



# Over Herd

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**Important Events**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> 10 o'clock until:** Project day. Please bring rakes and leaf blowers. Pot-luck lunch. We need to get areas cleaned so the grass can come up in the fields and many other things.  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> 10 o'clock:** Tractor trailer load of hay to unload. We have 50 round bales, so this will be our last load of hay. Please let us know you are coming to help!  
**May 31<sup>st</sup> Mane Event:**  
**Speedway Club 5:30 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner.**  
 Live and silent auctions. Just a partial list of items to be offered: ½ ct Diamond earrings; stained glass lamp; 3900 Trek men's bike; 14ct graduated kisses necklace; Samsonite luggage, Vintage Deluxe set; Adele M. Goodman artist, head portrait of your pet; Antique bridle pin; Bread machine; Chocolate brown leather Marshall Rouso handbag; Sterling & blue lapis bracelet; Bannanna black lab rug, hooked & braided, for your puppy; Antique tooled long rifle holster; 1975 signed nuts and bolts horse art; Tools of the Trade canister set; Service for 8 Poitle English country; Iron bird bath; Wrought iron horse head hitching post; Antique English stirrups in brass; Workhorse door stop or book end.

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

To be loved by a horse, or by any animal, should fill us with awe for we have not deserved it. ~Marion Garretty

## A Jelly Bean for Easter

This story starts in South Carolina. A miniature horse stood in a large grassy field by himself. He is only seven years old and his life has been torturous. There was no care given! In the winter he was expected to live off of whatever he could find in his field. He foundered several times and his hooves grew to seven and eight inches long. He was in constant pain and stopped moving around spending most of his time lying down on the freezing ground in the winter and sun baked ground in the summer. The owner had grown bored with the little guy years ago and he finally called the veterinarian to put him to sleep. The vet refused and instead called a caring client in NC. They went to see this pathetic suffering little boy and immediately made arrangements to pick him up. When they returned, his long hooves had been hacked off causing horrific bruising on the ends of each hoof. He had to be lifted into the trailer.



The new owners did everything possible to make him comfortable. His hooves were trimmed to try and balance him and repair some of the damage that had been done. They padded and wrapped his hooves and consulted the veterinarian to develop a plan to help him safely gain weight and to make him more comfortable. The pitiful little guy would not even lie down and was so distressed he just stood in one place in his area. Little by little, over the next month, his *Continued on page 2...*

## Used Up and Worn Out

One of the new horses this month at the sanctuary is a Selle Français. The breed is a French warmblood, and today is mainly used for competitions. His career took him to Grand Prix jumping and he competed across the country. As we have seen before, as he aged, he dropped to lower levels of showing. He was moved from owner to owner and stable to stable until by the time he was 16 years old, his owners had started to wear him out. The newest owner was tying his head way down and asking him to jump because they did not like the natural way he carried his head to jump. He was already having knee problems. A young caring gal, who worked at the stable could not stand the way he was being treated. She put her money together and bought him.



Over the next twelve years there were many changes including moving to North Carolina. She loved her big horse and for all those years did the best she could to care for him. Then it became impossible to keep her long time friend and provide for him.

Shenandoah is now 28 years old and is over at the knees. When he stepped off the trailer, I thought he was going to go down. He is also weak because he was fed incorrectly for an older horse. His hooves desperately needed trimming and he needed all the usual vet care along with digital radiographs of the knees. We put him on Adequan and MSM and his knees are treated with DMSO everyday. I do not think it is reasonable to expect a recovery, however; I believe we can make him more comfortable. The chiropractic treatment helped some and will need to be redone from time to time to aid him. We have seen improvement with his front legs already. *Continued on page 2...*

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## Forsaken: Saved by an Angel

Cary Ann from Franklin County contacted HPS because a horse in her area had dropped a great deal of weight and she was very concerned. She had seen the horse sometime back and it looked fine. I asked her if she could send pictures of the horse and she got ones that showed the field and the horse. The area did not have any manure in it. A horse that is being fed will produce about 35 pounds of manure a day.



Cary Ann continued to try to find someone at home. The property was for sale and she sent me the real estate company's name and number. The agent would not give me the owner's phone number but agreed to contact him and have him call me. The owner called me the next day and agreed to release the horse. He and his wife were divorcing and both had moved out leaving the horse behind. The first story was his son was taking care of the horse. Lie number two: He then said he was going by and feeding the horse morning and evening. Lie number three: He was trying to find someone to take the horse. He said the horse was 35 years old....(no she is not!) He called her a, "pass-around-horse." I asked him what that meant and he said, "The horse had been passed around to different people in the area for years."

