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Over Herd

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Mark your Calendars:

March 11 Volunteer day

We hope to thoroughly clean some of the horses. There will be a **dental demonstration**, and we will need folks to help with the horses. This is a wonderful way to learn about horses teeth issues and dental problems. There will be a potluck lunch, come join-in and learn too.

March 18 Hoof Trimming

We need holders and folks to take notes. The potluck lunch is always fun. Please email Deborah if you plan on helping and the time you can come and when you need to leave. We are sometimes short for the afternoons shift to help. Tree has promised to bring some of her freeze dried hooves and bones to help folks understand the hoof mechanism.

Welcome Freedom and Liberty!



Come and meet Liberty!

HPS received a call from an attorney in Catawba County concerning two horses that had been shut-up in stalls for at least two years. Catawba County may bring charges against the owner. Since it may go to court I can't give you the full story that I have heard. This was right before the Mane Event and I was soooooo busy, and Joyce and Ted were here. Often Wendy can help us move horses since she is at home during the day. Wendy was able to find someone to go with her and off she went the next day to bring these guys in need back to the sanctuary. Animal Control had moved the horses to a different location the day before and the vet was called. Wendy was not prepared for what she saw when she arrived at the new locations to retrieve the horses. She was not sure they would be able to get on the trailer and make the ride to China Grove. They had the worst hooves she had ever seen and their body condition was poor. Carefully they were loaded and headed off. Both horses did fine on the ride here.

In all of my years of rescue, I have never seen such horrible hooves. There are no words to describe the horror of what we saw. Heels that had grown out to six and seven inches growing forward and curled under. Huge flares and rolls on the same hoof. Rot everywhere and the smell was terrible. We pray that this horrific neglect has not caused any permanent damage to the legs and tendons. Only time will tell how they will recover. It is going to take a long time to bring their hooves back to health. It was obvious that someone had done some poor trimming on just the toe area only.

We had the round pen ready for their arrival with lots of hay and fresh water. There are two stalls off the pen for shelter, but after being locked up for so long it became apparent that the stalls *See Welcome page 3*



Freedom is looking for a friend!

The Mane Event was a Success

If you were unable to attend **The Mane Event** you missed a great party! All we can say is watch for this fabulous event to return next year and get your tickets early! The food was good, the Catawba Country club could not have been nicer, the silent and live auctions both had wonderful buys, and a good time was had by all. Gayle Cannon worked so very hard to make this first event as much fun and successful as possible. Her committee did some special centerpieces and addressed 100's of invitations and the room was full. As the evening approached, we had to tell some people we were sold out. This event will add about \$17,000 to the New Barn account.

If you would like to help with next year's event, which we hope will be held in the Concord area, please call or email the sanctuary. **A big horsy thank you to Gayle and all her committee.**

Long Drive to Harnett County

This took longer than I like to get a horse out that is in trouble. The owner had called and said he could not care for the horse, it was thin, had not been wormed in over a year, could not catch the horses and no farrier work had been done in a very long time. He had the horse for 20 years and had been by its self for the whole time.

Mike and Doris Lane went to look at the horse to see how bad the horse's condition was and never got to see her. She was located back on a road in the country that has almost no traffic. The area was full of old cars and junk and buildings in disrepair. Mike was concerned about us gals going down there. We thought about having Harnett County Animal Control pick the horse up and then we would do the pick-up at their facility. I hated the idea of the horse being moved twice so February 28 Wendy and I headed off to pick up the horse. It was a long drive and we found the property with no problem. We had quite a nice surprise when we first saw her standing in a large old field. She is a pretty little girl and the owner remembered that she was part Quarter horse and something else. (maybe Morgan.)

Can you imagine this poor baby has been by herself for the last 20 years. This maybe the reason that she sometimes left the property and went down the road. Animal Control had been called in the past. The owner thought that she was five years old when he got her but she may have been older. I have not looked at her teeth yet. She is 13.3 hands and maybe 13.2 when her hooves are trimmed.

This owner truly loved this little horse and was very sad to let her go, but knew it was the best thing for her. It had gotten to the point where she would not let him catch her any longer. This had been going on for more than a year. It did not take long to get a halter on and with patience she loaded quickly into Wendy's nice trailer. The favorite name for her so far is "*Blackberry*." Please come welcome her to the sanctuary and become her Angel Sponsor.



