

# Over Herd



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Project Day/  
Members Meeting

March 9, 2002

Come early, stay  
late, just come!!

Lunch and meeting  
at 12:30 PM

Please bring a cov-  
ered dish to share.

Lots of fun! Mark  
your calendar today!

## It's a Giant Dalmatian!

By: Joanie Benson

No that is Tonto. One of the prettiest leopard Appaloosas I have ever seen. Or I should say, when he gets up to weight he will be. Tonto is 20 years old and was in the care of an elderly lady when some people did not feel he was being fed enough. They made arrangements to take him to their property. This all took place two years ago. At the present time they had increased to 5 horses and 9 foals ranging in age from 7 to 9 months old. Tonto was in with the foals but as they grew, they began to pick on him. He is sporting many bites and kick marks and was too weak to stand up for himself. The owners contacted HPS to take the horse realizing he was in need of more than what they knew how to provide for him.



**Tonto is gaining weight and we pray for a return to full health.**

The present people told us he had gained a lot of weight since he had been with them. The long hair hides the spine sticking up 3 inches and the ribs are easily felt, can you.....see Dalmatian page 2

## Innocent Victims

By Kathy Haw

This is a story of a crazy owner, a couple of innocent horses and their guardian angels. Meet Mancha and Salida ...Mancha is a leopard Appaloosa and Salida a sorrel Quarter Horse. We've only learned of the horses two days before the title was transferred to HPS. The guardian angels from the Humane Society had been working to save them for almost a year. The poor condition of the horses could easily be seen from the road. Last April the property was in foreclosure, and the owner moved out. Several of the neighbors, more guardian angels, started providing fresh water, feed and hay for the horses. They are the first to say, " We are not horse people" but even they knew that throwing dog food to the horses every 5 or 6 days was not right ..... food that the owner's dogs and horses fought over. At one point he cut the horses off from their only water supply, a small yucky pond. Other folks, who knew about the situation, occasionally dropped off a bag of grain to help with the effort. Throughout the year the Humane Society repeatedly contacted the local Animal Control agency and the sheriff's office to get the horses some relief but nothing seemed to be happen-



**Salida which means "sunrise"**

ing Although, frustrated with the lack of action, they continued to care about the horses and then finally got a break of sorts. December 13, 2001 the foreclosure was finalized. Then another break came... they learned about the Horse Protection Society and immediately contacted Joanie. The bank was made aware of the horses and their situation. By default the bank was now the horses' owner since they had been left behind well over 30 days beyond the foreclosure. The bank made the smart decision to sign the horses over to HPS. The guardian angels were thrilled their relentless yearlong efforts had paid off!!

Now to get them moved from Lee County, half way across the state. Joanie knew the importance of getting them moved quickly as the crazy neighbor seemed to believe he still had some "ownership" of the horses. That's where I came into the picture...Joanie placed one of those calls to me that starts out "there are these two horses".....Well I agreed to help with moving the horses and was set to go ... unfortunately my truck wasn't quite as ready. I got as far as the sanctuary and knew I had a problem.....see Innocent Victims page 2

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believe they were riding him. He would rate about a 2 on the Henneck rating scale. His appetite is good, and he is feeling better after the first week of care. It is our understanding that he was only wormed with a daily wormer for 60 days during the two years. Tonto will have to remain in confinement until his worming program can be completed over the next 3 weeks. Two treatments of Safe Guard and then ivermectin wormer should clean him out of the parasites. At that point he will be able to go on a normal worming program and be able to be with another horse. We may put Meadow Flower in with him until he recovers enough to go in with the other horses.

Tonto is quite the attraction, and folks are vying to brush and care for him. How wonderful to see a new fellow get this kind of interest. I think we need to paint spots on some of the other horses! He has very advanced grease-heel or scratches in the pastern area that we are treating with good athlete foot spray and liquid. If left untreated this can even cause lameness. The wet times of the year will cause this condition to flourish. It is believed to be caused by a fungus.