On behalf of Lynne Collins.  
~By Laura & Stu Warholic

In honor of Erin Brzezinski's  
birthday. ~By Taf Design

In honor of my dear friend  
Shannon Caviness' birthday.  
~By Spunky Dagenhart

In honor and memory of my  
dear friend Lillus Kurland:  
one of the most special,  
kind, caring, compassionate,  
and inspirational people I  
have ever been honored  
and blessed to know. Much  
love, all my critters and me.  
~Spunky Dagenhart

In memory of Donna's  
mother Faye Pekley. ~By  
Dianne Doub

In memory of Mason, a spe-  
cial kitty loved by Mr. & Mrs.  
Bob Dziura. ~By Dianne  
Doub

In fond memory of Dakota.  
~By Sara Lewis

In loving memory of Lillus  
Kurland. ~By George and  
Patricia Mero

In memory of my beautiful  
niece, Kristen Hinds. A  
friend in Christ. ~By Deanna  
Wagoner

Our Angel in Franklin County purchased hay for the poor girl, made sure she had fresh water rather than just rainwater that happened to get in her tub and watched over her everyday. Finally, Cary Ann got the release to the owner and he signed.

Cary Ann was contacting everyone she could think of to haul the horse to HPS and put a plea on Craig's list. Three kind people contacted HPS. Hillary was ready to go with a nice trailer that would be perfect to bring the gal to HPS. Hillary took one look at this pathetic girl and made up her mind that she wanted to give her a home once she had recovered. Enter Angel number two!

It took a week to get Spring Rain out of her situation and to the sanctuary. Cary Ann started out not knowing anything about horses and did the most incredible job to see that this abandoned girl got rescued. She was relentless and tenacious... a true Guardian Angel for this horse. May God bless her for caring! Now, the Angels that keep HPS going will take over until she is ready to go to Hillary.

### *Continued from page 1... JELLY BEAN*

hooves healed and he started moving around more. Things changed quickly with the new owner and she was going to be boarding her two horses. That would leave the grievous little guy all by himself once again. She also realized that there was much more that needed to be done for the little guy and did not know how to care for him. What do you do when your heart outweighs your knowledge and ability to provide for an equine that you have fallen in love with? Like so many before, call HPS, the people with a heart that will just expand for one more.

Jelly Bean stood on the edge of the back of the trailer, not sure he could comfortably get off, surveying his new home. Since he had been wormed and vaccinated he could go in with Rose Bud right away. The folks had done a good job caring for him. He had gained some weight and he was moving much better. Several times we have seen him running and doing a little buck. Digital radiographs have been scheduled and his teeth will be checked.

Jelly Bean is full of fun and if you sit on the ground, he will remove your hat, put his face right into yours and blow in your face. He trots right up to greet anyone walking into the field. He has become Rose Bud's buddy and stands over her when she is lying down. It is hard not to take him a treat, which he should not have at this point. Please come meet Jelly Bean and the other new horses at the sanctuary.

### *Continued from page 1...USED UP AND WORN OUT*

Shenandoah was released from solitary confinement quickly and joined the horses in the new barn. Granger gave up his stall and joined his girlfriend in *Ghost Town*. Normally we would not put him in the new barn until he had gained more weight, but he really needed a larger stall. He is so tall and long that he needed more room to recover than the small field in the front. He is seventeen hands tall which means 68 inches to the withers.

We could not ask for a better-behaved horse, whether doctoring, working with the chiropractor or just giving him a hug, he enjoys the attention. Please consider being an Angel Sponsor for this wonderful big boy that has given so much all his life. Now it is his turn to be given to.



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- ~Your help is always welcome at the ranch. Please contact Joanie if you are able to come out to volunteer some of your time. Get out in the fresh air, move around, learn something, love on some amazing animals, and feel great bonding with your family.
- ~If you prefer to send a gift card donation in lieu of monetary donations Tractor Supply Company and Staples are great choices. We can get many supplies there.
- ~There are many horses that are ready for their new home. Please spread the word to as many people as possible about HPS and the wonderful animals ready for new families. Check our updated website for photos and descriptions or better yet, come see them in person!

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