



# OVER HERD

## Tack & Horse Supplies Sale

HPS is holding a Tack Sale on **Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM** to be held in our new *Indoor Training Arena*. There will be other vendors as well selling used boots, crafts and food, as well as some good quality yard sale items and much more including chair massage! Vendors are still welcome to sign up and, if you know of any that may be interested in attending, the cost is only \$15 to participate. Please ask them to get in touch with HPS for approval ([hps@horseprotection.org](mailto:hps@horseprotection.org) or 704-855-2978). We are accepting donations of usable tack and horse equipment. (If we can use it, we will keep it.) Please spread the word to your friends, stables and put the need for donations on your Facebook page. We will accept nice slightly-used items for the Yard Sale section. Of course, older collectibles are always welcome. Please have things for the Yard Sale *clean and ready to put out* for sale (we don't have the manpower to clean or repair items). The only clothing that will be accepted for the sale are Western wear and English riding clothes. Items can be dropped off at the sanctuary on the weekend or other arrangements maybe made. All items should be priced and tagged and easy to read.

HPS needs your help to make this a success and help raise funds to support the horses. Anyone interested in volunteering to help before the sale to help clean tack we already have would be very welcome. We could also use extra help on the Friday before the sale (September 9th) to set up. Please email or call ([hps@horseprotection.org](mailto:hps@horseprotection.org) or 704-855-2978) if you want to be a part of this fundraiser. We can use all the help we can get.

Dr. Niki Whitley of NC A&T, has been conducting a parasite study in North Carolina and will be available to explain which products no longer work to kill parasites and the correct way to deworm horses given the issues we are dealing with now. Dr. Lisa Busko will be present in the afternoon to answer questions concerning equine chiropractic, acupuncture and cold laser treatments. We hope to have Mid-State Metals here to help people understand the importance of a well-built shelter and barns. We will have a more complete list of equine service people and other things of interest to the equine community in next month's newsletter.

Please help with this very important fundraiser. Donation of items to sell will be greatly appreciated.

**If we will all pull together, this can be a great event to  
benefit the horses!**

## A New Treatment Tried on a Severely Injured Horse

by Deborah Baker

Having seen so many different kinds of injuries over the years, we don't often encounter ones that stump us. However, recently this was the case with one of our mares, Midnight Sun. Her tail was pushed in and flattened so she couldn't move it and her rear end was swollen and distorted. We gave her some Bute, iced the injury and then called Dr. Lisa Busko, DVM and equine chiropractor.



Dr. Busko determined that Midnight had most likely jammed the sacral vertebrae in her lower back and the coccyx vertebrae in her tail, but without x-rays she couldn't determine if any vertebrae were broken, so she would not adjust her. We didn't feel it would be a good idea to try to take her to a special clinic far away for x-rays. This is not a horse that loads on a trailer, and we couldn't take the chance she would further injure herself. Dr. Busko suggested Cold Laser Therapy to help the inflammation and promote faster healing of the damaged tissues.

Cold Laser Therapy has been available for over 40 years and many studies conducted by doctors on their patients have shown it to reduce pain and inflammation without the dangerous side effects of drugs plus the

added benefit of quicker recuperation. A 1983 study done on racing Standardbreds with chronic bowed tendons showed that healing time could successfully be reduced from one year to 120 days.

Many of us are familiar with "hot" lasers that are used in surgery to cut and cauterize; "cold" lasers differ in that they stimulate tissue on the cellular level using light with short wavelengths, usually infrared, in the light spectrum. Photobio-stimulation is a natural part of everyday life and is necessary for melanin production, vitamin D synthesis, and viewing colors.

We agreed to allow Dr. Busko to treat Midnight with cold laser therapy and acupuncture that day. Midnight really enjoyed the cold laser session. She became very relaxed, dropped her head low and softly licked and chewed to show her satisfaction as the doctor moved the wand gently along her hips. Her muscles relaxed so much that she was pretty wobbly as she moved about her stall afterward.

The next morning we could see improvement in the swelling but Midnight was not going to have anything to do with the Bute, no matter how we tried to administer it, so no more Bute was given. Dr. Busko treated her again that day with cold laser therapy; two days later we could see a significant improvement. This is a treatment we will definitely use again!

Research has shown that cold lasers stimulate fibroblastic activity, tissue granulations and connective tissue projections which are necessary for healing of wounds, ulcers and inflammation. They also promote production of collagen and provide relief from pain by lowering sensitivity of nerves.

Midnight is now using other treatments for inflammation. We will wait about three months to allow any fractures she may have to heal. We hope that Dr. Busko will be able to safely begin chiropractic treatment on her at that time. In the meantime, please help Midnight through her treatment and recovery; she would greatly appreciate it. Your donations may be sent to her at: Midnight, HPS, 2135 Miller Road, China Grove, NC 28023.



# Indoor Training Arena

By Joanie Benson & Janet Elmo

As we have mentioned before, the Indoor Training Arena is an important element in our mission to find new loving homes for the horses that are able to be rehabilitated. With the huge number of horses that are available to the general public, demand for horses that need little or no training has increased. For our horses to be considered, they need work to build and maintain their muscle tone and time “under saddle” to be more attractive to potential guardians. The hot sun of summer and frigid cold of our most recent winters have interfered with our ability to get the horses ready. But we are nearly ready to be able to say that’s all in the past.

