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# OVER HERD

## Cayenne is a Mommy

You may remember how happy I was when Cayenne found a wonderful new home in which to have her foal. We are just not set up with the right kind of fencing and space to have babies here. If we had fewer horses and more time, it would not be so bad.

After months of waiting, finally last month the big day arrived! Cayenne had her foal! A beautiful large black filly - - who would have guessed black? We were told when we picked her up from Animal Control in Iredell County that the stud in the field with the horses was a sorrel and white paint.

The filly is named Black Pepper or "BP" for short. Her legs are so long that the bellies are even on mom and baby. The picture shows the foal just after it was born when she stood for the first time.



Everyone is so happy that mom and baby are doing so well!

You can see more pictures of Cayenne and Black Pepper on our Facebook page: Horse Protection Society of NC

## Only Nine Years Old

I received a call requesting information on how to put weight on a horse and, of course, I am always happy to help. It was a difficult situation with three horses being fed together and limited funds to provide for them and the owner's other animals. The horse who needed to gain weight was at the bottom of the pecking order and the other horses would steal his feed.

I requested that the owner send me a picture of the young horse and knew at once that he needed much more than what was discussed. He was a one on the Body Conditioning Scoring. (The attached picture was taken on the owner's property.) We discussed turning the horse over to HPS and the owner was relieved that this was an option as the horse also needed surgery that otherwise would never had a chance of happening.



HPS's newest horse is named Chicopee and is in our front small field with Sparrow, our new paint highlighted in last month's newsletter. Miwok is also being kept in the field due to his poor eyesight. The three are doing very well together.

To complicate things, this poor baby has a cleft palate. The owner said it is a small opening. This could explain part of his unthrifty body condition and poor body development. How he has made it to nine years of age is hard to fathom and just shows what a tough little horse he is! Often a horse with this condition will suffer severe feed aspiration into the trachea and lungs. He could have severe aspiration pneumonia and, without surgery to correct the palate, a poor quality of life. This sweet little horse has a constant discharge of feed and grass from his nostrils.

Cleft palate in horses is an uncommon deformity affecting approximately 0.1 to 0.2% of the equine population. The surgical procedures for repair of a cleft palate have greatly improved and we will have him evaluated after he has gained his body weight. We would expect the weight gain to be slower than with a normal horse of his age. We need to build his immune system and have him as healthy as possible for the surgery. (**Cont. Page 2**)

### *Nine Years Old (Cont. from Page 1)*

We have spoken to Dr. Meeker at Davie County Large Animal Hospital about the possibility of having the surgery done at his hospital. He told me that the surgery requires a board certified surgeon and he could bring a good one in to do the procedure, thus allowing Chicopee's rehabilitation at Dr. Meeker's hospital. We would rather do this than haul him all the way to NC State University. Until he is evaluated, we will not have an idea of the cost, but I am sure it will be substantial, yet it is his only chance for a normal life.

This young gelding could have been registered as an American Quarter Horse, but the papers were never completed in his nine years. He is also a poor example of a Quarter Horse, small and with a light bone structure. There are also signs that he was started under saddle too young, as is so often the case.

## **News from the Herd**

**Kit Carson** has been our problem horse this month. It started off as a normal eye issue of a slight irritation but within two days there was pus running down his face. Our veterinarian did not see the pus since the eye had already been cleaned off before he arrived, and I may not have given an accurate description of how bad it was at that time. I remember telling him I had never seen an eye condition deteriorate so quickly and that there was pus coming from the eye. But I don't think that was an adequate description of the situation. We were told it could take three weeks to heal the eye. We were applying a triple antibiotic, a fungal cream, atropine and giving Banamine for pain. After two weeks, nothing was working and the eye was worse.

Sometimes a second opinion can help so we called another veterinarian that we have used for eyes before. Several options were discussed to save Kit's eye such as taking him to the state vet school (it could cost upwards of \$10,000 to save the eye), but often it does not work and the eye has to be removed anyway.

