



Over Herd

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Mark your
Calendars:

**Volunteer Meeting/
Farrier Day/
Spring Yard Sale**

May 13th

HELP!

We have three important things happening on the same day and need help.

Due to the anticipated rain the yard sale has been moved to Saturday May 13th. This is also farrier and volunteer day.

Please call the ranch if you are available to help!

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

Light at the End of the Tunnel

This poor girl is still feeling so bad that she would not pick her new name. It was as if she was saying, "I don't care what you call me. Just call me to meals." Vera and I had gone through the list of names that had been suggested for her, and the only name that she showed any interest in was Starlight. She is a nineteen year old Thoroughbred without the correct care by the last two owners.

The present owner told us that the person he got her from would ride the horse so hard that she would fall down and could not get up. The twenty-year-old past owner was riding her at breakneck speeds even though she was skin and bones. His father finally stepped in and made him give up the horse.

After five or six months, Starlight was still skin and bones. The present owners have two other young horses. Too many people will listen to the sales people in the stores that do not know anything about feeding horses, and owners will take the advice of about anyone that has ever owned a horse. There was very little grass and no hay for the horses. The owners were feeding a cheap sweet feed to all of the horses. It was 10 percent protein and a 2.5 percent fat. This is listed as crude protein and fat. That does not mean that all of it is digestible. An owner needs to read the small tag sewn in the bottom of the bag to see what is used as ingredients. Some things are not digestible and go right through the horse's digestive system.

Next time you are in Wal-Mart go down the dog food aisle and you will see dog food listed as 40 percent crude protein. Flip the bag and read the ingredients. Usually you will see "chicken by products." This may mean chicken feathers, which are almost all protein and would raise the level on the rating. However,

chicken feathers are not digestible to either dogs or horses. The protein may be from ground chicken bones, which also are not digestible for dogs. What sounds good may not be unless you know how to read the labels and what is being used to achieve the levels listed. I have seen "chicken by products" listed on horse feed bags.

There are very good feeds that are specially made to help young horses grow and this is what should be used. The protein needs to be much higher than 10 percent and the feed should have the necessary vitamins and minerals for growing horses. We advised the owners about good feed and hay for the young horses. Now a malnourished horse is even more difficult to bring back to health. There again, a high protein is a must along with soaked alfalfa cubes or alfalfa pellets. Supplements are always needed to aid them in the return to health.



Yard Sale Help Needed

A big horsy thank you for all of the wonderful items that have been donated to HPS. This is a Yard Sale you would not want to miss. A good way to get first pick is to come and help set up on Friday May 12th. We start very early in the morning and continue until dark. We need all the help we can get both Friday and Saturday. Saturday afternoon we may be short of help, so even if you can't come early, please come help in the afternoon. Thursday May 11th all of the large items, tables and furniture have to be set up. We really need some guys to help with this. If you can come anytime to aid with this important fundraiser, please email or call Deborah Baker. H. 704-855-1267 c. 704-798-6641 or de_bakre@yahoo.com We need you! Thank you. If you have any questions you can also call the sanctuary. 704-855-2978

Just a short list of the wonderful things for sale: Collectibles, dishes and items from the 50's, 60's & 70's, some very old items, 50's print, many brand new items, old turquoise pitcher, McCoy?, kitchen appliances, both small and large, vacuum cleaners, sofa, love seat, tables, chairs, all types, & desk chairs, kitchen set, decorator items, vases, jewelry, all types, & sterling silver, rugs, linens, 1000's of dollars of high quality exercise equipment & many types, picture frames, old records including jazz & rock, tapes, movies, stereo, computer equipment and programs, toys, roller blades, clothes for the whole family, from very small to very large, yard items, and tools, skis, golf clubs, rugs, wood burning fireplace insert \$800 new, plant stands, pots, handbags, shoes, lamps, fishing poles, old chairs, dresser & mirror, hanging lights and chandeliers, backpacks, pet supplies, cages, aquariums, shelving, baskets, tins & some very old, decorator pillows, ginger jars, garden seat, oriental items, very large oriental rug \$4,000 new, curtains, bed spreads, throws, pots and pans, printers, computer screens, knick-knacks, Christmas items, Halloween, old metal wind yard item, bath and kitchen items, video cameras, VCRS, TVs, chain saw, weed eater, edger, planters, file cabinets, clocks, radios, luggage, lap top cases, prints, hard back and paper back books, irons, old wood ironing board, waste baskets, storage items, dishes, glassware, even a kitchen sink, Pyrex, Corning ware, need a lid, we've got it, silver plate items, & silver and this is just a generalized list. There are 1000's and 1000's of items.

Just a Horse

Sometimes I know people for years, but never meet them, sometimes I talk to people and email and never meet them but maybe once, but they are on my long list of "friends," because they understand. Spunky Dagenhart is one of these very special people. From time to time she will mail me something that so touches my heart. I want to share this one with you. This expressed my feeling so very well and I know the members who work so hard here at the sanctuary. May God smile on each and every person who reads this and understands.

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a horse," or, "that's a lot of money for just a horse." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a horse."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a horse,"

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a horse," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a horse," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a horse," gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a horse," then you will probably understand phases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a horse" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a horse" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a horse" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me, and the folks like me, it's not "just a horse" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a horse" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a horse" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a woman/man."

