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Stardust Returns Once Again

Stardust was in her new home for only a year. We placed her June 6, 2014 and she was returned June 22, 2015. The kids were not riding her any longer and her eyesight had further diminished. She was not being given the Beta Carotene that is normally needed for gray, white and Appaloosa horses for eye health. The care-giver also felt that Stardust had lost some of her hearing. I walked out into the field and softly called her name and she responded just fine. So, I think her hearing is okay. At the present time we have her in the small front field to help her adjust to being back at the sanctuary. We are going to put Quera and Anasazi in the front field with Stardust for a couple of days with the hope that they will become friends.

Stardust is now 30 years old and will stay with HPS for the rest of her life. We will also put her on turmeric and other supplements since so many light colored horses and Appaloosas are prone to cancer. She had done some shows when she was with her first family (before this one). She had lived with them for about four years before being returned to us as the daughter was ready for a new show horse.

Stardust is as pretty as a picture with the sweet personality to go with her beautiful looks! Give her attention and she will be your friend for life.

HPS has limited the number of horses we will take in since we feel that the high hay prices and the slow economy may cause more horses to be returned. It is very important that we have stalls available for any returned horse.

Please consider becoming an Angel Sponsor for Stardust. She loves attention and would enjoy having you come to groom her.



Hot Weather and Horse Illnesses



Hot weather is much harder on the horses than the freezing cold weather we had this winter. Here at the sanctuary, we have had very little rain and often no detectible breeze for most of June. The humidity has been high to compound the horses' stress.

Mike Bruce cleaned out the covered hay feeder to prepare for this year's new hay. The shade helps to prevent overheating for the horses that enjoy their hay under the shelter. More hay is placed on the edge of the woods where the temperature is a bit lower and there is some shade.

The pond is at an all-time low and there is once again a hay shortage. The grass in the fields is not growing and the weeds are taking over. We work to keep the weeds mowed to help prevent propagation. The green grass is good for the horses' health, but this year there has not been much for the horses to nibble on.

Of course, all the barns are left open so the horses can come in and out as they want to get out of the heat. Cold water is added to the water tubs several times during the day along with Redmond Minerals added to the morning and evening feed to encourage the horses to drink more water.

As the month progressed, we started to see issues with a few of the horses. The first was **Kit Carson** who developed an eye issue that progressed very quickly. Hot humid weather promotes bacterial and fungal infection very quickly anywhere on the horses. A lavage system was installed to make doctoring his eye much easier and we're happy to report that the eye is improving. He needs to remain in the hospital stall while being treated. The lavage system is fragile and could be damaged easily. *(Cont. on Page 4)*

Honors and Memorials

In memory of my mom, Doris Porebski. Love Sandy Fisher

In memory of my grandmother. By Lillian Wright

In memory of Max, my beautiful, loving Sheltie, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge recently. By Ann L. Whitworth

In memory of Breann Currie. By Carolyn Tice

Thanks for your caring of the horses. By Gail and Mackie Sloan

Happy Birthday, for my dear daughter-in-law, Ann Harrison. (June 29th.) From Mom Stacker

In loving memory of our sweet Twilight. By Tammy & Gary Seifert

In memory of my cat, Emma, who crossed over the Rainbow Bridge April 2, 2015. By Barbara Moore

In memory of Spirit. Rest in peace sweet boy. By Mark & Jeannie Lins

In memory of Richard Harrison, Ann Harrison's brother. By Denice O. Evans

Love every word and Pix. Wish my 87 yr. old bones were strong enough to volunteer. By Patty Broderick

In honor of Vivian Aubel's 10th birthday. By Nancy & David Aubel

In memorial of Richard Harrison, Dear brother of Ann Harrison from her Dream Group friends.

"In loving memory of the great Comanche. July 14, 2000. Never forgotten, always missed." By Roberta

News from the Herd

Waco left for a wonderful new home to be the small horse for a granddaughter. This home came highly recommended by our veterinarians.

Pecos has returned from three months of training. We are now working with him on some of the issues that were not addressed in his training. He is doing great and once we have taken care of the trust and bonding issues, we will start working with him under saddle.

The Herd sends their best wishes to you since you make everything possible for their care!

Health Tips

Why are people not getting healthy? The two main reasons are internal toxicity and nutritional deficiency. People know they should be getting the nutrients they need, but they don't want to change their eating habits or lifestyle. So they take vitamins as a solution.

There are two types of vitamins, fake/synthetic and natural plant derived. According to research done by the Organic Consumer Association, "The human body can't regulate the absorption of synthetic vitamins, neither can it optimize their levels." They also said that when synthetic vitamins are consumed, "the highly bioactive, chemically processed vitamin molecules bypass the body's natural enzymatic pathways, giving the body the signal that its vitamin pool is fully loaded.

After synthetic vitamin administration, the body is tricked to believe that it doesn't need to utilize more of the same nutrients from food. ... In reality, synthetic vitamins are received by the body as drugs and, like all drugs, they can potentially disrupt normal metabolic functions often with devastating side effects."

The synthetic vitamins are often made from harmful ingredients like GMOs, chemicals and other fillers. ses.



Lincoln County Court Case

On June 18, the prosecution presented their case. Dr. Mary Gochnauer did a great job testifying on behalf of the three horses that came to HPS. She explained what laminitis and founder are and how Lazarus suffered. Dr. Mary provided information to the court on Black Velvet and Rising Star's condition upon arrival and their progression of treatment to return them to full health.

Three members of Animal Control testified but had no paperwork to back up their investigation. One officer testified that he just drove by and never got out of his truck. Over the year that the horses were being reported, there was very little follow up or comprehensive investigation done.

The testimony continued and the defendant's lawyer just worked to confuse the issues. The defendant's lawyer did not have time to present their case, so once again the case has been postponed. The new date is tentatively July 21. Watch our Facebook page for updates on the trial.

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Hot Weather and Horse Illnesses (Cont. from Page 1)

That same evening, **Chico** presented with a 104-degree temperature and dehydration, which was leading to a possible colic. He felt so bad that he had stopped eating his feed. He was given medication to reduce his fever. Sometimes we see the horses go off their feed when the new year's hay arrives. The horses will pig out on the hay and then not be hungry for their feed. He remained in one of the hospital stalls overnight and was much better the next morning. He was turned out with the other geldings.

Black Velvet was fed the next day in half of the hospital stall that Chico had occupied. He came down with the same symptoms as Chico -- with a high fever and not interested in eating. Since he was caught early, he was not dehydrated. Medication was given to reduce his fever and he was washed down with cold water and a shedding blade was used to remove the water to cool Black Velvet's body down. The cold water bath was repeated several times. Our vet felt we might be dealing with a virus. Both Chico and Black Velvet were put on a medication that helps with viruses. No other horses have shown any signs of the same illness.

Taiga presented with a bad choke during the evening feeding. (It costs a good deal more when there is a vet call after hours and the emergency call fee is added.) Dr. Mary felt there may be the start of an obstruction in her throat. We have seen more tumors in this area in the last few years. Even the World Health Organization feels there is a connection with cancer and the GMO products. Almost all corn and soy beans are GMO. If there is a tumor near the esophagus, there may be other tumors present. There are choices for our families that are not GMO, but no affordable choices for our horses.



Kit Carson has to wear a fly mask with a patch covering his eye being treated. The port is attached at the back part of his mane area where the medicines are put in with a syringe.