



Dusty and Scooter

The story starts about five years ago when a phone friendship started with the owner of Dusty and Scooter. Our love for equines was shared, and a concern was expressed by the owners as to the safety of their beloved horses when they died. In their Last Will and Testament, a generous offer was made to HPS to take the horses and care for them..

Over the years, the owners' health deteriorated and they were not as able to care for the horses as they were in the past. I mentioned that we would help and take the horse at the present time if that would be something they wanted us to do. It got emotional for both of us and arrangements were made to send the two beloved babies to HPS.

How odd it is to have two well-cared-for beautiful healthy horses come to the sanctuary! The folks here have fallen for them the first couple of days. The horses are happy for the attention and they are getting introduced to the herd over the stall wall and the fence. Heavenly is in love with Dusty or maybe it is because she is in season. Heavenly took down part of the fence to join Dusty and the other two horses. (Another horse that is NOT going to make a jumper.)

Dusty is a gentle dark sorrel Morgan-Quarter horse cross, gelding, and 18 years old. Just as pretty as they come and a great personality.

Scooter is a Quarter Horse with some hoof issues in the front and is wearing shoes to aid recovery. She has a crack in the hoof that extends to the coronary band, (top of the hoof.) She was purchased to be a pasture mate for Dusty. She is 17 years old and a pretty sorrel mare.

These two arrived in royal fashion. It had to be the most incredible rig to ever arrive at the rescue. They arrived with all of the accoutrements, and feed, and supplements. It will take a while to sort through everything. Also included were 110 bales of hay, which was unloaded and put in the two covered hay feeders. That was late on Saturday afternoon and by Wednesday the horses had eaten all but about 10 bales. Hay was on its way to refill the feeders.



Scooter's face is so pretty. We are so happy that we could help with these two horses.



Dusty will make you laugh. Both will do fine when added to the herd.

Please make arrangements for your horses and other critters.

Will in Time be Beautiful!

We received a phone call from a concerned member who saw a horse advertised on the Internet. One look at the ad and I knew we needed to get the horse under our care. She looked like a one on the Henneke Body Scoring scale. I called the stable and told the manager that we would be willing to take in the horse. It didn't take long to get the okay from the owner of the starved horse in Iredell County. The owner signed the horse over to the stable and as soon as we were notified, Melanie and I were on the road to make a pick-up.

We never know what we will be facing upon arrival. The stable is owned by new folks and sometimes when a business changes hands, the new owner may inherit problems. It was never clear, but it sounded as if the owner was responsible for the feeding of the horse and that was not happening. The stable owner was wise to try everything to get the starved horse off their property. Animal Control can look to the stable owner as responsible for the care of the horse regardless of the agreement between the stable and the owner.

While I was talking to the stable manager and getting our release form signed, Melanie quietly headed over to put a halter and lead on the mare. We had already opened the back of the trailer. Our new skinny 21-year-old mare showed more energy than expected loading into the trailer.



The 21 year old mare just arrived at the rescue. Your donations SAVE Lives.

Sometimes the horses that come to us are unusual. The tall mare is a strawberry roan and also a tri-color. Her face is all white and called "Bald Face," both back legs have full stockings, and the mane and tail are tri-color. Now it gets really different, she is a registered Tennessee Walking Horse. I have never seen or heard of a TWH with markings like this mare. There is a rumor that she was a show horse.

Her body is covered with fungus, and she will need another fungal bath on the next warm day. Her hooves are in good shape, but there is an issue with her teeth. She can slowly mash up the expensive chopped alfalfa, but can't manage normal hay. Along with her feed and supplements, we are also giving her three large helpings of soaked alfalfa cubes during the day, which she devours.

She was not gaining weight in a way that we would expect, and a full blood panel only revealed low iron.



"Here comes a 2-legged and she's got a halter. He...ha! She thinks I'm going to get up and work today."



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Oh my GOSH!

By Rhonda Wright

Oh my GOSH! I'm still thinking I may wake up in the morning and realize this has all been a dream or find the horses have jumped the fence (that still could happen I guess!)

Autumn and Salida are becoming fast friends - guess that happens when you get snatched from the good field and forced into the back of a trailer together , then turned loose into a place you've never been before.

Day one is in the books - well almost! I've always loved the stubbornness of these two for some reason.

Salida at first - tried the training program with her - couldn't even get her out of the field for the first few sessions. Well, what she didn't know is I am as stubborn as she is - so we finally had a breakthrough and it's been a special friendship and bond ever since. Somebody gave me a hint (Think it was Lillian) that she liked bananas - so every week or so - I get a really ripe banana and mush segments of it in my hands - and she loves her banana pudding treat. (Got Joanie's permission too!)

After volunteering for a few years, it started to sink in that we really could make a home for Salida with us. But we all know, horses need their buddies. Again, I'm drawn to stubborn mares. And moody, and smart, and tough to get past the wall they try to put up - I think to protect themselves from being hurt. (People and horses !)

So doesn't that fit Autumn to a tee????

