

# POPLAR SPRING Post



**Spring 2011**

A Newsletter from  
Poplar Spring  
Animal Sanctuary

Harley the pig, at right, was  
rescued as a piglet when he  
fell off a truck in North Carolina



## A LONELY MULE FINDS A HOME

**T**he hoarding of animals - we've seen it on TV, and the cases seem to be happening with greater frequency. It is a serious mental illness whereby people "collect" animals until they have so many that the animals begin to suffer and die. The person cannot care for them properly, although they are usually delusional and think that everything is fine. It was just such a home that Sal the mule found herself in, skinny, neglected and starving.

In 2009 authorities were called to a farm in Virginia where 65 animals were living inside a feces and trash covered house, with 19 horses, donkeys and one mule outside, somehow surviving with no food, water or shelter. They removed all the animals from the farm and charged the owner with animal cruelty. The case went to court, the shelter won, but then the owner appealed, fighting to have all of his animals returned. Currently, they are still waiting for a judge's ruling on whether or not to rehear the case.

All of the dogs, horses, donkeys and miniature horses who had been rescued went into foster care at other sanctuaries, rescues and horse farms.

But nobody wanted Sal.

Blind in one eye and elderly, nervous and shy because of previous mistreatment, Sal lived alone in a small paddock at the shelter, waiting for someone to love her and take her in. For two years, she lived alone, unwanted and forlorn.



Sal the mule

When we received a call from the shelter this Spring, and heard of Sal's story we knew we needed to give her the home that she so greatly deserved. With our two other friendly mules Hal and Gloria, we knew she would fit right in, so

we agreed to bring her to the sanctuary. Sal came to live at Poplar Spring in February of this year, and she has settled right in. She gets along well with the other horses and mules, loves running (and rolling!) in the large pastures, and seems to be truly happy now. Initially frightened by any movements to touch her, she has slowly learned to trust us and now enjoys being petted and brushed, and loves carrots and apple pieces. The shelter feels confident that the judge will ultimately rule in their favor, and as soon as the court case is settled we will legally adopt Sal. She will finally be safe and at peace, and we will be relieved, knowing that she has finally found a home where she will be loved and taken care of for the rest of her life. ■



Sal, on left, now enjoys grazing with her new friends.

## Love will find a way – Albert and Clarisse

**A**lbert is a beautiful large rooster who was originally rescued from a situation where he was being starved and neglected. He has lived at the sanctuary for many years, and as he grew older he could not compete with the younger and stronger roosters in the large chicken group he was living in. We moved him to

cockfighting raid, squeezed through the fence, broke away from the other roosters, and came to visit him up on the hill. He was so excited to see her, he danced around her, and they ran off to peck and scratch in the grass together. We returned her to the big chicken group, but every day she would find a way to escape and come to visit Albert.



Albert and Clarisse

our special needs chicken house last Summer, where he was safe from being picked on, but a little lonely. We let him out to exercise and eat grass every day, and he would stand on the hill by his little house, looking sadly down at the chicken barn where he had lived. One day, his favorite girlfriend Clarisse, a former breeder hen rescued from a

If Albert was not outside of his little house she would wait patiently at the door until we let him out, then the two of them would saunter off to enjoy their day. Though he is a little weak and arthritic, sometimes Albert would venture towards the chicken barn, and they would meet in the middle. We soon decided that Clarisse and Albert would be



### 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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“We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.”

—Immanuel Kant

much happier together, even if their new home would be a little smaller than the large barn they had previously shared. Clarisse moved up to the special needs house with Albert, and they are now living happily ever after, snuggled together under the heat lamp in the cozy straw at night, and wandering and foraging for insects during the day, always right by each other's side. Albert may not be as active as he once was, but he is happy and content, and Clarisse is relieved to once again be with the rooster she loves. ■

# Eighth Annual Run for the Animals

**Sunday, May 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD**

**Back by Popular Demand - Chip racing!** (Please return your chips at the end of the race)

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](http://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 10** to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837 or fax to 301-349-3850.

Directions and more information at [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org)

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

Contact [PoplarSpringRun@yahoo.com](mailto: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., Conscious Corner, ProFeed, A Well Fed World, 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 15, 2011

\_\_\_ 5K Run \_\_\_ 1 or 1.7 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female Age on May 15, 2011: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment type: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Cash Credit Card: \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ Master Card

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee: (\$25 by April 18, April 19-May 14 \$28, May 15 \$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](http://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 10 to: PSAS RUN, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837

# In Honor and In Memory Of

**T**hank 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, and to help animals at the same time!

This issue is dedicated to three very special people who left us way too young, and who helped the animals in many ways.

