



# Over Herd

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## Mark your Calendar:

**Volunteer Meeting**  
**February 11th**  
**Pot Luck Lunch**  
**Come early/stay late**  
**Lots of projects**

**Farrier Day**  
**February 18th**  
**Pot Luck Lunch**  
**Call the ranch if you**  
**are available to help.**

**The Mane Event**  
**February 10th**  
**Please join us!**

## Have a Heart

February is a great time to show your love for the horses! Come share a relaxed, fun – filled evening with a car full of folks or just yourself. We are looking forward to you joining us at The Mane Event. EAT, DRINK, and DANCE to the tunes. Have fun bidding on all the wonderful items in the live and silent auctions. Wait until you see the \$1,100 14kt gold necklace. Your favorite lady would be thrilled to get this for Valentine's Day. Your favorite golfer will do back flips if he receives the \$500 golf club or the Pro-circuit Putt Return System. You could be the winning bid on a hot tub. (Oh, to soak those tired muscles.) You might win the Half & Half raffle or one of the great other prizes. For the folks that enjoy playing poker, there is an Electronic Card Shuffler, and polish your skills with the Texas Hold 'Em Poker game that just plugs into your TV. Gals you are not going to believe the jewelry..... sterling silver galore, watches, necklaces, and the marcasite bracelet with garnets is just too beautiful. There is even a fancy dinner out, a Deborah Young photo valued at \$500, and cut your vet costs with two house visits, for shots, and check-up for your favorite horse. The Horse Therapy session maybe just what your horse wants for Valentine's Day.

There is Joan Rivers exclusive designs and enough good jewelry to make you think the pirates have landed. There are two absolutely to die for stained glass lamps, and would you believe, three Coach handbags. (Now there is a chance for a good buy.) The Depression glass bowl and candlesticks would look great with the lamps and this is just a small sampling of the supper items that will be available.

We are looking forward to seeing you and the horses will be so grateful for the help with building their new barn and their care. You don't even have to get dressed up. Casual Western Dress is just right for the evening. Don't wait to send in your check for your reservations.

See you at the Catawba Country Club, February 10, at 6:30p.m. Thank you for being a part

of this important event. Please send your checks of \$75 for each reservation to: HPS The Mane Event, P.O. Box 362, Terrell, NC 28682. Or go to our website [www.horseprotection.org](http://www.horseprotection.org) to use PayPal on the home page. Please, CASH or CHECKS ONLY if you purchase tickets at the door. We will not be able to accommodate credit card transactions.

**Directions:** I-40 West to Hickory. Take the Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd exit 125, at end of exit ramp, take a left. (8<sup>th</sup> Street Dr. Se., this turns into Robinson Rd.) Go 3-4 stoplights (few miles). Turn Right on Sandy Ford Road. Catawba Country Club is on the left, (not that far down the road) Left on Country Club Road.

## The First Mustang Arrives

Can you imagine having six children and your husband leaves? Suddenly just providing for your children becomes the most important concern in your life. This concerned owner wanted to make sure nothing bad would happen to her two beloved horses. A family member agreed to take care of the other horse, but an untrained Mustang in the wrong hands could end up in a bad situation. When the call came to the sanctuary it did not take long for the officers to agree that we should take in this horse. Gary and Mary Moran once again did a pick up for HPS.

After watching him for several days, a list of really nice names was put together that the folks felt would be a good name for him. He picked "Tonka", which means "Great" in Sioux. He is great. Tonka has not been exposed to different things and is learning to relax when vehicles go by or something different is used in his field. *See Mustang page 3*



**Welcome Tonka!**

# UP DATE ON THE BARN

There is not much to say, other than, we are at a stand still due to the continuing rain and mud. If we could get a break in the weather the grading could be finished. Very frustrating. We just have to remember that things here usually work out for the best. If we get enough proceeds from *The Mane Event*, we may be able to make it larger than the 10 stalls planned at the present time. Wouldn't that be wonderful.

