



OVER HERD

Open House for Placement Day Save a Horse..... Ride a Rescue

HPS Officer Elena Bogan suggested that HPS have a “Placement Day” and open the sanctuary to prospective folks who are looking for a new horse to bring into their family. She has worked hard, putting together a poster to advertise the day, doing handouts with information about each of the 14 horses that will be presented, and helping to organize our members to lend a hand with this important event. Fellow Officer Ashley Bethea has been posting the “Placement Day” information on the Internet and various equine sites, but HPS can use **your** help in promotion as well.

On Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM the sanctuary will be open to the public to meet 14 of our horses who are ready for new homes. For those of you who receive this newsletter by email,



please note the attachment (a poster to advertise the “Open House”) and help us find these wonderful horses new loving homes by printing and posting the announcement of the event. Horse people are *everywhere*: your vet office, feed stores, tack stores, at your work and everywhere else. You never know which poster will attract the perfect person for one of the rescued horses.

All of the horses have been worked under saddle and are ready to go. Their health is wonderful and any would be a great addition to any family. The placement fee is \$100 to \$150 per horse. We also have Pasture Pals, free to anyone who will provide a good home for the horse. *(continued next page)*

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If you're a member of chat rooms or have a Facebook page, please post the information from the poster or contained herein about "Placement Day."

We need your help to get the word out. *Save a Horse . . . Ride a Rescue!*



Each of our members in the Equine Training Program will be preparing one or two of the horses by bathing and grooming them for their big day to help find a quality new home. They will also be with their horses at the Open House to talk to folks about them and the type of person for whom each horse is appropriate. The range of available horses is from "child-safe" to those an experienced rider would enjoy. A variety of breeds will be represented.



This Open House may be the last chance HPS has this year to place horses. Once cold weather arrives, it becomes almost impossible to find new homes, and the horses at the sanctuary will likely remain here at least until spring arrives. At the present, we have **47** horses under our care, and we need to make room for the starved horses that will need us this winter. If we are fortunate to find suitable and loving homes for even a fraction of them, we will be able to save needy ones



during the next several months. We shudder to think what will happen if we run out of room...

Thank you so very much for helping with the promotion of this VIE (Very Important Event).

[horses pictured on page 1 - Sahara; Autumn; Legacy. Horses pictured above - Coyote; Diego; Drifter]

***Give Us Your Email Address!**

Do we have your email address? If not, please consider sending it to us so that we may email to you when each new issue of the newsletter is ready. This will save expenses for printing and postage by cutting down the number of copies we mail each month. Our snail mail list has over 830 addresses; if you can help us cut that down, there will be more money to spend where YOU want it spent—on the precious ponies at the sanctuary.

Thank You!

The Return of Anza

By Joanie Benson

It is a sad event for both the family and HPS when a horse has to be returned to the sanctuary due to no fault of the family or the horse. This is the second home from which Anza has had to come back to us. Tears were shed as the beautiful girl was left in our care once again. Our prayers go to her family. The family had changed her name to "Scarlet," so we asked her if she wanted to be called Anza or Scarlet. She wants us to call her Anza.



She stepped off the trailer and gave a loud call to old friends. Return whinnies could be heard from several locations. The beautiful Saddlebred is now 23 years old with lots of years left to be loved and enjoyed. Anza left us in August 2009, so many of her old friends are still here. Sahara and Anza were best friends. Cherub was not happy with suddenly having to share Sahara with Anza, but Anza is schmoozing Cherub so they can become a threesome. Of course Cherub thinks she should be head mare of this small group, and she has the size for it since she's a Belgian. What a funny little herd! Anza picked up right where she had left off, exploring the property and greeting horses she had not met before.

Anza is in great health and was wonderfully cared for. Her placement folks donated her saddle and bridle, which will make it so much easier to work with her. (We still have difficulty fitting some of the horses, and we're in need of additional saddles.)

Anza is more of the older type Saddlebred with heavier legs, large chest and strong hindquarters. She is amazing!

We are hoping a new family may be taken with this beautiful girl at our planned "Open House." In the meantime, please consider helping with her care by becoming her Angel Sponsor for any amount you can provide.

more about Anza as a prospective new member of your family:

She has wonderfully smooth gaits and a high level of training in English-style riding. She has previous show experience. We have taken her trail riding and have done some obstacle-course work with her. She is easy for the farrier to work with, stands quietly while being tacked, and is a pleasure to ride. She is a rich-colored chestnut who looks very elegant when dressed in her saddle and bridle.

Anza would make a wonderful horse for an individual who likes to ride English and wants a good steady horse.

Love Is Not Enough

by Joanie Benson

Within three months of a family taking in four horses, two of them died! The two remaining horses, who were stronger to begin with, survived. The first horse died in its stall. The second horse went down in a field and had to be euthanized.

About two weeks after the family took in the needy horses, Rowan County Animal Control (RCAC) was called, and they insisted a veterinarian be called; instructions were given to re-feed the starved horses. As in so many cases, the family did not have the funds to provide what was needed for the horses: each starved horse could easily eat an entire bale of hay a day plus as much as double the normal amount of feed, depending on the type to be fed.

After the death of the first horse, I heard about the three remaining horses, but had no idea where they were or in which county they were residing. I walked into my house one day and was very surprised to realize the phone call I answered was from this family. One of the remaining horses was down. They had tried to get the horse up, but it would go down again. I told them there was nothing HPS could do and a veterinarian needed to be called. After some persuading, the veterinarian was called and Rowan County Animal Control went with the vet to see the horse as well as the other two remaining horses. Both the vet and RCAC were concerned due to the lack of weight gain since they had seen the horses previously. RCAC convinced the family to turn the two remaining horses over to the Horse Protection Society. Thank you Rowan County Animal Control!

