



Found Running Loose



This young horse has had a sad past including being bounced around from one owner to another until he finally arrived at the sanctuary. I have not been able to verify the story, but feel the folks were telling me what they knew and I have no reason to doubt what the previous owner before them told them about the big paint.

First, the horse was found running loose in either Rowan or Cabarrus County. The big paint gelding was reported to be thin at that point. It is a little fuzzy as to who picked up the horse, whether it was one of the humane societies or Animal Control. The young gelding was given away and then, even before he had gained his weight back, he was sold to the present owner for \$300.00. This buyer was a kind person who felt sorry for the starved-looking horse. They thought they could put weight on the six to seven year old and get him healthy again. (We have not checked his teeth for aging him and are going by the past owner at this point.)

These most recent owners got the horse around the end of the 2012 summer. The big boy is a windsucker (cribber) and it was proving to be more difficult than they thought it would be to put weight on him. They put a cribbing collar on and reported that he finally gained some weight. Like most cribbers, he started up again and lost the weight he had gained. One day they found him down on the ground and he refused to get up. They used a tractor to raise him several times before the veterinarian arrived in the evening. After one colic treatment he seemed to recover.

The next problem was that his behavior deteriorated to the point where he would go after anyone who came in the field with him with teeth bared and hooves flying. He bit the dad badly enough to draw blood and leave a scar. Grandpa, who bought the horse, had hoped the he would be good for his teenage granddaughter. (That didn't work out so well!)

Most people should not try to rehabilitate a starved horse. You never know what their personality is going to be like once they start to feel better. The next important issue is that the horse was by himself. Even a starved horse needs to have another horse close to feel safe. Often horses will act out, as this one did, when they are unhappy. Horses need to be with at least one other horse they can get along with to be happy. Finally, as we have stated many times before, all starved horses will have ulcers! So now we add to this mix of loneliness and fear that the horse hurts from ulcers. Anyone who has been around young horses that are hurting will tell you that they sometimes act out with bad behavior when a relationship of trust has not been built with his people yet.

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Tacoma Returns

Tacoma is one of the finest horses that has ever been at the sanctuary. It is getting to the point here where we are becoming more and more concerned with each placement of a horse. People seem to have an exaggerated belief in their horsemanship abilities. Then when they are having issues they do not want to call us and admit they are having problems since they over stated their knowledge base.



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Tacoma was fully relaxed and followed Deborah with perfect manners off the trailer, stood quietly while she spoke with the transporter, then through the electric gate, down through barn, with other horse roaming around and through another electric gate to the gelding field. Tacoma never gave

Deborah one little bit of a problem. There was not pulling or tugging on his lead and Deborah held it loosely behind her while he followed.

I am realizing that people have no idea how to bond with a horse and they are too impatient to start riding. I would never ride a horse until I knew that horse fully trusted me to be the leader. This is leading us to change policies on placing horses and require the new person to spend much more time with a horse before they leave the sanctuary. The people are going to have to prove they understand equine nutrition and even how to groom a mane and tail correctly. If they do not know the beginning basics like this, they do not need to get a horse from HPS.

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Here at the sanctuary we will not be in a hurry to do anything with him except let him settle in. The Aloe Vera juice, used to treat his ulcers, will start to make him feel better in less than a week. We are putting Taiga out in the small front field next to his round pen during the day to help keep him company. A good balanced diet of all the high quality hay he wants to eat, good feed with the right supplements, Aloe Vera juice and soaked alfalfa cubes should help him to gain his weight back quickly. Just this afternoon, when I took his picture, his body did not look as shrunken as when he came in for breakfast this morning. Of course, he has been standing all day eating our expensive hay.

His past owners are nice people and were doing the best they could with the knowledge base they had. A starved horse needs good shelter from the weather; their shelter was open on all sides. Starved horses need to be able to get out of the wind to stay warm and conserve calories. The hay they had out for him under the shelter was not a high enough quality for a starved horse.

We are trying to find the right name for him, but he needs to settle in more before we will put together possible names and then ask him what name he wants.

We are so thankful to the kind folks who make it possible for us to rescue horses like this. I pray that everyone who reads this understands the huge investment we make in bringing each horse back to health and will aid in this mission.

News from the Herd

Iron Will Mobil Veterinarian Service, John Parks and Chelsey Miller returned to the sanctuary for another free day of working with the horses. We were able to complete digital radiographs on the horses that may have some rotation in their coffin bone or had shown signs of laminitis. We were just starting to do ultra sounds on a couple of horses when Dr. John received an emergency call and they had to leave. Our sincere heartfelt appreciation to Dr. John and Dr. Chelsey! Check out their website to see if you are in their service area: <http://www.ironwillvets.com/> I cannot say enough good things about Dr. John and Dr. Chelsey!