Tonto was on a Bartlett Senior feed. I don't think you could feed enough of this to take care of the nutritional needs of a horse. The first listed ingredient was "Grain by Products." What is this?... ground up corn cobs??.... Oat hulls? The rest of the listed items did not sound much better. What are "Forage Products?" "Grain Products" were obvious what had been used in the feed, the very poorest whole oats! Why would anyone use whole oats in a senior feed? They are going to come right out the back end, which was exactly what was happening. I want the feed we use to read very differently than this. The manure from your horse should be inspected for proper digestion taking place. If you are finding undigested grain coming through your horse, you are throwing your money away. The horse is not getting any benefit from this. There are wonderful pelleted feeds on the market. It does not make sense to use sweet feed or products with whole grains. The information we have given the past owners should help them select better quality feed in the future for their horses and foals.

## Innocent Victims (continued from page 1)

verdict: hole in the power steering hose. Thanks to Gene's ingenuity he patched it well enough for me to get home but now it was a scramble to come up with "plan B" for picking up the horses. Who knows how many people Joanie called...all I know is that by 10:00 pm that night she had a truck and trailer lined up and we were set to head out by 9:00 AM the next morning. What a great support network HPS has...the truck and BRAND NEW trailer were wonderful (Thanks Brian and Tonya Kriminger, who had not even had a chance to use the trailer, yet!).



**Mancha whose name translates as "spot"**

Joanie and I arrived at the property without incident and because of the sensitivity of the situation we proceeded to notify the sheriff department of our intentions. All of us were a little nervous about the reaction of the sheriff's office but we were quickly relieved when the officer arrived, assessed the situation and with a few words of advice agreed to stay close by ....just incase. When we had first arrived one of the neighbors took us to meet the horses and the pair came over to us immediately. A testimony to the trust and respect they had developed for some of the guardian angels that had been providing them with feed and hay for many months. When it was time to go they let us put their halters on and headed out the pitiful pasture that they would never have to return to again. We were not sure what to expect when we asked them to load...turns out there was nothing to worry about! The horses acted like they loaded every other week...like pros. Mancha followed a bucket of feed right up into the trailer!! Then patiently waited to be secured. Salida waited outside wanting to get in the trailer NOW! With the horses tucked in we were ready to go. The guardian angels could not believe it was really happening. They gave us a send off that included a delicious chicken salad sandwich for the road! We had a nice quiet ride home. In fact at one of the gas stops Joanie did a head count to make sure they were still back there! Once at the ranch the horses were unloaded and put in the round pen where a fresh pile of hay immediately got their full attention. Soon new names to fit their new lives were being tossed out for a "horsy reaction" .....the horses do get a vote, you know!

It was a long day but who can complain, when you consider the guardian angels have had to persevere through so much in the last year to save this pair! I'm sure the horses would want a



*In memory of  
Tony Corriher's  
Grandmother....  
By Sue Wortman*

## Graze

Graze, my friend, graze  
In the greenest pastures  
Up above  
Graze, my friend, graze  
Taste the best grass  
On your tongue  
And drink, my friend, drink  
The clouds  
Graze, my friend, graze

*by Casey Doye 2/24/02  
11 years old*

## My St. Patrick's Day Surprise

by Miss Angel LeHouf (with a little help from Roberta McCardle)



It all began on a morning when I was quietly drowsing in my stall, lost in a reverie about the deliciousness of chopped alfalfa. I felt something on my back & quickly turned my head to see what it was. Imagine my surprise when I beheld a leprechaun, about 18 inches high, attempting to throw a saddle on me!

"Get that thing off me immediately!," I said in stentorian tones.

"Good morning, M'am. The top of the morning to you! Shamus O'Shaunessy, Scion of An Ancient Line, at your service. I'm just wanting a ride please & you look like a fine pony."

"Well, I am a very fine pony indeed but I'm a lady of mature years and I do not carry riders, period. I have arthritis."

"Ouch and begorra! Looks like I'll have to walk," said he. At that point I inquired why he was in need of transport and how he happened to come here. Wearing a green plaid vest and a saucy green hat, his appearance was quite dapper, not the usual ranch wear at all.

