

Spring 2019

A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary

**Benjamin, a two year old
American Blackbelly sheep, was
rescued from the flood waters of
Hurricane Harvey in Texas**

POPLAR SPRING Post



A Lonely Dairy Cow gets a New Life

Maple, a sweet and beautiful Jersey cow, is one of our newest rescued residents. Born on an Amish Puppy Mill farm in Pennsylvania, she was kept all alone for seven years and milked daily as the sole source of the farm family's milk and cheese. She was forced to live in solitary confinement her entire life, with no access to grass or pasture or any companions.

Every year Maple was impregnated, gave birth to a healthy calf, and then sadly watched each of her babies be immediately taken away to be sold for veal. She was terribly lonely and depressed, with no other animals or cow friends to be with. Kept chained in a small stall in a dirty barn, she was emaciated, as the family gave her only enough hay to survive. She was covered in manure and mud, and her legs and hips were scabbed and missing hair. Despite the horrible way she was treated, she was a very gentle and trusting cow, who docilely submitted to whatever the farmers asked her to do.

But then one day, they decided it was time for her to go. At only seven years, she was deemed "too old" to produce enough milk for the family. Even though Maple was eight months pregnant, the farmer's wife



Maple meeting cows

told her husband she wanted Maple butchered and turned into baloney and hot dogs. They purchased another replacement cow, and it seemed that everything was over - there was no hope for Maple and her unborn baby.

Until a miracle happened.

Grace was a dog rescuer who had visited this farm many times. Over several months she had established a relationship with the farmer, and he had allowed her to take several of his sickest puppies to save and rehome. When she met Maple, and heard what her fate was soon to be, she begged the farmer to allow her to go to a sanctuary. After much discussion, Grace miraculously convinced the farmer to spare her. We agreed to welcome this very pregnant cow, who truly deserved to be rescued after years of misery. And

so began Maple's new and wonderful life.

Maple was transported to the vet hospital, where she was given a very thorough exam. Thankfully, despite her emaciated condition she appeared to be otherwise healthy, and after a two day stay at the vet she arrived at Poplar Spring. She was so happy to have all the good hay she could eat, and to have soft straw bedding to sleep on for the first time in her life. She was soon out grazing in the pasture and excitedly running around in the field. She mooed and greeted all the other rescued cows through the fence, who ran over to welcome her. And then, less than 4 days after her arrival, another miracle occurred - she gave birth to a healthy little boy! For the first time in her life, she will be able to keep her calf, who we named Grayson (in honor of her rescuer Grace). She is a wonderful mother, who is taking excellent care of her sweet baby boy. Maple and Grayson will be able to live together as a family for their entire lives, with acres of pastures and woods to roam and graze on, and warm barns to sleep in. They will always be loved and cared for and now she will never be lonely again.

Richard and Monty



Maureen McGowan

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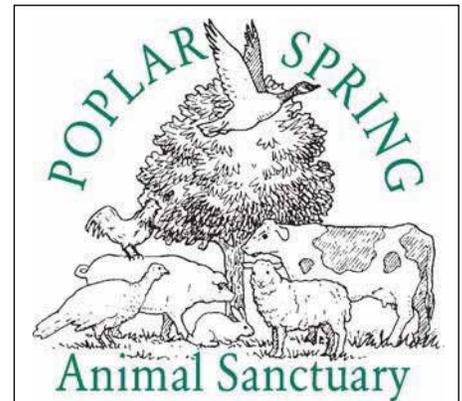
Recently we took in two adorable piglets from a terrible cruelty case. Although farm animals are exempt from the anti-cruelty laws, sometimes conditions are so bad that authorities must take immediate action. This was the situation on a large farm in a nearby state (we can't discuss all the details, as this case is still going to trial) where over 100 cows, pigs, goats, sheep and birds were seized due to severe cruelty. Animal control officers found several animals wandering outside a fence, and in attempting to return them to their home, found many other starving, dead and dying animals on the property. In investigating, they found this was a slaughter facility, where the owners would purchase animals at auction and then slaughter them on site for buyers. The animals were all being kept in filthy, trash filled pens, in mud so deep they could barely move. Most had no shelter, food or water. Some had been forced to cannibalize each other in order to survive, the strongest dominating the weaker ones.

