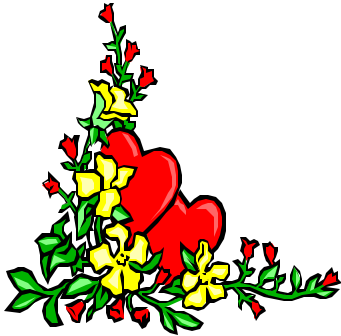


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Over Herd



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Mark your Calendars:

February 8th

Members Meeting

Lunch at 12:30 PM

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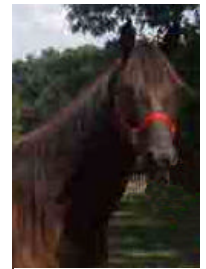
Join us as we begin our
new work & play style
work day, which will allow
you more hands on time
with the horses

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Loving Homes Needed

HPS has some wonderful horses to place in new loving homes:

Wind Walker is one of the prettiest horses to ever grace the ranch. She is just turning 7 years old and a little full of herself. There is something very special about this black Tennessee Walker.



Wind Walker

Dream Catcher is an 11 year old quarter horse and a nice mover. A horse you could have a great time with.



Wrangler & Mesa

Mesa is a very sweet horse that would be wonderful with a small child.

Wrangler is a roan appaloosa and is old enough to be settled.

Sugar Foot only has a few more pounds to gain and she will be looking for a new home, also. She is small enough to give a little child confidence to become this horse's best friend.

Tonto is the best looking black and white leopard appaloosa I have ever seen. He is a little past 21 years old and would be a dream come true for a young person.

Phoenix is almost 5 years old and just needs some riding to gain the experience of different places and to improve his responses. He has also has been trained to drive.



Teton

Teton is a gentle giant at just under 17 hands. He is good with both mares and geldings. (Falls in love easily with the mares.) Teton is just 13 years old and a beautiful horse.

Mancha is a leopard appaloosa with red spots. She is a fast stepper and can keep up with any horse. Just 12 years old and ready to go.



Mancha

Aztec just needs some time and someone who will not be intimidated by her silliness. She is a pretty little racking horse and nineteen years old.

Laredo is a showy boy with his long black tail and mane. There is something special about this bay, and he racks too.

Raven is a black 21 year old with special needs. She can be ridden by a lightweight rider and does well with children.

Pasture Pals are the hardest to place. We have some very sweet horses in need of a loving home where they can live out their lives and bring joy by their company.

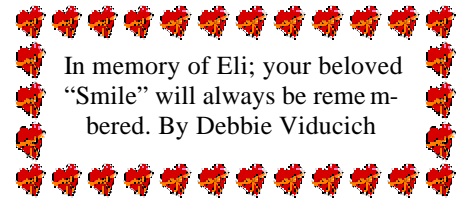
The winter months are the most difficult time to find new homes for these babies. Please help by telling your friends about the great horses HPS is looking for new homes for. Thank you for spreading the word.



Favorite Songs from the Herd By: YumYum

This month I thought it might be interesting to poll the herd for their favorite songs. In some cases a horse suggested a particular song as fitting another horse; these have been included as well. With special thanks to Valerie Berns, Joy Dwelle, Ambe Lewis, Erika Torrence, Jennifer Williams, and Denise Koehn for conducting the interviews.

- Bo** - "Mr. Bojangles," "Beast of Burden" (Rolling Stones)
- Chinook** - "I Ain't Got Nobody" (David Lee Roth), "Uptown Girl"
- Chinook to Dizzy** - "So Happy Together"
- Cloud Dancer** - "Don't It Make my Brown Eyes Blue"
- Dakota** - "Thank You" by Lead Zeppelin ("Kind Woman, I give you my heart....")
- Dizzy** - "Baby Got Back," "Dizzy", Brick House (The Commodores)
- Irish** - "When Irish Eyes are Smiling"
- Laredo** - "Bad to the Bone"
- Mancha** - "Evil Woman"
- Mesa** - "Love Me Tender" by Elvis Presley
- Navajo** - "All Shook Up" by Elvis Presley (those who have ridden him at a trot understand this.....), "Born to Run"
- Nightmist** - "The Tennessee Waltz"
- Queenie** - "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "We are the Champions" (suggested as HPS theme song)
- Shoshoni** - "Material Girl"
- Shoshoni, Moon, Willow, and Summer** - "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" (Cyndi Lauper)
- Starfire to Firebreeze** - "Let's Stay Together" by Al Green
- Starfire to Firebreeze** - "You Don't Send Me Flowers"
- Sugarfoot** - "Sugar, Sugar" (the Archies)
- Whisper to Nightmist** - "Love Her Madly"
- Windwalker** - "She's Got Legs" by ZZ Top, "These Boots are Made for Walking"
- YumYum** - "The Candy Man"

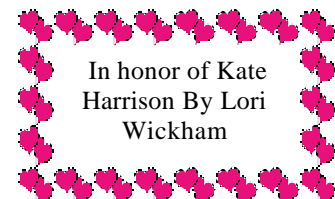


And last, but far from least, the herd voted to dedicate "Eight Days a Week" by the Beatles to Joanie. "Eight days a week is not enough to show I care. I love you every day...."

