

Over Herd

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SAVE THESE DATES:

Farrier & Volunteer Day:

Saturday, May 12

We need all the hands we can get on this day. Please email HPS if you are able to attend for any length of time.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Farrier day is potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share!

hps@horseprotection.org

*****Also, The Mane Event 2 is June 2nd at 6pm at The Speedway Club...see page 1 for more info.*****

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“The greatness of a nation and its progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

~Ghandi

The Mane Event

I am so excited thinking of how great The Mane Event is going to be. The items are amazing for the silent and live auctions. The dinner is going to be wonderful. Remember there is limited seating, but we need to fill the room. This is the critical fundraiser of the year to provide the funds for the deficient budget and to put funds aside for the second new barn that is so desperately needed. If you cannot come, please support the fundraiser by sending a donation. The tickets just cover costs of The Mane Event. Please invite your best shopper friends to join you for an evening of fun and bargains. There will be many door prizes and a drawing.

The invitations are going out to our wonderful folks in North Carolina only. If you live out of state and will be visiting during the event, we would be happy to send you tickets. You can pay for your tickets on PayPal on our web site. Bring your Mastercard or Visa the evening of June 2nd. We will happily accept them. It is up to you to make this event a success. We are counting on you to help the horses through the coming year. Costs of caring for the horses keep going up. We just got a feed increase of \$0.75 a bag.

This is a few more of the incredible items for the auctions:

1. 16” Western Roping Style Saddle in Chestnut Brown and Dark Coffee. Seat is stitched Quilted Suede in Dark Coffee.
2. Baldwin Brass Victoria 7.5” Victoria Candlestick

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Gold Rush Returns

The beautiful palomino Gold Rush has spent the last few years in a wonderful home. However, Gold Rush originally came to HPS from an abuse case in Anson County. While the case went to trial Gold Rush was kept in the county. The judge ordered that Gold Rush be given to the Horse Protection Society. The person who was caring for Gold Rush, while the case was waiting to be heard in Anson County would not listen to the instructions for re-feeding the starved Gold Rush. He gave her gallons of sweet feed everyday. This may have caused her present weight problems. Gold Rush arrived at the sanctuary quite overweight. She was immediately put on a diet, which did not seem to do much good since the horses have free feed of hay.

It was not difficult to place such a beautiful horse. The family had a small property and it was easier to control her grass and hay intake. Her new people even used a grazing muzzle, but Gold Rush ate through three of them. There were several times the vet had to be called because of the fear she was going into laminitis. She was put on a special feed and thyroid medication all to no avail. The family sold their home and moved to a new country property with lush pastures. Their concern was for Gold Rush and the difficulty it now presented to keep her from foundering. After much thought and with much heartbreak, they felt she would be safer being returned to HPS.

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Did You Know?

Mud is good!

Walking your horse through mud is actually good for him. Mud helps to moisturize and seal the hoof. Without moisture, the hoof will dry out and crack causing considerable pain for the horse and possibly making him go lame. Water alone is not always enough to prevent hoof dryness. Another way to moisturize a horse's hoof is to use one of the commercial hoof moisturizer products.

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3. Stone Mill Rug Co. New Zealand Wool Oval Rug in Tans, Creams and Blues, size (5'4 x7'4") Made Custom for HPS Mane Event
4. Carina of Las Vegas Bag by Designer Betsey Jo Hanson in Black with designer stitching, studding and pockets galore.
5. The Evening Out Belt' from Caring of Las Vegas by Designer Marshall Rousso made with silver and the best rhinestone crystals for that little black dress or just bling
6. Tiffany & Co. Nature Daisy Pendent in Sterling Silver and 18K Gold on 16" Chain
7. Silverado Doctor Bag Pocketbook by Chloe in the finest leather
8. Genuine sapphire and diamond bracelet with 18K gold over sterling silver
9. 'Bath Garden' White Wall Cabinet with Great Accessories
10. Wooden Rocking Horse, Hand Crafter by AM (Authentic Models). This is a very special Limited Edition Reproduction
11. Foot Stool with Small Terrier Needle Point and Velvet Top
12. Garden Inspirations Mirror in Wrought Iron Winding Rose Pattern 'Shabby Chic'
13. Coach Leather Bag in Acorn Glove with outside pocket on Rear and Buckled Flap Pocket on the Front, inside Zippered Pocket
14. OSIM iGallop core and abs exerciser, keep in shape for riding. Builds core strength with trot and gallop modes.
15. Fuzzy rocking horse with saddle. Any toddler would love this.

