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Perfect Day!

Sometimes in our lives we are lucky enough to have a “Perfect Day.” We had one of those on February 16th when we had the extreme pleasure of meeting Dr. John Parks II and Dr. Chelsey Miller whose area of interest includes equine ophthalmology. Dr. John owns *Iron Will Mobile Veterinary Service* operating out of Chapel Hill, NC (336-263-8127). Dr. John covers a large area of the Piedmont Triad and Research Triangle regions of North Carolina. He has a long list of credentials! http://www.ironwillvets.com/Iron_Will_Vets/Home.html



Earlier this year, Dr. John had emailed the sanctuary asking if there were any veterinarian services we could use because he and Dr. Chelsey wanted to donate a day of their time to help the rescued horses. What a God-sent opportunity! Dr. Parks told me he had been in business for several years and felt it was time to give back. This is the first time in all the long history of HPS that this has happened!

There is always a long list of elective items we would like to have done at the sanctuary. We try to work a few things in during the months when HPS does not have huge veterinarian bills from emergencies that you read about each month in the newsletter. Some months we just do not have the funds for elective veterinarian care for the horses.

There are many logistical things to do for a special day like this. Volunteers need to be recruited, a lunch menu needs to be planned, a list of each horse’s needs has to be created, notices must be placed on Facebook and our website advising that the sanctuary will be closed for the day, and a water bucket for each of the 42 horses has to be washed ahead of time. (Since the horses roam freely around the sanctuary, they drink out of the various water troughs. For an event like this, the horses are brought into individual stalls – and each must have a clean and full water bucket.) Everything was ready when the veterinarians arrived at 10:00 a.m. - thanks to the great folks here at the sanctuary.

We scheduled 12 of our most experienced volunteers to come for the day and care for the horses plus having one person on kitchen duty. We planned a pot-luck lunch that turned out great. The horses were brought in as usual for breakfast and water buckets were placed in each stall along with hay. The volunteers had already cleaned the stalls and barns, and more hay and water was refilled during the whole time the horses were up in their stalls. The stalls were continually kept clean. The folks took turns holding the horses and writing down important information on each horse as Drs. John and Chelsey worked their way through the herd checking vital signs, dental and temperature. 32 of the horses were due for a rabies vaccination and they were completed at a cost of the vaccination alone. That is a “Happy Dance.... Thank you God for the saving for HPS’s horse care costs.

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Larry Sprinkle Visits HPS



On February 6th, many of the HPS volunteers had a fun morning when local weatherman Larry Sprinkle visited from WCNC-TV. We have all seen Larry give us upcoming weather forecasts for many years. Larry is frequently involved with community work and is on the boards of directors of a number of charities.

He has also been the emcee at one of our Mane Events at the Speedway Club and did a great job! He is known as an animal advocate and contacted us because he wanted to do something to help promote HPS.

Our wonderful volunteers arrived early to make sure all the barns were clean and were able to give some of the horses a quick brush so they could look their best for the TV camera. Larry and his cameraman Dan were a delight and it was a nice chance to show them the wonderful horses we are so proud of. (All the horses were told to behave themselves and they did, of course.)

Spirit gave Larry and Dan a welcoming whinny, Waco kept pulling on Larry's jacket to get more attention, Kodak got jealous, Teton posed in his stall, while Midnight could have cared less and just kept on cribbing. Comanchero loved Larry. The very best was when Deborah saddled Maverick and Larry got a nice ride around the indoor arena. Maverick was the biggest ham of all and walked right up and looked into the camera lens. He was such a good horse, as he always is, and even though Larry was a novice rider, he did very well on our beloved Maverick.

Prior to the date, we had put out the call knowing that our great folks will show up to help out! It was a beautiful sunny day, and we could not have asked for better weather. A lot of the mud was drying up and we had been working on putting down gravel in the worst mud areas so the horses would have better footing. This is an ongoing yearly chore and we are always looking for new ways to promote better runoff and less mud. Despite our recent wet weather, the sanctuary looked great thanks to the ongoing efforts of each of the volunteers who help at the sanctuary. They are the very BEST!

We are always happy to have new volunteers, so get involved! Best of all, you don't have to know anything about equines to start. The horses – and experienced volunteers – will teach you what you need to know.

Thank you Larry Sprinkle for caring about the rescued horses and for all the good work you do. It was wonderful having you visit the sanctuary!

News from the Herd

In the October 2012 issue of *Over Herd*, we reported that **Zuni** had a surgery in September to remove a cancerous eye. Dr. Mary Gochnauer told us that if we could go eight to nine months without a recurrence, it would indicate that we had gotten all the cancer out. It was a very difficult surgery and the cancer was widespread in that eye socket.

At the beginning of February 2013, the cancer showed up again in the closed socket. It presented with a small tumor at the outside corner and a larger swelling under the skin on the inside corner. Dr. Mary recommended an intralesional (injectable) chemotherapy of 5-FL fluorouracil. Zuni will have four treatments to kill the squamous cell carcinoma tumors that are very fast growing. A week after the first treatment the tumors that had started to erupt through the skin are healed over and reduced in size.

Please say a prayer for this lovely mare! If you can help with the cost of her treatments, it would be greatly appreciated!

