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OVER HERD

Maintenance at the Sanctuary

Maintenance is required at the sanctuary, just like at your home. We had one old oak tree that died and we had it trimmed way back, but the huge trunk needed to be taken down. It was naturally leaning towards one of the horse condos and was full of termites and a major hazard. The tree stump was 46 inches across where it was cut down to about two feet from the ground and the full trunk was hollowed out as much as 24 inches.

The other giant oak was dying back from the top after the leaves had come back on in the spring and needed to be taken down before it fell. The tree was located between a small block building and a propane tank. I was impressed with how the tree guys dropped the tree in the only safe spot. If it were to blow down in a storm, no matter which way it were to go it would cause a great deal of damage. The trunk was full of water to the base and rotted. Either of these trees could have put horses in danger if they came down by accident.

It breaks our hearts to have to have the ancient oak trees removed.



Trees R Us did the work and I would recommend them based on the good job they did for HPS, the total cost and the thorough cleanup.

704-239-1955 Jason Nicholas

Thoroughbred in Need

Seldom are we able to help a person who needs to place a horse. This is a different situation and the gal rescued a mare from a terrible place. She immediately started trying to find a different home since she really couldn't afford the extra expense. After seeing the picture of this starved mare, HPS agreed to take her in. Thoroughbreds normally cost more to care for even when they are in good body condition. We have never had a Thoroughbred that was an easy keeper.

Thoroughbreds are wonderful large long-necked creatures and that makes it difficult to read their tattoos, if they have one. We tried but she's too tall to get a good view and we were not willing to upset this pretty girl. We have a black light coming and this will help to be able to read the tattoo, if there is one.



The photo of the mare was taken prior to arrival at HPS. Notice the large worm belly.

Her teeth look as if she is 16 to 17 years old. She is a high one or low two on the Henneke Body Scoring and she is packing away the groceries and supplements. I always wish we had more history on the horses when they arrive at the sanctuary. We are not seeing any health issues at the present time, but they often don't show up until some of the weight is regained.

This pretty mare has gone to each horse group and made friends. Moonlight wanted to claim her for himself, but she wanted to be friends with all the horses. Moonlight gave up, due to her going from horse to horse to make friends. Shasta has always wanted to be the head mare at the sanctuary but she has settled for number two by being the mare's best friend. Shasta insisted on being in the stall next to new mare.

We will fill you in more next month when she picks a new name. We like to have a list of at least five names and at the present we only have three possible names to present to her.

Please help HPS to be able to continue to rescue starved and abused horses!

The Horses needs your Help!

Summer is always a more difficult time at the sanctuary for donations and funding to care for the horses. We understand all of the additional costs during the summer months, vacations, and home projects can take up a good deal of funds. Our devoted Angel Sponsors have been a great help, but it takes much more to provide all the rescued horses need.

If at all possible, would you please try and squeeze out a bit for the rescued horses. HPS would not ask if it wasn't very important. *May God bless you, and thank you for caring!*

News from the Herd

Baby was a tough old girl, but finally lost the battle. HPS knew that once she was diagnosed with diverticulitis that her time was limited but we wanted time to study this illness to see if there was anything we could do to help her. Then she had a uterine infection that was resistant. We had a blood panel done and that determined her fate. Her liver was failing. It was obvious that her body was shutting down and she was only going to get worse. The last kind act we can do for our beloved horses is to let them go and not let them suffer. Baby had a long life considering the four life threatening illnesses she came to us with. No funds had been spared in her care over the years. About four months ago Baby had a slight colic and of course, we call the veterinarians right away. The diverticulitis was not detected at that time and she recovered quickly.

Moonlight was her new best buddy and they were always together. It took a bit for Moonlight to woo Baby over, but in the end they were fast friends. Moonlight quickly found a new heart throb.

Vet Costs this month were mostly for restocking need veterinarian supplies. For example we buy 12 tubes of triple antibiotic eye ointment at a time to make sure we always have it on hand. If we catch a small issue early it can help to keep the bills down. We did have two horses checked for cataracts and both of the new horses were positive.

The Herd is doing great considering the high temperatures! Some of the horses have been off their feed a bit with the over 60 days of heat well over 90 degrees and then you add in the humidity; it is hard on the horses. Some of the horses will take a swim and then roll and roll on the grass. Some just go wading and splash water on themselves. Others head for the barn and shade for an afternoon nap. The barns have great air circulation and if there is a breeze it will go through the barns.

Employers Pay for your Volunteer Time

Hey Folks!

Did you know **YOU** could earn grant money for HPS from your employer just by volunteering?

Many Employers offer money when their employees volunteer. Here are a few examples:

- **Microsoft** provides a \$17 grant to a nonprofit per every hour volunteered by an employee.
- **Verizon** provides a \$750 grant to a nonprofit when an employee volunteers for 50+ hours.
- **State Farm** provides a \$500 grant nonprofit when an employee volunteers for+ 40 hours.
- **Phillips 66** provides a \$500 grant nonprofit when an employee volunteers for 40 hours.

There are other jobs we need help with, besides feeding horses.

Check with your employer. You could help purchase that next load of hay!

Last month we asked contributors to check with the company they work for to see if they do matching-funds.... If you have not checked, please do so.

"Bread may feed my body, but my horse feeds my soul."

~ Author Unknown ~

Honors and Memorials

Happy Birthday, Doug. From your Mom

In honor of Ann Harrison Stacker's birthday. By Jackie & Tom Mooney

Happy 85th Birthday Dad! The Kicinski Children

For Baby, I will miss you, but you will always be in my heart. By Judy LeGrett

"Queenie" showed me love, taught me patience and most of all, defined what a gentle soul really is. I remember the enjoyable hours we spent together. Just being around her at H.P.S. was a privilege I will always cherish. By Dottie Rebhan

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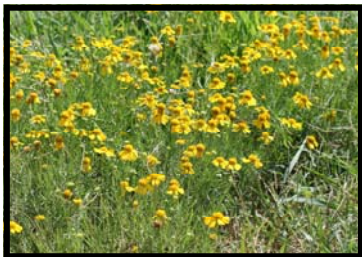
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TANSY RAGWORT CAN KILL YOUR HORSES!

This is a very dangerous weed found in horse pastures and in second cutting hay. This is the worst we have ever seen in our pastures and one field had to be closed off from the horses until we can get it all removed. We hate using chemical sprays and are burning off the ragwort plants with a propane weed burner from Lowe's. Spraying will leave the stems.

How It Affects Livestock: Tansy ragwort contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids, which affect primarily the liver. Cells of the liver are slowly killed and prevented from regenerating to replace damaged tissues resulting in gradual scarring and replacement with connective tissue. Whether an animal survives depends upon the amount, rate of damage and initial health of the animal. Some can survive for 6 months or longer after they have ingested a lethal amount of plant.

During this latent period they may show no outward symptoms or signs. Later, often without additional exposure to tansy, they may become lethargic, have fluid in the abdominal cavity, and die within 2 to 4 days.

Such animals may develop central nervous system disease seen as impaired vision and incessant stumbling. The onset of symptoms may be precipitated by other stresses such as pregnancy, lactation or poor nutrition. Often the animal's death is mistakenly attributed to other causes. Animals eating 5 percent or more of their total daily diet of tansy ragwort for periods exceeding 20 consecutive days can be expected to die within a 6-month period.

Many of the horses that come to use may have been exposed to ragwort. A liver test will tell you if your horse has issues. HPS has found that Milk Thistle often helps with liver problems if they are not too severe.

Check your fields now for this dangerous weed. Horses often will not eat this until frost has hit the plant.

Please check the Internet for more information about this poisonous plant.