

Over Herd

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SAVE THESE DATES:

**Farrier & Volunteer
Day:**

Saturday, June 9th

**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 ap-
preciated!**

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

hps@horseprotection.org

*****Also, The
Mane Event 2 is
June 2nd at
6pm at The
Speedway Club.**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Horses change lives.
They give our young
people confidence
and self esteem.
They provide peace
and tranquility to
troubled souls- they
give us hope!
~Toni Robinson

It's Finally Here: The Mane Event

You only have until May 31st to send in your reservation for The Mane Event. The Speedway Club has to have a count of the tickets sold by then. We are counting on each of you to make this a huge success. If you are running late, you can register with Pay-Pal on our web site: www.horseprotection.org. We also can take your credit card over the phone if you call the sanctuary: 704-855-2978.

How great is this: have a dinner out with dancing, have a chance for purchasing fabulous items and help the horses that need you so desperately. *Please* do not miss this chance to do so much good and have fun! We have worked hard for you so that **Continued on page 2...**

Chisholm's Trail of Pain

Chisholm had a home where he was loved. The owners did the best they could to care for him. They may not have been able to keep his vaccinations up-to-date or provide everything needed right on time, but they did care about him.

One day the feed room door was accidentally left unlatched and Chisholm had all day to help himself to feed. The owner felt he had finished off 20 **Continued on page 2...**



Emergency Call from a Vet

I had stopped by the vet office to pick up some meds for one of the horses. They were trying to get a vet out to see a horse that had been down in a field for two days. I had that funny feeling in the pit of my stomach that says, "Something is going to happen." I did not say anything and headed back to the sanctuary.

I had not been back at the ranch **Continued on page 3...**



Last Chance for Life



Five months ago a kind person took in a very skinny palomino who is about 21 years old. She would have been rated low 1 on the Henneke body scoring. Shortly after she first arrived, she developed severe diarrhea. The veterinarian was called many times, for blood tests, teeth

floating and exams to determine the cause of the diarrhea. The vet treated her for salmonella. The diarrhea returned and the poor girl was having a great deal of difficulty

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this will be an unforgettable time for all who can attend. Thank you for caring.

I wish you could see the items that we have been listing in the newsletter that will be available June 2nd. They will take your breath away and words do not do them justice. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Speedway Club.

Check out just a few of the 300 items you will see on the evening of June 2nd.

1. How about a full week at Cape Hatteras? This is a fabulous home with two master bedrooms and two additional bedrooms. Three and half baths and all the extras. Enjoy the sound side of the Cape. Right on the water.
2. Carina of Las Vegas Bag by Designer Betsey Jo Hanson in black with designer stitching, studding and pockets galore.
3. The Evening Out Belt' from Caring of Las Vegas by Designer Marshall Rousso made with silver and the best rhinestone crystals for that little black dress or just bling
4. 'Tiffany & Co.' Nature Daisy Pendant in Sterling Silver and 18K Gold, on 16" Chain
5. 'Silverado Doctor Bag' Pocketbook by Chloe in the finest leather
6. Genuine Sapphire and Diamond Bracelet with 18K Gold over Sterling Silver
7. 'Bath Garden' White Wall Cabinet with great accessories
8. Wooden Rocking Horse, Hand Crafter by AM (Authentic Models) This is a very special Limited Edition Reproduction
9. Foot Stool with Small Terrier Needle Point and Velvet Top
10. Garden Inspirations Mirror in Wrought Iron Winding Rose Pattern 'Shabby Chic'
11. Coach Leather Bag in Acorn Glove with outside pocket on Rear and Buckled Flap Pocket on the Front, inside Zippered Pocket
12. Sony Deluxe Hi8 Handycam Camcorder with 2.5" Swivel Screen -LCD Monitor - (keeps subjects in sight). 20x Optical & 900x digital zoom. Night Shot Plus recording captures in darkness. Plus Power Shot Camera Case
13. 30" Round Copper Fireplace, hinged door for ease of adding wood, 24" grate for grilling
14. TUMI' Signature 22" Frequent Flyer Roll on Luggage with great features

Did You Know...

Please be careful with your horses and the amount of grazing you allow. Make sure you provide good hay for them. There may be a hay shortage in some parts of the state if the drought continues. If you have a chance to buy your hay for the year, do it now. Remember hay should cure for two weeks after baling before it is fed to your horses.

