

Merry Christmas from Misfit Acres!

Although it maybe doesn't look very "Christmasy" out there, Christmas is almost here.

All the "residents" of Misfit Acres are doing well. We have switched to round bales for the winter months - which River just loves! Between River, April, and Trixie it's hard to tell which on gets the most excited when they hear the skid loader fire up. Thank you Linette and Brian for the use of the pallet forks for hauling the big bales.

Little Cookie has returned to the barn for the colder months. She doesn't move around as much as the other horses and we thought it would be easier on her. She has a fluorescent light on at all times as well as the radio. The barn cats seem to enjoy climbing around by her stall. On the warmer days, we can open the big window in her stall so she can see Jasmine and Dandy so she knows she isn't the only horse around.

Jasmine has developed a little case of rain scalds. The dr left a jug of iodine solution to put her so now she is a little white horse with a yellow butt! She was not impressed at first but has since gotten used to it. She does love the combing that follows though.

We made it almost into December this year before needing to use the stock tank heaters for the horses. We have to run three of them to be sure all the horses have access to water and not ice. We have all them connected now. This is probably one of the hardest parts of winter is the electric bills from the heaters.

On Sunday, Wayne & Karen delivered a load of hay to Misfit Acres. When I grabbed the checkbook to pay for it, they told us it was a donation to the horses. Thank you Wayne and Karen for your generosity!!!

We have joined the Bottle Brigade!! In addition to collecting empty inkjet cartridges, cell phones, laser cartridges, and aluminum cans, we are now collecting empty 20 oz pop bottles for recycling. This is another awesome way to keep these items out of our landfills. This recycler collects these bottles (must be 20 oz pop bottles only, not smashed, cannot be milk, water, juice, or any other type of bottle and must be 20 oz only). They refill them with organic plants foods. If anyone would be willing to help us collect these items, please email me at [jody@misfitacres.com](mailto:jody@misfitacres.com). The recyclers we work with will provide prepaid shipping labels so there is no cost to participants. They will even ship boxes directly to you if you like. All proceeds from these fundraisers go directly to Misfit Acres Inc.

December 15 is fast approaching. Anyone who knows us knows that on December 15, we have started a little tradition to benefit animals. It started a few years ago, but on December 15, how ever many dollar bills I have in my wallet, I send to another animal shelter for Christmas. Maybe it's only three or maybe it's seven - what ever "ones" I have. There are lots of programs for people in need over the holiday season but not too many for homeless animals. All shelters struggle to make ends meet but it seems as though especially during the holiday season. If everyone reading this sends a few dollars to an animal shelter of your choosing, think of the difference it will make to the animals.

We will end this month's update by wishing all of you a very wonderful holiday season!! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!!! Please enjoy this special time of year with your families & friends!!

Bruce & Jody Thisted  
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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*