

*******NEEDS:**

We are in need of "wood pellets" which can be purchased from Tractor Supply. These are compressed pellets of sawdust and when placed on wet surfaces, they expand & soak up the liquid. After drying it becomes sawdust, which makes clean up a breeze & helps keep the mats from being slippery & keeps the odor & flies to a minimum.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; One is a sense of humor, and the other is patience."

JOHN LYONS

Helping a Family

A long-standing supporter of HPS phoned us to ask if we could take in one of their twenty horses. Over the years, they have taken in many horses in need. They have found new homes for many and others they have kept and cared for until their final days.

The husband was out of work for six months due to an accident. Even during this time they rescued a few more horses. Finances were very, very tight and they asked us to take in one of their new rescues. The other two were in much better condition and they were able to find homes for them. They are looking for homes for some of their other horses also.

Granger is a twenty-six year old Mustang. His belly was distended from lack of worming, and his spine stuck up over his long coat. Granger was unsteady on his legs, but that has mostly cleared up now that he has been fed correctly. We will just have to watch him closely as he recovers.



Granger is keeping Fire Dancer company in the small front field for the time being. He has lost sight in one eye, and we are watching closely to see if there is any problem with his other eye. The sight seems to be a little impaired. Often times a supplement of beta carotene will aid in the repair of eye problems. The next time Dr. Featherstone is visiting the sanctuary we will have him check Granger's eyes.

We are hoping he will be able to go to a family with small children to enjoy once he has fully recovered. No one could ask for a sweeter horse to love.

The Second New Barn

The first barn is beautiful, but we still have a few items to be completed. Before the days become shorter the electrical needs finishing. Feeding the horses in a dark barn does not work so well. The wash bay needs waterproof material added to the walls. The on-demand hot water heater and the wash boom need to be purchased and installed. There are finishing touches needed in the tack room. It needs rails painted and some high shelves added. Some of the racks need to be hung and tack sorted that is in the big trailer. When you have a little free time, please stop by and help with these projects.

This is a short list considering that in mid 2005 the barn was just a drawing on paper. The new well was completed December 2005 and then the fill dirt and grading were completed in March 2006. The construction started with the funds we had on hand and the frame and roof was completed by June 2006. The horses enjoyed standing under the roof, but thought we would never get the barn finished.

I applied for a grant that summer and waited and waited. That fall when I opened the letter with the \$40,000 check, I nearly had a heart attack. I called Joyce Hixson to share ...**Continued on page 2**

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the news and she wanted to come down for the announcement of the grant. Joyce cooked a great meal and we had fun playing "Deal or No Deal."

Then it was time to get everyone organized again to finish the barn. The weather did not cooperate and we had so many delays that it was driving me crazy. Then finally, the happiest day came when we moved the first horses into the barn. The horses loved their new barn so much that it took three days for them to leave it for any length of time.

It is time to start the second barn. The plans have been drawn and it will give HPS twenty-six more stalls. Every day there are reports of horses in trouble. The economy seems to be slowing the placement of horses in new loving homes. Only with your help can we give the horses their much needed second new barn. The cost of materials has escalated and I am working hard to keep the cost as low as possible. The barn will be 72' by 70' and is desperately needed. Thank you for caring about the starved and abused horses.

Windsong and Quicksilver Go Home

By Nancy Clark

I first met Windsong and Quicksilver and Joanie and all the other residents at Horse Protection Society on a Saturday in October 2006 and it was love at first sight. My husband and I had moved to Chatham County in September, partly because I had been retired from my job in New York, and partly to fulfill a childhood dream: horses. So we bought a house on six and a half acres with a seven-stall barn and fenced pasture.

Petfinder.com pointed me to HPS and off I went. Joanie gave me the grand tour and seemed to focus on Windsong and Quicksilver for me from the very beginning. What a match-maker! Windsong's hooves and cannon bones were still healing, and so I began weekly visits to get to know her. At first I would groom her and then walk her around to the front yard for a little grass snack. Later, I would tack her up to get her used to the saddle. Both activities were learning experiences for me. I hadn't done any regular riding since I was a teenager. Eventually I got some brush-up riding lessons on Montana (thanks, Lisa), and as I trotted across the lower pasture behind the new barn, I noticed that Windsong was standing at the fence of her enclosure watching. Given her jealous nature, I imagine she was calling me a traitor under her breath!

The lengthy getting-to-know-you process was extremely valuable. I do admit to occasional impatience; however, it gave me the knowledge (thanks to Joanie) and the hands-on experience to feel confident I could take care of Windsong and Quicksilver and give them a good life. On February 24, 2007, they came home. Although they hadn't known each other at the Sanctuary, they emerged from the trailer as best buddies with you-know-who in charge. They also got acquainted with the two mares on the adjoining pasture, though Windsong does not permit any flirting, getting between Quicksilver and the fence if he appears too cozy with Savannah and Shiloh.

