



## Jewelry Sale and So Much More

We hurry to press so that we can get this newsletter to you before the important dates of our Jewelry Sale and So Much More this weekend—**Saturday and Sunday, October 2nd & 3rd from 9 AM to 4 PM!** It is being held on the grounds of the sanctuary, and we guarantee a great time. Load up your car with your friends and come have fun, get fabulous savings, do your Christmas shopping and help the rescued horses. It's going to be the best EVER! Over 2,500 pieces of jewelry as well as items from The Sharper Image, top-of-the-line Cuisinart and soooo much more! All are brand new items. We all know and understand that the economy is down, and this has affected the donations and our rescued horses. We have never had to close our barn doors and not take in the starved and abused who need HPS to save their lives. PLEASE make sure this does not happen. It's been a very hard couple of months with a huge lack of rain, and we are receiving more and more abuse calls - - and are not even into winter yet!

We hope to see you at the sanctuary this weekend. The holidays are just around the corner - - check us out first to see if we have those special gifts for the special people in your life. The horses will be very grateful!

## *Dream Come True* by Joanie Benson

I have not had my own horse in 15 years. There were many wonderful horses here at the sanctuary to work with when they had recovered from starvation. Navajo and I had a special relationship for seven years. He loved his job of leading the new horses for their first trail ride off the property. If a rider lost control of her horse, Navajo would catch up so I could grab the reins and we would stop the runaway.

Then, when he was almost 43 years old, everything changed. The horses would race around the pond field for the fun of it and Navajo lost two free running races. He was not the fastest horse at the sanctuary any longer. A couple of days after the second race, we went on a ride and Navajo was leading a group of horses, but was unhappy the whole time. I was brushing him down after the ride and his saddle was sitting on the hitching rail. I said to him, "You don't want to ride anymore, do you?" Navajo put his ears back and bared his teeth at his saddle. That was a very clear message, and I never rode him again. Navajo needed my acceptance for who he is, an egocentric. For 15 years, I have waited for the right horse to come to the sanctuary, but to no avail.

Many of you know I have an extra-soft spot for Tennessee Walking Horses. The first horse I truly fell in love with was a TWH when I was ten years old. My very own first horse was a TWH. I have known and owned so many wonderful horses of different breeds, and I loved them all. My heart goes out to every starved horse that comes to the sanctuary and, thanks to you, we get to see them recover. However, the longing for one more, last horse has become overwhelming.

Over the last few years, I have been looking at TWHs on Pet Finders and reading lots of ads. Nothing jumped out at me until I saw a black and white TWH offered for sale in South Carolina. I kept being drawn back to the ad. There was something about this horse, so Deborah Baker and I took off on a Sunday to go meet her. *(continued next page)*



## DREAM, continued

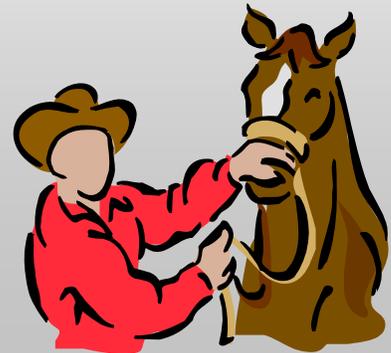
S.C.A.R.E., an equine rescue, had suggested to the horse's owner that she give the mare to someone who could better care for her, and that person, with the rescue's okay, put her up for sale. This recent owner said that the mare was very thin when she arrived, some four to six months ago. When we saw her, she was still thin, but not as bad as what we see come in here, about a four on the body scoring. There was no hay in the field and no salt or mineral blocks. The fields were very dry, and there was no grass for grazing. I knew I could not leave her there. The following Friday, Janet Elmo was so very kind to help me retrieve my new horse.

The folks here at the sanctuary are thrilled that, after all these years of being so devoted to the rescued horses, I finally did something for myself (and - - they are all falling in love with her.) We are taking the get-acquainted time slowly. She is going to need months of field rest before she is strong enough to be ridden the first time. Until then, we are just going to play and have fun. I have not named her and want to give her time to settle in at the sanctuary. She is supposed to be about 15 years old, and has one bright blue eye and one brown eye. My pretty paint girl already follows me around without a halter or lead line even after joining the pond field group of horses. She is not going to let the other horses push her around, yet does not look for trouble. Some people think the way to create a relationship is with treats. That is not correct. Treats should be given only when you are play training. After the horse does things you are hoping she will do willingly, a very small treat is appropriate.

It is so important to recognize each horse's unique personality before you do anything with him or her. At the very first meeting, the horse needs your acceptance for who he is, with no expectation of changing him. Most people never really know or fully accept the other people with whom they are close. So how can they understand the horse's inner feelings when they first meet? If there is no peace in the horse owner, and if she is carrying ill will, pushiness, fears, aggression towards others or many other possible issues, she will never have a close relationship with her horse. The horse feels the owner's ill will, and it transfers to the horse. With people like this, the horse will do just what it wants with no regard to the owner. People like this will hurt their horse to make them do what they want. All horses are naturally somewhat fearful, and if the owner has any fears in her life, fear transfers to the horse, thus making it more fearful and jumpy. If the owner is unfocused in her life, is lazy and/or hypersensitive, her horse will be also.

