

SAVE THESE DATES:

Farrier & Volunteer Day:

Saturday, July 14th

We need all the hands we can get on this day. Please email HPS if you are able to attend for any length of time.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Farrier day is potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share!

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NEEDS:

We are in need of "wood pellets" which can be purchased from Tractor Supply. These are compressed pellets of sawdust and when placed on wet surfaces, they expand & soak up the liquid. After drying it becomes sawdust, which makes clean up a breeze & helps keep the mats from being slippery & keeps the odor & flies to a minimal.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

We ought to do good to others as simply as a horse runs, or a bee makes honey, or a vine bears grapes season after season without thinking of the grapes it has borne.
-Marcus Aurelius

The Mane Event II: A Great Success

On Saturday, June 2nd the Horse Protection Society held its second annual Mane Event at the Speedway Club in Concord, North Carolina. The Mane Event is HPS's largest fundraiser and we depend on the proceeds to help pay for the care of the many horses at the HPS sanctuary.

Featured was a silent auction with a multitude of beautiful and wonderful items that stirred up some fierce competitive bidding. A live auction was held and we were privileged to have Larry Sprinkle as the auctioneer. Not only is he a great weatherman, but his talents as auctioneer were greatly enjoyed by everyone. With the help of "Vanna"...er, Joyce Hixon as his assistant, he went above and beyond his call, working the audience and making the live auction a great success despite losing his voice. We only hope that Larry's voice has since recovered! The HPS horses were even there for the event, represented in a wonderful slide show of pictures and video set to music.

We were honored to have Kelly Elledge in attendance and we offer a heartfelt thank you for her support of HPS. Several contributors had purchased full tables for the event, including South Ridge Veterinary Hospital with a table of 10, John and Renee Rutkowski and Rockin' Horse Stables with a table of 8 and Hoofbeats 4-H Club at Misty Grove Stables with a table of 8-10. Also, Suzie Lurz purchased a table for 10, Nancy Newton a table for 8, John and Holly Robbins a table for 8, and Ted and Joyce Hixon a table for 8. Many thanks to these generous contributors!

The banquet was supplied by the Speedway Club, with the most delicious food and an array of desserts that tempted even the most devout dieter. Our thank-you goes out to them for their excellent service and culinary delights.

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Vaquero: Spanish for Cowboy

Our newest member at the sanctuary is Vaquero, a Peruvian Paso Fino. He is 16 years old and has a melanoma on his sheath that we are sure will heal in time with our care. This beautiful horse came to us from a very loving family who have taken good care of their beloved animals. In the past we had taken a couple of their horses when bad luck had struck this family and their finances were damaged. Friends of the family were able to take the other animals, until the family was able to get back on their feet. Now, once again, bad luck has struck this family. Due to a very large medical error made by the medical profession, the gentleman's health is at risk and he is now on the list for a lung transplant. The family was able to once again find loving homes for all but one of their beloved animals. So, they contacted HPS to see if we could help them out once again. Of course, we said yes and now we have a wonderful new horse. Our prayers go out to this family. Vaquero has settled in nicely and has already fallen in love with Aspen, a golden palomino. Of course he believes he is a lady's man and is trying to hook up with several of the mare's that are in season.



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Did You Know?

In spring and summer many horses develop simple allergies. Most need minimal treatment and fly masks. However, once in awhile a horse may develop something a little more extreme, like conjunctivitis. Conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the eye, commonly known as "pink eye". It is highly contagious and all measures need to be taken to keep from spreading it to other horses. Treatment of triple ophthalmic eye ointment most times takes care of this, but sometimes a vet's interference is needed.

Get Well Soon, Tundra by Roberta McCardle

Tundra, our wonderful dog that stays with the horses, has been sick. A few weeks ago I found a lump on her left side. She flinched when it was touched but we were not sure what had happened to her, if she had been kicked & it was a hematoma. We watched her closely and deployed the dog-catchment team of Sue Wortman & Dottie Rebhan. They got her to the vet and she underwent surgery to remove the tumor. She is healing well and doing fine. As this newsletter goes to press, she is coming home. We will continue to watch her closely and let her know that all of HPS is sending her their good wishes for a swift recovery & health. She's such a good girl!

The Mane Event, Unwrapped

by Willow (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

One hot day while we were grazing, Wrangler said to me, "Hey Willow, whatever happened with that fancy fundraiser event the two-leggers were planning for us?"

Before I had time to draw a breath to respond, Amigo piped up from the other side of the fence, "You mean the Mane Event? That was named after me, you know, because my mane and tail are so beautiful!"

I wasn't so sure about that, Gentle Reader, since so many of my friends have lovely manes, but if this thought floated his boat, who was I to let Amigo down?

"Yes, that's it," I responded. "I heard that it was a fun evening with absolutely delish comestibles."

Navajo trotted up and snorted, "If they were serving food, why weren't we invited? My manners pass muster in some pretty fine places and so do my friends', right? They're always so concerned about our weight and our nutrition."