We all know that Windsong is a diva, and one morning she pitched a hissy fit for the benefit of farrier Mary Cox, who suggested some training for the good of both of us. So off she went to training camp for a few weeks, where she and I learned how to lead and walk cooperatively and how to stand calmly while being groomed, despite any distractions. When we arrived home, an astonishing thing happened. As Windsong stepped off the trailer, Quicksilver on the other side of the pond jumped to attention and came galloping around to us, kicking his heels in the air on the way. I'm including a picture of their greeting, which brought tears to my eyes, and then they both went galloping off, kicking up their heels. The bottom line is: they make me deeply happy, and I hope I do the same for them. I miss my time at the Sanctuary, but I may be back soon. I've met friends and neighbors who might like to go riding with me, so I will probably need to expand the herd! Many thanks to Joanie and to everyone who helps make HPS such a very special place.

Keep Those Aluminum Cans Coming! by Roberta McCardle

The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank all of you who have brought aluminum drink cans to the ranch. If you have others helping you (e.g. co-workers, friends, family, neighbors, etc.) then please share with them our appreciation and thanks. If you have not brought cans to the ranch before and do not know where to put them, just ask someone there and they will be happy to show you our can collection area. We recently cleaned out the can holding area and took the cans over to the salvage yard. We were happy to bring back **\$160.50** to HPS. This is not mega-money but **every bit helps**. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser for the horses. Put a box or a bag in your breakroom at work, ask others to assist you -- working together is the way to maximize this effort. With many thanks to the driver and "muscle" of this endeavor.....Tom McC...could not have done this without his able assistance!



My Friend Moonglow

As told by: Summer

Written By: Breanna Lyons

We came from different back-grounds, to this place so many of us call home. A home with caring hands,

endless hay, and plenty of food and water. It was here I met my best friend Moonglow.

Moonglow was my shadow and I was hers. If one of us was sick or injured, we suffered together. We

stood by each other's side through thick or thin, rain or shine, or mud past our pasterns. We've spent so

many years inseparable through-out the meadows of the sanctuary. Thanks to you Moonglow, those

years have been the best years of my life. All the wonderful times we've spent together I will carry with

me for the years to come.

Then the day came when it was time for us to part for now. It was time for you to cross the

rainbow bridge. I'll catch up with you someday my friend

and we can wander together through the meadows of heaven like we once did when you were alive.

Until then I'll stay here with Wrangler and Willow and we'll share our favorite stories about our once in a

lifetime friend, Moonglow.

In loving memory of Moonglow, a courageous soul that I had the honor of meeting. Thank you for looking out for my precious horse Summer and making her past years at the sanctuary happy. Until we meet again.

-Breanna



Tundra

When I returned from vacation I had to turn all my attention to Tundra. She was not recovering from her cancer surgery. Tundra was having trouble moving around and was not eating or drinking enough.

On July 2nd another blood test showed low blood platelets and the vet thought she had Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. I asked about the difficulty she was having walking and was told it was from the RMSF. The vet prescribed a two-week treatment of antibiotics and I was assured that this should take care of the problem. I moved Tundra into the house to recover and to be closely watched.

The next two weeks were terrible. Dottie cooked hamburger and Roberta cooked turkey as I was desperate to keep her eating something and drinking water. I added liver to tempt her. Finally, the two weeks of antibiotics were over and I was waiting for her appetite to return and her front leg to be better. This did not happen. She got worse and could not control her front leg. Walking became even more difficult. I talked to the vet and wanted the leg to have digital radiographs. I asked Dr. Robin Smith to come to the house and do the digitals and help me figure out what was going on. We were all afraid it might be bone cancer. There are some strange spots on the bones of her leg, but it does not look like what one would expect to see with cancer.

Tundra is now on two strong antibiotics for infection and remains in the house. HPS could use help in paying her ever-growing vet costs that are now over \$1,000. Please say a prayer for this beautiful 6.5 year old baby.

-In memory of Jimmy Lee Helton. ~By Mick & Jo Rowell
 -In memory of Bill Long of Monroe, NC. ~By Melissa Weeks
 -In memory of Angel, 8-19-2002. ~By Roberta McCardle
 -In memory of our beloved Sunset. She was a strong, beautiful spirit. Her last days were spent with her loving friend Buttercup. We miss you. ~Mike, Shelly, Buttercup, Twiggy, Randi

In honor of my friend, Judy Smidt's birthday. ~By Sondra Thorson
 In honor of Paige Burton's Birthday. Happy Birthday Paige. ~By Mom & Dad (Kim & Jeff Burton)

Thanks Mallory for all you do for us. We love you ~All the horses, especially Tulsa
 To help with Tundra's vet bill. ~By "Gus" Spry
 Happy Birthday, Sondra. ~Love, Margie & Judy

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Update on the new barn:

The new barn is up and running. Every stall has been filled already. We are still in need of water to complete it. Once that is finished, we will be able to start using the new feed room and wash bay. Thanks to Ted & Joyce Hixson for covering the cost of having the electricity hooked up. I know our feeders and horses will be glad to get this dream completed. Now we can start getting things ready for the next barn!

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