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Over Herd



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March 8th
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Lunch at 12:30 PM
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Join us for our new
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which will allow you
more hands on time
with the horses

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TEN Horses from Surry County

By: Joan Benson

Surry County Animal Control called and asked us to care for 10 horses and foals involved in a reported case they were handling. Bonnie Lentz, Elizabeth Mc (?) and Janie Smith helped pick up the horses. Two days later, Animal Control delivered the three babies to the sanctuary. Debbie Cort and Cathy Wray were at the sanctuary when we got word the babies were on the way to us. The gals put up a new T post fenced area behind the big barn in record time. Paul Brown did the wiring for the new electric fenced area while we strung the fence. Licorice, Peanut and Raisin have settled into their new home and stall very happily. Licorice is about 10 months old, Peanut is 6 months and Raisin is two years old. We call them the "Three Babies" since they are so small.



Licorice meets Sue Wortman while Peanut looks on

We cannot give a great deal of detail concerning the condition of the horses because this case will go to court. It was reported to us that one horse had died and another had a full term foal die. There is Mercy, who is due to foal at any moment. She is occupying the round pen. Charlie Adams and Terry ? added on to the stall there and doubled the size for her birthing area. Marty ? Charlie, John, Paul Brown and Terry have built a new two stall barn down in the lower field for two of the mares. Perry Morgan donated roof trusses for the building that saved us time and materials. Honey Bee is also due to foal soon. Clover is keeping her company and is just three years old. Charlie has come back evening after evening to work on the building so we can separate the two horses for feeding and also to work on Mercy's addition.

The half way house is the home of Sweetheart and Cutie. Very nice mares that quickly became quite friendly when they realized we are a steady food source. (see **Ten** on page 3)

Miracle Pups looking for homes!

By: Ambe Lewis



Our Christmas Eve miracle puppies will be ten weeks old on Tuesday, March 4th. It's hard to believe but the time has flown by and Tundra's babies are in need of new loving homes. Tundra is the large white Mamares that lives with and guards the horses, she came to us as a rescue at the age of 8 months. We were under the impression that Tundra had been spayed and were surprised to realize that she was about to increase the dog to horse ratio at the ranch. You can read about the puppies birth in the January newsletter.

It seems that Tundra was entertaining a handsome border collie who fathered the puppies. The puppies should grow up with wonderful livestock instincts. Mamares are livestock guard dogs and with the Border Collie herding abilities you could have a wonderful livestock dog. Please inquire at the ranch if you are interested in adopting one of Tundra's beautiful babies.

A Big THANKS to the "Independent Tribune!"

A big horsey thank you to the "Independent Tribune!" The Tribune has given HPS years of support and excellent coverage. We have been featured on the Pet Page, in interviews, and in photo spreads. Our work has been the subject of comment by the editors. We would like to publicly thank the Tribune for their caring attitude and the attention they are willing to give our four-footed friends. This is an organization with heart and we are most appreciative.

THANK YOU, TRIBUNE!

Runway Modeling

By: Shoshoni

(with a little help from Roberta McCardle)

The girls were just standing around the hay bale chatting one day about what a long, cold winter it has been. I was only half-listening. When I eat, I devote myself single-heartedly to the food, whatever it may be. All of a sudden, a thunderbolt struck me -- why didn't we have an event that would be both practical and fun to get us out of the winter doldrums? We could have a fashion show! HPS equine are a sociable bunch and always enjoy a get-together. We could scope out the warmest and most comfortable coats for winter attire and have a good time too! The girls agreed with alacrity.

"Summer, Moon, Queenie! You're responsible for the refreshments!" I shouted in my excitement, "Bo, you plan the music.....er, on second thought, get Windwalker to help you."

Windwalker snorted, "I'll only do that if I can model too. You ought to see my catwalk! This is not my first rodeo, you know!"

"Navajo, you're good at smoozing. Get on the phone and see if Belk's want to get in on this!" Navajo responded with a grin and a "yahoo!"

Over the next two weeks, there was a flurry of activity. When horses weren't eating or sleeping, they worked on the show. We planned to have it late in the evening, after She went to bed. Dakota (AKA the Big Guy) knows how to turn on the barn lights so we didn't have to worry about lighting.

Finally, the big day arrived and it was show time! The horses gathered in the barn and breathlessly awaited the first model. Firebreeze agreed to be the MC (he has a beautiful voice) and he slowly turned and said, "May we have the first horse please?"

All heads turned to the barn entrance, and with a leisurely pace, YumYum came into the spotlight.

"This handsome fellow is wearing a warm and thoroughly utilitarian coat," intoned Firebreeze. "Please note how the brown plaid artfully blends in with his less-than-perfectly-clean coat. A practical choice for any horse in the winter." There was a hum of approval from the herd as YumYum finished his stroll.

