

# Over Herd

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**QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

Riding: The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground.

~Author Unknown

## Jewelry Sale: Saturday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM both days. Rain or Shine!

Everyone that has seen some of the items that will be offered for sale is so excited about this wonderful opportunity! I love rings and there are going to be 110 to choose from: opals, pearls, jade, garnets, rubies, silver, gold, and on and on. Do your Christmas shopping for so much less and be able to give great gifts for a great cause. Check out these pictures and there are more pictures on our web site. You name a style and I know we will have it for you. There are just under 2,000 items. This is new jewelry, samples and 40's, 50's & 60's jewelry that has been stored in an old warehouse in Manhattan. It is all new jewelry and no one knows why this just got left there. This is our last fundraiser until the Mane Event next year. Please come help support the horses through the winter and have a great time doing it.



## Do You Believe This? ~Joanie Benson

I received a phone call from Iredell County Animal Control concerning a horse an owner had surrendered to them. The owner did not give them much information except the mare was supposed to be 25 years old and had been bred. She had a foal in the spring, but it died! Looking at her no one would be surprised the foal died. It is a miracle she did not die, also. She is just pony size and of questionable breeding. We were concerned the owner may have bred her again, but the good news is that she has come into season so she is not bred!



The poor little thing is club footed on one back leg. It looks like an old injury that was not cared for caused the problem. The fetlock has built up calcification and the tendon is enlarged. The good news is there still is some limited movement in the fetlock joint. We have had success in the past with old injuries like this. It takes time, DMSO and physical therapy.

Her mane is matted and full of burrs. We will carefully remove these so as not to get these terrible things growing on our property. She has not picked a name yet and we are still trying to come up with a name she likes.

Our poor little pony is not as old as the owner said. She is more likely 18 years old. Once we get a better look at all her teeth, we will know more. She loves attention and goes to greet most folks that go into see her. At the present time she has a body score of a one. Of course she has rain rot all over her back. Her blood panel did not show anything that we would not expect to see with a horse starved this badly. I would expect a full recovery of our new little girl. Time and Patience!

## Keep Those Aluminum Beverage Cans Coming!

Many thanks to our faithful members who collect and transport aluminum beverage cans to the ranch! This is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser. This works most effectively as a team effort....put a collection bag in your break room at work, ask for help from friends/family/neighbors. A couple of recent runs to the salvage yard bumped our cumulative 2008 year-to-date total up to \$661 and we still have three months left in the year. Keep those aluminum beverage cans rolling!

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## Sanctuary Update ~Joanie Benson

It has been a busy month. The results of the Sea Doo fundraiser that Gayle Cannon set-up and promoted raised close to \$2,500. Joyce Hixson donated the Blue Ray DVD for the raffle. Joyce had some of the beautiful jewelry for sale at the fundraiser as well. Susan from Power Sports helped promote the day and brought give items. GREAT JOB GALS! A big 4-legged THANK YOU!

The veterinarians treated several eye problems, Feather and Amigo, did blood work on a couple of horses, Miracle and New Pony, and digital radiographs of hooves, Morning Star (formerly "Poor Girl"). Shaman had a huge pitting edema, and we had his blood work done. Sometimes there is just no outward reason to explain some conditions that appear.

Our new horse "Poor Girl" picked the name "Morning Star." We did radiographs on one hoof to see how the soles were doing since they were paper-thin. She had been moved into the new barn and was doing well until the soles broke open on both front hooves right in front of the frog. There was just too much built up infection and pressure. The holes are not too bad, but she is going to have to spend some time in the hospital stall to keep the bandages clean and let her recover. She is moving better and the soles are much thicker. I am so thankful we have the wonderful new barns. The rubber mats are wonderful for Morning Star.

We have been nursing Fire Breeze along for the last two years. Everyone felt he had brain cancer. He was getting melanomas on his nose that we had treated along. They would dry up and fall off. He had odd spells of blindness that would last for about 20 minutes and then his sight would come back. Once the sight in his right eye did not return and he remained blind in that eye. Then this year he started having a different type of spell usually when he was in his stall. He would go backwards at great speed bumping into walls and then it would be over. Then he had two spells in one day that were much worse while he was out of his stall and the recovery time took much longer. Fire Breeze was just out of it, not knowing where he was and was very disorientated. The danger to him seriously hurting himself was too great to risk. The kindest thing we could do for Fire Breeze was to peacefully let him go over the rainbow bridge. Fire Breeze was 41 years old and had been with us for many, many years. He will be greatly missed.

## Healing at HPS ~by Sandy Daily

I would just like to take a moment and thank Joanie and all the wonderful people at HPS. Not only does Joanie provide a sanctuary to heal horses, but she heals people as well. There is so much in just a horse's sigh of appreciation as we scratch that "oh so just the right spot", that does the soul good. The unconditional love of a beautiful horse just makes everything right in our world even if just for a moment. This is probably more than what we could ever do for them.

My daughter, Cheyenne who is 12, and I have been members at HPS since November 2007. We have been volunteering and feeding every Wednesday night since. This has opened up the communication channel between us dramatically. As we feed and care for the broken and battered souls and spirits, we started talking about how anyone could do such things which allowed our true feelings to come to the forefront and lets us talk about other "stuff" openly and calmly. Our relationship is "healing" as we laugh at Inca and Feathers competing for the nice cool water on their backs on a hot, hot day. Or laughing at Justice as he sticks out his tongue at something he didn't agree with. Those quiet moments as we sit with Spring Rain and keep her company as she eats her dinner and then cry when she passes over the bridge.

Several years ago a former neighbor of a HPS member, Lisa Murray, and mine told me about the rescued horses and invited us out. At that time I had so much going on with just recently getting remarried and acquiring a bonus daughter (the same age as mine) I just didn't have the time. I know, great excuse right J. Well as life happens, and if you ever had teenage girls and/or a step-family, life sometimes doesn't go very smoothly. We started having a lot of turmoil from outside sources that was an attempt to destroy our family. So one night I just sat down and prayed about what could I do to bring Cheyenne and I closer together? What would give us something to do with a common bond and spirit? All of a sudden, I hear Lisa's voice saying how her heart and soul feels after a day at the rescue. I called Joanie the very next morning and became a member that day. And as they say "the rest is history"! Well at least a very successful start to developing a deeper relationship. So again, thank you so much Joanie for providing so much for so many!

## Please Join Us

~by Joanie Benson

It is wonderful to work with so many caring positive people. These are creative folks with wonderful ideas to aid HPS moving forward. The new barns and covered hay feeder have made life so much better for the horses and the kind people who help to care for them. Laughter and funny stories abide while the work takes place. Anyone is welcome to join in with this devoted group of members.



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In honor of my dear friend Chris McHugh's birthday! ~By Spunky Dagenhart  
In honor of Carol & Denny White. ~By Pat Featherston  
This is a birthday gift to me! ~Jan Mahom

In loving memory of our dear boy and beloved friend, Dakota. We will not see his like again. With thanks to Joanie for saving him in the first place and to his loving Mama, Mary, for making his life full of fun, attention, and love. ~Sincerely, Roberta  
In memory of Alice & Ken Basiliere. ~By Stacey & Steven Lockman  
In memory of George Welborn's beloved horse, Scarlet. "And so I release her spirit back to her Creator." ~By Dianne Doub  
In loving memory of my precious companion and friend, "Rusty", a wonderful dog who died on August 25<sup>th</sup>. ~By Gail Shinn

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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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