

Spring 2010

**A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary**

Lyle the rooster, at right, was found abandoned on a highway in Howard Co. MD

POPLAR SPRING Post



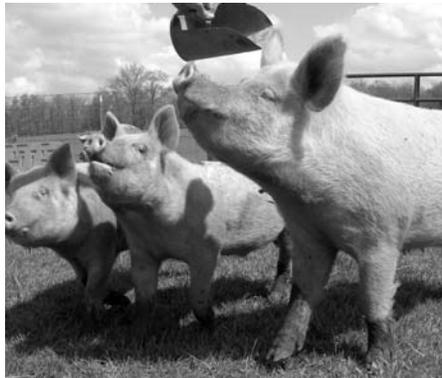
THE ONES WHO GOT AWAY

It was a frigid day in January, and the rural Virginia farm, though filled with animals, was eerily silent. Humane investigators had been called to the property with reports that animals were being starved. “No rooster crowed, no ducks quacked, no pigs squealed for something to eat. They had long ago given up hope that any person would be doing anything good for them.” said Lorelei Pulliam, one of the rescuers first on the scene. For many of the animals, their last cries for help had been in vain – dead goats who had helplessly huddled together for warmth were found frozen solid. Emaciated pig bodies remained mired in the thick mud that comprised a section of the horrific living quarters for the unfortunate residents of the trash filled farm.

It was too late for many, but there were those who had somehow managed to hold on – Polly, and her babies Wilbur and Patrick, were still alive.

Forced to live in chest high freezing mud, they had been given nothing to eat but the corpses of the goats who had starved to death and a few bread slices that had cruelly been thrown in the mud that was too deep for the exhausted pigs to wade through. The young pig family had stuck together, Polly refusing to leave her boys, and allowing them to eat first.

But finally, help had arrived. Humane officers and volunteers worked throughout the day to remove the survivors. Polly, Patrick and Wilbur were gently loaded onto a trailer and taken to a foster home where they were lovingly



Patrick, Wilbur and Polly after their rescue

cared for before they came to Poplar Spring. All of the animals from this terrible place were rescued, treated and given wonderful new homes, thanks to the caring people at Gallastar Farms, who worked tirelessly to make it happen. When notified of the need for homes, we decided to adopt the three pigs together so that this family would not have to be separated. Today, Polly and her baby Patrick are still always together, running in the fields and chasing eagerly after anyone who feeds them. Wilbur, who developed an abscess on his spine shortly after his arrival, is now in a separate area



The pig's former “home”

due to mobility issues, but he enjoys walking around the whole farm, and can still greet and talk to his mom and brother every day. The former owner, charged with animal cruelty, went to trial and was sentenced to multiple years in jail, \$12,000. in fines, and will not be allowed to own or even care for any animals for 15 years. This type of punishment is rare in farm animal cruelty cases, as they are considered merely property. In this case, justice was served.

One year later and one state away, the animals on a very similar trash strewn farm, in conditions just as horrific, were not so lucky.

Except for three.

Patsy, Timmy and Truffles were young Duroc pigs living on a farm in North Carolina. They too were starving, living with no shelter, very little food, and pens of frozen mud covered with trash. Just like the case in Virginia, live animals were forced to eat the ones who had frozen and died. The local animal control called in other organizations to assist with confiscating the animals, and more than 70 pigs, horses, goats, chickens and turkeys were safely moved to a local fair ground awaiting a trial. For two weeks the starving animals had food, hay and stalls to sleep in, and they started to become more socialized, and trust people. But then the unthinkable happened.

The judge awarded the animals back to the owner.

