

Over Herd



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Mark your Calendars:

**Members Meeting
November 13th**

**Come early/stay late!
Lots of projects.**

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

Meet Coyote and Sonoma

Financial problems continue to abide in North Carolina. There are so many things that can quickly change your ability to continue the same life style that was once enjoyed. A husband or wife can no longer work, a new baby, illness and so many more life problems can cause a family to have to reevaluate the expenses incurred in their family. Since owning horses has become such a huge amount, the horses are often among the things that have to be cut out of the shrinking budget.

How very sad to have a best friend for 12 years only to realize that you can no longer provide the excellent care for your horse. Watching him loss weight and not have the funds to call the veterinarian to due a full work-up to diagnosis the problem was an impossible situation to bear. More feed and additional worming did not solve the problem. At what point do you start the search for the right place to send your beloved friend to receive the needed care? Or like so many horses do you think of selling your horses? This loving owner felt that her two horses would be better off*See Coyote Page 4*



Coyote will steal your heart!

Snickerdoodles and Nevada Arrive

Catawba County Animal Control called with concerns about a small donkey and a Thoroughbred horse that had become embroiled in an estate of an older gentleman. Many complaints had been placed with the AC. There were battles going on with the heirs of the estate and some calls were from one of these people who wanted to buy out the other heirs. Finally the heirs were able to get the horses released from the probate court and signed them over to the Animal Control. We had been in touch with them to make arrangements to bring the two to the sanctuary as soon as the papers were signed.

Animal Control was doing the transportation of Snickerdoodles and Nevada. They had an older tag along two-horse trailer. All went well until they reached the driveway to the sanctuary. I was expecting them when I heard Nevada go down in the trailer before they even started to make the turn into the driveway. I ran out and jumped up onto the trailer and grabbed Nevada's head to relieve the pressure on his throat caused by the edge of the hay manger that was cutting off his wind. The tie rope was quickly cut by a control officer to free him. His left leg was jammed under the center divider. Snickerdoodles was quickly unloaded and the center partisan had to be pounded lose with a two pound hammer, while Nevada's head was cradled to the side to keep him from putting his head back over the hay manger. The three Animal Control officers and I worked together to free this big fellow. Finally I... *See Snicker page 4*

YARD SALE JUNKIES NEEDED

Do you love to see what is for sale at yard sales and go through other peoples' odds and ends? Then we need YOU! HPS needs five good folks to devote time to preparing for our Spring Yard Sale. A separate committee would handle all preparations except set-up and the day of the sale. We have items coming in already so it is time to get started. INTERESTED??? Please help make the Spring Yard Sale the best we have ever had. Call Joanie 704-855-2978

Golfers Needed

The fundraising committee is comprised of non-golfers and here we are trying to plan and run golf tournaments. How funny is that! You golf enthusiasts could aid in this important fundraiser to make it a needed success. We would like to hold the tournament in early spring so please contact us now to help HPS plan for this event. 704-855-2978 (Thank you for caring.)

WHAT A GREAT IDEA! By Dottie Rebhan

Would you believe a way to help the horses while helping yourself? Being a dyed in the wool skeptic, I'm always slow to try something new. Then Lisa Murray, a dedicated HPS member, explained that each month we could purchase a Food Lion Grocery card in any amount from \$5 to \$499. She said, "A \$50 card gets you \$50 worth of groceries. You spend the full amount for groceries, but best of all – Food Lion charges HPS 5% less and they get to keep that money for the horses."

Talk about a win win situation!!! I would do anything to help our horses but this sounded too good to be true!

I bought a "card" last month and I love it! Why? It's quick – just scan the card at the register. What you don't spend remains on the card for the next trip to the store. Thank goodness, no more need to write a check! Also the 5% that HPS gets is tax deductible and if I purchase the same gift card each month that will really help me at tax time.

To my surprise, having a set amount to spend is also helping me keep within my budget. I'm actually saving money because of the gift card I'm purchasing each month. I have to have groceries anyway and now I can check out faster, stay within my budget, receive a 5% tax deductions on all my groceries, and enjoy the great feeling that comes from knowing I'm contributing to the care of some great horses.

Talk to your friends – you could send your checks together each month to Lisa Murray, our card coordinator. Checks need to be made out to Food Lion.

It's so simple to get, so easy to use and so badly needed to support the horses during the difficult winter months ahead. Try it. I promise you'll LIKE IT!