Wind Dancer had a bad impaction colic while she was being treated for EPM. It took a good five days of careful care and three veterinarian visits to turn things around and get her eating normally again -- at a cost of over \$1,000. Intravenous fluids had to be administered, but she was such a good patient! We stopped the EPM treatment during this time so we will have to start over, including ordering more medication. The treatment now comes in pill form rather than a paste which will make it easier on both the horse and the person administering the meds.

Cree had an Insulin/Glucose test and the results showed an elevated level. More testing will need to be done.

Perfect Day! (Cont'd from Front Page)

I was very impressed with Dr. Parks' and Dr. Miller's knowledge base and how gently they asked the horses for their cooperation. Six of the older horses were checked for cataracts and several small ones were found. Recommendations were made for several of the other horses with eye issues. They found that Spirit had tiny eye lashes rubbing his eye and causing continual on and off eye issues. He will have to go to a surgical hospital to have the problem resolved.

None of us knew how the horses would behave being kept up all day. We felt it would be better to keep all of the horses up the whole time rather than turn out the ones that had been completed. If some of the horses were turned out, it could have caused the others still in stalls to become restless and want to be turned out, too. It was a bit of a surprise when all of the horses remained quiet and happy for the whole day.

The sad news is we could not get through the entire list of needs. The good news is Drs. John and Chelsey are planning on coming back to the sanctuary the first weekend in March! We will be able to do the needed digital radiographs and ultrasounds then. This will take only a couple of volunteers to bring in one horse at a time from the fields and clean hooves. We suspect issues but only these procedures will show what is really taking place in the horses.

We will update you when we have more information.

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Special Honors and Memorials

In honor of my mom's, Betty Lentz, birthday.

By Kim Clark

In honor of Ann Seagle's Birthday,

By Tiffany Ferebee

In honor of my wife's birthday, January 24th.

By Floyd Lentz

Diamond B Saddle 4-H Club made a very generous donation to the rescued horses.

Thank you so much gals.

A donation has been made in memory of Robin White's beloved horse, Buster G. Brown.

By Marilyn and Harry Swimmer

In memory of the sweetest horse, " Flint."

By Troy, Luke and Jane Fitch

Happy Birthday to Ann Seagle, Glenda Thompson and Tiffany Ferebee.

By Benjy Seagle

In memory of my friend Nancy Rutherford's horse, " Chance."

By Gayle Libberton

In memory of Allen Wolf.

By Alston Wolf

Do you have some time to help?

Our major fundraiser of the year will be here soon! The Horse Protection Society will host its annual Tack Sale and Much More in early spring, and we need lots and lots of help! And lots and lots of nice things to sell!

We have several dates currently scheduled for going through some of the items we have that need to be cleaned, sorted and priced.

These dates are: Sunday, February 24th, Saturday, March 9th and Saturday March 30th. The time will be from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm each date. Please mark your calendars with the dates and times. Thank you!

Location: HPS sanctuary, 2135 Miller Road, China Grove, NC 28023

Please call or email Jane Fitch - 704-564-9797 or DrJFitch@carolina.rr.com for more information.

We will need ongoing help up to and including the days of the sale. If you have a little bit of time or a lot of time, this is a great way to help the worthy cause for our precious horses. Please consider helping us in any way you can!

Horsey Hugs!



Sale price reduced from \$15.00

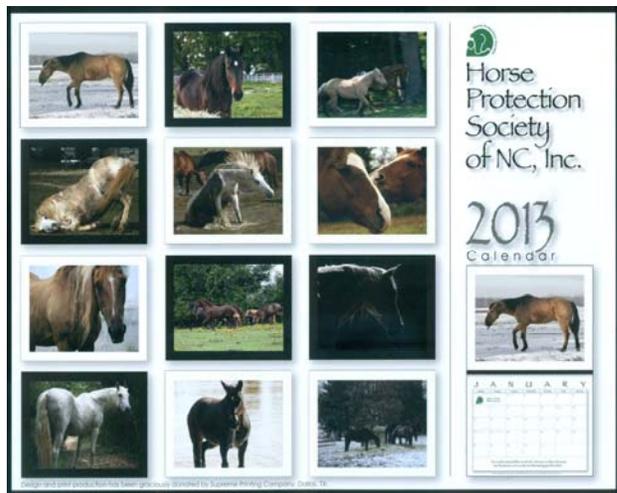
now only \$10.00

This is the only winter fundraiser we were able to do to aid the rescued horses.

The printer kindly sent us more calendars than we expected.

Beautiful HPS calendars

The Horse Protection Society is offering a 2013 calendar featuring pictures of the rescued horses. Place your order now since we have a limited number available. The cost per calendar is only \$10.00 each and we will be happy to mail it to you for only a \$1.00 each. The calendars will be delivered to HPS or to you directly.



2013 Order Form

Number of Calendars _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Mailing Costs : Number of Calendars: _____ X \$ 1.00 = _____

I will pick up my calendars at HPS: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

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Name: _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Would you like the above recipient to receive "Over Herd" - Yes No

Your message for the newsletter:

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Mail completed form to:

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April Newsletter Notice

Anyone who would like to have an Honor or Memorial placed for April newsletter needs to have the information to HPS by March 20th. We have to close the information for the newsletter by that date in order to have it to the printer in time for delivery the first of April.

Spring is near...