

# Over Herd

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Mark your  
Calendars:

November 8th  
Members Day

Come early/stay late!

Lots of projects.

Lunch/Meeting  
at Noon

Please bring a  
covered dish  
to share.

## Winter Season is Upon Us By Joan Benson

When I returned from my two week vacation, I was jumping for joy to see the new clear panels installed on the west side of the large barn. Members worked hard to make this possible to add protection and weather proof the barn. The other three sides of the barn need the same type of weather protection installed. Our problem . . . as always is funding for projects. Our expenses go up in the winter, and we pray for the needed extra money to provide for the horses. Extra moneys for improvements are not usually available. With your help, the barn can be improved.

There are several easy ways to aid your beloved horses. Please just click on <http://www.igive.com/html/refer.cfm?causeid=24197> to make your purchases for Christmas if you are an Internet buyer. The Internet site often has great discounts and sign up brings \$5.00 to HPS. Then a percent of each purchase comes to HPS. Some specials offer a higher percent of the sales price to be donated.

The Magical Evening of Giving tickets are available for sale again this year. They can be picked up to sell at the sanctuary. The full \$5.00 price of the ticket comes to HPS. Please help in the sales of the tickets. If most of the people that receive our newsletter bought just two just two tickets, HPS would receive \$4,500.00.

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## Yardsale A Success! By Roberta McCardle

A huge **THANK YOU** to our HPS members and their families, friends, and co-workers who helped make our October 4th yardsale fund raiser a resounding success! Our final total was just slightly over \$3,245. This is wonderful and will help our finances and pay some of our veterinarian bill. The yardsale is truly a collaborative effort and **we could not do it without YOU**. Sincere thanks to all who helped....the folks



One of our younger shoppers does some browsing!

who donated items, those who transported items, those who cleaned & tested items, those who sorted & priced, those who carried & toted, those who provided some snacks for the workers, and those who loaned us their trailers to use for displays! YumYum, speaking on behalf of the Herd, says, "Thank you for caring enough about us to go to this much effort to help!!

## Farewell Night Mist

by Mary Walters

For those of you who never had the pleasure of meeting Night Mist, she was the kindest of horses. Everyone noticed her rich black color, but it was her sweet nature that endeared her to us. She was never pushy or aggressive. In the spring she overcame a serious liver condition with Whisper, her pasture mate, keeping vigil.

Ironically, it was Whisper who died suddenly in August. Night Mist and I grieved together. When my car would pull up, she would meet me at the fence as though to share our sorrow. My heart is healing, thanks to Dakota, but Night Mist lost her will along with her companion. Last week, I found her down in the pasture. I helped watch over her until she died, just as Whisper had. We will miss her along with Whisper but find comfort in knowing they are together again...well and kicking up their heels! Happy trails, Night Mist. You are going to be missed.

## Meet the Members...

Hi! My name is Kathy Biggers and I have been a member of HPS for about one and a half year now. I have two sons, Kris and Jarrett. Kris is a freshman at UNC-Charlotte and is presently loving life (let's just hope he is studying a little along the way). Jarrett is a seventh grader at the school where I teach – C.C. Griffin Middle School in Cabarrus County – and is planning to attend West Point when he graduates (not my choice for him, of course). HPS is truly a place of miracles. It has been a blessing to me to not only love and take of such magnificent animals, but to have developed lasting friendships with the other members. Everyone is out there for the same purpose – to share their love for horses and to try to let them know they are loved and will never be mistreated again.

When I first started coming to HPS, all I knew was that I have loved horses since I was a child, yet I was scared to death of them because I knew little about them. I thought, "These horses could care less about people," but I was so wrong. Joanie took me under her wing, as well as the other members, and taught me so much. One of the most important lessons I have learned has been the fact that horses love and need human attention. Some will actually run other horses off so they can have your full attention. Another lesson I have learned is that science tells us horses have small brains, but I am here to say, what they may lack in that area, they more than make-up for with their generous, loving, big, hearts. You haven't lived until you have been hugged by a horse. They are so appreciative of anything someone does for them.