Timmy, who had a broken leg, and

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More than “Lawnmowers” – Rhea and Shya

For many years the only home they knew was a small grassless pen, where they stood all day with no shelter and very little food. Occasionally the owners would throw them some leftover produce that they would pounce on hungrily. Originally purchased to eat the surrounding vegetation on the small farm, the goats had been named “Weed” and “Whack”. After they were caught grazing on the owner’s flowers instead, they were put in the pen and all but forgotten. The husband died, and times became tough. The goats were fed less and less, and became very thin and listless. They would go days with no food, then suddenly be handed a pile of vegetables. They became very weak and sick, and one day after receiving a large amount of beets, one of the goats fell to the ground and began to go into convulsions. Not knowing what to do, the owner put her in the back of her car, and drove her to the local vet. After intensive treatment, she recovered, but the owner decided she no longer wanted her or her goat friend. The vet contacted us, and we agreed to take the goats. The owner met us at the vet and told me that although she had owned the goats for six years they did not “like people” and would run away when approached. She described them as unfriendly and difficult.

Back at the sanctuary, we immediately



Rhea and Shya

changed their names to Rhea and Shya. For the first time in their lives they had a warm barn to sleep in with lots of soft straw, and good nourishing hay and grain. Although they were timid at first, they slowly began to trust people, and within a few weeks were allowing us to pet and brush them. They slowly gained weight, and their coats, which had been very dull and sparse, became very shiny and lustrous. Their eyes became brighter, and they began to run and jump and play with the other goats. Today they are two of the friendliest goats on the farm, running to us eagerly to be petted when we call, and following visitors around looking for treats and attention. They will now be able to happily live out their entire lives at the sanctuary, where they will always have the best of care, and they will never again be treated as “just a lawnmower”. ■

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Truffles, who had a severely infected toe, were the only two the owner didn’t want, assumedly because he didn’t want to pay for veterinary care. When we received the call asking if we could take in these two injured pigs, we didn’t hesitate to say yes. But then, a short while later another call came. “Can you take three?” At the very end, when the animals were being loaded to go back to the terrible owner, someone took the tiny runt piglet, and secretly pushed her on to the one trailer that was going to safety, the one that was headed to Poplar Spring. And in that one

small act of kindness, little Patsy’s life was saved.

Today, Timmy, Truffles and Patsy, after



Patsy and Timmy, safe and happy



Animal Sanctuary

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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an extended stay at the hospital and extensive veterinary care, are totally recovered from their injuries and ordeal and are very happy and healthy. Although they were terrified of being touched when they first arrived, they now love to be petted and scratched, and they roll over for belly rubs with a touch of a hand. They will never again have to fear humans, or know the pain of starvation. And just like Polly, Patrick and Wilbur, they will be able to live in peace and safety at Poplar Spring for the rest of their lives. ■

Seventh Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 23, 2010, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

NEW THIS YEAR: Chip racing!

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 or optional 1.7 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 reusable Tote Bag filled with 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. Poplar Spring is working hard to make the race as "green" as possible. Check out www.animalsanctuary.org/events/run.html to find out how Poplar is working to help the environment.

Register at <http://poplarspring.kintera.org> or fill out and send in the registration form below with your check or charge information by **May 18** to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837 or fax to 301-349-3850.

Directions and more information at www.animalsanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a Poplar Spring Tote Bag.

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

A big thanks to the 5K Run Committee who spent many long hours planning this event – THANK YOU Howard Edelstein, Naomi Dyer, Robin Walker, Donna Ziegfinger, Lyn Cozart, Mary Finelli and Kathy Meyer for making this such a fun and well organized event!

And a special thanks to Scantek Inc., A.R.T. Design Build, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal, Gilday Renovations, The Want Outlet, Bethesda Co-op and all our other wonderful Race Sponsors!



Registration Form for Poplar Spring Run for the Animals - May 23, 2010

___ 5K Run ___ 1 or 1.7 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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

Sex: ___ Male ___ Female Age on May 23, 2010: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

Fee: (\$25 by April 30, May 1-22 \$28, May 23 \$30) _____

___ 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.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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 18 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 Sheryl Bottner who raised \$3,700. for the animals in memory of her beloved companion Mina, and to Fern Jarmulnek, who donated a new horse trailer in memory of her brother Stuart. ■

In Memory Of People

Laurence Andrews
Aunt Mike
Caitly Boles
Trudy Bogusz
Michael Byrd
Dr. Richard J. Clement, VMD

Gerald Edelstein
Joanne Edelstein
Amy Espie
Emory Evans
Mr. Farr
Mary Arlene Powers Finelli

