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# Over Herd

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**Mark your  
Calendars:**

**Members Meeting  
March 12th**

**Come early/stay late!  
Lots of projects.**

**Lunch/Meeting at Noon.  
Please bring a covered  
dish to share.**

## Welcome Fudge to the Sanctuary

A neighbor had known this little pony gelding for about two years. He was the granddaughter's first horse. The grandparents were never horse people or really learned how to take care for one. Then the Granddaughter got her own horse. They leased out the fields and stable to other horse people. The kind neighbor kept her horses on the property. She had taken on the responsibility to see that Fudge got wormed, trimmed and his 4 in 1 shots for the last couple of years. A month ago the neighbor noticed that Fudge had lost way too much weight. She took it upon herself to call a veterinarian to check him. His teeth were worn down to next to nothing and he had diarrhea. This fat little pony had turned into a bony skinny weak pony with a heart murmur. The owner's thought Fudge was eight years old when they got him. When in reality, he was more likely 18 years old. They had him for 10 years and never had any health issues with him. Now at 28 years old he was in terrible trouble.



*Fudge needs a sponsor!*

**Fudge does not look too bad until you run your hands over his long hair and you realize there is nothing there but skin and bones.**

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## Scary Perry

By Joan Benson

When there is what seems like an impossible task at the sanctuary, we go to Perry Morgan for advice, help and emergencies, too. There has been so many times that it is impossible to remember all of the times he has "saved the day." Sometimes Perry's methods of accomplishing the tasks makes me wish I had a cell phone in my hand to call 911..... just in case.

The last problem we presented to Perry was the moving of the huge tractor trailer that was donated to HPS and moved into the front field by Tom McCardle. The huge white metal monster really didn't make the best lawn ornament. (Even though Gene Cain put some white house paint on it.) The trailer has been wonderful to store collected items for the Yard Sale.

Perry's son Chris often gets recruited into one of our projects. Perry thought that Chris may be able to borrow a dolly for moving trailers from work. That did not work out. Perry and Chris bought an old truck that they needed the bed off of. Then Perry welded on one of those big round things that the trailer hooks into. Of course the truck did not run. So Perry and Chris showed up with the old truck, a tractor and a long chain. Watching them back the truck by pushing it with the tractor was an accomplishment in its self! After some work on the trailer to release the breaks, they hooked this long train of vehicles together, and turned everything around in the front field. Colleen, Deb and I just could not watch this. We were thinking of all the things that could go wrong. Perry and Chris move the trailer perfectly into Yum Yum's field placed exactly where we wanted it. The trailer just made it by inches under the low hanging limbs on an oak tree. Not one box of yard sale items tipped over. Then Perry returns with a ramp to go to the back of the trailer and places it perfectly for our use.

Thank you Perry and Chris for once again tackling an impossible task and pulling it off with out a hitch. (No pun intended.)

# Nurture Your Inner Pony!

By Snickerdoodle (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

One day as Nevada and I were gently chewing in the sun, I began to reflect on how some horses maintained their jaunty outlook while others did not. I decided to poll the herd. This is always most interesting! Here's the scoop....

ME: "So, Tacoma, how do you nurture your Inner Pony?"

TACOMA: "Babes, man -- it's all about the mares!" (Note: Tacoma is fairly young and only became a gelding last fall).

DAKOTA: "I fear I must disagree. It's about taking care of yourself, getting in out of bad weather, eating plenty of healthy treats, and last, but far from least, it's having admirers! It is so important to have humans who get anxious if you so much as cough. There are at least three to five people thinking about me most of the time. I love it!!"

ME: "Excuse me, Sunset, what's your take on this? How do you nurture your Inner Pony?"

SUNSET: "Swiping food from someone's else's dish. Wow, what a rush!"

DENALI: "No, no, it's making the Two-Leggers laugh. I love to make them slow down and pay attention to me. Why do you think I have such a repertoire of funny faces?"

IRISH: "I agree with Denali. The feeders watch my face to see what I'll do. That's power!"

ME: "Firebreeze, what do you say?"

FIREBREEZE: "It all comes down to garbage in, garbage out. You got to watch what you eat. A banana a day keeps my tummy feeling soooo good. Once I've had my banana, I am replete and happy."

YUMYUM: My Inner Pony is enhanced by alfalfa. Boy, is that stuff good! It tastes scrumptious and is also good for your coat as well as your mind. My bridge game has improved since I've been back on alfalfa."

MAJESTIC: "My Inner Pony has hung on through a lot. Right now I am nurtured by friendship, kindness, gentleness, regular eats, and that super-nice fella that does my hooves. Both of us (me and my Inner Pony) are just thankful to be here!"

*Happy Valentine's Day Betty  
By Floyd Lentz*

*In memory of Lorea Peterson,  
lover of all animals and my mother.*

*By Catherine Briggs*

*In honor of my dear friend Beth Phagan  
on her birthday, March 6!  
Happy Birthday  
from Spunky & Critters*

*For all the horses who have  
helped make my life happier.  
By Pat Cade*

## Spring Yard Sale Alert!!

Once again we need your unwanted items for the Spring Yard Sale. There is only two months to the big day and the Sale. We need everything you can think. Kids clothes sell very well and are always welcome. Adult clothes in very good condition and style will sell. Empty

your over stuffed closets, storage areas, garages and cabinets. Too much furniture... we will take it. Get organized and help the horses at the same time. Make your life simpler with less stuff to deal with. We have lots of space to store the items for the sale and some of us are trying to get started with the cleaning, sorting and marking of things. Deborah Baker is heading up the sale and needs help. If you can lend a hand with this very important fundraiser, please call Deb: 704-855-1267 or Joanie: 704-855-2978. Thank you for caring and helping to make this fundraiser a success.





