

What About the Horses?

When we voted on a home for our CFA horses on September 16, there were some expressed concerns that the Board did not conduct a wide enough search with a clear deadline for interested parties to contact us. Also, we had not released a list of criteria, and only one director had visited the potential home.

So, we started over. We advertised in the Union Democrat for 10 days, posted to our webpage and Facebook page with a deadline of November 5, 2021. We received only one applicant—the farm that we chose in September. Board members made a 2nd visit. This potential home meets all of our criteria. The applicants own a 40-acre farm far into the country outside Jamestown. They want to take all 3 horses. Our horses will have their own paddock, the largest one, but close enough to be seen from the farmhouse, so that their wellness can be monitored.

The owner has experience with horses, and presently has her own horse, and two miniature horses. She will be able to recognize when the horses need vet care, which they can afford. The owner visited our stables this summer, and her young daughters rode the two horses that are okay to ride.

This family has other animals under their care, including alpacas, pigs, goats, a cow, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and four large dogs that keep predators away. The animals are well-cared for, and approach you, looking for treats. The horse came up to Penny and me and put his head on our shoulders. The grounds are immaculate. There are large, separate fenced areas for different animals, but all visible from the farmhouse. Our horses would have the biggest area, about the size of our entire stables, but connected to a large, open-ended section of the barn for shelter.

After discussion and consideration of the merits of this placement, the Board felt confident that this would be a wonderful outcome for our CFA horses and voted on November 18 to approve this placement. The Board feels confident that our horses will be retiring to a loving home.