



Over Herd

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Mark your Calendars:

August 9th

Members Day

Come early, stay late!

Lots of projects to help out with.

Lunch and combined Members/Officers Meeting at Noon

Please bring a covered dish to share.

Night Mist's Nightmare

By Dottie Rebhan

I haven't been a happy camper lately! Reason – Joanie asked me to write something for the newsletter because the spring yard sale made \$2,000.00 less than normal and the recent golf tournament less than \$500.

So what's new! HPS is usually between a rock and a hard place where money is concerned. The economy isn't good, and many have to tighten their economic belt! I've never written an article and my first attempt has to be on our "waning bank account." Mercy!!!

I had begun at least six times, but I didn't know what to say or how to say it.

Then something happened today – I was helping John with the morning feeding and I noticed Night Mist was

behaving strangely. I informed Joanie and a quick check sent her to the phone to call the vet. The look on her face told me how serious this was. Immediately Joanie, Ashley, a wonderful young member, and I began walking, hosing off, walking, brushing, and again walking Night Mist. Lots of prayers were silently said and finally the vet arrived. Ashley and I were amazed at all the vet did to relieve Night Mist's pain. With Joanie's help a tube was placed down Night Mist's nose into her stomach, and I.V. started and blood work begun.

Watching that sweet horse go through all this and knowing she could have died. I suddenly realized I had to share this day with you!

Vet bills are a large part of the HPS's expenses, but they are lifesavers. I wish each of you could have experienced this day – the sickening fear that we could lose another precious horse so close after our loss of Chinook.

Many of you can't come to the sanctuary so you don't see Dizzy's huge brown eyes, or hear Yum Yum's deep soft rumbling nicker, or feel Dakota's warm velvet nose when he nuzzles your hand, but they need you now!

In order to keep the horses healthy they must be vaccinated and wormed. Worming all the horses will cost \$419.20. 4-1 vaccines - \$230.00, Rabies vaccinations - \$15.50 per horse for a total cost of \$480.50. About half the horses need their teeth floated costing a total \$1,050.00. I could go on, but you get the picture. Our horses have had a difficult life, and they deserve the best care we can give them. We need your help. Please consider sending a donation. You've helped before and the horses and the members are so very grateful. Night Mist, YumYum, and their friends are waiting to hear from you. Without your help we can't help them.



Nightmist stands quietly during her IV

Meet the Members...

Hi, I am Cari and I'm a sophomore in high school. I have been with the Horse Protection Society for 5 years. I am currently the HPS' historian, I keep up with the scrapbooks for the HPS. When I first started out with the HPS, I wasn't very interested in horses, but that changed the more I went out there. The first horse I worked with was a chunky 22 year old Tennessee Walker mix gelding, Cheyenne. Cheyenne was stubborn, overweight, and very hairy. He was a challenge for me but I grew to love him so much. He was the sweetest horse and would do anything for me. When he grew sick, he patiently stood while I learned how to take care of him. Cheyenne was just the start of my journey with the HPS. Along came Apache, an appaloosa with a temper, I helped her get ready for a new home, Navajo, a beautiful, fiery Arabian, I worked with him and he was ready for the exercise program. Next came Phoenix, a playful young horse, him and I learned the basics of natural horsemanship together, he's now at a wonderful foster care home. Currently, I am working with Dream Catcher. A spunky little quarter horse who just needed some guidance (he had a small discipline problem). Volunteering at the ranch has been a wonderful experience for me and I plan on continuing going out there for a long time. If you would like the chance to have hands on experience with horses, the ranch is the place to be.



Cari and Dream Catcher

The Breaching of the U.S. Constitution

By YumYum (with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

Yikes!! Is there an attorney in the house, er, at the ranch? Where's Sugarfoot's friend? Let me share some startling news.....the United States Constitution has been breached!!! I am referring specifically to the Eighth Amendment, which speaks to cruel and unusual punishments.

