



The Search for a Livestock Guard Dog

Since we lost Turk over a year ago, I have been searching for a livestock guard dog (LGD). Finding a good LGD is not easy. Too many dog rescues want the dogs obedience trained and living in the house, thereby, destroying their natural instincts. After a suspected rabid raccoon incident on the property, it was past due time to find a livestock guard dog to protect the sanctuary.



Rosie

Before Turk, we had Maremma Sheepdogs, and they were terrific! After researching current Maremma Sheepdog puppy prices, I was shocked to see prices from \$2,000.00 to almost \$4,000.00. However, I found one older couple that raises Maremmas, with prices n much less than most of the rescues. They sent pictures of an adorable 12-week old little girl and a 1 1/2 year old beautiful young lady. The two have been raised with sheep.



Frosty

ROAD TRIP! By Joyce Darling

When Ms. Joanie asked me if I wanted to go on a road trip, I said, "Sure, where are we going?" She said Oklahoma. I was a little surprised; she wasn't joking. She had found two Maremma puppies to protect the horses at HPS. So, the planning began.

At first, I thought Ms. Joanie was going to be going with me. She laughed and said she wouldn't be going, but Lillian said she would go with me. The original plan was to leave early Friday morning on February 11th. If anyone was watching the weather, there was no way it would have been safe traveling to Oklahoma. We decided to wait and leave on Friday the 19th. It took a little more planning to ensure our shifts were covered (thank you to everyone that covered for us) and the weather would be safe.

On Friday 19th Lillian and I met at HPS. We packed the car with our travel bags and things we thought we would need for the puppies and head out. It was 1:30 p.m. when we finally began our adventure to bring our new additions back to their new home at HPS. We drove four and half hours, then stopped for dinner, and gas. After we completed all of our tasks, we started back on the road. We drove another four hours and forty-five minutes before



View from the Motel in Jackson, TN

we found a place to stay. We stopped in Jackson, TN. There was a lot of snow leftover from the two snowstorms that hit that area. The first stop was at a Holiday Inn Express, but they didn't have any rooms available, so we drove a few exits down from there and found a place to stay. The gentleman checking us in said he had been there since Tuesday due to the weather, and finally was going home in the **morning**. On our first day, we traveled 553 miles, the roads were clear, and the weather was nice. We had seen water running off the rocks, gorgeous mountain landscapes, and frozen rivers and lakes alongside Interstate 40.

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On Saturday 20th Lillian and I woke up at 6:30 a.m. and started our day. We stopped to get gas and something to eat before we were back on the road. Lillian drove 376.4 miles from Jackson, TN, to Fort Smith, AR, where we stopped to get gas, and food. We continued 70.3 miles to Talihina, OK. Mr. Griffin met us at the end of the road **because the GPS wasn't able to find the address. When we pulled up, Mrs. Griffin and all the Maremma dogs were there to greet us.** The dogs were so calm and friendly and loved saying hello. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin invited us into their home, where we talked about sharing the word God and being blessed. After two hours, they gave some Christian literature and loaded up the two delightful addition to HPS. Rosie, the bigger puppy, didn't want to go, but we finally got her in the car, and I drove 446.7 miles back to Jackson, TN.

On Sunday 21st, We found a hotel in Jackson, TN, to stay. The two puppies struggle going up to the hotel room, but we were able to get them in the room and get a few hours of sleep. We woke up when we heard Rosie peeing on the floor. Lillian took the puppy out, and then we decided to get ready and head home. We stopped for gas and breakfast, stopped at a rest stop, and stop for gas one more time before driving the rest of the way to HPS. We arrived at 6:00 p.m. and introduced the puppies to their new home.

Lillian and I traveled 2165 miles in 52 ½ hours. Our time was filled with great conversations, laughter, and God's love. We were so blessed to be able to bring such sweet puppies to be apart of HPS



View in Arkansas



View from the puppies' home in Oklahoma



Frosty & Rosie on their way to HPS



The two were good travelers

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Each year the most monumental accomplishment is providing all of the horses' needs. Once again, we ask for your loving devotion to the challenges we face. Each project's funding will be listed in our Newsletter each month. We will detail how much has been collected to date for each project.

Propane generators: \$18,500. Funding provided -\$11,200. **Balance: \$7,300.** \$ _____

The smaller size generator has been ordered and will be scheduled for insulation soon. HPS still needs additional funding for the second generator.

EPM Treatment: \$2,400. Funding provided \$1,100. **Balance: \$1,300.** \$ _____

(See page six for the test numbers of each horse)

Dental Care: \$3,300. Funding provided -\$300.00. **Balance: \$3,000.** \$ _____

General Needs: Cost per horse averages **\$350 to \$450** per month. \$ _____

HPS provides the highest quality care for each horse.

Thank you for fully funding the following needs! February 11th, the herd was tested for EPM. See the article for full results. All the rescued horses received their Rabies vaccine the same day.

