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Over Herd



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Welcome Sahara

Mark your
Calendars:

Members Meeting

September 10th

Come early/stay late!
Lots of projects.

Lunch/Meeting at
Noon. Please bring a
covered dish to share.

This month we took in a pretty little white Arabian with tiny sand colored flecks through her coat. Her big brown doe eyes draw you right in and hit your heart. Sahara was by herself after her companion was sold. The purchaser had been caring for Sahara over the last year. Where she lived, the family was very busy and did not really have time for her.

A year before, Sahara had a terrible accident and ran through a barbed wire fence. The top of both front legs show the terrible scares left from the injuries. The damage does not seem to have caused any permanent damage. The owner had tried to breed her this year, but she did not take. He was thinking of sending her to auction. A nice couple did not want to see her possibly end up in a bad situation and purchased her. They did not have a place to keep her or know how to care for her. They asked us to take her in, and we were happy to be able to help out in this case. Sahara needed weight and joined the big barn herd. She is a joy to all of us. Please come meet her, but be aware that once you have looked into her eyes, you will be hooked and want to come back to spend time with her again.



Sahara & Mike (Sahara is really not that little Mike is just very tall)

A day at the Ranch

By Taylor Abernethy

My name is Taylor Abernethy. I am 13 years old from Creedmoor, NC. I spent my day volunteering with my aunt, Elaine Towner, at the Horse Protection Society farm in China Grove, NC. I helped with feeding, grooming, and was able to watch the horse chiropractor at work. I did not know what to expect when driving to the farm that morning. I didn't know what I was going to do and I had no idea what the barn looked like. When I got there, I was a little surprised. The farm really didn't look like much. At first glance it was a hundred year old barn, wire-lined paddocks, and old sheds for tack and feed rooms. I really wasn't sure that I was looking forward to spending a long, hot day there. My whole attitude turned around after a little while. This happened when Joanie took Elaine and I to meet the horses. It was very sad to hear each horses individual story, but it was amazing to see their progress. I couldn't believe how some horses had been so badly abused and were now so sweet. One horse that I was particularly interested in was Majestic. Majestic had been left out in her paddock and her hooves were never trimmed. Her front feet looked like elf feet. It hurt for her to walk so she just stood in the corner of her stall. I had a special moment with her that made me think "Wow, this is what this place is all about." It was evening feeding time and I had to give Majestic her food. I went in her stall and poured the feed in her feed bucket. I had to really coax her and talk to her and work with her to give her the courage to walk over to the feed

We still have a good bit of fund raising ahead of us to build our much needed new barn. If you haven't been able to donate yet please try to find a way to help us with this project!

\$150,000
\$125,000
\$105,000
\$85,000
\$65,000
\$45,000
\$25,000
\$5,000

New Barn Update

I received a wonderful note from one of our members. "I was trying to think creatively on how I could send you the \$250. Since my hair is cut short right now I thought I could do it myself instead of giving to the beauty parlor. In 15 weeks I'll be able to return to my weekly pampering."

Two little girls are working hard collecting donations to help build the barn. They realize we don't have enough funds yet and want to help.

The savings account has \$23,673.00 and there is pledges of another \$2,867.00 for a total of \$26,540.00 for the new barn. Please help with this important project for the horses.

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In memory of Whitney Jo Appleby

May 14, 1985 - May 13, 2005

From the family and

Central Cabarrus Volleyball Team.

Deepest sympathy to Dottie Rebhan

*for the loss of her little
four legged friend Molly.*

Love Vera

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by G & M Milling Co.

In Memory of the jaunty Miss Molly Rebhan

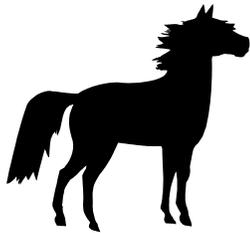
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Beloved friend & companion

By Roberta McCardle

Time to Update Food Lion Shop & Share for 2006!

HPS has re-enrolled in Food Lion's Shop & Share fundraiser program for 2006. This is an easy way for HPS to raise funds and does not impact on your MVP card savings -- you save exactly the same amount of money as always but the sales count toward a total for HPS (Food Lion donates a portion of our total sales to HPS). If you gave us your MVP card information previously, we will re-enroll you for 2006. **If you enrolled yourself online, then you will need to re-enroll your MVP card, designating HPS as the charity to benefit. The window of time for you to do this is October 1st - December 31st.** If you do not re-enroll, then your purchases will no longer count toward Food Lion's donation to HPS. The website is www.foodlion.com. Click on Shop & Share and follow the user-friendly directions. Remember, you will need to input your entire twelve digit MVP card number. This includes the little bitty numbers at each end. We are listed under North Carolina, China Grove, Horse Protection Society of NC (not HPS). Every bit helps and this is an easy fundraiser. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helps in this way! (YumYum says if he had an MVP card, he'd register it for us as well).