Richard and Monty (named for the animal control officers who rescued them) were two of the youngest pigs on the property. They somehow managed to survive and were pulled from the group so they could be given extra feed. For several months all the animals were cared for on site by animal control, until custody was relinquished by the owner. They are being charged with over 140 counts of animal cruelty, and hopefully will get jail time and never be able to own animals again.

In March we received these very nervous but friendly little piggies, who have become much more trusting and tame as we have worked with them. They now both roll over for belly rubs and allow us to pet and scratch them. They are enjoying running and playing in fresh grassy pastures for the first time in their lives, and they are now well fed and filling out, and growing into healthy young pigs. They will soon be able to join our 48 other rescued pigs in their large four acre pasture, and they will have a great life where they will never be starved or neglected again. ■



On grass for the first time



OUR MISSION IS TO:

- offer care, rehabilitation, and permanent sanctuary for rescued farm animals
- provide protected habitat for wildlife
- furnish information to the public regarding farm animal and wildlife issues
- promote compassion and humane treatment for all animals



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Sixteenth Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 19, 2019, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

Join us at our Sixteenth Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk! This year we will continue our course at Wheaton Park combined with the beautiful Brookside Gardens. We will again provide disposable Timing Chips – no need to return them! If you're not into running, come on out and try the Fun Walk, where you can take a one mile or an optional 1.7 mile stroll past the lake. (Dogs and strollers are welcome (on the Walk course only), and we will have dog and people raffles after the race!) All pre-registered participants will receive a free T-shirt and donated goodies from our sponsors. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the top 3 overall male and female finishers. Awards will be given for top finishers in each age group and to the two entrants with the highest amount of sponsorship funds raised. All proceeds will benefit the rescued animals.

Register online at

<https://give.classy.org/PoplarSpringRun2019>

Directions, and more information at

www.animalsanctuary.org/events

If you prefer not to register online, you can fill out and send in the registration form below with your check or charge information by **May 14** to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837 or scan and email to info@animalsanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and goodies.

Contact PoplarSpringRun@yahoo.com or call 301-335-7067. Come on out and Run (or Walk) for the Animals!



Maureen McGowan

A big thanks to Lisa Berigan, Radio host of BIG 100.3, who will once again be the MC for the race! And to

the 5K Run Committee who spent many long hours planning this event – THANK YOU Naomi Dyer, Howard Edelstein, Cam MacQueen, Katie Vann, Robin Walker and Donna Zeigfinger for making this such a fun and well organized event!

And a special thanks to Rich Peppin/Engineers for Change, A Well Fed World, Roots Market, RnJ Sports, and all our wonderful Race Sponsors – check out our website for the full list!

Registration Form for Poplar Spring Run for the Animals - May 19, 2019

5K Run 1 or 1.7 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sex: Male Female - Age on May 19, 2019: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Payment type: Check Cash Credit Card: Visa Master Card

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

Fee: (\$28 by April 14, April 15-May 18 \$30, Race Day May 19 \$35.) _____

I would also like to include a donation to benefit the animals at Poplar Spring

Donation amount: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____

Phone # _____

In consideration of you permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby release the organizers of this event, their agents, volunteers and the event sponsors from all liability, and I waive, as against the organizers, agents, volunteers and event sponsors, all claims of any kind whatsoever I may have for personal injuries or property losses suffered by participation in this event. I certify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event and I am physically fit and able to participate, and that unless indicated to the contrary by the signature of parent/guardian below, I am 19 years or older.

Signature: _____

Mail by May 14 to: PSAS RUN, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837.

In Honor and In Memory Of

Thank you to all those who remembered a special person or animal with a donation to Poplar Spring. This is a great way to honor a friend or loved one, and to help animals at the same time! This issue is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard Cumberlin, who left a very generous bequest for the animals, and to Kitty Lewis, a wonderful friend and supporter for so many years.

