



Neigh & Bray

Quarterly newsletter of HHT the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves



Fall 2009

HHT Mission Statement

to advocate for, rescue, protect, and defend our God-given equine from abuse and neglect in Tennessee.

Equine Programs

- Helping Hoof - Help equine owners feed their horses during a financial crisis.
- Ultimate Act of Compassion - Helping equine owners with humane euthanasia
- Adoption - Finding a home for a horse in need.
- STERN - State of TN Equine Rescue Network

It is through your generous support for HHT that we can continue to give a voice to those that cannot speak for themselves.

Wish List

- Stall Mats
- Fuel cards
- Fencing supplies
- Run-in sheds
- Salt Bricks
- Hay
- Concrete manure pad
- Towels
- 20+ acre farm of our own that we can call home, and use for rescue and retirement facility

Stable Thoughts - from "Freckles"

Hi!

My name is "Freckles." I live on a beautiful small farm in middle Tennessee. My family consists of my "Momma," "Daddy," "Nugget" - my pasture friend and companion - two dogs, "Chance" and "Tessie," and a cat named "Skeeter."

My first pasture companion was "Sadie." We were best friends for several years, but then "Sadie" passed from this physical world. "Sadie" now rests in peace in her lovely pasture at her forever home. We all loved her dearly and miss her very much.

Life wasn't always enjoyable and fulfilling for "Sadie" and me. It once was difficult, painful, and without love. Horse Haven of Tennessee (HHT) rescued us and gave us the special care, attention, and love we needed until we were adopted into our forever home where love, happiness, and good care filled our days. Now my best friend "Nugget" shares these blessings with me. "Nugget" was not a rescue pony, but he did need a forever home because of a change in his circumstances, and the owner asked HHT if they could help. My family and I share many discussions, thoughts, and prayers, and I have been elected as the spokes horse for our family to share some of our "Stable Thoughts" with you.

"Momma" came to the barn the other day and told us of a horse named "Arden" who was rescued by HHT. "Momma" told us "Arden's" heartbreaking story of how she had not known a gentle hand, a kind voice, or loving care for a long time. Our hearts broke for our precious friend. HHT took special loving care of "Arden" until she passed from this physical world with dignity. "Momma" said a prayer with us thanking God for "Arden" and the gift and blessing of her life that she brought to those who knew her.

"Momma" said that in so many ways people can be the source of the problems, burdens, and abuses that are placed on the animals and the earth. But people are also where we can find our help, hope, and solutions. Life is so much better for all when people choose respect, caring, appreciation and responsibility for our God-given creatures and our earth.

So many horses, as well as other animals, need so much help, rescue, attention, and love, that it keeps in the front of our minds and hearts how much work still needs to be done. Please let us continue to rise higher to this heartfelt work by being more committed, determined, and helpful in whatever ways we can to help our animal friends live more loving and fulfilling lives.

We all have so much for which to be thankful. Let us enter into this Thanksgiving season with much gratitude for our blessings and make a quality decision to share our blessings with others - multiplying them even more.

And along with wishing you all a most Happy Thanksgiving, my family and I also wish you a very Merry Christmas and Holiday Season with the gifts of Peace, Joy, Happiness, Blessings, and Love throughout the New Year.

Freckles



Me & Momma



Sadie



Nugget & Freckles

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Directions to facility:

Visits by appointment only.
Take I-40 to exit #376 (162 north) go 2 1/2 miles to the Hardin Valley exit. Turn right off the exit. Half a mile down on the left is Reagan Rd. We are immediately on your left once you turn onto Reagan Rd.
To help insure the safety of our volunteers and horses we request you do not visit without an appointment. We do open to the public the second Sat. of every month from 10:00 - 2:00.

Hannah's Corner

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

Racing is a sport right? I thought so but how come Tiger Woods is not hit with a crop when the ball doesn't go in the hole? One study says that about 800 horses die every year in North America as a result of racing injuries. Most horses start under the saddle at 2 when their bodies are not yet grown. In human years it's like an 8-year-old child running around a track with a 50-pound sack on his back. Human athletes don't run before they are old enough so why should horses? If horses are not taught how to listen to the rider or do anything but gallop very fast that can cause leg damage. The pounding on a hard track can make their tendons bow. If untreated it can be a very big pain. Some trainers don't treat it but they mask it with drugs. The human athletes that use drugs are thrown out of the sport if they use them. For people drug use is prohibited but why is that okay for horses?

Nerving is very dangerous and cruel too. Horses that cannot feel don't know that they are hurt and will run and shatter their leg bones. When that happens the owners sell them to be destroyed. Many go to slaughterhouses.



