

Spring!!!!

Hello Everyone! Finally winter is winding down. Although in recent years we have always seemed to end up with a big snow storm mid March but at least it won't last long - maybe?

The Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres are enjoying the extended daylight hours. They seem to be more content milling around in the pasture. Or many times they just stand around and snooze in the warm sunshine.

Grandma Abbey and her two little ones, Dixie and Peanut, love a noon time nap. You will see all three of them stretched out in the hay scraps by their round bale feeder. Dixie and Peanut never get just too far from Grandma!

Lucky is coming out of her bout of laminitis. Each year for the last three years, January and February seem to trip something in her and she gets terribly sore feet. Yesterday, we watched her wander around the pasture like she has not done for some time. She and April were exploring areas they have not been in for quite a while. April is steering clear of her moonblindness issues for now. That's a great deal too!

Augie and Magic continue to be our clowns. Augie loves to carry his feed pan around and now Magic has gotten the idea too. It is really cute, but makes it hard to find the pans. Bruce could not find Augie's pan one morning but Augie knew what he was looking for and brought it to him.

At 33 years old, Montana seems to be slowing down somewhat. He is enjoying more frequent naps in sun. However, he is still the boss of that pasture and BJ better do what he tells him to! BJ has this little glimmer in his eye since his body condition continues to improve. These two horses have a certain order for meal times, but that doesn't stop BJ from "breaking routine" sometimes. Montana gets him for it though!

The weekend of February 9 & 10 brought a different kind of rescue to Misfit Acres. Our son plows snow for a living and if you recall, that particular weekend was awful out with the wind howling, snowfall, and bitter cold wind chills. He called us very early Sunday morning to tell 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, took the owl home and called us. Thanks to the Minnesota Animal Rescue E-Group and all their helpful information, Monday evening, 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 will be!! If anyone would like to see "Tumbleweeds" photo, just drop me an email and I will be happy to send it to you. Tumbleweed is a Barred Owl probably not full grown according to the Raptor Center Staff.

Thanks to all of you who stopped by our display at the R V & Outdoor Sportsman Show recently in Mankato. We got the chance to visit with lots of horse-loving people! Of course, it's really easy to spend time talking about the "kids". We are looking forward to a busy summer of town celebrations and vending shows where we can visit with even more folks. We will let keep you informed of the whole summer schedule as it comes together.

Until April, remember your standing invitation to come meet the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres! Just give us a call!

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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.