



Bobbit arrives at UT after running at large for one week.



Charlie aka Bobbit now

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The first four months of 2006 have been a very busy time here at HHT. The second Equine Cruelty Investigator Short Course was recently held at MTSU in Murfreesboro. This training was sponsored by UT Ag Extension, Horse Haven of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Horse Council. We also enjoyed working with our co-sponsor Volunteer Equine Advocates who helped with meals and instruction.

HHT attended both the Road To The Horse Show and the Volunteer Horse Fair again this year. What a thrill it was to watch a horse we had adopted out last year from the show perform. Black Jack was adopted by Saddle Up Therapeutic Riding last year after he was used by Craig Cameron as a demonstration horse in his clinics at the fair.

A second adoption facility has been put into use by HHT the first of this year. Thanks to a generous donor, we now have the use of a 15 + acre horse farm in West Knoxville. This facility will allow us to house animals that don't have any special needs until adoption. We will be holding a work day at this location on May 20, 2006. We will also be holding a "Spring Cleaning Seminar" on June 17th. To learn more about these to events you can log onto our website at www.horsehavenoftn.com and click on the "Events" topic.

At present, HHT has six equine awaiting court outcomes before we can place them. Four of these animals have been with us since June of 2005. This case is not scheduled to be heard until August 2006. Two others who have been with us since September will go to court in June. Along with these six we have six others awaiting adoption. One of these is Charlie aka Bobbitt. This little pony came to us from Grainger County after someone botched a self-castration on him. He required radical surgery to have his urinary tract rerouted. He will be requiring another surgery later this month to remove the remaining testicle. He is pictured at the top of this newsletter, and we apologize for their graphic nature, but we wanted to share with you just a little of what we witness on a daily bases. His current foster parent has hopes to work with him and train him for future use as a therapeutic riding horse for STAR. We are all excited to think this could be a possibility for his future.

With eleven (12) equine to care for our budget has become drastically strained. Another strain is the increasing gas price. It now cost us \$87 for a tank of gas. One tank of gas can easily be used making a couple of round trips to investigate cases in Scott, McMinn, or Hawkins County.

It is because of this we must 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 gladly accept donations of good square baled horse hay. If you are needing to make room for this years cut, we would gladly come and remove what you have to donate. If you are cutting your own hay, and could donate 25 or more bales, please consider donating them to HHT for our coming year.

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

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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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