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# Over Herd

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## Mark your Calendars:

Members Meeting  
January 10th

Come early/stay late!  
Lots of projects.

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

## Hoofbeats

By: **Roberta McCardle**

*With warm wishes  
that **all** creatures,  
both two and four-legged,  
will have a New Year  
of health & well-being  
and will  
enjoy & appreciate  
the blessing of friendships!*

## Happy New Year *By: Joan Benson*

*Thank you for making the past year possible for all of the needy horses at the sanctuary. Each year more devoted folks join in to aid so many needy horses. In 1998 we had only twelve devoted people helping. Now, over 600 people receive Over Herd each month. Your support not only helps the horses at the sanctuary, but also makes it possible for abuse calls to be made through the year. Your help keeps the phones on and the emails coming in.*

*Many people contact us needing help with their older horses. Some contacts are about health issues or nutritional needs for older horses. Our experience with aged horses has become very extensive and we are always willing to share what we have learned. The nature of the sanctuary brings in horses with problems that are often not seen or dealt with, even by our veterinarians. We pray that our work with horses with Cushing's syndrome will help many horses. More work with COPD horses may bring about an opportunity to help other horses with this devastating illness.*

*Most of the time abuse calls are not discussed with anyone except in very general terms. Calls come into the Sanctuary from a large area. Usually the visit to check on the report is done by two people. John Kiwacka has been helping with this chore. Our goal is to educate the owners and not to take the horses away from them. We want to help them become better horse owners. Many times the owners just need some encouragement to do better in the future. Education is a very important part of the Horse Protection Society and what we do. We help people understand the importance of worming, nutritional needs for different ages, hoof care, vaccinations, feeds and types of hay suitable for horses..... and a big one, "Why owners really do not want to breed their horses!"*

*Sometimes the visit just entails a stop at the field and check with binoculars. We are not going to bother the owners unless there is a problem. If we do not see a problem, we go on to the next call. Many horses are out without shelter and this is not against the law in NC. Dogs, yes! Livestock, no! Horses are still considered livestock in NC and until the law is changed... that is just the way it is. Many people do not want to see this changed. We would like to see horses under companion animals as they are viewed in some states. There are very few areas that have an acreage requirement to keep horses. Some calls are only about the area the horses maybe in... small, no grass and mud in rainy weather. If the horses are healthy and being fed, there is nothing that can be done. If the conditions are unhealthy, we can then speak to the owners about improvements. **Continued on Page 3***

## Meet the Members...

Hi! My name is Diane Reed and I have been a member of HPS for about a year and a half. I learned about HPS through a newspaper article. My heart went out to all the horses that had endured harsh treatment and I sent my membership donation right away after reading the article! I really wanted to do something to help. Since I had never been around horses, I thought that was about all I could do..... until one evening I got a call from someone named Roberta McCardle asking me if I'd like to come out and help feed the horses. Well, this sounded pretty interesting and would provide the opportunity for me to do even more to help, and I would get to meet the horses "in horse" (instead of "in person"). The day had arrived to go feed for the first time, but it had been raining ALOT for many days before that day. Needless to say, my first experience was "muddy" to say the least! And there were horses in the remote pastures that also needed water (in large buckets). It was a "fun" day. I think Roberta was afraid she'd never see me again, but I was hooked! I am truly amazed at the dedication of all the volunteers and at the amount of care and love I see for the horses every time I go. I encourage you to come out and see this miracle of love for yourself and meet our gentle horses too! You'll get "hooked" too! See ya there!



**Diane & Mancha**

## PMU horses cut back in sales

Because of a reduction in the number of prescriptions being written for hormone replacement therapy in women, and because of recent federal approval of a lower-dose hormone replacement medication, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals met with ranchers who supply the raw product (pregnant mare urine) on Oct. 10 and announced that the number of ranches under contract for next year would be reduced from 409 to 264. Of the 145 ranches that will no longer be collecting urine, 43 voluntarily took a "buyout" program, and 102 were non-voluntary participants, according to Norm Luba, executive director of the rancher's organization NAERIC (North American Equine Ranching Information Council).

The program from Wyeth will pay ranchers 100% of this upcoming year's contract, plus another 50% to ensure proper care and maintenance of horses (paid only if ranchers keep up veterinary and company inspections), according to Luba. The ranchers received an additional 17% payment as a retirement contribution. Wyeth also has established a \$3.7 million fund to assist ranchers in shipping horses to legitimate, non-slaughter sales outside the Prairie provinces of Canada for horses which will no longer be used in the PMU industry. NAERIC will assume the responsibility to check into sales and make sure they are legitimate, and that the horses are not being sent to a known "slaughter sale." Horses will be shipped in groups of about 20-25 once legitimate sales or individuals are identified.

