



Over Herd

SAVE THESE DATES:

Farrier & Volunteer Day:

Saturday, March 17th

We need all the hands we can get on these days. Please email HPS if you are able to attend for any length of time. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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

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Mark your calendars! The Mane Event 2 is coming in June.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves— strong, powerful, beautiful— and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence.

~Pam Brown

Owner to be Charged

On a Tuesday morning Lincoln County Animal Control called. They were going to get a search and seizure warrant for a horse they had checked on. Animal Control needed us to come pick up the horse. I told them HPS would be glad to help in anyway possible.

I immediately started down the list to find someone who could haul this poor horse. Once again, Wendy Daniel dropped everything to help haul a horse for us. Wendy headed north from her home near Waxhaw and I headed south to meet Wendy. All went well until MapQuest gave us the wrong road name. Wendy used her new cell phone with satellite directions, which sent us off in another direction. It took a couple of phone calls for us to meet up with Animal Control.



They went ahead to serve the warrant, and we pulled into the circle court to wait. Then one of the officers came around the side of the modular with a pathetically skinny horse. I was concerned about him making the trip to the sanctuary. Both Wendy and I were shocked to see his terrible condition. There was a bad odor coming from his face and pus running down his nose. The old halter had worn a hole in his face and rubbed off most of the hair on one side of his face.

We gently put on a new halter that would be low on his nose and not cause him any additional pain. He never looked back and got right into Wendy's trailer. She put some nice looking hay in for him to munch on the way to China Grove. He dove right into the hay.

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A Long Struggle

Many years ago, a horse was reported in bad condition. Upon checking the horse, it was very thin, had a bad area on a back leg that needed doctoring and there was no feed or hay for the horse. All she had was a very small fenced

area that was eaten down to nothing. The owners were not interested in anything I had to share with them about the care of their horse. We offered to take the horse to the sanctuary for care since they were not interested in changing her diet to something healthy. After I made several more visits after more reports of this poor skinny horse, the husband told me to leave and never come back or he would have me arrested for trespassing.

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WHAT IS CHOKE?

~By Deborah Baker

Choke is when something becomes lodged in a horse's esophagus. The tube between the horse's mouth and stomach becomes blocked and the horse cannot swallow.

It is caused when a horse attempts to swallow poorly chewed food or "gobbles" its food. Food matter becomes trapped in the gullet and the horse is not able to swallow though it can still breathe.

Signs of choke often include large amounts of slimy, green discharge with food particles coming from the nostrils or frothy white salivation from nose and mouth. The horse may stand still in his stall with his neck outstretched making repeated attempts to swallow. Other signs include coughing and blowing of feed and saliva. Signs of distress such as sweating or other colic like symptoms may occur. It may be possible to see or feel the obstruction near the gullet.

If choke occurs, remove all food. Many vets recommend offering the horse something to drink. Water may help to dislodge the food particle.

If the blockage continues, call a veterinarian immediately. A veterinarian can try to remove the blockage by administering a sedative or spasmolytic injection to relax the esophagus then lavage the obstruction to gently flush it out. This can be a long process and care is necessary to avoid damaging or rupturing the esophagus.

Complications such as pneumonia, ulcers, and repeat choke may occur as a result of the choke incident. During the choke the horse, risks breathing feed into his lungs, which can lead to pneumonia or infection.

Choke can be avoided by not feeding horses large chunks (over 1/2") of carrots and apples, soaking alfalfa cubes, or by placing softball sized rocks in his feed to slow him down while eating.

HPS gives a horse a 1/2 cup of Aloe Vera juice over their feed morning an evening after a choke incident. This is administered for about a week. Aloe Vera juice is very healing to the esophagus and may prevent additional problems from the choke. Your veterinarian will usually prescribes antibiotics for a week to ten days.

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The rain came and I followed Wendy back to the sanctuary. It was almost dark by the time we arrived at HPS. The safest place for the night was in the old barn. I threw down a huge pile of hay from the loft and he immediately stuck his head into it. Later when I checked on him, his head was still buried in the hay.