Windwalker was next and took control of the spotlight the second she entered the barn. She was wearing a rather loud, red floral coat, and walked with a high step. "Look at that bold hussy," whispered Mesa, "we used to have a swing like that on the back porch. She can't even walk right."

"Coats always look better on a tall horse," sniffed Teton the tall.

"Come on, guys! She's a Tennessean and their southern end always moves that way," noted Nightmist, "she's not doing that on purpose." THAT hushed the commentators and they turned their attention back to the runway.

Aztec was next and I must say, she looked lovely in her blue plaid coat with a matching tail bag. Just as I was thinking that it looked a tad long for her, her right rear hoof caught on the coat and there was a tearing sound.

"Oh no," wailed Navajo, "what will we tell Belk's?" The dear boy continued to whine and grind his teeth. He is a sweet horse & a sensitive soul; I knew he was deeply troubled by this unexpected turn of events.

"Don't worry, Nav," said Sundance, "we'll get Tundra to sneak in the house and get us some thread. We can fix this up in a jif. I used to sew in my younger days."

Nav shot her a look so full of gratitude and tenderness that it almost brought a tear to my eye. "Thank you, Sundance, you are a true friend," breathed Navajo, "I will never again accuse you of trying to steal my supper."

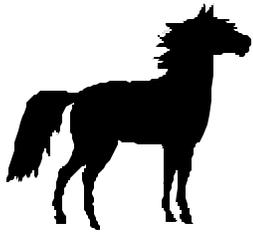
"Oh, Navajo," sighed Sundance, "I wouldn't go quite that far!"

Meet the Members...

Hi, my name is Kathy. I'm currently Vice President of HPS and also participate in the funding committee. I began volunteering with HPS when I read an article in our local paper involving a herd of neglected Saddlebred and decided that I could at least feed one night a week...well that case has long ago been resolved and three years later I'm still feeding! Although I have been around horses all of my life the horses that come to the ranch always have something new to teach you...sometimes its about a unique ailment or dealing with a quirky temperament or just witnessing the sheer willpower to survive. Seeing a severely abused horse recover is amazing and makes the effort all worthwhile.

I work full time and along with caring for my two horses I also have taken on an "extracurricular" HPS project by the name of Starburst. She is the smart, sweet horse pictured with me. Rescued by HPS she is a 6 year old, 14 hand quarter horse and is ready for a permanent home with an experienced rider who is looking for a small horse big on personality! When the time came to take this picture it unfortunately coincided with her Sunday afternoon nap so getting her to look alert was a job! Also unfortunately for ME she was fully recharged just in time for our training session later in the day! Anyway..come out to the ranch and experience the fun for yourself..you will not regret any amount of time you spend!





News From The Herd

Hay for the horses is still a problem. The quality is poor and it is in short supply. We have had to increase each horses pelleted feed to make up for the deficits in the hay. We had become very spoiled with the high quality hay Harold Speck has produced in the past and supplied to your horses. Pray for a good hay crop for Harold this year!

Dizzy's hooves continue to improve with each trimming. She has generated more interest than any horse that has ever been at the sanctuary. Everyone that meets her falls in love with her.

Raven's second blood test for her thyroid condition has come back showing we are giving her the correct dosage to aid her problem. She has not displayed any more symptoms of the Cushing's syndrome.

Queen and **Wrangler** are an item. Little does Wrangler know that when Queen becomes bored with him, she is going to take his head off!

Yum Yum's dosage of thyroid medication had to be raised slightly. He has returned to normal weight and is doing great. (We should have named him "Pig Pen.") There are some horse and ponies that will always find the very dirtiest spot to roll in. This is our Yum Yum.

Sun Dance is doing wonderful on her new diet, and the effects of the Ragwort poisoning are not at all noticeable. She has gained weight back and is eating more hay.

Hoofbeats *By: Roberta McCardle*

Spring is around the corner. Does everyone remember what that means? **It's almost time for the spring yardsale!** NOW is the time to clean out the garage, any closets etc. Donating items to the HPS yardsale helps us raise much-needed funds for the horses. It's also a tax deduction for you! It's a win-win situation. It is not too early to bring donated items out to the ranch; some thoughtful folks have already done so. If you do not have transportation for your donations, please contact either myself or VP Kathy Haw (phone numbers & e-mail addresses on page 6) to request transportation. Suggestion: If you're like me and have already pretty much donated your surplus stuff, **mention our yardsale and our need for donations to friends, family, co-workers, and to people in any organizations to which you belong.** My church very graciously permits me to have a notice in the bulletin and several people have donated items as a result. **The yardsale will be on Saturday, May 3rd.** We need everyone's help to support this fundraiser. This is one of our main fundraisers for the horses. If Navajo et al could speak, they would say, "Thank you for caring about us enough to help!"

