



# Wisconsin Desert Horse News

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## Announcements

Futurity nominations/re-nominations must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Rules and forms are included in this issue.

Please make note of the changes in club officials resulting from the elections held at the Annual Meeting.

If you would like to give a WDHA t-shirt or sweatshirt as a gift this holiday season, contact Rita Lemke (715) 745-2903. T's are \$15, and sweats are \$20. Supplies are limited and we will not be ordering more in the foreseeable future.

## General Meeting Dates

**ATTENTION:** The WDHA General Meetings will be held at various locations throughout the WDHA Membership area. Please see listing below for locations. All meetings will **begin at 12:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted.

**January 12  
GENERAL MEETING  
12 NOON @ ROBBINS RESTAURANT**

**Meetings are open to all WDHA members.**

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**Youth Members:** Be sure to contact your advisors, Heather and Janine, as well as your group officers for any information regarding your upcoming activities and meetings.

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## WDHA is Going Green!

This will be the last printed issue for members that have an e-mail address. Unless your name is on the list on page 2 you should have received an electronic copy of this issue as well. Make sure to add [malikahsfriend@yahoo.com](mailto:malikahsfriend@yahoo.com) to your address book so it doesn't get marked as spam. Please contact me if you did not get one, or if you would like to be added to the e-mail list.

**The newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup>** of the month. Send your submissions to:

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2131 Lin Way Ct.  
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920-235-0337  
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If your name is on this list and you have an e-mail address, please drop me a line at malikahsfriend@yahoo.com

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Name	First Name
Ace	Nichole
Baker	Donna
Becraft	Maureen
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Koller	Nancy
Kruse	Cody
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Luebke-Puetz	Jackie
Maass	Tracy
Marth	Mic
Meyer	Amy
Morris	Karen
Mullins	Jordon
Nash	Robbey
Overmann	Gary
Pawlowski	Linda
Peerenboom	Boni
Place	Mary
Plehn	Clare Ellen
Rogers	Karen L
Schad	Sherri L.
Schelwat	Vanessa
Schwichtenberg	Sharon
Siegenthaler	Kirk
Strands	Jody
Taylor-Greengard	Amy E.
Trapp	Nicole
Vosseteig-Nash	Jill
Wayerski	Dale
Wayerski	Ken
Wiggert	Jan
Zucchi	Austin



### AHA Sport Horse Nationals

Dartagnan Noir ++/ , a 9 year old ½ Arabian – ½ Hanoverian gelding, was named National Champion Half Arabian Sport Horse Gelding In Hand ATH and Top Ten Half Arabian Sport Horse Gelding In Hand Open (3rd on judges cards) shown by owner, Tani Ketter. These wins garnered achievement award points to earn him the AHA Legion of Supreme Honor.

Berry Beytreyed, a 6 year old ¾ Arabian gelding was ridden by Tani Ketter in the training level dressage finishing in the top twenty in both the ATR and AAOTR classes.

Photo by Suzanne

#### Advertising Rates

Full page ad \$100.00  
 Half page \$75.00  
 Quarter page \$50.00  
 Business card size \$25.00  
 Classified ads are **FREE** for members!

# **WDHA PUREBRED AND PARTBRED FUTURITY PROGRAM**

The WDHA Purebred and Partbred Futurity consists of two divisions: The Breeder's Halter Division and the Breeder's Performance Division

## **FUTURITY RULES**

1. All entries must be eligible for registration with the Arabian Horse Association as a Purebred or Half Arabian.
2. Any number of horses may be nominated by the same breeder.
3. The owner(s) of the nominated horse(s) must be members of the Wisconsin Desert Horse Association.
4. Horses originally nominated by a WDHA member and subsequently sold are eligible to remain in the Futurity provided the new owner is a member of WDHA or joins prior to the show for the year to be shown. All penalty and regular fees must be paid prior to the show.
5. The futurity classes will be held in conjunction with a WDHA sponsored show.
6. Mares must be nominated and the nomination fee must be paid on or before December 31 of the year prior to foaling to be eligible to continue in the halter and performance divisions without penalty.
7. Horses entered as Original Mare Nominations are eligible to: (1) pay a fee and participate in the Breeder's Halter Division; (2) pay a fee and participate in the Breeder's Performance Division, or, (3) pay both fees and be eligible to participate in both divisions.
8. Once a horse has been nominated, there is to be no substitution or refund.
9. Pay notices are sent only as a courtesy. Horses on which payments have been made will be listed and made available to the membership.
10. Registration certificates are required for all futurity entrants prior to issuance of a show number for Futurity classes.
11. Official post office postmarks will determine eligibility or acceptance of nominations and re-nominations received after the due date; payment dates falling on a Sunday or holiday will be extended to the following day.
12. Nominations must be on an official WDHA Futurity application blank.
13. All late nomination fees are indicated on the nomination/re-nomination form. Late nominations entered prior to the entry deadline for the futurity show may show in the same year as entry. The entry deadline is, show year, August 15.