Equimax Wormer: \$390.00. Your donation: \$390.00. Fully Funded - Ordered

Rabies vaccine: \$585.00. Your donation: \$585.00. Fully Funded – Nov. 11. Given

EPM Testing: \$960.00. Funding provided \$960.00. Fully Funded – Nov. 11. Tested

40 to 50 horsepower tractor: \$20,000. Your donation: \$20,000. Fully Funded

HPS is on the search for the perfect 40 plus horsepower tractor.

Rain Rot

What a cold rainy winter this has been! The horses' long winter coat can get matted and hold moisture next to the skin. It creates a perfect environment for a bacterium infection. An indication that your horse may be getting rain rot, often called rain scald, is the presence of fine grey dander when you brush its coat. Rain scald appears as scurfy patches on a horse's or pony's back, shoulders, and haunches. The hair may be 'staring' or matted in small areas. The hair grows through the patches first, and the scald may not be apparent until you feel the rises on the skin. Pull away the hair, and the scurf will lift. The skin beneath will appear raw and oozing if left untreated, and an infection can set in.

Gently brush away and clip loose and long hair. (Sterilize your scissors, brushes or clippers before and after use.) Wash the affected areas with a mild antiseptic like betadine soap. Apply a topical such as a zinc oxide cream or antiseptic ointment. During treatment, the horse will have to be kept in dry, clean conditions. It could take several weeks for the skin to heal.



Any brushes or equipment used on a horse with rain scald should be sterilized before used on another horse. It may be easier to keep a separate set of brushes for each horse being treated to prevent cross-contamination.

You may have to wait to ride or drive your horse as putting a saddle or harness over the top of broken skin will be uncomfortable and in some cases quite painful for your horse.

Reference Katherine Blocksdor, **Rain Scald or Rain Rot on Horses**

Baby was covered with rain rot. She lost most of her hair on her body.

Scratches

Scratches in horses is a common form of dermatitis that impacts your horse's heels and pasterns. This condition can become quite painful for him and may be hard to find due to the nature of your horse having large amounts of hair in these areas on the lower legs.

Scratches is most often found in horses who spend large amounts of time in wet or damp areas. This condition results in bacteria and fungi getting into your **horse's skin causing pain and irritation. Your horse may present with scabs, gray lumpy areas, cracks, irritation, redness, itchiness, and sensitivity.** Other names for the condition are mud fever and greasy heel.

The treatment depends on the severity of the infection. Veterinary care may be required if the condition is difficult to eradicate or if infection sets in. It is important to keep up with his hygiene and health to avoid this issue. The easiest way to prevent the infection is to try and clean **the lower portion of the horses' legs every time they get muddy, which** in this weather, maybe every day.



We are excited that so many of the needs have been fulfilled. Even thou, the first two months of this year have had its challenges. All of us were shocked at the high scores for the test results for EPM (Equine Protozoal Myeloencephalitis) in the horses. Several folks have suggested that we hold off treating the horses until we have the test results back on the three horses that just finished their EPM treatments. You can view all of the horses on our Facebook page, just scroll down to all the horses' pictures. We have not collected enough funds to treat all of the horses. Please pick a horse to sponsor for the treatment.

Thank you for all of your kindness and caring.

In memory of Sundance, who lived to be 36 years old. By Patty Miller

In memory of our daughter, Kristen Hinds. By Barbara & Mark Hinds

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NEWS FROM THE HERD

My heart is heavy! Every horse has tested positive with high numbers and will need to be treated for \$100.00 each. We ask you to pick your favorite beauty and sponsor the treatment. We are short \$**1,300.00** to treat all of the horses. The number 64 is the highest with 2 being the lowest and negative. There are three different protozoal being tested.

Aslan-being treated, **Chicklet**, 64-64-64, **Chief**, 64, 64, 64, **Chuckles**, 64-64- 64, **Cruiser**, 32-8-16, **Dusty**, 64-64-64, **Ebony Star**, 64-64-64, **Flame**, 64-16-8, **Freedom**, 16-32-8, **Gallant**, being treated, **Ginger**, 64-32-32, **Gypsy**, 16-8-16, **Heavenly**, 32-8-8, **Honey**, 32-32-32, **Meeka**, being treated. **Nova**, 32-64-32, **Peaches**, 32-32-32, **Pecos**, 64-32-32, **Red Sky**, 32-32-32, **Santana**, 64-32-64, **Scooter**. 64-64-64, **Shinook**, 64-64-64, **Silver Bell**, 64-64-64, **Sunshine**, 64-64-64, **Tuffy**, 32-32-32, **Tusca**, 32-16-32.

Once the herd has been treated, they have to be retested six to eight weeks later. Any horse that still has high numbers will need to be retreated. Dr. Ellison at Pathogens, said we must have a opossum on the property that is shedding the protozoal. It makes sense since we have not had a working dog in two plus years.