



Over Herd

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Mark your Calendars:

June 14, 2003

Members Meeting

Lunch at 12:30 PM

Please bring a covered
dish to share.

June 21, 2003

Natural Farrier Day

Come early and bring a
covered dish to share.

June 28, 2002

HPS Golf Tournament

See the enclosed insert
for all the details.

Warm Weather Cometh

By: Joan Benson

The horses have so many special needs in the summer. It is bath time! The horses missed their fall baths because we were in such a bad drought. They only get full baths twice a year - spring and fall. They can be rinsed off with just water during the heat of summer. Too many soapy baths can destroy the natural oil on their coats. Their spring baths are so important and a very thorough scrubbing is needed for each and everyone. There will be instruction sheets for the folks who are not familiar with the full washing and grooming of equine. This is not a quick job and several hours should be allowed for the bath and grooming. Allow enough time for clean up and the return of the items used. Each horse will need to be listed in the "Tack Room Book" on the "Bath Sheet" along with the persons name and date of the bath.

The horses can benefit from more grooming, doctoring of small spots, and **our** fly spray put on them. It is important to stay after any small sore since we are in fly season. Sheath cleaning and bean removal is something that each gelding needs every few months. If you would like to learn this necessary maintenance of geldings, ask one of the officers to show you how to do it correctly before attempting this.

The barn and stalls need closer attention during the warmer season to keep the manure removed. The feed bowls and buckets could use more frequent washings to prevent any bacterial build up. The water troughs have to be scrubbed with a small amount of Clorox to kill the algae build up and to keep them clean for the horses to drink out of.

There are several horses that need to have their coats clipped with a trimmer so they can be cool enough in the hot weather. Some just need the pastern area clipped or trimmed back. This should be done before their baths.

Many of the horses could benefit from groundwork to help get them ready to go back under saddle and be ready to place in new homes. We have tapes to loan to folks that sign up for this work with the horses. If you are interested in making a commitment to one of the horses, please contact John Kiwacka, evenings at 704-795-9471.

All of the saddles and tack need to be thoroughly cleaned after the winter. Blankets need to be steam cleaned, halters need washing, bridles need to be taken apart and the leather cleaned and oiled. If anyone has a steam cleaner with an upholstery attachment that is just what is needed to clean the saddle blankets. We use just hot water and no soap. Please come and do some blanket cleaning.

We now have a riding lawn mower and most of the fields need to be mowed. The high fields will need to be raked and the cut plants removed from the field. Many of them would not be good for the horses to eat. So if you want to mow, please do not do anymore than what you have time to clean up after mowing or work with someone else who is willing to rake up the cuttings and remove them from any horse area.

Of course there is always the ongoing building projects. The three-stall barn, with the wood storage, needs to be finished. Roof repair and tar patching is needed on every building. Each building is in need of some work and repair.

The yard and flowerbeds need weeding and care. We are hoping to start a new Committee to help with this on going problem. There are many nice flowering plants in the yard that are being choked out with weeds. We have two small fishponds that need to be cleaned out and fresh water added so once again we can have some fish. See Warm Weather....page 4



Raven needs her thick curly hair clipped so she will be able to stand the heat of summer.

Meet the Members...

Hay there, I'm John K and it's my turn in the barrel for the HPS Officer Spotlight. I began volunteering with HPS after reading several articles on equine ownership, in the Independent Tribune, penned by Joan Benson. I believe my first visit to HPS was mid-October 2000 and there is where I discovered my passion for horses. On that cold morning I met Mystic Dream and I was hooked. I'm addicted to horses. It is incredible what you need to know to be a good equine owner. No, not owner but partner with your equine. Everyday is a learning experience at the ranch and lots of hands-on with the horses is needed to learn. When I first started the horses had very little respect for me. They knew I was a green horn with zero knowledge about them. They took such advantage of me. They were always playing games with me when I was trying to get them stalled. But after some coaching from Joanie, I now have gained their respect and have no trouble.

