

Windy February!

Jeez, is it ever!! As of the writing on this "very late February" column, wind gusts are as high as 47 last I heard. And very warm temperatures! Makes me think about springtime, kites, Easter, and RIDING!!!

All the residents are great!! They didn't even seem to be phased by the extreme cold time we have had recently. Animals are amazing how they can adapt. The three littlest ones are in the arena except for nice days. Abbey and Shadow welcome them back out when it is the little ponies' time to go outside.

The old boys - Montana and BJ - just wait for meals. They enjoy being in their shelter not only during the cold but also during the windy days. We generally use soaked beet pulp with their senior feed but during the bitter cold, it was too hard for them to get finished before the soaked feed froze in the pans. They are much more content when they get their beet pulp!

Augie and Magic just hang around outside. They too have a shelter but those two put their "hineys" into the wind and stay outside. You can usually find them by their round bale feeder.

Lucky and April can't decide if they should go in or stay out. They have quite a path beaten down between the shelter and their round bale.

Other news we must tell you!! In January the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres were awarded a \$4000 grant from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation! Thanks to the generosity of this organization, most of our summer hay purchases should be taken care of! We are very grateful for their kindness. Also two of the trustees of their Board of Directors made personal donations. How wonderful!

Last week we were notified that the ASPCA will be sending a \$2000 grant to the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres for Shelter repairs and replacements.

We are deeply appreciative of their generosity. We will be making repairs/replacements as soon as the check arrives. We will be on the look out for deals on plywood, boards, tin, and siding. Should you have any leftover material from building projects, please contact us.

We have also been busy replenishing our inventory of fundraising merchandise with part of the proceeds from our October Fundraiser. We have a new collection of unique jewelry to offer for sale. Many unusual pieces including necklaces, bracelets, and rings. Most of these pieces are \$5 or less.

In addition, Misfit Acres will be offering T-Shirts with our logo! We have had so many requests for Misfit Acres T-shirts, we have them on order and should be available shortly.

Also, we will have Teddy Bears wearing Misfit Acres T-shirts!! These adorable little guys will steal your hearts! Little brown teddy bears with a baseball-style baby-blue and white t-shirt!!

With our new merchandise and our ever-popular items, we are looking forward to summer festival season!!

As always, we welcome visitors!! Please give us a call to schedule.
Until March!!!!

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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