Ann Cottrell Free
Edith Gill
Ellie Harrington
Al Heldman
Bonnie Helwig
Jay Hirsh

Bill Holland
Adrienne Hornstein
Stuart Jarmulnek
Sandra Kindred
Deborah Mendelsohn
Paul C. Merritt

Jennifer Nolan
Jessie O'Sullivan
Madison Porter
Claire Rescher
Betty Rogers
Vicky Selzer

Wilbur Smithson
Otis B. Spence
Dr. Kenton Stokes
Shane Straight
Baby Yarrington

In Memory Of Animals

A-Bear
Abusir
Akestis
Alexandra
Alice
Ana
Angel
Anna
Annie
Artemis
Aya
Bagel
Bart
Bartlebe
Basia
Bailey
Beau
Benny
Blackie
Black Pearl
Bobbi
Bodhi
Budie
Buddy
Callie
Carol

Cassie
Chamuka
Charley
Chester
Chewy
Chloe
Cho
Chops
Clancy
Claudia
Coco
Cody
Cooper
Corky
D.D.
Domino
Donnor
Dorita
Dylan
Ebony
Einstein
Erin
Felicia
Friskie
Ginger
Giselle

Graham
Grover
Harry
Heidi
Herbert
Hugo
Jacques
Jake
Jersey
Jesse
Kai
Katie
Kodi
Konway Kitty
Lady
Laska
Lefty
Lily
Louie
Lucy
Macduff
Maddie
Madison
Maggie
Mamasan
Manis

Mattie
May
Merlot
Mina Bean
Minh
Mimny
Miss Gatto
Miss Kitty
Miss Priss
Molly
Mr. Fredd
Muppet
Nasha
Nellie
Nikaya
Nikki
Norman
Odie
Otis
Peace
Penny
Penny Lane
Peppermint
Percy
Peter

Piggles
Prissy
Puck
Puddin
Puff
Pumpkin
Rikki
Rocket
Rommel
Ross
Roxie
Sadie
Sally
Sammi Nevada
Sancho
Sandy
Senza
Shaka
Shana
Sherlock
Simon
Skye
Snickers
Solomon
Sophie
Speedy

Spice
Spike
Spot Walston
Stormy
Sunshine
Symba
The Girls
Thelma
Thor
Tibia
Tigger
Tmta
Totoro
Turbo
Tyler
Vicky
Wiley
Winston
Wooly
Zachary
Zoe
Zorro

In Honor of People

Lynn Abbott
Susan Adamkiewicz
Lorena Alumada
Karen Millward Alston
Randy Auerbach
Jack Bartlett
Janine Baumgardner
Caitlin and Allen Bergendahl
John Bernat
Hilary Blaney
Nancy Bleil
Lisa Borghesi
Sheryl Bottner
Dave Bowen and family
Kathryn Brown
Mira Brownfield
Jeanne Bryan
Angela Calle
Jeanie and Doug Ciskowski
Michael Clarke
Natala Constantine

Arijit Das
Loretta Deaton
Andrea Drummond
Alix Emden
Alysa Emden
Peter Everett
Tony Paul
Alexandra Feeny
Alix and Sean Feeny
Jessica Fomalont
Jeanie Freeman
Sarah Frierson
Steve Garron
James Garvin
Jerry Gegan
Laurice Ghougasian
Adam Glasser
Hilary Gutman
Carole Hamlin
Brandi Harris
Hennings Children

Jennifer Hickman
Chip Hill
Jay Hirsh
Dave Hoerauf
Pam Holder
Diane Hurley
Janice Israel
Naomi Jacobson
Chris Jennings
Kate Jones
Hilary Jones
Arlene Karesch
Mrs. Frances Kellerman
Mr. and Mrs. Gladden Kellerman
Sharon Kelly
Sarah Key
Christine King
Hilary Kohler
Josh Kohm
Benjamin Scott Kovacs
Molly Kowalski

