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OVER HERD

Red Alert for Veterinarian Needs

Here is an update on the funds needed for the elective veterinarian care:

Chuckles and Chiclet's gelding: Collected **\$530.00** and needed \$550.00 (HPS can make up the difference and pray there are no complications.) This will be so good for the babies and then they can be out with the other horses.

Rabies vaccination: Collected **\$405.00** and needed **\$540.00**. Remember we have two more horses now.

EPM testing: Collected **\$335.00** and needed **\$1,368.00** this gives us 24% of the needed amount.

EPM treatment: Collected \$350.00 and needed **\$1200.00** to **\$2,000.00**. We are so close to being able to treat two horses for this dreadful disease.

I am delighted that we can get the colts gelded. We almost have enough to have all the Rabies vaccines done.

Your love and caring for the horses is so heartwarming.

Thank you!!!

Please aid the horses with the elective vet care that still needs to be financed.

Nova aka Zuni

A devoted member and officer spent many enjoyable years at the sanctuary. She had five years of riding lessons, but realized there was so much more to having a horse in her life and the responsibility for all the care.

When you spend time at the sanctuary there is often a horse you will build a special relationship with. Zuni left us with her new best friend about 15 years ago. Sometimes horses' names are changed when they leave us. Her name was changed to Nova, which means: "a star showing a sudden large increase in brightness." This was a good name for her since she changed and you could say, brightened after being at the sanctuary for a time.

Nova was boarded close to her person's home and never wanted for anything regardless of what was happening in her person's life, but now things have caused Nova's person to have to return her to the sanctuary. This is one of the hardest thing Nova's person has ever had to do in her life. Nova is now 25 years old and may never be able to have another home. It is okay if she lives out her life with us. She will always be safe here and never end up on a slaughter truck to Canada or Mexico. There is always hope that someone will realize what a wonderful horse Nova is.

There will be a time of adjustment since all the barns are new and the old buildings are gone. We now have the wonderful covered hay feeders.

The first day Nova spent the day and night in the hospital stall so she could get acquainted with some of the other horses over the stall walls.

The next morning Tess walked Nova around the property while the other horses were still up in their stalls. Nova wandered through the barns and seemed to like Flame. Sometimes we have to change the stall for a horse until we find just the right one they will be happy in. Nova is happy next to a couple of good looking geldings, one on either side of her. Freedom is on one side and Bandlerero on the other side. This often helps the new horse to develop a friendship with a horse during feeding time.

Nova will be added to the list of horses to have an EPM test. Please help with this important elective testing for the horses. Any size donation is needed to reach our goal to have the horses tested for EPM. You can help to save a horse's life. *Thank you for caring!*



Honors and Memorials

My sincere apology for not getting the following Honors and Memorials listed in the Newsletter last month. The notes were sent to the designated folks on time.

In memory of my husband, Jerry Caldwell's Birthday, December 30th. By Imogene Caldwell

In honor of my mother, Betty Lentz. By Kim Clark

Mountainview's Manhattan Viscount (Red), you will always be my most precious. By Lisa Jordan-Pearce

In honor of Harry & Marilyn Swimmer. By Diane & John Kibler

In honor of Kim Clark who loves and is a protector of animals. By Betty Lentz.

In honor of Betty, Merry Christmas. By Floyd Lentz

In memory of "Warrior." I still miss him so! By Rita Tucker

In honor of my wife, Alice Bischoff. This was her wish at Christmas. Merry Christmas. By Robert Bischoff

In honor of Joanne Johnson and her pets. By Suzanne and John Casey

In memory of "Admiral." By Mary Myers

In memory of Lily, a sweet canine companion to Sarah Kennard. By Ann Harrison

Your "special group is priceless!" By Barbara & Frank Freer

In memory of John Robert Higgins, Father of Lisa Higgins. By Stewart Glen

February's Honors and Memorials

In honor of all HPS volunteers, past and present. And in memory of "Denali," a big sweet horse at HPS that was special to me. By Dottie Rebhan

In memory of "Bittersweet" owned and loved by Susan Friedman and Diana Jones. By Glenda Thompson

Mika Ryan has been honored by Patrick Ryan.

