



Honey

By Grace Mackley

It felt like forever ago since I first met Honey. December 2018, she came to us as a young filly with an antagonistic spirit. This poor horse looked like a sack of bones when I first saw her. I also remember being chased by her with her ears pinned and jaw tight!



December 2018

Honey was not a very fitting name for her as she was definitely NOT sweet when she first came. Her being starved and neglected caused a whole lot of issues for her as she had a very aggressive manner towards humans. At feeding time, we would sometimes have to throw her food bowl into her stall and get out as quickly as possible. After a few days, we would have to collect the 4 or so food bowls that had been put in there because of her food aggression. That's not even the worst of it! Imagine trying to tend to her wounds while trying not to get bit or kicked. Most avoided Honey because of her behavior, and I was personally extremely cautious when around her.

The funny thing about these kinds of horses is that they can turn out to be one of the best horses you have ever owned. You just need to give them time and your patience. Time is definitely something Honey was given, and boy did she take a lot of it. Little by little though Honey was warming up to us. We could walk into her stall to feed her, we could touch her, and eventually scratch her. Now, one of the first horses to greet people is Honey! She will follow you around for a good scratching and is curious about what the humans are up to. In fact, the other day, I had come to HPS late in the evening to hang out with the horses, and it filled me with joy when Honey came galloping up to me from the hay feeder!



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Not only is Honey shaping up to have a great personality, but she is also a fantastic learner. She has shaped up to be the best young horse I am currently working with. Under halter, she is a pro, and I can take her on trail walks with ease. She has even had the saddle on her and has been successfully sat on! Of course, we are still waiting to ride her to ensure that she is fully developed because of her previous starvation. The best part is that she loves it all! Most of the time she wanders into the stall to be groomed or given attention. She is a fantastic young mare who has truly progressed the most out of any horse here at HPS.



News from the Herd

The Herd: Finally the weather has cooled, and there have been some good soaking rains. The horses stay dry under their covered hay feeders and nap in the barns. They are just starting to lose their shiny, soft summer coats. Their winter coats are a little late coming in. I wonder if it is because the last few winters have been mild with no deep ground freezing.



HPS hires Chris Morgan, our neighbor, to reseed the fields each year. We rely on Chris to pick the best seed for the planting, and have always been pleased with the results. Last year we paid \$60 for fifty-pounds of fescue seed. This year the price increased to \$100 for a fifty-pound bag of seed and it takes many bags of seed. Although the fields do not provide enough grass to replace any of our hay deliveries, the nutrition in the grass provides the horses a good range of natural vitamins and minerals.

The horses enjoy being allowed to go into the various fields. It gives the areas time to grow some grass and a change for the horses. The bottom field is still their favorite.

The horses will finish their 100 day treatment for EPM this month. All of them have done great. Thank you for making this treatment possible

Population Explosion

Earlier this year, our huge rooster and two hens were removed from the chicken house and allowed to free-range since they were bullying several of the Buff Orpington chickens.

The two free-ranging hens began to lay their eggs in a hay bin in one of the condo stalls, but after they had a nice nest full of eggs, a large snake found the nest and ate the eggs. We relocated several large rat snakes and the two hens searched for a new location for their nest.

Years ago, Perry Morgan built HPS a large steel box that is affectionately known as the “Feed Vault.” It rests on steel beams that keep the box off the ground. The hens selected this spot under the “Feed Vault”, which was a super safe place to lay their eggs. Most volunteers didn’t know the two hens were there, sitting on a large catch of eggs together. Then the chicks started to hatch and a loud chorus of “Peep-Peep-Peep” could easily be heard.

Christina, Joyce, and I decided it was best to move the hens and chicks into the hen house where they would be safe. Christina pointed out, “Once they all hatch, we will never be able to catch them.” Joyce and I each held a hen while Christina, on her stomach, carefully collected the chicks and unhatched eggs. We counted ten hatched chicks and over 10 eggs that looked as if a chick was trying to break out of the egg. The hens and hatched chicks took to their low sided large plastic box for the night. The next day we had 20 babies, five yellow and fifteen black. Each of the hens claims all of the chicks as theirs! Moms and babies are doing great.

The moms take the tiny chicks out in the large fenced in area several times a day that they share with the eight buff hens. Tiny baby chicks are so cute!



SURPRISE!

By Joyce Darling

Joanie loved “Little Red”, a 1990 Ford Tempo GL that had belonged to HPS for a long time. Her paint was faded and the radio and air conditioning did not work. The hood was extremely dented from a falling tree limb and had once flown up while Joanie was driving down the road.



On July 30th Joanie was driving “Little Red” and the car quit at the intersection of Fulton and W. Innes Street. The Salisbury policeman and firemen pushed Little Red safely off the road, while a fire truck blocked the road. The car would not start, so Joanie had it towed back to HPS.

Sally and Tim Rogers came to HPS on Sunday, August first. Tim is the owner of Stars and Bars Tavern and his wife Sally organized the fundraiser event in memory of Lynn Burriss. Joanie thought Tim came that day to see if he could fix Little Red. They told Joanie that a good friend was on his way over and “he is a very good mechanic” to help Tim look at Red. The “good mechanic” was Wayne, the owner of Rowan Auto Sales.

Wayne pulled up in a white Mitsubishi, went over to Little Red, and told Joanie he did not think she should put any more money into fixing it and suggested she get a new car. Before Joanie could react to the news of letting Little Red go, he walked her over to the white Mitsubishi and said “how about you name this one Whitey.” Joanie’s reaction was priceless. The car was donated to HPS by Rowan Auto Sales in Salisbury.



The car was originally going to be presented to HPS during the 1st Annual Fundraising event that was held on August 28th. (Sally was not impressed with Little Red.)^h Thank you, Sally, for making this possible, Leighann from Gerry Wood for helping Sally find a car and donating the funds to help with the tax and title fees, and Rowan Auto Sales for being kind enough to donate this amazing car to HPS! This day was LIVE, so you can watch the live video posted on our Facebook page.

All this, because Lynn Burriss loved Joanie and the horses, and so many loved Lynn Burriss!

Our heartfelt gratitude and our wishes for you to be blessed goes to each and everyone of you for caring!

In memory of Lynn Burris. By Minnie Jan Krenze
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Frosty and Rosie, our Maremma livestock guard dogs, are starting to roam the fields and keep critters off the property. Frosty needs to fill out. We are now on our third type of puppy dog food. We always buy grain-free dog and cat food, but an allergy to an ingredient in the last food gave Frosty hot spots. So we had to change again.

Dog breeds that have not been in the country too long can react poorly to chemicals in food, dewormers, flea and tick remedies, and other medications. For example, Maremma Sheepdogs should never be given processed meats such as bacon or lunch meat, or anything with nitrates that can cause cancer. HeartGuard is recommended for heartworm prevention for most livestock guard dogs.



Frosty, Rosie & Lillian