Zuni has done well on the chemotherapy for the cancer in her empty eye socket. Her last treatment has been completed and now it is a 'wait and see' if the cancer is gone. We also have her on two natural supplements to help keep the cancer from returning.

Kit Carson has chronic diarrhea since he arrived at the sanctuary. We were able to control it to the point where it was not dangerous to stand behind him. Everything we tried did not fully cure the issue. We put him on Doxepin to see if it was an allergy issue and it did help, but not totally. It cost \$320 to do a complete allergy blood test. We found out what I was afraid of, one of the things he is allergic to is fescue grass and a long list of other things too. The only hay we can get for the herd is fescue and our fields are fescue. We are faced with an unsolvable management problem.

White Feather and Renegade are off to their new home. We have seen videos of them playing and enjoying the home. Great placement for a couple of very nice horses!

Health Tips

Hopefully, everyone has heard about the antibiotic-resistant bacteria with the potential to cause untreatable infections that pose "a catastrophic threat" to the population. New antibiotics are not being developed and it takes about 10 years to bring a new drug to market once it is created. There have not been any new antibiotics brought to the market since the 1980s. Bacteria can develop resistance in about ten years of general use of a new antibiotic.

So in case you don't know this - there are zero antibiotics to treat viruses! Taking them when you have a virus adds to the issue of bacterial infection resistance. Did you know that 10 million pounds of antibiotics are sold every year to people? Worse yet is that 30 million pounds of antibiotics are used on animals every year, which contributes to the problem of resistance (among other things). Antibiotics are also being found in our water supplies along with other prescription drugs. (Never flush expired drugs down the drain/toilet!)

The first thing we should do is to try to stay healthy and out of the hospital, for here is where many of the resistant bacteria are showing up (think MERSA). If you have to go to the hospital, make your stay as short as possible.

Next, take any extra weight off so you will not need joint replacement or develop diabetes, which lowers your immune system. Two-thirds of the US population is now overweight! Stop eating pre-packaged foods, cut back on meat and have more vegetarian meals, and buy organic meat when possible. Work to get off all prescription drugs. Many will weaken your natural immune system. Exercise!

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Eat more garlic and onions which help to clear your body of bad bacteria. Natural probiotics help to keep your gut healthy against the gram-negative bacteria which is usually found on the skin and not in the gut.

Use only hand sanitizers but not antibacterial soaps. There is huge overuse of these soaps which can cause resistant bacteria in your body. Hand sanitizers use alcohol to kill the bacteria on your hands.

Learn more about natural cures for illnesses. Colloidal Silver is good to keep on your medicine shelf and is safer to use than antibiotics. I am a great believer in keeping Master Mineral Supplement (MMS) on hand at all times along with the citric acid it needs to be mixed with. This one thing may save your family if there is a pandemic that many scientists feel is inevitable and is just “when” not “if” it is going to happen. MMS also kills viruses! It tastes terrible, but works great! We use this for the horses rather than antibiotics and it does wonders for them. *We care about you and your family!*



Tack & Treasure Sale

May 4th and 5th

We need your things for the upcoming Tack & Treasure Sale! Just look around and you will find things you really are not interested in keeping. Clean out your jewelry box! What about that gift you received that you are never going to use? We are looking for really nice things and not the usual yard sale stuff. We need to get your things as soon as possible so we can get them priced. Please help raise needed funds to care for the horses!

We need your help!

The Sale is fast approaching and we are way behind getting things cleaned up and marked. We need your help. Come by the sanctuary any Saturday or Sunday to help with the marking of items for the sale. We are also going to need help setting up for the sale, tables and some of the heavier things will be set up on April 27th. Please send your sons or husband by to lend a hand.



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In memory of two special horses , Deeb's and Norman, who made my childhood dreams come true. - Janet Elmo

Girl Scout troop #2829 of Cabarrus County donated their proceeds from the sale of cookies to HPS. - Thank you from the horses.

In honor of Marilyn Swimmer for her birthday. - Edith S. Hudson

In memory of Janet Elmo's two beloved horses, Deeb's and Norman.
- Marilyn and Harry Swimmer

Belated Happy Birthday wishes to Debra Rockett. - Susan Williams

In memory of Elsie Webster, mother of Robin Webster. - Heather Twitty

In memory of Denali. "A short time with me, but remembered forever."
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Spring is near...