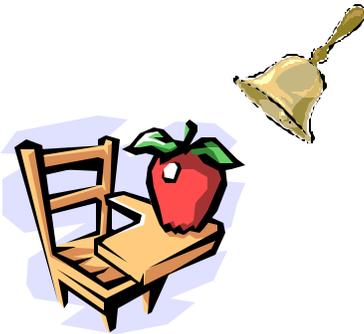


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Wind Walker's Rescue By Joan Benson

Anyone who has been in the military as an enlisted person knows how difficult life can be financially for a family with children. Wind Walker is only 6 years old, and was already in trouble. A young family came across her and just could not leave her where she was in good conscience. This fine family rescued Wind Walker from a deprived situation at a cost of \$800 for starters. Then there was boarding fees starting this past May, special feed and supplements, farrier costs, veterinarian visits, tests were run, and a diagnosis of either Herpes virus or EPM was reached. The family had come to their financial limit. Now, what to do? They felt if they were to look for a buyer, she might not receive the care that she needed.



They contacted HPS, and we agreed to take in this fine Tennessee Walking Horse. Gary Moran, once again, gave up a day off, and drove all the way to Moorehead City to pick up this pretty girl. The weakness in the hindquarter was obvious as soon as she came off the trailer. We arranged for an equine chiropractor to come and provide some relief for Wind Walker. The chiropractor had her walking more comfortably in one visit. Treatment for the herpes virus has been started. Of course it is going to take time and funds to restore this fine horse to perfect health. The herpes virus seems to be her biggest problem at the present time. There is some atrophy of muscles, but the right type of groundwork may help this condition. At the present time, Wind Walker prefers to be in an area by herselfsee **Wind page 2**

Crazy Day Turns into Rescue

By Joan Benson



Gary Moran was due in at any time with the new horse from the coast. The phone had been ringing all day with one call after another. This time it was a report of a horse in terrible condition. The gal was the same one that had reported Willow and Starburst. She knew what she was talking about when it came to conditions of horses.

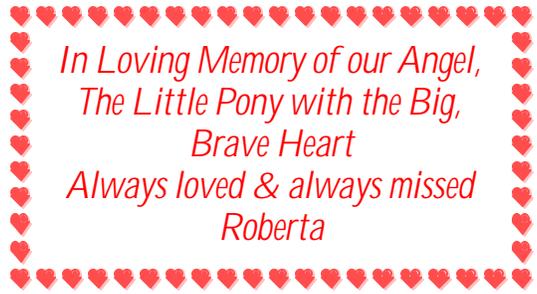
Then a truck pulls in, a guy hops out and goes into the field with Chinook and is playing with Eagle Spirit through the round pen. I yell at him, "Get out of that field," thinking at any moment Chinook is going to come up and have a piece of him. It turned out it was Patty and Tim, who had stopped by to

do any construction job we may need worked on. I am still talking to the gal about the horse, so instead I give the phone to Patty, and they get directions to find the horse. They end up below Charlotte to the SC line.

Patty rings me back and the first thing she says is, "You know how bad Red Hawk was....." I think I stopped hearing at that point, and only wanted to know if we could get the horse out of there. Patty had held her temper in check and had been able to make arrangements to pick up the horse the next day.

The next morning, Kathy Haw was delivering Raven Feather to Union county for short term foster. Patty and Tim met at Kathy's and picked up her other trailer with their truck. They both headed in different directions. The plan was to pretend we were going to load both Eagle and Raven on to the trailer. As soon as Raven was in, Erika would quickly put Eagle.....see **Crazy Day page 4**

Angel Our Rose without a Thorn 1950-2002, August 19th By Roberta McCardle



*In Loving Memory of our Angel,
The Little Pony with the Big,
Brave Heart
Always loved & always missed
Roberta*

The first time I saw her it was a hot, sunny spring morning. Joanie and I came around a corner and there she was, so small and bowed. I felt like I had been punched. As Joanie explained her history, I just stood there and cried. How could anyone do such things to a defenseless little pony? I didn't have the answer then and I don't have the answer now.

Angel LeHouf, however, was not one to let past misery stand in the way of a happy present. She was a pragmatist and deeply appreciated the safe haven she found at HPS. She was happy at HPS for five years and what a blessing she has been to all of us!

