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Looking for an easy way to help HPS?

Print this newsletter and hang a copy in the break-room at your office. Spreading the word about HPS is a huge help to us.

"Keep Those Aluminum Beverage Cans Coming!"

Many thanks to our faithful members who collect and transport aluminum beverage cans to the ranch! A recent run to the salvage yard resulted in \$126 for HPS. This is an easy, no-cost-to-you fundraiser. Put a collection bag in your break-room at work, ask for help from friends/family/neighbors. As a group we can maximize our efforts.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

All I pay my psychiatrist is the cost of feed and hay, and he'll listen to me any day. ~Author Unknown

Sad Little Mare ~by Joanie Benson

A kind gal that I met years ago called and needed help with a rescue of a five year old mare. The mare is a registered American Paint Horse, breeding stock. The breeding stock means she has no color except a small star on her face. She is so new to the sanctuary that we have not even had a chance to name her yet so I am just going to call her "Poor Girl," since that is what people say when they meet her and watch her walk.



Poor Girl's life started here in North Carolina and then she was sold at the tender age of eight months old. It is easy to tell she was well loved. Her ground manners are wonderful. Poor Girl was sent to a trainer at the age of four years old. According to the past owner, she did not have the time to continue the riding training. Upon graduation, she realized that it was going to be impossible to continue paying board and give her mare the time and attention she needed. Faced with the reality of life, this June she gave her beloved horse to a person that she trusted to care for her horse.

Poor Girl was not maintained correctly and foundered! The new owner sent her to a so-called equine care center. I am not sure if the front shoes and trimming were done before she arrived there or if they were done at the equine care center. This had to be one of the worst trim jobs I have ever seen. I call them "duck feet" when the toes are so long it throws ...*Continued on page 2*

Jewelry and Accessory Sale ~By Joanie Benson

You are just not going to believe how wonderful this sale is going to be on **Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 pm** for all HPS folks and their friends. If you cannot make it Saturday, come by on Sunday at 1:00 pm when we will be open to the general public. Our creative member who collects almost all of the great items for the Mane Event has put this together. She had so much fun that before she knew it she had collected **1,000 items** including jewelry, scarves, leather handbags & home accessories.

I did an Internet search of some of the name brands of jewelry and found every item over \$100. This is not going to be a sale; it is going to be a steal! The highest priced pieces are only \$25 and many are \$5, \$10 and \$15. What I can't wait to see are the old pieces of jewelry from the Manhattan warehouse. Old pearls, jade, sterling silver bracelets, necklaces and rings with semi and precious stones.

Come join-in and help the horses with winter expenses while making Christmas merrier for friends and family with a great gift. Treat yourself to some wonderful additions to your jewelry collection. We will welcome your Mastercard and Visa credit cards that day. What more could you ask for Gals! I expect to see all of you here at the sanctuary and where you'll get to see the fabulous improvements you have helped to provide. **DO NOT MISS THIS SALE!!!**

Update on the Horses ~by Joanie Benson

Justice, Salida and Phoenix found wonderful new homes in August. This is always a time of joy combined with a little sadness for the devoted folks that care for the horses. Everyone is thrilled for them to have their own loving new family, but there is always the part of each of us that will miss them and their special antics. The empty stall at feeding time makes you think for a moment, "I have to go find them." Then you remember the horse has left for their new home and the moment of missing them hits you. It quickly passes as the next horse does something to draw your thoughts away. It is as if the horse is saying, "Hey, pay attention, I'm still here!" There is...*Continued on page 2*

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The Sanctuary by Katie Muir

We had another wonderful night at the farm. After we finished feeding, Sandy, Cheyenne and I decided that we wanted to take some horses on a walk to get them more comfortable with being on the road and around cars. Sandy had Gold Rush, who is an old pro. Cheyenne had Sierra who acts like an old pro as well. I of course took my boy Santa Fe. I have walked him around the property with a halter on and he does well; nothing seemed to bother him. He was apprehensive about the walk when we started. When we got to the street, the neighbor was using a chainsaw and his dogs were loose & barking. Santa Fe stopped, looked around, and continued. We started in the back and before you knew it we were leading the pack! He was prancing like a proud peacock. There were several cars that passed and he didn't flinch. When we got to the other side of the pond, the sweetest thing happened. All the other horses realized that we were outside the fence and came running. It was so beautiful. They were running and talking to us, all so happy.

I was a little apprehensive about taking Santa Fe off the property. I wasn't sure how skittish he was going to be. Santa Fe definitely doesn't scare easy. He did a great job! You could tell that if I wasn't holding on to him, he was gone! He wanted to run. I am so proud of him! Now, if we can just get a weight or a saddle on his back we would be doing awesome. This was a huge step in the stairway to getting him back in the saddle!

Sad Little Mare *con't* from page 1...and puts the hooves in front of the horse instead of under them. The pasterns drop and make them look like a DSLD horse which was my concern when I saw the first pictures of her before she arrived.

The rest is hearsay because I have not wanted to talk to the equine care center until I feel I can control my emotions and be polite. What I was told is that Poor Girl was sent there about August 8th. During her stay, the cost was \$2,000 to \$3,000 for three weeks. No one seemed to think that digital radiographs were needed during this time. I have NO idea how the bill could be that high. I was also told that part of her care was inserting hypodermic needles above her coronary bands to bleed her. Lisa Busko, DVM that does acupuncture, told me that the idea behind this is to get rid of possible pooled blood, but it has to be done correctly.

