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Calendars:**

**Volunteer Meeting
& Farrier Day
July 8th**

**Please contact the
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Bring a covered dish
to share.**

**Animal Communicator
July 22
Noon to 4 PM**

**Please copy the info sheet
on page 3 and share with
the vet offices, feed
stores, pet stores in your
local area.**

Over Herd

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Can Amigo's Life be Saved?

The first time I saw Amigo I was appalled at his condition. He was in a shed with only poor hay that he was not eating. He was very, very weak and dragged the toe of his back hooves. The owner expressed how much he was loved, and was trying to bring him back to health. There were only a couple of bales of very poor hay and no feed. (Strange how the starved horse's owners have always just run out of feed.) She had another equine, but had sold it over a year ago. The owner felt that he was depressed being alone. He had been owned by the same person for many years and I knew he had not received the care he should have during that time. Poor Amigo's hooves had not seen a farrier's rasp in who knows how long... the owner said, "over a year." This often translates to several years. It was expressed how finances had been a problem. It became clear quickly that the owner was not going to release the horse to HPS.

I gave direction for Amigo's needed care to start to bring him back to health. The owner did buy one bag of feed, a bag of alfalfa cubes and have his teeth done. *See Amigo page 6*



Welcome Amigo!

The Three Compadres

I am sure we have all known people that seem to have a black cloud hanging over their head. That is how the past owner of the three compadres must have felt. Weeks ago, we received a call from a brave woman that life had dealt some harsh blows. Six years ago a terrible automobile accident, then more live tragedies, then illness struck the owner, the business was lost, and now the home had to be sold or it too could be lost and all through this struggle there are the three beloved horses to be provided for. Each year it becomes more difficult to provide even the basics.

The three horses were in much better shape than one would think after all of this. They needed their shots, and worming. The beautiful Hanoverian is the tiniest bit underweight, and the other two are in very good body condition.

Tulsa is the gray/white Quarter Horse and 21 years old. He was trained in roping, but had an injury in a hind pastern area. His movement is a little off, and we hope to have digital radiographs done. His coat is too long for this time of year so an IR (insulin resistant), thyroid and Cushing's test was done. Tulsa has Cushing's syndrome. This is normally caused by a benign tumor pressing on the pituitary gland. The tumor is usually very slow growing. HPS uses high antioxidants and a natural antibiotic, along with ground chaste tree berry to help slow the illness even more. (Yum Yum lived to be 35 years old with Cushing's syndrome.) His insulin is a little low and that is easy enough to take care of by adding a small amount of black strap molasses to his feed. A thyroid test will need to be done every year. With careful monitoring, Tulsa should be able to live a long and useful life.

Quicksilver is approximately 12 years old. He seems to be a Quarter Horse Appaloosa cross with a great personality. His color is often called "flea bitten' gray," but this name does great injustice to his beautiful unusual coloration. The story is that he was a packhorse used in Colorado. Somehow he received an injury to a back tendon that *See page 2*

Jabfest

On Saturday, June 24 2006, HPS was again honored to participate in the Jabfest sponsored by Jackie Cornatzer. The Jabfest is an annual gathering of motorcycle enthusiasts that not only appreciate their iron horses but the good old flesh and blood ones too! Cindy, Mary and Sue were welcomed to the event to present the Horse Protection Society's mission and needs to the participants as a fundraising event. We were given a shady spot to set up our display and Joanie was able to stop by with a new horse to drive home one of the challenging situations that HPS faces everyday.

We would like to thank the Jabfest motorcyclists for being so welcoming and concerned about the fate of our beautiful horses.

How Do Horses Get So Dirty?

By Dakota with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle

Do you ever wonder why many horses just don't stay clean? I will tell you a little known tidbit about equine.....many of them have a passion for making mud-pies! They try to keep a low profile about this and not indulge in front of Two Leggers. It's almost as though they are a little ashamed but yet, are so drawn to this unusual hobby, that they cannot help it.

Have you sometimes seen a pawing motion? This is the mark of a horse practicing for a mud-pie dirt stir. Have you noticed Santa Fe's filthy fly mask? It's changed regularly yet he almost always looks like he ran at the back of the pack in the Derby. He is currently the Master Mud-pie Maker for the ranch. He cannot help it....he's enthralled with this ridiculous pas-time. Starlight has suggested that he's gone over the top and that counseling might be helpful. Santa Fe will have no part of it.

The horses in the pond field have a distinct advantage over those in other pastures. They have a wonderful proximity to water & dirt, i.e. mud. For this reason, the pond horses are known as the "mud-puppies." Santa Fe secretly yearns to be over there but will not admit it.

