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Over Herd

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Lots of Horse to Love

It is wonderful when kind people try to help by taking in an abused or starved horse.... one less for us to have to take in. But sometimes their hearts are larger than their purses. When they looked around and realized the additional expense of another LARGE mouth to feed along with 20 plus cats, almost 10 dogs, the family horses, assorted other critters and now this huge girl, the latest addition. This just pushed the expenses over the breaking point. A call for help was placed to HPS and the officers agreed to take in this huge black Percheron mare.



Tinkerbelle & Colleen

This is what the owner told HPS, "A friend called me in April and told me a neighbor had a Percheron she just bought at an auction a few weeks back but the husband was furious. He was planning on selling her to a meat buyer for \$.67 a pound. I went to look at her and the owner told me she might keep her now. A week or so later she called me and said she couldn't keep her but if I wanted her I needed to come get her today because she had left her husband. He wasn't feeding any of the animals at the farm including the horses they were being paid to board there. I had a friend pick her up and paid \$600 for her. She was very skinny and her hooves were very chipped." (The neighbor is checking on the condition of the other horses and will let HPS know.)

The big girl's original Coggin's papers showed that she came from Georgia to a North Carolina horse auction. At some point we may try to trace her history. The Coggin's showed that she was 15 years old. The truth is that she is in her later twenties. Our vet places her at 27 years old.

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Mark your Calendars:

Members Meeting
December 11th

Come early/stay late!
Lots of projects.

Lunch/Meeting at
Noon. Please bring a
covered dish to share.

Have you
reregistered your
MVP card for the
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Share Program

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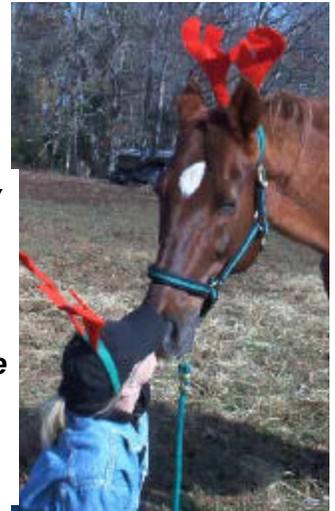
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In appreciation and in honor of all you have done for my guys and me. Merry Christmas to the Whitman Family, the Hagerter Family, the McHugh Family, the Greene Family, Shirley Anderson, Shannon Cavinness, the Huffstickler Family, the Huffstickler/Caruso Family, the Buchanan/Wright Family, the Sanderfer Family, Lillus Kurland & Brenda, Stephanie Ghoens Gandy, Morgan Ray, Monogram Magic-Ruby & Beth, Rusty Spur-Bobbie, Woof 'n Hoof-Donna, Neighborhood Feed-Tom & Adam, Style-A-Rena-Ted, Wilgrove Express, Perry's Market, Kathy Stogner, Parelli Natural Horsemanship, Karen Lynd & Sara Marie, Cammie Donnen, & Shirley McVicker.

From Spunky and her boys



**Dakota & Mary
enjoy special
times....
Your special
friend is
waiting, please
come out and
get to know
our horses**



The Horses' Handbell Choir (or It's Really Hard to be a Ding-Dong)

by Snickerdoodle (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas...." Golly, there's nothing like Bing Crosby's mellow tones to put you in the mood for Christmas! We were listening to Bing & chatting about Christmas around the hay bale a couple of weeks ago when the idea was proposed that we have a handbell choir concert. Well! You would have imagined that we just invented alfalfa cubes; everybody thought it was a terrific idea.

That handy Navajo (AKA "The Locksmith") excitedly noted, "We've got plenty of spare boards around here -- I can rig up something so we can sound the bells with our hooves. I can get Charlie to help; I think he really likes me!"

"Oh!," said Summer, "I know where our Two-Legger keeps her ribbon. We could tie bows on our hooves and it would look SO festive and flashy when we moved our hooves to sound the bell!" (Note: Teton rolled his eyes at this).

"I know how to do mane-braiding," said Windwalker, tossing her head so that her own beautiful mane fluttered in the breeze. "I am also very good at ANY kind of hoof-work. I need to have a bell that is frequently rung.....like Middle C."

YumYum had been quiet but now he piped up, "I want to be G, can I please be G?"