I would love for you to come out to the ranch one Saturday and introduce you to some of my four legged (and two-legged) friends. You may say you don't have time, but somehow we always make time to do the things we love. Come on out and become a part of a place where miracles happen. Thanks HPS for becoming such an important part of my life.



Kathy & Willow



## It's Magical! It's Fun! It's the Magical Evening of Giving!

WHERE: Carolina Mall (by the hospital in Concord)

WHEN: Sunday, November 23rd from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

HOW TO GET A TICKET: Tickets are at the ranch and may be obtained from any officer on weekends or from Joanie during the week



The sixth annual Magical Evening of Giving is coming! This is a wonderful fundraiser for charities. For one evening, Carolina Mall is only open to ticket holders. The tickets are \$5 (five dollars) each and the Horse Protection Society is permitted to keep the entire cost of each ticket we sell. So...if you work in an office, if you belong to other groups, if you have a big neighborhood, if you have tons of friends & family....come on out and sign out some tickets and sell them to benefit the horses. There are drawings throughout the evening with over 100 prizes & gifts (you do not need to be present to win -- just be sure and put the bottom portion of your ticket in the container at the Mall's Customer Service desk). NOTE: If people cannot attend this evening but wish to buy a ticket to help, be sure and bring their ticket back to the ranch and we will make a trip to the Customer Service desk to see that it gets in the drawing. The mall has sales and special promotions going on specifically for this special evening and it is a very festive atmosphere. **Ticket money and unsold tickets must be turned back in at the ranch by November 22nd. Please, sell some tickets to help the horses and have a good time too!**

### Check out what you could win:

Riding Lawn Tractor (\$2,200 Value)

51" Sony Large screen TV (\$1,800 Value)

Home Theatre Surround Sound System (\$200 Value)

Outdoor Grill (\$300 Value)

Mary Kay Beauty Gift Set (\$199 Value)

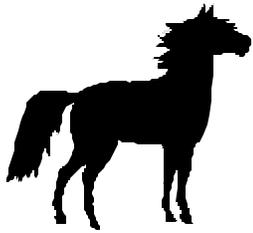
Hampton Inn's King Whirlpool Room with Romance Package

(includes a free night's stay in a luxurious King Whirlpool room with a jacuzzi spa tub, a champagne or wine set-up in the room, a beautiful sweetheart package featuring chocolates, exquisite toiletries, gourmet snacks and a full deluxe continental breakfast available the next morning)

Richard Petty Rookie Experience

Richard Petty Ride-Along

Two Peak Fitness Membership



## News From The Herd

Sundance had a dangerous encounter with a sharp object at eye height! Jenni found her eyelid lacerated and bloody. The vet came out and examined it to find it was sliced to the bone! Luck was with the lady, as it was over her good eye and the bone protected the eyeball. She had 7-8 stitches and it is healing nicely.

Evidently the hoof care felt pretty darn good, even though the horses sometimes resist. Aztec, Teton, Windwalker, and a few others went directly out into the field, rolled happily, and then began running around and jumping. Teton even gave a good crow-hop two or three times! That romping was a treat to watch. Especially when some of them had problems walking when they first came to the ranch!

Mesa found herself receiving treatment for an ugly gash on the lower inside of her right hind leg. It hurt, but a dousing of hydrogen peroxide, and daily applications of Honbarger's ointment has helped relieve the pain and start the healing!

Patrick, one of our hoof care specialists, came out Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> and did **EVERYBODY's** hooves! Summer and Bo showed minor thrush in their hooves. They are being cleaned and treated daily with "Patrick's fungus treatment". Dakota was right all along, he DID have an abscess in the OTHER foot. We stand humble for not listening big boy!

Sky Ghost suffered a case of mastitis last month and had lost some weight. We are pleased to say we beat the infection and she's her happy self gaining weight again!