News From The Herd

Cimarron left for his new loving home this month. Little Isabel and her mother are having a great time with their new friend.

Irish Night had an episode of colic and came through fine. Once again the hot weather has caused her to have breathing problems. Kim Wrenn made a fast trip from Durham when she heard Irish was sick. Kim and her mother have determined that Irish is at least 42 years old now. (Kim had Irish when she was 13 years old and years later had to sell her. She lost track of her and then found her at the sanctuary on our web site.)

Hawkeye's hindquarter weakness has increased as he gains weight. The veterinarian has re-checked him, the equine chiropractor has worked on him and equine massages have been helpful also; these are done by Stephanie Maleady who volunteers. He was standing better and seemed much more relaxed after the chiropractor and then even more so after his massage several days later. Hawkeye had a set back when he choked and the vet had to come, but he pulled through fine.

Mohave and Anza left to live with Kathy and Jarrett Biggers. They will have a little pony to share the pasture with. The pony has been by itself for sometime.

Spirit had to have eye surgery to remove old scare tissue that was causing a continual problem. The area had to be scraped, but seems to be healing fine. It has to be covered and medication put in every three hours.

Wind Song had a split around the top of the coronary band that went half way around the top. This was from past abscesses that had caused the deforming of the top of the hoof wall. We have watched this deformed area grow down the hoof and new healthy hoof replace it. There was always the possibility of the wall splitting off before reaching the ground level. It finally happened as the split widened. About one inch from the ground off it came. Wind Song had abscessed at the top of the hoof once again. This time it was treated right away and the results should be much better without the longer-term problems she suffered before. It will take sometime for the hoof to reach the ground, but she is doing fine.

The Rowdies have been having a great time, once a week, joining the barn herd to go swimming in the pond. Navajo has been seen chasing the Rowdies back into their field. (He is like the energizer bunny.... Just keeps going and going at age 40.)



Tacoma is enjoying the pond, but Dream doesn't seem so sure. Watch out boys—Navajo will be by any minute to chase you back to your pasture!

Welcome to HPS's New Officers

This has been a busy month with lots of great changes and things happening. Please lend your support to our new slate of officers.

President – Deborah Baker, **Vice President** – Kathy Haw, **Treasurer** – Michael Hulme, **Secretary** – Lisa Murray, **Corresponding Secretary** – Dottie Rebhan, **Parliamentarian/Historian & Medical Needs** – Colleen O'Malley, **Executive Director** – Joan Benson, **Newsletter Editor** - Ambe Lewis, **Co-chair Fundraising** - Roberta McCardle, **Petfinders & Cafepress** - Deb Carl, **Event Coordinator** - Tristan Cohen, **E-bay Sales** - Vera Bennett, **New Member's Orientation** - Valerie Berns, **Web Administration** - Stephanie Maleady, and **Officer** - Sheila Mason.

Please feel free to offer your help in any area of need with HPS. We can use all the help we can get to make the organization stronger and better for the horses. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every person who makes the rescue possible for the horses that need us so badly.

"What Would YOU Take to School?" By Yum Yum (clerical assistance by Roberta)

It is always sooo instructive to poll the herd for opinions. I invariably learn so much. I recently did a survey of what horses would like to take back to school with them. Some of the results were mundane but other responses reflected critical thinking skills and planning. Here's what I was told:

MONTY: "grooming brushes & Honbarger's cream for my boo-boos"

DAKOTA: "A small fridge would be perfect for my comestibles."

LAREDO: "A hoof pick."

MAJESTIC: "My favorite plum-colored food bucket." (Note: Some innocent feeder recently prepared her food in the brown bucket...Majestic was not pleased).

WINDSONG: "Duct tape for my boo-boo hoof."

WRANGLER: "Oh, that's easy...got to have my OptImmune eye ointment!"

DREAM: "My favorite book, How to Nurture Your Inner Horse."

SPIRIT: "I'm starting to see better but I still would like my reading glasses."

SIRIUS: (Although she is technically not part of the Herd, Sirius wants everyone to know that she would take dog biscuits back to school with her.)

SUMMER: "Vet wrap in some fabulous, festive color." (Note: Summer has a flashy streak)

NAVAJO: "Actually, I'd take two things....a lock pick (to get into the feed room) and my favorite book, Stallions are from Mars, Mares are from Venus....and Geldings are Straight from Heaven."