In Memory Of People

Rob Ades	Pam Chapman	Frances Epstein	Dorothy Karkanen	Dr. Kitty Raichura	Elisa Slutzky
Jill Ann	Willy Cressman	Anna Eszeki	Sherry Kurz Ramos	Greg Reiter	Matthew Ryan Stangle
Aunt Mike	Richard Cumberlin	Bridget Gazzo	Hiram Lawrence	Rosemary Ruffieux Harger	Joan VanHeiningen Miller
Tyra Azuero	Wayne Davis	Janet Greisman	Kitty Lewis	Delia Sammons-Lykins	Edith von Stuemmer
Dorothy Bachman	Annie Diehl	Mindy Jaffee	Lisa Neher	Figuroa Savitch Fosse	
Phoenix Bender-Yuda	Chula Dunham	Cliff Kaminsky	Doog Petitti	David Shidle	

In Honor Of People

Afzali/Crystal Wedding	Jamie Cohen	Mei Hanway	Julie Lehman	Monacelli	Jonny and Meli Schneider
Stephanie Agar	Terry Cummings	Stanley Haschak	Jonathan Lewis	Morton Babbitt Family	Om and Anika Sidhaye
Anika Amit	William Daroff	Rob Haworth	Kitty Lewis	Christine Nassikas	Art Slesinger
Om Amit	Lauren Dauzat	Chip and Joanie Hill	Wade Lindsay	Victoria Nation	Sobeloff Family
Aiden Aru	Elena de Toledo	Dave Hoerauf	Pam Longenecker	Sarah Nichols	Jen Sully
Barnard Sisters	Dorothy Dinan	Pam Holder	Dr. Carol Lundquist	Allison Parr	Carole Sutton
Emma Barsky	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dux	Kaylee Hopkins	Terri Lundy	Parrish Family	Jasper and Cooper Taylor
Parker Baxter	Dan Edwards	Mariana Hubbard	Ryan and Huyen	Marilyn Pelsor	Doug Tipperman
Virginie Bocard	Rachel Ellison	Lily Hughes	MacMichael	Alexander Penater	Rachel and Bob Toft
Lisa Borghesi	Cynthia Eulate-Norris	Carla Hunnicutt	Dimitri Mantzouranis	Rich Peppin	Laura Vlahovich
Dave Bowen	Wei Fan	Diane Hurley	Timi Mantzouranis	Andrej Popovic	Tom Wheeler
Tanner Boyer	Heidi Feller	Netanya Huska	Allison McCarty	Lakshmi Potti	Hyla Anne Wildt
Riley Boyle	Mary Finelli	Fern Jarmulnek	Jill McDonald	Amy Pratt	Jed Winer
Barb Brenkworth	Zoe Fitzgerald	Alex and Kathy Jordan	Nikki McGinnis	Pam Price	Mina Wright
Donna Rae Castillo	Jim Fremont	Spencer Kalke	Maureen McGowan	Melissa Quinley	Sandra Yarrington
Eleni and Steve Causey	Bridget Gazzo	Vanessa Kranz	Cynthia Meniqoz	Emily Randolph	
Ava Maya Chambers	Barbara Glick	Terri Kerner	Annalise Michaelson	Gaelyn Reid	
Kristy Chandler	Robyn Goldstein	Michael David Kerns	Asha and Eric Mitchell	Kelly Rhodes	
Hannah Cherry	Susan Grodsky	Mom and Dad King	Sara Modine	Greg Richards	
Kevin Clark	Kelly Grover	Sue Korotkin	Ashton and Patrick	Susan Ringland	

In Memory Of Animals

Alexander	Callie	Emma	Gracie	Julio	Melony	Opal	Shea
Alexandra	Chewy	Feli	Hal	Julius	Monty	Parker	Tally
Angelo	Chloe	Fenway	Heidi	Lacey	Nagauta	Patrick	Tigger
Andy	Cooper	Ferdinand	Helen	Lance	Napoleon	Patsy	Tulosee-Piggy
Arlo	Cosmo	Finn	Jake	Lip Wayne	Nellie	Pumpkin	Wilbur
Ashleigh	Cowvin	Flare	Jersey	Lucy	Niblet	Riley	Zoe
Bella	Doogle	Gabrielle	Jessy	Lulu	Norma	Rocky	Zoey Bass
Buddy	Duncan	Georgie	Jonah	Maddie	Norman	Romeo	
Buster	Emily	Gloria	Julia	Melinda	Oliver	Rudy	

In Honor Of Animals

Dilly	Juliet
Evie	Sassy/Dominic
Irwin	

Special Ways to Give to the Animals

Combined Federal Campaign

– If you are a Federal employee, please consider us when selecting an organization to support in the Fall Campaign. **Our CFC code is #62455**

