



## Stella's hoof Update By Christina

As you may recall from our previous newsletter, we welcomed a special guest, Stella, to our sanctuary. Stella is temporarily staying with us as she awaits the completion of her new barn and prepares to take Ginger, one of our beloved residents, to her new home. However, upon Stella's arrival, we noticed an intriguing situation concerning one of her front hooves.

It came to our attention that Stella's previous farrier had applied a thick layer of epoxy to the inside of her front hoof. Unfortunately, this epoxy was beginning to crack and deteriorate. Concerned for Stella's well-being, we promptly reached out to our trusted farrier for a thorough assessment.

Upon close examination and the removal of the remaining epoxy, our farrier discovered a serious crack in Stella's hoof. This crack extended from a few inches around her coronary band all the way down her hoof. The epoxy had inadvertently created a damp and dark environment beneath it, fostering the growth of harmful bacteria. Stella's hoof required substantial support to aid in the healing process.

In response, our farrier fitted Stella with a special shoe and a tension band at the top to help stabilize and bring her hoof back together. This intervention is designed to prevent the continued cracking as new hoof growth occurs. Regrettably, healing such a hoof crack is a lengthy process, with at least a year of hoof growth needed before it is no longer visible.

Rest assured, as Stella continues her journey and goes to her new home, she will have a diligent farrier who will closely monitor her progress, ensuring that her hoof grows in a healthier and more natural manner. We'll keep you updated on Stella's progress in the coming months.



## **Fiona Mae Wagglebottom's Act: A Leap Forward in Equine Welfare"**

We are thrilled to share some exciting news that holds great promise for the welfare of horses and all animals in North Carolina. The recently introduced "Fiona Mae Wagglebottom's Act" is a significant step towards enhancing animal welfare laws, including provisions that directly affect the equine community. North Carolina is currently ranked 42nd in the nation in terms of animal protection laws, according to recent assessments. This ranking highlights the significance of the "Fiona Mae Wagglebottom's Act" as a positive step toward strengthening the state's commitment to animal welfare.

The "Fiona Mae Wagglebottom's Act," named after the beloved dog of sponsoring Representative Dahle, is primarily focused on addressing the issue of tethering dogs outdoors during extreme weather conditions. While dogs are the primary beneficiaries of this act, it contains a provision that holds immense significance for horses and livestock.

The Act defines "adequate shelter" as a shelter that meets several key conditions, including suitability for the species, age, condition, size, and type of each animal. It also mandates protection from injury, adverse weather conditions, and ensures cleanliness. Of particular note is the prohibition of outdoor tethering of animals during extreme weather conditions, which is a significant leap forward in safeguarding equine welfare. For our equine friends, this means a greater commitment to ensuring they have appropriate shelter and protection during harsh conditions.

The equine rescue community has always advocated for the highest standards of care for our four-legged companions. The "Fiona Mae Wagglebottom's Act" aligns with our mission to provide the best possible care and welfare for horses. It represents a shared vision for safeguarding the well-being of all animals.

As we move forward, we are excited about the possibilities this act opens for improved equine welfare in North Carolina. With your continued support, we can make a difference not only in the lives of the horses we rescue but in advancing legislation that prioritizes their care. Together, we are working towards a brighter future for horses and animals in our state.

## **Navigating Challenges: Our Response to Lower Donations During COVID**

The past couple of years have brought unprecedented challenges to our world, including here at our beloved horse rescue. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives, and its impact has extended to our ability to continue our mission of saving and caring for these magnificent animals.

Before the pandemic, the generous support of our community and donors sustained our rescue efforts. However, the economic downturn, uncertainty, and financial hardships brought on by COVID-19 have led to a decline in donations, making it more challenging for us to provide the care our horses need and deserve.

In the face of adversity, we've shown resilience and determination. We've had to adapt to this new reality, finding innovative ways to continue our work despite the challenges. Our volunteers have been tireless in their efforts, and our dedicated staff has shown unwavering commitment.

The lower donations have not gone unnoticed by our equine friends. Our rescue relies on your generosity to provide food, shelter, veterinary care, and the love these horses deserve. As donations have decreased, we've had to make tough decisions and seek creative solutions to ensure our horses continue to receive the care they need.

We know these are uncertain times for many, but we want to emphasize the importance of your support. Every dollar donated makes a difference in the lives of our horses. Your continued generosity helps us maintain our commitment to these beautiful creatures.

If you are in a position to give, we ask for your support during these challenging times. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and make an impact. Additionally, consider sharing our mission with friends, family, and social networks to raise awareness about our cause.

We remain hopeful that, as the world recovers from the pandemic, our equine rescue will also rebound. In the meantime, we continue to care for our horses with unwavering dedication and the support of our compassionate community.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have stood by us during these trying times. Your support, whether through donations, volunteering, or kind words, reminds us of the strength and resilience of our horse rescue family. Together, we will overcome these challenges, and our mission to provide love, care, and hope to horses in need will endure.



## Our Equine Rescue's Christmas Wish



At the Horse Protection Society of NC, our mission to care for and protect rescued horses relies on the support of our incredible community of donors, volunteers, and horse enthusiasts. While we're grateful for your continued support, we want to share our current "Wish List" – a compilation of items and resources that will help us provide even better care for our four-legged friends.