*In memory of "Gatsby," one  
 of Spunky's Precious Boys.  
 Love always, Lillus*

*In honor of all horses that have not  
 found the love and care they deserve.  
 By Luann McCain*

*In honor of Joanie Benson  
 & thank you.  
 By Spunky Dagenhart*

*In Memory of Hazel Hamilton Daniels.  
 By Stitchin' Post Gifts*

## Food Lion Shop & Share

A big horsy "thank you" to all of the folks who sent in the Food Lion Shop & Share sheets with their Food Lion card number. It was wonderful to see the extra names of friends and family, too. When this program first started HPS was receiving approximately \$250 a quarter. The last check had dropped to \$73 since so many folks forgot to re-register their card numbers. Roberta McCardle has been wonderful in keeping the list of names and numbers that have been sent to HPS to make sure they are registered on time to get credit for HPS towards this program. \$250 does not sound like a lot of money, but we think in terms of what it could pay for: one weeks hay, wormer for the horses with \$100 left over, the supplements needed for the horses that month, part of the monthly feed bill and so many other items.

**Please keep those Shop & Share information sheets coming in.**



## Fudge...continued from page 1

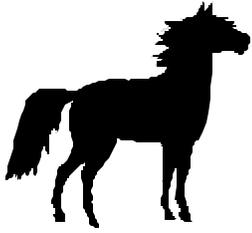
The neighbor changed his feed and tried to give him more care, but is gone on business too often to give him the attention that is needed. She knew Fudge was going to need more than she could provide for him and what the owners were willing to do for him. So HPS was contacted, and we agreed to take care of Fudge. His appetite is great and his energy level is improving already. Our hay is very leafy and Fudge is able to eat it, along with soaked alfalfa twice a day. He changed over easily to our high concentrated feed.

Naming him was more difficult than some of our horses. Colleen came up with a long list of sweet names for a pony. The favorite names for him were checked off and several folks asked him which name he wanted. The problem was that he came to all of the selected names. He was just so happy to have someone paying attention to him. Fudge was one of the members favorite names.... So "Fudge" it is!

Come hug this little black and white paint pony. Bring him a treat, and he will be your friend forever. Please consider becoming an Angel Sponsor for little Fudge.

*In memory of Gatsby Dagenhart.  
 The gentlest giant I've ever known,  
 and to honor Spunky Dagenhart's  
 newest equine angel.  
 By Jennifer Huffstickler*

*Memorial for my friend:  
 To Spunky, who has taught me so much  
 and Gatsby who loved my singing.  
 Here is to you Gatsby: ...."Oh when the  
 Saints go marching in, Oh when the  
 Saints go marching in....."*



## News From The Herd

**The Herd:** Has all had their rabies shots, and teeth checked. Out of the 34 horses, 27 horses need to have dental work. (I hate to think what this is going to cost.) March 4, at 10 o'clock we have scheduled the equine chiropractor to adjust 12 of the horses.

**Denali's** x-rays showed considerable rotation of the coffin bone and drop of the bone in the left hoof. The vet had not measured the rotation, but felt it was about 30 degrees in both hooves. Good nutrition, keep him moving, and continuing gentle trimming are a must for his recovery. Denali's hoof walls and soles are very thin. The hoof walls do not extend down enough to keep him from walling on the thin soles. In order to relieve the pressure on the soles, we have fashioned fancy slippers to give him more support. Thick Styrofoam was cut a little larger than the bottom of his hooves, and so were pieces of foam rubber. On top of this is a pad with sugardine on it. (Sugardine is a mixture of Betadine and sugar). This is to help heal his soles, pull out any infection and harden his thin soles. These pieces were placed on large plastic covered pads with duck tape on the bottom. Each is brought up around the hoof and secured with vet wrap and duck tape. As Denali walks on the pads of Styrofoam, they will compress in ways to give support where it is needed. They have to be changed every few days and then after a week left off for a few days. We moved Denali out of the field with the Rowdies and put him in the front field with the Majestic, Nevada and Snickerdoodles. Denali is much more relaxed with these horses and quickly made friends.

**Montana's** blood testing for Cushing's, insulin, and thyroid showed all normal levels. We have done all of the normal blood panels also. Nothing has shown up except slight anemia. Yet he just does not look or act healthy. We are going to put him on some additional supplements to see if that helps perk him up.



## Coyote and Maverick go to their new home

Young Rebecca cannot contain her excitement of finally having her very own sweet horse. All of the supplies have been purchased, feed and hay is on hand and transportation is arranged. Does anyone think Rebecca is going to sleep the night before? (I don't think so.) There are many of us that would have loved to be in Rebecca's shoes when we were that age. Coyote is a wonderful horse for Rebecca. Rebecca's parents fell in love with Teton and were willing to send him to Tamara for a last chance to resolve his problem. Tim and Gail did not care if they were told, "He will never be ride able." They wanted him anyway.

It is unusual for three horses to go to the same family, but how wonderful. Teton has been with Tamara Eichorn in Gold Hill for sometime as his problems with saddles are being resolved. Teton finally did the same thing he did with me when loosely saddled. He throws himself on the ground and shakes. That evening Tamara went to her computer and looked up "Girth Pain." Low and behold a worth of interesting studies show up that talks about chiropractic adjustments to solve the problem. Once again Karla Cristy was called in to perform the described manipulation. The problem does not show up with a normal back check for pain. The studies stated that as many as 80% of the horses may have "girth pain" in a more or lesser degree. Horses that are called "cold backed" fall within this area.

The next time Teton was saddled and ridden with no problem. Thank you Tamara for figuring out this perplexing problem with Teton. He will soon be joining Maverick and Coyote in their nice fields and barn.



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