

Horse Haven of Tennessee
Equine Advocates, Rescue &
Investigations

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This holiday season please help us

“Deck the Stalls”

by showing your generous support.



“Brave Warrior” was dragged behind a pickup truck

“Charlie”

Dear Caring Friend:

This has been a very busy year for all of us here at HHT. By the time you are finished with this letter you will **understand why your continued support is so critical this Holiday Season.**

2006 started out with a bang for Horse Haven of Tennessee. It was the first time in seven years that HHT has not had to rely solely on foster care givers to provide for the animals that have come to us mainly do to a very generous family. HHT is now housing 99% of the equine and caring for them at our new West Knoxville Facility and also at our original South Knoxville location. The donation of this excellent equine facility for our use has allowed us the opportunity, for the first time in seven years, to invite the public out to meet and visit with the animals available for adoption. On the second Saturday of every month we hold our “Neigh & Bray Adoption Day. Volunteers are available to meet with the general public and show them all the animals looking for a new home. This also allows the public to become better acquainted with our organization and the opportunity to have hands on contact with each animal on one-to-one bases.

With this new facility comes the additional expense of caring for all the animals at both locations. We are able to care for approximately twelve (12) animals at each location. With winter quickly approaching we have been trying to stock up on our hay supply to get us through the winter months. The hay crops were not very good this year, and hay will be in short supply this winter. Because of this, our usual donors do not have any extra to spare to share with us. Our normal hay supplier that we usually purchase hay from has informed us, that because of the bad crop year, he will only be able to meet about half of our usual requirements. This will mean the hay that we will need to buy to supplement our stack will cost twice as much as we would normally pay.

Since June 29, 2005 HHT has provided care for four equine from a case in Roane County that has had the court date reset again for March 2007. We also are still housing two horses from an abandonment case in Blount County that we took in September 2005, and no settlement has been reached on this case either. Do to the lack of support from the judicial system to treat these cases in a timely manner, the equine that come into us from cases are kept hanging in limbo and we are unable to place until a judgment is made. This is regrettable, but happens.

Two cases that we were involved with this year took a large toll on our medical budget. One case in particular made it into the news headlines. It was in regards to Charlie “aka” Bobbit, who was a victim of a botched castration gone bad. His owner had one of his buddies castrate the poor animal at his home. Things went bad, and the person performing the castration instead sliced his penis in half. Instead of getting this pony qualified medical attention, they decided to allow it to roam free and fend for itself. God was watching over this young fellow, because after a week of roaming loose in the neighborhood, someone decided to call the Grainger County Humane Society, who in turned called us. He was transported to UT Veterinary College and surgery was performed to remove the dead flesh and re-route the vital organ. If the person who had botched the castration hadn't made such a bad cut, up so high, he would have bled to death before anyone could have helped him. Today “Charlie”, as he is so fondly called by his adoptive Mom, has had a full recover and the long range plan is to train him for therapeutic riding.

The other case was a sad and emotional case for many. This horse was appropriately named “Brave Warrior” by HHT volunteers. He was traded for by a family member for a chain saw. Because he would not load into a trailer and fought being handled roughly, he was tied to the back of the mans pickup for his mile walk to the mans house. The man stated that he had , “fallen down once”, but the proof showed it was more than that. This animal had road rash on both sides of its body, with wounds so deep you could see the bones. His mouth had been scrapped so bad there looked to be nerve damage on both sides of his mouth, and his bottom lip just sagged. The call came two days after this had all happened. When we arrived we found him tied to a tree by a rope around his neck. No food, and no water. The owner said he was crazy and stubborn and he wanted to just let us know because we most likely wouldn't be able to get a halter on him or load him into our trailer. As I approached him he just stood there and shook from fright. It took very little to let him know I wasn't going to hurt him and he accepted the feed I offered him. He haltered with no problem and as I led him down the hill from this mans front yard, over huge boulders and through the tall grass he was never able to reach, he followed willingly behind me. Once at the trailer he sniffed it a few times and jumped right in as if to say, “lets get out of here please.” His physical wounds have now healed, but his emotional ones have a long road ahead. He is doing well in his foster home and we hope he will find a good, loving, forever home soon.

We tell both these horses story on our website with before and after pictures. I want to encourage you to read about them and others we have helped this year. Our website address is www.horsehavenoftn.com

We hope you find us a worthy organization to support either with your financial contributions, in kind donations, or just with your prayers. We welcome any and all support we receive to enable us to continue our mission to help the horses in need.

So our plea to you this Holiday Season is to join Horse Haven of Tennessee in making a difference in the life of horses in need. Your donation, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated. We are seeing great strides being made to benefit the equine within our state, and are proud to know it was Horse Haven of Tennessee that started making these changes a reality.

But the harsh reality is Horse Haven of Tennessee needs funds to continue fighting for our majestic creatures that have served us so well over the years. They have carried our troops in battles, transported families across this great country we live in, and provided for our needs while asking for so little in return.

I know that we are all busy with Christmas shopping and family gatherings this time of year. But I hope that this Holiday Season you don't forget our equine friends who bring us so much joy throughout the year. We have enclosed A gift sheet that you might find of interest for those special people that are hard to buy for.

Winter months are the most difficult for horses. Cases of neglect increase, and that is why it is so important to help in whatever way you can. Please say **"Neigh"** to horse abuse/neglect by sending your tax-deductible donation today.

Sincerely,

Nina L. Margetson

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Name: _____

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_____ \$10 (will buy the yearly vaccine to immunize a horse against disease)

_____ \$25 (will pay for a farrier visit to get a horses feet trimmed)

_____ \$50 (will supply the hay and grain a horse needs for one month)

_____ Other

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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