Justice Is Free

Justice's court date was April 11th. It was a rainy day and I left a little after 7AM to make sure I arrived on time for court. I arrived about 8:30 and of course, I had to go through the metal detectors and make sure I was at the right courtroom. The officer from Animal Control arrived and reviewed the case. I had the needed pictures of when Justice first arrived and a picture of what he looks like now. I also had the vet's report and the vet bill along with a history time line of everything we had to do for Justice to save his life.



Waiting in the court is always stressful. Susan Klutz was present with an attorney. Her attorney was interested in settling the case, so after an agreement was made with the district attorney, who owns horses, a plea of "No contest" was entered. Klutz cannot own another horse until she goes through the R.E.I.N.'s course. She did not have the funds to pay the costs charged by the court, so she has to make payments. But the very best and most important news is that Justice was awarded to HPS.

After court, Klutz came up to me to say that she knew several people who were interested in getting Justice. I told her they could watch Petfinders for when he is available and that they would have to put in an application.

Justice will need months and months of rehab before he is ready for a new home. We never rush this process. She wanted the pictures of what he first looked like when he was taken and what he looks like now, so I gave them to her. She had owned Justice for seven years. She said he is a cross between a draft and Quarter horse, but I don't think that this correct. He did not get any of the characteristics of a draft except for the Roman nose. Klutz told me he once weighed 1,500 pounds... once again, I don't think so! He does not have the body structure to carry that much weight.

Justice has gained over 450 pounds since he came to the sanctuary. He is proving to be quite the character! Come meet this friendly, funny guy and watch his continuing recovery. Please become an Angel sponsor of Justice.



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When Gold Rush arrived, we had the trailer pull into Joyful's field to unload her. She stepped off the trailer as if she had just taken a ride around the block. Of course, she instantly walked to the closest hay bale and started eating, while the geldings raced around showing off trying to get her attention.

Gold Rush's thyroid medication had to be stopped in order for HPS to have testing done to see if her weight problem is metabolic. She has to be off it for several weeks before the testing can be done.

The day she originally got her new name will remain etched in our memories as a very important reason to let a horse pick its own name. I still laugh when I think about that day. Each person had picked a name or two. The horse was in the round pen, and we were standing outside of it. Roberta stepped forward and asked her if she would like the name "Marigold." Instantly she extended her neck with her ears back, staring into Roberta's eyes. Roberta immediately jumped back and said, "Oh, my, I don't think she likes that name!" The rest of us had to pick ourselves up off the ground from laughing so hard. Each person was met with the same reaction from Gold Rush as they presented their chosen names.

Chase Torrence, then six years old, had suggested the name "Gold Rush" the day before. I told him we had other better names. We had run out of ideas for a new name, so I stepped forward and asked her if she liked the name "Gold Rush." She posed as if in a show ring: head up, ears forward and looking straight into my eyes. We had been laughing so hard our faces hurt and once again, everyone cracked up laughing. Erika Torrence stepped forward and said to the horse, "Now, we want to make sure this is the name you really want. Are you sure, you want the name "Gold Rush?" Gold Rush gave a huge nod, "Yes." She was asked once more with the same result.

Chase was dragging a stick, walking around the round pen, and talking as he moved along, "I told Joanie Gold Rush was a good name. I thought she would like the name Gold Rush. Gold Rush was my favorite name." He was unaware Gold Rush was quietly walking behind him, with her head down following him. She has answered to her name since that day.

Gold Rush is now 21 years old and as pretty as ever. She has not been ridden in awhile because the family had a baby.... That will take up your time! Once the testing is done, we feel Gold Rush will be easy to place in a new loving home. Do we have anyone out there in membership land that is a good rider and would like to commit to helping get Gold Rush back under saddle? Please let me know.

Beautiful Sunsets

Is there stress in your life? Are you thinking you need a vacation and can't get away? Have you nearly given up on finding peace in your life? Feel like there is something missing in your life? Would you like to make some new friends? Stuck inside with no exercise? Thinking about joining a health club? That diet after the holidays hanging over your head? Like to take wonderful pictures you can show off? Live in an apartment and want to do a little gardening? Like to bird watch? Do you need solitude to meditate?

There is a place with no stress, provides a mini vacation and is one of the most peaceful places you will ever find. The sunrises will take your breath away and the sunsets are a sight to behold. Friendly woolly creatures will nuzzle you. There are wonderful fun loving new folks to meet. You can learn new skills and exercise a lot cheaper than a health club would cost you; plus, you would be getting fresh air. No special expensive clothes are needed. Matter of fact, you can wear your oldest threadbare clothes and fit right in. Build your muscles and mud facials are free.

