



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

March 2020

First Volunteer Training Held March 7th



Thanks to all who showed up for training Saturday the 7th of March! It was a good mix of new and returning volunteers and everyone seemed to enjoy the day and come away with a better understanding of "the Miracle's way"!



Training March 28th is full, but there is still room for more volunteers to sign up for the March 21st training as well as the mock classes 3/22 and 3/29. More information is under the volunteer tab on our website: www.miraclesinmotion.com.

The Zehrs "adopt" Diamond

Fred and Joann Zehr are supporting Miracles through their adoption of Diamond, one of our most reliable therapy horses, and they're looking forward to spending some quality time with him. As a past president of the Miracles board, Fred knows how important the care and feeding of our horses are to our program. In addition to horses, the Zehrs enjoy motorcycles, bee keeping, gardening, and travel.

"We have fond memories of working with Diamond during the time we volunteered at Miracles. Diamond's gentle demeanor just makes him fun to be around," they said.

The adopters' donation covers the routine care and feeding for a year. While Miracles in Motion owns most of the horses used in therapy, Diamond and Cinco are on loan to the program and will be returned to their owners when no longer being used in classes.

If you're interested in adopting one of the horses at Miracles, there is information on our website www.miraclesinmotion.com.



Spring cleaning at your house???

Consider taking your no longer needed items to Stuff Etc. in Coralville, Iowa City or Cedar Rapids. They all three have accounts set up for Miracles, so the proceeds will benefit our programs! Thanks!



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Johnson County 4-H Horse and Pony Club holds workday at Miracles Sunday, March 8th

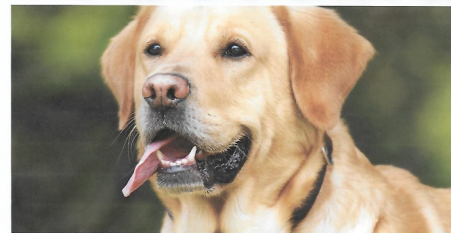
Thanks to all the hard-working 4-Hers who helped with cleaning tack, cleaning the arena, grooming our horses and helping us prep for the start of classes.

Coronavirus (COVID 19)

Miracles in Motion has been closely following the latest news and information concerning the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Yours and everyone's protection is important to us and we are continually evaluating its potential impact on our facility and operations. Currently, we see no effect on our classes or day-to-day activities, and our Spring sessions will begin as scheduled.

There are no measures that we need to take at this time in Eastern Iowa beyond following the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). And don't forget the three Cs – **C**over your cough; **C**lean your hands; and **C**ontain germs. For more information about the Coronavirus outbreak in Iowa, click on the link to the Iowa Department of Public Health. <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>

MIRACLES IN MOTION
complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Iowa Code 216 with regard to Service Animals. No pets, emotional support, therapy, or non-resident animals are allowed on the property.



SERVICE ANIMALS ONLY
Only bona fide Service Animals are allowed at Miracles in Motion with proof of up-to-date vaccinations and liability insurance.
Please see the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Iowa Code 216 and 216C for more information.

Reminder: No Plastic Bags Allowed on Miracles in Motion Farm

With classes starting soon, please remember Miracles in Motion has banned single-use, polyethylene bags from the Miracles' property. This includes the typical plastic grocery bags, barrier bags used for produce, and degradable plastic bags of 35 microns or fewer.

We'd like to think of Miracles' horses as "bomb proof" – that is, able to hold steady despite any and all conditions. But the truth is, no horse is "bomb proof" because they are prey animals and they are hardwired to be on high alert for predators. While we work to desensitize them to items they will encounter, some horses have odd reactions to things they have seen hundreds of times and some horses will always be afraid of certain objects no matter how much desensitization training they receive.

Miracles at Motion understands the inconvenience this may cause for some but safety is our top priority. Although we can't take all the risk out of equestrian activities, we will do everything in our power to mitigate that risk. We have, to date, not had any issues with plastic bags, but unfortunately other stables have had occurrences completely out of their control. Again, this is purely a proactive measure to prevent an incident from occurring at Miracles in Motion. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Any comments or questions can be directed to Nikole Tutton, Parent Advisor, Parentrep-miraclesinmotion@gmail.com, 319-651-0672