Since that October day in 2000, I have had the opportunity to wear different hats at the ranch; Construction Committee chairman, Placement Committee member and on occasions rescuer with Joanie, I am currently the Web administrator. I also help with morning feeds every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the week and I'm there on Saturdays and sometimes Sunday. Helping with feeding is a good start to learning the personalities of each horse. Oh yeah, in my spare time, 40+ hours a week, I go to work for a communications company. Although I'm an urban dweller, in Concord, I dream someday of owning some acreage with horses, in the mean time I go to the HPS ranch and learn. HAY, maybe someday I'll even learn how to ride. Happy Trails and hope to see you at the ranch.



Sartorial Splendor

By YumYum (with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

"Boy, am I ever glad it's June," sighed Sugarfoot. I continued to munch my hay but rapidly tried to think why Sugar would be pleased May was over. Then I knew -- we had a big storm early one May evening and poor Sugarfoot was a nervous wreck. The wind was strong, the strongest I have ever known (and I am an elderly pony). Strange things flew through the air that night and the world seemed a little upside down.

The wind blew and blew. Moon (what a party animal!) had just suggested that we have a hurricane party when all sorts of clothes and other, un-barn like items flew into the pasture. Poor Whisper was deeply disturbed and repeatedly wailed, "Can't somebody get this junk out of here? Please!"

Other horses were almost giddy with excitement. Queenie picked up a tiara and a feather boa. She exclaimed, "At last, now I can BE ME and truly reign over the stable!"

I saw Laredo, with mischievous intent, hand Bo a bib. Dakota grabbed a brush out of the water trough and muttered, "Now if I only had a mirror!" The lovely Windwalker snagged two pairs of sneakers and appeared quite pleased with herself. The dear girl had pink Keds on her right legs and black Nikes on her left (talk about being off-balance!). Cinnamon was a startling sight with large, cobalt sunglasses (now he will never find his food dish).

Dizzy (a.k.a. Gorgeous Girl) had taken a Christmas tree skirt out of her hay rack and draped it over her neck like a scarf. No one said anything to her -- would you tell a robust, 1800 pound girl that her outfit was all wrong? Not me!

Irish galloped by holding something very small in her mouth. Curiosity aroused, I followed her to see what she had.....it was a toothbrush! Irish does have a lovely smile, which she frequently flashes at feeding time. No doubt she wished to practice good oral hygiene as well as preserve her beautiful smile.

Ah, yes, that was an exhilarating and most strange evening! After the wind died down and the rain stopped, the two-leggers came back out and took our finery away. Whisper was so relieved to have his pasture tidy again. Queenie, however, sulked (there is no other word for it) for days. She told anyone who would listen, "A tiara and a boa, is that so much for a girl to ask for?"

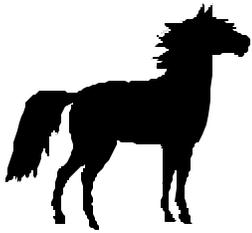
It's almost Tee-Time

By: Ambe Lewis



Calling all golfers...the second annual golf tournament to benefit the horses of The Horse Protection Society is being held at Sunset Hills Golf Course in Charlotte on June 28th. Enclosed in this month's newsletter is a special insert flyer with all the details. The tournament has a \$45 per person entry fee or \$180 per team, and will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. This is an important fundraiser for HPS. Our spring Yard sale came in about \$2,000 short of our anticipated goal and the Golf Tournament will be our only major fundraiser of the summer. If you don't golf please pass the insert along to a family member, friend, or co-worker who does.

Thank you helping support our rescued horses!



News From The Herd

Whisper & Chinook are being started on two more supplements to help with their COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). Pollen and mold season will bring on more difficulties for them.

Chinook has always been a picky eater and he had lost more weight than we were comfortable with. So he has had two vet visits. One vet visit to do a full blood work up, which showed a slight vitamin E and Selenium deficiency. The addition of this supplement did not seem to help, so we had him checked again and his teeth mechanically floated. We are now adding applesauce to his feed and this is helping to increase his appetite.

Teton acted as if he was starting with laminitis (beginning of founder). He was put on medication and is doing great.

