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Over Herd

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**Mark your
Calendars:**

**Members Meeting
January 8th**

**Come early/stay late!
Lots of projects.**

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

Beauty Joins the Herd

An Animal Control officer with Watauga County called the sanctuary to see if we could take in a horse. This poor horse had been shuffled around for the last few months. First a gal talked an old farmer into giving her this skinny pathetic old mare. The gal eventually contacted Animal Control but would not give too much information about which neighboring farmer had let her get into this condition for fear of retaliation. The horse was then moved to a new location that the officer provided for Beauty until a suitable home could be found, and she flourished - gaining weight. The pictures showed that Beauty was looking much better, and then a place was secured that sounded wonderful for her continuing recovery.

Beauty's guardian angel Animal Control officer was called out of town for some-time on a family emergency. Upon her return the first item on her agenda was to check on Beauty. Two more horses had been added to the small property, and they had the only stalls. Beauty was left without shelter!



Beauty needs a loving sponsor

See Beauty Page 5

New Year...New Barn

It is that time of year again when we have to think about filing the dreaded tax returns. For all of you wonderful folks that have made the sanctuary possible, watch for your **Tax Letter**, which will be mailed to you before the end of the month. If for some reason you do not receive it, please email or call the ranch. Remember to add up the items you have donated through the year.... even that bag of apples is deductible if you file the long form. Have you kept track of your mileage, picking up things, coming to help at the sanctuary and your return home? Check your tax form for the allowable mileage amount. All of these can add up to a nice addition to the money coming back to you.

This coming year is going to hold a huge new challenge for the Horse Protection Society. We are going to need each and every one of you to step forward and do whatever is possible to help. The horses' large barn is structurally unsound! We have scrimped and worked to do everything possible to make it comfortable and safe for the horses, but there is no way to fix it structurally. We are going to have to build a new barn this year.

One of our member's husband is an engineer and is willing to help with the plans and a draftsman has volunteered to do the drawings. Another member is stockpiling sheets of plywood for us. We are going to need electricians and plumbers to draw and design their end of this project. If we all work together, it will be possible to build the barn these horses deserve to be stabled in. The new barn will allow us to demolish almost all of the old buildings on the property. This will give more pasture area for the horses and allow a much better set up for them. Please put on your thinking caps of folks you know who may be willing to help or supply materials. Throw your change in a jar or set aside a small amount each pay period to help with this project. The horses cannot have their new stable without you. Remember we still have to provide for the horses needs on a day to day bases. Each donation helps to provide for them and adds up to keeping HPS going. These horses only have you!

Sad Commentary By Joan Benson

I received some disheartening news that one equine rescue group seized six horses of another rescue that had the horses in a foster home. I have only heard one side of the story so I am not including any details. There is always more to these stories than is first known. A picture showed one of the six horses in very poor condition.

Short term foster homes can be a problem and difficult to keep track of the care that the originations equine are receiving. Some rescues have had to cut the items they were paying for while the horses are in short term homes. Many may get switched from place to place before a real loving home is found for them. These are just a few of the many reasons HPS maintains a sanctuary where the horses will remain until placed in new loving homes. Yes, it is more expensive, and we can not just send a letter to short term homes and say, "Sorry we can no longer pay for ...and"

When a horse colics, like Irish did, all plans WILL be dropped and the care provided that is needed. Some horses may remain with us for the rest of their life because no one wants them.... but we do. They will not be shuffled from place to place and put with people who are not qualified to care for them.

Wind Walker is a beautiful black Tennessee Walking horse that remained with us for much longer than anyone thought she would – several years. But the wait has been worth it to see her leave with just the right person. We celebrate and give thanks, to you the supporters that make this sanctuary a safe heaven for so many horses each year.

New Year's Resolutions from the Herd

(by YumYum with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

It's the turn of the year so I thought it might be interesting to interview HPS residents about their New Year's resolutions & aspirations. Some of the results were expected but others were a complete surprise. Here's what they said:

MANCHA: I've been thinking about doing that low-carb thing. I am SO TIRED of being called Rubenesque!

SNICKERDOODLE: I'm going to get some carrot seeds and grow a carrot patch in the spring.

DAKOTA: How would silver accessories look on an English saddle? Would that be a bit much? I don't want to do anything that's not in good taste.