*In loving memory of
Queenie
A special horse with a great heart
Thanks for letting me be
your friend
By Dottie Rebhan*

*In memory of
Lollipop and Cupcake
Two girls who never gave up.
Mike, Doris and Sarah Lane*

*In honor of
Jackson Schlotterback.
Thank you for all that you do
for us at Finally Farm South
By Lyn & Buddy Dixon*

*In memory of
Mr Robert Whiteside
Father of Mrs Jill Sisskind
By Stephen & Susan Udelson*

FOOD LION GIFT CARD ORDER FORM

Please complete a separate order form for each person you who is purchasing gift cards. Completed orders need to be mailed to: Lisa Murray- Food Lion Gift Card Coordinator, 1529 Mill Wheel Dr, Salisbury N.C. 28146. Full payment must accompany your order. Checks must be made payable to Food Lion. Orders for cards are due the 30th of each month.

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Delivery Instructions:
 Mail my cards to the above address
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If for some reason you do not receive your cards 15 days after your order date please let me know.
Thank you,
Lisa Murray, Food Lion Gift Card Coordinator
Questions please call me at 704-630-6155 or 704-640-3695



Meet the Members...

Ever since I was a young girl living in a small town in upstate NY, I have had a serious affection toward horses. We lived in a large subdivision surrounded by lots of horse and cow farms. For years and years, my favorite pastime was to ride my bike to one of the farms and admire these lovely creatures from afar. Unfortunately, I did not have the resources to actually ride one or even touch one until I was about 13 years old. I was determined somehow, someway, to make these magnificent animals a permanent part of my adult life.

I moved to North Carolina in 1996 and immediately started volunteering for organizations where I was able to be around horses and learn as much as I possibly could about them. I saw the article in the paper several years ago about the HPS and was immediately interested in learning more about this fascinating place. After visiting them last fall, I realized how much time and money it takes to maintain a place like this and how vital it is to have a safe home for these horses. After several weekend visits and learning about the horses and the organization, I decided to dedicate some of my attention to one of the horses. Roberta and some of the other members suggested, Seneca,

because even though his body was back to health the mental damage has been a difficult part of his rehabilitation. The first time I laid eyes on this beautiful Tennessee Walker, I knew he was a blessing from God. His fun-loving, playful ways, "catch me if you can, but whatever you do please catch me" was a bit of a challenge to me at times, but very worthwhile. I have learned so much from this beautiful creature and will continue this love affair for as long as my husband lets me.

I am honored to be working among these selfless and humble members of the HPS and look forward to lending my service for years to come. I know we all wonder who really benefits more from the hours we spend at the HPS, the horses or us.



Laura & Seneca

How Not to Soak a Horse's Foot

By YumYum (with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle)

It is never, ever dull here at the ranch! I enjoyed watching the drama that unfolded in the next pasture the other evening. We don't have TV but who needs it with all the stuff that happens here!

Willow has had a sore hoof and the two-leggers have been soaking it. Willow is a thoroughly nice horse but sometimes you just get tired of being messed with. I think that's the way she felt last Wednesday evening. Here's what happened.....

Miss R. went to get Willow. Willow refused to leave the round hay bale that's under the shelter. Miss R. then went to get the supplies ready, i.e. a bucket of hot water, a bucket of cold water, a soaking basin, and the Epsom salts. Upon her return Willow had left the shelter but refused to move to the paddock. OK, fine, she could get her foot soaked right where she was. Miss R. brought over the bucket of cold water, the basin, and the Epsom salts. When she came back with the hot water, she discovered that Willow had drank the entire bucket of cold water. Miss R. then went to get more cold water. Back to Willow....who now was standing on the edge of the rubber soaking basin so that it flipped up and was partially wrapped around her leg. No amount of pushing, pulling or cajoling could move Willow off the edge of the basin.

Fine! Miss R. then went to get another basin. This time upon her return she found that Willow had graciously moved off of the soaking basin but she had drank the bucket of (previously) hot water. Back up the driveway to get another bucket of hot water.

Finally.....all necessities were in place....one horse, one bucket of cold water, one bucket of hot water, one soaking basin, and the Epsom salts container. Miss R. got the basin ready and Willow popped the correct hoof into the basin. You could almost see the glow of self-satisfaction and competency exuded by Miss R. It was lovely but soooo short-lived. Summer came up behind Willow and promptly bit her on her derriere.....and it rapidly went downhill from there. Thirty-five minutes prep time and two minutes of soaking -- I think Willow did good!!

