

Over Herd

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SAVE THESE DATES:

**Farrier Day:
Saturday,
September 2nd**

**Fundraiser (see p. 3
for details):
Saturday,
September 9th**

We need all the hands we can get on these two days. Please email HPS if you are able to attend for any length of time on either or both days. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Farrier day is potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share!

hps@horseprotection.org

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"If we see cruelty or wrong that we have the power to stop, and do nothing, we make ourselves sharers in the guilt."

~Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

This month's featured horse: Sahara

Sahara is a beautiful, 18-year-old Arabian mare. She was a brood mare that a passerby had found tangled in a barbed wire fence on the roadside. The owner refused to call a vet for Sahara so the kind woman that found her handled Sahara's medical care. Later when Sahara failed to breed, the owner agreed to sell her to the woman who knew nothing about horses. The lady bought Sahara and asked us to find her a nice home where she would be loved and cared for.



Shannon McCoy rides Sahara, an 18-year old Arabian mare who would make a wonderful horse for a small, intermediate rider. She is a beautiful horse that would love a home of her own.

Since she has been here, Sahara has overcome most of her head shyness and has been taking short rides with Shannon McCoy. Currently, we're using western tack on her but she has been trained English. She has a fast walk that would be perfect for trail riding but she needs to build her confidence more.

Sahara is an athletic girl. She loves to race around the lake with her tail in the air like a flag and jump over ditches. She would make a wonderful horse for a small, intermediate level rider.

So Who Wants to Be in the Newspaper?

By Dakota with clerical assistance from Roberta McCardle

The hot topic around the hay bale this week was the recent HPS photos in the Post.

"Well!" exclaimed Tonka. "What I want to know is how did they decide which horses got in the photo? Here I am, young and studly, with a gorgeous flowing mane and tail, and I was not even asked."

"Yeah," said Salida, "how come only geldings were in the picture, huh? That sounds like gender discrimination to me."

"What about those of us that are doomed to wear fly masks?" inquired Wrangler. "Did anybody else notice that neither horse in the picture had to wear a fly mask?"

"Yes," said Fire Breeze. "I noticed that myself. Why wasn't the most beautiful mare on the property, my lovely friend Morning Glory, in the picture?"

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Brrrr....It's cold out there! by Kathy Haw

I know it's hard to imagine being cold when most of the country has been hot enough to "fry an egg on the sidewalk" but it won't be long before we are all huddled around swapping tips on keeping our feet from getting frostbite. It would be nice to know that at least the horses are snug and warm in their new barn. Unfortunately, we are a long way from insuring that happens. As you've seen in June's newsletter we have gotten started...but we have no floor, no stalls, no walls, no running water, no feed room, and NO MORE BARN MONEY!

Now is the time to dig out the spare change in your pocket, raid your piggybank, skip that extra cup of coffee....make it Christmas in September at your house and send an early holiday check to the horses.

We need to get moving on the floors, water, and walls now! **Please** drop your donation in the mail today...or make it a personnel delivery and come out to visit with the horses.

Basic Horse Facts

- A horse is considered adult at age 4.
- A female horse over age 4 is called a mare.
- A male horse over age 4 is called a stallion.
- Horses are measured in hands.
- A hand is 4 inches.
- A horse is generally over 14.2 hands high.
- Anything under 14.2 hands high is a pony.
- There are over 200 breeds of horses in the world.
- A horse's gestation period is around 11 months.
- Horses usually live to be 25-30 years old.
- The oldest horse recorded lived to be 62 years old.
- A father horse is called a sire.
- A mother horse is called a dam.



So Who Wants to Be in the Newspaper? *Continued from*

"Oh, Fire," fluttered Morning Glory, "that's alright. I have been in plenty of pictures in my youth. I was in a calendar one time for the month of November."

All this fuss over a picture of Padre and Monty! My goodness, I thought, don't these horses have enough going on in their lives, aren't they devoting enough time & effort to eating and sleeping that they worry about such trivial concerns?

"Well guys," said Padre slowly. "I only did it to bring the ranch a little publicity. I did not do it for personal gain....neither Monty nor I received any compensation. We just did it out of a certain civic spirit for HPS -- though I did hear the photographer make a remark about how beautifully I arched my neck as a Paso Fino."

"Padre's right," noted Monty. "We just happened to be chosen. It really could have been anybody. Some of you people roll in the dirt and mess up your coat. That's why these opportunities don't come your way." (Moi? Could he have been talking about me I wondered).

"Friends," intoned Knight, "Padre and Monty are both right. It may have been happenstance that they were chosen but let's be glad that two such fine horses represented us. There will be other photo opportunities and that's another reason," he said, turning to the younger horses, "that you always need to be on your best behavior & try to stay clean."

(NOTE: For those folks who do not get the *Salisbury Post*, go online at www.salisburypost.com & look at the photo gallery for July 16th).



In memory of my orange tabby, Travis. He is greatly missed.
~By Sara Lewis

In loving memory of my mother, Ida Baker, who loved animals. Her life spanned 99 wonderful years from 7/19/13—1/12/03.
~By Stephanie Slavin

In fond memory of Gator who lived well but not long and who deserved so much more.
~By Judith Cashwell

Happy Birthday Roberta McCardle.
~By Dottie Whipple & Lori M. Piazza

In honor of Dottie Rebhan.
~By Escapee Book Club

In memory of Muriel Fowler, mother of my daughter-in-law Jacqueline Knoblack, wife of my son Bruce Knoblack.
~By Beryl Wilson

In memory of Ladd and all the joy he brought.
~By Carrie & Clyde Hensley

In honor of Roberta McCardle's birthday.
~By Uncle Jim & Aunt Dodie

Coins for our Cause by Deborah Baker

Many times HPS members tell us that they are sorry they're not able to come out to the sanctuary and help and that they wish there was more that they could do. We've been exploring new ideas and have come up with a new fundraiser that everyone can easily participate in.

