

WolfStone Ranch

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Dear Friends,

As last month, I'd like to give you a "snapshot" of my accomplishments for December. Again, this outline is not meant to take the place of one of my lengthy and detailed (*but hopefully entertaining*) newsletters! I include the personal stuff, so you can see what else has taken me time and effort, which has meant less of both for **WolfStone Ranch** business....

I had hoped to finalize my Community-Building Experience Group Presentation, start on updating my website AND compose my August-December 2016 Newsletter... But I never found much time to work on any of those big projects, due to all of the developments listed below... very frustrating! And so I now feel like I'm starting 2017 "in the hole"... **HOWEVER!!**

All of my animals and I are well... And I've gotten a report from Five Acres Animal Shelter in St. Louis that the new Forever Family of **BonJovi** (the bird-dog-mix puppy I rescued and transferred up to them in November) absolutely loves him and that he has become "besties" with their kitty cat... And in truth, as you will see, it was a productive month... just not with what I had had on my To-Do List!

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I went to a fires-safety presentation... and followed up with several fire-prevention chores at home

I was finally able to make arrangements for **Spot** (the bird-dog-mix I rescued last summer) to go to Five Acres

Volunteer Laura rescued **Tio** (a darling kitten) and I made arrangements for him to go to Five Acres

Paprika had eye problems that required a trip to the DVM and follow-up treatment

Cricket had upper respiratory problems that required a trip to the DVM and treatment

A stray cat showed up and I started feeding it and trying to entice it into the barn... too cold to live-trap... haven't seen it for days now... suspect it got eaten by a coyote... I'm heartbroken!

Provided rescue-food-bank dog/cat food to some other struggling rescue groups

Started setting up an emergency backup plan... I now have a volunteer whom I text nightly... she's to call certain people to take care of the animals if something happens to me (*I still need to pull together a bunch of information to provide to her*)

Started a Weekly **WolfStone** Meditation Email... I need it, even if you all do not!

Volunteer Extraordinaire "Uncle" Bill visited from Utah for 3 days over the holidays... we did a whole bunch of miscellaneous chores requiring two people, but the biggest projects were... we filled bunches of dog holes in the yards and temporarily mounted my camper shell on my truck (*so I can get it to the professionals in St. Louis next month for repairs and permanent installation*)

Personal

Two trips to St. Louis for skin cancer testing and tumor removal

Weekly trips to my auto mechanic for an ongoing list of relatively minor issues (*my trusty Toyota pickup truck is over 20 years old*)

Christmas preparations and follow-up (*not yet completed*)

Namaste,

Jessica