## **TRANSFERS**

1. Futurity participation may be transferred and continued on a previously nominated horse to a new owner. New owners are responsible for informing the Futurity Secretary of the ownership change and meeting nomination deadlines.
2. WDHA Futurity will not be responsible for any dispute arising through ownership changes.

## **HALTER DIVISION**

1. Properly nominated horses are eligible to compete as weanlings, yearlings, two-year olds, and three-year olds. Purebred weanlings compete in two Jackpot classes split by sex, and Half Arabian weanling colts and fillies show against each other. Purebred yearlings, two-year olds, and three-year olds compete against their age groups in same sex classes: fillies, colts, and geldings. Half Arabian yearlings, two-year olds, and three-year olds of both sexes compete against their age groups in saddle type or stock type classes.

## **PERFORMANCE DIVISION**

1. Open to properly nominated and sustained three, four, and five-year olds.
2. Performance Futurity classes will be offered in four divisions: Saddleseat Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, and Pleasure Driving. Cross entries are acceptable and encouraged between performance divisions.

3. Except as noted, this Performance Futurity will be judged in accordance with the specifications set forth in the AHSA Rule Book for Junior Horses. Proper show attire according to AHSA rules will be required.
4. **3 Year Old Classes Only** - To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter or lope both ways of the ring. To be judged on suitability, potential, and performance. Shoeing - as allowed by AHA and USEF rules. Equipment - any combination of straight reined snaffle bridle, hackamore, or bosal. Shin boots, splint boots, polo wraps, and non-weighted bell boots are acceptable. Martingales and draw reins are allowed.

## **DRIVING DIVISION**

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity horses to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior Pleasure Driving Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. Headers required. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, strong trot (Extreme speed to be penalized). To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on quality, manners, and performance.
3. Horses entered in the WDHA Futurity Driving Division may cross enter into either English Pleasure Driving or Country English Pleasure Driving classes at the same show--but may not enter both.

## **SADDLESEAT DIVISION**

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity horses to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior English Pleasure Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, normal trot, and canter. To be shown in a light, show type bridle; either single curb or single snaffle (defined as an unwrapped, smooth, rounded snaffle bit 3/8" to 3/4" diameter as measured one inch from the ring with gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle, half cheeks permitted) curb and snaffle, or Pelham bit. To be judged on quality, performance, attitude, and manners.
3. Horses entered in the WDHA Saddleseat Division may cross enter into either English Pleasure classes or Country English Pleasure classes at the same show--but may not enter both.

## **WESTERN DIVISION**

1. Four and Five-year old Performance Futurity to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the junior Western Pleasure Performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope. To be shown in a snaffle bit or hackamore. To be judged substance, quality, performance, and manners.

## **HUNTER DIVISION**

1. Four and Five-year-old Performance Futurity to be shown with appointments and gaits as defined in the Junior Hunter Pleasure performance class of the Arabian Division of AHSA. See special rules for Three-year-olds above.
2. To be shown at a walk, trot, canter, and hand gallop both directions of the ring. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on quality, performance, suitability as a Hunter, manners, and conformation.

## **AWARDS**

1. The original nomination fee for the Halter Division will be split nine ways and will be added to the purse of each class the unborn foal is eligible to show in as a yearling, two-year old, or three-year old. Weanling classes are jackpot classes only. Should a foal be entered late, the fee will be divided into the remaining classes for which the foal is eligible with one-third of the late fee automatically entering the horse in the performance futurity for the year the late fee was paid.

2. The original nomination and first sustaining payments for the Performance Futurity will be divided eight ways. The other re-nomination and entry fees will go only into those classes that the foal is eligible to show in.
3. In all divisions the prize money will be divided according to the number of horses shown after the cost of the trophies, ribbons, and any related expenses have been deducted. Money distribution percentages are as follows:

One horse - 100%

Two horses - 60%, 40%

Three horses - 50%, 30%, 20%

Four horses - 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%

Five or more - 35%, 25%, 20%, 12.5%, 7.5%

Six (weanlings) – 33%, 23%, 18%, 13%, 8%, 5%

## **WDHA Maturity Program for Purebreds and Half-Arabians**

The WDHA Maturity program is open to any horse six years old or older registered with the Arabian Horse Registry of America, Inc. or International Arabian Horse Association. There will be four classes (Western Pleasure, Country English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Country Pleasure Driving) for purebreds and four classes for Half-Arabians (Western Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure, Saddleseat Pleasure and Driving). The class(es) entered must be indicated at the time of nomination.

