



## A Wonderful Christmas Present!

Thank you to all of the folks who sent HPS Livestock Guard Dog information. Many of the rescues required the dog to be a house pet and required a high fence around the area where the dog will be. The search led us to the Great Pyrenees Rescue in Indian Trail.



Melanie and I scheduled a road trip to meet the dog "Pearl." Many of the Pyrs do not have the guarding instincts. Pearl's write up mentioned that she had been an LGD for the first eleven months of her life, but not with horses. Shannon introduced us to Pearl in a fenced-in area.

Pearl had been placed out in different situations a number of times and been returned each time with the report of bad behavior. The Board of Directors wanted to give up on Pearl, and that meant she would be put down. The Directors are not unfeeling; they are realistic. **(Cont. on Page 2)**

## Another Horse in Need

You find the property you have dreamed about, but there was a surprise .... a horse was left behind. He is a beautiful gray Arabian that moved like the wind in the field. The lure of a free horse momentarily overcomes good sense. Like so many people, they don't know anything about horses. Chief is 14 years old and never been trained to ride. The responsible thing would be to send him to an excellent trainer. Time marches on, and the proverbial life changes. (And I am not referring to winning the lottery.) Not all changes in life have to do with a shortage of funds.

Now, what do you do with your 14-year-old untrained Arabian gelding? Of course you call HPS since we helped out with another horse they had taken in that had severe DSLD in the final stages. Tori and Justin McLeod of 4 Hooves Large Animal Services worked with Chief to help him learn to load and delivered him to the sanctuary. The owners kindly donated funds to help with the cost of Chief's training.



Ginger needs saddle training also, but we don't have the funds to have them both worked with at present.

We received a phone call from a person who purchased a property, and there were two horses "left," behind. She had the horses for a few months. She was alluding to the fact that the horses were abandoned. I informed her that abandoning horses is against the law and needs to be reported.

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***A Christmas Present (Cont. from Page 1)*** The three LGDs that we have had, each had issues that needed special attention. The pretty girl needed a new name, and Snowy seemed to fit. She is just two years old, and it is evident that she has been physically abused. How Snowy will do is strictly dependent on the volunteers following the direction of how to treat her.

Turk wanted to be friends, but Snowy intends to be the boss. So far, neither has gotten hurt. There has been a lot of growling and posturing. Snowy is fine with Oliver, the chickens, and the horses. She likes to run with the horses when there is racing taking place.

Snowy is working at night and can be heard barking and running after some critters. She has a condo with a raised bed, a mattress, and blankets. We gave her a small stuffed toy and she seems to enjoy playing with it. It will take time for Snowy to develop fully into a Livestock Guard Dog.

### ***Another Horse In Need (Cont. from Page 1)***

She needed to get ownership in order to find them a new home. The caller's reaction implied that she was not being honest, and she may have agreed to keep the horses. After a short time and learning what it cost to care for the horses, she was now looking for a place to dump the horses.

### ***Merry Christmas from Your Equine Buddies***

- Autumn** – “The volunteers are the jolliest bunch of elves this side of the nuthouse.”
- Bandolero** – “It’s all fun and games ‘til Santa checks the naughty list.”
- Chicklet** – “Let’s be naughty and save Santa the trip.”
- Chuckles** – “Hey Santa, you can just give me your credit card & I’ll take care of Christmas.”
- Flame** – “I will not say “Happy Holidays” just so no one gets offended. **“Merry Christmas!”**”
- Freedom** – “I’d tell you what I want for Christmas, but I’d end up on the naughty list.”
- Honey** – “Experts say you can relieve stress by brushing a horse. Course it doesn’t work if the horse is the one makin’ you nuts in the first place. Ha-Ha.”
- Thunder** – “Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year. He’s still laughing.”
- Tusca** – “Hope this Christmas Season is filled with your favorite thing, ME.”
- Shasta** – “May your Christmas be like me, fat, jolly and happy!”

**All the rescues THANK YOU for your donations and Christmas presents!**

*Merry Christmas*

*FRIENDS are like STARS*

*You don't always see them, but you always know*

*THEY ARE THERE!*

*Know that we give thanks for your caring and pray you will be BLESSED!*

*Our love goes out to one and all.*

*In honor of Dottie Rebhan nd Jodi Dauthit's December's Birthdays. By Sybil P. Athey*

**In honor of Marilyn Green. By Marilyn S. Gideon**

In Memory of my beloved Terrier-Mix, "Ebony" who died on October 17, 2019

at 14 1/2 years old. By Kim Lane

**In memory of Samuel. By Glenda Read**

*In memory of my Dear wife, Barbara Lee (passed away Dec. 17, 2018. By H. Paul Hoecke*

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