"I was on my way to my favorite restaurant in China Grove to have my yearly treat of corned beef and cabbage. When I passed your driveway, I heard someone calling, "Irish, Irish, come in!" Of course, I thought they were calling me. Then I saw you.....I just HAD to meet you. You remind me so much of the beautiful Irish fairy horses in the Old Country. Surely, you are an Irish lass?"

I seldom blush but that morning I did. "Yes, our name used to be "O'Hoof" before my Great-Grandad changed it to LeHouf."

"Holy St. Patrick! I knew it!" said the little green man. "Here, let me tuck this four leaf clover behind your lovely ear and then I'll be on my way."

"May I at least offer you some water to quench your thirst? It's still a few miles into the city," I noted.

"Never touch the stuff except to brush my teeth," said Shamus. "My brother was a real horseman but he fell to his end in a Clydesdale's water bucket. You never get over something like that. Come on, Fitzpatrick!"

And with that, a second leprechaun dug his way up out of my hay pile!! "Who are you and what are you doing in my hay?" I yelled.

He tipped his hat and said, "Fitzpatrick the valet, at your service, mum." The TWO leprechauns started to walk away and then in a few seconds, they were gone in a little puff of wind. NOTE: I will never again eat carrots, apples, green grapes, and alfalfa just before I go to bed. NOTE: I will always thump my hay pile when I first get up. NOTE: I will keep a keen eye on my water bucket in case it holds a drowning leprechaun. **HAPPY ST. PADDY'S DAY TO ALL!**

## HPS Needs List:



**Ivermectin Wormer:** we are able to purchase this expensive wormer for \$4.50 a tube. We need to purchase 30 tubes at a cost of \$135. Please help with this expense.

**Shredded Beet Pulp:** The horses need 3 to 4 bags a week at a cost of \$7.50 to \$8.50 for 40 pounds.

**Purina Strategy:** Angel needs to have this expensive feed. The little old girl eats 25 pounds every 5 days at a cost of \$8.00 to \$9.00 per bag.

**Supplements:** Most of the needed supplements can be purchased through HPS for a two for one price. This has been a wonderful savings. Please feel free to ask for your donation to help purchase the needed supplements that aid the horses. The list is long.....

### General Barn Needs:

4" x 4" by 10 foot long treated posts.

2" x 6" by 10 foot treated lumber.

We need the same size in untreated, used lumber is fine

Metal hay feeders (to hold the round bales and prevent waste of the hay)

Cut away Western Saddle Blankets

Long Western reins

Western Saddles

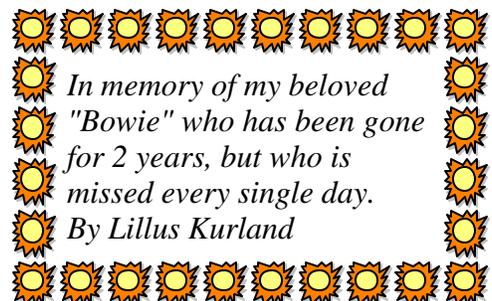
### Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

Stamps

Printer Ink Cartridges (Contact Ambe Lewis, Editor)

Computer Paper

3 Hole Sheet Protectors





# Hoofbeats

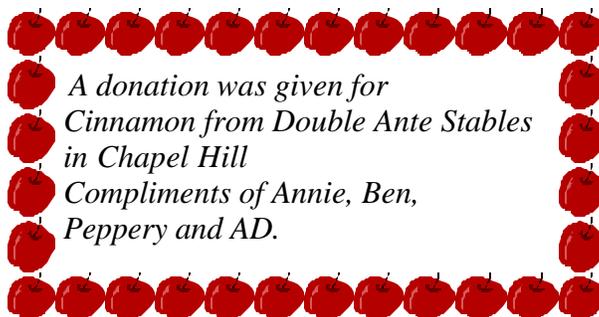
By Roberta McCardle

Do you know a golfer? We have just the thing for them -- a golf tournament on Saturday, May 18th! Gary Wortman and Walt Kincaid are coordinating this to benefit HPS. A big thanks to these nice fellows!! The tourney will take place at McCanless Golf Club in Salisbury. It will be a shotgun start (every team starting simultaneously on different holes) at 8:00 a.m. The \$35 entry fee will get you on a team; the play will be Captain's choice (all team members hit and then they pick the best shot to use, everybody then hits their next shot from this position). There will be prizes. We will also be selling mulligans (one extra shot on either the first nine or the back nine) as well as tee busters (switch to a different tee box on one hole). This is a wonderful fund raiser that a variety of people would enjoy..... so tell your friends, tell your relatives, tell your co-workers. Watch the next newsletter for more details!!

