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Project Day at the Sanctuary



Saturday, April 12th

Gather your friends and family for a much needed annual Spring Cleanup Project Day at the Sanctuary on Saturday April 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. or when you can come until 3:00 pm. Ages 10 and up are welcome to join us.

We need you to come with work gloves, rakes, gas or battery powered leaf blowers, tarps to haul leaves for burning, gas weed eater, hand tools for weeding flower gardens and tools for trimming shrubs, a smile on your face and a spring in your steps! If you have any annuals or perennials you would like to bring and plant, that would be wonderful!

Pack a brown bag lunch and snacks and bring a folding chair. Bottled water will be provided. If you have any aluminum cans at home that we can recycle, PLEASE bring them also.

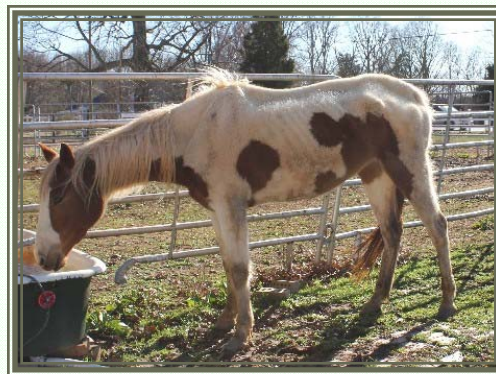
The date is contingent on the weather. If there is rain or high wind the Project Day will be delayed until Saturday April 26th.

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Two Horses from Caswell County

I had received several emails with pictures attached of two severely starved horses located in Caswell County. Two women were working with Animal Control to seize the horses, but there was nowhere to send them once they had custody. After seeing the pictures, I knew that we may be the only sanctuary that could give the two severely starved horses at least a chance. Animal Control was told we would take the horses and to stress, 'the horses did not have much time left.' How the horses remained on their feet was beyond me! They did have good shelter that allowed them protection from the weather so that may have been a factor.

At 9:00 a.m. I received a phone call from one of the Animal Control (AC) officers in Caswell County and he asked if we could leave right



away to pick up the two horses. I requested a few minutes to call our driver to make sure he would be able to help. Tom is great and most times can come quickly to do the driving. I called the AC back and told them we could meet them in about two and half hours. We decided on a meeting place and would go to the property from there where a sheriff's officer would meet us.

Tom had to back into the long dirt driveway. The owners of the two horses agreed to release the horses to prevent prosecution which is often the best plan since going to court is a crapshoot. They had the seizure order in case the owners changed their minds at the last minute. We learned that last year these same people were under investigation for starving the horses. During last summer the horses gained their weight back and AC thought all was going to be okay, but it wasn't. The owners stopped feeding the horses again after AC stopped checking on them. They were on about five acres and had an area that had been dug out to collect runoff water. The water was disgusting looking and the field was the worst over-grazed area I had ever seen other than dirt lots. The yo-yoing up and down from starving to being fed to starving is extremely hard on the horses' organs.

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If you have a question regarding the Spring Cleanup Project Day contact Joanie Benson at hps@horseprotection.org Please let us know if you can come and help!

We greatly thank you for giving your time to help make the sanctuary beautiful!



Honors and Memorials

In memory of Pam Currie's mother. By Sandy Fisher

Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Debra Rockett. By Susan Williams

In memory of Deb D'Amato's mother, Patricia D'Amato. By Susan Williams

Blessings upon all the volunteers. By Carol Neill

Happy Birthday to Marj Laing, my wife. By Don Laing

In Honor of my Amazing best friend, Carolyn Tice. By Pam Currie

In memory of my husband, Bud, who left us too soon. By Ann Whitworth

In loving memory of our daughter, Kristen Hinds. By Barbara & Mark Hinds

The volunteers at HPS send our sincere sympathy to Ann Whitworth for the loss of her husband Bud.



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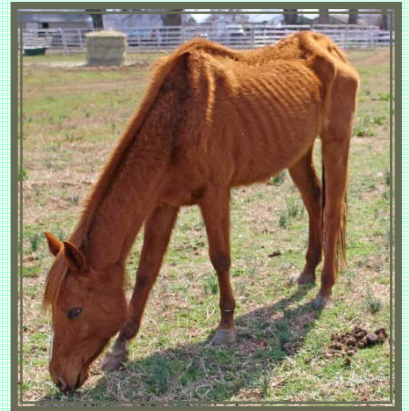
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(Cont. from Page 1) I handed one of the halter and leads to an AC officer and asked him to wait while I caught the paint mare. . She did not even raise her head while I put on the halter as she searched for the tiniest pieces of dried grass. The officer held the paint while I went to put a halter and lead on the sorrel. She was on the move towards the barn and I knew she thought she was going to get feed. She walked right into her stall and looked into the feed troth and realized there was nothing there for her. The look on her face would make you cry. I lightly scratched her neck and told her there was a huge amount of good hay in the back of the trailer just waiting for her.



When we returned to the sanctuary almost two hours later, the two horses were standing exactly where they were when we left Caswell County with their heads down eating.

Each number on the Henneke Body Scoring has a variance of high, middle and low. The two new starved horses are the very lowest number one. A vet once said in court, "Below a one is only death." The heavy looking belly is a sign of a very large parasite infestation. The deworming has to be done very carefully or it will cause impaction colic.

All was going as well as could be expected until five days later and the starved sorrel mare was found down in the hospital stall. Dr. Mary Gochnauer, Zack, Linda and Joe and I worked for several hours trying to help her up. The poor mare was not willing to even sit up. We knew she had not been down that long because her body temperature was 96 degrees. It is very difficult for a horse with no muscle to get back on its feet. It is exceedingly rare that HPS loses a horse early in the rehab process. All the folks at the sanctuary are so sad over the loss of this poor starved mare. We have raised horses before by Gerry rigging a sling, but it was not possible when the mare could not even sit up.

Once again it was brought to our attention that HPS needs a sling, a crane frame and a hoist to lift horses. HPS has added a form for you to help provide these items so important items that will save horses lives. Please make a donation for this important equipment. **See Page 3 for Donation Form.**