Horses are nominated the year they show. Nominations are due June 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee is \$50.00. Full rules will be printed in a later issue of the WDHA News.

## **ARABIAN FUTURITY FESTIVAL Rules for Purebred Get of Sire and Produce of Dam**

**Eligibility Requirements:** Get or progeny entries must be registered with the Arabian Horse Association.

### **Get of Sire**

The stallion owner must be a current voting WDHA member in good standing, or the stallion must be listed on the most current MAAB approved list. There will be a \$50 entry fee per entry. Example: If you bred to and have two get of National Champion Ibn Horse, you **cannot** show unless National Champion Ibn Horse's owner is a current voting WDHA member in good standing or Ibn Horse's name appears on the most current MAAB approved list.

### **Produce of Dam**

The mare owner must be a current voting WDHA member in good standing, or the progeny entries are currently entered in the WDHA Futurity/Maturity program; **or**, at least one progeny per entry is eligible to compete in a MAAB sponsored class. There will be a \$50 entry fee per entry.

### **Class Specifications**

In Get of Sire and Produce of Dam classes, each entry shall be comprised of at least two but not more than three horses **entered under the name of the sire by the stallion owner or entered under the name of the dam by the mare owner.** There shall be one handler per horse. More than one entry per sire or dam shall be permitted in the same class.

### **Awards**

The prize money will be divided according to the number of entries shown after the cost of the trophies, ribbons, and any related expenses have been deducted. **Checks are paid to the stallion and mare owners.** Neither WDHA nor MAAB will be responsible for any disputes of award distribution.

## 2008 WDHA FUTURITY NOMINATION/RENOMINATION FORM

FEES IF PAID BY 12/31/07 (postmarked)				FEES IF PAID AFTER 12/31/07 (Payment is due by 8/01/07 in order to show at the 2008 Arabian Futurity Festival)			
Original Mare Nomination (Year of conception)		\$20		<b>Halter</b>		<b>Performance</b>	
<b>Age</b>	<b>Halter</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Both</b>	2008 Foals	\$ 90	2007 Foals	\$ 60
Weanling	\$30	\$30	\$60	2007 Foals	\$180	2006 Foals	\$120
1, 2, & 3 Yr. olds	\$30	\$30	\$60	2006 Foals	\$270	2005 Foals	\$180
4 Year olds (performance only)		\$40		2005 Foals	\$360	2004 Foals	\$240
5 Year olds (performance only)		\$50				2003 Foals	\$300

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a WDHA Member?    Yes    No

Purchased from: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please make sure that your horse(s) is/are eligible to be nominated/renominated in either the **Halter or Performance** divisions. (One-third (1/3) of the **Halter** late fees will be used to automatically enter your horse into the **Performance** futurity. Renominate in either division at the regular renomination fee by 12/31 the following year.) Late **Performance** nominations qualify your horse for the performance divisions only. *Owners and handlers must be WDHA members.*

### ORIGINAL MARE NOMINATIONS @ \$20 EACH (foals of 2008)

PB/HA	DAM	DAM'S #	SIRE	SIRE'S #	FEE	Office Use

### HALTER RENOMINATIONS @ \$30 EACH

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	SEX	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

### PERFORMANCE NOMINATIONS/RENOMINATIONS

PB/HA	BORN	NAME	REG #	DAM	SIRE	FEE	Office Use

Make check payable to: **WDHA Futurity**

Send to: Connie Kienast, 2131 Lin Way Ct., Oshkosh, WI 54904; (920) 235-0337; email: malikahsfriend@yahoo.com

# AHA CONVENTION REPORT

By Rita Lemke

This is my report of the AHA Convention November 14 thru 17, 2007. Arrived at Tulsa about 2:30 p.m. Kris Urban and I attended the plenary session which started at 5:30 p.m. Most of the discussion was on Resolutions 13, 14 and 17, which were proposed by the Arizona Arabian Club. They wanted to change the resolution on Arabian scoring system passed by convention in 2006 to be optional until November 30, 2009. There was quite a bit of opposition to their proposal and the Arizona group countered that with an argument that they were not opposed to the new Arabian scoring system, just wanted to wait until the kinks were worked out.

