

POPLAR SPRING Post



Spring 2008

A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary

Ferdinand the goat, at right, was found abandoned in an apartment courtyard in Washington D.C.

HOMELESS FAMILY FINDS SHELTER

On a cold day in February, a lost and forgotten ragged sheep named Betty roamed an old abandoned racetrack, looking for anything to eat or drink to stay alive. Being the winter, there was little grass or vegetation to sustain her, and she was becoming increasingly more desperate. She had been attempting to find sustenance at this track for several weeks, ever since she found her way here, escaping her fate at a slaughterhouse. Betty was a Katahdin, a beautiful black haired ewe, whose breed is only raised to produce meat. She had somehow managed to elude her destiny, and was trying desperately to survive on her own. Having been treated harshly by humans in the past, she was skittish and shy, fearful of the animal control officers who had repeatedly tried for weeks to capture her. Betty was afraid, but not just for herself, for she had a secret.

She was pregnant with twins, and her babies' birth was imminent.

Starving and exhausted, Betty could go on no longer. When the shelter workers cornered her one bitter windy day, she finally gave in and allowed herself to be caught. She was surprised by the kindness and soft encouraging words of the humans, something she had never experienced before. They gently lifted her into a truck and took her to a nearby horse farm, placing her in a stall with a bucket of clean water and lots of



Betty and her babies

fresh timothy hay. She drank deep gulps of water and munched hungrily on the hay, then, exhausted, fell asleep on the soft straw bedding.

The next morning, the farm owner who had agreed to temporarily house Betty opened up the barn and was quite shocked at the scene. Betty was standing in the stall with two tiny salt and pepper colored lambs at her side! She was tired but grateful for the more comfortable surroundings that she found herself in, and as the babies nursed vigorously, she relaxed a little and allowed the

farmer to enter the stall to clean and restock the hay.

One week later Betty and her lambs (now named Butch and Billy) came to live permanently at Poplar Spring. After a holding period where they were treated for parasites and vaccinated, Betty, Butch and Billy now have a wonderful life with all their new sheep and goat friends. They enjoy running and playing and exploring the entire farm, roaming widely and grazing on the lush grass behind the pond and eating the new young leaves on the wild roses in the woods. Butch and Billy have

grown quickly in the last two months, but are still nursing and following mom everywhere. They will now all be able to live at the sanctuary in peace and safety for the rest of their lives. ■



Billy and Butch

The Power of Love – Caesar and Victoria

Victoria the hen came to Poplar Spring many years ago, found abandoned on a street in Maryland, emaciated and with a severe infection. She was nursed back to health and thrived for years until one day she suddenly stopped eating. Her feathers fell out, and she became listless and depressed. The diagnosis was grim – she had cancer, a type that many of the chickens suffer from in old age, with a very poor prognosis. We brought her into the house, hoping to at least provide her with some comfort for her remaining days.

At the same time Caesar, an elderly rooster, began having problems of his own. Caesar had once been at the top of the pecking order in the flock, but his advancing age had begun to take its toll. The younger roosters began to pick on him, chasing him around until he was exhausted. He was blind in one eye from a fight a few years earlier, but he had always managed to maintain his status in the group, despite his handicap. Now, however, he was old and weak, and he developed a terrible skin infection. He became lethargic and no longer crowed, and when we found him cowering under a bale of hay with his comb bloody from being pecked by the others, we knew we had to remove him from the group for his own safety. We brought him into the warmth of the kitchen, and since Victoria was already there we placed them together, watching carefully to make sure they were compatible.

