



# OVER HERD

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## *HPS's Future* by Joanie Benson

Working the horses under saddle to get them ready for loving homes is a very important part of what needs to be done here at the sanctuary. Last winter, not one horse was worked for almost five months due to the weather. For months and months, the ground was too muddy, or it was freezing cold or raining, frigid wind was blowing, snow was on the ground or the ground itself was frozen. It was discouraging to have to start the horses all over again, building back good body condition. Hot summer weather with high humidity also inhibits our ability to work with the horses.



The only way to remedy the situation is to build a covered arena. Putting up another expensive permanent structure does not fit into our long-term plans of eventually being able to purchase a larger property, but Deborah Baker ran across ClearSpan. They have a specially designed fabric that covers arched trusses and would suit our needs beautifully. There is a 15 year warranty on the fabric, but most last for 25 years. The building is designed to be disassembled and moved. The complete cost to grade the area, construct the arena base and the treated wood posts for the trusses to attach to, and gravel around the outside for drainage would be approximately \$68,000. The building is \$56,000. This would provide HPS with a 65' by 120' safe place to work with the horses all year round, regardless of the weather.

In conversations with stables that presently have a ClearSpan building, they have assured me that in the winter the building is very comfortable and in the summer it is 10 to 20 degrees cooler than the outside temperature. We have priced the building with rollup sides, two 12' by 12' doors at each end with walk-through doors, and six ceiling fans.

Of course, the day-to-day care of the horses is our first priority. If each person who receives our newsletter could make a small contribution to the covered arena, we could complete this important project, while \$40 dollars from every person would complete it. I do very much understand the financial setbacks experienced by some families, but no one has had worse experiences than the horses rescued by the sanctuary. I personally will donate \$500 to get things started, and no one is poorer than I. (I do not mind emptying my account for the sake of the well-being of the horses.)

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The covered arena will greatly aid our plans to start some of the horses in Level One Dressage and low jumping when they have built enough muscle. HPS is hoping that this will help to place the horses in new loving homes. If the horses are going to be with us for an extended time due to the slow economy, it will be a good time to give them additional training. Oh, and if anyone has jumps they are not using, please consider donating them to HPS.

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### *Ensuring HPS's Future* by Joanie Benson



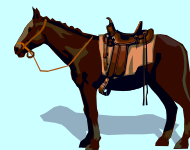
Gift- and estate-planning are extraordinarily flexible and simple ways to meet your personal philanthropic and financial goals. Whatever your stage in life, your financial circumstances and your charitable goals, you can make an estate plan to benefit the rescued horses you have cared so much about.



The Horse Protection Society cares for all creatures, and your legacy can aid our long-term efforts to purchase a large acreage. HPS is conservation-minded, and so is also looking to protect forever purchased land and natural places utilizing the NC Nature Conservancy. Protecting nature and preserving land is so very important for all our children, their children and all the children to come. For these critical goals to be reached, your commitment, though gifts and estate planning, is key.

Everything at our present location has been built with the future plan in mind of developing the present property into a small equine development with a planned unit development. The first barn has 14 stalls, a large tack room and a feed room, and would be part of the common area, used for housing the horses of the development's homeowners. The second barn was built free-standing so that all of the stalls would be dismantled, the rubber mats cut apart and everything taken with us to be reused. The floor would be redone to accommodate an indoor riding arena. This is why HPS purchased the portable buildings for the last eight stalls constructed, so they could easily be moved and taken to a new property.

No one knows how long it will take for HPS to be able to purchase a large property, but without planning ahead, it will not be possible at all. Our needs continue at the present location with an eye towards future planning. Please help make the covered arena possible for the well-being of the horses.



## Update on Some of the Rescued Horses



← **Pecos:** Introduced to us in the [June 2009 Newsletter](#) is now two years old and full of his growing self! He has progressed better than anyone thought he would since he was so starved at 18 months old when he came to HPS. One morning he came in with a laceration that we have no idea how it happened. He had to have the vet suture up the wound. Pecos did not like the spray medication that had to be put on his injury. What is it about spray cans that can upset horses so much?

**Chico:** Introduced in the [September 2009 Newsletter](#), our severely starved little Paso Fino is not doing as well as Pecos. He is still roach backed and cow hocked. He had a slight colic and recovered quickly. But the good news is that he has been gelded and is now out with the other horses. (The photo with the trailer was taken in March of this year as he headed out for his gelding surgery and subsequent training. He already looked like a different horse from when he arrived at the sanctuary.)



**Micmac:** Introduced in [last month's newsletter](#), he has done very well with his extended front shoes. Micmac is carrying more weight on the front end and it has taken the pressure off of the hindquarter. As he gains strength and weight, will determine if the hind tendons have been seriously damaged or not.

