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 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 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...
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. 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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
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 Honor of People**

Laurence Andrews  
Aunt Mike  
Cathy Bolis  
Teddy Bogers  
Michael Boyd  
Dr. Richard J. Clement, VMD  
Annie Coleman  
Gerald Edelstein  
Joanne Edelstein  
Amy Espe  
Enny Evans  
Mr. Barry  
Mary Aline Powers Foulidis  
Ann Cottrell Frew  
Edith Gill  
Ellie Harrington  
Al Hickman  
Bonnie Hollog  
Jay Hirsch  
Bill Holland  
Adrienne Hormes  
Stuart Jarmulnek  
Sandra Kindred  
Deborah Mendolsohn  
Paul C. Merrell  
Jennifer Nolan  
Jesse O’Sullivan  
Madison Porter  
Claire Roscher  
Betty Rogers  
Vicky Selman  
Wilmer Smithson  
Ote B. Spence  
Dr. Kenton Stokes  
Shane Straight  
Baby Harrington  

**In Memory of Animals**

X-Oreo  
Abuse  
Alexandra  
Alice  
Angie  
Anna  
Artemis  
Aya  
Bagel  
Bart  
Barthie  
Bassie  
Bailey  
Bess  
Bobby  
Boo  
Boozie  
Buddy  
Buddie  
Calie  
Caro  
Carrie  
Casie  
Charwood  
Chester  
Chevy  
Chi  
Chips  
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Coco  
Coe  
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Corley  
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Domino  
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Denny  
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Herbert  
Hugo  
Jacques  
Jake  
Jersey  
Jessy  
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Katie  
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Kenney Kitty  
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Lefty  
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Lucy  
Maude  
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Madison  
Maggie  
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Nana  
Mattie  
May  
Mely  
Mina Bean  
Mith  
Misu  
Miss Kitty  
Miss Priss  
Molly  
Mr. Prud  
Muppet  
Nasha  
Selle  
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Pumpkin  
Rikki  
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Bommel  
Buss  
Sadie  
Sally  
Sansa  
Sanco  
Sandy  
Simea  
Shika  
Shana  
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Sherlock  
Sim  
Skyl  
Smokers  
Solomon  
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Spot  
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Stormy  
Symbo  
The Girls  
Thelma  
Thor  
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Tufo  
Tyler  
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Winston  
Willa  
Wesley  
Zoe  
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**In Honor of Animals**

Molly Kowalski  
Josh Kohm  
Cindy Kohler  
Christine King  
Sarah Key  
Sharon Kelly  
Mr. and Mrs. Gladden Kellerman  
Mrs. Frances Kellerman  
Kate Jones  
Chris Jennings  
Kim Jones  
Hilary Jones  
Arleen Kerkos  
Mrs. Francis Kellerman  
Mr. and Mrs. Gailen Kellerman  
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Christine King  
Cindy Rohler  
John Rohler  
Benjamin Scott Kovacs  
Nelly Kovacs  
Dave and Claire Kummerlee  
Jack and Genny Larson  
Julie Lehman  
John Lassitt  
Ariana and Galya Levinson  
Jonathan Lewis  
Kathleen Lewis  
Wade Logean  
Kate Lune  
Greta Nosh  
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Sandy Mattigny  
Mary Jane McCard  
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Mark W. McKenna  
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Madeleine Meiloc  
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Dane B. Peters  
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Jacques and Janet Read  
Eric Ries  
Susan Bungen  
André Roberts and Mary Romagnolo  
Robson Family  
Jack Russell  
Jen and David Ross  
Ellen and David Ross  
Melissa Rose  
Raffaello and Kamene Families  
Anne Marie Sudler  
Edward Salata  
Earl Smith  
Tina Snow  
So Charmed clients  
Claire Spiech  
Jim and Carolyn Spellman  
Joe Spisca  
Sandra Sprow  
Kathleen Holt Spraggins  
Mary Sutherland  
Carole Sutton  
Carole Swann  
Lila and Nancy Tidemand  
M. Glenn Twigg, Jr.  
Glen Voila  
Glen Walker  
Jennifer Watkins  
Mika and Haruki Yatsushahi  
Sandra Harrington  

**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 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@animalssanctuary.org if you have questions.
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 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 powerpoint 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 Tzedeck 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 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.

New Pig Barn, donated by Alix Emden

Global ecology students planted trees at the sanctuary

Girl scouts collected pumpkins for the pigs

KID’S CORNER

WISH LIST

- 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 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 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 animals all made it through the storms.

Paths were made to feed the pigs after the storms

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 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 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:
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
P.O. Box 507
Poolesville, MD 20837

Phone: 301-428-8128
E-mail: info@animalsanctuary.org
Web: www.animalsanctuary.org

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**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

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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.