You may already be aware of the scratchcard fundraiser or you may not. It is very simple. Each member takes one scratch card. The card has 50 scratch-off spots. Under each spot is an amount between .50 & \$3.00. Ask a donor to scratch off 2 spaces and donate the total amount to HPS. Then use the same card for the next donor and the next until all spaces have been scratched off. When the card has been completed you will have raised \$100. Finally, send the card and money to HPS.

If you can get 1 person a day to scratch off 2 spaces, in two weeks the card will be complete and you will have raised \$100 for the horses.

What is the purpose of this fundraiser? The funds will go toward paying our vet bill which is currently over \$5000, toward building our barn (still need \$75,000), toward feed and medicine for the horses, etc. Donations have been scant and times have been lean this summer so we really need your help!

In order to show our appreciation for your hard work, we are going to offer a dinner-for-two at a restaurant to the person that raises the most money before October 1st 2006!

On September 9th, we also plan to set up HPS booths at local stores to promote the ranch and to get people to participate in the Coins for our Cause fundraiser. Our goal is to get the stores to match the funds we raise that day. If you would like to work one of our booths or set up your own booth, please contact the sanctuary!

Please contact HPS by email hps@horseprotection.org or call 704-855-2978 for your scratchcard to help the horses.



**HORSE
PROTECTION
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Feed the Horses While You Feed Yourself

As you know, the Horse Protection Society of NC, Inc. cares for starved, neglected, abandoned and abused horses. We give these animals a second chance at life. Prior to arriving at the sanctuary, they have felt the physical scars of abuse and the emotional scars associated with the trauma that has impacted their lives.

Our mission is to rehabilitate these horses, educate the public about how they can help and find caring new homes for the horses that can be adopted. Horses who cannot be adopted remain at HPS for the rest of their days. Despite limited funds, deteriorating facilities, and significant numbers of animals in need, we are able to perform miracles, but WE NEED TO DO SO MUCH MORE!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1. You can help the horses just by purchasing Food Lion grocery cards. It's really quite simple. **For every dollar you spend in grocery cards, Food Lion will donate 5% to HPS.** Grocery cards can be ordered for any amount for \$5-\$499. They are used just like money and can be used for any merchandise at Food Lion. Use them for your personal food shopping (money you'd be spending anyway) or as gifts (college students, birthdays, etc).
2. Also, **link your Food Lion MVP card to HPS and we can collect additional dollars.** You can register your MVP number with us on the order form below.

Remember, you need to eat and so do the horses! Follow the directions on the order form. If you have further questions, please contact Lisa Murray murray1728@bellsouth.net.

Food Lion Grocery Card Order Form

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Phone #: _____
4. Number of grocery cards: _____ At \$ _____ (example: 4 At \$25)
5. Deliver to: _____
6. MVP Card Number: _____

Send the completed order form with cash, check, or money order to Lisa Murray, Food Lion Grocery Card Coordinator, 1529 Mill Wheel Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146.

Checks need to be made out to Horse Protection Society. It takes 7 to 10 days to process orders.

Using Food Lion grocery cards on a monthly basis is a GREAT way to stay in budget at the grocery store.

Reminder: If you have email access and would prefer/be willing to receive your Over Herd issues via email, PLEASE contact Shelly Walsh at shellywalsh@bellsouth.net.

Emailing saves precious pennies for HPS!



HPS would like to thank the monthly donors for your continued generosity and love for the horses in our care. You are helping us make the world a better place for horses through education, rescue and rehabilitation. If your donation was later in the month your name will appear next month.

Keep Those Aluminum Cans Coming!

By Roberta McCardle

Many, many thanks to our members who help with our on-going aluminum fundraiser by bringing cans to the ranch. It might seem like a small thing but taken together, all of our aluminum cans add up. If you are not bringing your cans to HPS, please do so! It is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser. Every bit helps and is appreciated. I collect cans at home and also at work in a couple of different offices. Find out who your fellow animal-lovers are and ask for their help. Perhaps a nice neighbor or a friend would also save their cans for you.

HPS members Vera Bennett and Ray Cope not only help by bringing aluminum cans out to the ranch, they also recently loaded up Flatbed Annie and took a huge load of cans over to the salvage place. The \$110 check they brought back to the ranch was so welcome! Vera and Ray, we would also like to say "Thank you!" for the time you spent tidying up our holding area for cans. This was not glamorous work but these two tackled the job eagerly.

Vera also collects items and sells them on e-Bay to raise funds for HPS. If you have some nice items appropriate for e-Bay, bring them out to the ranch for Vera. She also appreciates donations of packing materials (small to medium-sized boxes, styrofoam peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.). Popular items for e-Bay include cowboy boots in good shape, older chenille material, any WW1 or WWII paraphernalia, any Seagrove pottery items, ladies' hats, & vintage men's hats. If our four-footed friends could talk, they would say, "Thank you for caring about us enough to help!"

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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