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A Mini-Horse Meets A Mighty Challenge Goldust Tackles Cancer



If you've had an opportunity to visit Winslow Farm, chances are, you've met our beautiful, little Goldust.

Goldust is a mini-horse, who before coming to Winslow Farm, lived under the deck of a house with another mini-horse named Echo. There were also two goats who were living under a canoe on the same property. Goldust was hit by a truck (twice) when the gate to his yard was left open, but received no medical attention. The MSPCA told his owners that they had three days to find a home for the four animals or they would be seized. After driving around to different farms, the woman came to Winslow Farm, where Debra White was happy to take the four animals; that was 24 years ago. (Photo on right: Goldust waits in his heated stall at Tufts.)



Because Goldust had received no medical treatment, it was hard for him to even walk. The vet recommended walking him three times a day. Debra ordered in sand to create sandpiles, leading Goldust up and down the piles to strengthen his back and legs.

Goldust is now one of four of his family which includes, his mate, Echo, his son, Forest and his granddaughter, Raven. He considers himself the alpha male of the farm, despite his diminutive size. He is bold enough to challenge the larger male horse, Spirit, and he enjoys playing with his son, Forest.

Last June, Debra White, noticed Goldust, who is now 27 years old, was constantly rubbing his penis area against branches and lifting his leg up to stomach. It was clear he was in some discomfort. The vet was called and determined he had squamous cell carcinoma. Debra treated Goldust at the farm with chemotherapy, using cream and pills. Everything seemed to be going well with the treatment, however, after 6 months, Debra noticed a discharge on his legs. Calling in the vet, Goldust was sedated and it was determined a partial phallectomy might be in order.

Debra hired [Brady Haulin Inc](#) to transport Goldust to Tufts. Debra has entrusted her animals to Brady Haulin for 25 years. She appreciates the kind way he has always treated her animals. In this case, the company needed to wait hours to see if Goldust was even a candidate for the surgery.

Goldust arrived at Tufts, Monday February 23 and was cleared to have the surgery. The cancer was found on an inch and a half of the tip of his penis, so that amount had to be removed. After a stay of four and a half days, Goldust was able to return that Saturday. He came home to a welcome that consisted of all his family; Forest, Raven and Echo, as well as Cloud, the mule.

His aftercare consists of stall rest for the first two weeks, allowing small paddock area walking for the following two weeks and walking around a regular paddock area for the five to six weeks after surgery. After that time, Goldust can resume regular exercise. He is currently on antibiotics and doing well.



Goldust with Debra White after Goldust's homecoming.



Upon Goldust's return to Winslow Farm, he was greeted by his family and friends.

Winslow Will Reopen In April On Limited Basis For Now

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