Dave and Claire Kuemmerle
Mindy Kurshan
Jack and Ginny Larson
Julie Lehman
John Lescault
Ariana and Galya Levinson
Jonathan Lewis
Kathryn K. Lewis
Wade Lindsay
Kate Luse
Greta Marsh
Adam Mattesich
Sandy Mattingly
Mary Jane McCord
Maura McCormick
Mark W. McKenzie
Suzanne McMillan
Madeline Melch
Ade and Simon Menschik
Adam Miller
Carole Nicholson, DVM

Dr. Kim Olson
Ryan Parker
Dana Penso
Rich Peppin
Diane R. Peters
Jen Rak
Jacques and Janet Read
Eric Ries
Susan Ringland
Andy Roberts and Mary Romagnolo
Robinson Family
Jack Rosenbloom
Jason, Nikki and Grayson Rosewag
Ellen and David Ross
Melissa Ross
Ruffieux and Konecke Families
Anne Marie Sadler
Edward Salata
Earle Silber
Teri Snow
So Charmed clients

Claire Specht
Jim and Carolyn Spellman
Sue Spence
Dakota Springston
Kathryn Holt Springston
Mary Sutherland
Carole Sutton
Carrie Swann
Marianne Merritt Talbot
Lauren Dautz Tehansky
Victoria Thede
Odin and Nancy Tidemand
H. Glenn Twigg, Jr.
Greer Volz
Robin Walker
Nathan Watkins
Mika and Mariko Yatsushashi
Sandra Yarrington

In Honor of Animals

Cooper

Honeydev

Hops

Isis

Kiwi

Pickett

Special Ways to Give to the Animals

United Way/Combined Federal Campaign

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is 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



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

■ A HUGE thanks to **Alix Emden**, who raised more than \$5,000 for a new pig barn by asking friends and relatives to contribute to Poplar Spring in lieu of gifts for her Bat Mitzvah. The pigs LOVE their new barn!

■ **Brownie Troop # 781** raised money to sponsor a rabbit.

■ Children from **Kehila Chadasha's Sunday school** gave \$240. from their Tzedaka Fund for the animals.

■ **Tracy Betsock** used funds she received from her 16th b-day party to sponsor a pig.

■ **John Bernat, Madeline Melch** and **Rachel Harris** asked for contributions to PSAS in lieu of gifts for their birthdays.

■ **Adam Miller** and **Adam Glasser** donated gifts they received from their Bar Mitzvahs to the sanctuary.

■ **Kimberly Stringer** cleaned out her



New Pig Barn, donated by Alix Emden

point presentation about PSAS to her 8th grade class at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, and petitioned to have the sanctuary receive some of the funds that the students had raised from their Mitzvah projects – the students and school donated \$212.00

■ **Addy family cousins**, ages

13-21 pooled together the money they would normally spend on Christmas presents and gave the money to Poplar Spring and other charities.

■ **Madeleine and Anna Pyke** gave \$25. for the animals

■ **Girl Scout troop #346** gave a donation of \$150.

from cookie sales and came to volunteer for a day to help the animals.

■ 7th grade students at **Congregation B'nai Tzedek** raised \$145 to sponsor two chickens after hearing a talk about the sanctuary. The Greenzaid Early Childhood Center also raised funds to sponsor animals for each nursery school class again this year.

■ Fifth graders from **Girl Scout troop #6423** from Arlington, VA collected pumpkins after Halloween and fed them to the pigs.

■ **Global Ecology Students** from **Poolesville High School** planted dozens of



Global ecology students planted trees at the sanctuary

native trees that they had grown for several years in their greenhouse, along the banks of one of our creeks.

■ **Brownie Troop #2916** also collected pumpkins for the pigs and contributed their remaining funds of over \$500. for the animals when the group disbanded.



