

# Over Herd

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## Please Contact HPS

The sanctuary will need to have seven to eight truck-loads of hay delivered to feed the horses through the winter. When I put out an email for help last month only one person responded and they did not show up. I called folks to beg for help. If we had a list of people who would be willing to give sometime to aid in the unloading and stacking of the hay it would be a tremendous help. Each load of hay will be 600 bales. If anyone is desperate for hay for their horses, please let us know. We may be able to help. We cannot always arrange for the hay to be delivered on a Saturday. It may be sometimes week-day evenings. Please give the sanctuary a call or email if you can volunteer with this crucial job. If we have enough help it can be done quickly and easily.

**Please help: 704-855-2978 [horseprotection-soc@vnet.net](mailto:horseprotection-soc@vnet.net) or [hps@horseprotection.org](mailto:hps@horseprotection.org)**

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

**A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care.**  
~Unknown

## Another Life Saved

A very distraught gal called to tell us about a horse in desperate condition. Her sad story unfolded, as she told how she had planned on buying the horse and had paid for him. She was trying to help the owner who said she could not afford food for the horse. She had always wanted a horse and the price seemed cheap to her for a nine-year-old horse. She was optimistic that she would be able to bring him back to full weight. His ribs were showing and his spine stood up a little.

It was going to take her two weeks to get things ready for him and arrange a trailer. The happy day arrived. The gentleman who was to haul the horse took one look at him and said, "No way am putting that horse on my trailer." He was afraid that he would go down and they would not be able to get him back up. He naturally was concerned about the horse being sick also.

The horse was holding up a back leg that was badly swollen and would not put it down on the ground. The gal could not believe how much more weight he had lost in just two weeks. There was also a large open infected puncture wound in his chest dripping pus. The owner had an unbelievable story about a pack of coyotes chasing the ... *Continued on page 2.*



## Don't Miss This: Carolina Traveler Films a Segment

Can you imagine answering the phone and hearing, "Hi, this is Mike Redding with *Carolina Traveler*." If I had not recognized his voice, I would have thought one of the guys was playing a joke. We set a date for Mike and Andy Benton, the gentleman behind the camera, to come visit the sanctuary. Some of our members were able to join us. They wanted to film from the start of the day when the horses are brought in and fed. Mike picked who he wanted to visit with and what was to be filmed. Mike and Andy have a wonderful way of making folks feel at ease. Both have a great sense of humor and everyone enjoyed the morning with them. Everything went beautifully. We had planned a nice lunch and were sorry when they told us they needed to go to their next stop in their travels. As they were washing up, Roberta came with the sad news that Dakota was down and could not get up. The camera was unpacked and off everyone went to help Dakota. Everyone forgot about the filming and was just concerned with helping Dakota. We worked

together trying to get Dakota on to his feet to no avail. Dr. Christina Law arrived and used everything in her bag of tricks. Perry Morgan was trying to help using his equipment. Dakota could not help. About this point everyone realized that Dakota's problem was neurological. Finally after administering a list of drugs, Dakota was up and making an effort to stand. The problem was, he was standing on the front of his hooves rather than the bottoms. IV fluids with DMSO were given, and he was now standing on the bottom of his hooves. Dakota was not out of the woods and had to be able to remain standing. There was nothing else we could do for him. Unfortunately he could not and once down he could not get up. There was nothing more we could do to save him. It was a terrible end to what started out as a wonderful day. *Continued on Page 2.*

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### **A Great No-Cost-To-You Fundraiser for Horses....the Food Lion Shop & Share Program!**

Time is rapidly passing and the year will be over before we know it. As many of you know, HPS participates in the Food Lion Shop and Share program whereby your MVP card number is linked to HPS as your charity of choice. Doing this does NOT affect your MVP savings in any way, shape, or form. The total of your purchases just counts toward the total for HPS. Based on the total amount of groceries purchased by folks linked to HPS, Food Lion makes a quarterly donation to HPS. **If you previously gave HPS your MVP card number, then we still have it and you do not need to do anything. This reminder is only for those folks who have NOT given HPS their MVP number. If you would like to help horses in this way, just send your name, address, and twelve (12) digit MVP card number to the ranch.** Please note that the twelve digits include the little bitty numbers at the beginning & end of the MVP number. If you only send us ten digits, we cannot use it.

**You can obtain MVP numbers from friends, co-workers, etc. -- remember, you do not have to be a member to help in this way.** Monty says **THANK YOU** and is delighted to learn of a fundraiser that involves food (Navajo thought this was a pretty great thing too).

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## **Another Life Saved** Continued from Page 1...

horse out of the fence.