"PHANCIE" "a.k.a." SHARP SHOOTEN PISTOL" was a racing Thoroughbred that came to HHT. She was starving and her front legs had



been pin-fired. Pin firing uses a small, hot probe to cause the burning of horses legs which can relieve the pain temporarily but allows the horse to further hurt themselves.

Say "NEIGH" to Horse Abuse/Neglect!

Being pinfired is not a good choice for a horse used for hard competition like racing. Some people say that pin firing will strengthen the bones or muscles in the lower leg. There is a no proof that pinfiring does anything for the horse to make them better racers. Phancie can not be ridden any more and she has arthritis in her front ankle. Because of racing Phancie's legs were fused. She was racing before she wanted to and she stopped before she was done. If horses are athletes they should have the same laws and treatments as human athletes. Please donate, volunteer or adopt today at Horse Haven of TN because the horses need your help.

Hannah Rose



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Please make your checks payable to HHT. And remember HHT doesn't get operating support from the government, United Way or any national humane organization.

(Donations made to the Humane Society of the United States, American Humane Assoc., SPCA, etc., are not distributed to local animal welfare organizations and shelters to keep them operational.)

**SUPPORT HORSE HAVEN OF TENNESSEE BY
GIVING A LIFESAVING GIFT**

Don't know what to get that special person on your Christmas list? Don't want to face the crowds at the mall? Or, maybe it is just a birthday or special event that has you gift stumped. For a minimum donation of \$25, HHT will send a letter from one of our HHT 2009 equine, complete with his or her **story**, **color** picture and **hoof print signature** to your gift designee. The letter will tell the recipient that your gift to them this year has helped save an animal's life by finding him or her a new home.

Choose a horse below, circle, and fill out form:



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Present in Honor of: (Name of recipient) _____

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Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (First gift \$25 minimum, each additional gift add \$15)

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Mail to: HHT - P.O. Box 22841, Knoxville, Tennessee 37933

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Upcoming Events!

Chili's Night - First Tuesday of every month –drive on in to your local Chili's in Knox, Blount or Loudon county and help HHT while you treat yourself to a great meal at Chili's. Eat in or take out. Download your coupon to help HHT off our website at www.horsehaven.net.

Neigh & Bray Adoption Day - Come out and visit with the horses on the second Saturday of every month from 10 - 2. Don't come empty handed, they love to see you bring carrots and apples

Find more information about all our upcoming events by logging onto our website at www.horsehaven.net

Memorials/Honorariums

IMO

"Bruin" & "Birdie"

Leila Hungerford

"Baby Red"

Sharron Jones

"Sparkle"

Kenny & Debbie Ledford

"Shelby, Karen & Cathy Tidwell"

Virginia Adams

"Lynx"

Shelly Howley

"Inky"

Lee Morgan

IHO

"Elayne Monnig"

Diane Montgomery

"Katy Bradford"

Charles Reynolds

"Luann Keller"

On her Birthday

Tonja Campbell



Pictured to the left is "Birdie" which is short for a very special name she was given by one of the rescue team members. She was a 20 year old TWH who rallied our HHT volunteers together during her brief time with us.

It began the morning that we got the call about a horse that had been hit by a car approximately 30 hours earlier. The owner's regular veterinarian had refused to come out to attend to the horse because they couldn't afford to pay him. She was down in the barn and they didn't know what to do and requested our help.

We loaded our trailer with the rescue glide, and our volunteers prepared for the worst. When we arrived, Birdie was down and wouldn't get up. As we unloaded the glide and prepared to try and load her onto it, she got a burst of energy when the trailer was backed closer. She got herself up, and with a little encouragement, loaded, and remained in an upright position for the 30 minute ride to UT.

After a complete physical the call was made to see if Birdie could regain muscle control in her hind extremity seeing as her overall attitude was so uplifting. During the next two weeks our volunteers took on the task that well exceeds the request of a normal HHT volunteer. Birdie had been fitted with a catheter to help her urinate, but she needed help to defecate. With lack of muscle control back there, our volunteers had to glove up three times a day, and help her accomplish this task. It was so great to see so many volunteers step up when needed to help an equine in need.

Birdie was a real trooper. She had a good appetite and enjoyed the special attention she received from her caregivers. But even with all the prayers going out for a full recovery, it wasn't meant to be. Birdie made the call that she couldn't go on and she was humanely euthanized.

She was 'One Tough Old Bird' and she'll be greatly missed, but our volunteers will never forget the difference she made in their lives.