"Sure kid, why not?" murmured Dakota kindly.

"Firebreeze has such a stately voice," said Irish, "I recommend he serve as the Master of Ceremonies."

This set off a flurry of activity. Finally, everyone had his assigned bell to manage or his task. Monty and Morning Glory were in charge of the lighting. After all, they each have one good eye so together, that's two eyes. Oreo, very fast in her movements, was given responsibility for changing the backdrops from song to song. Dream Catcher, handy with his teeth, could help.

With much anticipation, the night arrived for dress rehearsal. All the herd looked so lovely. Everyone stayed out of the mud to keep their hoof ribbons looking especially nice. Even YumYum had stayed clean (and for those of you who know Y.Y., that's a MAJOR accomplishment).

Our opening song was "Joy to the World" and it went off splendidly. This was followed by "The First Noel" and "Silent Night." The program progressed beautifully until we reached our final selection, the "Hallelujah Chorus." There was a slight altercation between Oreo and Dream over which backdrop would be best for this. Despite the disagreement, Firebreeze indicated that we should go ahead with the song. Trouble loomed early on the horizon. Windwalker, clearly unsatisfied with not ringing her bell as much as she wished (did being out of the spotlight also have something to do with this?), began to improvise. This apparently irritated YumYum, who began to ding his G whenever the score said G, A, or B. Horses everywhere lost their rhythm and the song soon became unrecognizable. They stopped playing only to see Oreo and Dream tussling with a backdrop. There was the sound of tearing fabric and both horses lost their footing and fell backwards with Dream bumping into me.

"Hey, you," shouted Oreo, "what do you think you're doing, hurting a lovely little donkey like Snickerdoodle?"

"Oreo, I'm alright," I said, "don't worry about it."

"Yah? Well, I don't like his attitude. He was careless! You're smaller than many of us and everybody needs to be aware of that and careful. What kind of horses are we if we don't look out for the little guys?"

Gentle Reader, the situation showed signs of deteriorating into a general melee. Thankfully, we were saved from this when the back porch light flipped on and our Two-Legger came down to the barn. Horses rapidly scattered to the four corners of the ranch. Most of them had the presence of mind to take their handbells with them. I could see some of them furtively helping each other take off their hoof ribbons.

"What's going on?" our Two-Legger wondered, "why are all these lights on?"

I quietly nuzzled her hand.....giving me a carrot would take her mind off of questioning us. And I was right! She made tracks to the tack room fridge and brought me exactly what I wanted.

Merry Christmas and may your stockings be filled with carrots and apples!!

Meet the Members...The Lane Family

My name is Doris, my husband is Mike and my daughter is Sarah; we have been Members with HPS since 2000. I found Horse Protection Society through the Internet. I was looking for a donkey.

Since I am from a big city, I never had heard of equines being abused. We bought our place because Mike wanted to raise horses. I told him "but we get one donkey for me". Today we have three donkeys, one mule, one horse (Big Mama) and a pony (Popcorn). Each and every one of the guys were abused one way or another.

Thanks to HPS we opened our hearts to unwanted equines. Every time I visit the Ranch, I learn more about Gods beautiful creatures. Come out to the Ranch, together, we can make a difference.

God bless each and every one of you.

Doris, Mike, & Sarah



Sarah & Pancho

May 27th 2002: It is 11:00 pm and a trailer stops in our driveway. A few weeks before our vet had asked us to take a mule in. A lady had rescued him and didn't know what to do for him. They opened up the trailer and "Jumper" was lying on the floor.... he could not get up. With the help of five people he was finally able to get up. For the next few weeks I sat next to him, day in and day out reading stories to him, singing and lots of hugs....and then Jumper got up! But he dragged his nose on the ground while walking. I massaged his spine everyday and he could lift up his head. Before we had to get on our knees so he could look in our face. The severe beatings had caused Jumper to be unable to lift his head and caused a lump in his throat. Jumper gained weight and became the fastest runner in the field. On November 4, 2004 Little Jumper fell into a coma and was pronounced brain dead. We had to let him go.

I am writing his story because I believe everyone deserves a loving home, especially those that are not very attractive to us. Jumper was a joy to watch, and we are very thankful the Lord sent him our way.