I believe in gentle training and acceptance so that trust can be formed. No training that will hurt her, like a rope halter and pulling her to lead or snapping the lead line in her face. Why would she trust me if I do that to her and hurt her? If my main interest in the horse is my pleasure of riding or training the horse for a discipline, then we will not form a partnership unless the horse is also interested in the same things.

I have to be completely ready to show my authentic self and understanding to her. Horses will show us our shortcomings in life by displaying them. This gives us a chance to recognize our own issues and change them. Only then can we expect to have that wonderful mystical partner in life.



## UPDATE ON THE ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CAN CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

It's been a while since we brought you an update on the Aluminum Beverage Cans Challenge. Flatbed Annie, our impressive steed that carts the bags to the recycler, was "under the weather" for several weeks. She's back on her feet (well, actually, her tires) and making lots of back-and-forths.



In February, we told you that your generous donations of aluminum beverage cans in 2009 brought in \$676 for the horses of HPS, and challenged everyone to double that number for 2010. Roberta McCardle, long-time volunteer and indispensable can-carter, advises that through August, this fund-raiser has already brought in \$645.50. The worldwide price of aluminum keeps dropping, so we need even more beverage cans (sorry, no pie plates, foil or other aluminum items) if we are to have a chance of meeting the challenge goal.

This "free money" for the horses is so easy to collect. Roberta suggests putting a collection bag in the breakroom at work (maybe with a copy or two of the HPS newsletter so people can see why it's so important to help), asking friends, family and neighbors to set theirs aside for you (ed. note: there are three families in my neighborhood who drop their cans off for me every month!), or asking a local business that you patronize to help. Bags of cans can be dropped off at the sanctuary in "Can City" where they magically disappear and bring in much needed funds regularly.



We send a huge "Thank you" to the kind folks who have participated thus far!! It's such an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser, and the more folks who help, the better we will do for the horses. If you are not yet helping this way, please consider doing so. We know it's not mega-money but it does help and it does add up. It's a win-win for the horses and for the environment. Every cent goes to the horses. Please join this effort -- you'll be glad you did. The horses say, "Thank you kindly!"

### HPS Officers

The officers of HPS meet every month on the second Sunday at 2 PM at the sanctuary. The meetings are open to all members. If you would like to become more involved in the operations of HPS, please feel free to attend a meeting or contact Joanie or Deborah.

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## Monthly Donations & Contributors

The effects of the economy are hitting the sanctuary just as they are hitting everyone else. We're getting more and more abuse calls as people are unable to feed their animals, and there is absolutely no grass for them to graze. But the horses continue to have needs—for food, for medical treatment, for needed supplements. We are so very grateful for your generosity in the face of this economic adversity. Your kindness and love are felt by our horses.

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### MEMORIALS

In loving memory of my wonderful father,  
 Benjamin Greenfield. By Janet & Lou

In memory of Loretta Campbell.  
 By Barbara & Robert Garwood

The following memorials were made in the  
 name of **Sandra Clark Humphrey**:

Barbara & Ken Kopald  
 Amy E. Whitley  
 Jeanette & Jim York  
 Jim Dziubinski

We received an outpouring of memorials in the name of **Ruth Wilson Long**,  
 who passed on August 19, 2010, from:

Jane & Ralph Killough  
 Judy & Paul Manley  
 Jonathan D. Meer  
 Jerry L. Messer  
 Kathryn N. Ryan  
 Jennifer & Rick Wasserman  
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As well as the following special messages:

In loving memory of Ruth Long. Her daughter, Mika Ryan, is a dear friend.  
 By Cathy & Ken White  
 In memory of "Mom Ruth" Long.  
 By Jill & Charles Messer  
 In memory of Ruth Wilson Long, mother of Mika Ryan.  
 By John & Beth Hansbury, Sr.

In memory of Lucca, beloved companion of Helen Solimando.  
 Lucca died September 7th.  
 By Katherine E. Jean

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**REMEMBER FLAME** By Joanie Benson

Flame was in the August newsletter and was in terrible shape. I thought you would enjoy seeing how your dollars help these horses recover. Flame is now strong enough to join the gelding field and is making new friends with the boys. Tamara Eichorn recognized him. She knew him when a previous owner had him, for about seven years, before the person we got him from, who had him for three. Flame is a Saddlebred not a Thoroughbred.



Flame  
upon arrival at the sanctuary in July



Flame  
In September 2010

I love the way his coat is now turning into the color it should have been. The coat will never be the correct color until the horse is getting the right nutrition. It takes about three sheddings for the coat to be its true color.

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**REMEMBERING FANCY:** Fancy was also in the August newsletter. As she gained weight, it became more and more apparent that she had DSLD, Degenerative Suspensory Ligament Desmitis, in both the front and back legs. Fancy's immune system was very compromised by the time she came to us. Her distress and a terrible nasal infection prevented her from gaining weight back normally. We would treat the infection for weeks and, as soon as the treatment was stopped, the infection returned. During this time her fetlocks dropped more and more. The kindest thing to do for Fancy was to let her pass over the Rainbow Bridge. This is the last kind act we can do for the horses...