Chisholm ...continued from page 1

to 30 pounds of feed. Chisholm was in a great deal of discomfort. He was treated like a colic horse. The vet did not have the medicine on hand to help limit the laminitis. HPS was called and we provided what was needed until the vet could order and receive the drug.

Days past and Chisholm worsened. His legs swelled, he was not moving around, his shoes needed to be removed, he dropped weight, and was in need of more care than the owners could provide.

The gal was seven months pregnant; the fellow had missed a great deal of work after an injury. Money was very tight and time was a problem for his care. They begged us to take him in so that he would be able to get everything he needed to help him recover.

Chisholm is just 16 years old and is supposed to be a Tennessee Walking Horse. (We will know more when his feet don't hurt and we can see him more.) He has a very pleasant personality and is easy to work with. His shoes have been removed and his hooves have been trimmed correctly for the founder condition to keep the coffin bone aligned properly. He is moving more comfortably and we expect a full recovery. He is being kept separated from the other horses for the time being until he is more comfortable. This also prevents additional stress, which he does not need. Digital radiographs may need to be done as the expenses continue to mount. A foundered horse needs to be trimmed about every two weeks to touch up the hooves and keep them correctly balanced.

Stop by to meet our newest arrival at the sanctuary. He loves visits and brushing. Chisholm will need Angel Sponsors to help with his expenses. Please consider aiding Chisholm or one of the many other horses at the sanctuary.

Emergency Call *...continued from page 1*

very long and a call came from one of the South Ridge vets. Of course, it concerned the horse that had been down in the field. It was in a huge field and the horse was by itself with no care. It had foundered on all the sugary grass. We also learned the field had been fertilized while the horse was in the field. The vet reported, "The owner could not afford the needed care of a foundered horse and was going to have her put to down. Could we take her at the sanctuary?"

I spoke with the owner and learned she had owned the horse for six years. Fire Dancer had never seen a vet, had vaccines, and she could not remember when she wormed her last... which may mean, never! We agreed to take her in and care for her. There were two more messages on the recorder concerning Fire Dancer from the owners of the property where the horse was located. They had been trying to get the owner to move the horse off the property for months.

We do not see overweight horses here at the sanctuary that often. This can present as many serious health issues as a thin horse. Insulin resistances, Cushing's and of course founder are the most serious. The vet had nipped off a little of the front hooves that were so extremely long that it added to her discomfort. The hooves had been wrapped in a way to support the coffin bone until she could be transported and trimmed.

Each hoof's white line had been stretched to two to three inches. The hooves were so long and indicative of years of lack of care and trimming. The first trimming was done very conservatively so she would not be uncomfortable. Once the digital radiographs were done, they showed an eighteen degree rotation in the right front and a seven to nine degree in the other three hooves. This horse has been suffering for longer than just this year. This degree of rotation may have taken several years to get this bad. Fire Dancer's second trim has been done and she is very comfortable now.

She is a beautiful horse with a sweet personality and only nine years old. We are not sure of the breeding, but she is a big girl weighing in at about 1250 pounds. It will take some time for her complete recovery. She will need careful management for the rest of her life. Fire Dancer's one blue eye will catch your heart and soul. Please become an Angel Sponsor for this lovely girl in need. Her recovery is up to us now.

Last Chance *...continued from page 1*

gaining weight. The veterinarian had mentioned the possibility of cancer. The owner was very frustrated and had given up hope of saving this horse. She had only gained to a low 2 on the body scoring.

I had talked to the owner several times and told her that if she tested negative for salmonella that we would take her in. Aspen arrived late in the day and was placed in the halfway house. The next day she was given a full round bale of hay under shelter. She was put on a high fat pelleted feed, soaked alfalfa, electrolytes, Red Cell, a small scoop of beet pulp (to slow the motility), MSM, probiotics to restore her gut flora, half cup of Aloe Vera juice for her ulcers, and an overripe banana to help with the diarrhea. Of course she gets all the fresh water she wants to drink. At first she did not think she wanted the small piece of banana I placed in her feed bucket. We will start her on antioxidants soon. A couple of squirts of molasses quickly changed her mind. Now Aspen happily eats her banana.

