



Tales from the Trails at Dunrovin

October 28, 2019



The Herd Has Earned a Rest

Winter is the Season of Rest for Guest Ranch Horses. Montana has four very distinct seasons that dictate all of life. For a guest ranch, the annual cycle starts in the cool spring with the “getting-ready” season. This quickly transitions to the hot, long days of the “full-out busy” season that begin to fade by October. By November, everyone is exhausted and ready to hibernate to get some much-needed rest during the “quiet season.”



Horses Love Being Free and Being Together. Horses have evolved a complex social structure in order to survive. They rely on one another to avoid predators and have strong family and herd bonds. Horses enjoy time together, free of human interference.



The Herd Heads to the Winter Field. Dunrovin Ranch often calls itself an urban boutique guest ranch. We are small. We are located on the skirts of the small town of Lolo, Montana, with homes and subdivisions to the west and north. We offer special activities for “experiential” learning with animals and nature. We are different!

Dunrovin leases a 20-acre field from the Lolo school district where the herd spends the winter months. The field is located just 500 feet north of the ranch, on the other side of our neighbor’s property. It is across the road from a subdivision and within sight, but not sound, of our web cameras. Completely fenced with both water and electricity, it is the perfect place for our horses during the winter. The community greatly enjoys watching them during the winter as they run to catch up with feed truck every afternoon.



Not All Equines Go. The Donkey DIVAS, the pony team, Captain Lewis and Captain Clark, and horses needing some extra TLC stay in the corrals near the barn. The little guys and gals aren’t able to compete with the big horses for food and water when they are together, This year a couple of horses, Jasper and Chinook, need some extra attention and will also be staying near the barn.

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