SNICKERDOODLE: "A convection oven to prepare dried carrots. The supply seems good in the summer but who knows what winter will bring? I want to be ready."

See what I mean? We are so much more than just an attractive bunch of hay-eaters. Talk to your horse today.....I know you'll learn something!

Please help the horses!!

Check out the brochure in your newsletter about **Leatherwood Mountains Heritage Day & Fall Festival**. The date is **September 24, 2005**, all day. Suzie Lurz will be set up selling pumpkins and mums to aid HPS. 100% of all proceeds are for the horses. Please stop by and say "Hello." Pick out a pretty mum and pumpkin to bring back and you will be helping the horses.

1. **Aluminum collection:** We have a large storage area at the ranch to handle donated aluminum and cans. About once a month they are redeemed.
2. **Laser jet cartridges:** Please check where you work and collect the used large laser jet cartridges for us to recycle.
3. **eBay sale of items:** Vera Bennett has set up an eBay site for HPS. Vera has been selling older or/and collectable items for HPS. Most of what is selling are collector items. Please look around your home for the items that we could sell on eBay.
 - 1) Go to www.ebay.com
 - 2) Click in the upper right area where it says Advanced Search.
 - 3) Scroll down to the topic "From Sellers" and type in the blank horseprotectionsocietyinc and then enter. This will bring up the list of items for auction by HPS and any progress made on the sales. Each item can be clicked on for more viewing and information. (Since there are not enough volunteers to help with the new barn and do the fall yard sale, the yard sale had to be dropped until spring.)
4. **Food Lion Grocery Cards:** This is so easy for you. Just send a check to Lisa Murray before the first of the month to order your cards. What a convenient way to pay for your groceries. Five percent of what you spend comes to HPS. Lisa Murray, 1529 Mill Wheel Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146 (Checks to be payable to Food Lion.)
5. **Food Lion Shop & Share:** Just send us your 12 digit Food Lion card number with the name and address of the cardholder. Ask family members and friends to let us sign up their cards to help the horses. Email Roberta McCardle or send to the ranch.
6. **Petfinders:** Deb Carl has been working to get the horses on www.Petfinders.org to help find new loving homes for them. Daniela and Dwain Snyder have taken some wonderful pictures of the babies. Check out the list of horses needing loving homes.
7. **Cafepress:** Deb Carl, Daniela and Dwain Snyder have been working together to set up a store for HPS on the Internet. More information to come.
8. **www.Igive.com:** Do you love on line buying? Well, check out the great deals at Igive. Just sign up once for the Horse Protection Society of North Carolina Inc. and every time you shop a percentage is credited to HPS. There are more than 400 stores and each list the percentage to be donated to help the horses when you make a purchase. I am sure you will find some of your favorite stores listed and you will love the special promotions.

The horses need your help. The above fundraisers are easy for you to help with and the ranch has to count on the income from these to continue the care of the horses. Thank you.



Special “thanks” to everyone who made a financial contribution to help support the horses daily needs in the month of August!

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A day at the Ranch

to see her try to walk. It was so hard for her. After I saw she was eating fine, I went back to the feed room to see if I could help feed anybody else. Dottie told me that she forgot to mix in Majestic's pain medicine with her food so she gave the bucket that had the medicine mixed in with a little more feed. When I got back to the stall, Majestic had already finished and had turned around to eat her hay. She wouldn't turn back around to her bucket so I had to just hold the bucket with the medicine for her. This was when I really saw the heart of HPS. Even though I only stood with Majestic for 15 minutes, it was 15 minutes of somebody paying attention solely to her. That's all the HPS horses need, just someone to spend some time with them grooming them or just talking to them. She showed her appreciation by wiping the mushy half-eaten feed on me which was pretty gross. I learned a lot from my experience at HPS. I hope I will be able to return someday in the near future and I know that my aunt already has a date planned to return. I am thankful to everyone who gave me the opportunity. All it really takes is a little time with a horse and I learned that is a big part of

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Your name: _____ **Is this for a memorial donation?** Yes No

Your phone number: _____ **Whom do you wish to Honor:** _____

Your e-mail: _____ **Their e-mail:** _____

Your Message (for newsletter): _____ **Their Address:** _____

Any donation amount is appreciated: \$_____ Please make checks payable to **Horse Protection Society**.
 For a \$25 or more donation the honored person can receive a year of “Over Herd.”
 Would you like the newsletter sent? **Yes** **NO**
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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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