On the other hand, there are those of us who are more mature, have more dignity, etc. etc. and we abhor mud. My Two Legger is most distraught when she finds me dirty and I am immediately taken to the paddock and groomed. This is the way a horse should live.....my Sire always said, "Dakota, live as though you will have your picture taken for posterity at any moment." They don't call me "Mr. G.Q." without reason!

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has caused a dropped pastern. Digital radiographs need to be done to know the extent of the damage that has been done and if he can be helped. Quicksilver had a very sore back and one visit from the chiropractor seems to have solved that problem.

Ms. Hanoverian has not selected a new name... back to the drawing board to find a name she likes. Now, she also has unusual coloring. She is dotted with round white spots that I have only seen one other time. The largest spots are about the size of a quarter. Our pretty Majestic has been developing them, but they are very small. These are often referred to as vitiligo or you might hear people call them "bird catcher spots" -- I have no idea why! Most researchers think this is caused by genetics. Folks here think someone splattered Clorox on her. I have always had a phobia about seeing white spots on a horse's coat. It just screams ill-fitting saddle, halters left on and injuries that were not doctored. It has taken me awhile to get used to all her spots and now I think they are pretty because she is so unusual. Her back was also very sore, and now she is much more comfortable.

She was trained in dressage and jumping in her younger days, but has not been ridden in six years or more. She is now 26 years old. She and her companions have fit in to the "old ladies" field. We needed to add three stalls quickly for separating the horses at feeding time. Nathan (a Catawba College student helping this summer), did a great job using metal panels and some old wood gates to create three stalls under the winter hay feeding area. The three horses stay together in the field and never get far from each other. It will just take time for them to get to know the other horses, but they have settled in well. Salida, Blackberry, and even Morning Glory have tried to integrate into this little club only to give up and go on their way.

Please help with the expenses of these sweet new horses. They would love a visit with special rubbing and carrots!



Come and meet Tulsa, Quicksilver, Ms Hanoverian

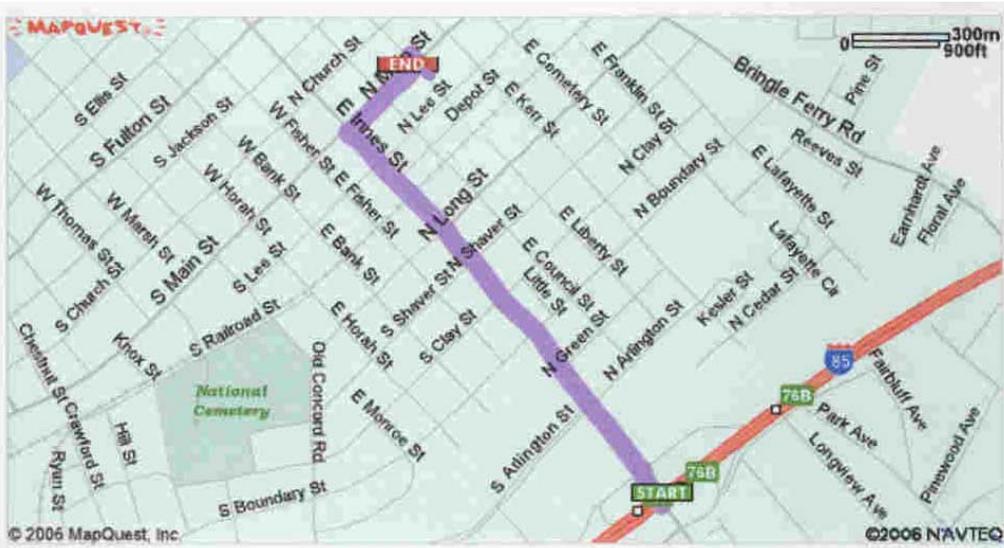


- Come Meet **Animal Communicator** –
Mary Lemons
July 22nd – Saturday – 12 PM to 4 PM
Waterworks Visual Arts building
123 East Liberty St., Salisbury
(Second Floor Meeting Room – Snacks and drinks will be for sale)

Connecting with your animal spiritually can be very practical. It helps with animal behavior, letting the animal and human know what each other expects of them. It can also affect the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health of your pet and your own self.

