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"Whinny News"

From the Horses Mouth

Winter/Spring 2008

2007 in Review

As we head into our 9th. year serving Tennessee as equine advocates, we look back at all we've seen.

Public awareness on equine issues has been our top priority and we have made great strides in this field. People are becoming more and more aware of the fact that horses deserve humane treatment by their owners. Local officials are listening to their residence, and prosecuting equine cruelty/neglect cases to the fullest extent of the law. Convictions of jail time and no equine ownership proves they aren't going to stand for it in their counties. We applaud these counties who are saying "Neigh" to equine abuse in Tennessee.

Along with being the second largest state of equine population in the U.S., Tennessee also sports one of the states with the most lax laws regarding equine. To help change this, the Tennessee Equine Protection Bill was written to clarify how current laws pertain to equine. Along with clarifying what is considered abuse/neglect within the state we also requested that certified

equine cruelty investigators, paid or unpaid, appointed by a chartered animal humane society or local law enforcement, be permitted to make the legal call of someone committing the act of cruelty. Won't you please contact your State Representative and ask them to please support Senate Bill 1290 and House Bill 1180. Be sure to ask them to support it **after** "Section 3" gets removed. Cruelty Investigators are not law enforcement and don't need to have arresting powers, County Ag Agents don't. Someone along the way added this section we believe to get it thrown out before it would even have a chance. This bill needs to pass if the equine in Tennessee will ever have the protection they so deserve. We can't do it alone, so please let your voice be heard. Help us speak for those that can not speak for themselves.

Nina Margetson

Executive Director



Volunteers are the Heart of HHT!

Volunteers:

HHT is always looking for volunteers to help with daily feeding and caring for the horses in our custody. If you would like to volunteer, please call

(865) 609-4030

We have both morning and evening shifts available.

Donations Received In Honor Of

"Phil Lane"

Teresa Murray Smith

"Dr. & Mrs. C. Carr Hyatt III, DVM"

Teresa Murray Smith

"Nancy Wolf on her Birthday"

Dad & Mom

"Carol Harold"

Kathleen Hayward

"Winona Tipton"

Jim & Daphne McCord

"Mrs. Harold Tipton"

Daphne Nicar

"Ms. Glo Ghegan"

Nona Tipton

"The Harris Family"

Geri Wilkerson

"The Schmid Family"

Geri Wilkerson

"Teenie Hayworth"

Michael Edwards

"Rainaway"

Marilyn Bannister

"Happy Birthday

Miss Moss Sanders"

Jenny Jones

"Happy Birthday

Lana Mullino"

Helga Prine

Open Meeting:

**Second Thursday
of the month.
7:00 pm**

**Room 117A at
UT Vet School.**

Donations Received

In Memory Of

"Gene Robertson"

Susanne Gregg

Robert & Nancy Bell

"Beloved Greyhound

Aphrodite"

Sue Adams

"Mrs. Billie Ingram"

Wally & Sharon Brines

Linda Fogle

"Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Repass"

Lori Crockett Byington

& Family

"Ken Brown"

East Tennessee Draft & Mule

Association

Michael and Lori Nunley

Miriam & Steve Cota & Family

"April"

With fond memories Kathleen

"Jewels & Curly from Alabama"

The Loop

"Lacey" beloved pony of the

Steeley Family

Dennis & Kathleen Hayward

"Susan Grubbs"

Getting the Facts

Myth: HHT agents have nothing better to do then spend their time driving around looking for skinny horses to pick up.

Fact: HHT agents allow county officials to investigate complaints in their counties. HHT only investigates a complaint if local officials fail to provide this service.

Myth: Horse Haven is paid for their services.

Fact: Horse Haven of Tennessee offers their sheltering services , at no charge, to county officials. We offer this service when an owner has been charged with violating TN. Code 39-14-202, animal cruelty.

Myth: Only people with a lot of money and big barn get approved for adoption.

Fact: Horse Haven adopts out to owners who seem to be able to offer the best home for a horse in need, and understand they are an expensive animal to own.

Myth: Horse Haven always wants to take an owners horse away.

Fact: HHT would prefer an owner provide the necessary care needed for an animal, then having it removed. All we want is for an owner to take care of the responsibility they have taken on by being a responsible horse owner.

Myth: Old horses are just skinny.

Fact: Older horses may be harder to maintain, but there are plenty of complete feeds designed just for their nutritional needs. You wouldn't feed your 90 yr. old Grandmother steak when she has no teeth, so don't expect your elderly horse to always be able to chew hay and grass.

Myth: Now that slaughter plants are closed I guess my unwanted horse will just have to die in the field.