Despite the neglect and abuse she suffered at the hands of humans, she remained open to human overtures of friendship. She enjoyed her equine friends, her human friends, tasty food, grooming, and a good nap. Angel may have been physically small but her heart and spirit were majestic. She acted as though she was on equal footing with Comanche and Snickers and she was...in spirit.

She was so responsive and appreciative of attention. You knew you had rubbed the right spot when her nose started to twitch. In addition to being groomed and having her itchy spots itched, she was a little girl who enjoyed her comestibles. She and Snickers shared a food dish. If Angel felt that he was encroaching on her half, she did not hesitate to reach up and take a nip at his lower lip. (Snickers, sweet old gentleman that he was, never reciprocated).

While with us Angel experienced several losses: Sugarplum, Comanche, Mystic, and Snickers. She mourned her friends deeply, falling into a depression when she lost her beloved Sugarplum. Who will ever forget how she came out of her stall when Comanche passed and rested her chin on his hipbone? Who can forget her plaintive voice calling for Snickers days after he died? Who can forget the sight of the little white tummy sticking up out of the grass as she napped next to Mystic?

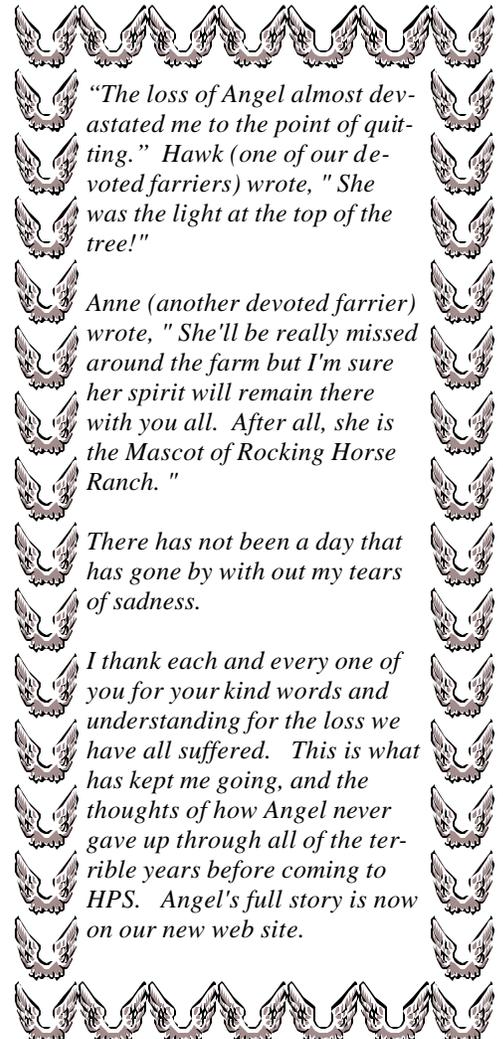
There were a multitude of things to admire about Angel: her indomitable personality & spirit, her loyalty, her appreciation of any kindness, her lovely winter coat, her beautiful creamy white mane and tail, to name a few. If I had to characterize this little pony with one word, however, it would be "gallant." She had a kind of dauntless courage that helped her to get up every day and enjoy her life, in spite of her damaged legs. She seemed to instinctively understand that we all have a journey to complete and that each of us is expected to do the best we can while on our journey without re-pining. It was such a privilege to know her, and I always felt so lucky to be her friend. Borrowing from Bryon, Angel possessed Beauty without Vanity, Courage without Ferocity...and all the virtues of Man without his vices.

Angel was extraordinary for several reasons. She was a strong, tough little girl, hanging on and enduring all sorts of adversities. Yet, she still had a tender heart and a loving spirit. She reminded all of us of what is really important – appreciating your friends, taking each day as it comes & enjoying what it offers, and persevering. I always looked forward to seeing her and will never forget all the sweet moments we shared. I loved the way she would rest her head on my knee when I was brushing her or the way she would sometimes rather abruptly thrust her nose into my hair. The first time she did that it startled me but Joanie explained that it is a sign of pony-affection, getting your scent. There is never enough time and I wish I could have known her longer. But then, I don't know how much time would have ever been enough. It was my privilege to love her during the time we had. God bless you, Angel, and Vaya con Dios, my little flicka (*Angel's legs are sturdy and straight. She is still a lovely creamy white but is now 17 hands high...and she is running, running, running...because she now can & because it feels so good*).