**Bethany Richmond**, who organized many work parties and volunteered for many years with the Poplar Adopt A Road program, **Monika Holland**, a true animal lover who donated her services to the Open House auction every year, and **Emily Salmon**, a former volunteer who remembered the animals so incredibly generously in her will. Your memory lives on in the animal's lives that you have helped us to save.

## In Memory Of People

Lisa Biganzoli	Hanna Chynoweth	Connie Hall	Robert Thomas	Bethany Richmond	Molly Willen
Barbara Branch	Allen Cooperman	Monika Holland	Pilchard	Emily Salmon	Catherine Williams
Lori Chamberlain	Ellie Dillickrath	Elizabeth Lindley	Claire Lucas Rescher	Gloria Weiss	

## In Memory Of Animals

Addie	Candy Cane	Floppy	Leo	Moon Dog	Skyler
Alex	Casey	Fria	Liesl	Mrs. Cat	Snoopy
Amina	Cassie	Gabby	Lily	Murphy	Sparky
Angel	Charlie Brown	Gabrielle	Lucy	Mysty	Spencer
Aragorn	Chester	George	Lucy Krithis	Norman	Star
Aria	Chloe	George Merritt Talbot	Lucky	Pandora	Stella
Bailey	Cindy	Herbert	Maggie	Parrot	Stewart
Bartlebe Doren	Connor	Hobbes	Mamasan	Pearl	Strider
Bella	Cooper	Inky	Mao Mao	Peekie	Tara
Benny	Cypress	Ivy	Maxwell	Phantom	The Girls
Biba	Daisy	Jake	Maya	Pink Panther	Tigger
Big Newton	Daphne	Jasper	Minda	Pitch	TJ
Blackie	Didi	Jax	Minh	Rex	Voltaire
Blanca	Ellen	Jebb	Miss Gatto	Rico	Vredenburgh family
Brielle	Ellie	Jello	Miss Torti	Ripley	pets
Buddy Girl	Elsa	Juniper	Miss Priss	Robin	William
Buster	Emmie	Kodi	Misty	Ruby	Winnie
Callie	Fang Wu	Lady	Monroe	Savannah	Wooly

## In Honor of People

Theo Allison	Doug Drob	Kaya Hansen	Cheryl and Tom	Ari Naimon	Jennifer and Brian
Randy Auerbach	Nick Ely	Alayna Hendrix	Kucsera	Sara Nemati	Smith
Jennifer Ball	Alison Fox	Anne Holder	David and Claire	Bailey Orange	Claire Specht
Jennifer Barrett	Jeanie Freeman	Vicki Hunter	Kuemmerle	Brad Oremland	Stinchfield-Danis
Miranda Beck	Steve Garron	Diane Hurley	Asia LaBeet	Nancy Lee Paul	Family
Hillary Blaney	Tom and Colleen	Kathryn Isaac	Julie Lehman	Rich Peppin	Carole Sutton
Nancy Bleil	Gibson	Dr. Jeffers	Kathryn Lewis	Bob Price	Odin Tidemand
Karen Buscemi	Lindsey Giffin	Hilary Jones	Wade Lindsay	Joe Richardson	H. Glenn Twigg
Bettina Camcigil	Michael Giordano	Pam Holder	Cam MacQueen	Susan Ringland	Bernie Unti
Michele Carsrud	Alan Goldfarb	Frances Kellerman	Mark and Gregory	Ruffieux and Konecke	Robin Walker
Ruby Shel Cascade	Katherine Groff	Emma Khasin	McKenzie	Families	The Williams Family
Tony Clarke	Jessica Hall	Molly Kowalski	Marianne Merritt Talbot	Earle Silber	Sandra Yarrington
Lindsey DeFraitse	Carole Hamlin	David Kramer	Dr. Meyer	Lauren Silverman	
Heather Drennan	Devin Handy		Amy Miller		

# Special Ways to Give to the Animals

## United Way/Combined Federal Campaign

**P**oplar 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: Morgan Stanley Smith Barney

Acct.#22L-4584D-12

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](mailto:info@animalsanctuary.org) if you have questions. ■



## KID'S CORNER

**M**any thanks to all the kids who helped the sanctuary in lots of unique ways:

■ The **Duckworth Family children** who saved their allowances and donated to the animals at Christmas

■ The **Greenzaid Early Childhood Center** raised funds to sponsor 2 bunnies for their nursery school classes again this year.

■ 11 year old **Emma Khasin** raised \$65. for the animals by asking friends to donate in lieu of gifts for her birthday.