Richard started to figure out - well ok - guess we are getting horses. So he started coming and what ... Autumn kinda took to his firm gentleness. She sort of let me in - since I seemed to be how she got to see Richard.

Our relationship with Autumn - and hers with us - is still growing. Now that we have them here - I know we will have the strongest and most respectful relationship possible.

Seeing how long they've been at HPS - I know this is/will be a HUGE change for them (and us) - we are first-time horse owners. Heck, before HPS I was scared to death of horses. Loved and admired them from afar. Now to see them in our pasture, at our home.... my heart is literally full!

Thank you all for all you do - to care for these horses and each other to make dreams like this come true.



Rhonda and Salida



Salida and Autumn



The babies' new stable

Beautiful New Livestock Guardian Dog

HPS has been looking for a Livestock Guardian Dog (LGD) for months. I saw a notice that two Maremmas had been transferred to Carolina Great Pyrenees Rescue in Indian Trail. Shannon is responsible for placing most of their dogs in the rescue. She assured me that the Maremmas would not be good dogs for our sanctuary.

Shannon sent us off with two other dogs, a 10-year-old unneutered male, and a 3-year-old spayed female LGD. The idea was that the older dog would help train the younger dog. The male dog had a stroke or possibly a brain tumor and we had to return him to the rescue.

Clover has been doing great with Oliver, Kachina, and the horses. She is quickly learning about all the folks who help at the rescue and is standoffish with strangers. It has taken time for Clover and Kachina to start playing together.

Melanie returned the old male boy and also wanted to look at a male Pyrenees that Shannon had mentioned to her. Of course, Melanie agreed to foster this young very skinny dog, which had been over-drugged with sedatives for a long time, need to detox, and had other issues. (The past owner wanted the dog kept sedated. Mel had a veterinarian check him out and he felt that the skinny pup needed to gain 40 to 45 pounds. The poor mistreated dog is only 18 months old.



People need to take great care in selecting a breed of dog. The larger breeds are not for most folks and LGDs need special care and the right homes where the owners understand them. Working breed dogs need a job!

September Brings....

Botfly Eggs laid on the horse's legs, upper stomach area, and hips need to be removed in an area that the horses never graze or eat. Our driveway is great for this purpose. The yellow-colored eggs mature on the ends of the hair and then pull on the hair. Then the horse bites at the area and the egg gets in the horse's mouth where it matures along the gum area. Once it is swallowed the maturing larva will attach to the stomach lining and cause damage to the area.

Last year the botfly eggs showed up as early as the end of July. Cows in close fields can cause botflies to get on your horses. There is a good size herd behind our bottom field.

Ragwort, Pigweed & Toxic leaves may be putting your horses and other critters in danger of dying. Once the Ragwort is hit by frost the critters will eat it and it can cause liver damage.

The Pigweed is full of thousands of seeds and you may have to dig it out to kill the large plants. This plant can cause colic like symptoms, staggering gait, seizures, and death.

If you have a woods or tree line near your pastures you may need to check the area for trees that leaves can kill your horses. Here are just a few that you need to remove: Fox grape has different names, five dry leaves can kill, red maple leaves are toxic to pasture critters, black walnut leaves and nut hulls can cause founder in horses just by them walking on the fallen trash. Check your area for any other problems.

Hurricanes and Tropical storms can hit us at any time in the late summer and fall. Make sure you are stocked up on food for all your animals at all times. If possible, store extra water in case your services close down.

A **Generator** would be a great addition to HPS. It is on our wish list. It would be wonderful to have for any property with livestock and other critters.

YOU ARE WONDERFUL!

I love the surprise I see on folks' faces when they had not been to the sanctuary in years and years. They are not expecting to see all of the fabulous changes that many of you have made possible. Wonderful horse barns, the cover hay feeders and the training arena dot the landscape now.

Today, helping to provide all the needs for the horses is our big concern. There are horses with ongoing health issues, and prices for necessities keep going up.

Now that people are not as confined to their homes, we are getting more abuse calls. So far there has not been anything serious that we need to deal with except the TWH mare. (I wish she would pick a name.)

Thank you, Sherry Crowder for remembering "Baby." The years that she was with HPS were treasured.

In memory of Emma Lilly, Judy Smith's kitty. By Pamela Neidig

In memory of Loretta Campbell. By Barbara Campbell

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You can look up the research study and read the full findings. It basically holds what I have said about Beet Pulp with or without molasses for years. The preparation time is not worth the dangerous raised glyceimic response and what you have to do to reduce it. To remove the sugar the beet pulp should be soaked for seven hours and then rinsed multiple times.

I would be leery of leaving any product soaking in the heat and humidity of North Carolina. With the sugar, I would be concerned the mix would ferment and could cause terrible health issues.

Veterinarians recommend feeding beet pulp to starved horses. Their metabolism is already way off and if you ad beet pulp it could cause an ongoing metabological syndrome. In simple terms, starved horses should never have high sugar and should have high protein.

The last issue is that sugar beets are a GMO product and the beets and the fields are sprayed with the round-up type product which is taken up by the sugar beet. I only buy cane sugar for kitchen use.