Stock Donations – If you would like to make a stock donation, please provide your broker with the following information:

Broker: Morgan Stanley

for Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
Acct.#785-319931-301

Stock donations are tax deductible and can reduce your capital gains tax

Bequests – Help to leave a legacy for the animals by making a provision for Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in your will or by designating Poplar Spring as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy. Our tax ID# is 52-

1970569. Please contact us at 301-428-8128 or info@animalsanctuary.org if you have questions.

Vehicle Donation – Help the animals by donating your vehicle! Your car, truck, boat or RV will be picked up promptly and you will get a tax receipt. Just go to www.v-dac.com for all the information, and designate Poplar Spring as the non-profit.

KID'S CORNER

Many thanks to all the kids who helped the sanctuary in lots of unique ways- a special thanks to children who sent in donations and who raised money to sponsor an animal too!

- **Aidan Bailey** did a Bar Mitzvah project and raised \$456. to sponsor a horse and goose.
- **Girl Scout troop #4997** from Bethesda raised \$540. from selling cookies and sponsored a horse and goat.
- **Gym Kid's Inc.** raised \$1,000. from a Cartwheel-A-Thon and \$855. from their annual Poochpalooza for the animals.
- **Jones Lane Elementary School - Girls on the Run** held a bake sale and raised \$212.83 for the animals as part of their community service project.
- **Aubrie and Sophie Kannry** had a lemonade stand to raise funds for Dudley the goat and his friends.
- **Potomac Elementary School – Mrs. Whitman's 5th grade AM class** did a service project and raised \$540 to sponsor 3 goats and the PM class held a bake sale where they raised \$480. to sponsor a goat and cow.
- **Yonah Reiter** Age 7 and **Rafi Malkiel** age 5 had a lemonade and cookie stand to raise money for Zoe the pig, who they sponsor. They wrote Zoe's story on the stand, written by Yonah, and Rafi drew a photo of her – together they raised \$115.



Lauren Kannry

Aubrie and Sophie Kannry had a lemonade stand for the animals



Bethesda Girl Scout Troop #4997

W I S H ★ L I S T

Funds

Gift Certificates from Southern States
(for animal feed and supplies)

Folding Chairs

Donations for Yard Sale and/or
Silent Auction

Stamps

Photo Paper

Paper Towels

Ecover all purpose cleaner

Copy Paper

Exam Gloves

Wild Bird Seed

Apples and Bananas

6 or 8ft. folding tables

Sanctuary News and Notes

This past Winter was marked by lots of precipitation – rain, snow, rain and more rain! On the plus side our ponds are fuller than they have ever been and the rescued geese and ducks are very happy. Unfortunately, due to some major deluges our roads and culverts were washing away and we had to do some repair work and re-graveling of the driveway. Hopefully the rest of the year will be a little drier!

In between storms we managed to build a new barn for special needs animals, thanks to an extremely generous gift by wonderful longtime supporters Dave Bundy and Sherry Sherman. This barn will be used for animals who for various reasons cannot be kept with the main group. We are currently housing Maple the cow and her baby Grayson in the new barn, and it will soon be a permanent shelter for Evie, our three legged goat, and Josie, our blind sheep, along with Evie's best friend Dudley. These three have been sleeping in the tractor area of the chicken barn for the last few years, which has not been ideal. Thankfully, they will now have a beautiful new shelter. We are naming this barn the "Andy Barn" in memory of Andy, a wheelchair bound but very determined little sheep, who was loved by so many and who sadly passed away a few years ago. We are so grateful to Dave and Sherry and all those who contributed to this much needed project.

Another special needs animal who arrived this Winter was Remi, a very sweet three month old Holstein calf from a Pennsylvania dairy farm, who was born blind. The farmers contacted us in February to see if we could give a permanent home to



Evie and the Andy Barn



Remi the blind calf

little Remi, and we happily agreed. This very sweet and trusting little girl is still getting milk twice a day, which she drinks from a bucket, and she follows us like a puppy when we walk her back and forth from the barn every day. We have discovered that she does have some minimal vision, so when she has grown a little we will try introducing her to the rescued cow herd, who we know will welcome her completely.

