HAPPY NEW YEAR

It is hard to believe that the Horse Protection Society is entering our 15th year of rescuing equines! Some of our contributors have been helping to support the rescues since our first day and have continued with us for all of these years. With your help, we have survived terrible droughts (when we had to order tractor trailer loads of hay from upper New York State), the building of new barns to stall the horses, an indoor training arena, caring for over 50 horses at a time, dealing with strange illnesses like EPM, and a continuing slowing economy since before the rest of the country in 2008.

Through all of this you have been there for the horses!

My prayers usually start with.

“God please bless the kind folks who care about the wonderful needy horses you send to us!”

This past year you have saved horses’ lives.

Here are just a couple of updated pictures.

Cree arriving July 8, 2012

Honeysuckle arrived May 23, 2012

Honeysuckle fully recovered today

Cree being treated for EPM, doing much better and gaining weight

Cree being held by 76.5 yr. old Sybil
A dedicated volunteer since 2007

Life Changes!

None of us knows when something can take place that will completely change our lives. It is important for each of us to treat each day as a precious gift. When life changes in a family caring for our beloved horses, they are returned to the sanctuary. Honey Bun and Sweet Pea had to come back to the HPS. They have been very well taken care of and fit right back in with the horses.

Honey Bun is a great little riding horse. Sweet Pea has a club foot in the back and is a good Pasture Pet. We so do pray that we will be able to find both of them a forever loving home. If you are in the market for a riding horse or a pasture mate – or you know someone who is – please refer them to us.
News from the Herd

Taiga, the beautiful black Standardbred horse, is still being treated for scratches (or greasy heal as this fungus has so many different names). The last large spots were difficult to remove and keep clean with the winter coat growing over it. Dr. Mary Gochnauer sedated Taiga and shaved the area of her pastern which removed the large fungus areas. This may have to been done several times until the fungus is cured.

Breeze has been up and down with her weight and we have had difficulty figuring out what is going on. We had several tests done by Dr. Bob Gochnauer -- a fecal blood test, which is an indicator of ulcers and a full blood panel. Breeze may have ulcers again, her liver values are off and she is a little anemic. Breeze may be one of the horses that just does better left on Aloe Vera juice for ulcers for the rest of her life. There is nothing obvious that is causing her stress, unless it is still the loss of her eye. The anemia will be treated with Red Cell three times a week. The best treatment for liver issues is Milk Thistle and that has to be given every day. A recheck will be needed in a couple of months.

Wind Dancer, Taiga, Aurora, Spirit and Baby have been tested for EPM and we are waiting for the results. We were able to test the five horses due to the generous donation of one contributor. There will be enough funds to also treat the five horses if needed or to test other horses and treat them. So a big “Thank You” to our donor!

Fundraising committee:

HPS is looking for a few good folks to help with the fundraising committee. Some people would love to be more involved helping the horses, but do not feel comfortable helping at the sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to aid the starved horses and become an important part of HPS.

Please email or call the sanctuary if you are interested in being a part of this important committee.

hps@horseprotection.org or 704-855-2978
Beautiful HPS calendars

The Horse Protection Society is offering a 2013 calendar featuring pictures of the rescued horses. Place your order now since we have a limited number available. The cost per calendar is only $10.00 each and we will be happy to mail it to you for only a $1.00 each. The calendars will be delivered to HPS or to you directly.

Sale price reduced from $15.00
now only $10.00

This is the only winter fundraiser we were able to do to aid the rescued horses.
The printer kindly sent us more calendars than we expected.

2013 Order Form

Number of Calendars ______________________X $10.00 = __________________

Mailing Costs : Number of Calendars: __________X$ 1.00 = __________________

I will pick up my calendars at HPS: _________Total Enclosed:_________________

Mail To:
Name: ____________________________________________

Very Important!!
Annual Tack Sale—Spring 2013

Once again we need your help. HPS is planning a “Tack Sale and Much More” for early spring. Please clean out your tack room and ask your friends with horses to clean out their horse items they are not using and donate them to HPS. We can use western and English riding clothes and boots, also. We can pick up things or it is a great excuse to visit the sanctuary and bring the items to HPS.

We can also use nice items that are not the typical Yard Sale stuff. How about that Christmas present that is just not your taste, the nice things you have that you are tired of in your home, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, and small pieces of furniture. Would you be willing to ask merchants you deal with to donate an item to help support the rescued horses? Lessen the clutter in your life and clean out the things you are tired of. We will happily give everyone a tax deduction letter! We have storage available and can take donated items now!