The next day was cold so we left him up in one of the stalls, with all the hay he could eat. Dr. Lisa Busko came to check him out and do a full blood panel. His blood work was what one would expect to see with a severely starved horse. He is only about 13 or 14 years old. While we were working with him, names were suggested. When "Justice" was mentioned, he perked up. I asked him if he like the name and he came right to me.

I cannot give all the terrible details since this may go to court. The owner has been charged.

Mary Cox trimmed his hooves on the following Saturday. It had to been done slowly to let him rest due to him being so weak.

We are hoping for a full recovery. Stop by and meet Justice so he can give you a nice horse kiss. He is very appreciative of all the attention and/ or maybe it is the good food.

Did You Know...

- A full grown horse that weighs about 1,000 pounds contains approximately 13.2 gallons of blood.
- Horses have about 175 bones in their body.
- A horse's hoof grows at a rate of about 1 cm per month.
- A horse's leg joints are not fully fused until around the age of 3 1/2.
- Most horse breeds have 18 ribs.
- The Arabian has 17 ribs.
- Most horses have 6 lumbar bones.
- The Arabian has 5 lumbar bones.
- Most horses have 18 tail vertebra.
- The Arabian has 16 tail vertebra.
- Horses can see in two directions at once.
- Horses can see everywhere, except directly in front or behind them.
- Horses make 8 basic sounds- snort, squeal, greeting nicker, courtship nicker, maternal nicker, neigh, roar, blow.

Have You Marked Your Calendar?

The Mane Event II will be here before you know it. This is a great time to start putting away some funds for the event so you will be able to have a winning bid on some of the gorgeous items that will be available. The following are just a few of the wonderful items that you will be able to bid on:

1. 'Antique' Black Onyx and Gold Pin,
 2. Fireside Box with Fireplace Gloves, Fire Starters, Matches, Chimney Cleaner, and Wooden Match Holder with Striker on the bottom
 3. Antique 'Bridle' Horse Pin (Rare),
 4. Pampered Pets Doggie Basket
 5. Antique Pickle Crock Seat with Storage inside,
 6. Hitching Post (with Horse Head)
 7. Rose Painted Wooden Storage Box with Felt Lining,
 - 8., Antique Sewing Machine Base Table,
 9. New Zealand round Wool Rug (Blue and Tan),
 10. Model 'T' Car Coin Bank with Key,
 11. 'Ambriz' Stained Glass Lamp with 444 Pieces of Stained Glass,
 12. 14K Pearl Necklace and Pearl Post earring.
- This is just a small sampling of the almost 300 items you will have to select from on **June 2nd** at the Speedway Club dinner, silent auction and live auction.

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I called animal control and the veterinarian. They called to check on the horse, but were of no aid to the poor girl. He told them that sweet feed was okay for her and that she did not need hay every day.

When I was near the area, I would drive by slowly to see if I could see the horse. Sometimes she looked as if she had put on a little weight and other times she just looked so skinny and poor.

I received an email about an old horse that needed a home... I had the feeling this was one I needed to get in touch with as quickly as possible. The horse had been offered free on a website and many people were responding. As soon as the owner told me the road where they lived, I was sure it was the mare I had worried about for years.

I made arrangements that day to pick her up. The owner had a great deal of difficulty catching her horse unless she was about to feed her. She is not nearly as old as the owner thought. She is only in her early 20's. Her back leg was still in bad shape with pus running down it. Dr. Lisa Busko helped clean the leg and did a blood panel. Nothing terrible was found on the blood panel except what we would expect to see with a starved horse. Her teeth had not been done in years. There were so many sharp points that she did not want to eat. Her teeth had to be taken care immediately. Upon completion of the dental care, she dove into her feed and soaked alfalfa that evening and she did not raise her head until her food buckets had been licked clean.

We had digital radiographs done of her leg, and we feel she can have a complete recovery. She must have thought the x-rays were a cure. She raced around her small area in her TWH gait showing off. The fact that we were laughing had a lot to do with her showing off. In just a few days, the leg is looking much better and seems to be healing. There is still a lot of fluid around the old wound. There has been some remodeling of the cannon bone and splint tip.