The general session was held at 8:00 a.m. President Myron Krause gave his report of the past year. He traveled to Europe, Arabia, Brazil, and Australia representing AHA at their prestigious shows. He also said that there is a lot of politics within our organization and that some do not have the same agendas. There has been progress in growth cornerstones, such as accountability in process, financial stability, long term planning, a revamped Sweepstakes program, improvement in AHA government structure, and alliances with other breed organizations. Also the USA registration of purebred Arabian horses will be 100 years old in 2008. The long promised video of our horses by AHA will be released in 2008, on the History Channel and Pet Planet. He also reported on the fact that The World Equestrian Games will be held for the first time in the USA at Kentucky Horse Park in 2010. Also that AHA is starting a wonderful wing extension at Kentucky Horse Park's main museum building. We are excited about this because people walking through the main museum will be attracted to viewing the history and beauty of the Arabian horse. This building will be finished and open to the public in time for the World Equestrian Games. It is planned to start construction January, 2008. Credentials reported that 559 delegates eligible and 353 in attendance at 7:30 a.m. on November 15. I attended the forum on the proposed building and saw a video of the plans.

I attended 5 committee meetings on Thursday, USEF Cooperative, Task Force, Competitive Ride, Judges Steering, and Breeders Forum. **USEF Cooperative** said that AHA and they had a meeting Oct. 22, 2007 and discussed the common interest in promoting the breed. Regulation of competitions, data exchange to show secretaries, reciprocity on fees, and alliance with other groups such as Pony Club were all discussed. **Task Force** suggested doing away with resolutions and give the various committees more power to come forth with new ideas, instead of having several hundred people vote on new ideas about disciplines that most of them have no interest or knowledge of. Make an executive committee within each committee and have that chairperson contact the other chairs in other committees to confer on new ideas. Club members should get involved on the AHA committees to get their ideas known to the Association. **Competitive Ride** this committee needs a compact packed from AHA for these events. Also a friendly computer data format would be helpful. They need clear rules for national and regional events. This will be changed and done sometime this year. **Judging and Steering** much discussion from trainers about the new Arabian scoring system. Most judges have not received any information on this system; some attended a seminar and received training. There will be a seminar in December for another group of judges. Another one is to be held in March, 2008. All judges will receive a DVD that was made using 20 horses to show how the system is used, plus an informational packet. This committee defeated Resolution 17, which the Arizona Club was promoting, to delay mandatory use of the Arabian scoring system until November 30, 2009. **Breeders Forum**

suggested ways to promote and sell foals, one way is to use the small picture want ads at the back of breed magazines, another that the seller pay for and send the registration papers on a sold horse so that AHA can keep track of our purebred and half bred Arabians.

November 16 I attended some of the same committees I had reported on above. Gary Zimmerman Executive Vice President gave a report on what has been done the past year to improve AHA. There has been \$200,000 cost reduction, and we have made good alliances with NRHA, US Pony Club, Pinto Association, and USEF. The new magazine has been well received with a 38% increase in sales, corporate partners new this year are United Health Care, and Markel Insurance. Also Bank of America Visa card will not charge an annual fee and will give a 1 year membership if used within 90 days after receiving the card. The candidates for new officers gave speeches and the elections were held. President Myron Krause has one more year, Lance Walters is Vice President, Jan Decker is Secretary, and Frank Galovic is Treasurer. The regional caucuses were held, region 10 hosted a wonderful buffet and many resolutions were discussed but most of the meeting was on the Sweepstakes program. Dean Meier is the chairman of the Sweepstakes committee and told us the program this year will probably pay out \$20 per point on Sweepstakes horses. In the evening there was a tour of the Tulsa Expo Center, where the Nationals will be held next year, 2009, and 2010. It is a state of the art place, many large barn buildings that are heated and air conditioned, house hundreds of stalls within, along with working arenas and wash racks and viewing areas. The complex covers 240 acres. The buildings are separated but for the Nationals there will be walk ways between the buildings to facilitate getting to the different classes which will be in different buildings.