■ 7th graders at **Temple Isaiah** in Fulton MD made a donation for the animals

■ **Lindsey Giffin** for her 6th b-day asked her friends to make donations to Poplar Spring in lieu of a birthday gift, and raised an amazing \$165.!

■ **Alison Shapiro** received her Girl Scout Gold Award by planting flowers and organizing volunteers to beautify the Sanctuary's pig barn

■ **Girl Scout Junior Troop #3140** came to volunteer and made ceramic pig and bunny pins to sell in the gift shop

■ **Beth El Preschool** in Bethesda MD raised funds to sponsor 10 animals, one for each of their preschool classes.

■ **Hannah Kuperman** organized a community service project with 30 of her friends to volunteer and help the animals.

■ **Girl Scout Troop #834** had a bake sale and raised funds to sponsor a horse



Alison Shapiro, far right, planted flowers at the pig barn

Hilary Schwab Shapiro

## 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

Spring is finally here! We are so happy that this past winter was much less snowy than the previous one. Though we had some very cold and windy days and nights, the animals all did well, staying safe and warm in their barns, and they are now enjoying the new green grass and milder temperatures (and so are we!).

The very windy weather this past year caused us to lose several trees and tons of shingles from our pig barn roof. After many years of patching and re-patching the roof, this Spring we finally raised enough money to replace it with a metal roof to match the other barns. The goat and sheep barn roof is also being replaced, and the animals will soon have nice, dry, non-leaky barns to rest in. And speaking of barns, a huge thanks to Ahmed and Emile El



Pumpkins were collected for the animals

Ghandour for their extremely generous gift to build a new sheep barn. Work is beginning this spring on the new barn, and the sheep will finally have a beautiful and roomy space of their own, separate from the goats.

We took in many new animals this year, including three small chickens who were rescued when they were found abandoned in a park near Frederick, MD. There were originally six chickens

left to fend for themselves, but after only 24 hours predators had killed 3 out of the 6, and kind neighbor Linda Bisaccia rushed in to help. She and her husband managed to catch the three survivors, who were exhausted and hungry. The two tiny roosters, Sydney and Rufus, and one small hen, Roseabelle, are little bundles of personality, who now enjoy scratching and pecking safely



A new roof for the pig barn

with their many chicken friends at the sanctuary. This winter little Carmen the pig, rescued from a farm where she was destined to go to slaughter (she was purchased by her caretaker, to save her from that fate) joined our other young pigs, Julio and Lita, to form a friendly young piglet group. The three youngest pigs in the herd, they all enjoy belly rubs and scratches, and romping and playing in their large pasture. Pigs are incredibly smart, and all three learned to sit like a dog when asked to. Their favorite treats are bananas and carrots, and they will "sit" very quickly if there is a treat involved!

Another big pig favorite is pumpkins – a big thanks to Becky Pugh, Tracy Kinol and families who collected over 120 pumpkins for the pigs after Halloween, and to the St. John Presbyterian Church who donated hundreds of pumpkins left over from their

Fall sale – the animals had quite a feast!

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 groups PCRM and the Farm Animal MeetUp, 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 7th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, was a great success. Over 600 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 2010 Open House and Fundraiser was our most successful event to date, and raised an amazing \$77,000. for the rescued animals. Author Jonathan Balcombe was our keynote speaker, and spoke eloquently about his work on animal behavior. Our good friends at Café Green, Sticky Fingers, Honest



Carmen sits for treats

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 we had an amazing attendance of over 800 people, thanks to a great Washington Post article



Sydney the rooster, abandoned in a park

in the Food Section the week before. 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.

This year we also had a few extra fundraisers outside of the sanctuary, thanks to our wonderful friends and local businesses. Both Great Sage restaurant and Bark in Clarksville and Olney MD held a benefit for the animals, and donated 10% of their proceeds for the day to the sanctuary. In February, supporters Courtland Shaffer-Kelly and Irwin Weinstein once again held a benefit at their Comedy Club for the animals, 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!

**A**re 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](mailto:info@animalsanctuary.org)  
Web: [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://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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Deb Durant

Malcolm jumping for joy!



## HELP THE ANIMALS – DONATE YARD SALE OR AUCTION ITEMS

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 23, or for new or antique items, to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on September 25? 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 15)  
Events will be held rain or shine, and all proceeds benefit the rescued animals.

**Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 15, 2011 8:30 a.m.** (details on page 3)

**Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 23, 2011 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.

**Fourteenth Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, September 25, 2011 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 19, 2011 - 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.