The owner was fed up and would do most anything to dump the horse. A young five year old deserved better than what had been happening to her and we agreed to take her in at the sanctuary. The thought of this lame girl going to auction was just too much. We all know where she would end up!

Tamara Eichorn came the next day to remove the shoes. The shoes and the horrible way she had been trimmed appalled her. Tamara told me the shoes were the type used for nautical horses and not foundered horses. (What do I know about shoes! I don't believe in using them.) Poor sweet girl tried so hard, but the pain was just too bad to pull each nail and there were too many of them. Tamara had to remove the top of the nails and just pull the shoes. Tamara thought that she might have been quicked on top of everything else. Quicked means a nail is put into live flesh instead of just hoof wall. The huge long toes have been removed and she is standing better in the back. It was not possible to back up the front hooves as much as we would have liked. Tamara will be back after we get the digitals done.

I spoke with the owner of the stable where Poor Girl had been boarded for the eight months before being given away. The mare is not in the fleshy condition she described to me and has also lost a good bit of weight. She is not as terrible as we see so often, but she does not look like she has gotten the correct nutrition either. I feel we can help her fully recover. Please feel free to come meet her.

Update on the Horses *con't* from page 1...also the next new horse that needs our help that fills in our thoughts and concerns.

South Ridge Veterinary office arranged for a free demonstration of a gastro scope to be done at the sanctuary on a few of our horses that might have ulcers. Dr. Christina Law wanted Cherub done since a year before she had such bad ulcers and erosions in her throat from the choke. Her throat was perfect and no ulcers. We used Aloe Vera juice to cure her problems. I picked several other horses that had been under stress and only one did not have ulcers. Shenandoah had the worst ones and I think anyone could have guessed that. He cribs rather than eat his hay, does not want to leave the barn and is still thin. I put him on two weeks of UlcerGard and then he will go on Aloe Vera juice again. Fire Breeze and Shalimar are on Aloe Vera juice also.

We had to deal with two very sad times. Chisholm coliced and was caught very quickly, but the one time that he went down was enough to cause a twist in his intestines. Nothing would stop his extreme pain. The kindest thing to do was to let him go. We were all fond of this sweet horse that just did not know how to give you a hard time. I cannot remember the last horse we lost to colic. We usually can get them better.

I will always remember and miss Summer. I was outside with Deborah and we were watching Summer lying in the big pond field. She looked peaceful until she got up and tried to walk. Both of us hoped it was just from laying down, but in our hearts knew it was much more than that. We watched for just a moment more and I went to call the vet, with a heavy heart, and Deborah and Jane went to try and bring Summer up. After a shot of Banomine, Summer was finally able to make it to the front field, where she collapsed again. Her history went through my mind, years of showing until her stifle was worn out, years of being a broodmare and then brought to the sanctuary with severe EPM in 1999 at the age of 28 years old. She had been treated for EPM in 1999 with conventional drugs and it came back in the fall of 2004. From then on, Summer had been treated with two natural supplements, and remained fat and healthy until a couple of weeks ago, she lost some weight, but otherwise seemed fine. Summer had no control over her hindquarters and she was in severe pain. We got a vet here as quickly as possible to let her go. Summer was 37 years old and it was not a time to try and be heroic.



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In celebration of Barbaro by the Fans of Barbaro. ~By Sharon Crumb
In celebration of Barbaro by the Fans of Barbaro. ~By Gloria Nussbaum

In honor of Brenda & Butch Woodward. ~By Norma & Richard Williamson

Have a blessed birthday in September. ~By Rank Zinke
Michelle had her guests donate to HPS for her birthday rather than gifts.

In honor of Gail Shinn, who is an active member of HPS. ~By Brenda Hepler

Happy to Be Involved ~by Katie Simmons

I have to say how wonderful this group is! I recently started volunteering helping Roberta with Saturday evening feeds every other week, wishing I could come more and be as involved as I can if only that pesky job Monday to Friday didn't mess everything up! I have worked and volunteered for various programs and I have found this one to be just a pleasure to be a part of. You all care in so many ways and the communication and respect for each other and the animals is wonderful! I truly wish I lived closer so I could help more, but I just want to let you all know that you do great work and are much appreciated. I look forward to working with all of you at some point and being a part of HPS for many years to come. I originally told Joanie and Roberta that I was going to commit to 1 day per month, but that changed quickly because I love it! Thank you for being who you are. I am happy to be a part of the horses' lives!

Why I Love Volunteering at HPS ~by Heidi Crowley

I get to spend as much time as I want with beautiful horses. The coolest people are there willing to answer a question, demonstrate something I haven't learned yet, and say, "Thank you." It's easy to fit into any schedule as the need for help exists no matter when and how much help one can give. It helps me to step out of my comfort zone and feel good about the things I learn, be it how to handle different horse temperaments or different people temperaments. Whatever effort I give there, I am rewarded tenfold knowing it makes a difference for creatures who are totally dependent on the kindness of humans. Without a doubt, this is what I'm supposed to be doing. I started 3 1/2 months ago and will continue for as long as I'm physically able.

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