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Dunrovin's Donkey DIVAS



Miss Maude

Miss Gertie

## The DIVAS Dish—Animal Advice from the Wise Asses



Aloha Divas!

We are three reindeer nearing retirement in the great expanse of northern Canada, where we have proudly worked in the transportation and shipping industry for most of our adulthood. Our career has taken us around the world, but we long to settle down in the sunny country to the south.

Word has it that some of our wild caribou brethren have been migrating into Montana, perhaps to escape the brutal Canadian winter. Despite our international travels, we know very little of your state, which is why we are writing you today.

Is Montana well suited for a trio of freezer-burned reindeer, seeking some rest and relaxation? What is it like this time of year? Are the hills abundant with our favorite lichen? Are there sandy beaches and tiki huts serving sugary mocktails with little umbrellas? How much sunscreen do you recommend we pack?

Please respond soon, as the holidays are fast approaching, and we'd prefer to not get stuck in traffic.

Many thanks,



Rocket, Raffle, and Rangy Reindeer



Dearest Rocket, Raffle, and Rangy,

We do not want to burst your bubble, but we gather from your letter that you know VERY little about Montana, if anything at all. Allow us to enlighten you.

Let us begin on the positive: you are indeed correct that woodland caribou have been spotted in northwestern Montana. Though our keen Diva instincts tell us it has more to do with survival than scenery, habitat destruction has forced many wild herds to migrate, and their numbers are quickly dwindling.

Perhaps our knowledge of this sobering information surprises you? You will fast learn that we are full of surprises – reading the newspaper the least among them.

Now onto the difficult bit of this letter – Montana may be geographically below you, but in terms of climate, we're not that far south. Daylight lasts slightly longer than you're used to, but we're headed into the cold deep of winter just as surely as you are.

But it's not all bad news! Beaches in Montana are rocky rather than sandy, but they border the most stunningly clear lakes. Reindeer lichen does not grow here, but the woods are full of mushrooms and huckleberries in the summer. We've yet to see a tiki hut, but there are some excellent craft breweries and distilleries in the state. As for the sunscreen, keep it packed away until Fourth of July weekend.

Our state is welcoming of all creatures, but you should know the facts before you move.

Have you at all considered Florida? They have a booming retirement population there, though you might be the first of your species.

Happiest of holidays to you and yours,

*Miss Gertie Miss Maude*

P.S. If it isn't too much trouble, would you mind passing onto your employer that we've been VERY good this year? Gertie and Maude

