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The Joy of Horses Running

You're riding along a country road and you spot horses running and playing in a field ahead. At the very least you will slow down as you pass. Many folks will pull over to watch the horses frolicking in the field.

The weather is perfect for running in the sun and nibbling fresh green grass. This is another winter that is all mixed up. I noticed this morning that the maple tree is in bud, the daffodils are blooming, and I am so concerned about the horses shedding out their winter coats.

Happy horses have a schedule that they are 100% responsible for setting. They all come up just about the time the feed has been mixed and is ready to be handed out. Once the horses are finished eating and checked over, they are let out then each gets a drink of the fresh clean water and then heads to the covered hay feeders. By 12:00 to 12:30, the horses are bunching up to trot out to the field to munch some green grass. The horses looks like they are doing a happy dance or stirring up some of the other horses to race around the field.

Even on days that we would shiver at the thought of jumping into the pond, some of the horses will already be playing in the water. Its bath time and not even Saturday. It is as if the horses are taking turns in the pond or a group playing together.

Rain is Memphis' new best friend and they can be seen running in the field. Saragon, with her sore front hooves will fly into the air off of all four feet. Each one of the horses has their own little routine that is a joy to watch.

Next it will be nap time. Some will flop on the ground for a little sleep, depending on the weather. Others will race back to the barns to pick their spot for a nap. Horses normally sleep for 20 to 25 minutes at a time. Some of the older horses will sleep for a longer time.

The folks here at the sanctuary get to see and enjoy the horses antics every day.



Pecos & Chuckles

You Go Saragon!



Prairie & Chicopee

WOW!!

Hooray! Hooray! Our heartfelt love, gratitude and appreciation to all of the generous folks who made it possible for the rescued horses at the sanctuary to have another year of everything they needed provided. It was touch and go at times to meet all their needs during the summer, and we had to draw on reserves into the fall.

We understand that some folks have had some financial issues and had to cut back on every expense. But now we are seeing many folks coming back to aid this important mission. It is defiantly a "Thank You God."

We are praying that more of our past contributors will once again be in a position to help with the horses care and rescue of others. A new rescued horse can easily cost a \$100.00 a week to care for not counting vet or farrier care. We know a full year can go by and you just didn't get around to writing that check or donating over the Internet and we pray that this reminder will help you to remember to do it now.

Some folks have set up a donation to be sent by their bank monthly or quarterly. The Angel Sponsor monthly donations are the only funds we can truly count on. It would be such a release of stress if there were enough funds every month that we could count on to cover the expenses.

Please leave a legacy in your will for the horses. This can make a long term difference for the rescues and the ones that will be in desperate need in the future. Remember to make provisions for all of your special animals. We can take your equine if you make arrangements with us in advance. Don't put off keeping your Last Will and Testament up to date.

We are so thankful to every person who has helped over the years with making a home possible for these wonderful horses. We pray that you will be blessed.

Another way you can help the horses is send us your email address to help reduce our costs of about \$1.00 per newsletter to print and mail each one. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter each month please make sure you have at least covered the printing & mailing costs for the year. Thank You!!!!

Sierra

Sierra was so sick during the colder time in February. It started with her laying down in her stall in the morning. There was no gut sounds on one side. Banamine was given and the vet arrived about 45 minutes later. Colic is considered an emergency and this costs more to have the vet come. We needed a vet again that afternoon when Sierra once again was going down.

It is so important to catch a horse with colic quickly so they don't roll and cause a twist in their intestine. That can only be fixed by surgery that costs \$7,500 for starters. Sierra is too old to consider surgery. A full blood panel was done and the only issue was a slight indication of tying-up and electrolytes, vitamin E and selenium were given. Sierra didn't want to eat and had diarrhea. Once more we need to call the vet in and finally in the next few days things stated to improve. This 32 year old girl is one tough horse! We were all praying for her recovery.

**I want to tell you "Thank you,"
But it doesn't seem enough.
Words don't seem sufficient.
About your generous act.**



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**In honor of my Bestest - Dianne
Doub, Happy Birthday!
By Donna Dziura**

In honor of Melisa Dean (My aunt who introduced me to horses when I was growing up.) by Kit and Amy Borrás

***In honor of Kim Sadler ...our
daughter-in-law! By the Sadlers***

**"Let a horse whisper in your ear,
and breathe on your heart, you will
never regret it." In memory of a
huge handsome HPS horse "Denali."
By Dottie Rebhan**

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Brrrrrrrrr: More on how cold it's been this year. First, I loved this headline: *"It's So Cold In North America That Niagara Falls Is Frozen, And It Looks Like Something From Narnia."* Second, "you think it's cold where you're at" reality check from Siberia: *"Welcome to Oymyakon, a village where students are expected to attend class till temperatures reach minus -52°C (-62°F). The remote Siberian village is considered to be the coldest permanently inhabited settlement in the world, and it has just plummeted into a -62°C (-80°F) winter, making our daily complaints about the weather sound rather silly."* Not to worry, it will get cold again in March.

