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# Over Herd

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**Mark your  
Calendars:**

**Volunteer Meeting  
November 12th**

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

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

**The Mane Event  
February 10, 2006**

**You won't want to miss  
this event...  
See page 2 for  
all the details**

## So Many in Dire Need By Joan Benson

Nevada, Snickerdoodle, Majestic, Padre, Wind Song and Laredo, all six horses came to us foundered. I have had people ask what this means. A toxicity has formed in the horse's body that moves down to the laminate that holds the coffin bone to the front of the hoof wall. The laminate becomes inflamed, blood flow to the area is interfered with and the coffin bone becomes unattached to the hoof wall. (This is the very short version of what happens.) Free feeding on lush green grass is one of the major causes of laminitis that turns to founder. The huge amount of sugar in the grass is the main problem. As soon as the coffin bone moves and starts to turn point down it is called founder. This can be very painful for the horses unless intervention takes place. The horse needs to have x-rays taken so that the farrier can see how the horse needs to be trimmed. Supplements are always needed to help the horse grow healthy new hooves. Diet becomes a major concern to keep the amount of sugar down. Their weight has to be managed carefully to keep them healthy, yet not too heavy. After several months of trimming, more x-rays are needed. Blood work is important to test for insulin resistance (IR). Horses with IR have to be put on a very restricted diet. There is also the possibility of Cushing's syndrome or a thyroid condition and any of these can contribute to a foundered condition. Each of these horses is hugely expensive to care for to bring back to health. Laredo is almost there and is finally able to take short trips under saddle. He had a 20 degree rotation in both front hooves. Horses like this are often put to sleep and yet, here is Laredo returning to full health, almost ready to leave for his new loving home. One or two more good trimmings and Wind Song will be able to join Laredo on a trail ride. She also had 20 plus rotation in her front coffin bones.



*Hawkeye—EPM*

I once had a vet tell me that a horse with a 6 degree rotation had a 50 – 50 chance of recovering. This was unacceptable, and I believed that with the right care many more horses could be saved. We are proving this here at the sanctuary with your help these precious lives are being saved. Other people are taking the chance and working to save their horses lives because of the work we are doing here with the foundered horses. Please become an Angel Sponsor to keep all of their needs provided.

Wild Flower needs to have surgery again to remove proud flesh from a back fetlock area. This will be the second time and we are praying that it will not grow back this time.

Seventeen of the horses are due for their rabies shots. This is very expensive. A number of the horses are in need of their dental work to be updated.

Summer, Wrangler, Montana, and Irish have EPM. (Equine protozoal myeloencephalitis) Hawkeye may have EPM along with EPSM. EPM is an infection of the central nervous system of horses caused by a protozoa. The signs that it causes are most commonly asymmetric incoordination, weakness **See Page 4**



*Montana—EPM*

Mark your calendar and save the date for the First Annual Live/Silent Auction Dinner event. If you are interested in attending the event, becoming a sponsor, donating live/silent auction items, advertising in our program or if you would like to volunteer your time please contact Gayle Cannon at 704-483-0461.

A big thank you to the following people who have been working so hard to make this a fun time and to aid the rescued horses:

Gayle Cannon, Connie Musal, Tristan Cohen, Sarah Gatza, Crystal Dowdle, Christie Edwards, Lisa Fisher, Billie Lawson, Iris Simon, Holly Perkins, Kathie Correll, Cindy Trobaugh, Teresa Bertollette, Susan Tucker, Allison Rose and Christina Bailey.

## Toner Cartridge Recycling

Big winny-thanks to folks bringing used/empty cartridges to the ranch! I picked up 16 Saturday!! That's great - those completed four packages to send to TonerBuyer.com, totaling \$56.00! Those packages will be sent out the week of October 31 and in approximately 2 weeks a check will be sent to the Ranch.

TonerBuyer.com offers this program to non-profit organizations such as ours. The money we can receive on cartridges varies from week to week, according to quantity and demand with their company. There are a few guidelines they ask we follow when we are sending packages to them. When a cartridge is changed, please use the box and the packing materials for the empty cartridge. They ask that no less than 6 boxes are taped together for shipment. TonerBuy.com provides a prepaid UPS label, and packing lists to be attached to the boxes listing what you're sending and the total monies your organization should receive.

At this time, we don't collect small printer cartridges like for personal printers, as they ask we send in no less than 250. These are better used for discounts offered at local office supply stores. A fairly simple task that helps our horses and our environment!

Thanks, Valerie

Please Save the Date



**Horse Protection Society**  
Presents the 1st Annual  
"The Mane Event"  
Having a Heart for Horses

Catawba Country Club  
February 10, 2006  
6:30 pm Casual Dress  
Dinner, Dancing & Auction  
\$75 per person

Visit our website at  
[www.horseprotection.org](http://www.horseprotection.org)

*Please Join us for an Evening to Benefit the Horses and Help Build them a New Barn!*

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## Food Lion Grocery Cards

Attention!!! Attention!!!

