

Too Many Reindeer

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings once again from the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. Reindeer are all over the news at the North Pole and, in fact, they are also all over the place at the North Pole too. To explain why we are joined by Elf Crash Murphy who comes to us today from the Reindeer Operations Department at North Pole Flight Command. Crash, why are you at the offices of the Reindeer department and not at the barns?

Elf Crash: Because the office is where all the stress is, Frank. They've got reindeer coming out of their ears and the Reindeer Assignment Desk is really feeling the heat. Joining me from there is Elf Charlie Muscle, who is tasked with finding jobs for all the reindeer. Charlie, what are you doing with the reindeer to keep them busy?

Elf Charlie Muscle: Well, the new reindeer are pretty easy, Crash. They're in flight school. And the A-team and the prospects for the back-up team are all in training already for the Reindeer Games. But everyone else is unassigned because we're not ready to place them somewhere productive.

Elf Crash: What do you mean somewhere productive?

Elf Charlie Muscle: I mean that with all new sleighs this year every reindeer, no matter where they work, are going to need flight experience. Training and re-training, Crash. The sleigh department is going as fast they can but we don't have many sleighs yet to train them with. So, many reindeer have no place to go.

Elf Crash: So how are they spending their time?

Elf Charlie Muscle: We're sending them on short missions, field trips of a kind to help with various projects and to expose them to different climate situations and food sources. But a lot of them are just lounging at the Reindeer Barn, playing a lot of Scrabble.

Elf Crash: Reindeer play Scrabble?

Elf Charlie Muscle: They do when they're bored, Crash.

Elf Crash: Wow, who knew? Thanks Charlie. Frank, it's clear the backlog of reindeer is really creating some strain on the system. I also hear there's a bumper crop of baby reindeer and Santa's falling behind on getting them all named. So our hands are really full of reindeer right now.

Elf Frank Myrrh: Thanks, Crash. Please keep an eye on the reindeer situation and let us know what we can do to help. From the North Pole, where I'm thinking of letting my grass grow so the reindeer can come over to eat it, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for Santa Update.com on the Kringle Radio Network.