TUNDRA: Chickens.....350 degrees....one hour (Note: Poor Tundra seldom gets to eat her meals in peace, thanks to the HPS foul fowl).

NEVADA: If she's going to put a bootie on my hoof, at least it could be in a beautiful color...something in neon would be nice.

DREAM: I'm going to stop making biting motions -- it was fun at first but now it's old.

CIMARRON: Neck stretching exercises. If I practice more, maybe I can get my neck all the way between the boards and get closer to the feed room.

WRANGLER: Gee, let's see....Harold is always bringing hay here. That means that he has MORE hay from wherever he comes. I'm going to follow him out of here one day and find my own private stock of hay. No more sharing with Summer, Willow, Midnight, Moon, etc. etc.

MAJESTIC: I love it here; I just want to get better, that's all.

See what I mean? It's always enlightening when you ask a question at HPS. What about me, you say? Well, I'm going to try hard to stay cleaner. Being white, it won't be easy, but I have wearied of the dirty comments about my coat.

Irish's Miracle Recovery

December 23, Lisa Murray arrived to do the evening feed for the horses. Irish and several of the other oldsters had been lying in the field sunning themselves. Lisa started with the barn horses since they take longer to eat. Irish was served her dinner and did not eat, but laid down in her stall. Lisa came and got me right away and Irish was checked with the stethoscope. The gut sounds were very diminished on the right side and the veterinarian was called. The older horses, like 37-year-old Irish, cannot wait when there is a problem and must be seen by the vet at the first sign of a problem. With a younger horse we will administer pain medication and give them 20 to 30 minutes before calling the vets. We can often bring them around and end the colic.

Dr. Jonathan Featherstone was close by and arrived quickly. Irish had a huge gas distention, and a possible impaction, and reflux from the stomach. She is wonderful about telling us whenever she has a problem and instead of rolling she made faces at us to let us know she had severe pain. Because of the reflux, oil could not be put into her stomach. Her heart rate was the one positive item in her favor. All we could do was give IV fluids, pain medication and walk her for 15-minute intervals. Joanna Kesler is one of Irish's favorite people. Joanna arrived, helped with the walking and comforted Irish. This can do a great deal in the aid of the horse's recovery. Blood was pulled and Joanna ran this to the vet office so we could get the results right away. All was normal except a little low iron. I slept in my clothes on the sofa so it would be easier to get up and care for Irish through the night. She needed IV fluids and pain medication.

The next morning we had not made any headway in her recovery. Nothing was moving and Dr. Featherstone had to return. We were still in the same place with her. Thank God her heart rate was still at a very acceptable level. Irish was still refluxing from her stomach and any fluids put into her stomach through the nose tube would return back up again. Dr. Featherstone felt she only had a 30 percent chance of recovery. A prayer chain had started for her so we felt she was in higher hands. Early in the morning, Joanna returned, spent time walking Irish and helping with her care. The devoted morning feeders took care of all the other horses. IV fluids continued through the day and by afternoon she let us know that the pain had subsided so we could discontinue the pain medication. While Joanna was walking her, she passed a huge manure hard brick. It is amazing how happy a pile of manure can make everyone. Dr. Robin Smith came in the late afternoon to check Irish, and finally oil could be put down the nasal tube. I was able to finally get a shower and sleep in my bed for the night.

In the very early hours Irish was doing great and then later Christmas morning Deborah arrived and had to take over the feeding by herself since Irish had a turn for the worse. Pain medication had to be given and more IV fluids. Dr. Parker and I spoke by phone and agreed the set back was due to the passing of a painful manure block. The blockage passed and her first meal since this all started was given in the afternoon....a nice bucket of hot alfalfa soup. What a wonderful Christmas present to see Irish on the mend!

Sunday morning: Irish continues to recover and wants out of the hospital ward. She is eating her alfalfa and soaked grain well. She will have to be on penicillin for the next week to help prevent infection in her gut. If all goes well I will be able to turn her out this afternoon. I don't want to think about what the vet bill is going to be, but it is well worth it to see this wonderful oldster feeling so much better.

Please keep Irish and the other horses in your prayers.

