

Over Herd

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HELP FEED THE HORSES Barbeque Order for Thanksgiving

Delivered Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM - in Rowan County. All other orders pick-up at VFW 3006 Brenner Ave, Salisbury, NC (Brenner Ave between Jake Alexander and Statesville Blvd.)

Prices:
Whole Boston Butt - \$25.00

Whole Pork Shoulder - \$40.00

Whole Turkey Breast - \$25.00

Whole Chicken - \$20.00
Hickory Smoked, served with buns and dip

Must be Ordered and Paid for by October 31st

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

He knows when you're happy.
He knows when you're comfortable.
He knows when you're confident.
And he *always* knows when you have carrots.
~Author Unknown

Patient Cherub

I had been talking to a woman in Johnston County about surrendering her horse to HPS. Her family had severe financial problems and was going to have to move. They could not find another place to rent where they could also have the horse. The owner told me she had bought the part Belgian 20 year old horse in December because she felt sorry for her as she was very thin and no one seemed to care about her. Soon after, the owner called explaining that the horse was now sick and she couldn't afford a vet call and she was giving the horse penicillin.



I contacted Kathy Haw and we left the next morning to go pick up the horse. Kathy had filled a hay net and spread some fresh hay on the floor for the horse to munch on during the return trip. The owner did not know enough about horses to be able to report the true condition of the horse, so we did not know what we would find upon arrival. However, after a short conversation, we knew the horse had suffered an extreme choke. The owner and neighbors had been feeding her "horse cookies" and watermelon. We went out to see the horse and prepare to load her. She had a clear discharge from her nose, was nibbling grass in the field, but had not touched her soaked alfalfa cubes. Kathy and I felt the choke must have resolved itself. The big girl loaded wonderfully and off we went.

After about an hour, we stopped to check on her and offer her a drink of water. We knew at once that the choke had not cleared. She was so hungry and trying to eat the hay. Green slime was flowing freely from her nostrils. The smell was hideous! Dread spread through me. A veterinarian should see a choke as soon as possible as permanent damage can **Continued on page 2...**

The Horse is Always Over Thirty



A friend contacted HPS about another horse in trouble on a property we are all too familiar with as Aspen had been with this owner at one time. The horse had been steadily going downhill. The owner said she was over thirty and would not eat hay. This sweet Saddlebred was a two on the body rating score and only twenty-two years old. Over the years, this Union County horse has performed as an endurance horse, was used for trail riding and had been a brood mare.

All horses new to HPS spend a few days in the round pen. This gives us a chance to get to know them and to do their first morning. The first thing she did was go to the fresh hay and start eating. Huumm! We hear so often that a horse will not eat hay. Then as soon as they arrive, they miraculously start eating hay. Some horses are so hungry they will not pick a name. They look at us as if to say, "I don't care what you call me. Just call me to meals!" Jasmine was different and was very adamant about what name she wanted. The list was presented, and when she did not like a name, she would turn her head away with her ears back. There was no mistaking that Jasmine was the name she wanted. Stop by to meet her... she is so sweet and returning to full health.

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**HORSE
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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). Email: hps@horseprotection.org

Art Show to Benefit HPS

Annette Ragone Hall, an artist who moved from the Pacific Northwest to Salisbury earlier this year, is having a solo art show from October 19 to November 16, 2007, at the Rail Walk Studios & Gallery in Salisbury. She is donating 10% of the proceeds from all sales of her artwork during the show, and 15% of the sales during her opening reception on October 19th to the Horse Protection Society .

Annette saw news reports about the hay shortage that has been caused by this summer's severe drought resulting in the high cost of hay. Annette wanted to help the sanctuary with our drastic increase in hay costs due to the shortage. She called to offer to have her upcoming solo art show as a fundraiser for the organization. Everyone is invited to the opening reception on October 19th. Details are as follows: October 19—November 16, 2007, Annette Ragone Hall Solo Show - *Life Glow: the Light of Creation* - Opening Reception: Friday, October 19, 2007 -6:00 pm - 8:00 pm [Location](#) (click to see map): Rail Walk Studios & Gallery, 409 N Lee St., Salisbury, NC 28144 For more information: Web site: www.railwalkgallery.com E- mail: annette@arhall.com Phone: 704-798-9400

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done to the esophagus.

It was late in the day when we arrived back at the sanctuary. Our poor girl had been stressed enough for one day from the transportation. I decided to wait overnight and get the vet here the next morning. The horse was drinking a little water and some was coming back through the nose.