1. *Quality Hay and Feed:* A steady supply of high-quality hay and nutritional feed is the cornerstone of our horses' well-being. Donations of hay and feed go a long way in ensuring our horses receive the best nutrition possible. Reseeding all of the fields.
2. *Veterinary Care Fund:* Your contributions to our veterinary care fund help us address unforeseen health issues and provide routine check-ups and vaccinations. This fund ensures our horses stay healthy and happy.
3. *Shelter and Fencing:* Weather-resistant shelters and secure fencing are essential for our horses' comfort and safety. Donations toward building or maintaining these structures are greatly appreciated.
4. *Equimax Dewormer:* Is an important part of the health care for all of the horses. we give it once a year and we have had to put it off due to the cost of \$18.00 a tube or \$630.00 for the herd. Please send a tube of Equimax you can order over the Internet.
5. *EPM—Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis:* HPS has had two long term foundations once again helped. This time they are providing for the next two rounds of EPM testing and treatment for ten infected horses.
6. *Barn repair:* The big barns were built in 2006 & 2007 and are in need of some pieces of metal replaced for safety. We have tried to get costs and are still working on it, but we need toe funds, I am guessing \$1,000 to \$1,500.
7. *Volunteer Time:* The gift of your time is invaluable. We always welcome volunteers who are passionate about horses and can assist with daily chores, barn care, cleaning & filling water tubs, grooming, and spending quality time with our equine residents.
8. *Financial Support:* Monetary donations provide flexibility in addressing urgent needs and maintaining day-to-day operations. Your financial support is a lifeline for the horses.
9. *Transportation Assistance:* Sometimes, we rescue horses from distant locations. We sometimes need a driver to help pick up rescues.
10. *Spread the Word:* Sharing our mission and stories on social media and with friends and family helps us expand our network and reach potential supporters.



I had a chance to check over our mailing and email list and was upset with what I realized. Since the start of COVID-19, folks who have supported the rescued horses for many years have disappeared from the donation list. Even if you cannot donate now, please let me know if you are okay. I have been worried about every **one of you for a long time as I realized I haven't heard from you. However, I put together how many long-term contributors have been missing.** I realize I have aged along with the rest of you folks. Just as I am still needed, you are also still needed. May God Bless You and Keep YOU! Love, Joanie

## Rescued Hearts: A Year of Hope and Healing

This calendar is a celebration of the remarkable journey of our rescued horses and the incredible bond between horses and humans. At [Horse protection Society, we are dedicated to providing a safe haven for neglected and abused horses. We believe in second chances, and our calendar showcases the inspiring transformations these horses undergo. By purchasing a calendar, you directly contribute to their ongoing care, medical treatment, and rehabilitation.

### How to Get Involved:

**Purchase Your Calendar:** Our "Rescued Hearts" calendar is available for purchase, and every calendar bought makes a difference. It's not just a calendar; it's a daily reminder of hope, resilience, and the power of compassion.

**Share the Love:** Spread the word about our calendar fundraiser with your friends, family, and social networks. Your support goes beyond the calendar; it helps raise awareness for our cause.

**Donations Welcome:** If you're feeling especially generous, you can make an additional donation when you purchase your calendar. Every extra dollar makes a significant impact.

### Order Your "Calendar Today:

By bringing our "Rescued Hearts" calendar into your life, you become a part of our extended horse-loving family. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of these incredible animals and give them the love and care they deserve. Thank you for joining us in this meaningful journey.



*There is a limited number of calendars.*

*A great way to enjoy the horses all year long.*

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### My One-Year Journey with HPS By: Brigitte

This month marks a special anniversary for me – one year since I joined the remarkable HPS dream team as a volunteer. It's challenging to put into words the depth of my gratitude for the privilege of working with these horses and alongside this incredible team; it truly is a labor of love.

In 2015, my husband and I retired from the Federal government in Washington, DC, and made the life-changing decision to move to Charlotte, North Carolina, to be closer to our grandbabies. It's been the best decision we've ever made. I've always found immense satisfaction in public service and volunteer work.

It's quite remarkable how I discovered HPS – through a simple Google search. When I hear the stories of how many of these horses arrived here timid, afraid, and weak, it's hard to believe. Despite their health challenges, they are incredibly pleasant, gentle, and kind. Clearly, this organization is making a profound impact on the lives of our beloved horses.

Our volunteers are an amazing group. Some have years of experience caring for these gentle giants, while others, like me, are still learning. What unites us all are the qualities of love and patience, love and patience, and, last but not least, love and patience.

For all of you reading this newsletter, I know that you share the same caring spirit. Your support, prayers, and donations are not in vain. Thank you for making a real difference.



*“It truly is a labor of love!”*

**Mary Moses loved all creatures' by Kim Lane**



In memory of Heather Beeker who was from Salisbury, NC, and loved the beach, and seeing the horses on the beach areas. By Shanon Pence

**In memory of Gunner, a 15 year old Lab/Pointer. rescued from life on a chain. He was adopted by a good friend, Anne Prather. By Pat Nichols**

Samantha Kuhn your memory will forever be woven into the fabric of our equestrian community and your love for horses will continue to inspire us every day. By Joyce Darling

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# Trick or Treat

"A few of the horses from the herd decided they wanted some treats!"



Witch: Nova



Unicorn: Silver Bell



Turkey: Ebony Star