Multiple cultures were taken and no fungus showed on the slides, only a heavy bacterial infection. The veterinarian felt that the best decision may be to remove the eye.

There was one more thing that I felt we could try that we had never used for eyes, but had for many other issues. I had read about it being used for humans' eyes with good results and thought it was worth a try for a few days as Dr. Meeker could not remove the eye until the following week. I was to call him on Monday to confirm the appointment which would give four days of treatment every hour that the volunteers are here.

Monday arrived and there was a marked improvement, the infection had cleared and there is now just a clear smaller discharge. The eyeball still looks very inflamed, discolored and it could become worse at any time. I did not feel comfortable to make the decision to have the eye removed, so I had the veterinarian check Kit Carson once again.

The veterinarian felt that we had made good progress, but were nowhere near out of danger of the need for surgery to remove the eye. If he kept recovering under the same rate that she saw within just four days, the eye could be saved.

I feel strongly that Kit Carson got a piece of hay or something else in his eye and it worked its way back where it could not be seen. This caused an inflammation and infection. The horse rubbed the eye causing the ulceration on the eye ball. The infection then quickly spread to the eyeball and the ulceration area. After time a small piece of hay, grass or whatever may dissolve and be absorbed by his body. What we are using would hasten a cure of the infection and also kill any fungus. Only time will tell if we can totally cure Kit Carson's eye. Our volunteers will do the very best that they can to see that he is doctored every hour while they are here and we will be praying for a full recovery.

We will keep you updated on his progress or the need for surgery.

**Sparrow**, the new paint mare in last month's newsletter, is doing great! She is putting on weight and seems happy with her new companions, and there is no competition over food.

*Love is a powerful force of change.  
Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has aided in the costs of the  
wonderful horses at the sanctuary!*

## Honors and Memorials

*In loving memory of my 'heart horse' and teacher, Bali. You will always be by my side. RIP my Sweet boy.  
April 10, 2014. By Stephanie Mills*

"Midnight" is helping with purchasing the Rescue Equipment.

In honor of my wife, Betty Lentz for our wedding anniversary. By Floyd Lentz

In honor of Floyd and Betty Lentz's wedding anniversary. By David and Kim Clark

Horseman extraordinary and ardent supporter of Animal and Animal Rights. By Anna M. Danner

**In memory of the sorrel mare. By Judith Cashwell**

In memory of Allen Wolf. By Alston O. Wolf

In Memory of "Annie" who passed away recently. She was a mustang owned by our friend Lisa Perrott.  
By Janice and Steve Fletcher

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*All donations are so needed and greatly appreciated. "A horse does not care how much you know until he knows how much you care."*

*All of us are so thrilled that we now have the funds needed to purchase all of the needed equipment to raise a downed equine! This is such a blessing for all the horses!*

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## Beau Gets a New Home

Sometimes the best laid plans do not work out. We had hoped that tiny, 32" tall Beau would be our new mascot, but instead he turned out to be an escape artist. All was well for a while as Beau went under the electric fencing that separates the different fields of horses, visiting where he felt comfortable. Then came the day that he decided to go visit the neighbors down the road. He liked their grass and he is a friendly little guy. We doubled the fencing and lowered the bottom line. The bad news is it did not slow him down one little bit.

Beau had to be put in jail in the round pen. He did have a stall off the pen, but this is no life for the little guy. We had high hopes of him being perfect for little people to learn how to brush and walk a horse. He shattered those nice ideas.

HPS let it be known that we were looking for a new home for him. Several people inquired but they did not follow through with an application for him, or it was going to be some time until they could take him. He needed to be sprung from jail as soon as possible.

Then we were contacted by the family that, several years ago, offered the perfect home for Moncha, presently known as Daisy. She is a Leopard Appaloosa and was not going to be an easy horse to find a home for. Daisy has done wonderfully with her family and they presently also have a miniature donkey and a miniature horse. They were very excited to take Beau in to add to their small herd. (Prayers do get answered.)

Here is a picture showing the fencing and Beau's two new friends behind it. Go ahead Beau and try to get through that fence!!

