

We are pretty sure everyone will join us in a huge sigh of relief that the recent cold blasts are over!! This winter has not really been that tough compared to what Minnesota winters can be but just that same - that was cold!!

All the horses did beautifully with the frigid temps. Montana has now officially turned 33 years old! We watched him so very closely since he is the "old guy". He and BJ (Fatboy) spent many of the coldest mornings competing to see who could buck higher and run around faster. We still stick to the thinking that Montana is hearing impaired. However, this seems to be his only possibly age-related condition. His coat is wonderful, he is agile, and very busy! Of course he has to be to stay a head of Fatboy. Those two are a great match together. Best friends one minute and trying to steal bites of each others feed the next.

Abbey is so happy with her two "babies". She acts like a true Grandma to Dixie and Peanut. It makes the cutest picture to see the three of them in their shelter just watching the world go by. Peanut is back outside as we had to put her in during the coldest snaps. Dixie just got fuzzier! Abbey has kept on every pound she gained during her recovery time.

Lucky & April don't seem to care about much of anything as long as there is hay to eat and meals twice a day. Lucky had a bout of laminitis again but since her last trim, the change is great! April is a very easy keeper and outside of her moonblindness rarely has any complaints.

Magic and Augie have the perfect plan to spend each day - eating hay! My, those two can pack it away! Any time of the day or night when you look out, there they are! If we happen to get up late in the night, especially the cold nights, we check on the horses out the windows with a flashlight. Not really sure they appreciate the light shining on them, but it is reassuring for us to see them doing okay.

January 28 brought Misfit Acres some of the greatest news we have had for a while. The Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres have received a grant for \$6000 from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation. It took us (the people part of Misfit Acres) to get over the shock after opening the envelope and seeing the check! This is such a tremendous gift!

On February 14 - 17, Misfit Acres will be at the R V & Outdoor Sportsman Show at the Alltel Wireless Center, downtown Mankato, MN. We will be offering our fundraising merchandise, informational brochures, recycling information, and our ever-popular scrapbook with bios and photos of each horse. This event is free to the public. The show organizers are anticipating in excess of 7000 people to enjoy this event. Stop by and tell us you saw this on talkhorses!

For this reason, we have not yet taken our merchandise to Gretchen's store, Pass It On in Mankato. We will be doing that after the R V & Outdoor Sportsman Show has ended.

And, to wrap up this February update, we have yet another recycling program starting. We will be collecting Granola bar wrappers and Energy bar wrappers. This is program where these previously unrecyclable items will be woven into fabrics to be used for backpacks and other durable fabric items. The recycler supplies all shipping envelopes so once again there is no cost to participants! So now, in addition to collecting, inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges, 20 oz pop bottles, aluminum cans, and cell phones, we add these wrappers. What a great way to help the Sanctuary Horses and help save our environment!! Contact us for details on how you can help the Sanctuary Horses at no cost to you!

Until March, stay warm and remember your standing invitation to come meet the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres!!!

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