



JULY 2011

Happy 4th of July - the greatest holiday of the year!

June was a very sad month for all at the rescue. We lost our beautiful Abbey on June 14. She was about to turn 34 years old. Abbey touched many lives with her story regarding how she wound up with us. We take comfort in knowing that over her time at Misfit Acres, her health and happiness turned completely around since her arrival on July 25, 2007. She is greatly missed. We thank Leo for her lovely tribute to Grandma Abbey on this site.

The ponies who were pastured with Abbey have adjusted nicely to her absence. Over the years, we have seen horses get very much attached to one another therefore, we have been watching them closely.

We have been asked by many people about taking in another horse. Due to the facts that there have been major changes in our lifestyle of late and a significant decrease in donations, we are holding off for the time being on taking in additional horses. We are not closing or anything like that but rather just trying to be very careful as not to get in over our heads, so to speak.

Chopper on the other hand, is fitting right in at Misfit Acres. He continues to make us laugh with his constant "talking". This little guy has a lot to say!. Acura does not always enjoy listening to him. Sometimes you can almost hear her saying "if we had to get another dog, couldn't we have gotten a quiet one?".

In the coming weeks, we will be updating our website and are quite excited about this. The format will remain the same but we are gathering new stories and photos of all the residents. We have had a number of requests for new photos and as soon as all of the rain quits and we can get the horses cleaned up, we will post the new shots for everyone to enjoy.

We invite each of you to join us on our Facebook page. We try to put a little something up each day or every couple days. It is a fun way to connect with horse - loving folks. We also invite you to post a little something on our page.

We continue to seek donated items for our fall fundraiser scheduled for October 2. Last year we had over 200 silent auction items and are working to top that. Please consider donating to this event. We only do one big fundraiser per year and rely heavily on the proceeds from this event. We are looking for new or gently used items, craft items, home decor - just about anything. We had great success combining items into baskets last year and heard lots of positive comments on some of the combinations. Please keep our annual fundraiser in mind.

**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**

As soon as we get our lives in groove again, we will return to our monthly volunteer day. As previously mentioned, we have undergone some personal lifestyle changes and it took a bit to get into a routine again.

The rescue will be closed for visitors on July 15 - 17 for a family function. We do invite each of you to give us a call should you wish to schedule a visit at a different time. It is always fun introducing the horses!!

Until August!!!!

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