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The Once Beautiful Sonoma Returns

Sonoma was checked on less than a year ago and our Long Term Placement Coordinator made suggestions to help him gain weight. Well that did not happen! The farrier and veterinarian forms were sent and needed to be filled out and returned..... and *that* did not happen. I talked to the caregiver and suggested some different feed.... and *that* did not happen. The caregiver was supposed to arrange for Sonoma to be returned to the sanctuary and *that* did not happen. So we made arrangements to go pick him up and bring him back home.



The caregiver started to use a chain on him when Deborah intervened and put one of our soft leads with a normal clip under the chin on Sonoma's halter. He followed her onto the trailer with no issue or tugging or pulling. He stepped back once and then moved forward onto the trailer.

His name had been changed, but to us he will always be the great Sonoma and he remembers his name!

Sonoma is in worse shape than when we took him in in 2004 when he was 17 years old. Even his coat color is wrong from poor nutrition. It is becoming very difficult to trust anyone with one of these precious horses! This was his second home; his first home did fine with him.

We took some of the feed that he was being given to make a transition to what we feed. We made a fast transition! Doesn't anyone read the labels of the feed they are giving to their horses? What he was receiving was listed as a senior feed. (We would not consider feeding this product to any horse!) The feed's first ingredient was beet pulp, which can be as much as 15% sugar and is a GMO product, second was cane molasses, oh, goodie, more sugar, then soy bean hulls, another GMO product with little nutritional value and more starch/carbohydrates and it did not get any better as the list went on. We were told he was getting seven pounds of feed a day, which anyone could see was not near enough feed for him to maintain his weight. Older horses need a high quality feed packed with the correct nutrition and not full of sugar and fillers, which is then listed as fiber.

Sonoma's thyroid is the size of a plum and this is not good! We have him on internal iodine to help his thyroid repair and will be doing some testing to see how it is functioning. *(Continued on Page 2)*

Iredell County Horse



The Horse Protection Society has worked with Iredell County Animal Control for many years and always responds to their call to come pick up a horse. They try to find homes for the horses that are surrendered or seized, but they are not always successful. Then they call HPS. These are usually the worst starved horses that no one wants and are a little older. The picture was taken at Animal Control to show HPS the condition of the horse they wanted us to come and get.

Iredell County Animal Control picked up this nice gelding around the end of January. The owners were under investigation for equine abuse and they turned the horse over to Animal Control. The owner was charged with abuse.

This tall Saddlebred gelding has a nice demeanor and is a pretty chestnut color that should darken over time with good food. At the present time he is in the small front field with Pontiac and Natchez. The three boys are doing great together. Now that our new boy is getting the correct nutrition, he is gaining nicely. We can finally shed him out since his new summer coat is now growing in.

Kelly, one of our great young volunteers, presented the list of names that had been specially put together for him. He picked the name River. It is a great name for him. He has a narrow white blaze that looks like it meanders down the front of his face, much the way a river meanders through the countryside.

River is very thin and about a very low two on the Henneke Body Condition Scoring scale. He has an old injury on the upper part of one front leg resulting in a good bit of scar tissue above his knee. He has had numerous abscesses that have broken out through the hoof walls. The good news is that his hooves do not look like this has been caused by laminitis or founder.

Once he gains back his weight, River is going to be a beautiful horse that will go with his sweet personality.

Be an Angel and become an Angel Sponsor for this lovely chestnut horse.

The Once Beautiful Sonoma Returns *(Cont. from Front Page)*

Sonoma has developed a choking issue since he was away from HPS. Now his feed has to be soaking wet or he will choke. We will see if we can figure out what is causing this issue. His neck has several lumps in the spine area that were not present before and radiographs will need to be done.

Sonoma was a beautiful Thoroughbred that had a great sense of humor and loved to play. He was a well-trained, great ride. He is now 25 years old and we are praying we can restore him to full health and the happy horse he once was.

The name 'Sonoma' means 'Valley of the Moon' or 'Many Moons' With your continual aid to the horses, it will make it possible for Sonoma to have many more moons in his life.

Health Tips

There are so many health issues we should all be concerned about. There is our toxic food supply, pesticides killing off the bees that



are so needed to grow fruits and vegetables and the GM (Genetically Modified) products including corn, soy beans, canola oil and sugar from sugar beets.

