



# OVER HERD

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## Shines in the Moon Light

Silver Bell was a prayer come true. We had been looking far and wide when we found Gypsy and we couldn't ask for a sweeter horse. I received a return phone call from the owner of Silver Bell weeks after I left a message about a horse that was offered for sale. We recognized each other's name and we spend a good time catching up. The owners' main goal was to find Silver Bell a safe long term home, and they donated her to HPS for our training program. What a wonderful gift!

Silver Bell is just 16 years old, a registered Quarter Horse, Appendix certified for racing. She raced only once according to her record. She has been wonderfully cared for during her life with her past owners.



We are never in a hurry and had only started the bonding and trust in the arena a couple of times, when things went south. Right from the beginning we learned that Silver Bell hated to have her stall door closed. Twice volunteers forgot and closed the stall door. She kick so hard with her back hooves that it almost ripped the door off the hinges. Her tendon on one leg swelled, and then she showed heat and pain in all four hooves. Of course, our veterinarian was called right away.

Complete physical exam, 6 vials of blood, and radiographs of the front hooves were completed. The radiographs showed the soles of the front hooves were only 6 mm thick. (That is equal to 24% of an inch.) That is the exact same measurements of Gypsy's front sole depth, also. There are conditions that run the gamut from genetics, nutrition, management, environment, poor farrier trimming, shoes, aging and past pathologies can bring on thin soles. *Continue to Page #2*

## 2019 Horse Protection Society Calendar

Once again we have produced a beautiful calendar for you to enjoy all year long. At times it is inspirational and at times funny to remind you to laugh everyday. This is our only fundraiser for the late summer and fall and we need your support to help with the expenses. This year the calendars are a little bit smaller in size since we have had suggestions to do this. Each page is 9" high by 12" wide. The overall height of the calendar is 6" less than before, 18" high and 12" wide. The calendars make great gifts for your friends and family. If your friends and family don't love horses you may want to disown them..... just kidding. By shrinking the calendar just a little, we have been able to keep the postage the same even with the postal cost increase.

**1 calendar = \$19.50 + postage of \$3.50 = \$23.00 Plus donation \$\_\_\_\_\_.**  
**2 calendars = \$39.00 + postage of \$5.70 = \$44.70 Plus donation \$\_\_\_\_\_.**



*Please help us reach our fall monthly budgets. September the donations were down due to the hurricane. Our prayers are with folks who had damage.*

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The front soles should be 1/2 to 7/16 of an inch thick. With the correct nutrition added the soles could possibly increase in thickness quickly along with correct trimming.

For a week Silver Bell's back leg had a poultice applied, then carefully wrapped with thick cotton and vet wrap. Her top hip area had to have DMSO applied. A week later she received a clean bill of health from our veterinarian, Dr. Mary Gochnauer, except for the thin soles and that is just going to take time to recover. We are dealing with helping to heal up a couple of abscess.

It is so important to help the volunteers improve their riding so they can work with the rescued horses and help other people learn also. This will aid in being able to place the recovered rescued horses in the future.

## **Before and After Hurricane Florence**

Hurricane Florence is due to hit Friday night and we are busy making contingency plans, truth be told, no one knows for sure when the storm will hit since it has stalled. This gives us more time to prepare for the storm. The horses are our main concern as you would guess. There have been many articles written concerning whether it is safer to stall the horses or leave them free ranging to go in and out of their barns and stalls during hurricanes, tornadoes and extreme weather.

It seems that most horses are killed or severely injured when left in stalls and the storms cause damage to the barn or fire. Our large barns have shutters all the way around with clear panels that we closed down. Each barn has four large garage doors, two at each end. Normally we close the barn end down against the way the wind is blowing.

We will fill all the large bath tubs to the very top with water and put out extra tubs just in case we lose power. (We are on wells.) This is the biggest issue we may face. We would like to have solar back up, but we only have \$1,000.00 that has been donated towards this project.

We use the large black tubs and place them through the barns stuffed full of hay. Some of the horses will



want to stay inside; others will be happier at the covered hay feeders or out in the fields. The storm brought us a large amount rain and a little wind. The rain cause the pond to over flow and thousands of baby fish flowed out. Three of the young girls and me worked for hours and hours catching the fish and returning them to the pond. The girls built a small dam to help keep more fish from coming out of the pond. We couldn't save all the fish. We did see the largest box turtle that we had ever seen. We think he was having a fish dinner.

I have stopped many times on the road and brought home turtles that were crossing the road to save them. I like to think that the giant turtle was one I rescued from the road. All turtles and tortoises are welcome except no snapping turtles.

## In Memory of Doris Rogers. By Stars and Bars

*Love everything being done for the herd! By Rhonda Wright*

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Dr. Leslie C. Henson	Cynthia & Earnest Sackett Jr.	<i><b>THANK YOU</b></i>
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### EXTRA – EXTRA – Read all about it!

**A Fire Ant invasion** has hit the sanctuary with a vengeance. There are ant hills in every field. Several of the horses have had a large number of bites that took a while to heal. We think a chicken died from rolling in an ant hill. Some people can be very allergic to the ant's bite. Dr. Mary Gochnauer recommended the Ant Man who treated all the acreage here. We were told it will take two to ten weeks to rid all the ants. (336-288-8868)

**Ragwort:** Finally there is not a sign of the killer ragwort anywhere on the property. If you have been following us for the last three plus years you know we have been fighting this weed for years.

**The Herd** is doing great. The weather is a little cooler and that makes the horses friskier. Silver Bell was leading races in the pond field several times. We have been treating a couple of horses' hooves for abscess.

**Bot fly eggs** are now back on the horses' bodies. The rescued horses that have not been dewormed correctly may carry bot flies to the property. The good news is that with our deworming program we do not have to deal with a large infestation of bot fly eggs. We remove them in the driveway so the horses will not have a chance to eat them.

**Winds & heavy rains** can cause dangerous issues in your fields. Harmful leaves can blow in from off your property. Five wilted red maple or wild cherry can kill your horse. Persimmons may blow off trees that are out of the field to areas where the horses may get to them.

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**Memphis** has Cushing's that causes her hair to grow in too thick at the wrong time of the year. Earlier Christina and Melanie did a great job trimming her because she was overheating. She has been on Pergolide for years and is now 31 years old. A little 3 year old boy loves Memphis more than any of the other horses. The little kids often don't pick the prettiest horses.