So the next time you hear the phrases "just a horse" just smile, because they "just don't understand!"

-Author Unknown-



*John Whalen,
a special friend,
is wished a Happy Birthday.

by Marilyn Swimmer*

*Ms. Erin McClendon
is wished a Happy Birthday
by her special friend,
Marilyn Swimmer*

*Ms. Joy Simon
has been honored by a special
friend for her Birthday.

by Marilyn Swimmer*

*Elizabeth Richardson
has been honored

by Betty White*

*Happy Birthday Larry

From Mom & Dad*

*In memory of Smokey

by Ann & Barry Powlas*

*In honor of my very dear friend,
Shannon Caviness
for her birthday.

by Spunky Dagenhart*

*In honor of
LeAnne Graves' birthday.

By Anne Honeycutt*

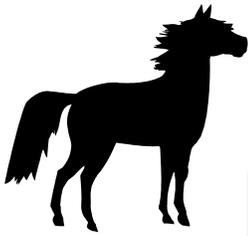
*Elizabeth Richardson
has been honored

by Betty White*

Tunnel *from page 1*

The present owners knew the malnourished horse was going to die if something was not done quickly. A relative told them about HPS. Arrangements were made, and we went to see this sweet horse. It doesn't matter how many starved horses I see, it is still always a shock. The owners were happy to turn her over to us for care. I always pray we are not too late. Only time will tell that. Blood panels have been done and the worming program has been started. Starlight's hooves badly need to be trimmed, but she is too weak at this point to even think about having them done.

Under the skin and bones, long hair and depressed attitude is a beautiful horse just waiting to come out. It is very difficult to take a picture of a black horse and show how bad they really look when you see them in person. Starlight may be as much as 400 pounds under weight. We just have to wait and see how she will fill out. Please consider becoming a sponsor for Starlight or one of the other recovering horses at the sanctuary. You make saving lives possible. God Bless You!



News From The Herd

Snickerdoodle has been having some difficulties with arthritis and tendons in her legs. Adequan i.m. will be given for the next four weeks to see if this will help her feel better. The years of walking on severely foundered feet has taken its toll.

Sahara, Dream Catcher & Night are doing great back under saddle. Deborah Baker and I have been working with them on Sunday mornings. Night and Sahara prefer English and Dream Catcher does well with western. We could use some help grooming and saddling. Please join us about 10 o'clock Sunday mornings. With help we can get some of the other horses under saddle again too.

Feather & Yuma finally picked their new names. (The two horses in last month's newsletter.) Yuma is older than Feather but gaining weight faster. Feather is picking up very slowly, but is gaining her weight back. She is shedding out to a much darker beautiful color.

Liberty & Freedom still have a little weight to gain. They are moving better but still uncomfortable. It is going to take a long time for a full recovery from the lack of care. When hooves are left to grow to such extreme overgrowth, the problem is not solved by just trimming to normal lengths. There is still some thrush that we are dealing with, but the terrible infection is gone. The court date is May 24th and may be postponed several times before they have their day in court. **Blackberry** has fallen in love with these two and has been moved in to the "old lady field." She is very happy following them around.

NEW BARN

Finally, it looks like the contractor will be able to start the barn this month. The trusses are being built and as soon as they are ready, things can get going. This project has caused me to use one of my favorite prayers often! "God please grant me patience..... RIGHT NOW!"

The first phase of the barn is to put in the poles, set the roof trusses and build the end gables. Then the interior posts have to be set, followed by the underground plumbing, and underground electrical. Then the concrete work and the side ditches will complete the first phase.

We are all tired of looking at the compacted dirt pile and want to see a building going up.

In Memory of the 43 animals who died in the fire in a petting barn at Dan Nicholas Park, due to the lack of a sprinkler system.

By Sara Lewis

Rose Hollenback is honored for her kindness in returning a check for \$875 that was lost by the person it was paid to. Rose found the check on the street in Charlotte and mailed it back to HPS.

The members of HPS thank you.



The following kind folks made it possible to feed and care for the horses this month. We were able to provide blood panels for the horses in rehabilitation and hope to be able to have dental work done this month. Rabies vaccinations are scheduled for half of the herd.

Earl & Carolyn Alexander
 Joseph & Margaret Bachofner
 Vera Bennett
 Karen Koch Berger
 Marilyn Berube
 Helen & John Bishop
 Teresa & John Bonk
 Annette (Gail) Bradley
 Catherine & K.A. Briggs
 Frances & Billy Caudle
 Courtney Conder
 Spunky Dagenhart
 Eva Duggins
 Rhonda Duncan
 Edgar Dunham
 Janet Elmo
 Adele Marie Goodman
 Debi Hager
 Laura Hisse
 Lois G. Hixon
 Brown Hobbie
 Anne Honeycutt
 Lillus Kurland
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 Sulena H. & Richard Long
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 Roberta McCardle
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 Susan & Chris Monroe
 Angela & Jessica Moss
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 Lauriane Nicklas
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 Carol, Allan & Janine Shao
 Gail Shinn
 Rodger Steed
 Marilyn Swimmer
 Amiee & Brian Taylor Lakeside Plumbing
 Michelle Tolley
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 Laura Quadrini VanDenBerg
 Mary Walters
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Making the World a Better Place for Horses

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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