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# Over Herd

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## Mark your Calendars:

**Members Meeting &  
Potluck lunch  
April 10th**

This is one of the most important meetings of the year! Nominations for new officers will be taken from the floor. You can nominate yourself for any position you would like to hold. You can nominate anyone else, if you have asked him or her if they are interested in the position. We have a new potential treasurer who expressed interest in the position. Come get involved and help HPS grow. You do not have to be present to be nominated. (Feel free to call Roberta McCardle or the ranch with any questions.)

**Yard Sale Set Up  
April 30th**

Your help is needed any time on Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> to help set up for the Yard Sale. It usually takes from dawn until dark to finish. Please come to the sanctuary and lend a hand. Your help is also needed on May 1<sup>st</sup> to help with the customers and clean up on Yard Sale day! The day starts at dawn! Please call the sanctuary if you can come lend a hand either or both days.  
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## 2 Find a LOVING Home, 1 New Horse Arrives

It is a bitter sweet day when our babies leave for a new life. Laredo had been a favorite at the sanctuary since he first arrived. His long flowing, black wavy mane made him an eye catcher. Laredo was often the first to come greet anyone walking in his field. He was not always good about sharing the attention with the other horses when they came for attention too. When Laredo came, he had been starved... not as bad as many, his back right leg was fractured, and his hooves were so spread out that he walked on his soles. They were the size of a dinner plate... cracked and broken on the edges. Today he is a real beauty! His gates as smooth as riding in an expensive car.



**Timber is adjusting quickly to his new home!**

The family who selected him was also interested in a smaller baby. Tootsie caught their eye, and they felt they could work with her. Poor little Tootsie has had a hard life for her beginning years. We know of four places she lived before coming to us at 4.5 years old. She had been so traumatized that she only learned to trust a couple of people while with us. We felt a quieter home with fewer people in and out would be less stressful for her. Today Tootsie's starved body has been restored to health, and even with her damaged hip she moves beautifully. We are praying she will make a good little carthorse for her new family. Please say a pray for both of the babies to adjust well and happily in their new home. Many of us will miss Tootsie and Laredo... but we know there is nothing to replace a loving family and the way they will flourish.

Down two horses and up by one! Lee Ann Dean made us aware of a situation that was just getting worse as each week past. A man was going through a divorce and needed to sell his aged horse and all the equipment that went with him. He was not acting in a rational way and would not let the horse go thinking no one would want what else he had without the horse. No one wanted the horse, so he could not sell his package of fence panels, saddles and the horse. His asking price was two thousand dollars when he started offering everything for sale. Lee Ann's friend had spoken to him and others... no one wanted the horse. To get the horse out of the situation I took the needed funds out of what I call the "house roof fund." (Very slowly I have tried to build up enough money to put a needed roof on the old house.) Oh well! It is just money, and we maybe able to put it back with the sale of some of the things that came with the horse. Arrangements were made and Kathy Haw, John Kiwacka, and Charlie Adams went to collect this pretty boy. Lee Ann was upset that she had to work. Timber is a lovely late teen to early 20-year-old horse and as black as coal. We do get a little jaundice in **Cont on Page 3**

## Meet the Members...

Hi! My name is Sirius (pronounced "Sear-russ") and I've been a member of HPS for almost a year. This is the most rewarding work that I have ever done in my whole life. As the House Dog, I am in charge of everything in the house and yard. This is an enormous responsibility and requires a stout heart and a good eye. I keep track of comings and goings. When I don't know a Two-Legger, it is my job to bark loudly. I keep an eye on Two-Leggers in the house as well to ensure that they behave in a civilized manner (i.e. this involves tummy-rubbing). Sue Wortman takes me for walks and gives me doggy etiquette lessons. She says I'm a good girl. (She has such insight; I like my friend Suel). I try hard to reflect well on HPS by both my demeanor and my appearance. I am a stalwart girl and I'm named after the Dog Star in Canis Major, the brightest star in the heavens. So come on out, you horse-lovers, and rest assured that the house is in good hands, er, paws. (Has anybody seen my teddy?)



## Yay, It's Feeding Time! By YumYum (Clerical by Roberta McCardle)

Feeding time is wonderful because we get tasty and nutritious food. It is also wonderful, however, because of the entertainment unwittingly provided by the herd.

Do you know who's the Boss Mare of the Barn? It's Morning Glory! When she lumbers into the barn, it reminds me of the Israelites and the Red Sea. The other horses part and make way for her. She does not kick; she does not say ugly things with her ears. The other horses simply melt out of her walkway. This is a horse with one eye and a blown out knee! I've said it before and I'll say it again, a sense of presence is what counts, not size, not athletic ability.

