

Over Herd

A Message of Thanks from the President

"Hello feeders!" I don't know how many times the past several weeks I have started off an email that way. Our feeders have been bombarded with emails from me and I appreciate your patience, guidance, and cooperation. But most of all, I appreciate how much you all have not only helped me during my first month in office, but have also helped each other, which in turn has helped the horses even more. Never have I worked with such a wonderful group of volunteers. Helpers have shown up to help the main feeders, and the main feeders in turn have shown up to help the other main feeders and helpers. From 18 frigid degrees, snow, pouring rain, to strong winds —the volunteers always come to feed the horses morning and afternoon because that is what has to be done. Thank you.

Through all of the challenges and frustrations of horses who colic, sore eyes, broken fences, losing electricity in the old barn, wind knocking down a huge tree in the pasture, weeding out moldy hay, rescuing 10 baby chicks, there has remained an amazingly good attitude and humor amongst the feeders and volunteers. Thank you.

Every Saturday, the visitors to the sanctuary continue to make a difference. They scrub out and refill the water tubs, muck stalls, sweep out loose hay from the old barn, deliver filled feed buckets, then clean the feed buckets, check the fences, pet and brush the horses, and toss hay off of Flatbed Annie. The list of jobs completed each Saturday just goes on and on. Thank you.

Let's keep helping the horses, and helping each other help the horses. We are all so fortunate to have the opportunity to care for these wonderful creatures. Well done feeders and volunteers!

Cheers, Margaret Kennedy

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire. ~Sharon Ralls Lemon

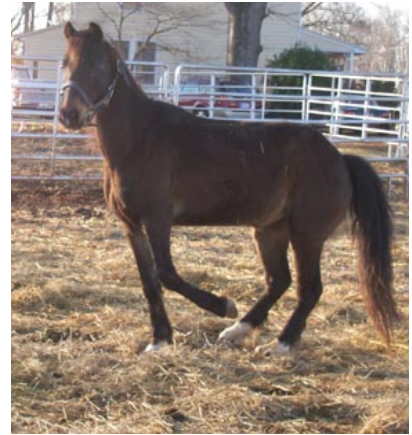
A Three-Legged Pony?

Tamara Eichorn needed her "three-legged" pony to come to HPS. She had been working with the little 15 year old Hackney Pony for some time after she had been rescued from one of the worst animal abusers I have ever known. He has been charged in the past and even gone to jail. This time he was charged on another offence that allowed his animals to be removed.

Tamara agreed to take our Fire Dancer to her stable in trade for HPS taking in Rose Bud. Fire Dancer is a foundered mare in need of attitude adjustment lessons. She has food issues and will kick if anyone is near her feed, even the feeder bringing the food. Tamara has done a wonderful job helping us with other difficult horses as well as getting horses under saddle.

The little black Hackney Pony had been involved in a horrific carriage accident. No one knows what really happened to Rose Bud. The little girl was left with one blinded eye and a shoulder she could not move. Her front leg was drawn up to her belly. There was no vet care provided for her at the time. This tough little creature had such a strong will to live that she learned to get around on three legs. I cannot imagine how she possibly could have survived!

Tamara provided wonderful care and did a great deal to help loosen the shoulder. The leg has dropped to about four inches from the ground. The knee is not extending correctly and is bent back. She has responded well to acupuncture, which has helped release the locked shoulder and muscles. We want Dr. Busko to continue with her treatments. Adequan, DMSO and MSM are all good for her. There is a large mass of scar tissue between her leg and body. Daily application of DMSO may help to reduce this mass and to loosen the leg tendons. It is not surprising that Rose Bud has trust issues. It is going to take careful handling to win her over. It is amazing how fast she can move on three legs.



Andalusian

Sometimes I sit in front of the computer and wonder how to tell the newest horse's story. Let me start by telling you the obvious. Shalimar is a breed not often seen, an Andalusian. She is a beautiful horse until you look at her front hooves. She was wearing shoes that had been put on backwards. The shoes have been removed and she will remain barefoot. The soles have dropped and are very thin based upon the radiographs we had done. The front hooves are deformed and it could take a long time to bring them back to normal. This has been going on for about five years.

As I have often said diet is so important. The stable where she was boarded feeds only sweet feed. Sugar is so bad for any horse. Some sweet feeds are 10% molasses. She was given a small amount three times a day. Her feed has been changed and needed supplements added. Our new big girl is overweight which is a big contributor to founder.

Shalimar also has large tumors under her tail and around her anus. We have not had her checked internally since the external tumors are so extensive. I put her on the same supplement we are using for Vaquero which is successfully shrinking his tumors. The results of the ACTH and IR test, (Cushing's and Insulin) are what I expected. The ACTH was in normal range and the insulin was high at 45 with normal ranging 10 to 40.

The owner had many years of enjoyment with his horse and he wanted what was best for her. Five years ...*con't on Page 2*



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**HORSE
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Keep Those Aluminum Beverage Cans Rolling! by Roberta McCardle

On a recent bright and breezy February day, Driver Tom and I cleaned out the aluminum beverage can collection area at the ranch. We loaded up Flatbed Annie and trundled off to the salvage yard. **Thanks to you** we had 184 pounds of aluminum cans and received \$92 for the ranch. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser. Get your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors involved. I keep a collection bag in the breakroom at work and my nice co-workers donate their cans to HPS. If you are part of an event, either at home or church or in the community, and pop is served, please think about collecting those cans! It's not big money but every bit helps and is much appreciated. **If our four-footed friends could talk, they'd say, "Thank you for caring about us enough to help!"**

We're having another "Projects Day" at HPS on Saturday, April 5th, beginning at 10am. The last one was such a success we are asking for your help to do it again!