In loving memory of Jumper By Doris, Mike & Sarah Lane

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Picking a name for her has kept the emails flowing and the opinions have been adamant in some cases. It all started when I sent a simple email to the feeder group. "For those of you who have not had a chance to meet the new black Percheron mare that we took in Sunday, she is a quiet, sweet and 20 plus year old mare. She may weigh about 1600 pounds. She needs a cool name since the officers may decide to keep her at the sanctuary rather than place her. What do you think of the name "Tinkerbelle"? If you have any other ideas for a name, please let me know. We need to get her named. Joanie" Of course we ask the horse and if they show they don't like a name that we pick then we go back to the drawing board to come up with another possible name.

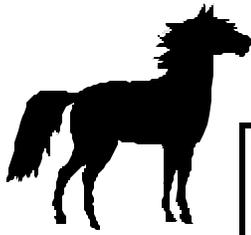
Here are some of the suggestions: Star, Isabelle or Dolly....Xena, Harley or Cinder, Theresa as in Mother Theresa, BELLA (beautiful in Italian), BELLE (beautiful in French Percherons are French), NOIR (black in French), Chaparell, Haley, Savannah, Spirit, Virginia, Tulsa, Quay, Pandora, Sadie, Diesel, Cinder, Asher, and Smudge, Maev (sounds like wave)-Irish. Or Mab (sounds like fab), Both are fairy queens, the second is from Shakespeare, I think. Or Bette as in Bette Midler, an "earthy" lady. Or the jewel "Onyx" which is of course black. Or Brunhilda (a Valkerie) with Hilda for short. The Druids have a name for a beautiful horse goddess--Rhiannon. ("How do you pronounce that?") Or a country name like Emma, how about "Raven"--also with a black set of feathers?

Isn't this fun and varied. Some of the email comments could not be printed in the newsletter. HPS has had certain things that we just don't use for names. We almost always change the horse's name. We don't use people's names, or use a name twice. We don't want a bad connotation with a name, and there were some very strong feelings against Xena as a name for her.

Different folks tried some of the names to see how the "Big Girl" felt about them. She reacted with a different "No" to Xena by shaking her head and then looking away. The officers were poled and the leading name was Tinkerbelle. The good news is that she likes the name also. At feeding time all the horses were in except Tinkerbelle. She was all the way on the other side of the pond.... Oh I didn't want to walk all the way over to get her. So I called to her, "Tinkerbelle, dinner!" She looked up and came on in.

Tinkerbelle needs to gain an additional 75 - 100 pounds and is picking up weight quickly. The first few days she was a little pushy at mealtime. We often see this. Over the days she has settled in and is very polite.....you just have to ask her to "back up" and she will.

If anyone has a very large bridle they would like to donate, please let me know. ***Please become an Angel Sponsor and help support Tinkerbelle. The officers are considering Tinkerbelle as a permanent resident of the Sanctuary and possibly our new mascot.***



News From The Herd

The Herd are doing wonderfully and enjoying the cold weather.... Unlike us! Teton helps Dakota to remove his cribbing collar in their latest new game of play. Even the “Old Guys” will run in to be fed. Everyone is enjoying rolling in the muddiest spots and at time they will all look the same color.... MUD COLOR! Folks have been taking a shedding blade and a stiff brush out into the fields to knock off the mud and fluff the horses’ coats. Charlie had to put the tub heaters in the water tubs already since we have had ice on the top a couple of times. Hay consumption is way up due to the colder weather, and the horses need 8 to 11 round bales every 7-9 days. This has raised our expenses even higher.

Please remember the horses’ needs through this holiday season.

Indigo has had two months of recover time and has healed perfectly. She had to stay in her small area until the beginning of November when she was allowed out into a small pasture with our foundered babies. Indigo took off running and bucking expressing her pleasure of freedom. Then she went to the other horses to let them know she was taking over as head mare. Indigo has left for her new home with Kathy Haw. (I knew this was Kathy’s horse when she first stepped off the trailer to join us. She will have a wonderful home.) *Thank you again for making her recovery possible!*

