



Happy Trails Cumberland Horse Abuse Case — 12/17/09

These two youngsters were removed from a very sad situation of neglect and starvation from a property in Cumberland, Ohio, on Thursday, December 17, 2009, in cooperation with the Noble County Sheriff's Department.



One young horse was found dead on the property. Another horse was taken to a foster home, and the two horses shown here were brought to Happy Trails for a veterinary examination and rehabilitation.



These two mares appeared to be very weak and very lethargic.

Of the two horses, the small black and white mare is in the worst condition. She has a “shelf” on top of her ribs where her spine dips down that is flat enough to set a dinner plate on. Her hip area is completely sunken in and there is major atrophy of her hind quarter muscles. Underneath both of their thin, winter coats (they are void of the undercoats needs to keep them warm due to malnutrition), you can easily feel all ribs and bones.