Pat Parelli Natural Horsemanship Clinics

Jan 27-31 Greensboro/Madison

Mar 3-7 Raleigh/Louisburg

Apr 21-25 Greensboro/Madison

June 3-6 Lake Waccamaw

Oct 8-10 Raleigh/Louisburg

Oct 13-16 Lake Waccamaw

Nov 10-18 Greensboro/Madison

Contact: Lauren Kahn 919-928-0042

Or email: CustomizedHealth@nc.rr.com

In memory of the precious horses we said

goodbye to in 2004:

Meadow Flower (34) Desert Sand (35)

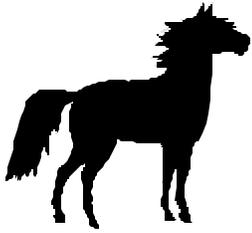
Cherokee (49) Sun Dance (38)

Aztec (22) Sugar Foot (23)

Mesa (24) Bo (37)

Queenie (34) Warrior (36)

Luca (19)



News From The Herd

The Herd continues to do well, and we have only had a few problems to deal with, abscess, a bite that broke the skin, Montana and Irish's breathing problems, and a couple of cases of thrush. Since the cold weather started, we have been adding electrolytes to the horses feed. This encourages them to drink more water and hopefully may prevent colic.

Nevada & Snickerdoodles: It bothered me about the inconsistency with the evaluation of their ages. The age is only important to us for health issue concerns. Many different things can cause the equines teeth to wear down and make people think they are much older. It was time to do some investigation, and what I learned was so very interesting. Nevada is a registered Champion Fancy Harness Saddlebred and is 26 years old. (Putting a saddle on him in the future may not be a good plan!) Snickerdoodles could be about the same age and was a wild donkey from the west. Both showed a good bit of improvement after the last trimming to their foundered hooves.

Majestic provided us one of those "miracle moments" the day that she was trimmed by Patrick Eanes. Finally we were seeing some hoof growth, and one of her soles had repaired its self. Patrick said, "Finally we are starting to get something to work with." He trimmed and filed. Then asked to see her walk out. All of us got choked-up to see how well she was moving. Majestic was moving almost like a normal horse instead of a severely foundered horse. The cold weather makes her stiff and move slower, but the improvement is wonderful to see. Please say a prayer for her continual improvement.

*In honor of Dottie Reban,
Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas.
By Miriam Park*

*A donation was made to honor,
my wife, Christine.
By David Fogarty*

*In Honor of Jenni, Greg and Alli Smith. With
gratitude for a wonderful year with King.
From: Susan, Steve, and Dana Udelson.*

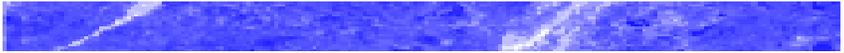
*"Spunky" and "Her Boys,"
and Liz and Charlie, are honored
by Lillus Kurland*

*In honor of Scott, Kim and Katherine Clark,
avid horseman.
Merry Christmas by E. Ann Harrison*

*In honor of an angel on earth,
Spunky Dagenhart.
By Jennifer Huffstickler*

*In honor of my good friend Spunky Dagenhart.
Merry Christmas Spunky!
With love, Shannon Caviness*

*In honor of John Whelan,
Paula Bloone, and Tara Hattery,
the wonderful trainers at Chestnut Lane.
By Susan Udelson*



Beautyfrom page 1

The other horses were chasing her off from the food, and Beauty was defenseless against these stronger horses. The area had turned into a huge mud hole! Her guardian angel was desperate to get her out of this new horror. Poor Beauty had lost the weight she had been able to gain back before this placement.

Arrangements were made to bring her to the sanctuary before a winter storm would hit the area. The morning of the move her angel had to have an emergency operation. She made her husband remain at home to meet the people who would be now transporting Beauty to HPS. They took one look at her and refused to bring her for fear she would go down in their trailer. Desperate phone calls back and forth to the hospital brought about the arrangements to take her to their home, hubby had to clean out a building he was using and this would be her home for a short time.

A week later, against her doctor's suggestions, Beauty's angel climbed into the truck to make the trip down the mountain with her husband to deliver her before a new storm moved into the mountains. The first trailer they were going to use was determined unsuitable to carry any horse. So frantic calls were made to locate another trailer. Their plan to leave in the early morning did not take place. Beauty was blanketed to protect her in the nice stock trailer while traveling. This poor girl was so nervous that she paced in the trailer until they had to stop and tie her. Her angel arrived and only had a few minutes. They wanted to make a quick visit with her sister and then had to turn around and head back to the mountains. All of this devotion to one of God's creatures a week after major surgery! God bless these wonderful folks!