By day three Aspen's manure was starting to form more normal shapes. It was still soft, but if it never gets any firmer it will be of no consequence to her health. I believe over time it will be perfectly normal. One of her past problems was taking all day to eat her feed. This is a sign of ulcers when a horse is hungry and wants to eat, but eats so slowly. She is now eating at a normal rate.

Aspen will remain in the halfway house until she is stronger. At the present, she does not care she is by herself. She cares only for her feed and a visit for some soft rubbing. Aspen is a friendly, well-mannered horse. She has stolen everyone's heart already. I picture the beautiful fall yellow aspen leaves that you will see in clumps of trees in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. I was so pleased she liked that name the best on the list of names presented to her. It is going to be interesting to see what color she finally becomes as she recovers. Even with such a small weight gain, her coat is darkening. Her flaxen mane and tail will be fabulous with any body color. Aspen is not the heavy bone type, but even in her poor shape it is possible to see she had some good breeding behind her. We are praying for a full recovery of this lovely horse.



Helping an Owner

We receive so many calls at the sanctuary for help with a health issue and/or to take in horses. Most of the time the owner just wants to dump a horse that they do not want the responsibility of caring for. This was simply a call for help. I had spoken to this gal years ago because she once owned Wind Song. She was at wits end with a Missouri Fox Trotter. She spent huge amounts to try and solve lameness in one front hoof. The hoof was small and a little clubbed. I set an appointment for her to bring the horse when Gil Goodin would be at the sanctuary. Gil had not arrived yet, so I checked the horse over. I watched her move up and down the driveway and looked at each hoof. All of the frogs were badly split. The lame hoof's frog was infected. Gil watched her move, balanced her hooves, suggested boots until the hoof grows back to the correct size, the frog repaired itself and treatment for the infection. He told the owner to use the horse to help aid recovery. They happily loaded her back into the trailer and took her back home finally knowing what was wrong with her. They had spent over a \$1,000 in the last year with vets, x-rays, blocks and shoes. This horse did not belong at the sanctuary.

Frick & Frat Have Been Kidnapped

There is a wild mallard duck that has lived at the sanctuary for years. We used to have several domestic ducks that hung out with Duck. Over the years we lost them and for the last few years Duck has tried and tried to make friends with the two domestic geese. One of the geese is very mean to Duck.

One day while picking up a few supplies in China Grove at the feed store, I noticed some baby ducks. I made one of those snap decisions to purchase a couple of the little cuties: one black one and one yellow one. I was thinking they could be friends for Duck. We closed them up for a while to give them a chance to get a little larger before turning them out. We moved them to a space in the old barn to get used to a new area. Then after a few days I turned them loose. Frick and Frat just vanished. We searched and searched for them to no avail. I kept thinking they were around somewhere. Some thought the worst.

I also noticed that the three families of Canadian geese also had disappeared. The mystery was growing!

Our neighbor, Perry stopped by and asked if we were missing our new ducks. He informed us that the Canadian geese had kidnapped them. They had walked their babies and the ducks all the way to his ponds.

I had forgotten that Canadian geese are bad about stealing each other's babies. We have not decided what to do about Frick and Frat. We know they are safe for the time being with the geese, but we are concerned for when they leave with their grown goslings.

Reminder: If you have email access and would prefer/be willing to receive your Over Herd issues via email, PLEASE contact Shelly

Walsh at shellywalsh@bellsouth.net.

Emailing saves precious pennies for HPS!



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.

In memory of Bill Long of Monroe, NC. ~By Barbara V. Ackerman
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 In memory of Gail Gane, Horse Wrangler's Skipper. ~By Joan & Woodberry Bowen
 In honor of my father, Edgar W. Dunham, Jr., who introduced me to HPS, rode, owned and loved horses, and died February 14, 2007. ~By Patricia Scudder
 Daisy has honored the horses at HPS. Daisy lives with Brittney & Ed Liddie.
 Betty Lentz has been honored for Mother's Day and Memorial Day by her husband Floyd Lentz.

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 Your message for the newsletter:

**** Any donation is appreciated. Please make your check payable to Horse Protection Society.**

**** For a \$25 or more donation, the named person can receive "Over Herd" for 1 year.**

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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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