Our special events over the past year were a big success (See back page and page 3 for dates and info on this year's events.) Despite all the rainy weather, we somehow lucked out with sunny weather for each event! Our 15th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, had the largest number of participants

yet - over 700 people came out for the 5K Run and one mile Fun Walk, which was held once again in beautiful Wheaton Park. In July we participated for the 22nd year in the Montgomery County Farm Tour. Visitors to the farm enjoyed hay rides, our giant yard sale, and delicious vegan food from the awesome Everlasting Life food truck. The weather this year for our annual Open House and Fundraiser in September was perfect, and we had a huge turnout - over 1500 supporters attended! Many friends and local businesses contributed fabulous food and drink for the event, and we auctioned off over 300 generously donated items in our silent auction. In November, our Thanksgiving WITH the Turkeys event was also a big success. The giant potluck was a feast of delicious vegan dishes, and everyone enjoyed watching the turkeys and chickens eating at their own special tables, and of course feeding the pumpkins to the pigs after the feast! A huge thanks to everyone who donated, attended our events, and contributed over the past year, we really couldn't do this without you! ■

Help Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary by Becoming a Farm Animal Sponsor!

Are you someone who would love to bring a farm animal home but just don't have the room? Then a sponsorship of your favorite animal is the answer! For a small monthly donation you can help support the animal of your choice—your sponsorship will help cover food, bedding and veterinary costs. You will receive a framed photograph and your animal's story, along with the opportunity to visit in person. Sponsorships also make a unique gift for friends and relatives! With your support we can continue to rescue even more animals who desperately need a home.

Monthly Sponsorship Rates

- Chicken \$5.00
- Turkey \$8.00
- Goat \$15.00
- Sheep \$15.00
- Pig \$20.00
- Cow \$25.00
- Horse \$30.00

If you would prefer, sponsorships can also be paid on a quarterly or yearly basis.

Thank you for helping us to save animals!

Please make check payable to Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary.

Please mail your completed sponsorship form to:
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Poolesville, MD 20837

Phone: 301-691-8811
E-mail: info@animalsanctuary.org
Web: www.animalsanctuary.org



Yes! Please sign me up!
Please print all information clearly.

I would like to sponsor a _____ (type of animal).

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Check Enclosed for \$ _____ Monthly Quarterly Yearly

Charge \$ _____ to my Visa/MasterCard Monthly Quarterly Yearly

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ 3 Digit Code _____

This is a Gift Sponsorship

Name of Recipient _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

I would like more information on: Volunteer Opportunities Gift Donations



Suzanne Thurston



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Evie has the best smile!



HELP THE ANIMALS – DONATE ITEMS FOR YARD SALE OR AUCTION

Do you have good quality items (anything except clothing or shoes) that you don't need? Why not help the animals and donate them to our giant yard sale on July 27, or for new, antique items, jewelry or crafts to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on October 6? All donations are very much appreciated, and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. If you own or know of a business that might be willing to donate any goods or services for the auction, we would be very grateful, and the animals will thank you too!

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

To ensure fun and safety for all, No Dogs at events on the sanctuary grounds, please! (Dogs are welcome at the Fun Walk at Wheaton Park on May 19)

Events will be held rain or shine, and all proceeds benefit the rescued animals.

Sixteenth Annual Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 19, 2019 8:30 a.m.

(details on page 3)

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 27, 2019 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come on out and meet the animals and enjoy hay rides and refreshments for sale. Shop for t-shirts, sweatshirts, and handmade crafts in our gift shop, and for hidden treasures at our giant yard sale in the carriage barn.

22nd Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, October 6, 2019 1-5 p.m.

Our biggest event of the year – and everyone's invited! Enjoy a live band, delicious catered food and drink, a fabulous silent auction, clowns and face painting, speakers, and the opportunity to stroll around and visit the rescued animals. No admission fee, but donations (of any amount) are very much appreciated. RSVP requested.

Thanksgiving with the Turkeys – Saturday, November 23, 2019 - 12 noon – 4 p.m.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving WITH the turkeys – join our friendly turkeys and all their friends in celebrating a cruelty-free Thanksgiving potluck. Please bring a vegan (no meat, dairy, or eggs) dinner or dessert item to serve 8. \$10.00 suggested donation to benefit the animals. No charge for children under 16.