Yum Yum had to get in on the injury list with a wound to the nose area. It's not clear if it was poked or stung, but he's happy to have a daily application of Honbarger's ointment followed by a handful of grapes!!

Cherokee is feeling better each day, gaining weight safely. He does love the groceries!!

We've seen some Happy Boy attitude from Dakota, he seems to be pleased with his new sponsor, Mary. Good work!

Willow enjoyed having her feet soaked, so much so she put both feet in the bucket of warm water!

Teton has shown a turn for the better - John has started working with and exercising him and he now shows interest in people. Go John!

Sunset is showing improvement and her back legs are feeling better. This is evident by her being up and walking more often. As for the cliff hanger Joanie left you all with, we are blessed with the report that she is NOT bred!! Huzzah!!

The report from Whisper's necropsy came back inconclusive.

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We will happily mail your tickets to you and add the stub to the drawing if you are not planning to attend. (That amount of money would take care of fixing the big barn plus help with the months needed funding.)

The Christmas season will be here before you know it!! Gift giving is upon us once again. We all have folks on our list that literally have EVERYTHING. For just \$25.00 we will add them to our mailing list to receive our newsletter "Over Herd" for the upcoming year. Your message to them will be added to the first newsletter they will receive. (Smaller amounts are also welcome.)

This is a nice time of year to send a memorial for a beloved pet or person. How about honoring someone special in your life? They will also receive the newsletter for a year for just \$25.00.

Please add your horses to your Christmas giving list!

## A Special Sunday Sunset By Dottie Rehban

The Sunday evening feeders stood quietly in the front pasture and watched a group of our precious horses nibbling on the last tasty pieces of their Sunday fruit and vegetable treat.

The setting sun had turned their coats red and gold... Watching, we decided that we needed this quiet healing time especially after the last few painful weeks. Already reeling from the loss of four horses in the last few months - Night Mist had to be put to sleep last Thursday. The sadness of missing that long time friend weighs so heavily on our hearts especially for those who sat near her for two days hoping she would accomplish one of her miraculous recoveries... but it wasn't meant to be this time... So we said "Goodbye" and let her go, knowing she would be able to "cross the bridge" and stand beside her friend Whisper, once again.

It still hurts to let them go, Dizzy, Whisper, Raven and Night Mist, but during this warm October Sunday sunset we can see them peaceful and content in another pasture looking back saying, "Thanks but we're okay. Now get back to work you have other horses to care for and love."

What a glorious way to end a day - a sweet sunset!



***A huge horsey thank you to Gary and Mary Moran!*** These nice folks stopped by on a Friday evening and noted the brush and grass in the pastures. Less than 24 hours later, they reappeared with all sorts of equipment. Gary cut the pastures with his tractor and Mary ran a drag. Their generous gift of time and provision of equipment to work on the HPS pastures is much appreciated! They saw a need and promptly filled it. Thanks, guys!"

*Food Lion has sent a check from folks signing up with Food Lions Shop & Share Donation program. Thank you everyone and do not forget to sign up once again to keep the checks coming.*

*Joanie Benson wishes to honor all of the kind folks that made it possible for her to take a two week vacation. Bless you for all of your hard work. The horses thank you too for the great care they received.*



*A special thank you to Sarah Olson and Cassandra Reed! These two young ladies have both kind hearts and initiative. During a recent neighborhood garage sale, they set up shop and sold cookies and coffee to the shoppers. In doing so they raised \$ 67 which they donated to HPS. If Mancha and her friends could talk, they would say, "Thanks for being so thoughtful and caring about us this much!"*

## Cooking the Goose...Or Sometimes It's Better to Go to Food Lion

By YumYum (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

One recent day some of us were standing around the hay bale, mostly munching with a little desultory talk.

"Guys, before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here," said Navajo. "We need to start planning dinner NOW." (Well! I thought to myself, isn't that just like Navajo, always worried about his food?)

