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OVER HERD

Good Older Horse

HPS gets more requests for child-safe horses than any other type of horse. A child-safe horse is worth its weight in gold, even though we keep our placement fees low. When we heard about this small size 25 year old Tennessee Walker and saw his picture, we decided to take him in at the sanctuary. So many of the older horses have EPM and here he would get the testing and treatment needed.

He just came to HPS so he has not adjusted in enough to try and get him to pick a new name. He is not a horse that has been mistreated and is just a little thin. How nice it would be to not have sleepless night worrying that we may lose him at any moment!

He has had his vaccinations and been correctly dewormed before arriving at the sanctuary.

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Long Term Starvation

The saddest time at the sanctuary is when we cannot cure a horse that is suffering or we cannot save a starved horse. Sometimes the internal organs are just too damaged like a person with anorexia. This poor little mare had long term starvation and we even started the re-feeding slower than normal. Since, neither Michelle nor I believed that the owner was feeding any type of feed to either of the two horses in their possession. The other horse was in good body flesh and living outside the battery operated electric fencing munching on lush green grass.



I will never understand why some owners who live in run down property think they can afford to take care of horses when they can barely take care of themselves by the looks of things. Old vehicles, and junk around with a Pit Bull on a short chain. The horses were not in view of where the owners lived and they had to drive a short distance to care for them. Water and feed had to be hauled to them. There was an open covered area with hay that looked so bad that I don't think cows with eat it and no sign of hay being put our in their small area. If there was grass there at one time, it had been eaten down to include the roots. Most of the ground was bare dirt or covered with weeds.

Michelle and I went out to view the horses on Sunday here in Rowan County and came back with the trailer to pick up the starved horse. Her front pastern was severely dropped and the others seemed very weak. Ester went down in the hospital stall Wednesday morning and with the damaged front tendon, could not raise herself. We made every effort to help her, but she just could not get her back end up. We quickly put our rescue lift equipment together and raised her in the sling. She would not put her feet on the ground or even try to stand. There was not veterinarian available to help and we called three different offices for help. We had to lower her and once again let her lay down. She quietly passed over the Rainbow Bridge.

Most of the time, the starved horses still have fight left in them, but sometimes they are just too starved and damaged inside. Run free Ester!

Make the Horses' Christmas a Healthy One

Please put the rescued horses on your **Christmas list and send them a present.** The horses' needs maybe greater than anyone else on your Christmas list. You could show your caring by doing an "Honor" for the different people on your Christmas list with a donation. The horses need your help so very much this year. Their dental work is due and this will cost between \$4,000 and \$4,500 depending on what has to be done for the horses on the schedule! We need to be able to have the funds to have Chicopee's cleft pallet checked to see if it can possibly be closed by surgery. Then we will have to have the funds to do the surgery. We have horses that need to be checked for EPM or they have completed their treatment for EPM and now need an adjustment to be able to move correctly. Others need a chiropractic visit before we can put them under saddle. A number of horses need to have their rabies vaccination. And on top of all this, there is a hay shortage and we are going to have to pay more for the horses hay this winter!!!

The horses need your help to be able for us to provide for all of their needs. Thank you for showing your love for the rescued horses!

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Our biggest concerns for this nice horse were that he could end up in the wrong hands that would not take into consideration that he has only been ridden twice in the last two years and needs to be tested for EPM. It is so important to give a horse like him the correct nutrition and supplements and he needs his dental work done. This will make it so much easier for him to eat hay. He is in need of a good trimming, but his hooves look pretty good otherwise.

Tennessee Walkers normally have a very friendly and sweet nature and our new boy is an example of a wonderful TW and their great personality.

Health Tips



In 1936 a scientific study was done concerning the mineral content in our food. The results demonstrated that many human illnesses could be attributed to the soil which no longer provided the plants with the minerals that are so essential to human nutritional health. Things have only gotten worse over the years. Without the correct minerals in the fruits, grains and vegetables, we are starving, no matter how much we eat. As more testing was done over the years the nutrition value has dropped even more in our food supply and is now loaded with toxic chemicals.

Vitamins are complex substances which are indispensable to nutrition and each of them is important for the normal function of the body.

Lacking vitamins, our body can make some use of the limited minerals available, but lacking minerals, vitamins are useless.

It is so important to take a good quality vitamin and mineral complex every day!!! Look for organic supplements for optimum health benefits. Many companies' products are nothing more than more chemicals that can be worse for you. You may have to search the Internet to find a quality product. It is also a good time to take extra vitamin C to help to rebuild your immune system.

It is past time to go healthy and stop buying toxic products at the grocery store and work on getting super healthy building your immune system.

Honors and Memorials

In memory of Patrick O'Leary's father. Sending comforting thoughts to our dear friends. By Marilyn and Harry Swimmer

In memory of Leo, Ron Harrington's horse, who was 28 years old when he passed. Ron had Leo for 25 years and misses him very much. By Tamara Sterling

In memory of Dancer, loved by June Evans.

Love Tom & Christine Lamano.

Debra Rockett, we celebrate your past year's achievement.
Congratulations! By Susan & Mike Williams

My appreciation to Dr. "K." By Pamela Carlton

10/21/14 In memory of Julie Stubb's great grandfather, Kenneth P. Ehrman, who loved horses, too. When he was young and lived on his grandfather's farm, he would juts whistle and his favorite horse would come running to him. By Patty Speicher



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