

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

November has brought us some extreme changes at Misfit Acres. With the greatest of sadness, we laid Cookie to rest here on the property on November 17. We tried very hard to follow her messages to us and when she delivered the last three, we understood what she wanted. Huge thanks to Brian, our neighbor and good friend, for being here to help Cookie, Dixie, and us. Thank you, Dr. Summers, for your compassion.

We found the following piece on the internet that fits Cookie's situation to a tee. We do not know who Tina is that wrote it but it is so beautifully worded and describes Cookie so perfectly, we would like to share it with you. This piece is entitled May I Go.

### May I Go?

Do you think the time is right?  
May I say goodbye to pain filled  
days and listless nights?  
I've lived my life and done my best,  
an example tried to be.  
So can I take that step beyond,  
and set my spirit free?  
I didn't want to go at first, I  
fought with all my might.  
But something seems to draw me  
now to a warm and living light.  
I want to go, I really do; it's  
difficult to stay.  
But I will try as best I can to live  
just one more day.  
To give you time to care for me and  
share your love and fears.  
I know you're sad and afraid,  
because I see your tears.  
I'll not be far, I promise that, and  
hope you'll always know,  
That my spirit will be close to you  
wherever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me. You  
know I love you too,  
And that's why it's hard to say  
goodbye and end this life with you.  
So hold me now just one more time  
and let me hear you say,  
Because you care so much for me,  
you'll let me go today.  
*courtesy-Tina*

Thank you Tina for letting us share your work.



Thank you, Leo, for your lovely tribute to Cookie on this website. It is so very heartwarming to know that Little Cookie meant so much to so many.

November 9 also brought more changes – Little Dixie arrived. Dixie is the cutest little white pony you ever saw! We found out about her and contacted the owner who was delighted at having a forever home for her. Dixie was originally brought in to be Cookie's companion. Since Cookie's departure, we have put Dixie in with Peanut and Abbey. The three of them are absolutely adorable out in the pasture together. Dixie is a little shorty so she makes Peanut look big. Don't let her size fool you – she has some ideas of her own! Once again it is delightful to get to know a new horse.

We are happy to tell you the rest of the "residents" are all doing great! BJ (Fatboy) can no longer wear a horse-sized halter. We have a couple X-Sized halters we need to start using for him! Magic's delightful gentle nature is just amazing. Augie has finally learned that there is no sense jumping around while having his hooves trimmed. April really doesn't care one way or the other as long as supper is not late. Crabby Abbey became Happy Abbey when she went outside with Peanut and now that she has Dixie too, she is now Grandma Abbey. Peanut doesn't care what goes on. Montana lets BJ know at each meal that he is the boss and can taste out of which ever feed pan he wants. Lucky never knows what she wants, but grumbles anyway!

Our special Christmas newsletter is now available. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please let us know. Included in the Christmas issue, we have put together a "What I want for Christmas" list from the horses. Bruce & I had a lot of fun figuring out what each horse wants. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

With that, we shall wrap up this December update by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!! And, remember, if at any time you wish to schedule a visit, please feel free to call us.

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.  
Author Unknown....*