Beauty is a one and half on the Henneke rating scale. She has some really significant problem with her back hips. She will stand holding one leg way up under her belly. Yet she moves rather well at a walk. Beauty is going to need to get settled at the sanctuary, and then we can start treatments with the chiropractor to hopefully help her hips function better. Presently she is being housed by herself with good shelter, and free feed on hay. Her feed will be increased over the days to come until we find the right level for her. Her name had been changed when she was first rescued and so we will continue with the name "Beauty" since she seems to like it. She appears to be about 26 years old. Say a prayer for this lovely horse and please consider becoming her "Angel Sponsor."

In celebration of the Christmas season Tim Alwran & family, Derrick & Cynthia Jefferson and John Humphries & Family have been honored by Ann Harrison.

In Memory of Dennis McCullough, loved Brother & Uncle of Jean & Tristan Cohen. He loved animals especially his cat Maggie. By Jean Cohen

In honor of your volunteers but especially our friend and co-worker, Roberta McCardle. Thank you for all you do to help the horses. Sincerely, Chris & Diane Etheridge

In memory of Bo and Warrior By Judy Witmer

Merry Christmas, Amanda. This donation is made in honor of your beautiful heart and your great love of horses. Love, Aunt Amy

In Memory of my Mother, Dorothy Nantz and our beloved horse Jim Bob. We love you and miss you both. By Sheila & Sonny Austin

In memory of John Adam, Sudi, Sham, and Sugie. By Mary A. Myers

Please Support the Shop & Share Program

Have you re-linked your Food Lion MVP card for 2005 yet? Time is rapidly passing and the year will be over before we know it! It only takes a few seconds to do this at www.foodlion.com -- click on more information for the Shop & Share program and when that comes up click on re-link MVP card. You will then be prompted to enter your twelve (12) digit MVP card number and the first few letters of your last name. The computer pulls up your info & after confirming that the Horse Protection Society of NC is listed as your charity of choice, you hit "finished" and you're done & out of there! You can obtain MVP numbers (need address & phone # too) from friends, co-workers, etc. -- remember, you do not have to be a member to help in this way. Don't forget to tell people that doing this does NOT affect their MVP savings in any way, shape, or form. The total of their purchases just counts toward the total for HPS. If someone is new to the program, it only takes a few more seconds to enter their information.

This is such a simple way to help the horses...please help us by linking your MVP card to HPS!



Please help the horses by supporting the Shop & Share and the Gift Card Program!

Thanks for your support!

FOOD LION GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Please complete a separate order form for each person you who is purchasing gift cards. Completed orders need to be mailed to: Lisa Murray- Food Lion Gift Card Coordinator, 1529 Mill Wheel Dr, Salisbury N.C. 28146. Full payment must accompany your order. Checks must be made payable to Food Lion. Orders for cards are due the 30th of each month.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity: _____ at \$ _____
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Delivery Instructions:

- Mail my cards to the above address
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Name: _____

Address: _____

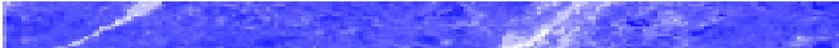
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If for some reason you do not receive your cards by the 15th of the month please let me know.



Thank you for all the kind holiday messages for the horses and devoted folks who make the sanctuary possible, and all the beautiful Christmas cards. This helps to give us the encouragement to go on through the freezing cold weather and often the dark of night to care for God's beloved creatures. Without your caring this task would be impossible. May God bless you in this New Year! Our prayers are with you, as I know your prayers are with the horses.

Sheila & James Austin
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 Helen Bishop
 Teresa & John Bonk
 Catherine & K.A. Briggs
 Joyce & Thomas Caddell
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 Mary Walters
 Cindy & Paul Wilcoxon
 Shelagh Winter
 Judith Witmer
 Sue Wortman
 Kim Wrenn

*In honor of Betty Lentz.
 By Kim & David Roddey*

*"Thank you Spunky, for all that you are."
 By Beth and Abby*

*Merry Christmas to my friend and horse
 lover,
 Kathy Baker.
 By Cherly McDermott*

Donation Form:

Your name: _____ **Is this for a memorial donation?** Yes No

Your phone number: _____ **Whom do you wish to Honor:** _____

Your e-mail: _____ **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**

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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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