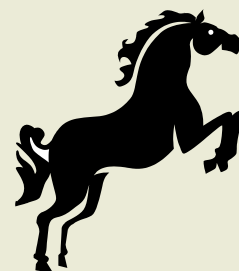


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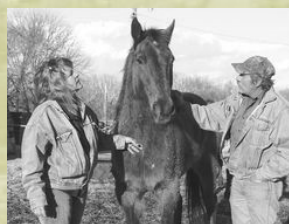
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- Welcome Waverly Westford
- Recycling for Horses

FEATURED HORSE – MONTANA

Our Spring Feature Horse is Montana. Montana began calling Misfit Acres home in January of 2007. Montana has all the charisma and charm of a true gentleman.

Montana comes to Misfit Acres from a caring owner who fell on some difficult financial times. She remains in contact with us regarding his wellbeing. She has been instrumental in referring Misfit Acres for donations and a constant supporter at our fundraising activities.

Montana is now 33 years old. As he ages, he slows a little and really enjoys leisurely



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naps in the sunshine. But don't let his age fool you; he can "pick 'em up and put 'em down" like he was much younger. Mon-

tana is a big boy and looks even bigger as he and BJ buck and play around the pasture. He has the most amazing hooves that rarely require trimming. He is not on any special diet at this time as his body condition is great even after a long winter.

Even though, 33 is quite an old age for a horse, his overall health remains good. He was well cared for in his life and we are hoping for many more years with this guy!

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Welcome to Milestones to our new subscribers! We are happy that you have signed up to receive our newsletters. We only do quarterly newsletters and a special Christmas issue. If at any time you no longer wish to

WELCOME

receive our newsletters, please contact us to be promptly removed from our mailing list.

We would also like to thank our loyal subscribers for your continued interest in Misfit

Acres. You are each very important to the mission of Misfit Acres!!

And, as always, please be assured, we do not sell, give out, or share your mailing information with anyone for any reason.

MEET TUMBLEWEED - A DIFFERENT KIND OF RESCUE

Our son plows snow and if you recall, the weekend of Feb 9 & 10 was awful out with the wind howling, snowfall, and bitter cold wind chills. He called us very early Sunday morning to tell us he had found an owl in the middle of the road with a wing injury and his eyes frozen shut. He had wrapped the owl in his coat, finished

his snow plowing, and took the owl home. Bruce took the owl to meet a volunteer from the Raptor Center. The owl underwent surgery to pin the break in his wing tip at the Center. He will be in a cast for a couple more weeks, and then the doctors at the Center will remove the pins and do a couple weeks of physical therapy on

the wing. When his treatment is all done, the Center strongly encourages the bird be released at or near where he was found. We are making plans to pick up the owl - named Tumbleweed by our son - and release him back in the wild as soon as the Raptor Center gives us the go ahead. What a wonderful day that will be!!



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DONOR SPOTLIGHT

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We are so very delighted to tell you that Misfit Acres has received a grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation of Rochester, MN. We completed the paperwork in December of 2007. On January 28, we got the pleasure of opening a letter from this Foundation and seeing a check for the

animals in the amount of \$6000. We are sure you can envision the shock, surprise, and "happy dance" that followed!!

We are extremely grateful for this gift to the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres but equally grateful for the Foundation's rec-

ognition of the successes of Misfit Acres. We have been back in contact with the Foundation regarding permission to do a press release publicly thanking them to which they have given us the go ahead. Releases have been sent and hopefully the papers will print them soon.

UPCOMING VISITS

Misfit Acres is very happy to welcome back the Waverly Westford 4H Club on April 13. The members of this club will be giving up their Sunday to come "lend a hand" at Misfit Acres. We had the pleasure of hosting

the club two years ago on a beautiful April day. The horses all got the brushing of their lives and were totally spoiled on all the extra people interaction that day. The Club had garnered many, many donations from the public and lavished

them on the horses! Shelters were cleaned, stock tanks brushed out, just an all-round great day!!

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R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R



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The Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres are all doing well!! They are each one loving the warmer temperatures. Dixie and Abbey, being white, look like mud balls! Abbey, Dixie, and

Peanut are wandering around more since the snow is melting. Dixie and Peanut have shorter legs - probably was too hard to get around in the deep snow!

Lucky is coming out of her laminitis. Each Jan. & Feb., she develops troubles but as the temps change, she does much better. April scurries around her quite a bit during these times. April is holding off her moon blindness episodes very well lately.

Augie and Magic are true best friends. Augie is a

prankster but Magic keeps up great! Augie knows that Magic cannot see that well and spends lots of time with him. Magic does get a couple little "dings" on his face from misjudging the distance of the round bale feeder. All and all, he does very well!

BJ stands watch over Montana during his nap times. He managed to keep all his weight over winter. Now we will get to see him shed out like a normal horse. It just might take a while with all he has now.

T H I N G S T O K N O W

Misfit Acres encourages visits by a variety of clubs, individuals, and families however we will not be available for visits from April 15 through May 2, 2008 due to personal schedules. This promises to be a very busy spring and summer this year. We look forward to vis-

its after these dates.

Spring time brings animal health issues to mind. As we are all thinking equine immunizations, remember to consult with your veterinarians regarding special heartworm clinics available in your area for your canine friends.

Keeping your safety in mind, please check over all your horse tack for cracked or torn leather strapping before saddling up this spring or starting those young horses. A couple minutes of examining equipment may prevent a true mess!

"Take a couple minutes to avoid an accident"

G E A R I N G U P F O R S U M M E R

Summer is a neat time of year for Misfit Acres! In addition to all the maintenance and repairs as well as working on the new fencing, we try very hard to get "out and about" to area festivals, parades, and functions. We are always in need of volun-

teers to help with our display which describes Misfit Acres and promotes our recycling programs. From time to time, we need parade help as well.

If you would like to be involved with these functions, please let us

know. We try to stay fairly local with these activities since five of the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres need meals 3 times a day. We also try to avoid holiday weekend functions.



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**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**

RECYCLING FOR HORSES

The Bottle Brigade has been temporarily suspended. The recycler is working on securing a corporate sponsor to help them with the cost of cleaning the bottles. We are hopeful this program will begin again soon and are continuing to collect the bottles in the interim.

The Wrapper collection is off to a slow start. We are sure this will be a great program but as with any new program there are a few "bugs". This program collects energy bar and granola bar wrappers to be woven into fabrics for backpacks and other durable products. All wrappers must

be from energy and granola bars - they cannot accept candy or cracker wrappers even though they appear to be the same.

The inkjet, cell phone, laser cartridge, and aluminum can recycling are just great! Anyone needing prepaid bags to send in inkjets for the horses, please let us know. We are available to pick up cell phones, laser cartridges, and aluminum cans within this area.

We are also collecting Coke Reward Codes. Koreen enters these codes into the website so we can build points to exchange for silent

auction items. If you do not collect these, please email them to us!

We sincerely appreciate everyone's help with these fine programs that not only help the Sanctuary Horses but also protect our fragile environment.



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