Sky Ghost is finally gaining some weight, but will have to be watched closely. Wake County is going to check on what happened to her foal and let us know. Her milk is drying up, and the infection that showed up in her blood work has been treated. Hopefully she can now gain back her weight.

Desert Sand continues to be treated for the sand that was present in her digestive track. Her manure still shows a small amount of sand being removed from her system.

The Herd is doing well on the fresh cut hay, and we have had to cut back on many of the horses feed due to weight gain. Several horses had eye irritation from the pollen and are doing fine after treatment.

Raffle Winners Announced... By: Kathy Haw

We held our first annual raffle drawing at our May members meeting!! Sue Gripe from Graham, NC was our grand prize winner of a beautiful hand made quilt....CONGRATULATIONS to Sue and all of our drawing winners!

Thanks to all who purchased tickets...even though most of us did not walk away with one of the coveted prizes (especially the quilt!) we are all winners because the horses were the recipients of our ticket sales. The raffle sales totaled \$1095 and came at a time of year, winter, that is very difficult to scrape together enough funds to cover all of the essentials...so what a bonus this was! We look forward to even a more successful raffle next year!

A special thanks to Mary Kiwacka who spent long hours to create our beautiful grand prize quilt! Also many Thanks! to the businesses and members who donated items for our raffle.

Hoofbeats By: Roberta McCardle

As YumYum would say, "Yikes!" I had anticipated that a new President would write this column for June. We have not had any nominations for the office of President, however, so I am sort of filling the gap. This highlights a real need of HPS -- i.e. we **must** have more people getting involved in the Committees and the nuts & bolts work of the organization. We would love to enlarge the group of officers. The best way to learn more about the organization and to help make good things happen is to get involved with a committee. Each of us has different skills, abilities, and knowledge.....**there is a place for everyone**....you just need to come out and find your place. Some of our committees are quite small, like Fund Raising, and we would welcome new committee members with glad hearts. Even if you don't have a lot of time to spare, please consider helping to the extent that you can. It all is for the good of the horses. If our four footed friends could speak, they would say, "Thank you for caring about us enough to help!"

Here is a list of our lucky winners:

Sue Cripe ...our Grand Prize winner of the Quilt
 Barbara Moore
 Jeanne Campbell
 Brenda Adams
 Alice Best
 Amanda Strickland
 Diane Thomas
 Debbie Osbourne
 Mimi & Rob Hamilton
 JoAnn Burlison...
 this lucky person was selected twice!!
 Susan S. Ferguson
 Carol Bellinghausen
 Kathy Alexander
 Cathy Kress
 Sandra Quinn
 Shelia Clewis
 Elaine Towner
 Bill Allen
 Deanna Godfrey
 Frank Armstrong
 Libby Drye
 Pat Schaiffer
 Elizabeth Richardson
 Jimmy Henderson

Are you missing any clothes or cookware?

Did you leave anything at the ranch?....

We have a bag and box full. We have sweat-shirts, socks, a leather bomber jacket, a gray PGA jacket, shoes, sun glasses, etc. We have cookie sheets, storage boxes, 13 X 9 baking pans. Please claim them or they will be sold at the Fall yard sale.



Puppy Update By: Sue Wortman

We have 2 puppies left. They are 5 months old. Curly weighs 50 pounds and Moe weighs 55 pounds. They are currently up on their shots and have had their rabies vaccination. Several people are finding out about getting them neutered. Roberta McCardle has kindly offered to pay for having one of the boys neutered. Elizabeth is contacting Charlotte's spay/neuter clinic.

I have been working with the puppies and they are VERY socialized. With patience they will walk on a leash. They love to be brushed and touched all over. Several of us are hoping to get together to get notices put up in the area. If you have any suggestions where we can put these notices please contact Sue Wortman at 704-639-0647. They will make wonderful pets as well as guard dogs. They just need people who understand what Border Collies need (i.e. lots of activity and space to run). Keep your eyes and ears open for loving homes.



A HUGE woof woof thank you to Liz Bechinski and Natashia for taking Panda and working to find the puppies homes.

Moe (on the left) & Curly are looking for loving homes!

