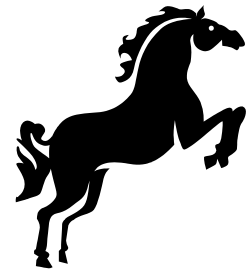
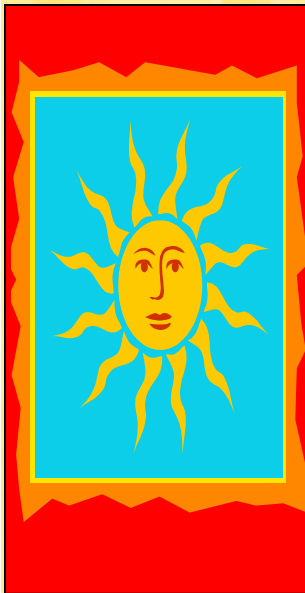


# Misfit Acres Milestones



## FEATURED HORSE



Lucky is the actual founder of Misfit Acres – she just couldn’t type on the computer to fill out the paperwork. Somewhere around the age of 25 or so, Lucky at one point was in the kill pen at auction slated for slaughter. She was purchased by an area man for his little girls to ride but upon arriving home and trying her out; her level of training was not suitable for children. When we discovered she was up for sale or would be returning to the auction house, we brought her home. At that time, Misfit Acres wasn’t even thought of. As we searched for information on horse slaughter, neglected horses, and abused horses, Misfit Acres was born.

with the lovely little girl. Very early on, we found out she had been in a lab somewhere apparently used in research. This has left its mark on her as she used to be extremely difficult to vaccinate. Then Bruce discovered the trick – just keep shoving horse treats in her mouth while the doctor administers the shots. Works like a dream.



Lucky

She is without a doubt the alpha mare with whatever horse we put her with. Right now, she has April perfectly trained her way.

We truly enjoy this lady and look forward to many more years with her!

Lucky has the most beautiful eyes and a very pretty shaped head. For 16 years she has lived with us. We have had some ups and downs

## Welcome to Summer 2011!

Welcome to Summer 2011! We do so enjoy preparing the newsletter to keep each of you up to speed on our latest happenings.

There has been quite the shake-up in the non-profit world with the IRS revoking many tax-exempt statuses for non profits. We want to reassure you that Misfit Acres retains its non-profit status making all of your donations tax deductible. And please remember that Misfit Acres is a volunteer organization making each donation go toward animal care and no salaries.

Won’t you consider making a donation today either by mail or our website offers PayPal for your convenience? With the price of fuel, we anticipate in significant increase in hay prices as well as all the other products purchased for the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres.

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**Things to know . . .**

With summer here and much outdoor work being done, please be sure to read all warnings on chemicals used on your lawns and gardens for the safety of your pets and children. The ASPCA has an animal poison control center which can be reached at **888-426-4435**. Although this is not a free service, please

keep this number handy in the event of an emergency. The Poison Control Center number is 800-222-1222



in the event you have an emergency with a child. And very sadly, it seems that every week we hear on the

news that another pet or child has been left in a hot car. There is no "safe" time to leave a pet or child in the car

unattended especially in the summer heat without the air conditioning on. Cracking the windows

a bit is never enough for pets or children with the sun's rays beaming through the windows. Temperatures can soar very quickly. One sure safety reminder would be to get into the habit of checking the back seat before leaving the car just as we check around the car before moving it. Let's have a safe, fun Minnesota summer!

**October Fundraiser**

October is coming up quick! We have set the date of our annual "Celebrating New Lives of Horses" fundraiser for October 2. Sonny Bryant of the Platters has agreed to appear again this year as well as Lonesome Ron, M C Express, Joah's Ark Pony Parties


and Petting Zoo. And if you missed the Elm Creek Cowboy Theater Company, they will also be performing again with the old west gunfights. We are seeking donations for our silent auction. We wound up with over 200 items last year. Wow - we are hoping to match or top

that for 2011. It is so fun to run into folks that have attended telling us they are looking so forward to this year's event. It does not seem possible that this will be our 9<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser but we are certainly looking forward to sharing that day with you and your love of horses.


*Save the Date!!!  
October 2,  
2011*

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## Resident's Corner

We dedicate this column to the passing of our beloved Abbey on June 14. Abbey was 33 years old.

She arrived at Misfit Acres on July 25, 2007 due to an adoption gone wrong through a now closed rescue. She was horribly thin and very skittish of everyone. She and her equine companion, Tara, spent several days in our arena segregated from other horses as a quarantine measure. As both horses adjusted, we were able to approach and handle them. Each horse had a rather large gouge on her hind leg, presumably an animal/dog bite. Each horse had not seen

hoof care in many months.

As their over all



appearance improved, Tara was taken in by Whip Staff Rescue of Solway, Minnesota, where they promptly found her a home. Due to Abbey's advanced age, we chose to keep her at Misfit Acres. It just didn't seem fair to have to move her again.

In a few short weeks, Abbey went from Crabby Abbey to Happy Abbey to Grandma Abbey as she was turned out in the pasture and got to know the ponies. We laughingly called the front pasture Grandma Abbey's Daycare as she had a tendency to mother over the little ones.

Abbey was also the greatest barometer! If you saw her run for the shelter, you could bet within 2 - 3 minutes it would either be raining or snowing. She was exceptionally perceptive about weather.

We shall miss her dearly.

## Recycling

Our recyclers have implemented a few changes to some of the recycling programs. We no longer have a source for empty laser or toner cartridges that have already been refilled or



remanufactured. Therefore we can only send in brand name cartridges and have no place to

send in the previously refilled or "generic" cartridges.

The Chip bags have to be

sent in, in packages of 350 or more per shipment. The Capri Sun pouches must be sent in

in packages of 500 or more per shipment. These minimums can be a little inconvenient but are needed due to the cost of shipping for our recycler.

We send our sincere thank you to each of you helping with this fundraising effort and welcome recyclables dropped of at Misfit Acres.

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My Forever Home

Saving one horse may not make a difference in the whole world, but it will make a world of difference to that one horse ~ Author Unknown



### Here's Chopper

You will remember the loss of our beloved Toesis in December. There has been sort of an empty spot at our house as time went by. Not any more - meet 7 year old Chopper who arrived on May 9.

This little Dobie came from Kentucky where he wound up in rescue after his family's home burned down the first of April. From there, our friends at SAFE Sanctuary brought him to Minnesota to try to find him a home. He is a special needs dog as Chopper suffers from Wobblers Syndrome (pressure on the spinal cord) and cannot climb stairs. We still have the handicapped ramp in place in front of our house that Bruce built for Toesis. There is only one step into the house also making this the ideal home for Chopper.

Chopper is a fun little dog who demands attention. He has decided that Bruce's sock is a great thing to sleep with in addition to his little yellow duck. Acura isn't quite sure what to make of him though as Chopper is very vocal when he wants attention and will continue complaining until you pet him or touch him.

We happily welcome Chopper home!

*Welcome home,  
Chopper...*



**Until Fall . . . Bruce & Jody – Misfit Acres, Inc.**