The following are some of the issues that can be addressed about animals:

- Behavior issues - Bereavement - Pet jealousies - Lost animals - Training issues
- Healing Relationships - Rescuing & adopting animals - Sick & dying animals
- Connection with deceased animals - Preparing for absences from your animal
- Acknowledging your animal’s specific purpose with you
- Understanding underlying cause of health problems



From I85 take exit 76B towards downtown Salisbury, turn right on North Main St. Turn right on Liberty St. Waterworks Visual Arts building (second floor meeting room) 123 Liberty St

From Hwy 29 going north, to South Main St., Salisbury. Cross Inness St. turn right on Liberty St. Waterworks Visual Arts building (second floor meeting room) 123 Liberty St

Reservations & checks, mail to: Horse Protection Society, 2135 Miller Rd, China Grove, NC 28023

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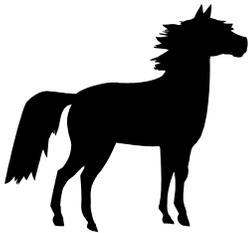
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Audience: \$15 _____ **Reading:** \$35. _____ (Only 16 – 15 minute readings available)

Horse Protection Society: 704-855-2978 email: hps@horseprotection.org **(Bring a friend)**

DO NOT BRING YOUR ANIMAL WITH YOU. Mary Lemons connects spiritually.



News From The Herd

This was a very expensive month for vet bills.

The Herd finished getting their rabbi vaccines. We were able to get one third of the horses' dental work done. We still have one third of the horses that need their dental work done, yet.

Sahara had a weird time of it. One evening she looked like a drunk. The vet came the next day, but could not find anything that would be causing the strange imbalance that she was displaying. She is still standing as if she is listing to the right at times. We think it may be from an ear infection or a bug that has gotten down in the ear canal. We are doctoring for both possibilities. The blood work did not show anything out of the ordinary.

Starlight, Feather, and Yuma are doing great gaining weight and energy. We expect full recoveries for all three. Yuma needs to be watched closely since at times he drags his back hooves.

Sky Ghost passed quietly over the Rainbow Bridge at the ripe old age of 33. She had relaxed a good bit since she did not feel that she had to watch over Yum Yum. It was a terrible surprise to lose her. However, if we think about her history, it is not..... bred year after year until she came to the sanctuary in terrible condition at 30 years old. We will miss her!

Spirit had several visits from the vet concerning an ongoing eye problem. At times, he was on three different eye medications trying to clear up his problem. Little by little, it is getting better.

Dakota walked out of a stall one evening, with his nose on the ground and his jaw, cheeks and throat swollen. He was showing some difficulty breathing. Dakota was so stressed that he started to colic. The vet was called and it could not be determined what caused the swelling. The thought was that he may have eaten a bee that stung him or he ate a spider that may have bitten him in his mouth. He was put on antihistamines, which did not help and then antibiotics.

Nevada, Snickerdoodle & Tulsa have Cushing's syndrome. Supplements often help this condition more than the prescription drugs that just treat symptoms. What is needed is a supplement that will shrink the tumor. Insulin was also low with all three.

Montana had the same test done and this is a repeat from about a year ago. Nothing showed up then. This time the test showed his thyroid was off. He has to be on the same medication as Padre. The test will have to be repeated in three to four months to make sure the dosage is correct.



Country Ride Saddlery

Linda Cole is having a Customer Appreciation Day at her business in Mooresville at Country Ride Saddlery. Please join us on July 22nd from 10 AM to 5 PM. The address is 108 North Broad St., Mooresville, NC 704-660-8225 in the historic section of town.

HPS will be there with pictures of the horses that are looking for loving homes. Linda is having a drawing for an English bridle that retails for about \$375 made by Arc De Triumphe. Please stop by and say "Hello" and enjoy all that will be going on.

In honor and celebration of my niece, Taylor. She had the highest GPA in her 8th grade at Hawley Middle School in Creedmoor, NC. Taylor was also the Academic Student Athlete. She loves horses, with Majestic being a special favorite on our visits to the farm.

By Elaine Towner

In memory my horse Tonka. His birthday was July 29.

By Stephanie Slavin

In memory of William Bentley.

By Betty & Welborn Bently

In memory of my best buddy, my confidante and love of my life for over 10 years. My wonderful Golden Retriever, Maxwell, crossed the Rainbow Bridge very suddenly on May 23rd. I miss him terribly but know his spirit is with me every day. Goodbye my "awesome dog." I will see you at the end of the Bridge someday.

By Stephanie Maleady

In memory of Ninnie & Nuggett.

By Missy Anderson

In memory of our beloved goat, "Sugar," and her two babies. "You tried so hard Sugar! We love you."

By Charles, Jill, Zan

A huge horsey THANK YOU to Ambe and Dani Lewis for their years of service on our "Overherd" newsletter. They have done an outstanding job with the newsletter and it is much appreciated. Getting the newsletter ready and out on schedule is an ongoing commitment that takes both skill and time. Their dedication has been apparent in both the appearance and content of our newsletter.