If you order Food Lion Grocery Cards, starting November 1st **please make your checks payable to "Horse Protection Society"**. Orders need to be mailed to:

Lisa Murray Gift Card Coordinator  
1529 Mill Wheel Drive  
Salisbury, NC 28146

Questions: 704-630-6155

Food Lion has made this change in how we order gift cards, thank You for your support!!

### Grocery Card Contest:

*Roberta McCardle was the winner of the \$25 grocery card contest. Way to go! Roberta had a \$410 order. We made \$135 for the Horses. Don't forget to order cards for Thanksgiving & Christmas!!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Delivery Instructions:

Mail my cards to the above address

Leave my cards at HPS to be picked up by me

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Happy Thanksgiving

*Thinking about Thanksgiving and all the blessings we have here at the sanctuary makes it easier to deal with opening the vet bill for over \$4,000.00 and not knowing how we are going to be able to pay it off. We struggle each month to just be able to provide the barest necessities for the wonderful thirty horses that are here at the sanctuary. When economical times are tight, remember it is ever worse for HPS to try and meet the budget. The income goes down and almost everything we need to keep things going at the sanctuary goes up. The kind Angel Sponsors are the only donations we can count on each month. Each horse needs 7 to 8 Angel Sponsors to meet their expenses. Many horses do not have even one sponsor.*

*The kind folks that work so hard here at the sanctuary are thankful for the following blessings:*

*The horses that come to us who are in such desperate need of HPS's help.*

*To see them recover and run in the fields happy and full of life.*

*The veterinarians, farriers and massage therapist that help with the horses' recovery.*

*The funds that have been donated to help build the new barn that is so desperately needed.*

*The Angel Sponsors who so generously send a donation each month to help a special horse in need.*

*Each person that helps is a blessing to the horses.*

*Think if you had thirty plus dependents to provide for each month. Please remember the horses need your help during this upcoming holiday season.*

## The Herd is Thankful

by Dream Catcher (with clerical support from Roberta McCardle)

It is always so illuminative to poll the herd for their thoughts. This month I thought it might be interesting to ask the horses the question, "What are you thankful for?"

**H** - Hay, tasty & delicious, cut just right! (This was a frequent response)

**A** - Apples, sliced/diced/cubed, "it's all good." (The horses also expressed appreciation for modern refrigeration).

**P** - Pelleted feed, great for not-so-great teeth

**P** - People who care about us

**Y** - Yips! Tundra's yips tell us when we need to pay attention to something other than food.

**T** - Tubs of clean water

**H** - Hoof trimming! "We sometimes don't act like it, but we really appreciate our nice farriers" - Skye

**A** - Alfalfa cubes, soaked in warm water until it's all smoozy - YUM!

**N** - Nutrition (going back to feed, hay, apples, carrots, etc. etc.)

**K** - Kindness. "We see this every day; thank you for bringing us here!" - Padre

**S** - Song! One person, who shall remain nameless (Snickerdoodle says you know who you are), sings to us

**G** - Grazing and more grazing! "We feel so sorry for people -- they only get to eat three times a day" - Mancha

**I** - Insect control in the summer (flies....ICK!)

**V** - Vitamin E soft gels 400 IU size. (Several of the horses are on this and feel that it contributes to their health and vivacity).

**I** - Implements for barn cleaning - "This is mundane, but oh, so important!"

**N** - Newsletter -- "We read the HPS newsletter every month; it's the best way to keep up with everything that's going on" - Navajo

**G** - Grooming! We love to be brushed. "An untidy horse is an unhappy horse" - Dakota

*Honor Congratulations to  
Dr. Katie Smithson,  
Atrium Animal Hospital.  
From Cherly McDermott*

*In memory of my father,  
James Scott Byrd  
Dec.10, 1919 - May 7, 2005.  
By Barbara Moore*

*In memory of our good friend  
Stuart Mitchelson who  
passed away recently.  
By Bill & June Cauthen*

*In honor of  
Jennifer & Michael Caruso  
for the New Barn fund.  
By Spunky Dagenhart*

**God's Garden**

God looked around his garden,  
 And found an empty place.  
 He then looked down upon the earth,  
 And saw your tired face.  
 He put his arms around you,  
 And lifted you to rest;  
 God's garden must be beautiful –  
 He always takes the best.  
 He knew that you were suffering,  
 He knew you were in pain.  
 He knew you would never get well on  
 earth again.  
 He saw the road was getting rough  
 And hills were hard to climb  
 So he closed your weary eyelids,  
 and whispered,  
 "Peace be thine."  
 It broke our hearts to lose you,  
 But you didn't go alone,  
 For a part of us went with you,  
 The day God called you home.

*In memory of Lollipop and Cupcake.  
 By Doris, Mike & Sara Lane*

**Meet The Members....**

Member of the month for November is Vera Bennet shown here with Buttercup. Vera has a daughter, Julie; 3 grandchildren, and son-in-law Chris, who is just like a son to her. She enjoys gardening, yard sales, antique auctions, e-bay, cats, and of course, horses.



**Vera & Buttercup**

Vera had a horse named Rebel when she was a teenager, but has not ridden in several years. We hope to change that in the near future and get her help exercising some of the horses here at the ranch.