Donations:

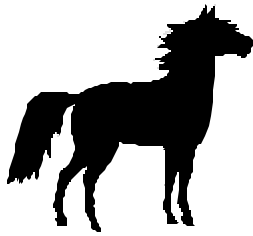
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Farewell Sequoia By: Roberta McCardle

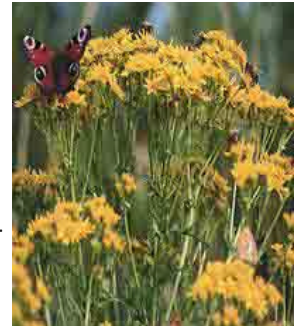
It is with much sadness that I share with you that we lost our beloved Sequoia on Sunday, January 19th. He had not been feeling well for awhile and Joanie had the vet out to check on him the week before he died. We were watching him closely as per the vet's instructions. He passed gently in the barn during the night. We will all long remember what a thoroughly nice horse he was. I heard someone describe him as a gentleman and that was so appropriate. Sequoia was getting on in years and had been around awhile (hence, his name). He was calm, mature, and unflappable. Many of us felt so comfortable around him. He had arthritis and frequently would be the last horse to come in to the barn for the evening feed. Sometimes you would have to go out and get him, letting him take his time and set the pace. We were able to give him some regained health & weight and a peaceful life for his final years. This is what we need to remember and be grateful for.....Vaya con Dios, Sequoia. (I like to think of him now as being free of arthritis and able to romp and run).



News From The Herd

Mesa and Aztec had a little cough and runny nose. Mesa is fine now, but we had to separate Aztec from the other horses for treatment.

Sun Dance had four visits from the veterinarian this month. It started with what seemed like Uvietus or Moon Blindness along with low-level colic. South Ridge has a very nice new vet, Dr. Amy Betka, who worked with us to figure out the many symptoms Sun Dance was displaying. Eye problems that looked like uvietus, colic acting, dangerous mood, lack of interest in feed, and loss of weight. The blood test revealed that 75% of her liver was damaged. This led us to the ammonia that was present in her blood stream. Upon further investigation as to the cause, a pretty little yellow flowering plant called Ragwort was the likely culprit. This is common in most fields, and it is generally believed that horses will not eat it. During the growing season horses don't usual touch it. But once it dies back in the fall it becomes palatable to the animals. The damage is cumulative over the years of exposure until there is only 25% of the liver working. Then the symptoms will appear. Sun Dance has gone through a treatment to take the ammonia out of her blood; a special diet will be needed for the rest of her life (which includes Milk thistle and Tagement). Her last blood test showed remarkable improvement. The prognosis is much better for our 38-year-old girl, than it was before her progressive treatment.



Please check for this dangerous plant in your pasture!

For all of the cold, snowy, rainy weather the horses are doing great. Thank you for making their treatments possible.

Hoofbeats By: *Roberta McCardle*

Although it is very cold out, the horses still need you! Even though it's not possible to spend as much time outdoors now as we do in the warmer weather, please come on out and spend an hour on a horse. Some of them are real mud-puppies (e.g. a little white someone with the initials Y.Y.) and could benefit from grooming to fluff up their coats to help them stay warm. If you come by at feeding time and lend a hand doing water, it is also a big help that allows the feeder to concentrate on feeding and is much appreciated. With thanks to the dedicated folks who come out in this very un-North Carolina-like weather! Let's all "Think Spring."

Tax Time AGAIN!

Well it is that time of the year once again to give the government what they think is their share of your money. Your Tax Donation Letters are in the mail to all of the kind folks who have kept the horses fed and cared for this past year. If for some reason you do not get your letter or there was a mistake, please feel free to contact HPS, and we will see that you get the information you need for your tax return. We were working with a new accounting program this year that turned out to be a nightmare when we tried to merge the information for the letters.

For the kind folks who have lent a hand at the sanctuary this year, remember to take the mileage cost off your tax return. (For some this could add up to a substantial amount.) I believe that last year the amount was \$.145 per mile. For the new members, it is definitely worth keeping track of your visits to the ranch. Anytime you donate an item to the ranch, just keep the receipt for tax time next year. It is impossible to keep track of every item that is dropped off at the ranch for the horses. Remember the yard sale items are also tax deductible. Some folks make a list of the items they drop off, and one of us signs it for their records. We are collecting items already for this spring's sale. First weekend in May is the proposed date.