To our surprise, they not only got along well, but they both began an amazing recovery. Victoria perked up right away with Caesar by her side, and began eating and drinking on her own,



Elderly chickens Caesar and Victoria enjoy their life

which she hadn't done in days. Caesar's skin infection healed, and he started to crow again, softly at first, then louder and stronger as the days went by. They slept side by side, Victoria often resting her head in the feathers of Caesar's neck. Time passed, and miraculously Victoria recovered from what, in our experience, has always been an incurable cancer. With no medication at all her feathers grew back, she put on weight, and she even began to lay eggs again! When the weather turned warmer, we gave Caesar and Victoria their own private stall in the barn at night, and during the day they roamed freely near the house, away from the main chicken group. They thrived under these conditions, and one year later they are still happily pecking and scratching in the grass, taking leisurely dust baths under the bushes near the front porch, and enjoying their life to the fullest. They are inseparable, and Caesar watches out for Victoria with his one good eye, crowing proudly to let the world know about his beautiful girlfriend. Their feathers may be a little gray, and they may walk a little slower, but this wonderful elderly couple has found love and healing in the twilight of their years. ■

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

—Albert Einstein



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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Fifth Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 18, 2008, 8:30 a.m.

Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

The 5K Run and 1 mile Fun Walk will be held as in previous years, in Wheaton Regional Park. The challenging USATF certified course takes you through the park's paved and gravel trails. And if you're not into running, come on out and try the Fun Walk, where you can take a one mile stroll past the lake. (Dogs are welcome on the fun walk course, and we will have dog and people raffles after the race!) All pre-registered participants receive a Race t-shirt and Goody Bag. 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. All proceeds will benefit the rescued animals. Registration Fee: \$20 if registering before May 1, May 1-17 -\$25. Race Day registration - \$28. Help the animals even more by getting sponsors for your run or walk and raising additional funds for the animals!

Register at www.signmeup.com/59284 or fill out and send in the registration form below with your check or charge information by **May 13** to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837. Packet Pick-up/Registration will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Metro Run & Walk, 1776 East Jefferson St., Rockville, MD. (Federal Plaza behind T.J. Maxx) Packet Pick-up/Registration will also be held at Wheaton Regional Park from 7:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. prior to the beginning of the race on Sunday, May 18, 2008.

Directions and more information at www.animalsanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a Race T-shirt!

Contact PoplarSpringRun@yahoo.com or call 301-625-9321 Come on out and Run (or Walk!) for the Animals!

A big thanks to the 5KRun Planning Committee who spent many long hours organizing this event - Thank you Howard Edelstein, Naomi Dyer, Robin Walker, Donna Ziegfinger, Cam MacQueen, Lyn Cozart, and Joan Epstein, for making this such a fun and well organized event every year!



May 18, 2008

___ 5K Run ___ 1 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sex: ___ Male ___ Female Age on May 18, 2008: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ T-shirt size: ___ XL ___ L ___ M ___ S

Payment type: ___ Check ___ Credit card Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ Master Card

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____ Signature: _____

Fee: (\$20 by April 30, May 1-17 \$25, May 18 \$28) _____

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

Donation amount: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone # _____

Race Participants may raise additional funds by using the pledge donation form below or printing out the form at www.animalsanctuary.org/events/run.html and submitting it along with the collected pledge money on the day of the race. Prizes will be awarded to the two entrants with the highest pledge totals

Name

Address

Sponsorship Amt.

Name	Address	Sponsorship Amt.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Total amount raised _____

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 13 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 wonderful way to honor someone special, and to help animals at the same time! Special thanks to Dr. Monique Maniet of Veterinary Holistic Care for her many donations in memory of her client's companions. ■

In Memory Of People

Victor Martin Berke Lisa Biganzoli	Douglas Detrick Muriel Engel Ann Cottrell Free	Lucy Frerotte Cliff Kaminsky	Edward J. Markey, Jr Helen Nassikas	Claire Lucas Rescher. Betty Rogers	Otis B. Spence Enos Wessels
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In Memory Of Animals

Alpha Annabelle Annie Aspen Beamer Beatrez family cats Benny Blackie Blot Brandy Britta Callie	Casey Cedric Chanda Charlie Dickens Dogwood Ella Harry Jackson Kaki Kelly Kodi	Leeloo Leo Lisa Little Boy Blue Lola Louise Lupa Maddie Maggie Mamasan Marilyn Mason	Mazzy Star Max Miele Mimi Miss Getto Miss Priss Mocha Mozart Murphy Nate Oliver Pennie	Piet Puck Radar Radiance Raptor Robin Roo Rowdy Sally Sasha Scout Shadow	Simon Sinjan Stripey The Girls Tippy Tucker Tux Zigfield Zoe
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In Honor of People