"Yeah," added Summer, "the first thing Moonglow said when we were moved to this pasture, was that now we have a better view of the driveway. She kept watch on the driveway that whole Saturday, waiting to see some trailers pull in to pick us up. What kind of fundraiser is it that doesn't include the guests of honor? It took me a whole day of soothing compliments to get her in a better frame of mind! I even had to tell her that I liked those ridiculous leg-things she has to wear now!"

Well! This was clearly a serious issue that disturbed more than one horse. "Let me ask around," I said, "and see what I can find out."

"You go girl!" from Alamo. (I think he likes me....he picked a stall where he can watch me eat).

Later that evening, after supper, I went over to the fence and whispered, "Psst, Dakota."

The Big Red One left his round bale and came up to stand head-to-head so we could chat.

"Willow, you are looking very well since you moved over to the New Barn."

"Thanks, Big D, you too. Are you enjoying Summer's old stall?"

"Sure am! It's an upgrade from my old place. It's also closer to the Feed Room."

I quickly explained the concern of the horses in the New Barn. "Dakota, it's well known what a hit you are with some of the two-leggers and that you get pulled out for grooming, etc. Have you heard any conversation about this?"

"Well, let me see," Dakota said slowly, "there was one day when my Mom had me out on the lawn eating some particularly tasty grass. The kitchen window was open and I heard talk about this event....what was it they said? It was something to do with elevation. That's why we couldn't go, it was the elevation!" exclaimed Dakota triumphantly. Before I had time to ask what this meant, the Big D turned on a dime & returned to the hay bale.

"Elevation," what did this mean? I pondered this all night long, in between my naps. Morning found me no more enlightened.

After breakfast ended, I called a meeting of the New Barn group (Herd Rule No. Six: Horses are more receptive to meetings on a full stomach). I relayed Dakota's information to the group. There was a puzzled silence and then Feather said, "Well! That's no help at all!"

"Whoa," said Navajo slowly. "I think I understand. I have done a little more traveling in my day than some of you. I was in a show one time and the two-leggers had to get me up on another floor. They put me in a smaller room called an elevation room and the whole room moved, that room took me up & up, to the next floor. THAT, my friends, is the reason we did not get taken to our very own fundraiser, there was a lack of such elevation rooms!"

Wrangler shook his head slowly, "Navajo, you are one cosmopolitan horse! No one else on this property would have known that."

With cries of "Hear, hear!" "I second that!" "That Navajo has got it all....brains and looks both," the herd gradually resumed their positions around the hay bales.

MORAL: We are far, far more than just an attractive bunch of hay-eaters.

Recycle for the Horses!

You may have seen the posters around the ranch: "Think Green, Recycle your Cell Phones and Printer Cartridges". Cathy Morris has volunteered her time to take on this fundraising project for the horses. For each used cell phone and printer cartridge we receive as donations to HPS, we receive funds for our horses.

These funds can build quickly with your help! We would like to encourage anyone who uses or works at locations that use printer cartridges to donate them instead of throwing them away. Recycling not only helps the horses, but helps the environment as well!

Know any friends, relatives, or coworkers with old cell phones lying around?...Ask them if they would like to help our horses by donating them to HPS. Spread the word, it's a win/win situation for everyone and especially for our horses!

There is a collection box in the new feed room for anyone who wishes to drop off their used cell phones and printer cartridges at HPS. **If you would like a collection box for your work, school, or church, please let Cathy Morris know and she will order one for you.** Thank You for all you do at HPS!

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We cannot mention enough how much time, energy and generosity was offered by Ted and Joyce Hixon in order to make the Mane Event the success it was. With their generous contributions, not only for the Mane Event but throughout the year, we at HPS give Teddy and Joyce a standing ovation!

Thank you to everyone who helped with or attended the Mane Event! Without each and every one of you, we would not be able to help the many horses who call the sanctuary home. Not only are we thankful, but the horses offer their nicker of appreciation also. We all look forward to next year's third Mane Event. See you there!

PS. A men's navy blazer was left at the event and is being held at the sanctuary. If the owner would please call HPS, we will be happy to return it to you.



HPS would like to thank the monthly donors for your continued generosity and love for the horses in our care. You are helping us make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation. If your donation was later in the month your name will appear next month.

The kind customers of **Country Ride Saddlery** donate monthly to a "horse" bank for HPS. Thank you to Linda Cole and all of her customers!

In memory of Jan Smith who passed in 2006. ~By George & Barbara McDonald

In memory of Mrs. Carolyn Schroeder. ~By Dottie Rebhan

In honor of Walter Doub who made me a bird-house. ~By Dianne Doub

In memory of Vera Bennett's Mama and Julie Meyers Grandmother. ~By Dottie Rebhan and Lisa Murray

In Loving Memory of the Great Comanche. Who Lived with Grace & Died with Courage. July 14, 2000. ~Sadly Missed by Roberta

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In memory of Jill my beloved cat and my baby for 14 years. ~By Sara Lewis.

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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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