

Over Herd

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SAVE THIS DATE:

Farrier & Volunteer Day:

Saturday, September 9

We need all the hands we can get on this day.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Bring your favorite dish to share!

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*******NEEDS:**

We are in need of "wood pellets" which can be purchased from Tractor Supply. These are pellets of compressed sawdust and when placed on wet surfaces, they expand & soak up the liquid. After drying it becomes loose sawdust, which makes cleanup a breeze and helps keep the mats from being slippery and keeps the odor and flies to a minimum.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Will is to grace as the horse is to the rider.
Saint Augustine

Sugar Daddy and Silver

I am afraid we are going to hear this story over and over this fall and winter: "I can't afford to feed my horses." The following was, however, an extreme situation of family illness and huge medical bills. Little Sugar Daddy is in wonderful condition and is 13 hands. The owner thought he was part Rocky Mountain horse. Sugar Daddy is only about 10 years old. He would be great for a young child that knows how to ride and wants a horse to do EVERYTHING: run barrels, teach him to jump, run poles or about anything you can think of. He is as pretty as a picture! Sugar does not have any health issues and is in great shape. If you know of a little child that is wide-open and wants a special pony, please let us know. Sugar is every child's dream pony. When Sugar Daddy was put in with the Joyfuls he wanted all the other horses to run and play with him.



Silver Cloud is so special that we already have an application on him. He needed to gain some weight, but is putting it on quickly. This is the kind of horse that is perfect for children. He has a quiet nature and will watch the horse races and even join in at times. He does not care if he wins the race. He is just having fun. He is so easy to work with on the ground that he is becoming a favorite of some of the kids here.



Both horses have good hooves and no health issues. They fit right into the herd and are not aggressive to the other horses. It is a little weird to have new horses, but not to have something to deal with, and how wonderful this is. Please help us care for these two newbies. The hay alone for these two will be at least \$180 a month. Stop by to meet these two new sweethearts.

The Drought: Alert to All Horse Owners

The drought is so much more than not being able to water your lawn or wash your car at home. The mountains had almost no hay to cut this spring and farmers have now turned their livestock out into their hay fields. Even if it rains this fall, the grazing livestock have destroyed many fields and they will have to be reseeded.

Anyone who has horses and has not purchased the hay they will need for the winter had better look now for hay. Do not wait! The fall cutting could be much smaller than normal; if we get one at all. Many of the hay fields are dying without the needed rain and the high heat. Most farmers only got one spring cutting and it was 30% to 50% smaller than normal.

Our wonderful hay supplier, Harold Speck, is out of hay to supply to our beloved horses. There are a few tiny pockets of hay in barns in North Carolina, but farmers are holding on to the hay until the price soars even more. On the Internet, I have found hay for \$9.00 to \$12.00 for small bales. This same hay would normally cost \$2.50 to \$4.00 a bale. The large round bales that we usually feed are hard to find and when I did, they were being shipped in from out of state. The cost was \$90.00 to \$125.00 per bale. Normally the cost would be \$15.00 to \$45.00. The shipping costs are causing a huge increase in the prices. I felt lucky to find 300 square bales for \$6.00 each delivered for \$1,800. If we ration the hay, we may be able to get through

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Sophie by Sophie and Mom, Lynn Dwyer

My mom, Lynn, is helping me write this. She and I are best friends and I love her so much. My name is Sophie and some of you will remember me and some of my friends who were rescued by Joanie several years ago. I probably would not have survived without Joanie.

I now have a wonderful home in Mt. Pleasant with three best buddies Nora, Roscoe and Cody and BB, the cat – along with countless turkeys who come in after feeding time and help us clean! Life has never been better for us. Mom feeds and waters us, bathes us, grooms us and generally has lots and lots of hugs and kisses – Roscoe is still not sure why Mom wants to love on him so much, but he's learning! He's THE MAN!!!!!!

