

Over Herd

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SAVE THESE DATES:

Farrier & Volunteer Day:

Saturday, February 17th

We need all the hands we can get on this day. Please email HPS if you are able to attend for any length of time. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Farrier & Volunteer Day is potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share!

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***Also, The Mane Event 2 is coming in June...see page 2.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

This Month's Featured Horse: Tulsa

Tulsa is one of the sweetest and most gentle horses ever to have graced the sanctuary. He has a very calm demeanor and will make a good beginner's horse. He is currently back under saddle and we plan to let him give riding lessons to some of our volunteers.



Tulsa is a 22-year-old American Quarter Horse and an ex-roper. He has retired from roping now and is looking forward to doing a little trail riding. We were told that he had an old injury to a back pastern but have seen no sign of problems.

We believe that he has Cushing's Syndrome, caused by a tumor on the pituitary gland, but with natural supplements and vitamins he should have a long and happy life.

Tulsa came to the ranch last spring along with Olympia and Quicksilver. His owner had become seriously ill and tried for months to find new homes for her beloved horses. We offered to take the three friends. Quicksilver now has an application pending. Tulsa and Olympia would like homes, too!

Anyone interested in sponsoring or giving Tulsa a loving home should contact the sanctuary.

Remember the Alamo

It is unconscionable to see so many foundered horses. Most of the time, it is caused by careless management. Even when an owner knows a horse has foundered, the correct treatment is not followed through with and the horse just gets worse. It may take years for a foundered horse to recover, but it can be accomplished.

Several years ago, Alamo had only a four-degree rotation of the coffin bone in both front hooves according to a veterinarian report from 2004. The owners let him go down hill. A kind young couple saw him and paid \$200 to get him out of the unacceptable situation. Alamo should have had his heart bar shoes removed long ago. Poor Alamo had lost weight and was in severe pain. The couple had never dealt with a foundered horse and quickly realized it was not going to be easy and the expense would be huge. They called the sanctuary for advice. They were only able to do the barest minimum for him. Three different farriers came to trim Alamo, but none knew how to trim a foundered horse correctly. Several family crises caused them to give up on trying to help this horse. The last trim was done the day before Alamo came to the sanctuary.

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Did You Know...

Different gaits of the horse:

Gait - any forward movement of the horse

Walk - the horse raises its feet one after the other and puts them down in the same order (4 miles per hour)

Trot or Jog - the horse lifts the front leg on one side of its body and the hind leg on the other side at the same time. The other two legs hit the ground together. The trot is faster than the walk. (9 miles an hour)

Canter - the horse gathers its hind legs under its body and extends its forelegs. It is a controlled gallop. At one point, all four feet are off the ground. (12 - 40 miles an hour)

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We inspected his hooves and were appalled by the incredibly poor trim. The heels were too high, the bars had grown down past the frog, and one bar was right next to the frog and pressing on it. This causes a great deal of pain. Abscesses still needed to be cut out and the sole and frog did not look as if they had been touched.



We had digital radiographs done right away. They showed a 13-degree rotation and a 16-degree rotation of the front coffin bones. Alamo needs a full blood panel and tests for Cushing's, thyroid and insulin resistant. He has had his first trim that has helped him feel better. His diet has been improved, and he is gaining weight quickly. Alamo is only 15 years old and is a Quarter Horse. He has settled in and likes the attention of the members. I believe he understands that he is finally in a place where he will recover.

Have You Marked Your Calendar?

HPS is looking forward to the Mane Event II with great anticipation! There will be more information on the fabulous items for the silent and live auctions. This year we hope everyone will enjoy the Speedway Club and their wonderful service. Tickets will only cover the expenses, so save up to be able to bid on the huge number of great items that will be available. We look forward to seeing you the evening of **June 2nd**. If you have a group of eight people that would like to sit together let us know and we will reserve a table for your party.

Good News for Some Slaughter Bound Horses

January 19, 2007 was a red-letter day for some horses. A federal appeals court says slaughtering horses for meat is **illegal in Texas**, where two of the three slaughter plants are located.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court's ruling last year on a 1949 Texas law that banned horse slaughter for the purpose of selling the meat for food. The lower court said that the Texas law was pre-empted by federal law and invalid. The 5th Circuit Court disagreed, saying the law still stood and was still enforceable.

Judge Fortunato Benavides wrote, "The lone cowboy riding his horse on a Texas trail is a cinematic icon. Not once in memory did the cowboy eat his horse."