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Poor girl does not even know what an apple is, nor was she particularly interested in carrots. She finally decided to give a carrot a try. Please come visit this sweet horse, and give her a brushing along with a treat.

The Bible says we do not get to heaven by our good deeds, but our heavenly clothes will be woven from the threads of our good deeds. Surely this young family who has given so much to save Wind Walker will be wearing the finest heavenly clothes when they arrive in heaven. I pray they will have a long and happy life.

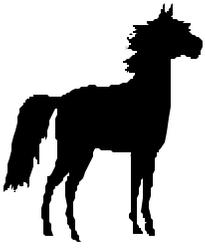


"The loss of Angel almost devastated me to the point of quitting." Hawk (one of our devoted farriers) wrote, "She was the light at the top of the tree!"

Anne (another devoted farrier) wrote, "She'll be really missed around the farm but I'm sure her spirit will remain there with you all. After all, she is the Mascot of Rocking Horse Ranch."

There has not been a day that has gone by with out my tears of sadness.

I thank each and every one of you for your kind words and understanding for the loss we have all suffered. This is what has kept me going, and the thoughts of how Angel never gave up through all of the terrible years before coming to HPS. Angel's full story is now on our new web site.



News From the Herd

Older Guys and Gals: This year we tried a different vaccine and some of the horses had a reaction. About half of our older horses lymph nodes swelled up. Some of the younger ones also had a reaction to the vaccine. We are not seeing any long-term effects from it, but may not use this type again.

Equine Dentistry work: There are 6 more horses that need to have their teeth done, and then we are finished with this years round of check ups and shots. (Some of the new thin horses will get their shots later.) The work had to be spread out over a number of different days to complete. So far our bill is over well over **\$3,000.**

Teton had a visit with an equine chiropractor for his years of back pain. His hips were not level, and he was tracking poorly. After only one treatment, he was walking perfect, and there was no indication of pain in his back. It will take months for him to become comfortable with everything back in place.

Wrangler & Mesa are gaining weight and doing very well. Both need to see the equine chiropractor. Years of neglect have taken its toll. It is easy to feel Mesa's vertebra out of place

Laredo has captured Cari Bern's heart, and she has started working with him. He is filling out and is going to be a "show stopper!"

Maya has been having a tough go of it through the hot weather. She lost too much weight, has more bedsores and is on penicillin and SMZ antibiotics. She developed an edema on her right side at the upper part of the front leg from laying down too much. We are doing all that we can for her.

Aztec was diagnosed in active founder in one front hoof upon arrival. After a good trimming, a change in diet, she is doing wonderful and shows no signs of tender feet.

All Appaloosas & light colored horses have been checked for melanomas. Several small spots have been located that could become problem areas. All of our light colored horses are kept on three types of antioxidants to help limit growth of melanomas. Cinnamon has been on these supplements for years, and his just keep drying up and falling off.

Patience flunked out of mule school and has got herself expelled. She was unceremoniously returned to the sanctuary after going after every other mule on their property. We slipped her back into Perry Morgan's field. Perry was happy to see her returned. We do thank the kind folks for trying to work

Navajo learned to undo the clip on his stall door and would then let Sun Dance out, too. While you were feeding other horses, he would go help himself to anything handy in the feed room. We fixed him, and he will never figure out the new clip..... at least maybe not this week!

A New Home for Gold Rush

By Claire Collie

in. They sneered and squealed at each other at first, but by the time we arrived at our new place, both of them had ears pricked and the squealing had stopped. And they whinnied to each other frantically after I unloaded Penny.

They have been busy exploring their new pasture. After we arrived, we let them cool down and settle for an hour or so in the barn. Then Jay and I led them all around the pasture fence line and showed them where the water trough is. We then turned them loose. They were getting on so well in the trailer and barn, we figured they would be all right together but we were prepared to intervene if they weren't. Penny took off across the pasture at a canter. Gold Rush started a slow, shuffling jog after her but after about fifteen steps, decided it was too much effort and slowed down to an ambling walk. They have been together ever since. I have even seen them drinking out of the water trough together. That tells me that Penny must really like her. She usually keeps other horses away from the trough until she's finished. They both found a nice wallow that they have enjoyed rolling in several times. It's so funny to watch Gold Rush lie down to roll. She carefully gets down on her front knees, and then she kind of topples over with her hind end with a loud thud, a sigh, and a groan.