There is fluoride in the water supply, toothpaste and mouthwash poisoning people. A huge amount of toxic chemicals is now in our water supply along with prescription drugs that people mis-

takenly flush down their toilets or drains. The soils in which our food grows have been debilitated of the important vitamins and minerals we need to stay healthy. The fertilizers that are used replace only what is needed to make the plant grow to look and smell like what we expect, but are deficient in what our bodies need for nutrition as well as the enzymes needed to digest the fruits and vegetables.

Each person needs to take responsibility for his or her own health and their families' health. What supplements are you taking to improve your health? Are you teaching your children and grandchildren to eat healthily or are you the parent that buys a 32 oz. Sun Drop for your 10 year old child, serving up a huge cup of poor health? Set a good example for your family and friends and help yourself as well as them avoid obesity and ill health in the future.

News from the Herd

It was wonderful to have a quiet month with no serious issues to deal with.

Salida had a gas colic that was quickly resolved by Dr. Sara Walker who has jointed Dr. Mary and Dr. Bob Gochnauer's practice.

Special Honors and Memorials

In honor of Erin Burris. By Marilyn & Edward Gideon, Jr.

A memorial has been made in the name of Arlene Kallio. By Denise Kallio

Tiffany, Thanks for all you do. Love your family

In memory of Charlie, the Swimmer's loving dog who would wag his whole body and ask for a treat, gone too soon. Love from Janet & Lou Elmo

In memory of my hero, Danny Fisher. Love always, Sandy

In memory of Danny Fisher. Sandy's husband. Sandy is a dedicated volunteer. By Habitat for Humanity of Rowan County ReStore

In loving memory of The Three Amigos: *Comanche (July 14, 2000) *Snickers (January 30, 2002) * Miss Angel LeHouef (August 19, 2003) Always Remembered, always Missed. Roberta

In memory of Susan Causey's mother Mabel Wray. By Rita & George Tucker

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Wow! What a great Tack & Treasure Sale!

A huge Horsey Thank you to all of the kind folks who provided the horse Tack and Treasures for the fundraiser! We have already started collecting for our next sale. When items are donated, we check them out and always keep any that we can use for the horses at the sanctuary. We collect tack and treasures anytime, so please keep your horses in mind. If you have items at any time during the year that we might use in our next fundraiser, please get in touch with us as we have room to store them.



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"Our horses are jumping for joy!" - Photo by Deborah Baker

Volunteers Susan Williams and Pam Chandler worked tirelessly cleaning and marking all the items. The gals also took saddles home to clean. Norma Miller and Deborah Baker also worked on saddles at home and this effort paid off with every saddle sold. Pam Currie took home and marked all of the jewelry. Lisa Asmo-Knowles packed her large Jeep full of horse blankets and sheets twice and took them to a laundry that she negotiated with to be washed and dried. We thank Dover Saddlery for their kind donation of 30 plus blankets. The Waxhaw Tack Exchange was very generous in sending two loads of items for the sale. A big 'thank you' to the other gals who stopped in to help with the cleaning and marking of items. There are too many to list everyone! So many stepped up to help make the sale a huge success!

The Saturday before the sale we had a wonderful group of women, several of whom brought their husbands, helping with the moving of all the items, tables and plywood that we needed for set up in the indoor arena. Pam Currie and her husband made two trips to their church to borrow more tables. Some of us spent the next week adding more last minute donations and rearranging until we were totally pleased with the set-up. Susan Williams arranged with a reporter from the Salisbury Post to come, take pictures and write an article about HPS and the sale. We made the front page! We know this brought many people to our sale.

The funds will be such a great help in supporting the 45 horses at the sanctuary! Summers are always difficult times to raise the needed monies to pay for everything the horses need. If this summer is like last summer, the proceeds from the sale will not cover all of the monthly deficits of expenses through the summer, but it will be a great help. Please keep your so deserving rescued horses in your thoughts and prayers. They need your help to recover and stay healthy. If you are not one already, please consider becoming an Angel Sponsor with a monthly donation of your choosing.

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Newsletter Notice

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Spring is here...