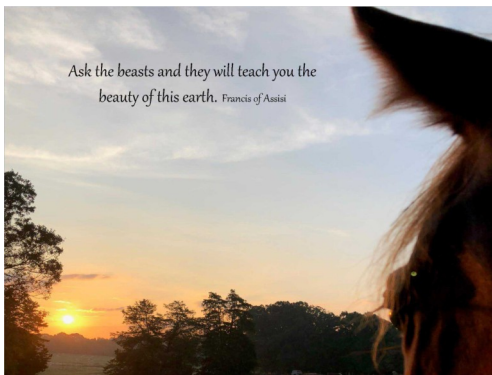
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 Please help feed the rescues!