"Yeah, buddy, that's the ticket!" noted Mancha. (Note: Mancha is a stalwart girl who joins Navajo in his concerns about our comestibles).

"Great idea," chimed in Boh, "but what would we have that's special enough for Thanksgiving? We have a lot to be thankful for here at HPS. It doesn't get much better than this!!!"

"I've been thinking about that," Navajo said slowly, "and I believe I have an idea for the main course."

At this remark, he gained the total attention of all horses within earshot. Ears pricked forward, we all eagerly awaited his next words.

"You guys know how annoying those geese are with their silly hissing? We could help them move forward on their life journey. A goose makes a tasty special occasion roast. We'd also have some pate for a high tea!" I noted that while a couple of horses looked appalled, most of them had already started to drool.

"That's great, Navajo, but how are we going to dispatch them? Who's going to do it?" said Dakota. (Note: Dakota is a gentle soul with a strong sense of morality).

"I think the best time to do this is when they are in the pond," said Navajo. "That's their natural environment and they'll be relaxed. We need to figure out who's the best swimmer."

"I'll do it," volunteered Queenie, "I do SO like to eat, it's only fair that I help obtain the provisions." With that the herd nodded in agreement and munching universally resumed.

"I just hope I don't see her do it," muttered Boh. "I'm a sensitive viewer."

Several days passed and I still did not see anything in the tack room fridge labeled "goose roast." Then, late one night I heard something in the pond. I peeped around the building just in time to see Queenie's derriere disappear into the water. The geese continued to serenely float in the middle of the pond, completely oblivious to the danger that lurked in the hearts of equine. Then suddenly, the stillness of the night was shattered! Queenie had made her move, using the same decisive biting motion she used on other horses.

Alas, a goose is more elusive than a horse. Queenie thought she had her but Miss Goose slipped away. Once more, Queenie plunged after the goose, mouth agape, teeth bared. The goose escaped again! This time, however, Queenie's head did not reappear. Her body thrashed; I heard choking. Heavens! Queenie was drowning! It was all up to me -- without further thought I galloped over to the pond and flung myself into the water.

"I'll save you, Queenie. I've been taking my vitamins & I'm VERY strong!" I yelled.

I swam out to her & grabbed a mouthful of mane and began to tug her to shore. We were making slow, but steady progress, when one of those malevolent geese began biting my back legs. This was simply too much! I had to let go of Queenie in order to fight the goose who was dragging me down. I inhaled some water and began to choke. My life flashed before my eyes. Is this it? Did I get rescued to come to this safe haven for horses, only to be done in by a silly goose? What an undignified end for a pony!!!

Gentle Reader, I lost consciousness. When I dazedly came to my senses, Queenie and I were side by side at the edge of the pond and our Two-Legger was giving us mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Once we both started to breathe better, She really let us have it.

"YumYum, Queenie, whatever possessed you to get in the pond at this time of year and at night? Have you lost your good sense? What if I hadn't been here? What if I wasn't Red Cross certified for equine resuscitation? Where would you be now?"

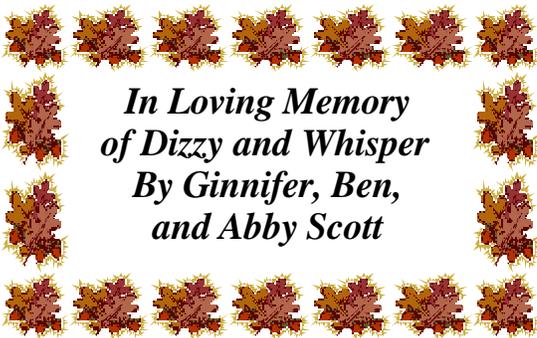
Queenie and I just looked at each other, silently pledging that there's more than one way to cook a goose. She was floating gently at the water's edge with a slight smirk on her face. Tomorrow's another day.



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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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