Once the plants are closed, it leaves only the Illinois slaughter plant. All three plants are foreign-owned.

There is once again a pending bill before Congress that, if passed, will ensure the end to all horse slaughter in the United States. The 110th Congress will be considering bill S. 311, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (H.R. 503/S.311) launched January 17th.

The measure received tremendous bipartisan support during the 109th Congress, with a winning vote of 263 to 146 in the House due to the large number of people who contacted their representatives. It was not heard by the Senate in late 2006, and was not brought up for a vote before Congress was adjourned. This means the Slaughter bill had to start all over again in the House and then go to the Senate once again. Supporters are hoping the public will once again contact their representatives to add their voice to the support of this important bill.



HORSE PROTECTION SOCIETY

All I need to know in life I learned from my horse:

When in doubt, run far, far away.

You can never have too many treats.

Passing gas in public is nothing to be ashamed of.

New shoes are an absolute necessity every 6 weeks.

Ignore cues. They're just a prompt to do more work.

Everyone loves a good, wet, sloppy kiss.

Never run when you can jog. Never jog when you can walk. And never walk when you can stand still.

Heaven is eating at least 10 hours a day... and then sleeping the rest.

Eat plenty of roughage.

Great legs and a nice rear will get you anywhere. Big, brown eyes help too.

When you want your way, stomp hard on the nearest foot.

In times of crisis, take a poop.

Act dumb when faced with a task you don't want to do.

Follow the herd. That way, you can't be singled out to take the blame.

A swift kick in the butt will get anyone's attention.

Love those who love you back, especially if they have something good to eat.

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Gorgeous New Barn

Finally the end of construction on the new barn is in sight. It is gorgeous and everyone who has seen it cannot believe how wonderful it will be when finished. The outside is finished except for the shutters that will be around the outside. They will have clear center panels and can be opened in warm weather to let a breeze through the barn. Closing them in the winter will cut the cold wind and warm the barn when the sun shines through the plastic. We have arranged for a landscape contractor to level the floor before the mats are put down. **Martin Marietta Aggregates** donated a huge amount of gravel for around the new barn. (Good-bye mud!) Finally the rained stopped long enough for **Yates & Thunderburg** to pour and finish the concrete. Thanks to **Harold Speck** who graded and set the forms, the concrete work was finished. **Perry Morgan**



spread some of our first loads of gravel to get everyone out of the mud. (Three steps and our boots would weigh five pounds each.) Who out there in volunteerland likes to paint? Both the feed room and tack room need to be painted. Please come by to see your donation dollars at work for these wonderful horses. Thank you!

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It is Tax Time

HPS just wanted to remind you of a couple of important things.

1. There is a mileage deduction for anyone who has come to the sanctuary to volunteer time or drop off items. (This is not the same amount as for business deductions for mileage.)
2. You can deduct any items you have donated to the horses. It is impossible for us to try and keep track of all the items donated.
3. It is an enormous task to get all the tax donation letters out to everyone. If you have not gotten your letter, please let us know. hps@horseprotection.org or phone: 704-855-2978

Christmas Kindness

Colleen Cheeks asked if it would be okay if the kids at the stable she helps with could give gifts to the horses. Jeff Saunder helps the kids learn good horsemanship. We set a date for the families to come to the sanctuary. The children painted fabulous horseshoes with each horse's name which will be beautiful additions to the new barn. The amount of needed supplies that the families brought was tremendous and so appreciated. There are so many bags of cotton balls that we will not need them for months; they are used everyday. Some of the other gifts for the horses were rope halters, leads, sponges, hoof picks, shampoo, conditioner, vet wrap, DMSO, a large Rubbermaid storage container and so much more. This was such a special group of kids. Most of them are taking riding lessons at the stable. How wonderful to have a stable geared to kids!

Thanks for your Christmas Kindness!
Kim Alley
Colleen, Hannah & Madison Cheek
Barb, Danielle & Renea Fraley
Sherri, Tim & Morgan Goff
Angge Lee Hamlin
Ron Hines
Karen & Sarah Keasey
Steven, Carol & Chloe & Allie Knuth
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Jessica & Family Pautz
Linda Schott
Beth & Robert Setzer
Hannah, Sloane & Shea Stewart
Meghan Uhrich
Carrie & Caroline Zastrow



In honor of Betty Lentz. ~By Kim Clark
Happy Birthday Betty. By I41100.Floyd Lentz
In memory of Jan Eutsler Smith. By Debbie & Jesse Swords
In memory of Jan Eutsler Smith. By Dale & Garyn Talbert
In memory of Jan Eutsler Smith. By Linda & Robert Wentworth
A donation in the names of Scott & Kim Clark has been made on behalf of WBTV, WBT 1100, & WLNK 107.9!