Vera has been a member of HPS for 3 years. She became very active last May after retiring from the state of NC prison system. She helped with the spring yard sale, initiated and manages our E-Bay website, and feeds on Thursday mornings. In November, she and her daughter will be at the ranch feeding on Sunday mornings also.

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and spasticity, although they may mimic almost any neurologic condition. Muscle atrophy, or loss of condition may result. Secondary signs also occur with neurological disease. Upward fixation of the patella (locking up of the stifle) is among the most common findings among horses with neurological disease. Another common side effect of EPM is back soreness, which can be severe.

In 1999 we treated Summer for EPM with the accepted sulfa combo of drugs used then. There was a high incident of recurrence with its use, as in Summer's case.

Last year we treated Queenie for EPM at a cost of \$2,000 with the newest touted miracle drug for EPM manufactured by Bayer Company and called Marquee. Queenie developed seizures and too many other ills to list them all while on the drug and we finally had to let her go.

So once again the sanctuary is looking out of the main stream for a cure for EPM. We have made head way with the outward signs of the illness with a combination of herbs in a supplement called Super Immune Booster. None of us have any doubt that it is helping the horses fight this dreaded illness. The second order was placed and the company sent us the wrong product so the horses were without it for a week. All of the horses deteriorated and the symptoms worsened. After just a week back on the supplement all of the horses have improved to a level that only displayed slight problems. We have had the horses on half of the manufactures recommend dosage with no ill effects and have now adjusted to the full amount. We have another product coming that we are hopeful will help cure the EPM. Blood tests and veterinarian monitoring will be needed for many months to come. The five horses under this treatment are in desperate need of Angel Sponsors to be able to keep all of the needed products coming to them.

Hawkeye is a large beautiful paint with a very serious condition. The muscle disease Equine Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy (EPSM) has not been confirmed yet. EPSM is a muscle condition that results in an excessive buildup of glycogen in the muscle. In the normal horse, glycogen is the energy source in muscle contraction. An EPSM horse cannot complete this process, which results in the excess in stored glycogen. This results in muscle cramps and weakness. Obvious symptoms include tying up, reluctance to move, stiff gaits especially in the hindquarters, and sweating. Less obvious signs of EPSM are reluctance to trot, back or canter, muscle atrophy and weakness, or lack of energy. This condition can be misdiagnosed as back or hock soreness or colic. EPSM has now been documented in many horse breeds.

Hawkeye is on a very special diet and supplements. It maybe necessary to do a muscle biopsy to confirm the illness and /or many other tests to diagnose his condition. We are watching him closely to see if the diet changes are helping him feel better.

All of these horses are in need of your love and caring to recover. Please pick a horse and become an Angel Sponsor providing funds each month to be used for the care of the horses. Or a one time donation is always welcome. You are desperately needed.



**Irish—EPM**

## The Dangers of Persimmons and Acorns

This is going to be a particular dangerous year for many horses. There is a bumper crop of both persimmons and acorns. If the horse only eats a few acorns along with his grass or hay, there would be little problem. But the real problem is with his obsession for this new treat. Some horses will become obsessed with eating acorns. These oak products are very high in tannin. When absorbed from the gastrointestinal track, tannin enters the blood stream and circulates through the liver and kidneys. Upon contact, tannin will damage these very important organs. The reduced digestion of what he does eat can quickly lead to dramatic weight loss. The loss of appetite is difficult to reverse, as regeneration of damaged liver cells is very slow. Along with the tannin, the sudden intake of so much dense, high protein food can bring on colic, which in horse is called acute gastritis. The response to protein is similar to an allergic reaction. The lining of the stomach and small intestine becomes very inflamed, red, and swollen. This irritation results in the bowel becoming hyperactive. Your horse may need therapy to prevent shock and pain, and would be treated with intestinal protections. Of course a very important treatment is massive amount of fluids, both orally and intravenously.

The horse that starts craving persimmons can develop two problems. The most common is a blockage from an accumulation of seeds and skins of the persimmons. The horse may lose their appetite when too many accumulate in the gut. The horse can displace symptoms like colic. The horse may need to be treated with pain relievers and intestinal lubricants. Once the logjam of seeds breaks up the horse will be fine. When standard treatment is ineffective, then surgery may be called for. If the overweight horse loads up on these, the high sugar content can be enough to cause laminitis, or founder.

Both acorns and persimmons can create colic like symptoms and your veterinarian should be told of the possible complications of ingestion of either of these so the correct treatment can be given to the horse.

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*Patty Bauchman's Arabian friend and companion of 22 1/2 years past away in October. Shadaza was 25 1/2 years old. He moved across the country with Patty several times and competed in multiple disciplines through out his long and healthy life. A small gray Arabian who was huge in spirit and personality, became known as Patty's "Secret Weapon" among the other competitors. A silver level donation to help build the barn is given in memory of this deeply missed wonder horse. **The Robbins Family***

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▪ **Their address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

▪ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Your Message for the Newsletter:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Any donation amount is appreciated. Please make your checks payable to Horse Protection Society.**

For a \$25 or more donation the named person will receive a year of "Over Herd." Newsletter to be sent: **Yes No**

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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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