Nevada has been a challenge to help. He had huge fat deposits, yet had been starved in the recent past. Trying to balance his diet to help him lose the fat and yet provide the needed nutrition has been a juggling act. He has lost almost all of the huge fat deposits that looked like giant tumors. The next step is to slowly build his body back to a healthy weight. We have finally gotten to this point. His back leg that was hurt from a fall in the trailer on his way into the Sanctuary has healed perfectly. Nevada is also moving much more comfortably on his foundered hooves thanks to our great hoof care specialists. Nevada is also much older than represented when we took him in. He is also is about 36 years old. *Needs a sponsor –*

Snickerdoodles had a brace on her front leg by our veterinarian to help to straighten it. It had to be removed after a week to make sure it is not causing any rub areas. We are working to get her heels down to see if this will help her before putting on another cast. When the vet was here, we had a chance to check her teeth. Her age is closer to 36 than 26 years old.

Needs a sponsor

Warrior was a great old appaloosa. He came to us with melanomas on his sheath, up inside and on his male parts. He was on strong anti-oxidants, and the melanomas on his sheath dried up and fell off. The others had gotten a little larger. Warrior started a slight bloody discharge from the right nostril. He was put on medication to no avail. Then a week later he was found rolling at 8 o’clock in the morning. The vet was called, and we worked with him until 3:00 pm with no improvement. The kindest thing for us to do was to let him go. There was speculation the cancer had spread through his body and this caused the colic. Or it could be something as simple as the change in weather or he rolled and twisted his intestines that caused the colic. Colic causes the death of more horses than anything else.

Did You Know!

1. The world's horse population is estimated at 75,000,000.
2. China not only has the most people in the world, but also has the most Horses with 10,000,000.
3. There are over 350 different breeds of horses and ponies.
4. The Horse belongs to the Equus Family. Equus comes from the ancient Greek word meaning "QUICKNESS."
5. The average lifespan for a horse is around 20 - 25 years, though they can live much longer.
6. The "OLDEST" horse recorded to date is - "Old Billy", an English Barge horse born in 1760 who lived to the age of 62 years.
7. The "OLDEST" pony in history was 54 years old when he died in France.
8. The "OLDEST" horse ever to give birth was a 42 year old Australian broodmare.
9. The "SMALLEST" breed is the Falebella of Argentina. The tallest of the breed stands about 74 cm (30 inches) at the shoulder.
10. The "SMALLEST" pony in history was a stallion named "Little Pumpkin." He stood 14 inches and weighed only 20 lbs..!
11. The World's Largest Horse ever recorded was a Shire gelding named Samson, bred by Thomas Cleaver of Toddington Mills, England. Foaled in 1846, this horse measured 21.2 1/2 hand high (7 ft. 2 inches) in 1850, and weighed 3,360 pounds. Samson is also recorded as the "HEAVIEST" horse weighing 1524 kg (3360 lbs.)
12. The world speed record for a horse is 43.2 mph, it was set by a four year old race horse named Big Racket.
13. World Record "LOG PULLING" was set in 1893. When two Clydesdale Stallions hauled a sledge stacked with timber weighing 128 tons.
14. In the wild horse world, the mare decides when and where the herd will go while the stallion follows.
15. The fastest Pony Express ride was 7 days, 17 hours and was carrying Lincoln's inaugural address.
16. If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Christmas Eve

It's the night before Christmas, we're out in the barn,
Feeding hot alfalfa to keep them all warm,
They're eating their dinners, tucked in cozy stalls,
Not aware that it's Christmas, or any special day at all.

They can dream of spring pastures from their pine-scented beds,
No visions of sugarplums dance in their heads,
But most people are thinking of merry parties and such,
Maybe feeling a little sad at missing so much.

This season is special but the horses don't know,
I've got work to do before I can go,
I finish the chores and head on inside,
To get ready for dinner and my own yuletide.

It's nearly midnight, the carols are sung,
I remember a story I was told when I was young,
How at midnight on Christmas Eve,
The creatures of the barnyard can speak to us with ease.

I am called to the barn, I wade through the rain,
I know I must go, I can't really explain,
I open the door, pause for a while,
Then slowly walk down the dimly lit aisle.

A nicker from Irish, a wink from Fire Breeze,
Sleepy old Navajo waking to see,
Majestic rustling her bedding, a snort soft and light,
Each horse gave a greeting as I walked through the night.