Grooming needed more often! With the wet season upon us, all of the horses can benefit from grooming. Please come and lend a hand to help keep them clean. High rubber boots are the order of the day! After all this is the mud season. The horses are spending more time in their stalls and the big barn, and we need help to keep them cleaner. Please clean a stall or two first before grooming, if you are able to.



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It was new for them to have shelter, and during the recent snow they stayed warm and dry. Bonnie Lentz has agreed to care for the two stallions for short term. Haven and Spirit are doing great under her good care. We need longer term care for the boys. If you can take them in during the trial time, please let us know. They are easy to handle and friendly.

There is gentle training needed for the babies and grooming for all of the horses. Please come lend a hand with the horses. This wet weather has not helped our efforts to cure their rain rot. We are working our way through their medical needs of worming, rabies shots, vaccinations and Coggin's testing. We are in desperate need of orchard grass, timothy, or alfalfa hay for the bred mares. Please check with your local feed store and even a couple of bales would be a help, if you would purchase them for the horses. A bag or two of Alfalfa cubes would also be greatly appreciated. We are using 50 pounds a day at a cost of about \$10.00 a bag

Most folks do not realize that Animal Control in most counties is under funded. If HPS did not take in the horses they could not afford to care for the horses and bring charges against people. This is an important service we offer the counties of North Carolina. We have to rely on caring folks to support these worthy cases. We have had to purchase building materials, increase our feed order, and hay supply. The needed supplements are expensive! We have already had three vet visits and need medications for some of the horses. Two of the horses have to be on a medication that costs \$10.00 a day per horse.



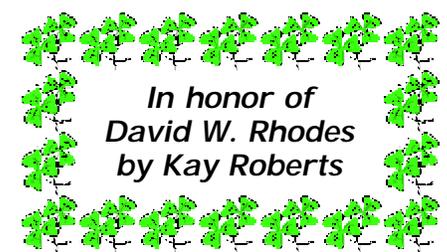
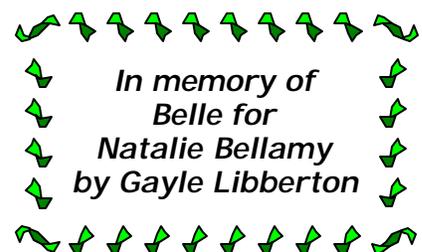
All of the horses are doing fine at the present time. We are praying for a full recovery of all 10 horses. **Clover is just settling in!**

The horses at the sanctuary would like to say, “Hay! Thank you and bless you.” For without you, there would be no “hay” or sanctuary for all of these wonderful horses. For so many it is their last chance for life. Your response to our winter fundraisers of HPS shirts, raffle tickets, donations, memberships, and renewals feels Heaven sent. May God be with you and bless your life.

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Congratulations to Casey!

We are pleased to report that Casey Doyle, a student at Lake Norman Charter School, is one of the top runners-up in the 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in North Carolina. Casey is being honored for her work with the Horse Protection Society. Casey will receive an engraved bronze Distinguished Finalist medallion to commemorate her achievement at a school-wide assembly in March. What a nice and well-deserved honor; we're proud of you, Casey!

HPS Needs List:

Time to get the garden ready for planting. **FREE COMPOST, YOU LOAD, NO LESS THAT A PICK-UP OR TRAILER LOAD.** Of course we would not turn down a donation.

Yard Sale Items NEEDED! We need your stuff! Please contribute! This is a very important fundraiser to help support the horses.

Horse Needs:

Purina Strategy, Golden Flax Seed, Red Cell,

General Barn Needs:

2"x 4" in any length, (enlarging the stall by the round pen and building the 2 stall barn has used up our supply.)

T-11 Siding, (we had to use particle board on the outside of the new 2 stall building. We use what we have.)

2"x 6"x10" treated lumber, (do you have any left over from a project last summer? We could use them!)

1"x 6"x about any length, & 1" x 4" x any length, (some treated, but mostly need untreated, can be rough cut.)

Metal 5 V galvanized roofing sheets, (any size and used is fine, also. We can patch and paint them.)

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

Cut away Western Saddle Blankets

Large gait hinges & stall hinges (strap hinges)

Hanging feed buckets (the new horses are not accustomed to eating grain and some will kick over their buckets.)

Lightweight old bathtub

Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

Stamps, Printer Ink Cartridges, (contact Ambe Lewis), **Printer paper, 1/2 inch black, gray, blue or green binders**

Members needed: Yes, the weather is not always pleasant, but your horses still need attention. Members are welcome at the sanctuary anytime you can come and lend a hand. Come and get some fresh air and hug a horse.

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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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