November 17 credentials reported that there were 401 delegates attending. Jack Kelly of the World Equestrian Games showed a video of last year's games in Germany and said that the plans are moving forward for the US Games at Kentucky Horse Park in 2010. NBC will give full coverage of the games. Kim Luebcke gave the AHYA report. Youth of the year was Kristin Kimbler from South Dakota, South Dakota club gave \$10,000 to the Youth. Next year's convention will be held in Denver, Colorado at the Marriott Hotel. Various regions gave money to the 2008 convention committee to help pay for the event. A new Arabian Horse Foundation was brought forth and asked for pledges to get started. They hope to initiate research on diseases of new born foals. They raised \$100,000 at this convention day's meeting. Sweepstakes committee reported they have \$7.3 million in funds and will pay \$2.7 million. They have included Western Pleasure Open classes. The deadline to enter has returned to December 31. James Hickey of the American Horse Council reported on the lobbying they do in Washington. They are asking for disaster relief for horses, working on immigration speed up, equine equity act these are all part of the farm bill. The resolutions were voted on. Resolution 17 was defeated so resolutions 13 and 14 were withdrawn. The judges for the 2008 Nationals were announced and a sheet given to each delegate with the names. The President's Banquet was very nice and awards were given to Dean Meier for his work on the Sweepstakes committee, Laura Mickelson and Bevra Cole for Volunteer Service. A program celebrating Oklahoma's 100 years as a state was given with songs from the Oklahoma! musical. I will bring the Nationals judges list, agenda and resolutions to the January meeting for anyone to look over.

# Wisconsin Desert Horse Association

An Affiliate Club of the Arabian Horse Association

(Please note that your application cannot be processed without complete information)

For Office Use:

Name (A) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (B) \_\_\_\_\_ PH: H: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: W: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult, family, and youth memberships include AHA memberships. **Renewals** of these memberships must be received by AHA Headquarters in Colorado before January 1 to avoid the AHA \$10 late penalty. Please allow **two weeks** for memberships to be processed by WDHA and sent on to AHA.

## Types of Memberships:

**\*YOUTH - \$25.00 (17 years and under)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nonvoting membership WITHOUT competition card.** Current AHA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*/\*\*YOUTH - \$35.00 (17 years and under)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nonvoting membership WITH competition card.** Current AHA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ADULT - \$40.00 (18 years and older)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Voting membership WITHOUT competition card.** Current AHA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*/\*\*ADULT - \$60.00 (18 years and older)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Voting membership WITH competition card.** Current AHA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY - \$110.00 (18 years and older) Voting membership for 2 people WITH competition card.**

Family memberships are available with competition cards only. Includes WDHA privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_ Current AHA Number (A) \_\_\_\_\_ Current AHA Number (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (A) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. (A) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. (B) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADULT ASSOCIATE - \$30.00 (18 years and older)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-voting. Club privileges only. (High point, Futurities, and Newsletter)

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOUTH ASSOCIATE - \$10.00 (17 years and under)**

Non-voting. Club privileges only. (High Point, Futurities, Newsletter)

Dues of \$25 or \$45 per adult voting member and \$20 or \$30 per youth member will be forwarded to the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). AHA entitlements are described on the AHA website at [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org)

**Please note that your membership will not be processed without complete information.**

Make checks payable to **Diane Kuzynski**  
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**Nekoosa, WI 54457**  
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\*Includes AHA membership and WDHA privileges. Club privileges include: High Point, Futurities, and Newsletter.

\*\* Required to compete at AHA recognized shows and participate in AHA Achievement Awards programs.



**Paula Roberts & Don Borth giving the \$500 donation check to Mary Hetzel**

Mary Hetzel, owner of **St. Francis Horse Rescue** was very excited to get the phone call saying WDHA had a \$500 donation for the rescue. She said they have about 8 horses up for adoption right now and one is an Arabian gelding (Omar under “adoptables” on their website [www.stfrancishorserescue.org](http://www.stfrancishorserescue.org))

that would make a great trail horse. They receive calls daily on horses that people want to donate to the Rescue, but they cannot take them all in. This time of year is tough because some people have a hard time finding hay or they just don't want to take care of their animals anymore. They recently took in a couple of Mini ponies that were neglected, especially their feet, which had grown into skis. Wisconsin humane laws leave a lot to be desired. There is no definition of shelter, and although they say the horses have to have food & water, it does not say they have to be fed adequate amounts or that the water has to be accessible & clean. I hope that someday soon these laws can be changed. Until then I am glad we have places like the St. Francis Horse Rescue that will do all they can to help neglected & abandon animals. I am also very glad that WDHA was able to make such a generous donation to them.

The phone number there: **715-592-6622**. She also told us they are having problems locating hay for the winter, so if anyone knows a good source perhaps they could give her a call.

Submitted by Paula Roberts

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