It is estimated that from 10,000-18,000 horses could come on the market in the next year because of the reduction in PMU ranches under contract to Wyeth, said Luba. "The suggestion, however, that just because the contracts are cut back there will be a commensurate cutback in the number of horses is unfounded," said Luba. "These are agricultural people who have bred horses for generations and will continue to be in the horse, cattle, and cereal grains businesses. One rancher said his sport horses were selling so wonderfully that he would continue in his cross-breeding program even without the Wyeth contracts."

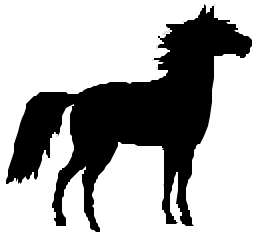
This news didn't come as a big surprise to the ranchers, as the FDA approved the low-dose hormone replacement therapy in June. However, Canadian ranchers have already been hard-hit financially by a positive case of BSE (mad cow disease) in that country, which has limited exports of Canadian beef. Also, at least one rancher has been conned out of horses he delivered to a buyer, then was not paid.

Animal rights groups have been exploiting these cutbacks as a means of promoting their causes and raising funds. However, not all groups who would like to end the PMU industry are falling into that trap. For example, the HorseAid web site says: "What we don't need is individuals and groups running around yelling '20,000 pregnant mares are going to slaughter' and other such inflammatory statements. This just adds a lot of unnecessary confusion and misinformation to an already volatile situation. As of October 22, 2003, there has been no significant increase in the number of mares or foals going to feedlots or slaughter sources. Any individual or group saying different has a vested profit motivated interest in saying so."

Luba said, "Our paramount and immediate attention is two-fold. We are working to assist affected ranchers in this difficult and emotional transition, and we are simultaneously developing plans to help the ranchers identify options for their mares, many of whom are registered, quality broodmares which will no longer be involved in the program.

"We already have commitments for many of the mares," he added. "My staff is working diligently to identify viable options should the ranchers wish to sell or place their mares."

Anyone interested in buying mares, weanlings, or other horses from NAERIC ranchers may contact NAERIC at PO Box 43968, Louisville, KY. 40253; call 502/245-0425; fax 502/245-0438.



## News From The Herd

All the rest of the babies are all doing wonderfully.

**Mesa** had a second colic episode only this time the "red wheelbarrow" cure didn't work. It started on Monday night after evening feed. She had not eaten. Once again we walked and walked while waiting for the vet to come. Several new members hung in with me, through the tubing, drugs, and IV's. Finally at about 11:00 pm we were able to call it a night. Of course Mesa had to be checked on through the night. The next day it was another visit from the vet, more tubing and oil into the stomach, IV's all day.... And once again checking on her through the night. Finally on Wednesday Mesa started passing manure and was finally able to eat. What made her the happiest was being turned out of the stall. (Mary Walters is still laughing about finding me curled up in a ball in a feeding trough, while administering an IV.)

**Fire Breeze** thought all that nice soaked alfalfa that Mesa was getting looked pretty good. He had his own colic episode! He had a much easier time of recovery and it lasted just that evening. By morning he could have alfalfa soaked in warm water. What a happy camper! (Same new members arrived just as we started working with Fire Breeze. What are the odds!) Thank you Colleen O'Malley and Dave for you help with both colic episodes.

Lillus Kurland  
Honors  
Spunky & her "boys"  
and  
Liz & "Charlie"

Happy Birthday  
Gail Cannon  
From: Brenda Cunningham  
and Michelle Cloninger

Elizabeth Richardson  
Has been honored  
By Betty White

Elizabeth McGurk  
Wishes to honor the staff  
and volunteers of HPS

Becky & Vickie  
Best Wishes for a happy &  
animal filled New Year!  
The Robbins!

Merry Christmas  
Dottie Rebhan  
From Miriam Park

"Our Angel"  
Spunky Dagenhart  
Merry Christmas  
From Beth & Abby Phagan

Kathryn Reaves is honoring  
Mrs. Sidney Mashburn  
A cousin & friend..  
for her love of horses!

### Thank You to Our HPS Kohl's Workers!

Special thanks to the following folks who worked at Kohl's in the month of December to help the horses:

### Special Thanks To:

Lauren Kahn  
Elizabeth Richardson  
Susan Kotraba

Sandy Babinski  
Valerie Berns  
Lee Ann Dean  
Joy Dwelle  
Kathy Haw  
Sue Meyer  
Charlotte Revels  
RaeAnn Reyes

Each of these wonderful folks worked a separate fundraiser they devised to aid the horses.

Your generous gift of time & effort is appreciated; thank you!

