



Miracles in Motion

THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER

February 2020

It's that time! Training sessions have been set for April – please sign up for the session that will work for you!

We will be holding training for side walkers, horse leads and barn assistants on three Saturday's in April – April 6th, 13th and 20th. You only need to attend one session. We are asking that you sign up for the day that will work for you, as we will limit the training classes to 25. Training will start at 8:30 and run until a lunch break. The afternoon session will last until mid-afternoon. Side walkers will only need to be there for the morning session. Horse leads and barn assistants will need to be there for both sessions.

Email volunteermiraclesinmotion@gmail.com to sign up. BOTH NEW AND RETURNING VOLUNTEERS NEED TO GO THROUGH TRAINING IF INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH THE HORSES. There will be a separate orientation for those interested in working on special events, property, administration and other tasks around the Miracles farm. Hope to see you in March!

The Pull of Horses on National and Local Histories and Identities

There is a wonderful exhibit at the University of Iowa Main Library Gallery about the role horses had in building Iowa City, the state and the nation. Check it out!

<https://www.lib.uiowa.edu/gallery/exhibit/the-pull-of-horses/>



Thanks to Property Manager, Nick Andeway, and Eagle Scout Volunteer, Jacob VanZante, for building several new mangers for winter feeding!



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Thanks to Twin Pine Farm for sponsoring our newsletter! Check them out on their website: www.iowagoats.com as well as on Facebook. Contact them at iowa1spanishgoats@yahoo.com.

Nakota Roan...police horse... dressage...more on Aussie's history

Jenny & Mark Wulfhorst have “adopted” Aussie and filled us in on a bit of his history – in Jenny’s words: *“Here are a couple of photos of Aussie with our daughter Miranda.*

“We owned him for 5 years and Miranda showed him up to level 1 dressage. Unfortunately we had to sell him when it was time for her to go to college. That’s when he joined Jen Yi’s family and she ended up donating him to you. He’s got a fascinating history. He lived in the wild as part of the Nokota Horse Conservatory until about age 4 or 5 when he was purchased and trained by the person who started the mounted police patrol in Cincinnati. His wife furthered his training in dressage and successfully showed him in our local circuits until we purchased him in 2007. He was our first and only horse and we are so grateful for the time that he was a part of our lives.

“I wasn’t sure if you knew of his complete history - he’s been well loved in his lifetime!

Thank you for caring for him in his retirement”

And our thanks to Jenny & Mark for continuing to love him in his retirement by supporting Miracles!



Miracles in Motion Bans Single-Use Plastic Bags from Farm

Safety for our students, volunteers, and horses is Miracles in Motion’s number one priority. Everything we do is grounded in taking the highest level of care to ensure all participants and spectators are protected from accidents and harm. To this objective, as of February 1, 2020 Miracles in Motion has banned single-use polyethylene plastic bags of 35 microns or less, including barrier bags that typically are used for produce in grocery stores, and degradable plastic bags from the Miracles’ property.

Two of our horses, Don Pecos and Jet, are easily spooked around these bags and it is actually a very common issue for horses. Since we have an indoor arena in very close proximity to the parking lot, it would be possible for a plastic bag to blow out of a car during a lesson, or be dropped by a generous volunteer bringing apples to feed the horses as a treat and ultimately badly scare a horse in a stall or during a lesson. Miracles will not have a disposal receptacle for bags accidentally brought on site. Because this ban is primarily focused on safety and not on ecological reasons, single-use compostable biodegradable bags made of plant starch are also covered by this ban.

What is not covered in this ban?: heavier reusable plastic bags, woven cotton or sturdy bags such as ‘green bags’ designed for multiple use, sandwich bags & zipper bags, paper bags or bin liners.

If California, New York, and Hawaii can be successful in this, we can do it, too. Please help us make the farm a bit safer and Iowa a bit cleaner by leaving your plastic bags at home, won’t you? Any comments or questions can be directed to Nikole Tutton, Parent Advisor, Parentrepmiraclesinmotion@gmail.com, 319-651-0672