

A GREAT ENDING TO A HORRIBLE SITUATION

A continuation of our story in the summer, 2008, issue of Apples 'n Oats ... and more!

IERAL felt the need to "Continue" this article.

"Hermosa" was claimed to be dead by her negligent owner, but after being discovered very much alive, and subsequently rescued, she surprised her new owners with a foal, shortly after the article about her appeared in the summer issue of *Apples 'n Oats!* ➡ ➡

At her adoptive home, she began to bag up in early May 2008. Surprised new owner Char called to ask, "Is there anyway Hermosa could be pregnant?"

I replied that, "These horses were originally removed from their owner in late May 2007, so I guess a long term pregnancy wouldn't be out of the question." Both older mares were so emaciated, who would have guessed? However, the veterinarian who did the routine shots, Coggins, and health papers here in Iowa asked, "Could this one be pregnant?" My comment was, "Let's hope not, she is awfully thin, and she is going to a new home!"

But on May 8th, 2008, Hermosa gave birth to a thriving young filly they named "Hermosa Milagra." (Top Photo)

"We are delighted to have this young healthy foal at our home. We weren't expecting another, but are pleased that all are doing well. My dog, Massif, has adopted this filly and they sleep together every night. Mom Hermosa could care less! You must have done right with these girls Karla, because all have adapted well and we can't wait to see what our new arrival will be when she grows up!" ... Char

We have pulled DNA on the filly and have a good idea of who the sire may be. Only time will tell if she will be registered full or half Arabian.

So the standing joke with everyone involved is, "Well, a mare has risen from the dead and has given birth to a very live foal!" It's a miracle, hence the name "Hermosa Milagra," which means *a beautiful miracle* in Spanish! If you are interested in reading more please visit: <http://morningstarminis.tripod.com/index-main1.htm>

The same negligent owner claimed that yet another Spanish Arabian died in February, 2008, but it's entirely possible that she, too, is still alive. This Spanish Arabian, named *Mariquilla*, has a nice background in the show ring. She was Canadian National Champion Top 10 in 1993, and won other awards here in the USA. No one seems to know where she or the owner are these days.

How does this happen? How does a person who hoards animals--70+ horses on 10 acres of ground--get her hands on nice horses like these? It is occurring more and

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more as so many things have changed in the horse industry over the past several years. Who knows what will happen next??

Currently, IERAL has three Thoroughbreds that will be coming up for adoption soon. They have a nice race history among many other accomplishments. Again, you have to ask yourself this: "How do horses of this caliber end up neglected later in life?" These TBs are around ten years of age, and have been putting on weight over the past 90 days! Watch our website for more to come on these three adoptable TBs. Or watch our site www.iaeral.org or www.petfinder.com and enter species **Horse** and zip code **52408**.

- Karla Sibert, President of IERAL



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