An interesting point that came up when we were preparing the Tax Letters. In 2001 we had right at 200 letters to mail out. That was very few people to support so many horses..... It was an extremely difficult year for HPS! This year (2002) we had a little more than twice that number of letters to mail out. We still did not reach budget for most of the months during the year, and it was often a juggling act to keep going. But the last half of the year we could breath a little easier. We pray for each person's continuing support to keep the sanctuary open and viable. May God bless you, and the horses thank you for their lives.

In loving memory of Mom, Dorothy Nartz. By Sheila Austin

In memory and honor of "Toco," – He died 3 months ago, 31 years old. All his "family" misses him. By Luann & Robert McCain

HUGE RAFFLE To Benefit The Horse Protection Society's Equine



RAFFLE ITEMS:

1. Handmade quilt, Ohio Star pattern (Civil War motif, machine stitched) Queen size
2. Paula Vaughn counted cross-stitch, Porch Scene, matted & framed
3. Princess House
 - a. Crystal candy baskets (2)
 - b. Crystal candlesticks (taper), approx. 8 inches tall (2)
 - c. Crystal sapphire bowl with matching 3" candle-holders (taper)
 - d. Marquis Waterford iced tea glasses (2)
 - e. Decorative Patio Planter, approx. 8" high
4. Shannon Crystal, 24% Lead, Candle Pillar
5. Borgonovo glass candy dish
6. Lord's Prayer cross
7. Brownlee silver (Boxer) dog charm
8. Pfaltzgraff Accents:
 - a. Picture frame, 4" x 6"
 - b. Matching photo album (4"x6") with picture frame cover
9. Decorative metal picture frames:
 - a. Oval with angel, 3 1/2" x 5"
 - b. Sienna 4" x 6"
10. Carnival Glass pumpkin

**WIN
A Great Prize
for only
\$5.00**



12. Lawn & Garden Decor (Design Post Collection) - Footprints Poem
13. John Deere Diecast Metal Industrial Mode 430 Crawler
14. Foxfire Farm by Lowell Davis Diecast Ford 901 Tractor
15. Sunflower Seed Hanging Birdfeeder by Heath (eight stations)
16. Octagon Gazebo-style Birdfeeder by Rubbermaid
17. Print, *Grazing Horses* by Franz Marc, produced by the Museum of Fine Arts (1999), Boston from a 1911 oil
18. Angel pin

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Raffle Drawing will be May 4, 2003 (Not Necessary to be present.)



Long Sleeve T-shirt Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Red ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Order Form for HPS Shirts & Sweatshirts

Crew Sweatshirt Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Red ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Hooded sweat shirt w/zipper (Medium weight) Color: Green ___ Blue ___ Red ___
Size: Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ X-Large ___

Price: Long T-Shirts: \$12.00 Sweat shirt: \$14.00 Hooded sweatshirt \$ 23.00

For XXL size add \$3.00 each for Hood/Crew Sweatshirt, \$1.00 each for T-shirt

If can't pick up at the ranch (we'd love to see you!) Add \$3.50 for shipping in NC, add \$4.50 for outside NC



Logo will be in white.

Total Order: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

We will be taking shirt orders till February 15th. At that time the order will be placed, you will be contacted when the order arrives. Thank you for helping to support your horses

In honor of Valerie Berns for all her dedication to HPS.
By Meg Leidininger



On behalf of Nancy & Rick Voss and Kathryn Gough by John & Shirley Gough

\$5	RAFFLE TICKET	\$5
NAME _____		
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GRAND PRIZE: QUEEN SIZE QUILT OHIO STAR PATTERN		
17 additional prizes-Visit our Website for photo and list!		
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\$5	www.horseprotection.org	\$5

HPS NEEDS HAY:

If you can part with any square bales to fill the hayloft, please HELP! Hay is costing us 40% to 50 % more, and we cannot locate all that we need. We cannot afford to purchase square bales. The horses can have fescue, orchard or timothy grass. If you know of any round bales for sale, please call the ranch: 704-855-2978

Donation Form:

Your name:

Your phone number:

Your e-mail:

Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No

Whom do you wish to Honor:

Their e-mail:

Their Address:

Your Message (for newsletter):

Any donation amount is appreciated: \$_____ Please make checks payable to **Horse Protection Society**.

For a \$25 or more donation the honored person can receive a year of "Over Herd."

Would you like the newsletter sent? Yes NO

Please clip and mail to: **Horse Protection Society**

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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.

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