Blackberry is looking for that special Angel Sponsor

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! By Deborah Baker

Ask any horse and he or she will tell you it's the MOST IMPORTANT JOB on the ranch: FEEDING. The horses eat twice a day. That's fourteen times a week but we currently only have 10 regular WEEKLY feeders and 8 other feeders. Clearly, this is not enough. Several of our weekly feeders come and feed 2, 3, or even 4 times a week! More committed volunteers are desperately needed in this area.

Our current volunteers are dedicated but stretched very thin. When a personal emergency occurs, someone gets sick, or someone has to work overtime at their job, other volunteers get stretched even thinner. Ten more volunteer feeders that could help 2 or 3 times a month would make a great difference.

When do we begin? Breakfast usually begins at 8 a.m. and medical needs are also taken care of at this time. Dinner begins at 4 p.m. We try to work in pairs and trainees are partnered with an experienced person.

Where is the greatest need? You can see the feeding schedule by visiting the HPS website or by contacting Roberta McCardle.

Have minimal horse experience? Many of our volunteers had never been around horses until coming to HPS. But feeding is a great way to learn about horses and how to care for them.

Thinking of getting a horse? Volunteering and working with the horses is a great way to get to know the horses and select one that is right for you and your family.

Ready to help? Contact Roberta McCardle, schedule coordinator, at mcmcardle@salisbury.net or Deborah Baker, president, at 704-798-6641 or de_bakre@yahoo.com.



YARD SALE ALERT!!!

We still need donated items for the spring yard sale which is scheduled for Saturday May 6th. The yard sale is one of our most beneficial fundraisers and last year raised almost \$6000. Proceeds went toward paying our vet costs, feed, hay, and other general operating expenses.

Yard sale donations are trickling in but there are only two months remaining until the big day. We need anything and everything. Children's clothes sell very well and are always welcome. Adult clothes in very good condition and in style will sell. Old computer equipment, appliances, decorative items, furniture, books, linens...we can sell them. Too much furniture...we'll take it. Get organized and help the horses at the same time. We have storage room for everything but furniture at this time. (We'll take furniture in April.)

We have started cleaning, sorting, and pricing things. Deborah Baker is heading up the sale again this year and needs your help. If you can lend a hand with this very important fundraiser, please call Deborah at H# 704-855-1267 or C# 704-798-6641 or Joanie Benson at 704-855-2978. Thank you for caring and making this fundraiser a success!

Welcome... from page 1

would not be used by these two except when no one was around. Very early in the mornings I would see them peeking out of the stall. I am sure they are afraid of being locked in again.



What you are seeing is the length of the untrimmed heels that have grown out so far that the horse is now walking on them. The pain must have been terrible.

It did not take long to name these two geldings. One is Freedom and the other is Liberty. Both like the first names we tried for them. We are not sure of the breed. The head looks like a Quarter Horse and the bodies are too poor to tell much from at this point. They are tall horses, 16 hands and 15.3 hands. One is about 15 years old and the other about 13 years old. Both are sorrel with white blazes and one has a front white stocking and darker tail.

Worming has been done and they are gaining weight. We will be moving them out of the round pen and in with Sky Ghost and friends, once they are stronger and moving around more.

Help yourself....Help the Horses!

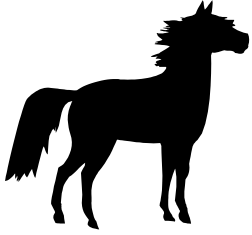
Help yourself to the chance to win one of the following great gift cards in our annual raffle. During this time of year funds are always tight and your raffle purchase is a lifesaver...quite literally. They are \$1 for one ticket...or \$5 for six tickets. We are happy to complete your raffle tickets for you, just send your name, address, and phone number in with your check! See, its easy to help the horses!

You could win:

- \$100 Target
- \$50 x2 Wal-Mart
- \$50 x2 Food Lion
- \$50 Home Depot
- \$25 Applebee's
- \$15 x 2 Blockbuster
- \$15 Starbucks

Help yourself to a new saddle pad, saddle or whatever strikes your fancy from catalog Country Supply (on line on www.horse.com). Participate in their "country care program "by entering our code, HPS. They will donate 5% of your purchase total to our organization! Wormers are not included in the program. When a \$50 amount is reach they will send us a check. See, another easy way to help the horses!