The name Miracle really fits this lovely girl. She may come and greet you upon entering her area. Or she may not..... Miracle has her favorite people. She is gaining more confidence everyday.

MEET MARILYN GILLIGAN

Every fourth Saturday, a very special angel comes to the sanctuary and volunteers her time and expertise to helping our dear four-legged ones. Her name is Marilyn Gilligan, and she has been trimming the horses' hooves faithfully for over a year now.

Without Marilyn and other volunteer farriers, HPS would not be able to pay the hoof care costs which would run around \$15,000 annually for all the horses at the sanctuary.

Here is a recent interview with Marilyn:

How did you become interested in horses? Interested I horses? I used to sleep in the fields with them. Ha! Ha! I was raised surrounded by horses in Chester County, Pa. The fox hunt often came right through our yard and I can't tell you how many times our dog went right through the windows to follow the hounds.

What inspired you to learn to trim hooves? My own horse was born premature and his hooves did not develop correctly. When I was shown "the way", I was committed to helping others.

How did you learn to trim? Many, many clinics, mostly with Nancy Filbert from the first graduating class of Strasser method. I also did one 5 day clinic with Dr Strasser in NJ.

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In honor of Joanne Johnson. ~By Suzanne & John Casey
In honor of Tiffany Ferebee. ~By Charlotte & Chris Ferebee
In honor of my dear friend Beth Phagan's birthday. ~By Spunky Dagenhart
In honor of David Speallman. ~By Amy & Dave Eplin
In honor of my husband's birthday, Ernie Lane. ~By Margaret Lane

In memory of our beloved friend, David McCary. ~By Marilyn & Harry Swimmer
In memory of David Griffin. ~By Sharon Barger
In memory of Angelia Griffin's husband David Griffin. ~By Joanie Benson
In memory of Jan Eutsler Smith. ~By Carol R. Neill

My friend, Nicky Turner is the most tender-hearted animal lover I know. Happy Birthday Nicky. ~By Pam Duncan

Kaylee Polk

What a wonderful surprise when I opened a letter from Dawn Criden and her six year old daughter, Kaylee Polk.

Dawn writes, "Just after Christmas, Kaylee had a wonderful idea to donate the money in her personal piggy bank for horses in need. She also wanted to ask for more donations from friends and family. Kaylee did the soliciting herself and added what she received to her money. We searched the Internet and found your website which felt like a perfect fit for what she was trying to do with her money for the 'horses.' We love animals very much and are previous horse owners."

Thank you Kaylee..... from all the horses. Your kind donation will help to care for the two new horses. Watch for updates in our newsletter that will be coming to you.

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How long have you been trimming? Since 2001, I think!

Where do you live and what areas do you work in NC & SC? I currently live in Columbia, SC and trim the entire state of SC, eastern NC, as well as the Southern Pines area and Charlotte. I also trim quite a bit in Georgia. I keep my own horses on a wonderful natural boarding farm right next to Lake Murray and I do many rehabs there. There is a pond in the field and my friend, Debbie takes the best care of them, working with each horse for the perfect diet for them and making sure they get their walks etcetera every day.

What's the best way for a potential client to contact you? The best way is by e-mail, zelbug@aol.com although my phone is 910-603-0411 Performance Barefoot. I prefer email, though.

Any other personal info you/d like to include: children, pets, etc? My daughter, 34, grew up riding and is contemplating switching careers to horse care. I have 3 horses, one EPSM horse (17.2 1800lb Hanoverian) who is my life!!!! One Hanoverian gelding given to me who had stifle issues although I fixed them, and one 10 year old quarter horse mare who foundered years ago and whose owners were going to put her down. I have had her for 3 months now and she is walking with me for 1 ½ hours now and is coming along great. She has such a large spirit. I am forever glad I did not turn my back on her. She teaches me the meaning of never quit. I am quite confident she will be perfectly fine within the year.

Reminder: If you have email access and would be willing to receive your Over Herd issues via email, PLEASE contact Shelly Walsh at shellywalsh@bellsouth.net.

Emailing saves precious pennies for HPS!



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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.

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