**Honey Bun:** Introduced in the [March 2010 Newsletter](#), she came through the surgery to close her empty eye socket with flying colors. Since she had been blind in the eye for ??? years, there was no adjustment time. The stitches have been removed and she is now able to be back in with her buddies. She kept Firelight company when they were both in the hospital stalls during their respective recuperations.



**Firelight:** Introduced in the [June 2009 Newsletter](#), Firelight's canker has been removed and the surgery sight is almost completely closed over. The open area was a bit larger than a 50-cent piece to start with. There is no sign of a return of the canker. He is not happy with the rain and wet ground requiring him to remain in the hospital stall. Firelight has been a very good boy to be doctored and have his hoof wrapped everyday. We are very pleased with his progress.

Hooray! It looks like it is going to be a good year for a fine hay crop. Some farmers who were able to get their fields cut and baled between rainstorms have already cut a second crop.

## *This and That*

- ◆ **Thank you** to all of our wonderful donors who were so affected by last month's article on Micmac. The outpouring of support was very heartwarming, and, more importantly, helpful in rehabilitating this lovely gelding. His feet, so horribly depicted last month, are already responding to the frequent excellent farrier care. And to the person who addressed the envelope to Micmac, c/o HPS, thanks for the smiles you brought to our faces. (Check out page 3 for an update on Micmac and some of the other horses at the sanctuary.)
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 2 & 3** The Second Annual Jewelry Sale for the horses will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars now and plan on doing your Christmas shopping. Many of us love watches and there will be a number of fun watches on sale. There will be many other bargains at the sale, like cameras, small appliances and unusual items you will not find other places. Folks who came to the sale last year are still talking about the great purchases they made at bargain prices. Don't miss the fun; come and support your sanctuary!
- ◆ Author S.L. Lurz's new book is terrific! "**Sweetwater Animal Society and The Hidden Mountain**" is a must read for our kids and grandchildren. Here is a child's book that emphasizes care and kindness to living creatures wrapped up in both a mystery and an adventure. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the website to order your reduced price copies now. Publish date is July 23, 2010, but if you order before July 22<sup>nd</sup>, \$2.00 per copy will be donated directly to HPS. (I cannot wait for my grandkids to get their autographed copies.) For a special treat [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to the wonderful song written by the author. Get it for your iPod for only \$2.00.

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## Equestrian Exchange Consignment Sale



As our May tack sale was ending, Lynn Beeson of the Equestrian Exchange arrived to pack up all of our leftovers. We had some really good items that had not been sold. Equestrian Exchange was holding a tack consignment sale in Virginia, and, for a portion of the sales prices on our items that sold, Lynn was prepared to help HPS -- and it was well worth it as HPS received a check for over \$900. The few items that still remain with Lynn will be included in the Fall Sale scheduled for September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Raleigh, NC. If you are interested in buying or selling, check out the website: [Equestrian Exchange](#) for all the needed information. Lynn lives in Greensboro, so if you have some things to sell and are closer to Greensboro, you don't have to take them all the way to Raleigh. Go to her website and contact her for details.

And THANK YOU SO MUCH, Lynn, for your help in turning into cash for the horses the items that didn't sell at our sale.

## Monthly Donations & Contributors

Thanks to our wonderful donors for your financial support in our mission. The very lives of the 48 horses in the sanctuary are held in your hands as well as in your hearts. If they could talk, each would be saying, "May you and your loved ones be blessed always."

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*THANK YOU to Dakota Arneson who asked that funds be donated to HPS in lieu of birthday gifts!*

In honor of our favorite Kindergarten teacher, Gwyn Kellam.

This is a "Thank You" to her for a wonderful year!

By Megan Stuart

*In honor of a very generous friend of mine, Nicky Turner, who is also a supporter of your organization.*

By Amy Trester

In honor and congratulations to Meredith Dauzat.

By Elizabeth Phagan

*"To be loved by a horse, or any animal, should fill us with awe—for we have not deserved it."*

By Marion Garretty

**In loving memory of the Great Comanche who died bravely on 7/14/1000. "NEVER FORGOTTEN" by Roberta McCardle**

*In memory of Mystic who, like Micmac, had severe hoof problems, too! By Gayle P. Cannon*

From Julie Hornburg: My son and I went to the Belmont Stakes and said we would send all of our winnings to HPS. I am just so glad we won something for the horses! (So are we — thank you!)

Thank you, HPS, very much for your information about moon blindness. I was told I would have to put my mule down because of it. I found your website and have been treating her for almost a month now, and it seems to be working. Please accept this small token of my gratitude.  
From Lisa Conger.

Happy Birthday

\*To our dear friend, Sondra. Love, Margie & Judy  
\*To Judy Smidt. From Sondra Thorson & Margie Gallman  
\*To my friend Vickie Childers. By Angela Rosenberger  
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