The summer months are often difficult ones to balance our budget, so we hope the sale will help add to the income for at least a couple of the summer months. Please help make this the best sale HPS has ever had at the sanctuary. No one wants to struggle through another summer like last year when we were feeding and caring for 50 horses.

Remember we can use your help on the Fundraising Committee. Just email (hps@horseprotection.org) or call (704-855-2978) the sanctuary. This is going to be a great year for the horses at HPS, but only because so many people care.
Alice Bischoff has been honored by Caroline and Cody Bischoff.
Angel Sponsor has been provided in honor of Tiffany Ferebee. By Chris & Charlotte Ferebee
In honor of my circle sisters, The Lucy Christie Circle of Rocky Mount United Methodist Church. By Debbie O. Morris
Merry Christmas to Susan and Mike Williams. By Mary & David Stout
Happy Holidays in honor of Jonnie Benson and all the volunteers for their wonderful work. By Marilyn & Harry Swimmer
In honor of Tara Boyce for Christmas. By Patrick Boyce
A Christmas present has been made to Beatrice Edwards. By Frank Morring Jr.
In Honor of Beth Reath. By Doug Stacker
In Honor of Margaret Reed and Happy Holidays. By Dave Suiter
In honor of Cody the Wonder Horse and his famous sidekick Benny. By Wink Bullard
In honor of our granddaughter, Mary Miller. Merry Christmas, Papa & Grandma
In honor of Floyd and Betty Lentz. By Kim L. Clark
In honor of Lisa Murry's January Birthday. By Sybil Athey
"Creator, please keep your arms around "Baby" and all those who care for her. Amen." By Dianne Doub
In honor of Susan Williams' birthday. By Debra Rockett
Happy Holidays to the Durham Family. By Trisha Scudder
In honor of Harry and Marilyn Swimmer. The Swimmers love horses and appreciate their special qualities. By Diane and John Kibler
In Honor of Jodi Douthit's birthday. "A lover of all animals, both large and small." By The horses at H.P.S.
In honor of Jeannie Johnson and her pasture ornaments ~ Merry Christmas. By Suzanne & John Casey
In honor of all who provide care and forever homes! By Pam Chandler
Merry Christmas to everyone and to all our animal friends - you make our lives more valuable! By Jill & Charles Messer
Honoring all our wonderful pets and in memory of all who've passed over the rainbow. By Barbara Moore
Jean, Happy New Year! By Carolyn Tice
In Loving Memory of Jennifer Zirt. By the staff of ICU/PCU at CMC - University 6th floor
In memory of Jennifer Zirt. By Bob & Rita Brook
In memory of James Stiltner. By Mary and David Stout
In loving memory of our god, Cayce, who was "Brave, Strong, Smart and Beautiful." By Chris and Dianne Etheridge
In Loving Memory of Jasper - my beautiful rescue doggie who went to the Rainbow Bridge on 11/21/12 after 16 years. Our hearts are heavy, but we rejoice that he has been made new again. He gave us so much joy and love. Lucy, Doug and Hayden Buchanan
In memory of Cortez. A gentle, loving and brave horse, that allowed me to share his world for what was too short a time. He will remain forever in my heart. By Ann Whitworth
In remembrance of "Teddy" owned by Missy Fussell, who lost her horse after a prolonged illness. By Dr. Prabha Fernandes CEO of Cempra Inc.
Remembering you Jilly- Dog. The spunkiest collie I have known. We miss you. By Lisa Hachey and Miss B
Happy Holidays and Thank You!!! For all you have done for me and my critters. In Honor of Jonnie Benson, HPS and all the volunteers. My critters and Me! (Spunky)
In Loving Memory of Inca. She gave me the two greatest gifts there are, trust and love. She will live in my heart forever. Judy LeGrett
In honor of several special friends this holiday season: Susan and Andy Mackay, Donna Shamin, the Leonardo Family, Anita and Bruce LaRowe, The Cantleberry Family, Judy and Tony Leonardo ... Happy holidays and Happy New Year!!! By Janet and Lou Elmo
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Mail completed form to:
Horse Protection Society, 2135 Miller Road, China Grove, NC 28023

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Anyone who would like to have an Honor or Memorial placed for February newsletter needs to have the information to HPS by January 20. We have to close the information for the newsletter by that date in order to have it to the printer in time for delivery the first of February.

Happy New Year

From all of us at HPS....