## Happy New Year From Page 1

*Sometimes after many visits and continuing efforts to educate the owners, there is still no improvement. Then we have no choice but to bring charges against the owner of the horses. A search and seizure warrant has to be drawn. This is where it is important to bring in the authorities in that county. Not all counties are willing to go after animal abusers. The courts are backlogged and crime is on the rise. The DA's reactions are sometimes, " We are dealing with rape and murder and do not have time to prosecute animal abusers." The only choice at this point is a civil case brought by a private attorney. Most attorneys are not interested in the lone starving horse. If it is a big case with lots of horses, then we maybe able to get some pro-bono help and be able to bring a civil action. Otherwise a civil action is just too expensive for us to deal with.*

*There is a case pending that John and I have been working on for the last year. The horse showed some improvement for a while and now is worse than it was when we started the investigation. As this poor old horse is standing alone in her bare field, with no food, we wait for the slow wheels of justice to turn. Please say a pray for her and all the other horses that need our help. May their New Year bring relief from abuse and starvation.*



# New Year's Resolutions

By YumYum (with clerical support from Roberta McCardle)

Yahoo! It's January! A new year.....a clean slate.....a chance to do things better. I thought it might be interesting to see if any horses had New Year's resolutions. We had a social on New Year's Eve (Note: there will be no revelations for the prurient reader about who ended the evening with a lampshade on their head) and I took that opportunity to poll the herd.

MANCHA - "I guess I'll try the diet thing again. I am SO tired of being called Rubenesque!"

NAVAJO - "I'm still going to open stalls but will quit trying to open the double-clipped feed room door" (and I hope you believe that).

SUMMER - "Staying out of the deepest mud....that's my goal."

BOH - "Try to keep my face clean. I'm a magnet for mud but the two-leggers just don't understand. SW needs to get out here with some Noxzema."

MEADOW - "I'm going be neater when I eat. Instead of dropping food all over the ground, I'm going to keep it in my bucket." (Note: the lovely Meadow Flower is not only a s-l-o-w eater but also notoriously sloppy. We love you, Meadow!)

DAKOTA - "Subtlety, that's the thing. I'm going to be more subtle in my interactions with two-leggers. In the long run, it may get me even more treats."

WINDWALKER - "Subtlety! I'm done being subtle. It has gotten me nowhere fast. When I grabbed my feeding tub and held it up the other day, you bet the feeder got that message." (Note: Windwalker is already pretty blatant about her feelings on any number of issues).

MORNING GLORY - "When they paint my bad knee with medicine, I'm going to be more patient, even if they don't give me treats." (Note: who would do this to a horse and not offer a treat?! It's unconscionable).

SKYE - "I'm going to be more courteous and wait for the feeder to let me out when I have finished eating. My Mama told me a long time ago that letting yourself out of your stall is not good form."

DESERT - "Well....I know it's not nice to take the treat and run when they want to put medicine on the boo-boo on my back leg. I guess I could try to stop doing that." (Sigh!)

TUNDRA (dog) - "I'm going to bark less at Laredo...but he needs to stop doing provoking things, like getting in his stall & watching me when I'm eating."

YELLOW CAT - "I'm going to catch more mice! I could if I wanted to.....I'm sick of hearing the two-leggers call me lazy. Look out, guys; you have awakened a sleeping giant. There is a tiger in this kitty!" (Yeah, right).

QUEENIE - "I have no resolutions whatsoever. I am quite satisfied with myself and see no need to undertake ANY form of self-improvement. THAT is for horses with low self-esteem."

Well! This was a most instructive exercise. See what I mean? Ask a question at the ranch and you always get a wealth of answers.

*In Loving Memory of Snickers  
Gentle Pony  
January 30, 2002*

*"Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve...  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad."*

*By: Roberta McCardle*

*In Loving Memory  
Of Champion  
December 20, 2003  
Beloved Golden Retriever  
of the Quinn Family*

*A donation was made by  
Joseph A & Margaret V Bachofner  
In Memory Of  
Lawrence "Larry" Bachofner*

*A Christmas gift  
In Honor Of  
my good friend  
Spunky Dagenhart  
From Shannon Caviness*

*Edger Dunham wishes  
to remember  
"Spencer" my great quarter horse  
and  
"Beucoup" my beloved 14  
year old Standard Poodle  
Deceased 2003*

*Lynn & Judd Emerson  
honored  
"All the horses we know so well"  
with a donation towards  
medical care*

*Spunky Dagenhart  
Has been honored  
By Gwen Hunter*

*Sudi  
Has been honored  
By Mary A Myers*

*Connie Jewett  
Has been honored  
By Michelle Jewett*

*David Rhodes  
Has been honored  
By Dennis Scarsee*



**Happy New Year and Best Wishes** to the wonderful people who were so kind to help the horses at the sanctuary. Thoughtful folks donated many needed items. This is a never-ending mission with so many needs each month. Heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you.

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| Charlie Adams               | Delores & James Erickson  | Elizabeth McGurk            | Salisbury Woman's Club       |
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In celebration of Christmas Elizabeth Richardson is honoring the following:

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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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