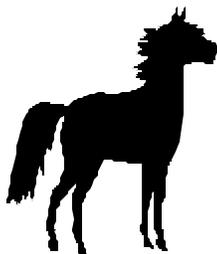



  
*In memory of Snickers*
  
*by Laura Knight,*
  
*"Thanks for all the hugs."*
  
*Love Laura*


  
*To Honor Laura Knight*
  
*By June and John Witherspoon*


  
*A donation was given for*
  
*Cinnamon from Double Ante Stables*
  
*in Chapel Hill*
  
*Compliments of Annie, Ben,*
  
*Peppery and AD.*

# News From the Herd



How wonderful it is when we have not a problem with one horse to report! The cold weather is causing a huge increase in hay consumption. The Pat Parelli training is going wonderfully and we can see a marked improvement in several of the horses. In another month we would like to start a second group of horses in the training. If you are sponsoring a horse or would like to become a TLC sponsor you may be able to join the training classes. Please notify us of the horse you would like to work with. Proposed horses for the next classes: Mancha, Salida, Moon Glow, Seneca, Irish, and Shadow, (if we have room to have him returned to the ranch). You do not have to be sponsoring one of these horses in order to learn the training; any horse is okay. Please say a prayer for the continued health of all the beloved horses!


  
**A heartfelt thanks to the monthly sponsors of horses at the**
  
**sanctuary. Their monthly donations are the only funding we**
  
**can count on. Some folks are able to come and visit their horse**
  
**others are as far away as Alaska and Kuwait. Please consider**
  
**becoming a TLC sponsor for only \$20 a month.**



**HPS T-Shirt & Polo Shirts are on sale now....order yours today.  
Deadline to order is April 15th**

**T-Shirts are \$11.00  
Polo's are \$18.00**

**Logo will be in white**

**Shirt colors available are:  
Gray Blue Maroon**

**Sizes available are:  
Small Medium Large X-Large**

Shirt Style:

\_\_\_\_\_ T Shirt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Polo Shirt

Color:

\_\_\_\_\_ Gray  
\_\_\_\_\_ Blue  
\_\_\_\_\_ Maroon

Size:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small  
\_\_\_\_\_ Medium  
\_\_\_\_\_ Large  
\_\_\_\_\_ X Large

Total Price enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**New TLC Sponsors:**

- ♥ Mal Peterson
- ♥ Teresa & John Bonk
- ♥ Michael McDaniel
- ♥ Dawn & Christine Francis
- ♥ Carol Murphy
- ♥ Misty & Gerry Radford

**New Members:**

- ♦ Vicki McGinnis
- ♦ Mary Myers
- ♦ Lillus Kurland
- ♦ LeighAnn & Paul McCollum
- ♦ Lisa Carver
- ♦ Charles L. Beck
- ♦ Heather Mbaye
- ♦ Holly & John Robins
- ♦ Heather Leonard
- ♦ Bruce Miller
- ♦ Denise & Scott Larson



- Anne Shrago
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- Lynn & Judd Emerson
- Marcia Geyer
- Sound Horse Organization
- Solid Surface Innovations
- Mrs. Robert O'Connor
- Pam & Tom Donley
- Holly & John Robins
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- Spunky Dagenhart
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- Joni & James Libert (Strategy for Angel)
- Sarah & Cynthia Dillon
- Marilyn Porter
- Roberta McCardle
- Kathie Wilson
- Berly Rehn

*Thank you for  
contributing to  
the health and  
well being of the  
residents in the  
month of  
February!*

**Donation Form:**

Your name:

Your phone number:

Your e-mail:

Is this for a memorial donation? Yes No

Whom do you wish to Honor:

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."

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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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