I have a message for anyone out there considering adopting a horse from HPS. Go ahead, follow your heart, and listen to God's message. My mom talks to me a lot about God and why animals were put on earth. They are to be loved and cherished just like a person. They have feelings and hearts that can soar with the eagles or be broken in two. If you adopt one of us, take us to your loving home, and embrace us, we will soar. No one on this earth deserves mistreatment of any kind.

I didn't really have any physical problems like so many of my brothers and sisters. I have such a gentle spirit and don't really like to rock-the-boat, so when I was growing up and our owner had too many of us to feed, I didn't fight for what little food there was and I suffered from malnourishment. Joanie took me in and I got better. Eventually I went for training and that's where my mom stepped in. She thinks that God put me in her pathway of life just when she needed it. We have developed a true partnership over the past two years. I have become a terrific (if I do say so myself) trail horse. I'm not afraid of water, deer, or obstacles. When my mom rides me, I become very protective of her. She has a gentle hand and easily figures out if something is bothering me. She recently got me a brand new Bitless Bridle and I LOVE IT. My bit was making me a little uncomfortable and Mom did a little research and came up with a no-bit method of controlling my head.

Mom is taking me to a natural horsemanship clinic in September so that both of us can learn some really neat new things. I'm excited about going. That's enough about me. I want to say again that HPS saved me and understood my gentleness of spirit and I now have a home with Mom forever. A great big horse kiss to Joanie and all my friends at HPS

Sophie was rescued in the herd of 30 horses owned by Carol Lewis in Cabarrus County in 1999. Sophie's good friend from that herd, Cheyenne is waiting for her new mom. Come meet Cheyenne and she will steal your heart.

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a month. The horses are not going to be happy about having their hay rationed instead of having free feed of hay.

Normally our hay cost would be approximately \$850 a month. We already operate under a tight budget and just do not have an extra \$1,000 a month to pay for the additional cost. We are going to have to commit to at least another 1,000 bales of hay for a cost of \$6,000, if we can still get it at the same price. We are going to have to pay for the hay all at one time. The total cost of hay for the next four months could be \$7,800.

What are we going to do about the starved horses in need of rescue? If we have enough funds, this will not be a concern and we can rescue them. I will find the hay, but paying for it is the concern. Please pray that we get enough rain for Harold to be able to get a huge fall cutting of hay. Until then we have to feed the horses and we need your help! Thank you for caring and God bless you.

Note From a Volunteer

Hi my name is Malorie and I am 10 years old. My grandmother, Penny Hargett, and I have been coming out to HPS since April of 2007. We started coming to help because we both love horses and we wanted to help the sick horses feel better. I am amazed at how hard everybody works and how much time they give. I have met many nice people – especially Dottie. She has taught me so much about horses and even let me come out and work with her several times over the summer. My favorite horse is Chisholm. At first it was hard to choose between Dakota and Chisholm. But Dakota was too tall for me and Chisholm is so sweet, so I narrowed it down to Chisholm and ended up sponsoring him. Joanie Benson is starting to help me ride bareback. It is a lot different from riding with a saddle, but just as fun! I started out riding Tulsa. He did great, but then he got a new home. It was a bitter-sweet moment, but I am very happy for him. Then I started riding Spirit. He has done well so far and is still as fun to ride. We are always sad when our sweet horses pass over the Rainbow Bridge, but we know that we will be with them again some day and they are with their friends.



Happy Birthday to my friend Barbara Moore. By Anita Engle
 In honor of Bob and Donna Dziura. By Dianne Doub
 In honor of my beloved husband's birthday and our wedding anniversary. By Janet Elmo
 In honor of Maria Weber. By Lois Hunt
 In honor of Hampton Dunes. By Paige Burton

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*To help with the vet bill in memory of Bright Angel, wild burro of the Grand Canyon.

By Tammy Pritchard.

*For all the good times we shared, Queenie ~ By Dottie Rebhan

*In loving memory of Tundra - "Grief is the price we pay for love." By Dottie Rebhan

*In memory of a former volunteer on what would have been her birthday, August 26: Jan Eutsler Smith. By her brother & sister-in-law, Bill & Barbara Eutsler.

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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.

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