Given in fondest memory of my cats: Dusty, Darla, Baccus, Melodie, and Percy. Love is stronger than death, and I will see them again one day when I cross over the Rainbow Bridge. By Sara Lewis

In honor of all the dedicated hard working feeders who show up week after week to face the mud and weather, because they love us. Thank you from the grateful horses at H.P.S.

THE LEAST OF THESE: FIRST PERSON INTERVIEWS WITH SMALLER BEINGS

By Amanda Cowtipper

OLE' YELLAR

It has come to my attention that there are no words on paper that indicate anything whatsoever about non-horse species around here. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Inspector General of Mealtimes and other Large Farm "Happenings." I am a domestic long hair feline of the orange marmalade persuasion and extremely good looking. I am at least fifteen of your human years. I can apparate and disapparate (reference Harry Potter) at will from thin air and do so whenever I feel like it (usually at breakfast and dinner time). I happened by one day many years ago. Miss Joanie and I go back a long way. People and The Horses come and go, but I stuck it out for the long haul. This is home, now. I am neutered, but made a bunch of kittens in the old days. I ask that everybody keep in mind that I am totally deaf so: please drive carefully and don't grab me. I don't like to be picked up. Also, I still try hard to decrease the mouse population, but the old ear problem makes that difficult.

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*Please note: despite advancing age and his ear disease (no cleaning of same and no liquids to be inserted there), this cat tries hard to maintain his blustering ego. It's all a sham. His vet appointment for ear inspection revealed (upon placement on examining table) this feline to be a ladies man of charming manners. "No," as he states, "don't grab me or the little shives at the end of my toes will be employed. I'll contact you when and if I feel like it!"* Respectfully submitted by A. Cowtipper

## Food Lion Grocery Card Program

Remember, send your name, address, phone #, number of grocery cards needed and at what amount to Lisa Murray, Food Lion Grocery Card Coordinator, 1529 Mill Wheel Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146. Checks need to be made out to Horse Protection Society. All orders need to be received by the 1st of each month.

**Come on everyone..... We have horses to feed, a barn to finish and a vet to pay. EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS. It's such an easy way to help HPS. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM.**

***Reminder: If you have email access and would be willing to receive your Over Herd issues via email, PLEASE contact Shelly Walsh at [shellywalsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:shellywalsh@bellsouth.net).***

***Emailing saves precious pennies for HPS!***



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## Love Is In The Air

By Crackerjack (as transcribed by Roberta McCardle)

Happy Valentine's Day everybody! The holiday is rapidly approaching and I have been musing about Love while I have been munching on my hay (and you thought we were just a bunch of attractive hay-eaters, didn't you?). These reflections caused me to think about how love is so frequently in the eye of the beholder and that every horse has some kind of loveliness. I decided to poll the herd for their opinions on love and here's what I learned:

**DAKOTA:** "Love is definitely related to food. If there are no cut-up carrot pieces in the dish, then there can be no love in the tummy, er, heart."

**SUMMER:** "Friendship is just as wonderful as love. There is no better horse than my friend Moon-glow."

**FIREBREEZE:** "Irish is the essence of love. Even the hay tastes better when she is near me. After all these years, we are still crazy about each other."

**NAVAJO:** "The extension of courtesies is part of love.....having the younger horses defer to my judgment....being allowed to go into my stall first.....these are the significant things. I left the moonlight & roses stuff behind long ago!"

**WRANGLER:** "Love is grooming. You whisk the flies away from my face and I'll use my tail to flick them away from yours."

**MONTY:** "Peanut butter crackers, period."

**WINDSONG:** "Oh, love, that's SO exciting. I really enjoy the flirting part."

**JINGLE BELLS:** "Love is being fed regularly. I love the sound of that little wagon loaded with feed buckets coming to our pasture."

**YUMA:** "Love that Feather!"

**FEATHER:** "Love that Yuma!"

**MIDNIGHT:** "I love my Two-Legger. She has been so nice to me!"

**AMIGO:** "Love is being taken care of.....look at that new barn going up next to our pasture! We get our hooves regularly done....we get our food like clockwork....people are kind to us....our whole ranch shows love."

Gentle Reader, I think Amigo said it best: do take care and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

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