Fact: HHT offers free pick-up service to responsible owners wishing to have their animals humanely euthanized

Seller Beware

Responsible equine owners beware! With the drought and lack of hay many owners are having to sell their horses. Even though you think you are doing the right thing by selling your horse when you are no longer able to care for it, you may be placing it in harms way. HHT suggests you take the time to inspect the potential buyers facility to insure it is actually being sold to someone wishing to use it for legitimate purposes. HHT has received numerous complaints from sellers who thought they were selling to a good home, only to find out they sold to a trader and the horse ended up on the auction circuit or worse. Some sellers think because the slaughter plants have been closed in the U.S. , their horse won't end up on someone's dinner plate overseas. This is false. Until such a time that the United States passes the Slaughter Bill, horses will continue to be shipped over the Mexican and Canadian borders where they will continue to meet this type of sad fate. Seller beware!

We can't do it alone. Pat's on the back are nice, but they don't pay the bills. Please show your support by sending your tax deductible donation today to;

HHT

P.O. Box 22841 - Knoxville, TN 37933

Case History

In eight years time HHT has investigated hundreds of complaints of equine abuse and neglect. 230 horses have been placed into our program.

In 2007 we had the honor to care for 52 equine during these 12 months. As I write this, we currently have 28 tied up in court litigation.

14 of these came to us from a case in Blountville, Tennessee that brought us three animals with stellar pedigrees. Rain Away and Riddle Star are descendent of "Secretariat" while Ike is the grandson of "Affirmed" the last Triple Crown winner.

The owner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, and no ownership of horses for seven years. Hopefully no other horse will have to suffer at the hands of this owner.

Below - Riddle Star before and after



Below - Rain Away before and after



Equine Cruelty Investigator Short Course

May 2 & 3, 2008

On the first weekend in May, twenty eight people will come together to attend our 4th. Annual Equine Cruelty Investigator Short Course.

This year will be extra special because it is the first time it will be held at our West Knoxville facility.

Training is open to anyone wishing to acquaint themselves with equine related issues that involve equine protection in their area.

You will get to meet, and network with other individuals who wish to help our equine friends. You don't need to be from Tennessee to take this course.

Even though this is not an accredited class we find it is very helpful for Animal

Cruelty Investigators, Animal Control Officers, Field Supervisors, Police and Sheriff's Officers, Directors of Humane and Equine Organizations, Veterinary Technicians and others involved in Equine Protection. Knowing the answers to these questions can save a horse's life.

- What is considered standard care guidelines for horse's in Tennessee?
- What constitutes abuse/neglect when dealing with equine?
- What are the legal guidelines when investigating a cruelty complaint in your county?
- How do you feed a malnourished horse?

Combining classroom teaching by trained professionals as well as hands-on applications, this 15 hour short course is designed to teach proper techniques in evaluating and processing equine cruelty complaints. Special emphasis is placed on,

- Recognition of abuse/neglect
- Investigation skills
- Court preparation and protocol
- Hands-on equine restraint, trailer loading evaluation, horse identification, handling and rehabilitation.
- Acceptable feeding programs and equine management.

For early registration you can log onto our "Documents Page" on our website at www.horsehaven.net

Early registration cost is \$125. Lunch is provided on both days. The class is limited to 28 people so be sure to register early to reserve your spot. Call (865) 609-4030 for more information



The Abused and Neglected Horses of Tennessee need Your help!

Please join the **Horse Haven of Tennessee, Inc.**

\$5.00-A-Month Club

For less then the cost of a soda per. week, your donation of \$5.00 a month could cover;

~Buy a Bag of Feed~ ~Buy 2 to 4 Bales of Hay~ ~De-worm a Horse~

~Cover Gasoline for 100 miles of Investigations~ ~Buy 2 Rolls of Film or Pay for Developing~

Please Join Today!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I wish to join the "\$5.00-A-Month" Club. I choose to make my donation

____ Monthly ____ Quarterly ____ Yearly

My check is enclosed

Credit Card option through our Pay Pal account.

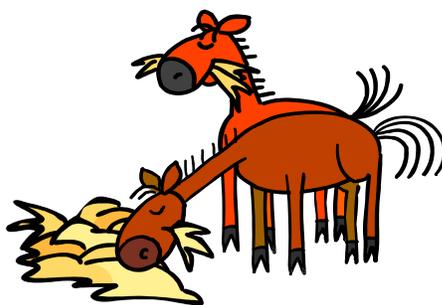
Mail To: H.H.T. - P.O. Box 22841 - Knoxville, TN 37933

Policy Changes Over the Years

- ◆ HHT has changed our policy on taking in owner surrendered horses. Because of the increase in animals coming to us from county abuse/neglect cases we will no longer take in owner surrendered horse.
- ◆ Responsible adopters in our program now receive a certificate of ownership after two (2) years.
- ◆ Potential adopters not living in Knox County must pay a \$25 application fee. This fee is deducted from any adoption cost. Numerous hours are spent by our agents checking out potential adopters and this non-refundable fee is to used to discourage people who are not serious about adopting.
- ◆ Applicants must provide a picture of their available shelter and pasture area, including any other equine on the property. Only applicants that are ready to adopt will be considered.
- ◆ Out of state adopters will be considered if they have appropriate references, live within 60 miles of a Tennessee border and have resided at their current location for more then two (2) years.



