



For the Love of Horses, 1st Craft Fair and Fundraiser

In Honor of Lynn Burris

If you missed this wonderful event, hope we see you next year! Sally Rodgers was the orchestrator of the fundraiser along with hubby Tim. Sally provided HPS with a to-do list that was minuscule compared to her endless list. Completing her list would have been impossible without her army of able volunteers made up of family and friends.



The start of setup in the arena, We borrowed a large trailer from Chris Morgan for the stage.

Before the event, we had some drenching rainstorms that gave a great boost to the growth of grass in the fields....along with the weeds. Joyce Darling and Mary Anderson mowed fields, weeded, and cut down weeds. They realigned fencing to provide room for parking in the front and side fields, and to ensure no horses would join in the fun. (That would not have been good! Can you imagine the sociable boys, Chuckles, and Chicklet, running through the crowd of folks and vendors?)



Three of the wonderful volunteers of the folks that are a great help here at the sanctuary. Thank you, Judy Smith, Joyce Darling and Susan Parker.

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Many of the HPS folks helped get ready for the fundraiser, removing all items stored in the indoor training arena, setting up tables for the Silent Auction and HPS t-shirt sales, and organizing the live-auction items. HPS volunteers here on the day of the event, pitched in wherever they were needed. Grace and Loren helped the little folks learn about horses, but the favorite thing for the kids was sitting on Dusty to get their pictures taken.



The kids loved the Needle in a Haystack Game. They had an allotted time to hunt toys and candy hidden in the haystack, then made another pile and jumped in to hunt again for more toys and goodies. (They missed a small bag of popcorn which Rosie found in the morning, “MINE!”)



The kids flattened the 800 pound straw bale in record time looking for the hidden goodies.

The little kids went first and were adorable!

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There were many creative craft vendors including tie-dyed t-shirts, quilts, jewelry, paperweights, printed t-shirts with funny sayings, plants, wreaths, soaps, and much more. The food vendors had a variety of good food. I tried the BBQ pork sandwich with coleslaw, which was to die for; it came with baked beans and corn on the cob. The fresh-squeezed lemonade finished off lunch perfectly with ice cream for dessert.



Donations for the Silent and Live Auction were amazing with a great variety of items! The bidding was fierce on several items, and there were good deals to be had. The HPS folks won the silent auction bids for the things they wanted.



A special tribute was done for Lynn Burris. A bench was placed to honor her and her life.



There was bingo for adults and children with wonderful prizes. The kids had a great time picking their prizes. It was fun having a fundraiser for the whole family. The band was good with toe-tapping bluegrass music. It was a fun day. All went smoothly and worked out perfectly. Thank you, Sally, and your army of wonderful volunteers!

All for the Love of Horses!

News from the Herd

Ebony Star has been a hard horse to manage over the years. Shortly after she arrived she was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. It has been an up and down struggle to keep her levels balanced so she feels good. She was put on a compounded powered Pergolide and her numbers were still off.

Later, Metformin was added to the Pergolide medications. It seemed to help, her numbers **were slightly better, but we could tell she didn't feel well; she avoided the other horses and hid in the barn much of the time.** Metformin has a long list of possible side effects, so we took her off the Metformin and her attitude improved some.

Earlier this summer, Dr. Smokey Pucket suggested changing Ebony Star from the powdered compounded Pergolide to Prascend. His reasoning made perfect sense. The amount of Pergolide in a scoop of the compounded product could vary with each scoop; whereas, Prascend in a pill form would have the exact amount of Pergolide needed in each pill.

Dr. Cole Annas subsequently checked Ebony's blood levels and they were the best she has ever had. She feels so much better, and we attribute it to the EPM treatment and being switched to Prascend. Her best friend now is Meeka who has had a hard time trusting other horses. Before coming to HPS, Meeka had her jaw broken by a kick from another horse. It had been hard for Ebony Star to make friends when she was not feeling well. It makes us joyful to see the two lonely horses now happy together as best friends.

Aslan has various health issues. He has some arthritis **and asthma. Sometimes we don't know what is going** to happen next. One evening, Christina found that Aslan was bleeding down both back legs. A picture was taken and Christina washed his legs to find the cause of the bleeding. She found only several tiny cuts on the inside of his legs.

The next day Dr. Annas pulled blood to check his clotting factor. The testing was not conclusive, but Vitamin K has been ordered to help his clotting factor.

Both Aslan and Shasta's asthma symptoms have improved, even in this hot humid weather. Their EPM treatments may be the reason. Both are moving better and breathing better.



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Willow is the mare that was purchased from a kill buyer feedlot by her previous owners. After months of refeeding, she was still very thin when she came to HPS. We tested Willow and she was positive for EPM. The treatment seemed to help her unsteady gait and then she went back to where she was shortly after the 10-day treatment ended.

Willow is not gaining weight as she should, which may indicate an infection that her body is trying to fight. She has neurological symptoms which could be a long list of possible issues. Dr. Annas has run about every test that can be done to try and figure out what is causing her problems.

All the tests, including West Nile, have been negative except a mild EPM positive. Various illnesses can be the result of low vitamin E. It has been suggested, when other issues are eliminated, try a chiropractor and Vitamin E supplements. We will keep you updated on how Willow and the other horses are doing.