



Neigh & Bray Newsletter

Summer 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 can not speak for themselves.

Wish List

- Stall Mats
- Gas 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

Babies! Babies! And more Babies!

The last few months at HHT have been filled with plenty of baby activity. Some good and some not so good. Sheba & Fancy Pants, from the last 10 horse case came to us pregnant. Their deplorable conditions had us concerned. With some TLC, Sheba delivered a healthy colt in June and Fancy is due any day.

Jenna and her 30 day old baby came to us from Monroe County after the owner failed to provide adequate care for them. Mom is gaining weight steadily and Royal is growing bigger and feistier everyday.

Baby Red (back cover) didn't fair so well. HHT agents were called to pick up Baby Red and his mom after their owner failed to get medical attention for him after he was stepped on two weeks after he was born. Baby Red had been in pain for two weeks with 2 broken legs while the owner decided to just soak his back legs instead of getting him immediate medical attention. We were informed by the vet this could have been fixed if the animal had been attended to immediately. Baby Red was humanely euthanized at the tender age of 4 weeks old, and is no longer in pain. His mom MayMay, age 4, is available for adoption and can be seen on our website.



Jenna and Baby Royal
No horse should suffer this way



Sheba & colt Sayid.
Born June 25, 2009.

Hannah's Corner - An introduction from Hannah's Mom

"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)

I was raised on a farm with a number of "pleasure riding" horses and always loved them. Nonetheless, being a city girl at heart I left the farm and never looked back. That is until I had an animal loving 10 year old. One day on our way home from church, my daughter was reading the current issue of Critter Magazine in the car. She was reading out loud and very excitedly said "Mom, look Horse Haven of TN has a new location and they NEED volunteers." I raised an eyebrow and glanced at her in the rear view mirror. We had already volunteered with a few animal rescue groups

in the area which resulted in our family having 3 abused "difficult to place" house dogs, and a guinea pig. I mentioned that to Hannah Rose who said very practically "But Mom, we can't bring home a horse." Finding it hard to argue with that logic I promised I would call the number. Within 2 weeks we found a perfect volunteer spot for us. I could come on Open House days, just one day a month and Hannah Rose could "go-fer", helping visitors as needed.

That was 2 years ago. In the last 2 years my little animal lover has turned into an advocate. Last summer the Kentucky Horse Park she gave the tour guide a lecture on over breeding. She cuts short people who talk about animals as if they were material possessions, telling them how if you look into

the eyes of a horse "of course you can see it's soul." She has written several school papers on the topic of animal cruelty laws and regularly checks the HHT website for information. This weekend at the Smoky Mountain Critter Fest she talked with anyone who would listen about the needs of horses, the rights of horses and how people are having a hard time caring for them due to drought and the declining economy. Hannah Rose is only 12, and we are only able to devote one Saturday a month to helping at HHT. It probably doesn't seem like very much. However as I watch her learn and grow I see a future voice to those that can not speak for themselves. BCL

Next issue we will hear from Hannah herself.

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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 - 2.

Letter from the Executive Director

Wow! 10 years! What a great day we had at the Anniversary Open House!

If you didn't make it maybe you can join us in 2019 for our 20th.

With ten years comes change and learning. With every day comes more phone calls. Calls from people not only reporting neglect cases, but some asking for help for themselves. Horse owners who had been hit with the drought two years ago have now fallen on hard times over job loss or health issues. Not wanting their family horse to suffer at the wrong hands, they are calling us for help and suggestion. Because of this we have started the Helping Hoof Program

which helps feed a horse for 3 months while their owners get back on their feet, and the Ultimate Act of Compassion Program that humanely euthanizes and disposes of equine that the owner can't afford to have put down.

Better a humane death then the alternative.

It is through our donors continued support that we are able to fund these programs. Mounting vet bills have put a terrible strain on our budget and any help would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made from our website at www.horsehaven.net

Nina L. Margetson

A Big *Thank You* to our Volunteers!

Many people are not aware that nearly all of the work at Horse Haven is performed by volunteers. Our volunteers are kind-hearted, generous people who graciously donate their times and talents to our endeavors. They are teenagers, college students, professionals, parents, and grandparents. Some have horses of their own. For others, their work with Horse Haven is their only way to get some "horse time."