As our lives progress, responsibilities and demands on our time change as well. While Ambe is retiring as our editor, she will continue as an active member with her other HPS activities. She has graciously agreed to continue doing the newsletter this summer until we are able to find someone else to serve in this capacity. Ambe and Dani, please know how much your efforts have been appreciated. Thank you from all of us!

July 14, 200
In loving memory of the great Comanche His personality, his big heart, and his gentle friendship will never be forgotten

Sadly missed by Roberta

Thank you for all of the wonderful cards and notes of encouragement we receive. We thought you would enjoy reading this one sent to Lisa Murray who takes care of the Food Lion cards for HPS.

Hope you are well. Thank you for sending the Food Lion cards. On April 1, I did go to the sanctuary. It was a 150 mile road trip. If I were closer, I would go regularly.

It just happened to be at feeding time. That was really impressive and beautiful to watch. The interaction among the horses was intriguing to me. I was just in awe of the beautiful animals. And I really did not want to leave them, but feeding got done, then the sweet gal helped to unpack my stuff (yard sale).

It was all I could do to not just sink and cry Freedom, Liberty, Snickerdoodle and others. Feeling their pain – physically and emotional – was overwhelming. It had to be very difficult for Freedom (or Liberty ?) to stand, but stand the horse did, as I held his head and we BOTH cried. But, praise God – he is at a good place now.

Also, I saw how comical they could be.

There are no words to describe all I witnessed that day. . . . the horrible things man does, how such angels are caring for them now, the interactions, and the peace of being around such great beautiful creatures.

Never will I forget.

God Bless the Horses –
God Bless you,
Love,
Dianne Doub

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I returned to the property several weeks later to see how things were going. Amigo was out in the field on a hot day with no water or shelter. The person who the owner lived with was present and made it clear we were not welcome back on the property. We kept an eye on Amigo from the road, and he did gain some weight for a short time. Then he started going down hill fast. I knew Animal Control had been called about the horse, also. HPS does not have the finances to hire an attorney to file a seizure request with the court.... Hopefully someday we will not have to just wait and watch.... and pray. Things were becoming very desperate for Amigo.

Finally, the owner called to ask us to come get him and take care of him. I think the owner finally realized that he was going to die and did not have much time left. It is so hard to be kind to the abuser, but this is why it so often works out for the horse's best interest.

Amigo is 23 years old, and a Quarter Horse who just wants to be friends with everyone. It is interesting to observe that he now comes to anyone who visits him, where before he ignored anyone who came into his area. His neck looks like a giraffe's, and he is a one on the body rating scale. He is so happy to be close to other horses and likes to visit with the "Rowdies" over the fence. He will have to remain by himself until the worming is completed, and he gets a little stronger.

Rehabilitating a horse like Amigo is a very expensive undertaking for HPS. Special high fat feed, alfalfa, a long list of supplements and it could be a year before Amigo will be fully recovered. He has to be watched very, very closely for complications from the starvation and long term neglect.

Please become an Angel Sponsor for Amigo or help with any donation to aid with his recovery and vet costs. Without the kind folks of HPS... these horses have no one.

Congratulation to the HPS Raffle Winners

\$100 gift card Target - Lyn Richardson, Monroe NC

\$50 gift card Wal-Mart - Karen Schuller, Charlotte NC, & Karen Koch Berger, Canton Ct

\$50 gift card Food Lion - Joann Burleson, Oakboro, & Adam & Christy Dailey, Monroe

\$50 gift card Home Depot - Kenneth Titsworth, Charlotte NC

\$50 gift card Applebee's - Nancy Newton Charlotte NC

\$15 gift card Blockbuster Video - Elaine Towner, Durham, Karen Schuller, Charlotte

\$15 gift card Starbucks - Elaine Kotraba, Tega Cay SC



Your horses are happy and well cared for because of your generosity. Thank you so very much for making the horses your mission in life to help to take care of.

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Sometimes a person's name will not appear on the list due to the time of the month the donation was sent, when deposits are made and the time of the month we have to put the information together. Usually we have to get the information to Ambe before the last weekend of the month. If there is ever any concern if your check was received please call or email the sanctuary. We do not list folk's names twice if two checks are deposited within the same month.

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Please use my donation for: \$ _____ New Barn Fund \$ _____ General Use

Angel Sponsor: \$20 /1month - \$60 /3 months - \$120/6 months - \$240/1 year

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Name: _____ phone # _____

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Would you like the above recipient to receive "Over Herd" - **Yes No**

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Any donation is appreciated. Please make your check payable to Horse Protection Society. For a \$25 of more donation the named person can receive "Over Herd" for 1 year.

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Making the World a Better Place for Horses

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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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