Who has a sense of humor? (Hint: her stall is located directly across from the barn feed room). Irish! She avidly watches all preparatory work in the feed room. When she feels that the feeder has had enough time to get started, she will make faces in which her beautiful teeth and gums are fully exposed. The feeder's laughter is the fuel for Irish to do this again & again. What a ham!

While this is going on in the stalls, there is also a drama unfolding within the feed room itself. Yellow Cat is a powerful personality and feels that the freshest and largest scoop of cat food should be on HER side of the plate. Calico Cat must wait until he too has his own scoop. Sometimes he will try to sneak a nibble from the perimeter of Yellow Cat's food. Retribution is swift and merciless....the shive paw is unleashed and Calico Cat is chastised.

Over on the back aisle of the barn, Mancha waits impatiently. She will periodically whiney to remind the feeder that she is STILL waiting for her breakfast. This is an imposing girl of much avoirdupois. She readily flattens her ears and makes some two-leggers think she is going to kick them into next week. A secret....she is not nearly as tough & surly as she pretends to be.

Who is a repository of good manners and gentility? Willow! She appreciates her comestibles but she is not pushy during their delivery. Sundance is another great lady.

Eager to get fed, Navajo seeks to make dental impressions on the derrieres of horses who pass his stall. You can almost hear him say, "If you people would PLEASE get in your stalls, we would ALL get fed faster!" (Note: I do not blame Navajo one bit. He was very, very thin when he came to HPS and now he is a handsome fellow). Navajo takes feeding time seriously and is usually one of the first to put himself in his stall.

The "little guys" group (named for me!) is another story. My dear friend Sugarfoot will not go in her stall until the coast is clear, i.e. Skye is out of her path. I am so fortunate that I'm the only one that can fit in my stall. They keep the top half of my dutch door closed so the full-size horses cannot fit under the door. Ahhh, sweet repose!

Sunset readily goes to stand by her dish and patiently wait. Skye is another story. She knows quite well what is going on, but she likes to make the two-leggers put forth some effort to get her in her stall. Sometimes, just for kicks, at the last minute she will abruptly change course and not go in her stall. Gentle Reader, she knows exactly what she is doing! Sweet Desert is blind and just needs a little help to get to her dish.

What can I say about the back pasture group (AKA "the rowdies")? Dakota is a gentleman and so is the handsome Teton. Windwalker can be a tad impatient and has sought various ways of drawing attention to her hungry plight -- she has turned her feeding dish over and beat it with her hoof. Another not-so-subtle ploy has been to pick up her dish and hold it in her mouth until the feeder notices. This is a girl not to be ignored! What about Dream Catcher? Well, I think he is a little toooo pushy about his food but that's just my opinion.

These are some of our differences....but what do we all have in common? Gratitude! Gratitude that we were saved and brought to HPS. No animal ever goes hungry here....no one is ever beaten....we all get proper hoof care....we all get the medicine we need....and we LOVE our Sunday afternoon treats! I may be a tad irascible on occasion but the truth is, I love it here!

**FOR SALE**

**25 heavy-duty 12-foot panels. \$40.00 each, \$78.00 new. One 12' panel gate & two walk through gates. \$35.00 each, \$71.00 new. If you know of someone who would like to have a round pen, please pass the information on to them. The panels can be seen at the sanctuary. Thank you.**

**A memorial donation  
was made for "Nugget"  
by Missy Anderson**

**Happy Birthday Spunky  
With love from  
Shannon Caviness**

**Happy 82nd Birthday  
Ruth Colston - 3/18/04.  
From Barbara Moore to aid Queenie**

**Food Lion Shop & Share....HSP Needs You!**

This is such an easy, low labor fund-raiser! It only takes a minute of your time to fill out the Food Lion Shop & Share form we mailed out in the HPS tax letters in January OR complete & return the form on line at [foodlion.com](http://foodlion.com). It helps the horses so much and does not hurt your MVP savings at all. When I checked in January we only had 70 people signed up. This had grown to 115 in late March. It is still not enough; let's get this up to at least 300! **Hundreds of people in areas with Food Lion grocery stores get this newsletter.** Don't forget to ask your relatives, friends, & neighbors too! The horses have to depend on the kindness of all of us just to live, just to eat. **Please, take a couple of minutes to do this.** It only takes a minute of your time or a stamp to return it to the ranch but **IT MEANS SO MUCH TO HELPING THE HORSES!** Thank you for caring enough to help.