Gold Rush sure is one smart horse! Friday morning, I led them into their stalls and fed them breakfast. (Gold Rush highly approves of the feed; she licked her bucket clean and then kept rattling it hopefully, asking for more. She was so cute; I really had to restrain myself from giving her seconds.) Friday evening, I led Penny in from the pasture and Gold Rush followed. She then proceeded to walk right into her stall, all by herself. What a smart girl! Jay has groomed her several times and she really seems to like it. He found out she LOVES to have her belly scratched and curried. I'm encouraging him to spend time grooming her as a good way to make friends, especially since she seems to enjoy it so much. They must really like the grass out here. I put out two piles of hay and neither of them has touched it. But they are both pooping plenty, so I'm sure they are eating lots of grass. I figure I'll hold off on putting out more hay until they start showing some interest in the hay that's in their stalls when they come in for meals. I think Penny is going to help get Gold Rush fit. Gold Rush would like to stand in one spot and graze constantly, but as I mentioned Penny is a very active girl and she nibbles a bit, then moves on. Gold Rush follows her everywhere she goes, so I'm sure she's getting good exercise just keeping up.

It is so thrilling to be able to look out of the front windows and see the horses out in the pasture. This has been a lifelong dream for me. Thank you so much for letting us bring Gold Rush into our lives. I'm hopeful that we will form a wonderful bond and she will become a much-loved member of our family.

Gold Rush made the trip down here just fine and is settling in beautifully. You can tell John Kiwacka it's safe to breathe now! She waited very patiently in the trailer while we got Penny and loaded her





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back into the round pen, while Kathy took off with Raven. The timing was perfect and mother and son were separated after 14 years of just the two of them together. With some attention from the folks here, Eagle settled down faster than we thought he would.

The next trick was, what to do with Eagle to free up the round pen for the new horse? When Patty and Tim returned they agreed to take Eagle home since they only had one horse... Tim was already crazy about Eagle Spirit. Night Mist was walked on the front lawn while, paper work was completed and Eagle was loaded. Off went horse #2 for short-term foster care. (Hope that one becomes permanent!)

The owner of Night Mist had told Patty that, she had financial problems during the winter so she stopped feeding the horse. She owned the horse for 2/12 to 3 years and during that time Night Mist never saw a farrier, or a vet. She was never wormed or had her shots. By the looks of her, she has not had much in the way of groceries either. When the skin and bones fill out, Night Mist is once again going to be a beautiful black Tennessee Walking Horse. She looks as if this is not the first bad home she has had. Her teeth may never have had care. The back teeth are so long that the front teeth do not meet. Please say a pray for this sweet 15 year old horse. She is barely a one on the rating scale, and we are praying that no complications set in. We will have the results back on her blood work in a day or two. She has had her first two wormings, and in a week she can be wormed again. This should help with the weight gain and return of her strength. Thank you for caring about Night Mist and the other horses. They need you!

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Special thanks to our
"Kohl's volunteers" who
gave up part of their week-
end to work at Kohl's bag-
ging and straightening mer-
chandise for the benefit of
HPS. It was not quite as
busy as the Christmas sea-
son workdays but still a
busy
weekend.
The horses send their
thanks to: Ann Powlas,
Sandy Babinski, Roberta
McCardle,
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The Story About Lollipop (Schatzi)

By Doris Lane



Mike was on the road again! I love donkeys, so I checked the Internet. I wanted another donkey. I found the page about HPS. Yeah! A donkey! I called Joan up, and she told me it was a package deal. The donkey had a friend. A MULE! I told Joan, "That is fine, we have room for both." After I hung up, it hit me, a big Beast... maybe mean, maybe she would bite, and maybe kick. So a few days later, I called Joan again to see if I could visit the donkey and mule. When I arrived, I was pleasantly surprised, the donkey, "Cupcake," and there she was, "Lollipop." The most beautiful mule I have ever seen! Her white tail and

mane made her look like a little Indian. God smiled on us that day!

A date was set for the farm inspection and shortly after that we were ready to get the girls. I guess you have all heard the story of loading and bringing the girls here. It took many members, Mike and Sarah to finally get her loaded.

