



Paso Fino

HPS just provided a home for a beautiful horse! Canela is a large, 21 year old, registered Paso Fino mare. She is dark bay with a dorsal stripe.

It is a very sad story. The owner has a genetic illness that is causing her to go blind. She can no longer drive or retain a job. The family had planned to come and pack her up to move her to their home in New York State on September 15th but there was a stipulation of no animals.

The present owner and Canela's past owner did everything possible to find her a new home but to no avail. Her previous owner bought her when she was just five years old, and she had terrific care all those years. They couldn't find a home for her and then started checking with rescues. One rescue agreed to take Canela,

and the gals finally called back when they didn't hear anything from them. They said, "We don't feel like we can afford to feed her through the winter." How frightening for the gals so concerned for Canela and the time was so short until the family would be arriving to help with the move to New York State.

HPS received a frantic call for HELP for Canela and agreed to take her. Every year horses are euthanized because owners cannot find a home for them and will not risk the horse getting into the hands of a kill buyer. A well-built healthy horse is just what the kill buyers want. The kill buyers troll the Internet looking for free horses or very low-cost horses. They prey on people who tell too much about their lives and their great need to find a home for their horse. Please be careful about what you write. *(Cont. on P. 2)*



The Sanctuary Dog, Turk



Dogs are meant to be part of a family. If you can't invite them into your home and love them like family, don't get one.

Turk is an Anatolian Sheepdog that arrived at HPS at four years old from another rescue. He was fearful and needed to gain courage. It was important that each volunteer treat Turk in a way that promoted his pride. The simple actions of raising of his chin while rubbing his head or the raising of his tail while being loved and scratched, changed Turk's personality to the proud dog he should have been. Most livestock guard dogs should not have as much attention as Turk did so they will bond more with the animals they are to guard.

Turk gained weight to a little over 100 pounds, and the only things that scare him is thunder, fireworks, and gunfire. He would head to the house at the first loud noise. This was the only time Turk was interested in being in the house until he reached eleven and a half years old. He was past the age of wanting to chase coyotes and get into fights with them. He retired himself and moved into the home full time depending on the weather. On nice days he exits about 5:00 a.m. when I get up, except like this morning it was 3:30 a.m. and no one can sleep through his bark that rattles windows. On occasions, Turk feels it necessary to wake me at some ridiculous hour to go outside. *(Cont. on P. 2)*

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Canela arrived with a clean Coggins test and vet reports back to 2005. She has a metabolic issue that requires daily medication. We were told that she had two behavioral issues: 1. Canela wouldn't let people catch her and 2. If she were cornered, she would kick out.

Day one: I walked out with a halter and lead and Canela was not going to have any part of this. I came back later without the halter and lead, and once again, asked her permission to approach. She let me walk towards her, but kept moving so I was walking toward her head rather than her left side, which is more comfortable for most horses. I slowly reached around her head and touched her with just one figure gently as I fed her a couple of alfalfa pellets. Then I walked away.

Day two: No halter or lead and I walked out to ask Canela if I may approach. Once again, she did not want me on the side of her body and was more comfortable greeting me head-on. This time I reached around her head and gave her a light scratching on her neck and then quietly walked away. Good news, she took one step to follow me.

Day three: Great progress! Canela didn't move and let me come to her left side. She trusts! I gently scratched her shoulder and withers. I fed her a few alfalfa pellets and this time stayed with her longer giving a few more pellets. Of course, we were having a pleasant conversation with each visit about trust.

Canela did want to go into the stall for the first three days; she was fed just outside the stall. Melanie was doing morning feeding for Canela for the first time on day four. She walked out into her area and asked permission to approach. Canela stood still and let Melanie put a soft line over her neck and walk her into the stall for breakfast. There was no issue of Canela feeling cornered and kicking.

It won't take long for Canela to be ready for a new home. She is very smart and wants to please. Please help to support Canela and the other rescues. Thank you!

The Sanctuary Dog, Turk ~ (Cont. from P. 1)

The same ear-shattering bark indicating it is time to feed him takes place twice a day.

Then comes the loud barks demanding to be let outside and in the evening that will be a short time before he is back in the house for the night. Turk likes to spend time with the folks that come and go here during the day. He will bark loudly if any car comes in that doesn't belong to a volunteer. He doesn't play tag with Oliver, the cat, anymore, but they do cuddle and take a nap. Oliver still likes to hide and jump out on to Turk.

We are looking for a new livestock guard dog for the herd. There is a long list of this type of dog, and if you happen to find one, please let us know. We don't want a puppy, and we would like to have a female dog this time. We would like to have a new dog that is at least eight months old or older.

All the Splendid Horses

HPS has had amazing horses in the past, but we have so many tremendously gorgeous babies just waiting for their new forever loving homes. What would you like? Rocky Mountain, Tennessee Walker Horse, Paso Fino, Quarter Horse, Paint Horse, a young horse or one with many miles.

Can Horses Get Dingleberries?

By Melanie Ruscoe

I've asked myself some crazy questions before, but I can't say as I've ever wondered if horses get dingleberries. I've seen dogs get them, and cats get them, but horses? If you'd have asked me before I came to HPS, I'd have probably said no. Then my daughter, Lanie, tells me otherwise. She was mucking out the barns when she heard a commotion. She saw Rising Sun running around, then stopping and swishing her tail vigorously, then taking off running again. She hurried to follow, trying to see what was wrong with her. Rising Sun stopped, swished her tail up and down repeatedly, then ran and hopped with her tail held up high and to the side. That's when Lanie saw it..... a dingleberry that was scaring this poor horse senseless! I'm not sure if all horses react this way to it, but Rising Sun had no idea what was going on. I'm very thankful that it somehow came off on its own and neither Lanie nor I had to try to assist. I can't imagine how we could have!

The one thing that horses can get is bot fly eggs on their legs, belly and their sides this time of year. It is important to remove the eggs in an area that the horses will not be grazing or eating. We used the driveway for this important maintenance. The larva end up attached to the horses' stomach all winter and then are pasted to develop into the fly by late summer.



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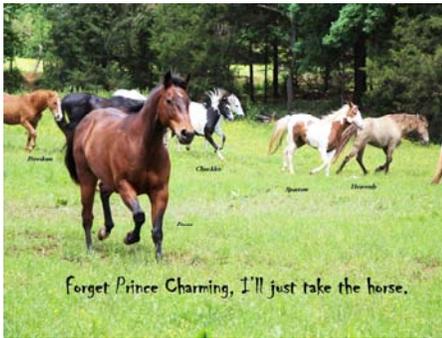
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