

Something Interesting

I noticed today that Sienna the horse was just standing at the top of a hill by the barn. No big deal, but she doesn't usually stand in that spot. She was there quite awhile.

When I left Peter's shop later on, I just saw her tail end going down the hill. Then I noticed that, very close to the barn, were two coyotes. One was the personification of the Mexican chupacabra, the hairless, evil looking doglike, grey monster with glowing red eyes. I couldn't see the eyes but the poor thing hardly had any hair on its body.

In reality they are coyotes with mange, and I see a lot of them around here, since mange is contagious, and they pass it on to other coyotes.

Anyway, the coyotes were standing very still and I could see that they were listening intently, ears swiveling and suspiciously looking around. I really do not like having them near the barn or just near here anywhere. They are not welcome. I know that lots of people like them because they are wild animals but they will kill anything they can get ahold of and especially pets.

I always try to scare them off.

I didn't have time (or the right shoes on) to run at them, because here came the cavalry around and up the other side of the hill she had been standing on. Sienna the wonder horse quickly came up the hill with something very clearly on her mind. She was looking for something, and she spotted the coyotes and suddenly accelerated, flattened her ears against her head and held her head low to the ground in an attack posture used by horses.

The coyotes didn't see her until the last minute, so she really gained on them, but they are smaller and can duck into the brush. She barreled into the brush hot on their mangy tails, determined to "get them"! They took off on a merry chase that I couldn't see because they went down the hill out of sight.

I wish I had seen the start of the story as well as the end, I am sure the coyotes got away. I am sooo happy that Sienna feels the same way about coyotes that I do!! I have heard that burros will attack coyotes but I guess some horses do also! So as usual, I just had to share the interesting story.