Michelle Abt Jennifer Barrett Michele Carsrud Bonnie Davis-Isom Ion and Loretta Deaton Alix Emden Jessica Fomalont Rebecca Frye Jerry Gegan Bram Halpert	Carole Hamlin Kathleen Hilburn Colin Hill The Hill-Byrne Family Jay Hirsh Hilary Jones Mr. And Mrs. Gladden Kellerman Sarah Key	Cindy Kohler Bill Kraegel Tom Kucsera Dave and Claire Kuemmerle Bertine LeGrand Betsey Lehman Wade Lindsay Ryan MacMichael Alexandra Markoff Sandy Mattingly	Meghan McCleary Hilary McDonald Suzanne McMillan Madeline Melch Mira Millar Rich Peppin James Pizzirusso and Kimberly Nevitt Gretchen Primack Claire Rescher	Sam and Toni Rinehart The Ruffieux and Konecke Families Elizabeth Sanders Brady and Brendan Sommer Linda Spainhour Sue Spence Carole Sutton	Amy Tennery Odin and Nancy Tidemand Robin Walker Dr. Jerry D. Weast Sandra Yarrington
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Special Ways to Give to the Animals

Poplar Spring Joins United Way/Combined Federal Campaign!

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is now a proud member of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the United Way of the National Capital Area Campaign. We invite Federal employees and those who work for corporations that participate in the United Way campaign to consider us when selecting agencies to support in the Fall Campaign. Our **CFC code is**

#62455 and our **United Way code is #8899**. Please use these numbers to designate Poplar Spring as the organization you would like to support. Your contributions will help us to rescue and provide a permanent home for many more animals.

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

Broker: Smith Barney

DTC# 0418 for Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary

Acct.#028-23506-17-320

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

KID'S CORNER



A big thanks to all the kids who helped the sanctuary in lots of unique ways:

- Colin Hill, age 6, gave proceeds from his birthday party to sponsor a rabbit for his school, Geshar Jewish Day School
- Jonah Goldman gave \$195. from cutting grass and shoveling snow
- Madeline Melch asked for contributions to PSAS instead of gifts for her 11th birthday
- Congregation B'Nai Tzedek's Greenzaid Early Childhood Center – each nursery school class sponsored a different animal, and raised money throughout the school year to support their animal

- Students in the Lower School at the McLean School of MD raised \$180. for the animals

- Emily Stopak, who did a 2 week internship at Poplar Spring, gave \$75, which she saved up for a year, for the animals

- Hannah Felperin held a bake sale and raised \$30.