Once again Wendy Daniel dropped everything to haul a horse for HPS. The poor boy was locked in a small area with no sign of water or hay. The lot was bare of any vegetation. Poor Night Hawk did not have much time left before the terrible smelly infection turned septic. The back leg was still badly swollen, yet improving since he was putting weight on it. We slowly walked him from his prison of starvation to the waiting trailer. Wendy had put hay in the front and it was a big draw for him to get on the trailer. He seemed very leery about raising the back leg enough to get in. Night Hawk was weak and a 1 ½ on the body scoring.

Once we arrived at the sanctuary, he did not want to leave the hay in the trailer. We assured him there was more hay waiting for him. He drank deeply before attacking the hay in his area. We started antibiotics and the veterinarian did a great job cleaning up the dead skin and tissue. The puncture was deeper than a finger. It was too late to sew the tissue closed and it had to be left open for the infection to drain.

Night Hawk is doing wonderful. He is not 9 years old, but more like 15 years old. He did not want to have the wound scrubbed, was afraid of having the area washed with the hose, disliked the sound of the spray from the antibiotic can, and did not like the syringe put into the wound to flush it out. Once he understood that this was all to help him, he now stands nicely to let us doctor him.

## **Don't Miss This** Continued from page 1...

The following day we had a necropsy done at the state lab. The results were inconclusive. Everything they tested for was negative. They did not test for EPM even though we had requested them to do the diagnostics.

**Carolina Traveler will air HPS's story Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm on WCNC-TV.** I have been surprised and thrilled at the number of members who enjoy this program. I have always enjoyed watching the show. Thank you again Mike and Andy for caring about the rescued, starved and abused horses of North Carolina. God bless everyone who worked so hard to try and save Dakota.

## **My Tribute to Dakota** By Mary Walters

It is out of tremendous pain and great privilege that I was asked to write about my beloved Dakota. As I reflect, I remember our special connection. Most of the time, we choose a special horse. I am honored to be the "chosen one" of that huge, magnificent horse. He chose me in the middle of the night at the bottom of the pasture. That giant horse stepped out of the shadows of the night and wrapped his large neck around me, lifting me out of my shoes and into his heart. From that moment, we joined souls and only death has separated us. My heart received a powerful message that night!

Dakota was rescued at the age of 4 from a desperate situation being one of the worst cases of starvation that an HPS horse has overcome. When Joanie went to get him, he fell to his knees not being able to hold up his own weight. Dakota had been at the sanctuary longer than any other horse. Because of being emotionally fragile, he was a permanent resident of the sanctuary. With care and love, he survived.

Later in his life he became depressed and underweight. This brought the fear that he would grieve himself to death. At this point in his life he chose me, and we never left each other. It was our similar personalities that made us mesh. Both of us liked to play and make people laugh. I believe we were of the same fiber. He had the ability to get attention and draw a crowd. Joanie requested that I build his self confidence and give him courage. He loved it when after riding I would escort him around making everyone tell him that he was the most beautiful horse of all! Soon he expected it, looking for approval. How proud he was when his beloved Aunt Roberta presented him with his purple, tasseled cap! It evoked laughter, and that was what he liked best. At Christmas time, I bought us both reindeer antlers. He proudly paraded in front of his many admirers with glee--- - "look at me."

Dakota was the psychiatrist of the ranch. He sensed when someone was sad or in pain. When Roberta lost her Angel, he was there to comfort her. On the anniversary of Angel's death, she brought a white rose to place on her grave only to turn around she see Dakota eating it! How's that for a solemn moment!

Most of all I want Dakota remembered not for his huge stature but for his unique and special way of making us laugh and also his big heart. My heart has been touched and will never be the same. I am honored to have been chosen by him. I have lost my best friend and my safe place in life, as I was in his. I promised Dakota that I would never leave him and I didn't. It was my honor to be with him in the end. As I conclude what I feel is my "love story", I will use a verse his special friend Dottie shared with me. "The price of love is grief." I love you Dakota.



In memory of Jackie Osting's father, Joe D. Layton. He loved horses.  
 ~By Joe and Lisa Murray

In memory of Smokey, Melanie Boone's beloved kitty. ~By Jahala Moorehead

In memory of Dakota. ~By Mary Walters

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In honor of Rocky Boone for his birthday. ~By Jahala Morehead

Hannah, Sloane and Shea sold lemon-aid and raised funds for the horses. "We love the horses," Hannah, Sloane & Shea Stewart.

### The Mane Event

By Joyce Hixson

You just never know where you are going to run into someone to come to the next Mane Event. I have been diligently collecting items for the next event. Two pieces of china were broken in a set I had accrued, so I went online to replacements.com. In speaking to the person on the other end of the phone, I told him why I needed the china for an event in North Carolina. He proceeded to tell me he was in North Carolina and had moved from China Grove. I told him about the event, what a great time it was with all the wonderful items he and his wife could bid on and it was for a great cause, the rescue of horses. The next thing I knew he said, "How do I get tickets!" What a kick!!!!!!

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Founded by Joan Benson and incorporated in 1999, we continue to reach out and to grow. We are always seeking new members.

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