*In honor of all living creatures.  
May you receive the love  
and respect of which  
you are so deserving.*

*By Debbie Viducic*

**Sweatshirts:** Fleece lined, V-neck, heather gray with white HPS Logo. Only **\$25. Each** - (pick up at HPS or add postage.) These are very nice sweatshirts with knit side panels, V-neck and cuffs. Very reasonable at this price. **(Sizes run very large)**

**Small #** \_\_\_\_\_, **Medium #** \_\_\_\_\_, **Large #** \_\_\_\_\_, **X-Large #** \_\_\_\_\_, **XXLarge #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick up at the sanctuary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postage:** 1 shirt \$5.50, One sweatshirt \$25.00 + postage \$5.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

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## Spring Yard Sale 2006!!!

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
in honor of  
Spunky Dagenhart.*

*By Shannon Caviness*

It's that time of year again! Time to begin preparing for one of our most important fundraising events of the year. Last year's sale was extremely successful and we raised over \$6000. Your donations really helped pay our vet bill and other operating expenses, and the horses thank you. We're excited to see what this year will bring.

So clean out the attic, the closets, the basement, the garage, or just that old junk room you have and we'll handle the rest! Ask your family, friends, co-workers, church, and neighbors if they have anything they'd like to donate, too. We'll take any furniture you'd like to give but please hold it until about April. Right now we're using the back of the trailer for construction materials and don't have the space for furniture yet.



The sale will be at the ranch as usual and will be held on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all!!



# Mustang...From page 1

Tonka's history is not a happy one, as with most of the wild Mustangs that are taken out of the wild. Tonka was foaled in 2001. He was captured near Rock Springs, Wyoming July 28, 2003. From the records it looks as if he spent over a year in the hands of the BLM until placed in this past home.

There is conflicting information as to how many wild horses are left in the western states. From 1977 to February 2005, PVC has received and prepared about **100,000** wild horses and burros gathered from the range. Temporary adoption sites located in the Eastern United States have received several thousand animals from Center at Palomino Valley (PVC) in Reno, Nevada for adoptions to the public.

**Land Area Designated and Location:**

There were approximately 46,000 wild horses in the western United States (**according to a 1997 census**) on **43 million acres** of federally owned rangeland. This estimate is in accordance with the Bureau of Land Managements population statistics for the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2000 (Table 1)

<u>State</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Burros</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arizona	275	2,519	2,794
California	3,492	1,481	4,973
Colorado	943	0	943
Idaho	669	0	669
Montana	189	0	189
Nevada	24,321	775	25,096
New Mexico	70	0	70
Oregon	2,635	10	2,645
Utah	3,420	210	3,630
Wyoming	7,615	0	7,615
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,629</b>	<b>4,995</b>	<b>48,624</b>

Wolfe also estimates the current rate of increase in many populations to be approximately 15%. At this rate, a herd's population could double in 5 years.

2 million wild horses once roamed the West; **fewer than 30,000 remain** ... 22,000 to 24,000 are currently held in government holding pens ... The government plans to continue the round ups. Cattle outnumber wild horses at least 100 to 1 on public lands ... The removal policy is costing over 39 million tax-dollars a year ... Now a change in the law threatens thousands of wild horses with slaughter...

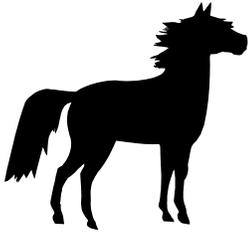
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Thanks to a controversial revision of the 1971 law protecting wild horses and burros, the mare could be sold, killed and butchered. Republican Sen. Conrad Burns of Montana quietly inserted a rider in the federal budget that lifted the ban on selling wild horses for slaughter. The revision lets the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sell "without limitation" every captured horse that is 10 or older or has proved unadoptable. The new rule applies to over 8,400 horses in captivity, and many more in the future. This consigns thousands of horses to death. Other suggestions to control the populations are by gelding the stallions; others are pushing to expand a pilot program in Nevada that injects mares with a long-term contraceptive.