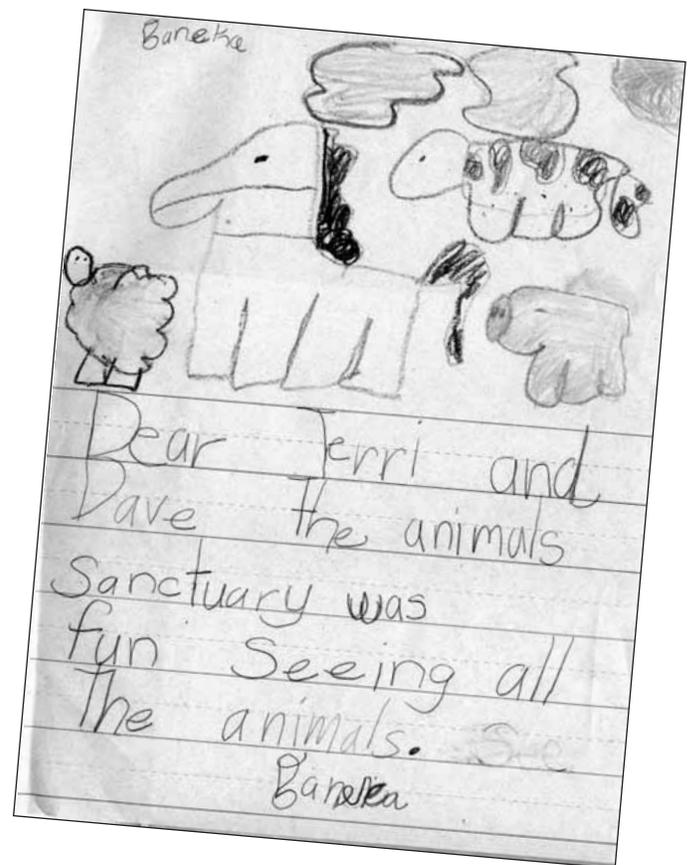
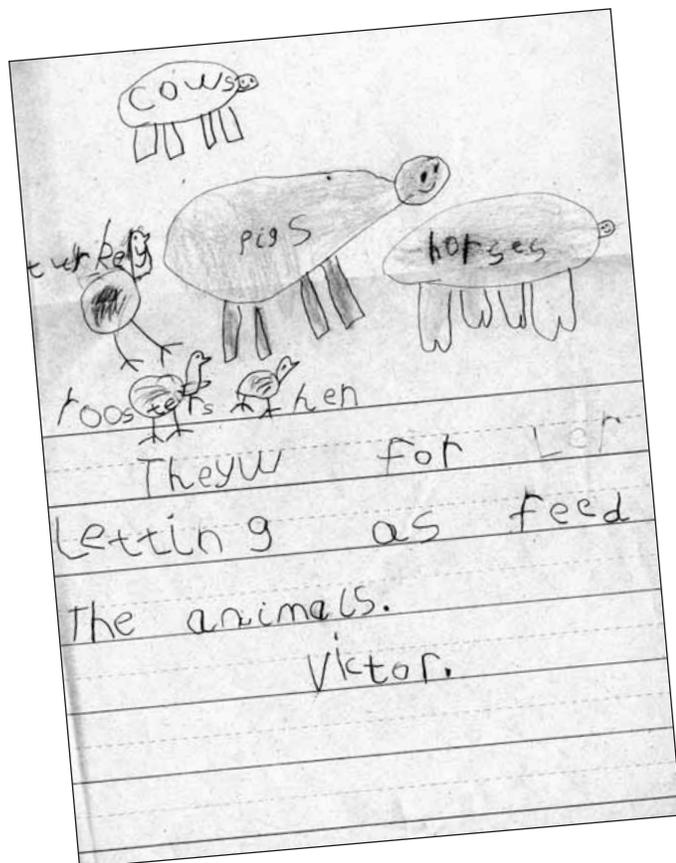
- Maddie McDermott saved her allowance and gave \$130. for the animals

- Rachel Bernstein and Max Perez-Duel raised \$125. for the animals from a drink stand

- Josh and Carly Sahr gave money they received for Hanukkah to sponsor a horse

- Alix Emden asked friends and relatives to contribute to a new small pig barn at Poplar Spring in lieu of gifts for her Bat Mitzvah

- Alexandra Markoff asked for donations to the sanctuary in lieu of birthday gifts



From students at Drew Model School, VA

W I S H ★ L I S T

Funds
Gift Certificates from Southern States (for animal feed and supplies)
Good quality hay

Folding chairs
Stamps
6 or 8 ft folding tables
Portable winch
Donations for silent auction

Donations for Yard Sale
Glossy Premium Photo Paper
Paper Towels
AA, AAA or D Batteries

Sanctuary News and Notes

Since we neuter all the sanctuary's male animals as soon as they arrive, baby animals are rarely born here (the only exception is if the mother comes in already pregnant). For this reason, and because the large majority of animals we rescue are adults, we seldom have the pleasure of enjoying young animals playing and frolicking on the farm. This year has been an exception, however, as we received a number of calls for baby farm animals needing a home. In addition to the lambs born to Betty the sheep (see cover story) we have taken in four baby pigs in the last few months. Petey and Otis were only a few months old when they arrived from a local shelter. Their mother, who was found running at large in Prince Georges Co., gave