Oh, it all began innocently enough. It was a beautiful day, a warm Saturday morning with a gentle breeze. The two-leggers began assembling some apparently innocuous materials along the driveway.....some buckets, piles of towels, tack boxes, and bottles with labels that said, "s-h-a-m-p-o-o." It was a glorious day for grass eating so none of us paid much attention to them. That is, until my friend (shall we say "former friend?") came over and put my so-called festive halter on and took me out to the driveway.

Then, before I had time to adjust to being out of my pasture, she and that other nutty woman (do the initials S.W. mean anything?) squirted water all over my neck and slathered me with the shampoo stuff. Gentle Reader, it was an atrocity! I am an elderly pony and my wishes should be respected. If I wanted to be clean, I would find a way to tell them. My dirt is just that.....MY dirt. How dare they presume that everyone wants to be clean and smell like they do?

There was no escape. I truly tried, but they were relentless. My lead was tied to a very secure ring and no matter what movements I made, it was futile. One would hold me and the other would move right with me with that doggone shampoo. This bath (and the baths that all the other horses have had to recently endure) was both unusual and cruel and as such, is a clear violation of the 8th Amendment. No one from Washington has called me back yet on this but I did get my revenge on the loonies who did this to me.....as soon as they finished and put me back in the pasture, I headed for a big muddy spot. Turning around to be sure that they were watching me, I went down and rolled & rolled. They were beside themselves and it was great! That will teach them to disrespect Constitutional Amendments. The law should be for everybody, not just the two-leggers.

Murphy's Horse Laws

There is no such thing as a sterile barn cat.

No one ever notices how you ride until you fall off.

A horse's misbehavior will be in direct proportion to the number of people who are watching.

Your favorite tack always gets chewed on, and your new blanket gets torn.

Tack you hate will never wear out and blankets you hate cannot be destroyed.

Clipper blades will become dull when your horse is half clipped.

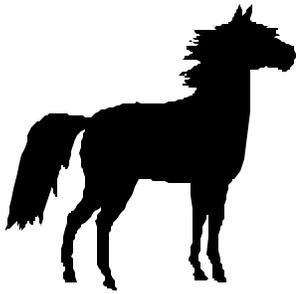
If you approach within fifty feet of your barn in clean clothes, you will get dirty.

The number of horses you own will increase to the number of stalls in your barn.

Your barn will fall down without baling twine.

Hoof picks always run away from home.

If you fall off, you will land on the site of your most recent injury.



News From The Herd

Dakota managed to find a nail or some other sharp object to step on and punctured the sole of his foot ...OUCH! Patrick one of our natural farriers made a trip by and opened the wound so it could drain the infection.

Whisper, Night Mist, YumYum, Bo, Cinnamon, and Meadow Flower were all treated to a bath and shampoo at the July Members Day! Cinnamon has some reservations about the whole "get clean" process but in the end (with many treats and promises to be near Meadow) allowed us to get one layer of dirt off. Of course all of our work was undone in about 30 seconds as they all found the best spot in their pastures and rolled several times!

The last two of Tundra's puppies (Moe and Curly) have found new loving homes with the wonderful help from Liz and Natashia Bechinski. Their rescue "Lori - Jo's Animal Sanctuary" had an adoption clinic and both boys were placed on the Saturday after they left the ranch. We hope there will be pictures in the future so we can see just how big they get. Shep is at a local horse boarding barn and is doing just great. He enjoys being around the house instead of the barn. He never did enjoy being around the horses.

Bo is doing very well on his new diet and has been started on Sand Free. When his stool was checked he had sand in his system, probably from eating so much of his food off of the ground all these years. He enjoyed his bath and strutted around in the sun afterward to make sure we all noticed how shinny he was and the coppery color of his hair when it is clean. Unlike some who will remain nameless (hint small white with the initials YY), he did not roll right away.



Whisper seemed to enjoy the attention during his bath

When we took the puppies to Lori -Jo's Animal Sanctuary we brought Sirius (named for the dog star) back with us to the ranch to be the housedog for Joanie. She is a Rotti-Shepard mix and is a delight. She will be a wonderful addition to the ranch and a good watchdog for Joanie.