Requirements are simple. 3 sided shelter, fence in good repair & lots of love.



Horses are expensive animals to care for.

Please think before you buy.

How you can help us help them.

- 1) **Join the \$5-A-Month Club.** Your monthly pledge will help off set HHT expenses.
- 2) **Become a member** and help us give a voice to those that can not speak for themselves.
- 3) **Foster** a horse until adoption.
- 4) **Adopt** an equine friend into your family.
- 5) **Donate** supplies, funds or services. All contributions are tax-deductible.
- 6) **Bequest:** Help the horses after you are gone.
- 7) **Land Trust:** One way to ensure your family farm will not be turned into a subdivision. Call for more information.

HHT is a non profit organization that receives no government funding. We must rely on the generosity of our supporters to continue helping our equine friends. HHT welcomes fundraisers put on in their benefit by the public. If you would be interested in holding such an event please contact Nina at (865) 609-4030.

Fund Raising



HHT will be holding our "Good Stuff Yard Sale", June 14th. We will start accepting items after May 5th. If you would like to donate, please call 865-609-4030 or email Alev - atajen@yahoo.com

We will accept all items that are in good, clean, and working order. Pick-up is available.



Wish List

Hay, Feed, De-Wormer,
Joint Supplements, Vitamins
Gas Cards, Wood for Fencing
and Building Projects.
50+ acre farm to retire
unadoptable horses on.



Neigh & Bray Adoption Day

The second Saturday of
the month HHT opens
their facility from

10 am - 2 pm.

Stop by and meet the
horses.

Available for Adoption

Cheyenne: 3 yr old, 12.3 paint
mare pony. Ground work done.
\$250 adoption fee



Bubba: 30 yr old TWH,
gelding. Pasture pet only. Can't
eat hay. \$50 adoption fee



Leo: 1 1/2 yr old Black, TWH
colt. \$150 adoption fee

Brave Warrior: 5 yr old Geld-
ing Pony. Warrior was dragged
behind a pickup and needs a
patient owner.
\$150 adoption fee



Daisy: 11 yr old, Sorrel, 14.2,
Saddlebred X mare.
\$150 adoption fee.



HHT also has many horses
available for foster care. Fos-
ter caregivers will have first
option to adopt if/when they
become available.

All horses are current on
shots, coggins and foot
care.



Word Scramble

1. Aeld orsoe
2. Tslrahe
3. Kteuscb
4. Gulne nilse
5. Dsdeasl
6. Beirlids
7. Ewelrorbahw
8. Kraes
9. Fckstiphor
10. Defe ract
11. Ckat
12. Fialogn hshde

Answers for Word Scramble

1. lead ropes
2. halters
3. buckets
4. lunge lines
5. saddles
6. bridles
7. wheelbarrow
8. rakes
9. pitchforks
10. feed cart
11. tack
12. loafing sheds

Horse Health Questions (for the pros!)

- 1.. Another word for asthma in horses is _____.
- 2.. When the last bone in a horses hoof rotates downward the disease is called _____.
- 3.. An infection in the horses hoof that can cause what appears to be a severe lameness overnight may be a _____.
- 4.. A common form of dermatitis, commonly showing up as scabs with hair attached along the back in horses, may be called _____
- 5.. When a horse has a “belly ache” he is said to have_____.

Leave A Legacy

We have received many questions from donors in regards to adding Horse haven of Tennessee, Inc. as a beneficiary, in their wills. I hope the following information will be helpful. If you don't have a will, or if your existing will has not been reviewed for several years, a visit to your attorney is highly recommended. Your bequest should be carefully drafted to ensure that it does what you intend it to do. However, it can be as simple as the following example:

“I bequest (specific amount, percentage or residue) to Horse Haven of Tennessee, Inc. having its principal offices at 6911 Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920, for its general purposes.”

If you recently signed your will, there is no need to rewrite it. Instead, you can provide for a gift through a codicil, a legal modification to a will that saves the time and expense of revising an entire document. A bequest by codicil could be phrased like this:

“I add to my existing will dated _____ the following provisions: I bequest (specific amount, percentage or residue) to Horse Haven of Tennessee, Inc. having its principal offices at 6911 Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920, for its general purposes.”

Charitable bequests are excluded from your adjusted gross estate for estate tax purposes. HHT is recognized by IRS as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and our tax identification number is 62-1791407.

Answers for Health Questions for the pros!

1. heaves 2. founder 3. hoof abscess 4. Rain rot or Rain scald 5. colic

Answers for Word Scamble

1. lead ropes 2. halters 3. buckets 4. lunge lines 5. saddles
6. bridles 7. wheelbarrow 8.rakes 9.pitchforks 10.feed cart
11. tack 12.loafing sheds

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