



April & May 2009

Well, looks like I missed a month again so this column will feature April and May. Between getting everything ready for the trip, returning from the trip and getting caught up, and then Easter, I don't know what happened to the rest of the month of April!

The Homes for Horses seminar was great! I got to meet a lot of people I have emailed with for a very long time regarding horses. The highlites of the seminar will be on the Homes for Horses website (www.homesforhorses.org) very shortly. And of course, Las Vegas was fun and full of great things to see.

We have found a good used horse trailer which we purchased with part of the grant money from the On-Shore League. Now, Bruce gets to letter it up!

The little ponies will be making their first visit. On May 24, we will be taking Dixie and Faith to Blue Earth for a picnic with the consumers of Elm Homes. Four of these gentlemen have visited Misfit Acres previously. We are told they are very excited about the upcoming event. It will be a pot luck style picnic at the Fair Grounds. We are certain Dixie and Faith will be the most spoiled little ponies ever afterwards.

Last month we included a photo of our new teddy bears. This month, we are very happy to tell you our long-awaited T-Shirts are here! T-Shirts feature the Misfit Acres logo on the back as well as on the left chest. They are pre-shrunk, off white in color with dark brown imprint. We will be offering these for \$12 for sizes s, m, & l. X-sizes are \$15. Shipping is available.

We have also gotten in our can coolers! These are black with white imprint of the Misfit Acres logo. Can coolers are the collapsible style and will sell for \$2.

We are trying to keep our calendar on the website up to date with festivals we will be attending. Stop by and say hi!

April 18 was a busy, busy day at Misfit Acres. At 7 am April went into a bout of colic. Wow scary! The poor dear was really hurting - sweat just dripping off of her until several "big events" all over the driveway as we were walking her - which was just fine with us! Success!! Whew!

At 9 am the farrier arrived. Thank You Kerry!!! Kerry has totally turned Dixie's feet around. She is making great progress! Peanut and Faith are not far behind on successes also. In fact between the three "bad foot crew" we have never seen them move around so well. They still take lots of rest times getting off their feet, but boy can they hustle when they see the feed buckets or when they see brushes. Poor Abbey now has her hooves full just keeping track of all of them.

At 10 am, the Truman 4-H club arrived to volunteer their day at the Sanctuary. We had gotten so far behind cleaning up and grooming horses they were an incredible help! The Club also went on a recycling campaign and delivered many, many laser cartridges, granola bar wrappers, and cell phones. There were so many laser cartridges for recycling, the Club brought them in a 4-horse trailer! We extend our warmest thanks for all their hard work.

B J & Montana truly enjoyed the thorough brushing the Club members were passing out. We don't think either of them even moved as they were being groomed. Lucky and April loved all the pampering! Augie and Magic showed their appreciation by licking the girls pan legs and sleeves! The three little ponies spent their afternoon playing with the three youngest club members. Shadow and Abbey joined in from time to time but mostly just watched and grazed uninterrupted for a change.

We have a couple more student groups scheduling visits for the summer as well as all the summer festivals. And of course, we know you will share our feelings that our wonderful summers are far too short!

This should about wrap it up for this month! We look forward hosting anyone wishing to visit the Sanctuary Horses of Misfit Acres!! Please give us a call. We would be pleased to show you around and introduce you to the "kids".

Until June!!!! *Bruce & Jody, Misfit Acres*

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