Dr. Christina Law arrived the next morning. She set right to work trying to free the choke. Horrid smelling stuff kept coming back as the nasal tube was drained. Hours passed and still the obstruction blocked her throat. The swelling that accompanies inflammation and esophageal spasm wedges the irritating mass more securely. This makes it very difficult to remove or relieve the obstruction. The esophagus may rupture when inflammation weakens the tissues. Dr. Law tried everything possible to relax the esophagus. The whole time, this big girl was so very well behaved and only became antsy just before we gave up. Finally it became event that she would have to be transported to another facility to help her.

The closest vet hospital that had a gastro scope and could do the surgery, if needed, was Bonnie Brea Vet hospital in Columbus, NC. Perry Morgan agreed to transport her the 130 miles to the hospital.

Upon arrival, they were ready to take her into surgery. I asked them to check her first. The blockage was gone! The trip must have finally loosened it. The use of the gastro scope was fascinating and it showed the damaged and inflamed area of about seven to nine inches long. Once again, she was a perfect angel. They wanted to keep her and I said, "No, we are going to take her back to the sanctuary." They were concerned, but then they do not know us. A call was placed to South Ridge emergency phone number while we were on the road. Dr. Kristi Pierce came at midnight and put in a catheter to administer IV fluids and antibiotics. Finally, at 3 AM I made it to the house and bed.

After all this, the only name that fit this big lovely girl was Cherub. She was cooperative and patient through all of this and her recovery time. Cherub would let us know each time she was ready to advance to the next stage of recovery. She had to live in the hospital stall in the new barn for a little over a week. Members walked her and let her nibble a little grass. When she was ready to move on from soaked feed, she pushed her feed bucket all over the stall to let us know that was not what she wanted. We let her know we understood, took the soaked feed away and replaced it. She did the same thing with her soaked alfalfa cubes. The next step was chopped hay and then finally to regular hay.

Cherub has some old lameness issues and radiographs will show us what has happened to her. Workhorses too often show the abuses that are so apparent with draft horses. The bit damaged her lips and her chin is full of scar tissue. Cherub's vet costs are over \$1,400 and there is more to come. Please consider being her Angel Sponsor.



HORSE PROTECTION SOCIETY

Many thanks to Terry Eller of Eller Diesel Repair. Terry serviced and performed preventive maintenance on Flatbed Annie and refused to take a dime for his time or materials. Thank you, Terry! We appreciate your kindness and care of the HPS farm truck.

In memory of Cathi Calvert. ~By Lillie & Howard Cline
In loving memory of our family friend, "Freckles." He was a credit to the Morgan breed: babysitter, a joy to ride and he helped teach handicapped students. ~By Alice Bischoff

"Deb" has been honored.
~By Katherine Fletcher

In honor of Ann Harrison-Stacker. ~By Jackie Mooney

Emily Koloski asked her friends to donate to the rescued horses in lieu of birthday presents. Happy Birthday Emily! The horses thank Emily and her friends: Celine Ives, Emily Hall, Katie Little, Christina Markey, Cecilia & Eloise Monnin, Ashley Townsend.

Do You Need Hay?

HPS is concerned for our members and contributors. We have looked into the price in our area and hay is selling for \$8.25 a bale. If there is enough interest, we will bring in a tractor-trailer load of hay from upstate New York. This would be between 700 and 750 bales. The cost per bale will be \$6.00 to \$6.25 estimated, depending on the number of bales on the truck. This will be mixed grass hay and the bales weigh about 40 pounds. It will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. If you want hay, you need to let us know quickly by email: hps@horseprotection.org or call 704-855-2978. We will try to have the delivery on a Saturday or Sunday. We will need to be paid up front for the hay so we know we will have the funds to pay for the hay when it arrives. If there is enough need we can have another trailer load delivered later. The hay is meant for HPS folks only, not your friends or for resale. The Horse Protection Society does not have enough money to purchase hay for the whole winter and until spring cutting. We need your help.

*******IDEA:** This idea was suggested by a monthly contributor. Keep the great ideas coming! We are ALWAYS open to suggestions on fundraising and donations. If you would like to make a donation to HPS, but would like to have more control over what your money is used for specifically, HPS can use gift cards to places we buy supplies. This month we will mention Tractor Supply gift cards.

Donation From: _____ Phone# _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Email address _____
Please use my donation for: \$ _____ New Barn Fund \$ _____ General Use
Angel Sponsor: \$20/1month \$60/3 months \$120/6 months \$240/1 year
Whom would you like to receive your Honor, Memorial, or Angel Sponsor (please circle)? Name: _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Email address _____

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.**

Mail completed form to: Horse Protection Society, 2135 Miller Road, China Grove, NC 28023

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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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