In loving memory of "Easter," our exceptional barn cat. By Kathy & Tony Bell

In honor of my best friend's birthday, Vicki Troutman and in memory of her beloved horses, Skye, Maggie, Prince and Lady. By Mary Tucker

Waco Returns

One never knows what life has in store for us. Waco was placed in a wonderful home for a granddaughter to enjoy. She took a tumble off once and that was it. She lost interest in Waco. Then to make matters worse, Waco's caregiver had to have surgery. Recovery was very slow. HPS could at least help by taking Waco back to lighten the care load by at least one less equine.

Waco will be put back under saddle again and he may have a new home already. He was always such a good boy! His best horsey friends are still here and we expect that he will settle back in quickly. Waco is one of the happiest horses I have ever known. Not much phases him.

Waco came to HPS in October 2011. I have seen horses kept in bad situations, but Waco's was one of the worst. This poor boy had been dumped in a heavily wooded area about a mile off the road and left there for ten years, until we rescued him. And he had survived on his own with almost no human contact. There was no fencing and no fresh water. There was a small run-off pond back in the woods. The only small open area was covered in broken glass and dangerous trash. Waco was smart enough to not enter that area. He had not been provided any hay or feed during his 10 years of isolation. Waco's body condition was better than one would have expected having been deserted by his owner. There was a large crop of acorns that fall and we only assume he had been surviving eating them. During the 1930's depression, some people collected acorns to feed their livestock. *(cont. on Page 4)*

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What is a Dun colored Horse?

People are often confused between the colors dun and buckskin in horses. Both dun and buckskin can be a golden colored body with a black mane, tail and legs. The body color can range from a light, creamy tan to a deep, rich gold. Both of them stem from a different dilution gene on a bay animal, so it's easy to see the confusion. A bay has black mane and tail and on the legs.

Legend has it that the dun horses are actually tougher than the rest of the horses. This may be because most breeds of ancient origin have dun characteristics.

Dun colored horses get their color from the dun dilution gene. This gene affects bays as well as chestnut (red dun) and black based horses. There is one very simple way to tell the difference right away, and that is the dorsal stripe...all dun animals display a stripe down the center of their back from mane to tail. If they've got it, they are dun, in most cases. The body color is always diluted. Often a dun colored horse will have dark stripes on their legs or other parts of their body. Some breeds do not have the dun gene like Arabians and Thoroughbreds.

Just when you thought you could spot a dun.... The dorsal striping does not guarantee the horse carries the dun gene. A countershading gene can also produce faint dorsal striping, even in breeds such as the Arabian horse or the Thoroughbred, where the dun gene is not known to be carried in the gene pool.

Nova is a bay colored horse, yet has a faint dorsal strip. She is not a dun. Cayenne and Topaz are red duns with no black points. In the summer months you can see the horizontal primitive stripes at the top of Cayenne's legs. These two are true dun colored horses.

A true buckskin will always have dark or black mane, tail and black points on its legs, but no dorsal stripe.

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Waco Returns (cont. from Page 2)

Bringing a horse into a new place is stressful. I have never seen a horse respond as Waco did. For 16 years he had not been with another horse. Waco was beside himself with joy to see and hear the whinnies of other horses when he first arrived at the sanctuary. Kit Carson was in rehab and Waco joined him. He smelled Kit Carson all over his body and wanted to stand with his body touching Kit Carson's body. He kept making soft squealing sounds. Once he joined the herd, he wanted to introduce himself to every horse and be their friend.

Waco needed a good detox after living on acorns. He had never had any real training, but was a quick learner and loved the attention.

Waco will be added to the list of horses for the EPM testing and a rabies vaccination. All donations towards these important veterinarian needs is so needed.

You are always welcome to come on a Saturday afternoon between 1:00 to 4:00 pm to meet Waco and some of the other horses. It is a good thing to see where your donations are being spent. Just make sure to wear old shoes or boots. The horses love the attention. (Just please don't bring treats for the horses.... You are welcome to bring treats for the volunteers.)

