



# Dreamchaser PMU

A Premarin Mare Rescue & Sanctuary

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## JANUARY- MARCH NEWSLETTER

### FEATURED ADOPTABLE HORSE

Meet Rhett...

Rhett is a 12year old Bay Arabian gelding. He is on the shy side, but warms up quickly.

Rhett was surrendered by his owner, who had health issues and was no longer able to care for him.

Rhett is a great ride – he is a laid back Arabian and is very sensible. For more information on Rhett feel free to contact us.



*Rhett in the springtime showing off his spots.*

### 2019 GOALS

It's a new year and a new beginning here at Dreamchaser. We are looking forward to everything 2019 has to offer. This year we are making a few changes for the better, starting with being able to have our own fields cut for hay. In order to do this, we will need to fertilize the fields before hay season.

Fertilizing the fields will also benefit the grazing pastures after the hay season is over. We have made arrangements with someone local to come in to cut and bale our fields at a lower cost than purchasing the hay from an outside source. This however will not completely eliminate our need to purchase hay, merely reduce the amount typically purchased.

### UPDATE ON CHANCE

As many people know we were able to rescue a severely malnourished horse back in October. For months he was showing up at a house, showing more and more deterioration in his body condition. After a concerned fellow horse lover reached out to us, Chance got his second chance at life and arrived here at Dreamchaser.

Chance is showing some great signs of improvement. His wounds have healed and his hair is regrowing; his body condition is improving rapidly. Our farrier has trimmed his feet and says there are no major issues besides being a little overgrown. He is such a joy to be around and has quite the personality. We have watched his spirit rise within him as he realizes he is loved and completely cared for.





## DID YOU KNOW?

Moldy hay can kill a horse. Horses fed moldy hay can suffer from colic because of toxins called mycotoxins. Colic is one of the biggest horse killers out there, so keeping a healthy diet is key.

Wet hay or hay stored in damp conditions can lead to the growth of mold. Humid weather can also cause the rapid onset of mold. The mycotoxins from mold are toxic to horses. In some cases, horses might also suffer from lack of appetite, change in weight, and diarrhea.

The dangers of moldy hay can be reduced by careful checking and buying from a reliable supplier. Hay on your premises must be kept dry at all times to prevent the formation of mold. Hay can be kept dry by increased ventilation, bigger distances between bales and reducing the size of bales. Any covering should be high enough so there is enough space for moisture to evaporate.

This past year at Dreamchaser we were able to construct a barn to store our hay out of the elements. This allows us to be able to store the hay we will be harvesting from our own pastures. There is also enough room to store our sawdust that is used as bedding in the stalls.



*Moldy hay that was stored outside.  
(Photo not taken at Dreamchaser)*



*Our newly constructed hay barn.*

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*~Jordan Mitchell~*



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