Through the cold winter months (and even the occasional dusting of snow) to the rainy spring, hot, humid summer, and breezy fall, our volunteers faithfully come to the barn in the morning and evening to feed and care for the horses. They don't complain about the manual labor, the dirty nature of the job, or the demanding nature of some of their charges. Others help with the paperwork side of the organization, and still others have shown off amazing handyman and fence-building talents while helping us spruce up our new location.

Horse Haven could not survive without its loyal volunteers. So to all of you, past and present, THANK YOU! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit our website for more information. www.horsehaven.net



Nina gets a token of appreciation for 10 years of service from the HHT Board and Volunteers.



Bobbit (Charlie) the little pony that was mutilated by his owner having a buddy castrate him is none the worse and enjoys greeting people at Open House.



Tennessee Horse Slaughter Bill on Hold

The three horse slaughter plants in the United States were shut down in Illinois and Texas in 2007, and the federal government is likely to pass legislation that would halt the transport of horses for slaughter, which would end the brutal deaths that advocates for this bill are using as a selling point. Funding for federal inspectors has been halted, so horsemeat cannot legally be shipped across state lines. Congress has voted time and time again to ban horse slaughter and it is only a matter of time before a federal ban is enacted. People in the U.S. **do not** eat horse meat. The slaughter plants, most Dutch owned, sell this meat overseas at a huge profit by the pound. It is not the old, sick, starving, neglected horses that end up at the slaughter plants. Anyone with common sense knows these are not the animals they are looking to process. Fat, healthy, many times stolen, are the animals that are butchered for their meat.

Despite all of these steps towards banning horse slaughter, the Tennessee legislature is considering a dangerous bill, [H.B. 1428/S.B. 1898](#), to authorize the creation of horse slaughter plants in Tennessee. Introduced by State Rep. Frank Nicely and State Senator Mike Faulk this bill is currently on the back burner till 2010. With the current state budget taking top priority, time ran out to push this bill through. This was a sign of relief for our equine, but the threat is still there.



Mr, Nicely & Mr. Faulk this is what Pete has to say about your bill.

Please contact your state representative today, and continue to do so until this bill is removed completely from the table. Don't allow this bill to slip in, unnoticed with some other bill, and open the way for our equine to end up on a dinner plate in France. This is not meat that will be processed to be eaten by starving children overseas as Mr. Nicely tried to claim to one of his callers protesting this bill. It will end up on the dinner plates of the upper class people who feel eating monkey brains is a delicacy.

If the state wants to reduce the number of unwanted horses that are supposedly being turned loose by droves in our state parks, or they feel will starve to death because people can't feed them, then offer more affordable ways of humane euthanasia and disposal. HHT can make a few suggestions... enforce and prosecute offenders of equine abuse. Stop passing the buck and follow in the steps of other states across the U.S. that don't stand for any kind of animal abuse, including equine. In New Mexico it is a \$10,000 fine if you're found guilty of animal abuse, not a slap on the wrist. What do you say Tennessee?

Your support is vital because all HHT programs are supported solely through private contributions. HHT is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are tax deductible

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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.)



A Special Thank You goes out to the following people for 10 years of continued support :

Agri Feed Pet Supply
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"Sadie"

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"Trigger" Steeley

Dennis & Kathy Hayward

Horse Haven of Tennessee
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Read more about Baby Red
(above) and others inside.

Beat the
Heat and
stay out of
the kitchen.
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coupon and
bring it to
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the days
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Upcoming Events!

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

Neigh & Bray - "No Show, Horse Show" - First time ever for our virtual horse show fundraiser. Win prizes and ribbons. Class's for everyone, long and short ear's included. Runs from June 1 - August 22. Start sending in your pictures today. Special class for "rescue" horses.

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

Stone Gate Farms Open Horse Show - August 22. Proceeds to benefit HHT. Tailgate tack swap, concessions by HHT. Bring your horse and come out and have fun.

Trails West Trail Ride - Sept. 26. - Big South Fork trail ride and obstacle course to benefit HHT. Great fun for you and your horse.

"FUN"draising Trail Ride - Oct. 17, - HHT 8th. Annual Trail Ride at Lovingood Spings Farm in Louisville. Collect pledges and compete for great prizes!