*In memory of my beloved rabbit
Tori who crossed the Rainbow
Bridge at the age of 12 years.
By Sara Lewis*

*To Shaw & Lynne Sullivan
Congratulations
on your marriage!
From Shawn & Cherry*

*In memory of Adam Quinn
Beloved sheltie of Sandy &
Chuck Quinn
By Roberta McCardle*

News From The Herd

The Herd is starting to get their rabies shots and teeth checked to see how many will need dental work this fall. There has not been any new health issues with any of the horses, and everyone seems happy with the cooler weather.

Indigo continues to recover beautifully. She still has to be confined to a small area to prevent her from hurting herself. There have been several times when she showed her displeasure with her separation from her friends by running and bucking in her area. We have had to close her area gates to make it smaller until she settled down.

Coyote and Sonoma ... *from page 1*

in a rescue sanctuary. Realizing that the horses were great friends they chose to keep them together. This could be very important for Sonoma's full recovery to have his buddy for companionship. Sonoma is a beautiful 16 year old Thoroughbred and is about a 3 on the Henneke body scoring. We have switched both horses over to a high protein, high fat pelleted feed with needed supplements that their blood work up showed was required. We would expect Sonoma to gain back his weight in only a couple of months. He receives soaked alfalfa morning and night and free feed of hay. We may have to do more diagnosis work ups in the future if he does not gain. He was fed sweet feed for many years so EPM is always a concern. Sonoma started his life as a race horse.

Coyote is a great looking and super personality pony size horse. He is only seven years old and is in good health. He has stolen everyone's heart with his cute antics. It would be wonderful if once Sonoma is ready for a new home if the two could be kept together.

Both horses have done some beginning shows and eventing.

Come visit these two gentle souls and feed them an apple. They would enjoy a good brushing, too.



Sonoma needs a special sponsor!

Snickerdoodles and Nevada... *from page 1*

was able to encourage Nevada to stand in the trailer and get his balance back before we opened the door to let him off. With just a little encouragement he backed off the trailer. What a frightening experience! My biggest concern was that he broke a bone in his back leg from the fall.

Nevada shows signs of heavy fat pads on his rump, and yet upper part of his ribs lack fat cover and his spine protrudes. These are an indicator of a horse that has been terribly over weight and then starved. His back leg swelled from his fall, and he is very tender footed. The signs of extreme over weight lead us to the belief that he had foundered. His hooves were in deplorable condition – way too long, misshapen and very ragged. Patrick Eanes was able to trim both of the guys within a day of their arrival. Arrangements were made for Dr. Jonathan Featherstone to come and give rabies shots, a physical exam, and blood work up on both and x-rays of all four of Nevada's hooves and his back leg. Nevada's muscle enzyme levels were off the charts! Supplements will restore these levels to normal and relieve much of his discomfort. He is one tough horse with a huge heart and will to live. The x-rays showed past founder in all four hooves, 5% and 29% rotation in the front. There is a 6% and 16% rotation of the coffin bone in the rear hooves. With our excellent professionals that trim the horses, Nevada can be helped to fully recover. Nevada has had most of his front teeth knocked out or broken off. We have no idea how this happened.



Nevada and buddy Snickerdoodles

Snickerdoodles is a trip! This is the fattest little donkey I have ever seen. She has fat pads on top of fat pads. Exercise is out of the question at the present time since she has also been foundered in the past. One of her front hooves was so distorted that it caused her to go over at the fetlock joint. This is our biggest health issue at the present time. In the future we may need to have her hooves x-rayed to determine rotation of the coffin bone. Continuing good trimming may help her stand more comfortably on the one front hoof. The other hooves were trimmed down as far as possible and the next trimming more over grown hoof can be removed.

This tells who Snickerdoodles is better than I can. This is an email from Roberta: *"Joanie, I am glad that you warned me about Snickerdoodles' behavior with treats....it reminded me of a Peregrine Falcon in a 75 MPH stoop going for a mouse. I am very thankful she is not a carnivore! What was really funny....I bent over to look at her front feet and Snickerdoodles promptly slung her head over my back and proceeded to rest her full weight there. She seemed to enjoy it so we stood that way for a couple of minutes. I hope Perry wasn't watching....(:-)"*

Both of the new babies could benefit from Angel sponsors to help offset their expenses. Come visit and you will love meeting these two. Thank you for caring about our four legged friends in need.

The horses send a huge “thank you” to the following contributors this month. Without you there would be no Horse Protection Society!

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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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