No problem with dieting, you only get fed once a month. There is all the free coffee and iced tea you want to drink or enjoy well water with no chemicals. There is a place for everyone and everyone is welcome. Open from sunrise to sunset to fit your schedule.

Travel without leaving the state...visit Dakota, Alamo, Chesapeake, Canyon and Cheyenne. Dig for treasure with Gold Rush. Warm your heart with Fire Breeze. Catch some rays with Summer. Experience nature – cool yourself in the shade of the graceful Willow or meet a real Miracle. Cannot remember your dreams at night, well you will never forget the beautiful Dream Catcher while you bask in the beauty of Star Light. You will find Freedom, Justice and Liberty here.

Come dressed ready for the day or visit any Saturday.

Splashing Around

On Sundays, we sometimes let the horses in the joyful field join the other horses that have access to the pond. This is not only a big treat for them but for us as well as we watch the horses, both old and young, race around the fields and frolic in the water.

Recently, we took down the gates and opened up the fields to let the two groups play and we got some great video footage and photos. It was wonderful to see horses that at one time could barely stand now racing around the pond and Navajo (42 years old) splashing around with young horses like Salida and Seneca.

For anyone that can't get to the sanctuary and see the horses in person, we will have video footage and lots of photos of the horses at the Mane Event in June!



A DINOSAUR CHICKEN ROAMS THE FARM

Byline: Amanda Cowtipper

There was once, long ago, the progenitor of today's chicken called wild jungle fowl.

The red species are found in Hawaii and Africa...the grey ones in India. They are tall, lanky, have small combs, long necks and a collar of feathers. Imagine a fighting cock with his feathers ruffed out. They are still to be found in the wild state, particularly in warmer climates from whence they originated.

The hawks, foxes and snakes had gotten the farm's chickens. So it was that the people on the farm never exactly knew what they were missing, till one of the volunteers bumped up the driveway with some pet crates in the car. She had been on a search and rescue mission at the animal shelter down in Charlotte.

I noticed a group of puzzled volunteers peering at something on the ground.

"What do you suppose it is?"

"Maybe it's a turkey."

"Nah! See it has a head like a chicken."

"Well, how come it's so tall?"

"Maybe he plays chicken...basketball."

"I have never seen a gray chicken with orange spots in my entire life!"

"I think he's pretty young. All his feathers haven't grown in."

"Whaddya think we ought to name him?"

And so Jurassic came to the farm. Been there about a year now. He grew some more and his feathers are luxurious. He's rounded up his own family flock, has problems with the banty roosters and likes grapes, which you have to split with your fingernail. He's generous with his grapes...his homies get first dibs.

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It was after dinner down in the old barn. Jurassic was simply not interested in the grape pieces the others were eating. He kept darting in around Wrangler's food dish. He seemed distracted. We were running out of grapes. We were worried. The big rooster obviously had his mind on less mundane thoughts...his head snaked into the horse's dish...he just knew it had to be in there someplace. It was. He would have crowed if his beak hadn't been crammed with prey...one, whole, X-large grape. He carried it back to his 'family.' They shared. I really love that weird chicken.

*Respectfully submitted, A. Cowtipper*

**Reminder: If you have email access and would prefer/be willing to receive your Over Herd issues via email, PLEASE contact Shelly Walsh at [shellywalsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:shellywalsh@bellsouth.net).**

**Emailing saves precious pennies for HPS!**



HPS would like to thank the monthly donors for your continued generosity and love for the horses in our care. You are helping us make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation. If your donation was later in the month your name will appear next month.

## Tax Laws

The tax laws are changing again. The IRS is getting very picky about donated items. It is very important to save your receipts. You will also need a letter with an attached list signed by HPS that the items were received by the society. It is impossible for us to try and keep track of the items brought to the sanctuary by different people. It would be good for us to keep a copy of your list of items filed with our records also. That should prevent any problems for you with the IRS. Please keep a record of your expenses. It is well worth the same effort to be able to take the donations. At the end of the year I will be happy to send a signed donation sheet to anyone who needs one. Thank you for helping the horses.

HPS would like to thank Barbara Norman of Southern HORSEstyle for the wonderful article in their latest magazine.

Given in honor of "Bitzi," with love and with prayers for his well-being and happiness. ~By Sara Lewis

In honor of LeAnna Graves Birthday of Lenoir, NC. ~By Anne Honeycutt  
Happy Birthday, Spunky. ~Love, Shannon

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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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