

February 20th, '13

Dear friend,

Welcome to our wild winter wonderland in Downeast Maine. This winter has been no exception, to the hard winters of New England. This year we've endured Nemo's blizzard conditions, which have left us facing many challenges. We've withstood damages to buildings, oil delivery challenges, and more shoveling days than any human should have to be tasked with. Our staff has been amazing through this wild winter here at Kisma Preserve and so have you!

We want to share with a few of our *winter angels*. We've been touched by human compassion, some of you gave from your own unemployment funds, others donated large equipment to help beautify our grounds, and many of you sent in donations directly to our vendors to keep the animals warm. We are taken back by the generosity of people during time of need.

We've shared our stories of the animals of Kisma and their lifelong placement at the preserve, you've responded and we are grateful! Our daily animal budget is roughly 500.00 per day for feed, medical, housing, and animal caretakers for the 50 animals that have lifelong placement at Kisma. Thank you, *winter angels* for your support during an ol' fashion Maine winter! For the animal loving social networker, please check out our Facebook page for more updates and animal photos. We look forward to your continued visits, support, and relationship building with the flora and fauna of Kisma Preserve.

Thank you,

Heather Grierson, Director

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