



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2009

Our apologies for combining October and November into one update. As you read on, you can see that Misfit Acres' world has been sort of hectic in October!

The Minnesota Circuit Riders Horse Show on October 3rd was a really fun day! Ellen and I went to the horse show on behalf of Misfit Acres. The weather was wet and rainy but no one really seemed to mind. We thank the club for donating the proceeds of their show to Misfit Acres and for the opportunity to meet their members.

Our fundraiser on October 4 was an awesome day! We grossed almost \$4000!! Thanks to everyone who attended, purchased, donated and all-round contributed to a very successful and FUN day!! Hats off to all of the wonderful volunteers who gave up their Sunday to help Misfit Acres! Everyone was so excited about how the entire day turned out; ideas are flying around already for next year's event.



October 10 we welcomed home Little Boy! This little guy is a cutie - and he knows it! At 5 years old, this little gelding has lots of tricks up his sleeve - or hock as the case may be. At first the girls in the front pasture were not sure what to make of having a boy in there but they are coming around. Meal times are a lot more challenging than they have been with all the hungry kids out there that all want to eat at once. Abbey is on a special diet so we stay out in the pasture while this crew finishes their meals to be sure no one moves in on Abbey. Shadow is on her own special diet but the little ones are not really interested in bothering her - they would rather bug Grandma Abbey.

October 12 marked the first anniversary of Shadow's arrival. Although the last few months with her have been tough trying to figure out with the variety of ailments she has, we would not trade her for the world! She is such a fighter and wants to feel better. As long as she wants to try, we will be right beside her trying also.



Apparently, something scared Magic so badly Wednesday night (October 14) he either ran into the brush pile or the old truck in the pasture or got caught up. There is no blood on the truck so we don't believe it was that. His left front leg is so ripped up you can see the entire knee joint. Dr. said it was horrible. And it is. We were going to get photos so as he heals we can watch the progress, but it is just too awful. Dr. flushed it all out, put on antibiotic cream and bandaged it. He left us instructions on how to treat it and medications. We have never seen anything like it and hope to never see it again. Dr says we will be surprised at how well Magic heals. Magic is up and around, very perky, and only seems to limp a little. If it were a person, they would be laid up miserably.



Bruce found coyote tracks outside of the back side of the pasture so he is suspecting coyotes scared him. Bruce has installed an additional motion light over that pasture and

will probably be putting in more. He also met up with a man in the checkout line at TSC when he was buying more vet wraps, who hunts coyotes and this man is coming out on Monday to scope out the property and decide the best way to hunt them. Although we are not fans of hunting animals just to get rid of them, nothing like this can ever happen again and we will do everything possible to be certain it does not. If you have any coyotes around your place, get rid of them as soon as you can.

October 20 was a huge day for Misfit Acres. We sincerely thank the Orchard Rangers Saddle Club for once again including Misfit Acres in their charitable giving!!! Their kind donation will go a long ways with the expenses of the Rescue.

Additionally that day, Misfit Acres received a grant for \$1000 from the Elroy and Terry Krumholz Foundation. With the mounting medical bills this year, this is a tremendous help! We are very thankful for the foundation recognizing Misfit Acres!

Aside from Shadow's troubles and Magic's injury the remainders of the "residents" are doing great! We have switched all the ponies to WellSolve LS feed and the change continues to amaze us. These little ones have gone from incredibly ouchie steps to scooting around the pasture quicker than lightening! So fun to watch them getting around great after dealing with sore feet. We sure wish we would have found out about this product sooner! The horses were very happy over the weekend of October 17 & 18 with the sunshine! We truly believe they were as tired of all the mud as we were. Lots of lazy horses relaxing in the sun!

Although our selling season is normally done after our annual fundraiser, Lake Crystal is having a Holiday Craft Fair on December 5 we have decided to attend. Sounds like it will be a fun day at the Lake Crystal Recreation Center complete with food sales, silent auction, and vendors. This event runs from 10 am until 2 pm so stop by and finish up (or begin) your Christmas Shopping!

As always, there is a standing invitation for visitors to Misfit Acres. Please call us to arrange!!

Please remember to use extra caution on the roads with all the tractors and farm equipment out and about during this busy time of year.

Here is wishing everyone an exciting and happy Fall season.

**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**

Bruce & Jody
Misfit Acres

