



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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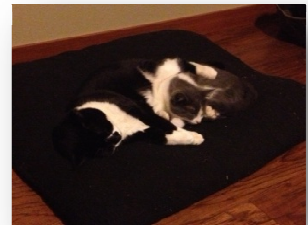
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It seems we either have had a very short winter, or we still have a March storm on the way that we don't know about yet. The snow we had was gone within a few days, and while we still have occasional overnight freezing, the days are now in the 40s and 50s and our scarves are hopefully put away for the season. With the sunny weather it is very easy to lose track of time when working outside on projects. The horses are now eating "phase II" of their hay which they seem to really enjoy and we are so happy with that purchase that we plan to buy all of next year's hay from that source. Plans to build the garden and chicken coop are being formulated, and dates for this year's 2nd Annual Volunteer Work Day and 2nd Annual BBQ are currently being considered. If you are interested in participating in either of these events, please send an email to robin@zpranch.org.



ZAC TAILS: Bed Wars! Now that Mulan and Archi have decided to be friends, I see a distinct disadvantage. If I so much as take a step off my bed or turn my back for but a moment, these cats descend out of nowhere and take over my bed. Night time is the worst. I am responsible for guarding the house, so occasionally I get up to go investigate a noise or a smell or an intuition. The cats are presumably ignorant of my duties and are invisible at the time of my investigation, but then when I return to my bed, SHAZZAM!, there they are, curled up and comfortable and feigning sleep. Now what do I do? I pace and I fret and I can't get comfortable. Eventually one of my people has to come out and, I say with some shagrin, remove the offenders from my bed so I can go back to sleep and allow the rest of the house to relax again. I know what you are thinking...why don't I just let them stay there and situate myself in another part of the room? After all, there are plenty of carpeted areas, including the master bedroom, where I could settle. Or, why don't I chase them off and reclaim my territory? First of all, it's 3 a.m. and I am now off duty--yes, I investigate noises and such, but I am off the clock as far as herding goes and I am not about to deal with two cats who are rooted in their definition of claiming their territory. Second of all, it's a matter of principle--I just



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want to be able to make my patrol and then return to bed without confrontation. Period. Isn't that what we all expect? A little respect and a good night's sleep.



**Beauty is not a thing you can acquire or consume; it is something you just have to BE.
~Lupita Nyong'o' (Academy Award winner)**

You [Lord] are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble, you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

~Psalm 32:7



Our mission/vision: To provide free equine experiences for youth in a safe, loving, and encouraging environment that is fun for both children and horses.



OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS: Planning for the chicken run and garden has begun. Robin has drawn the plans, materials are slowly being collected, and Steve has begun digging the posts (which, by the way, is a LOT easier to do in March than it is in August!). Baby chicks will be available to purchase within the next 3-4 weeks, so we have our work cut out for us. These two projects, while not funded directly by the nonprofit, will most definitely be part of the program we run as an option for kids to participate in cleaning the coop, gathering eggs, and helping with the garden! Phase I of the garden is 24 x 24 feet, with plans to expand in the years ahead.

We have several big projects gearing up for the spring including another large pasture for additional horses. If you would like to help, please send donations to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.



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