Thank You

A huge "Thank You" to all of the kind folks who did such a wonderful job caring for the horses while I was out of town for a couple of weeks. They had to deal with two horses colicing, Amigo and Justice. Both recovered fully. The horses were eating some bark off of a few trees and I feel this may have been a contributing factor. The imported hay may be short of some minerals the horses need as well. Navajo injured his one good eye and had to stay in the barn. He was so unhappy that it created ulcers. He was starting to colic when I returned. We double fly masked him and turned him out. He is not healed completely, but doing well, with good care and South Ridges Vet's assistance.

Please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer some time each month to help with the horses feeding. You do not have to know anything about horses to start!

In Memory of Sundance Smidt: aka "The Perfect Horse" ~Judy & Ronald Smidt

Sundance Smidt went to her next life on February 9 2008; assisted by her vet Dr. Mary and her loving humans Ron & Judy Smidt. There is a story behind Sundance. She came to us as part of a package deal. Judy wanted to buy September, but said her best friend is Sundance, and we cannot buy September without Sundance. So as an accessory she came; soon she adopted Ron who had never rode or had interest in horses before.

She earned her first nickname as Perfect Horse because as little as Ron knew about horses, Sundance taught him, sometimes refusing his stupid requests. Over time she earned other nicknames: Sunny, Bunny, Sunny Jones, bunny algo.

Several years ago we were told that Sundance had navicular, a disease of the foot. This began another journey where horse and Ron learned the Strasser method of horse foot trimming. Soon Sundance looked like she had no pain and was able to play and run again. She was doing what she was supposed to, but then again she was perfect.

This past Christmas Sundance's eye began to run and swell. Within two weeks we knew something was very wrong. Dr. Mary and her dad, Dr. Bob took x-rays that showed that she had a fast growing tumor. She was beginning to have pain. No miracles for the perfect horse this time.

She is laid to rest at the side of one of our pastures where she can watch over her herd of JR, September, and Jethro.

Andalusian Con't from Page 1...ago he had terrible back problems and he had to stop riding and at the same time his employment took him to the NC coast. He felt the stable had always taken good care of his horse so he left her there. Life continues to change and it was past due to make a change for 20 year old Shalimar. The owner called HPS and at first I told him we were only taking in horses that were in extreme danger of dying. The more we visited the more I knew this horse needed us. It was not so much what he said as what he did not say. Then he made a financial offer that we could not refuse. After meeting her and realizing the full extent of her health issues, I knew coming to HPS was her chance to live. Say a prayer for this lovely girl. Please come meet her and fall in love! *Andalusian is a Spanish breed developed in 1476 by Cathusian monastery of Jerez de la Frontera. Shalimar is a beautiful example of this breed.*

~Thank you to those that have allowed us to email the newsletter. We have moved over 300 people to email! If there is anyone else that would enjoy receiving Over Herd via email, please let us know. This saves HPS precious pennies!

~There are many horses that are ready for their new home. Please spread the word to as many people as possible about HPS and the wonderful animals ready for new families. Check our updated website for photos and descriptions or better yet, come see them in person!



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God Saw You

~Unknown

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we could not bear to lose you,
We could not bid you to stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working feet were laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

*In memory of "Baby" and all
of the horses before him.*

By Amber Hozey

In honor of Sarah Edwards. ~By Chris Edwards

In honor of Allie Billings. ~By Tricia Johnson

In honor of my dear friend Beth Phagan's Birthday! ~By Spunky Dagenhart

In honor of Tiffany Ferebee. ~By Charlotte and Chris Ferebee

In honor of my wonderful husband's birthday. His name is Erie Lane. ~By Margaret Lane

In honor of Kay Coltrain's Birthday. ~By Barbara Lawther

In honor of my beautiful, sweet Bo's birthday. March 30th will be his 36th birthday. ~By Luann & Robert McCain

In honor of Joe and Tiffany Ferebee's 50th Wedding Anniversary. ~By Janet & Thomas Miller

In honor of Michael Pawlyk for Valentine's Day. ~By Elizabeth Richardson

Thank you to Linda Cole at Country Ride Saddlery of Mooresville, NC for my "Project Saddle." ~By Sandra Scott
Erin Brzezinski, age 8, in lieu of presents for her birthday took up a collection for the Horse Protection Society.

~Thank you Erin from the horses.

In memory of Diane Pajk. ~By Karen Gallop

In memory of Katherin Morton. ~By Jo Rowell

In memory of "Angels" Honey Bear and Gretchen. ~Love Annie Schoonover

In memory of "In The Mood" a Danish Warmblood. "Moody" lived in grace and died with dignity. My friend will be missed. (1975-2008) ~By Sue B. Taylor

The officers & members of HPS send their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lillus Kurland. Lillus left us March 3rd. Lillus has been a member and supporter of the rescued horses for many years. She was a caring person of God's creatures and will be sorely missed.

In memory of Jan Euslor Smith. ~By Jan Belo

In memory of Phoenix. ~By Tricia Johnson

In memory of Sonny, registered name "For The Roses." Age 26. Owner Melissa Randle Primm. ~By Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Perry Randle

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