Mike opened the trailer and out came Lollipop. She was so mad, sweaty and ready to chase everything on legs for a full day. Finally she settled down, and I had a chance to learn all about her. Lollipop was the most lovable, most stubborn critter that I have ever met. When Mike was working in the field, and took a break, there was Lollipop right in his face. When I brushed her, none of the other animals were allowed to come close to us! She put her ears back and chased them off. Sometimes I whispered to her, "Come here," and she would come to get treats. I would tell her, "Give me a kiss," and she would put out her neck and allow me to kiss her big soft nose.

The best part about Lollipop was that you could not buy her! We would like to thank all the members, especially Joanie for getting her well and giving us the opportunity to take care of such an amazing animal. We know Lollipop is not crippled anymore, and now can run normally. But our hearts are full of grief. Lollipop left this world on Friday afternoon, 8/16/02 about 5:00 P.M. God bless you all! Mike, Doris, and Sarah Lane

Hoofbeats...

By Roberta McCardle

Cooler weather is on the way and how welcome it will be! The horses enjoy it too -- they seem to get re-energized, more playful, etc. What a great time to come out to the ranch and spend time with a horse. It's a splendid time of year to be outside and enjoy the fall beauty of the ranch as well. Come on out -- you'll be glad that you did!

Please note that your Fund Raising Committee has several activities coming up this fall. **The fall yard sale will be on Saturday, October 5th, and more items are needed.** Tell your family, friends, and co-workers. Make it easy for them to donate -- give them a labeled box, offer to pick up larger items (if you can't do pick up, let us know & we will do it). If you belong to other organizations, check if they will permit you to put up a notice on a bulletin board, in a newsletter, bulletin, etc. about donating to our yard sale. Remind them that any donations to our yard sale are tax deductible. It's a way to help the horses plus get some fall clean-up done. Later this fall we are planning on another golf tournament as well as again participating in the Magical Evening of Giving. Then, in December, we hope to again participate in the Kohl's workday program.

Everyone's help is important and deeply appreciated. Our work is not always easy, particularly when that sad, inevitable day comes when we must part with one of our beloved horses/ponies. Unfortunately, there is never a shortage of animals that need our help. For most of the ones we take in, we are the only thing standing between them and death. HPS is making a difference in the world and you all have a part in that. May God bless you for caring.



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- * Helen Bishop
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Yard Sale Items NEEDED! We need your stuff! We have so little to sell, that at this point it would not be worth our time to hold a yard sale. Please contribute! This is a very important fundraiser to help support the horses.

Ditch Cleared: Do you own or have access to a piece of equipment that could be used to clear our ditches? This must be done before fall. Our drainage ditches are filling back in.

Coral scrapped: Bulldozer, Bobcat, what do you have? Two areas need to be scrapped down.

Hard pack fill dirt needed: We have a number of areas we need fill dirt for, under a shelter for feeding hay, and in the big barn for low places.

Horsy Needs:

Garlic oil, (we use it in our fly repellent.)

Natural fly repellents

Refill chemical for the flytraps (Help! Flies are terrible this year.)

Purina Strategy, (New starved horses need this special feed.)

Golden Flax Seed, (All older horses with arthritis)

Red Cell, (we are almost out of this important supplement.)

General Barn Needs:

2"x 6"x10" treated lumber, (when doing the summer projects, please pick up a few extra pieces for the sanctuary.)

1"x 6"x about any length, (some treated, but mostly need untreated, can be rough cut.)

Metal hay feeders, (to hold round bales and prevent waste of the hay.)

Cut away Western Saddle Blankets

Large gate hinges

Hanging feed buckets & hangers

Lightweight old bathtub

Miscellaneous Operating Needs:

Stamps

Printer Ink Cartridges, (contact Ambe Lewis, Editor.)

Printer paper

1/2 inch black, gray, blue or green, (needed each time we place a horse.)

Clear shelf paper, (can be purchased at Wal-mart or Family Dollar. Used for display posters and HPS scrapbook.)

Members needed for help with: Yes, the weather is hot, but your horses still need attention. Some just enjoy a sponge bath to cool off. Members are welcome at the sanctuary early in the morning when it is still cool or in the evening. Come and get some fresh air and hug a horse.

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