New arrivals Otis and Petey

birth to 12 piglets shortly after being captured, and we were able to take two of them. Petey is a beautiful spotted pig, and Otis is a handsome black and white Hampshire cross. They have just recently been released into the large pig yard with the "big pigs", and are thoroughly enjoying their mud baths and romps in the field. A few weeks ago we received two young pigs named Mork and Mindy from a vet school who had used them for training vet students in techniques and procedures. The vets and students didn't



Baby goats Lenny and Jeremy

want to send them to slaughter when they were finished with the training, so they personally drove them to Poplar Spring, where they will have a long and happy life ahead of them. (Pigs can live 10+ years.) Babies of another species arrived when two young goats, Lenny and Jeremy, needed a home. They were rescued from a goat cheese farm, where they were taken away from their mother immediately after being born, so that all of her milk could be sold or made into cheese. Because they are boys and cannot produce milk they had little value to the farmer, and were destined to be sold for goat meat. When a visitor to the farm learned of their fate, she purchased the infant goats (they were less than 24 hours old) to save their lives. She did not have a place to keep them, so she asked if we could help. Lenny and Jeremy are very lively and happy babies – they love to play and jump on every surface they can climb on (including our heads!) They receive a bottle three times a day, and love to go for walks in the woods, where they leap on the fallen trees and bound around with limitless energy. It is a lot of work, but so much fun, having baby animals on the farm!

This year we again offered educational tours to thousands of visitors. Many

groups and individuals volunteered, sponsored, and helped to care for the more than 200 animals that call the sanctuary home – thank you to all our volunteers, sponsors and supporters – we really could not do this without you!

Our Open House in September 2007 was our most successful to date. Over 800 people attended our 10th annual event, and an incredible \$59,000. was raised for the rescued animals. A huge thanks to our many volunteers, friends, restaurants and businesses who so generously volunteered their time and



James LaVeck speaks at Open House

contributed to the event by donating delicious food, items for the auction, and contributions for the animals! Speaker James LaVeck of Tribe of Heart, producer of



Over 200 items were offered at the annual silent auction

the award winning documentary *The Witness*, was our keynote speaker. The weather was perfect and visitors enjoyed strolling around the grounds and mingling with all the rescued animals. In November, we had another record attendance for our Thanksgiving with the turkeys. We were able to have the event outside again this year and over 400 people attended. The huge potluck offered dozens of delicious vegan dishes, but watching the turkeys and chickens enjoy treats at their special table was the highlight of the day, along with the much requested pumpkin feeding of the pigs after the event!

(See back page and pg. 3 for dates and info on this year's events.) ■



Meet the Poplar Spring Staff: Left to Right Back Row – Farm Manager Sandy Mattingly, Co-Directors Dave Hoerauf and Terry Cummings, Animal Caretakers Cheri Lutz and Carole Sutton Front Row – Animal Caretakers Bridgette Elks and Courtney Grundmayer

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
Rabbit.....	\$7.00
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:
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
P.O. Box 507
Poolesville, MD 20837

Phone: 301-428-8128
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 _____

This is a Gift Sponsorship

Name of Recipient _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Angela, who was rescued on a road in MD and missing many feathers, wears a custom made sweater to stay warm.



Yard Sale and Silent Auction Donations Requested

Do you have good quality items (anything except clothing or shoes) at home that you don't need? Why not help the animals and donate them to our giant yard sale on July 26, or for new or antique items, to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on October 12? 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

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

Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 18, 2008 8:30 a.m. (details on page 3) ■

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 26, 2008 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Come on out and meet the animals and enjoy hay rides, ice cold lemonade, veggie burgers and veggie hot dogs. 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. ■

Eleventh Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, October 12, 2008 1-5 p.m.
Our biggest event of the year – and everyone's invited! Come 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 22, 2008 12 noon – 4 p.m.
Come celebrate Thanksgiving WITH the turkeys – join our eight 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. ■