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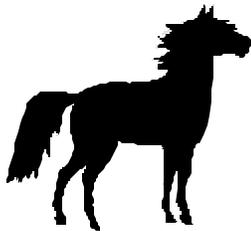
our view of horses since so often they are skeletons with skin when they come to us. To see a horse arrive that is a three on the rating scale rather than a one is a bit of a shock. I wish all of them could come to us before they are in such terrible condition. He is gaining his weight back so quickly that I missed getting his picture at his thinnest. In less than two weeks, Timber has gained almost a full body score. What we need to remember is he also could have lost a full body score if left where he was. No one is sure what breed Timber is. What we do know is that he was gelded late in life. Many of his characteristics are the same as a stallion would be. He has gone through the beginning deworming and soon will be able to come out of confinement.

Timber arrived with his own goat! I was not at all happy about this development having had goats here before. Everyone was saying things like, "Oh, how cute." "Let's keep her." In a few minutes everything changed. The goat escaped from the round pen and joined the "Rowdies" in their field. Dakota and Seneca were herding the goat into a position to kick her. The other horses joined in this new game at full gallop. The goat rescuers were not about to get in between the galloping horses and the frantic goat. When she finally left the field and the goat rescuers were trying to keep her from going back in the field they did not have a plan for catching her. Yells for help were heard and I roped the goat. No one protested, as the little girl was loaded back onto Kathy Haw's trailer to be delivered to one of her friends that raises goats. Another exciting day comes to an end at the sanctuary.

**Brianna Potestivo  
has been honored by her  
Uncle Jim Dorrance**

**Happy Birthday  
Berly Rehn  
From Marcie Geyer**

**To Kulani who is  
now in Heaven  
Di Thomas  
has honored Queenie.**



## News From The Herd

**Montana** was showing signs of ouchy feet in the front. We checked him out and it was apparent that he was showing signs of laminitis. We put him on a prescription from Dr. Robin Smith, and he is doing much better. If the laminitis is caught early enough this seems to help keep it from going into founder

**Mesa** was coughing and coughing. The antibiotics were not knocking it out. Dr. Robin felt Mesa had contracted COPD or as it is now called in horses RAO (Reoccurring Airway Obstruction.) We put her on the treatment we developed for Whisper and all symptoms disappeared in four days. We are still very hopeful this treatment can be developed and proven to help all horses with allergies heaves and RAO.

**Several of the horses** have had to be treated for small areas of fungus on their skin. All this damp and changeable weather can cause this to show up with the horses trying to shed their winter coats. We try not to shed them out too early or we will have a herd of very cold horses. The old matted hair can contribute to the fungus. Kind of a catch 22... if we shed them out it helps to prevent the fungus... but if we do shed them too early they are going to be cold during the nights when the temperatures drop

**Queenie** is a wonder! She continues to try to re-assert her position of "Mean Queen." Charlie Adams built a new gate that he installed in the big barn. This allows Queenie an even larger area without interfering with the other horses' area. We can now close off the main isle way without locking all the other horses out of the big barn. Then Queenie gets to go out in the front yard and drive area. Weekends are a little crazy sometimes. We often cannot let Queen out to roam until late Sunday afternoon. She will run, kick and buck in the barn to show her anger with us. By the time Dottie can let her out late Sunday afternoon, she is really full of herself. (I would not advise trying to move her away from the wheelbarrows of fruit and vegetables being cut up for the herd.) By Monday morning Queenie is showing signs of lameness. We have named this new illness "Monday Morning Lameness." Now, we just give her a Bute Sunday evening to help her through Monday.

**Yum Yum** has not been doing well. His weight is down and it should not be with the diagnoses of hypothyroidism. There are times that a false positive will show up and the medication just makes the horse worse. Yum Yum's blood work up showed liver and kidney problems, iron and Vitamin E and selenium deficiencies. He is not as interested in eating, as he should be.



## FIRE! FIRE!

Someone told me people pay more attention if you yell "**fire**" instead of "**HELP!**" Our veterinarian bill is over \$5,000. Two ways you can help the horses:

1. We are desperate for Yard Sale items. If we have already cleaned out your home, garage and storage building, ask your friends and neighbors. **Yard Sale is May 1, Saturday.** (Please get things to us as early as possible.)
2. Direct donations and membership renewal - some members have not sent in their yearly dues, yet. The horses need each of you to care. You are all they have. The officers cannot possibly plan and run enough fundraisers to support all the horses.

*This mission takes each and every one of you! God bless you for caring!*



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Founded by Joan Benson and incorporated in 1999, we continue to reach out and to grow. We are always seeking new members.

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