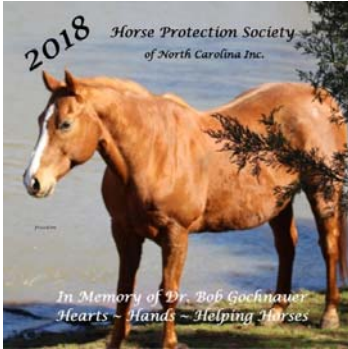




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OVER HERD



It's that Time of the Year!

The 2018 calendar is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Bob Gochnauer



A significant amount of time has been put into the creation of the best 2018 calendar for you representing the beautiful horses at the sanctuary. What a great way to help the horses and you get to enjoy them all year on this gorgeous calendar.

There are always priorities that we need funding for like the **equine dentist**, which will cost thousands and thousands of dollars. We still need funding for the retreatment of the **EPM horses**. The company is in FL and we wanted to wait until they have had a chance to put things right and we prayed we had enough funding. Now, another storm is heading their way.

It has been an expensive summer and every month we had to dig deep to pay all the costs for the horses. Autumn is here and we need your help.

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Long term Issues

Topaz was picked up by Rowan Animal Services in March of 2016. Her picture (see photo on Page 4) shows the poor condition she was in even with a winter coat. Normally we are given little to no information concerning the horse and this was the case with Topaz.

We have reported the progress of Topaz over the last year and half. Just as a little reminder, Topaz's back fetlock joint was atrophied and pointing backwards, and the hoof was forward and club footed on both back. The front hooves were in terrible shape also. At first we had to have the veterinarian come and drug Topaz so she could be trimmed while lying on the ground. She had one trimming with just an IM sedative and she was able to be trimmed standing. Our farrier had an auto accident and was laid up for some time.

We were desperate to get some of the horses trimmed! Finding the right farrier is not all that easy when you have so many horses. Most good farriers can't take on a herd the size of HPS. They are too busy already.

The person who was trying to work with the colts represented himself as a farrier. It became evident very quickly that this was not going to work out. Normally it will take a good farrier 15 minutes to trim a horse. If the hooves are really bad it may take 20 to 25 minutes..... It was taking him an hour to trim one horse! He insisted on trimming the horses in the aisleway while the other horses roamed in and out of the barn. We offered one of the hospital stalls for trimming, which is 12' by 24'. No he didn't want to use one of them..... and then he expressed how the horses didn't behave well. Are you kidding me? Of course not! Common sense goes a long way when working around horses.

Finally we found David Walker and his wife Kathy. Dave is a Certified Farrier and it shows with his trimming. The first day he was here at the sanctuary was a horrible windy, tornado warning and terrible down pour of rain the whole time he was working. The rain on the metal roof was so loud that if you wanted to be heard you had to shout as loud as you could. Sign language worked great. One would expect the horses to be upset with the thunder, lightning, heavy rain and a new farrier working with them. The end of the afternoon, David said, "What did you do, give me all the easy ones to trim?" All the horses behaved beautifully.

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Heart Horses

Heart Horses are the ones that even years later bring heavy feelings when the smallest thing reminds you of them. It may be with a heavy heart or bring laughter to our voice. The heart horses are the ones we can never, ever forget. Our connection was too deep. These are the soulmate horses, the ones that filled your heart by just seeing them. Years and years later they continue to gnaw at your heart when the rest of the world has forgotten them.

At this moment you may be thinking of a beloved cat or dog or other creature that shared your life, other than an equine. For some of us we have been blessed with many heart creatures in our life. Some people who may have never experienced the soulmate animal may not understand the deep connection that is possible. The good news is that it may still be possible for these folks to have this in their life...then they will understand.

It is impossible to write this and not think of the horses, dogs and kitties that have so impacted my life in such positive ways. (Choke back the tears!) From the time that I was young, I would rehab any wild critter that came across my path that needed help. Is anyone surprised? Out of all the animals, there was one raccoon, Pebbles, which taught me more than all the rest put together. *(Cont. on Page 3)*

Honors and Memorials

Alice Bischoff has been wished a Happy Birthday ~ We Love You. Scott, Kathy, Cody & Caroline

In loving memory of Cree (1984-2017). He was a kind and gentle soul. "Sissy"



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Heart Horses (Cont. from Page 2)

Is that what makes a heart critter? They teach us as much or more than we teach them? Is that what creates the bond; we are willing to learn from them? If we were to hear each other's story, we may wonder, why that one? I know for me, I feel it in my heart, a love, an understanding if they are suffering and a desire to help them. Even if they start by wanting to hurt me or anyone else who comes close. I know it is only because of their overwhelming fear. I think it is different for each of us and their special connection with their critters.

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David and Kathy got to meet the rest of the horses the next time they came to trim. One of them was Topaz and both of them knew the horse and Kathy had pictures of her on her cell phone. Topaz was in the Lexington area at that time and the back fetlock joint was showing swelling then. She was a little underweight, but not nearly as bad as when she came to us. David said she was not easy to trim and would try to kick out. (We don't want the farrier to get hurt so Topaz gets some happy juice each time.) It sounds as if Topaz has been through a number of hands. We may never know her full story, but only little pieces. The one thing we are sure of is that Topaz is happy at the sanctuary!

Thank you for making this possible for Topaz.