One of the two remaining horses is a small Mustang mare; wild horses can thrive on small amounts of poor food. Mustangs do not require the quantity of feed that domestic horses need, and it would not be surprising that the Mustang got most of the hay that had been put out for the horses. Mustangs have very high survival instincts, and she could have easily chased off the other horses from any hay put out for them. When we saw her, she had a body score of four. We think she may be as young as four years old and may have been bred before this family took her and the other horses in. She is very nervous and currently a bit dangerous since she has had very little handling. It looked as if her hooves had never been trimmed as she was very duck-footed all the way around. For her first hoof-trimming, we had to have the vet here to sedate her to keep everyone safe. The heavy sedation wore off before the vet was able to check her for a pregnancy, and I did not want to give her more drugs at that time.



The second horse is a long-necked dark bay mare with a body condition score of a one or very low two. I would guess she might turn black when her nutrition is balanced and she has shed out her coat several times. It is difficult to tell her breed at this point - she may be a Thoroughbred, Standardbred or a Saddlebred. She has had a cataract detachment in one eye causing her to be blind in that eye. (We give a handful of raw cabbage three or four times a week mixed in the feed to help keep cataracts from hardening and detaching. This has worked well for many of our older horses for many years.) *(continued last page)*

Winter is Almost Upon Us By Joanie Benson

Despite the wonderful items available at amazing prices, the Jewelry Sale brought into HPS about 25 % less than last year. Those funds were greatly needed! It's time to have dental work done on another group of horses, the main feed we use is going up by about 7%, hay costs have increased, and during the winter the horses need more feed and hay to help keep them warm. HPS is doing everything possible to keep costs down. BUT we need gravel to put down in the areas where the mud gets knee deep and the price per ton has gone up, our computer guru tells us our 10-year old computer is on its last leg. We desperately need the Indoor Training Arena to be able to keep working with the horses through the winter - and just \$40 from each person, dedicated to the Arena, will get it built. The GFI plugs for the water heaters that provide needed warm drinking water for the horses need re-wiring to keep them from going off in the winter months. There's plumbing work that is needed in the wash stall, and a couple of cut-off valves need changing out..... and the list goes on and on and on.

The normal expenses to care for your horses at the sanctuary run over \$10,000 a month. The care of 47 horses is huge! None of us here at the sanctuary is looking forward to the winter months. Without the above needed repairs and Indoor Training Arena, things will be so much more difficult for everyone working with the horses everyday here at the sanctuary.

Please make the rescued horses an important part of your Christmas giving. The rescued horses at the sanctuary are the *New Face of the Homeless!* And only YOU are their savior!

Monthly Donations & Contributors

A special Thank You to our Angel Sponsors for their generous and steady support of the large herd that lives in safety and love at the sanctuary. Often, included with donations are cards and letters offering encouragement and love to those of us who are privileged to serve these noble and forgiving four-legged beings. We want you to know that your words hold special meaning for us two-leggers, and we send you heartfelt thanks for taking the time to share your love with us.

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HONORS and MEMORIALS

HPS thanks greatly those who, in lieu of gifts celebrating birthdays or other occasions, have made a donation to the Horse Protection Society. You can shorten your holiday shopping list by honoring those you love and respect with a needed donation to the rescued horses. Just include the name, address and email address (if applicable) of those you wish to honor, and we will send them a year of “*Over Herd.*” They will also receive a personal acknowledgement of the gift you have made in their honor. **Deadline to appear in the December issue is November 20th.**

Losing a beloved friend, family member, pet or horse is very traumatic. In remembering a loved one at Christmas by making a donation for the care of the rescued horses, you are doing an extreme kindness. Your generous acts of giving are inspiring. Thank you so very much.

In loving memory of my wonderful
mom, Helen Greenfield.
By Janet & Lou Elmo

In honor of our little companion,
B-Bop, with all our love.
By Bill & Barbara Clayton

In memory of Jan E. Smith.
By Anne N. Kenny

In honor of Mr. Scott Clark.
By Paul & Beth Jaszewski

In honor of Emma Munday.
By Bonnie & Jack Munday

In memory of Dakota. You will never be
forgotten.
By Mary Walters

In honor of Dr. Robbie Whaley
who takes great care of the Messer's animals!
By Jill & Charles Messer

HPS Officers

The members who make up the Officer group are responsible for overseeing the day-to-day running of the sanctuary. They meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month; meetings are open to all members.

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(Love is Not Enough, continued)

For the first few days, the two horses barely lifted their heads from the huge piles of hay put in the round pen area for them. The Mustang is gaining weight and doing fine. The other mare is having a difficult time and acts as if she is not accustomed to eating feed of any type. She may need to have her teeth done, but I hate to do that to a horse that is so thin. Now that they have been dewormed, both are out in the small field with their own round bale. We decided to wait a little longer for them to settle in better before we name them.

Please help with the ongoing expenses for one of these two horses.
We can help rescue horses ONLY if we enough contributions to care for them.

Donation From: _____ Phone# _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email address _____

Please use my donation for: \$ _____ Indoor Training Arena Fund \$ _____ General Use

Angel Sponsor: \$20 for 1 month \$60 for 3 months \$120 for 6 months \$240 for 1 year

Whom would you like to receive your Honor, Memorial, or Angel Sponsor (please circle)?

Name: _____ Email address _____

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Would you like the above recipient to receive "Over Herd" - **Yes** **No**

Your message for the newsletter:

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

****For a \$25 or more donation, the named person can receive "Over Herd" for 1 year.**

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