

September 2007

Notice how the days are starting to get a little shorter? The fields are turning golden - yellow as the crops start to dry? Where did summer go?

The two new girls, Tara and Abbey, are doing well. We are especially pleased with Abbey's progress. Any of you who have tried to put weight back on an older horse knows how tough that can be! One of our neighbors stops by about once a week or so just to check on their progress. He says he can really see changes in Abbey. I think it's different for us since we see them constantly - kind of like when a new Mom and Dad have a baby which they care for 24/7. Then Grandma and Grandpa stop by weekly and remark how much baby has grown each week. Mom and Dad usually don't see it as easily since they are always there. And, we are counting the days until colder weather and worrying about her, wishing she could fill out even more before it gets colder.

Tara is ready for her new home. As you will recall, these horses are not Misfit Acres horses. They are only being housed here temporarily. If anyone is interested in adopting Tara, please contact me so I can put you in touch with the owner.

BJ - aka - Fatboy, is a wonder! He just looks better every day. He is certainly ready for winter with the way he has filled out. His coat is rich and shiny - well except for the mud and now he found a great patch of burrs to get tangled up in his forelock. He and Montana are the best of friends. Montana is at a great weight for winter. He did lose a little during the summer hot spells but is just fine now.

Magic and Augie remain our biggest hay eaters. Magic loves hay. We made the mistake of moving the round bale feeder and he ran into it a couple times. We will not do that again!

River loved the last big rainfall because it made such glorious mud. Even little Peanut had to have a "mud bath". By the time she was done, there was only one white spot left on the very center of her back.

April and Lucky are glad as the ground dries up a little. They really don't care for mud. They are kind of funny to watch when they have to walk in the mud. Lucky is very spoiled anyway and lets you know she is tired of this. April just plods along!

Little Teeny-Tiny (Cookie) is still the sweetest little pony there ever was even with her bad feet. Ellen and I went thrift store shopping one Saturday. Ellen found a little pair of white sneakers. As we got looking at them, we figured out they were doll shoes. They are the perfect fit for Cookie. I am looking through various doll making supply websites to see if I can find them. There is no brand name or company identification on these at all. If any of you are into doll making, maybe you have a source for doll shoes please email me, I can email you a photo of these. We would really like to find where these came from.

Summer has been busy with lots of town festivals. Many people have commented on the variety of fundraising merchandise we have available. The Jade jewelry has been a big hit. We have several pieces listed on our on-line store which can be found on our website under the "Misfit Acres Store" button. Thank you to each of you who has stopped by, purchased fundraising items, or dropped money in the donation cans. We have one more left on September 8 in Amboy. If you are in the area, stop by our display.

October 19 will bring visitors! Mankato Area Recreational Center will be bringing possibly 60 or more students and chaperones to visit the horses. We are looking forward to their time at the rescue.

October 21 Fundraiser plans are moving along. Check our website and watch for the flyer under the "events" page very soon. Volunteers are needed for that day to help make this event the best ever.

In closing September's column, remember your standing invitation to visit and meet the "residents". Feel free to give us a call to schedule.

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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