Girl scouts collected pumpkins for the pigs

closet and held a sale to benefit the animals

■ **Holy Cross Elementary** – Ann Winston's 4th grade class held a bake sale and raised \$100. to help the animals

■ **Michelle Solomon** presented a power

W I S H ★ L I S T

Funds

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

Stamps

Folding chairs

Donations for Yard Sale and/or Silent Auction

Photo Paper

Paper Towels

AA, AAA or D Batteries

Ecover all purpose cleaner

Copy Paper

Exam Gloves

Wild Bird Seed

Apples and Bananas

6 or 8 ft. folding tables

Sanctuary News and Notes

It's been another remarkable year, especially since we somehow managed to survive the incredible snowy winter! The sanctuary received over four feet of snow in February, which made caring for the animals challenging, to say the least. We lost our power and phone lines in the first storm, which meant no water or heat lamps for the animals. We hooked up our generator to the well, but when the temperature plunged to eight degrees overnight the valves in the automatic waterers burst, and we had to attempt to water all 43 pigs and 13 cows with buckets. Feeding the pigs was another challenge, as their pellets that are normally poured in long lines on the ground would just sink into the deep snow, so paths had to be made and stomped down for feeding. It was difficult just walking from



Paths were made to feed the pigs after the storms

one barn to another, and the animals mostly stayed inside. Despite the cold and snow, the animals all made it through the record setting winter, and we (and the animals!) are just so happy that Spring is finally here.

We took in many new animals this year, including three turkeys who were rescued when they were found abandoned in a residential area in Carroll County, MD. At first the

humane society thought they were wild turkeys, but when they were observed following people and attempting to enter their houses they realized they were probably domestic birds. Today Hugo, the one male turkey, enjoys puffing up and strutting around, showing off to his turkey girlfriends Giselle and Naomi, and all the other birds.



Hugo, one of 3 new rescued turkeys

In 2009 we also received 10 beautiful hens from a cockfighting raid in Mississippi. The hens had been used for breeding, and although cockfighting is now illegal in all states, it is still prevalent in some areas. The hens are all different colors and are very active with great, independent personalities. We paired them up with roosters who had never before had their own hens, who were delighted to find themselves with long awaited girlfriends. The hens enjoy walking around the farm with their rooster boyfriends, flying into the trees, dustbathing and foraging in the fields and woods.

Many who attended the Open House this year had the opportunity to meet two of our cutest residents, Morty and Izzy the piglets, who were the runts of a litter of 14, born to a mother pig at a petting zoo in Virginia. Normally the runt piglets

would be left to die, but a caring employee asked if we could take them. Although they had a difficult start and required round the clock care for many weeks, they are now both very healthy and have grown quite large. They are finally in with the big pig group where they are enjoying taking mud baths in the creek and running and playing in the pasture.

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! Several large projects and barn cleanings were completed with the help of



Cleo, rescued from cockfighting raid

our interns and the Farm Animal MeetUp group, along with our wonderful regular dedicated volunteers and fabulous staff.

Our special events over the last year went very well. (See back page and page 3 for dates and info on this year's events.) Our 6th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, was a great success. Over 500 people participated in the 5K Run and one mile Fun Walk, which was held again in beautiful Wheaton Park. In

July we held our annual Farm Tour. Visitors to the farm enjoyed hay rides, refreshments and our giant yard sale. The 2009 Open House and Fundraiser was our most successful event to date, and raised an amazing \$75,000. for the rescued animals. Speaker Harold Brown of Farm Kind was our keynote speaker, and spoke eloquently about his journey



Tom Kucsera

Harold Brown speaks at Open House

from farmer to animal advocate. Our good friends at Java Green, Sticky Fingers, Honest Tea, and many other 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, we had another record attendance for our Thanksgiving with the turkeys. The weather was much better this year, and over 400 people attended. The huge potluck offered dozens of delicious vegan dishes, but watching the turkeys enjoying treats at their special table was the highlight of the day.

A huge thanks to everyone who attended or generously donated to all of these events, and helped us to make this our most successful year ever!

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:
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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 _____

I would like more information on: Volunteer Opportunities Gift Donations





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Steve Garron

Is it Spring Yet?

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 24, or for new or antique items, to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on September 26? 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 23)
Events will be held rain or shine, and all proceeds benefit the rescued animals. ■

Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 23, 2010 8:30 a.m. (details on page 3) ■

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 24, 2010 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. ■

**Thirteenth Annual Open House and Fundraiser –
Sunday, September 26, 2010 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 20, 2010 - 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. ■