



*Brave Warrior.*

*Angel*

## Horse Haven of Tennessee Newsletter – June 2007

June 2007 marks our 8<sup>th</sup>. year serving as Equine Advocates in Tennessee, and just five animals short of providing care for 200 equine.

Our West Facility has been in operation for a little over a year and the daily activity has really been buzzing. Volunteers have been a God send in providing the daily care needed to care for all the animals awaiting court or new homes. On the second Saturday of each month the gates are open to the general public from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm for our Neigh & Bray Adoption Day. This time allows for the general public to tour our West Facility and get acquainted with the animals available for adoption.

On August 25, AllState Trailers will be sponsoring the first “Neigh & Bray Summer Classic Horse Show” at Walter State Smoky Mountain Expo Center in White Pine, TN. All proceeds will benefit our organization. This horse show along with our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “FUN”draising Trail Ride on October 20<sup>th</sup>. at Lovingood Springs Farm in Louisville will be our main fundraising events this year. We hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend. Both events should be full of fun for the whole family. For more information, on these and other events, be sure to check out our website at [www.horsehavenoftn.com](http://www.horsehavenoftn.com).

At present, HHT has nine equine awaiting court outcomes. In April, four animals that had been with us since June of 2005, were finally released into our custody after twenty two months. Along with these nine we have ten others awaiting adoption. One of these is Brave Warrior pictured above. This 4 year old TWH x pony came to us after he was found tied to a tree by a rope around his neck for two days with no food or water. He had been dragged behind a truck because he wouldn't load after the owner traded a neighbor a chain saw for him. He required weeks of medical attention for his wounds, while his emotion wounds will take much longer to heal. He has come a long way since he was rescued, and hopefully a caring and patient adopter can be found for him.

Since the first of the year, HHT has had the opportunity to care for a mare that gave birth to a healthy filly, and also taken in a 17 day old filly that had lost its Mom. Both babies are doing great! Along with the babies we currently have in our care a blind horse that had been tied to a tree for two months after its owner had passed away.

Angel, pictured above, was a young mare whose outcome wasn't as happy. She had been left out in a field for days to die a horrid death in the scorching heat. After two hours in 90 degree temperatures, HHT agents were finally able to get her loaded into the trailer and brought her back to Knoxville where she was humanely euthanized. The ecropsy results showed a massive parasite overload. If only her owners had cared enough to treat her she might not have met her end at only 7 years of age.

With nineteen (19) equine to care for our budget has become drastically strained. Many of the horses that have come into our care have required medical treatment which has drained our veterinary funds. Four yearlings from a case in Cumberland County we are currently caring for, came to us in deplorable shape. Due to the stress and weakness of their immune system they came in with Salmonella. Because of this, one was hospitalized for three days, and their quarantine time was extended, and special decontamination arraignments had to be made to sterilize the quarantine barn and pasture. Along with medical and feed increases the increasing gas prices are putting a major strain on our budget. All of these factors contribute to our need to ask for your help. To continue giving a voice to those that can not speak for themselves, we need your support. Because we are a 501(c)(3) all donations are tax deductible. Below are a few ways you can help.

**Hay** – we can use horse quality square or round bales in any amounts.

**Gas Cards** – we log hundreds of miles a month and the recent fuel prices have put a strain on us.

**Sponsor a Horse** - Provide financial assistance towards the care of a horse in our custody.

**General Horse Needs** – De-wormer, Purina feed, Salt Blocks, Shavings,

**Become a member** – Remember it takes everyone to get involved to help our equine friends. We can't do it alone.

*Nina L. Margetson*

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**The Abused and Neglected Horses of Tennessee Need Your Help! We can't do it alone.**

Your support is vital because all Horse Haven of Tennessee programs and activities are supported solely through private contributions, including membership fees.

**Please become a member today!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**All memberships are tax deductible.**     Child \$10     Adult \$25     Family \$45  
 Guardian \$100     Sponsoring \$250     Lifetime \$1,000

**I don't wish to become a member at this time but would like to show my support by sending my donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

Please make your checks payable to HHT. And remember HHT doesn't get financial of support from the government, United Way or any national humane organization. (Donations made to the Tennessee Horse Council, the Humane Society of the United States, the American Humane Association, the American SPCA, etc., are not distributed to local organizations and shelters.)

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Once again Wonder, a BLM Mustang, is running free on the open range now that she has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. Never to know the fear of being alone and blind. Weak and afraid, HHT agents took two hours to get her off the mountain she had been abandoned on 8 months prior. In the still of the night her companions were removed, to cheat the landowner out of the board bill he was owed. She fought a hard fight for five days while volunteers loved on her and removed the mass of burrs out of her mane and tail. Love was what she felt until her last breath. RIP Wonder.



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