



Such a Pretty Mare

By: Joanie Benson



Sometimes life deals sad blows. The owner had a long list of sad issues and to get help, she had to return to Ohio for care with her health issues. She was down to the last few days and had been unable to find a home for the mare. HPS will always help if at all possible in emergencies. It was not a possibility to leave her with her husband, which could be very detrimental for the horse according to the owner.

No veterinarian care had been done while she had the horse. No vaccines or dental care had been done over the years. Correct deworming is important and has been done by HPS.

The mare is supposed to be about 14 years old and a Quarter horse. She also has been by herself all the time the past owner had her. She was so excited to see the other horses from a distance. It causes extreme stress when horses are by themselves. It is impossible for a horse to feel safe without a companion. She will be given Aloe Vera juice to help the ulcers. Once she was dewormed and had her rabies shot she was introduced to another horse.



This is Hillary, our new full time barn manager!

Hillary first came to work with us toward the end of August this year. She had driven by the HPS entrance a handful of times before finally following her intuition and calling to ask about how to get started helping out with anything and everything she could around the property, and also get to spend some time with the amazing horses. After talking to Joanie about what to expect and about her background with horses when she was younger, she was ready to come out and start getting her hands dirty, literally! As soon as she stepped foot on the property, she instantly fell in love. Animals have always been a huge part of her life and being able to work with them is something that gives her life an unmatched purpose. Being around horses again has been a dream come true and learning more and more every day at HPS has been extremely gratifying for her. From basic horse care, to using a tractor, everyday at HPS has been something that is exciting and rewarding!



Hillary and Shinook



So Much Going on at HPS

By Christina Smith



Hello everyone!

We want to take a moment to say thank you to all of the volunteers and donors.

A few months ago, we stated that we needed a larger tractor for tasks around the property. Thankfully the funds were donated and we found one!

Last week, Hillary and several volunteers took on the task of clearing off the hay feeders using the new tractor. Boy does it work great!

This was no small task because the horses spend a lot of time at the hay feeders. As you can imagine, this means they get extremely messy in no time.

We have included some before and after pictures so you can see how amazing the hay feeders look after being cleaned out.

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Volunteers: Ms. Ann and Amy



Hay feeder one all cleaned out!



Hay Feeder Two



We also used the tractor to haul gravel to repair the mats in the barn. We fixed eleven stall mats and seven entry mats, and three hallway mats. Those who volunteer know what a big difference this made! Several of the horses are very happy too!

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that help feed the horses, clean the barns, and maintain the property. We are also thankful for all of the donations as they go towards hay, veterinarian bills, and many other necessary expenses. It is this combined effort that allows HPS to continue being so successful!



A Special Moment at HPS

While working on the hay feeder, we had some visitors drive up from South Carolina. Ginger Johnson has been contributing to HPS for several years. Ms. Johnson said she makes donations to help care for Ginger, who she chose to sponsor as a gift for her long time family friend Deb. Deb, from Minnesota, was visiting Ms. Johnson and her daughter, Cindy. Ms. Johnson, who is 88, wanted to show Deb her special gift. Deb loves horses and has a few of her own and is starting up a horse therapy business in MN. When Ms. Johnson got out of the car for a picture, our Ginger was standing in the barn. So we brought out Ginger to meet our three visitors. It was such a special moment to see the joy and love between everyone and the horse!



Deb



Ginger, Ginger, Deb



Deb, Ginger, Cindy

News from the herd:

Since November is a month to reflect on what we are thankful for, us horses would like to highlight some two-leggedgers that help out around the barn. They make sure we have food to eat and boy do we LOVE to eat!



Susan & Santana.....

I've been volunteering at HPS for two or three years by now. Like many, I've always loved horses. I had seen them from the road many times while I was working, so, when I retired, I knew I wanted to be here. Great horses, great people!



Lillian & Chuckles..... I have been volunteering since April 2012. Like a lot of people, I have always loved horses and wanted one of my own. I knew I needed to learn more about horses and their care before actually getting one. I heard about HPS from a friend of mine who volunteered there at the time so I decided to volunteer to help prepare myself to be a horse owner and almost 10 years later, I'm still here. I love it so very much and couldn't imagine being anywhere other than HPS on a Sunday afternoon (my regular shift since 2012). While I haven't fulfilled my dream of getting my own horse, I feel even more blessed to have 30 or so to care for and love on every weekend. I also love the great people I've met and worked with over the years. And I can't forget the HPS dogs and cats who also always make me smile. I never want to give it up!



Christina & Scooter.....

Hi everyone, I'm Christina a main feeder here at HPS. I've been here three or four years now. I've always loved horses, had two ponies as a child. But I've learned so much more than I could have ever imagined since being here. I've learned that horses can speak to us, if we listen. Meaning learning each horse's personality and noticing when they are off. Or just simple things that they do, or don't do letting you know they are happy or don't feel well. In the condition some of them arrive, is heartbreaking. But watching them put on weight and realizing that HPS is a safe place for them. And watching their true personality surface is my favorite.



Judy & Ebie....

I've been a volunteer at HPS for almost 8 years. I've had an interest in horses since childhood and eventually had my own horse. After retiring from my job, volunteering at HPS gave me an opportunity once again, to interact with and enjoy horses. I really appreciate the great care and loving kindness given to all the horses at HPS. Recently, I've taken on the care of the chickens and rabbits, a few of the other residents at the farm. While it's hard work, I find volunteering here very relaxing and peaceful.

Our heartfelt gratitude and our wishes for you to be blessed goes to each and everyone of you for caring!

In memory of my brothers, Harry and Larry Phillips who passed away recently.

By Ray M. Phillips

In memory of my dog, Greta, the worlds best Pit-weiny.

By Kimberly Lane

In memory of my precious Mother, Marguerite Masters. By Connie M. and Charles Sherrill

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2022 Calendars

For several years we have sold HPS calendars to raise extra funding. It comes with great regret that we were not able to produce a calendar for the 2022 year.

Although there isn't one for this year...Next year will be specular! So be on the look out for 2023's calendar!

