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Gas and Hay Prices

We need your help. The high cost of fuel has greatly affected every avenue of our organization. Gas to transport animals out of cruel environments...gas to pick up feed supply's... gas to investigate complaints...gas to run farm equipment...gas to run veterinarian trucks that provide our animals with medical care...it is never ending. With the increase in gas prices comes increase in fertilizer which effects the price of horse feeds. Along with these increases we have seen our hay cost quadruple in the past year, and see no sign of relief anytime soon. 2008 and 2009 will see prices remaining high on all items that are required to maintain horses. We need your help. Every dollar donated is used for animals that we care for, with most coming from abusive and neglectful homes which require extra special care. Even though Tennessee laws states that Humane Societies should be compensated for the care they provide animals within their custody from cruelty cases, this very seldom ever happens. Owners are too poor to provide minimal care for their animals much less pay HHT restitution for the proper care they have provided to bring the animals back from the brink of death during the months they have been in HHT's custody awaiting court release. No donation is too small to help us continue to give a voice to the equine in Tennessee.

Court Rulings

Two cruelty cases have been settled in the past 30 days which released 7 horses from the limbo they were in, and they are now ready for adoption. A few have already been adopted by their foster caregiver. To learn more about Teenie, Pearl, Jeremiah and Mazey you can log onto our website at www.horsehaven.net. We had hoped to have a final ruling on the 20 horses from Blountville o June 6th. But instead this has been rescheduled again for June. As we quickly approach the one year mark, we are really praying for some type of conclusion to this case that would release these animals from limbo and allow us to decrease our financial care load.

Around the Barn

In 2007 HHT cared for 52 equine that had been placed in our custody. Going into the second quarter of 2008 we are currently providing care for 23. At this writing we have 6 available now for adoption and 17 still in court litigation. Of these 17 we have cared for 14 since June of 2007. The court process can be very slow, which makes our expenses rather large. If you would like to offer a horse in need a new home, please let us know. If you would like to foster an animal while it awaits the right family to adopt them, we are always looking for people to work with the animals and make them more adoptable. Please contact Nina at (865) 609-4030 or by email at hht@horsehavenoftn.com

Volunteers needed

Our volunteers are the heart of HHT. Their dedication to the horses has been a God send. They each take their responsibilities seriously and are very dedicating. We will be looking for a few good volunteers to help fill some open positions coming from people moving or leaving for the summer months. If you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer just stop by our Neigh & Bray Adoption Day and speak with one of the volunteers. You can also email our volunteer coordinator at hht@horsehavenoftn.com.

Upcoming Events

Neigh & Bray Adoption Day – Second Saturday of every month from 10 – 2. Carrots Welcome! Come on out and see what HHT is all about. West Knoxville Facility – 11709 Black Road off Campbell Station exit # 373. Follow the signs.

HHT Monthly Meeting – Second Thursday of every month from 7pm – 9pm. Room 117A at the UT Small Animal Hospital. Everyone welcome.

“GOOD STUFF YARD SALE” – Saturday, June 14, 9am – 4pm. Plenty of “GOOD STUFF” for everyone. Horse and Non-Horse related items. Held Rain or Shine at our West Knoxville Facility – 11709 Black Road off Campbell Station exit # 373. Now accepting clean donated items. Call Alev for more information or to arraign drop off or pick up (865)-406-1286 or HHT at (865) 609-4030

Neigh & Bray Summer Classic Horse Show – Saturday, August 23. Walter State Smoky Mountain Expo Center, exit # 8 off I-81. The morning will be filled with plenty of class’s for both young and old alike. Western, English with speed events in the afternoon. This is a fun show without all the bells and whistles, so everyone is welcome to come out and have a day of fun with their riding buddy.

HHT “FUN”draising Trail Ride – Saturday, October 18. Lovingood Springs Farm, Louisville. A great day of fun and games. Onetime fee of \$30 gets in rider and mount. Ride the trails all day. Includes a BBQ lunch. Games and door prizes throughout the day. Collect pledges if you like to help HHT, and compete for some super prizes. Don’t need to own a horse to help HHT at this fundraising event. Show your support for HHT in a fun way.

Lovingood Springs Horse Show – HHT has been offered a great opportunity this year to help raise some much needed funds for HHT. Starting in May on the last Saturday of the month, HHT volunteers will be handling concessions at the Lovingoods monthly horse shows. Be sure to stop by one evening with your family to watch this great event and stop by for the best hot dogs and nacho’s around! For more information on this event you can contact Kathy at (865) 982-8182 or Kathy@tnhorse.com

If you would like to help HHT with their fundraising efforts please contact Nina at (865) 609-4030.

Equine Cruelty and Rescue Training – 2 day training on how to handle equine cruelty complaints, emergency rescue, and horse handling. For more information contact Nina at (865) 609-4030 or email hht@horsehavenoftn.com.

We can’t do it alone. We need your support. Please consider helping HHT today with your tax deductible donation. You can mail it to HHT – P.O. Box 22841 – Knoxville – Tennessee – 37933 or make a donation through our PayPal account at www.horsehaven.net/helpA.htm Thank you for helping us to give a voice to equine in need in Tennessee.