

Corvallis: Pair of rescued horses in need of good home



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CORVALLIS – It was three weeks ago when Shannon Alexander first got the call.

A Missoula organization dedicated to helping at-risk people who are unable to manage their own finances had a new client with two elderly thoroughbred horses.

Western Montana Chapter's Melissa Stiegler said that group's client was no longer living in her home and had very limited funds. She couldn't pay for the care or feeding of the two horses.

"We were told that our client had rescued them from a racetrack," Stiegler said. "We heard the horses were running out of food when we heard about a horse rescue operation in Corvallis."

"We called them in hopes they could help," she said. "They were kind enough to say yes."

Alexander is the founder of Western Montana Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation. When she first saw the gelding and mare, their ribs were easy to count.

"They were a lot thinner than what they are now," she said. "In the last three weeks, they've put on some weight."

Best estimates put the gelding at about 18 years and the mare something closer to 24.

"They would both be nice companion horses for someone," Alexander said. "I don't think they're going to be good for riding."

Both horses will probably need to have their teeth floated. That procedure costs about \$110. Alexander said her organization will take care of hoof care.

The challenge now is to find a new home for the pair as soon as possible.

Alexander's place is full right now with other rescue horses, despite the fact that she's adopted more this year than at any time before.

"This year we've adopted out 10 horses in seven months," she said. "We've been staying really busy with that."

This situation puts her organization in a bit of a bind.

No one knows exactly where the horses came from or anything about their history. Their previous owner is unable to communicate.

“We know they are both nice horses that just need a home,” she said. “Neither one is mean or aggressive at all.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the two horses can call Alexander at 360-8473 or email at saigeshannon@gmail.com.