As you can see by the photo on the right, the Indoor Training Arena is almost finished. But it would not have been possible if not for the owner of **Mid-State Metals**, John Jancic. John was concerned that we would not be happy with the ClearSpan building we were planning to construct. He made HPS an offer we could not turn down to have a pole and metal building of the same size instead. His overwhelming kindness has made it possible for HPS to have a very high quality Indoor Training Arena!



HPS has worked with John & Mid-State Metals for all of our building projects including our 14-stall barn, our 26-stall barn and the covered hay feeder. You cannot find a better group of folks to work with for your construction needs.

Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for all that Mid-State Metals has done for the rescued horses to make the Indoor Training Arena a reality. We are happy to recommend that you call John for your construction needs: 704-278-3050; <http://www.midstatemetals.com/>

We still need to collect funds for the huge amount of rock sand and gravel for the outside. We have enough money to get our first two loads of sand and one load of gravel. (This is just a small start to what is needed.) Please help finish this important project. Put “Indoor Training Arena” on your donation so it will be dedicated to this project.

And THANK YOU!

## Fund-raising update: Aluminum Can Recycling

By Roberta McCardle

I wanted to give you an update regarding the HPS aluminum can fundraiser. Kathy Haw (good soul that she is) and I loaded Flatbed Annie on Friday night. Saturday morning my husband and I took a full load over to the salvage yard. Yay....we got \$247.50 for the horses.

Keep those aluminum beverage cans rolling! (We have to pull out the wadded up aluminum foil, the steel cans, the plastic water bottles, etc. but people are doing better with this in general than they used to). A BIG thank you to everyone who brings cans....our calendar year total to date is \$ 581.00. (Editor's note - in '09, we took in a total of \$676 and made less than \$800 last year. We're on our way to a banner year due to you!)

Just a reminder of how you can help - ask your neighbors to save their aluminum soda, lemonade, beer cans for you; put a special container in your breakroom at work (if you'd like a photo of some of our horses to turn into a sign, send us a note at [hps@horseprotection.org](mailto:hps@horseprotection.org)); check with your favorite restaurant to see if they will save their cans for you; how about your child's daycare center?? The ideas are almost endless - and every can adds weight to our efforts. *THANK YOU!!*

# Barn Brothers

## Badger and Barney

By Joanie Benson

A few weeks ago Glacier died unexpectedly. We had a necropsy done and it showed there had been an unexplained accident resulting in a tear in her diaphragm. Dr. Ridenhour did not feel she could have been saved even if we had seen the injury occur and rushed her to the vet office.

HPS has been experiencing unwanted skunks, feral cats and ground hogs on the property that we did not have when we have previously had a livestock guard dog on duty. Deborah and I had been discussing for a while getting another livestock guard dog to take over Glacier's role, and have been trying to find one already trained and volunteer-friendly. HPS had just put in an application for an Anatolia when we received a call from a woman in China Grove. Amy wanted to re-home two Great Pyrenees that she had raised from pups and trained as working guard dogs.

Deborah and I went to meet the two dogs and brought them to the sanctuary. (We could not break up the brothers.) Getting the two huge dogs into the back of "Little Red" was not as difficult as we thought it might be. The trip to the sanctuary was a '*Lucy and Ethel*' moment with Badger determined to help drive and trying to get into the front seat with Deborah and me. The sad news is that while both dogs are so friendly and get along well with the volunteers, they are not the guard dogs we need at the sanctuary. The two huge babies were very happy to just lie around the barn and not pay any attention to what was taking place on the rest of the property. We took the two dogs on a trial bases and Amy was happy to take them back if things did not work out with them.

We are back to looking into getting an Anatolia, and I hope this works out for HPS as we really need the property patrolled regularly.



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## Monthly Donations & Contributors

It seems that no part of our great country is escaping the severe weather - from triple-digit heat to drought to torrential rains with lightning, thunder and hail. And our sanctuary is no exception - but the horses are sheltered by your generosity, love and concern. With all of the distractions each of you is dealing with daily, you have not forgotten your horses of HPS. Please know that they, and their two-legged caretakers, are grateful for you and to you.

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## Honors

*Thank you and Happy Birthday*  
 to a special young lady,  
**Lisa Hough,**  
 who collected \$560 in birthday cash and  
 monetary gifts to aid the starved rescued horses.

And who enjoys birthday honors from:  
 Elizabeth Bowman  
 Charlotte Broughton  
 Stephanie Cronon  
 Shiva Jarrahi Kincaid  
 C. W. Stopyra  
 Andrea Thomas  
 Meredith Welch

In honor of Sybil Athey's birthday.  
 From The Horses — Thanks for taking  
 such good care of us!

In honor of Christian Stewart.  
 By Jerry L. Messer

In honor of Kim Clark's Birthday.  
 By Floyd & Betty Lentz

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## Memorials

In loving memory of  
 Miss Angel Lehouf,  
 August 19, 2002

"In small proportions we just beauties see,  
 And in short measures life may perfect be."  
 Ben Jonson

By Roberta McCardle

In remembrance of Chip Day,  
 a 23- year- old who lost his life  
 suddenly on June 12th  
 when he passed away in his sleep.  
 Chip was an avid animal lover.  
 By Brittney & Ed Liddic

*In memory of Jan E. Smith.  
 By Anne E. Kenny*