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Pretty Mare....Well, Some Day

Animal Control had been talking with the owner of a horse that had a checkered past due to no fault of the horse. The little mare was purchased less than a year ago. She started out staying at a friend's home. The friend put the new mare in with her horses which proved to be a very poor idea as one of the horses kicked the little mare in her jaw.

The owner rushed the mare to the veterinarian's office to have her checked out since she was bleeding and slobbering from her mouth. Digital radiographs were taken and surgery was recommended to repair the break. The owners rejected this option and now had their hands full with a horse that didn't want to eat or drink. Their choice was to squirt water down the horse's throat until she would drink normally. (A catheter for IV fluids would have been our choice to sustain the horse's fluids and electrolytes intake. We would follow the vet's advice to maintain the horse's nutrition until she was comfortable to eat a mash.)



The little mare lost a great deal of weight and the owner said they have struggled to get her weight back on for the past eight months. She was in with the owners several other horses in a dirt lot. The other horses appeared to have acceptable body conditions.

The owner was concerned that Animal Control was going to charge them with animal cruelty. They felt they were at wits end to know what to do for the horse and funds were limited. The owner called HPS and arrangements were made to pick up the mare. She is supposed to be about 16 years old and as almost all horses in North Carolina she is supposed to be a Quarter Horse. Her body condition score is a number 2. She has kind eyes and seems like she has a sweet disposition. It does concern me that the owners' small child was riding a horse in such a debilitated condition.

Anyone can call animal control and report someone. There does not need to be just cause. Sometimes there are ulterior motives by the person calling in the report. Remember if animal controls shows up they are looking for a problem whether there is a problem or not. Most officers are good people and want to help do the right things. Each county is different and has different edicts for their officers to follow. Once in a great while there may be an officer on a power high. It is important to maintain your control regardless of the person you have to deal with. In this case it would have been better if the owner was more respectful to the Animal Control officer.

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Pretty Mare... Well Someday! (Cont. from Page #1)

Our vet has done digital radiographs of the broken jaw. There is large amount of remodeling that has helped to stabilize the break. Since it was not repaired when it accrued, the break will take much longer to fully repair itself. The dental work should not be considered until the jaw has fully repaired itself. Different experts will be consulted. It is often difficult to read the radiographs correctly in a situation like this.

We need a bit more time to come up with some names for her to pick from. The little mare has a great appetite and only drops a little feed, which she happily cleans up.

We hope that some kind folks will help with this little mare's on going costs. Angel Sponsors are a blessing for the horses.

Ghost Horses

The Saturday morning before Easter, we got a phone call about a horse loose near Weaver and Miller Road, in a back yard. We went to the tack room to get a rope halter and lead line. (The peg that normally held our rope halters was empty.) This is so frustrating here when things we need just disappear.

For many years there were no locks on anything. Now, even with locked doors, things go missing. We don't use rope halters except times like this when we have to deal with a horse we don't know. The knots on a rope halter are set to hurt the horses with the slightest tug. This can be an aid with an unruly horse to help keep the person leading it safe.

Dani Lewis and I headed over to look for the horse. Alfalfa pellets helped to settle the horse to put a lead on the halter he was wearing. Dani handled the gelding like an old hand since he was acting untrained. Dani managed to get him to the sanctuary. An older couple said it was their daughter's horse. The daughter arrived and couldn't handle the horse and called someone else to walk the horse back to where she was boarding it.

About 1:30 am Easter morning the phone rang and the message was there were horses running along Miller Road. The gal who called was sitting in the driveway. We put all the big outside lights on and did a head count of the horses here. Many were laying down sleeping. They were happy when the lights got turned off and we left them to continue their sleep.

This caring gal and I rode the roads for several hours looking for the horses. We found many signs that there had been horses on the roads, but we never saw them. All we can do is hope that the owners found the horses, got them rounded up and back home. Over the years HPS has helped catch up many loose horses.

News from the Herd

Prairie's Infection needed to be checked again. There has been more discharge than normal.

Red Sky had her third chiropractic adjustment.

Nova had a straight hoof abnormality and the radiograph showed not reason for the issue at the coronary band.

New Mare was checked for sand in her intestines. Radiograph of her jaw.

Chuckles had a slight choke and needed the vet to help him.

Two hens sat on each other on a nest full of eggs. One egg hatched and each hen claims the baby chick.



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*In memory of my cousin, Barbara Joe
 Johnson and her horse Charlie Brown.*

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In honor of everyone who keeps H.P.S.
 up and running. By Kim Lane

In memory of HPS house dog, Penny.

By Roberta

*To Honor and remember 12 wonderful
 years with Morgan.....my purrfect baby.*

By Donna Dziura

Sick Horses in the Kill Pens

Once again we are being inundated with requests to take in horses out of the Tar Heel feedlots. Sometimes it is a request to take the horse and quarantine it for 30 days. Turns out that the horse had strangles and had to go to the vet school at a cost of \$150 a day to cover just the quarantine and no other costs.

Another gal had found a perfectly nice TWH and then switched to two horses in Tar Heel feedlot. One has to have an eye removed and has cancer. The other has recurrent uveitis and is a perfect candidate for cancer in the future.

Leptospirosis is common in feedlots. Do remember that this is also contagious to humans. The soil will be contaminated by the infected horse and the same care must be taken if you were dealing with any serious contagious disease. All correct safety measures should be taken with full protective wear.

One of the veterinarians told me that they are so fed up with people being suckered into buying the sick horses from the Tar Heel feedlot. Most of the people are first time horse owners and have no idea what they are getting into.

Then a person who means well sent me pictures of two horses located at the feedlot. The little 2 year old bay looks like it has dropped pasterns in the front. It may be caused by poor trimming, but it may not be. The body looks like a 1 on the body scoring. *(Continue to page #4)*

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The second horse is black and older. He is also a 1 on the body scoring. His coat looks heavier than the little filly, but this is never considered accurate unless you have had hands on the horse. Those two horses will never get on a kill truck because the slaughter plant will not buy skinny horses.

The kill buyers buy or are given the skinny horses to sell to what they call, "The Bleeding Hearts." Skinny horses will not get on a kill truck! They will be sent to another auction or delivered to a facility that picks up dead horses for their body to be used. If the two horses were with private owners and we could see the conditions and other animals that were there, we would have taken both horses in to rehab.

Just don't get involved with these disgusting people and line their pockets with money. Share with other people and let them know how this all works. I have written articles about this before, but the subject keeps coming up.

The picture of the two horses at the feed lot. Horses like this have no immune system and they could have picked up terrible things at the feed-lot. We will not put our other horses at risk.