Are you missing any clothes or cookware? Did you leave anything at the ranch?....

We have a bag and box full. We have sweatshirts, socks, a leather bomber jacket, a gray PGA jacket, shoes, sun glasses, etc. We have cookie sheets, storage boxes, 13 X 9 bakin g pans. Please claim them or they will be sold at the Fall yard sale.

Hoofbeats *By: Roberta McCardle*

Greetings from your new (old, er, former) President! It's hard to believe that it is already August. Our Kohl's fundraiser is August 1-3 so we will not be able to report on this effort in this month's newsletter. The yard sale will be on Saturday, October 4th, and **it's not too soon to bring items to the ranch**. The summer has passed swiftly and it will be fall before we know it. The Officers are looking forward to a year of working toward further improvements. HPS is a collaborative organization and we need the members' input. Members Day is very enjoyable -- we get some ranch work done, we enjoy being with the horses, and we have a great lunch & meeting together. If you have not been to a monthly Members Day meeting (second Saturday of the month), then you need to do so. Please, come on out -- there is a niche for everyone but you need to come on out in order to find it!

Fall Yard Sale Alert!!

We need items for the HPS Fall Yard Sale planned for Saturday Oct. 4th! We'll need lots of help collecting anything and everything (except adult clothing). Ask your friends and neighbors to keep us in mind while cleaning out those closets to attics. Buying new furniture? We could use your used furniture. Spread the word and thanks for your help.



Perils to Horse and Man *By Joan Benson*

Not everyone that receives our newsletter has horses. There are four viruses that people can also get and we feel it is note worthy. The West Nile virus has been receiving most of the press. This is not as much of a threat to people as to horses. One third of the unvaccinated horses will die. The rumor mill is in full swing concerning the safety of the vaccine produced by Fort Dodge. Studies have been done by some of the top veterinarian schools across the nation and no ill effects have been reported. Three respected vets in our area have vaccinated between 4,000 to 5,000 horses no problems have been encountered!

Dr. Bert Parker reminds people, "The vaccine has not been approved for bred mares, yet veterinarians have been giving the shots with no ill effects to the mares and foals. Many studies have been done to show the vaccines' safety. Fort Dodge was able to bring the new vaccine to the market so quickly because they used the same model used to create the Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis vaccine that has been used safely for years." Dr. Parker feels, "The WNV will hit later in the summer season as it did last year, so it is not too late to protect your horse. A very small percentage of horses showed a localized reaction to the shot. Less than giving a 5 in 1 or 6 in 1 vaccination."

The local veterinarians are concerned about the increase in Eastern Encephalomyelitis moving into North Carolina from the south. Birds, rodents and wild animals are reservoirs of this virus and the carrier is once again a mosquito. There is no treatment for a horse contracting this illness. People have become slack in immunizing their horses since we have not had a serious outbreak in a few years. Also people can contract this terrible illness even by handling the infected animal through cuts or scrapes in the skin.

The rabies vaccine is an important vaccine to administer yearly. A horse can carry the virus for months with out signs of the illness, spreading the virus to people who come in contact with the horse. Vaccines need a booster shot to be effective when given for the first time.

Both equine and people can contract tetanus. Each year horses die from even a small scratch when in contact with tetanus, when a simple shot could have prevented a tragic death. When was the last time you had your tetanus shot up dated? The illness seems to be more prevalent where horses are present.

Vaccines should be given when your equine is healthy, if at all possible, for the horse to be able to build the needed antibodies to protect them. It may be necessary to give three shots spaced out to provide protection if the horse's system is under any stress from a present condition or illness, and this is the first time the vaccine is being given. Consult your veterinarian for their advice and additional information on these four threats to you and your horses. *Remember to thank your veterinarian for being there when you need them. May God bless you and keep you and your horses healthy.*



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Making the World a Better Place for Horses

It is the mission of the Horse Protection Society of North Carolina Inc. to make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation.

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

HPS is a fully incorporated 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations. Your donations are the main source of income to support the sanctuary and are eligible for tax deduction.

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