Each month devoted members feed, doctor, groom, pick up supplies, donate needed items, and hundreds of other tasks that have to be done to provide for your horses. If we tried to thank each one for all of the wonderful help provided the newsletter would contain nothing else but "thank you." When you have a chance to meet some of these giving folks, please tell them they are appreciated. May God bless them all!

Warm Weather Cometh...From Page 1

Many of the trees and bushes need to have dead wood trimmed out of them. There are scrub trees coming up that need to be removed. Care needs to be taken upon removal so the trees are not put where the horse can get to them since some are poisonous to them once they are cut and wilt.

Fence repair is an ongoing maintenance problem. The old wood fence in the front of Whisper and Night Mist's field needs to be removed and T- posts put in with new electric fence. Many of the areas need to have posts straightened and the wire checked, and weeds cut down that are close to the fence.

Please pick a job and come join in to help the horses. Thank you for caring.

Thank you to the following who made contributions to HPS this month:

- Earl Alexander
- Tina Barnett
- Shannon & Cale Bartshe
- Teresa & John Bonk
- Cathy & Paul Brown
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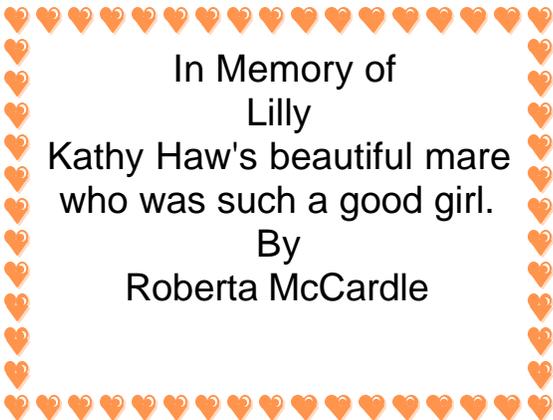
iGive.com By Cathy Brown

A while ago I found myself wondering how I could maximize contributions to The Horse Protection Society of NC without always asking good friends and supporters like you to dig deep into their pockets.

Then I discovered iGive.com and I knew I had found the answer. iGive.com is proof that the best things in life are FREE! Your donations to The Horse Protection Society of NC are free — up to 26% of any purchase you make at the over 400-store Mall at iGive.com will go to us, at no cost to you! Your membership is free — there's no charge for joining this caring community. Your involvement is virtually spam-free — that's how closely the iGive.com people guard your privacy. Your donations can even be tax-free. To become a philanthropic shopper, go online and visit www.igive.com/horseprotection to sign up for free. Don't forget to take advantage of the Mall's money-saving specials and exclusive deals. That way, whether you shop for everyday things like books, CDs, office supplies, toothpaste, or for special items like software or a computer, we'll all benefit. Thanks for your participation and continued support of helping us help the horses that have no voice.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to two families. Liz Bechinski helped with the lawn mowing and clean up before the yard sale, then she and Natashaia (her daughter) found a wonderful home for Panda. They have a large dog rescue and placement. Liz and Ron showed up with a reconditioned push mower and a large riding mower Ron had put in good running order. Besides presenting HPS with the mowers, they then preceded to mow the lawn. Both of our riding mowers were beyond repair and we were in desperate need!



In Memory of
Lilly
Kathy Haw's beautiful mare
who was such a good girl.
By
Roberta McCardle



In memory of
Ben Knox White
By
Carolyn & "Alex"
Alexander

- Jennifer Sweebe heard about the
- Surry Co rescue case and came to
- visit the sanctuary. We were at the
- end of the round bales of hay and
- it was going to be a while until first
- cutting. Jennifer's dad was kind
- enough to donate 11 large round
- bales of hay..... and then to top it
- off they hauled the hay hundreds of
- miles to the sanctuary.

Donation Form:

Your name: _____ Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No

Your phone number: _____ Whom do you wish to Honor: _____

Your e-mail: _____ Their e-mail: _____

_____ Their Address: _____

Your Message (for newsletter):

Any donation amount is appreciated: \$_____ Please make checks payable to **Horse Protection Society**.

For a \$25 or more donation the honored person can receive a year of "Over Herd."

Would you like the newsletter sent? Yes NO

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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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