The amendment sought to end horse slaughter by prohibiting funding for USDA inspectors at horse slaughter facilities. Without inspection, the meat cannot legally be shipped overseas where it is marketed for human consumption in Europe and Asia. Ignoring the US Congress and the American public, the three horse slaughter plants petitioned the USDA to consider a "fee-for-service" plan whereby the plants would pay for USDA inspection.

As a Society we are not allowed to influence legislation, but as individuals you can contact Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns and your federal representatives today and urge them to deny the horse slaughter industry's petition. The USDA's job is to implement laws, not look for ways around them. Americans value the role that the horse has played in shaping our history and our culture, and recognize the many ways in which horses have served, and continue to serve, mankind. To allow these noble creatures to spend their final days in a feedlot, and endure the barbarism of horse slaughter, is the ultimate betrayal of one that has provided such faithful service. Contact Secretary Johanns Today At: PH: 202 720-3631 Fax: 202 720-2166

Email: [mike.johanns@usda.gov](mailto:mike.johanns@usda.gov) Federal Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>



## News From The Herd

This has been a great month with no major problems that we needed the Veterinarians for. The horses are doing great and enjoy the cool weather. They are not as happy about the 60+ degrees. After all they are wearing a heavy fur coat.

Lady Bug, Hawkeye and Tonka joined the "Rowdies." The three are running around and enjoying the larger area to play in. Cheyenne and Dream Catcher joined the "Old Ladies" field and fit right in with the other horses.

Everyone got their vaccinations this month. Next month the other half of the herd is due for their rabies shot.

*To my two best friends,  
Anna and Haley,  
ya'll are lifesavers.  
Love you! Eileen Smith*

*In honor of all of those  
who give so unselfishly  
to these deserving  
horses - in love, caring  
and time - to make a  
difference in the  
horses lives!  
By Gail Shinn*

## Sartorial Splendor by Snickerdoodle (with typing assistance by Roberta McCardle)

One day around the hay bale several of us started to talk about the attire of various feeders. On the surface these feeders appear to be perfectly normal, average citizens. You would never guess this, however, if you only looked at their clothing.

"Have they no pride?" sniffed Willow. "They wear stuff that I wouldn't wear to a catfight."

"Isn't that the truth!" agreed Midnight. "Have you seen their hair too? It's just wild, very untidy."

That was not an entirely fair comment, I thought, as many feeders wear hats which completely hide their hair. Perhaps wearing a hat is part of an attempt to look better and hide the disarray of their hair.

"Well, guys," said Salida, "when it's cold here, they just have to wear what they can to stay warm. That's why some of them wear multiple levels of jackets."

"We need to remember to be very thankful that they care about us enough to sign up to feed, learn how to follow the feeding notebook, and drive down here," noted Wrangler (Note: Wrangler almost always is a voice of wisdom and fairness).

"I have an idea," said Irish, "it's the time of year when all the magazines publish their best-dressed list. Let's vote on the best-dressed feeder!"

"Hotdog!" exclaimed Summer. "That sounds like fun!"

Morning Glory, AKA The Boss, took over. "Hawkeye, you are one fast pony, you may gather up the votes and bring them to me."

The entire herd was polled with all horses participating, even those in far fields. Morning Glory cleared her throat and began to read:

"Some of you have made some editorial comments that I would like to share. Here's an interesting one, "Does Miss SW wear a headband so she can downhill ski after she feeds? Very St. Moritz-y!" "What is the significance of the headlamps that some of the evening feeders wear? Do the different colors mean anything?" "Oh, those barn boots!"

"And now the moment you have all been waiting for.....the winner of the HPS Best Dressed Feeder of the Year is.....Miss DR! Her attire embodies a certain stylish practicality. Her winter barn jacket is warm (VERY important), washable (also important), and the cami coloration is uniquely suitable for HPS. The brown coloration hides mud & manure splashes; the tan/beige portions hide certain other horse-y things that happen when we cough, and the green parts are almost a perfect match for what is known as alfalfa-drool. Choosing such a coat took effort and insight! Congratulations, Dottie!



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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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