News From The Herd



All the horses are shedding out their winter coats way too early. When we get cold weather again we will have to watch them very carefully. This winter has been very strange and the bugs will be thick this spring unless we get a number of freezing days. We have already ordered our fly predators, and we have set the starting date for delivery earlier than usual. The changeable weather is very hard on the horses. They are hot wearing those fur coats when the weather is above 50 degrees. We have been giving small amounts of electrolytes so hopefully they will drink enough water and not colic.

Jingle Bells has had a bad nasal infraction that has been very difficult to get rid of. We had to isolate her so the other horses would not catch it. Spirit started with a runny nose and we got after it right away.

*Dear Christine,
Always keep up your love for the horses. They need people like you.
Love Karen Schuller*

*"She weeps too much."
By Catherine Bellamy
In honor of
Lisa Murray's Birthday*

*Cara Marshall collected donations
from students at
West Rowan High School.
Thank you Cara*

*In honor of Lisa Murray's Birthday
By Judy Robinson*

*A gift for Montana,
Lisa Murray's good friend.
By the Stitchin' Post Gifts*

*In honor of Lisa Murray's Birthday
By Deborah Taliaferro*

New York Times Newspaper Ad By Joan Benson

I usually answer emails very early in the morning and was surprised when I received a number of inquiries concerning a full-page ad in the New Your Times. The emails said they had gone to our web site and could not find any information about "stopping equine slaughter."

I thought I might know the web site they were looking for: www.horse-protection.org. The only difference is the hyphen. The web site is the National Horse Protection Coalition, which is a group of different animal groups that have come together to help stop equine slaughter in the United States. Answering the emails I explained that we are not allowed under federal law to do anything to effect legislation because of our 501(c)3 designation and did not place the ad.

There are several bills, one before the House and one before the Senate. Several emails expressed concern of the bills being buried in the Agricultural Committee again as has happened in the past. The Agricultural Committee is going to let the slaughter houses in the US remain open even after the overwhelming passing of a bill to stop paying for meat inspectors in the plants. The people emailing wanted to know who to contact so I sent them to: <https://secure2.convio.net/aspca/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=SplashPage&id=1795&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr008=zhakk0a5n1.app24b>

Then we got three donations on PayPal. Based upon where they came from, I felt they were also meant for NHPC. I contacted each person, and yes they were interested in helping to stop the slaughter of wild and domestic horse in the US. We forwarded a check for the funds to NHPC with the peoples' names and addresses. They also wanted the above information to contact their representatives knowing how very important this is to do. One kind person even mailed us a copy of the ad that was published in the Times, which confirmed our suspicions.



The following folks donated funds, attended and or bought auction items at The Mane Event. Thank you everyone for without you it would not have been possible to add to the needed funds to build the new barn. Construction should start this month, weather providing. Finally the fill and grading is done!

Carolyn Alexander
Sandra & Stanley Babinski
Kenneth Banner
Joan Baron, Gone to Ground
Patty & John Bauchman
Joan Benson
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Joy & Ressel Black
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Hosp.
Dale Wyatt
Kathy Yoder
Ginger Dindwyler

Happy Birthday to Betty
By Floyd Lentz

In honor of Lisa Murray's Birthday
By Debra Kerpsie

In honor of Lisa Murray's Birthday
By Jacqua Osting

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May God bless you for caring.

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Chris Pracht, Auctioneer
Gatza Marble, Bob Gatza
Regis Beauty Salon, Carolyn Cusick
History's Tavern, Chris Grant
Karen Cloninger
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Catawba Country Club, Ted Brewer
Bisanars Jewelry, Tim Cline
Ann Tryfry
Cedar Rock Golf Club, Vicki
Deborah Young Studio

*In honor of Daisy (Moncha).
We are enjoying her and she seems happy living
with our two minis and having her own stall.
The Hensley Family Clyde & Carrie.
The Liddie Family Brittney, Ed and Aidais*

*In memory of three lovable rabbits
who crossed over the rainbow bridge during
the past year:
"Isis," "Bangles," and "Grandy."
By Sara Lewis*

*For Daisy (formerly Moncha) and her new family.
I know she will never forget the kindness you have
shown her and neither will we.
Best Regards -Brittney & Daisy*

*Happy Birthday
to my dear friend Beth Phagan.
By Spunky Dagenhart*

*In loving Memory of Beth Phagan's
beloved cuddle kitty "Fluffy."
By Spunky Dagenhart*

*Spunky, you are the most caring,
thoughtful friend ever!
Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas. (Sorry late)
Love ya, Beth & Abby*

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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.

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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