I thought about parties bright lit and warm,
The ones I don't go to 'cause I have the barn,
And vacations and days off that I don't get,
When I'm worrying long hours about bills to be met.

Walking all the way to the end of the aisle,
I stop to stroke Montana, it brings me a smile,
He snuffles my face, hot breath on my skin,
It starts me to thinking about our horses, my kin.

I could be at parties with laughter and mirth,
But where I am right now is the best place on Earth

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE

(I did not write this poem, but I could not have said it better.
"All creatures who have breath, give praise to the Lord.")

Hay! Er, Hey!

Have you re-linked your Food Lion MVP card for 2005 yet? Time is rapidly passing and the year will be over before we know it! It only takes a few seconds to do this at www.foodlion.com -- click on more information for the Shop & Share program and when that comes up click on re-link MVP card. You will then be prompted to enter your twelve (12) digit MVP card number and the first few letters of your last name. The computer pulls up your info & after confirming that the Horse Protection Society of NC is listed as your charity of choice, you hit "finished" and you're done & out of there! **If you don't re-link by 12/31, your purchases in Quarter # 1 (Jan-Feb-Mar) will not count toward helping HPS!** You can obtain MVP numbers (need address & phone # too) from friends, co-workers, etc. -- remember, you do not have to be a member to help in this way. Don't forget to tell people that doing this does NOT affect their MVP savings in any way, shape, or form. The total of their purchases just counts toward the total for HPS. If someone is new to the program, it only takes a few more seconds to enter their information. So.....the next time you see a member of the Fund Raising Committee, proudly look them in the eye and say....."I've re-linked my MVP card!" YumYum says **THANK YOU** and is delighted to learn of a fund-raiser that involves food (Navajo thought this was a pretty great thing too).



Please help the horses by supporting the Shop & Share and the Gift Card Program!

Thanks for your support!

FOOD LION GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Please complete a separate order form for each person you who is purchasing gift cards. Completed orders need to be mailed to: Lisa Murray- Food Lion Gift Card Coordinator, 1529 Mill Wheel Dr, Salisbury N.C. 28146. Full payment must accompany your order. Checks must be made payable to Food Lion. Orders for cards are due the 30th of each month.

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 Mail my cards to the above address
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If for some reason you do not receive your cards 15 days after your order date please let me know.



Special holiday "Thanks" to all who made donations over the past month:

- Lillus Kurland
- Doris & Mike Lane
- Katherine Lofgren
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- Cheryl Martineau
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- Eileen & Leai Ho
- Brown Hobbie
- Linda Sawyer King

*To Shaw & Lynne Sullivan
Congratulations
on your marriage!
From Shawn Cherry*

*In honor of
Jason Schlotterback
Thank you for all that you do
for us at Finally Farm South
By Lyn & Buddy Dixon*

*In memory of my friend,
Carolyn Redmond,
who passed away recently.
By Linda King*



Make Christmas merry for the horses. Add them to your list of giving for the Holiday Season.

My Christmas donation to help support the horses is for: \$ _____

I would like to be an Angel Sponsor for _____ & donate per month \$ _____

Special offer for \$20: I would like to have "Over Herd" sent to: \$ _____

Mail to: _____

Or make a donation on line on our web site. www.horseprotection.org Total amount: \$ _____

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for the Herd!

When you are shopping on line, remember to sign up on www.Igive.com where your Christmas purchases help the horses. The 561 stores often have sales not offered elsewhere. Please sign up.

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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.

Christmas Wish List

The following items are needed for the herd:

Red Cell, Beta Carotene 25,000ui, Lutein & Bilberry, Milk Thistle extract Alcohol free, Epsom salts, Large cotton balls, Alfalfa cubes, Draft horse bridle – black, Rope halter- small & medium, Mane 'n Tail Conditioner & Shampoo, Cutback western saddle blanket, Western fleece girth 34" or 36", Co-flex flexible bandage, Tea tree oil, Gentian Violet - ask druggist, Equimax wormer, Athlete's foot cream, spray or powder, Lexol Leather Conditioner, Lexol Leather Cleaner, Leather New, Aloe Vera juice, Beet pulp, Bagged wood chip bedding, Bales of alfalfa, Nylon or leather Cinch Strap 1 3/4"x 6' – brown, English girth extension.

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