

Spring 2016

A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary

Lance, a four year old White Leghorn rooster, was rescued from a reptile show where he was being sold for snake food.

POPLAR SPRING Post



Ruby and Lucas Saved by a Mother's tears

It was a freezing cold February morning, and the stockyard was crowded and noisy. Animals cried out and moaned from many pens where they were jostled, pushed and prodded by the rough and uncaring workers, onto the auction floor where they were bid on by the pound. This was the last place they would be on earth before going to their death at the slaughterhouse. And into this nightmare tiny baby Lucas was suddenly born. His mother Ruby could not believe that this was happening in such horrible surroundings, with no food or water or support for her or her very sick new baby. The noise around her was deafening and she was so cold and frightened. She turned to the people passing her pen, with desperation in her eyes, asking and pleading without words for someone to please, please help. The "killer buyers" and the farmers walked by, unseeing, and unwilling to intervene. Nobody cared about this mother cow and newborn calf who were in such obvious distress. At this auction the majority of buyers were present to

purchase animals for meat. But there was one person who had come to save lives, not end them. Kelly Smith, from Omega Horse rescue, was here to purchase horses to save them from

newborn child, and she vowed then and there to do whatever it took to save them. She waited for the cattle portion of the auction and successfully bid on the mother cow and calf. And because of one

caring person who would not turn away, Ruby and Lucas's lives were saved.

Kelly rushed mom and baby to the New Bolton vet hospital, where they began immediately treating them both for pneumonia and started little Lucas on intravenous fluids. After three weeks of treatment and care at the hospital, Ruby and Lucas came home to Poplar Spring.

The day after their arrival they were let out of their stall and Lucas, who had never before seen grass, ran and bucked and kicked with excitement, racing around his happy mom with joyful abandon. These two beautiful animals, whose fate seemed destined for tragedy, will now get to live together happily as a family for the rest of their lives, grazing and strolling the fields and woods, a wonderful life that all cows should be allowed to live. ■



Ruby and baby Lucas, happy and safe

being sold for slaughter.

And she passed by Ruby's pen.

At that moment Ruby looked up, tears streaming down her face, and she looked right into Kelly's eyes. Kelly had seen many terrible things at these auctions, which she frequently visited to rescue horses, but this was something new. A tiny baby calf born into a kill pen, and her frantic mother standing next to him, literally crying. She could not look away from a mother desperate to save her

Dan Veverka

Wee Wee and Scooter

Two Little Pigs Come all the Way Home

Sometimes a rescue is almost like a fairy tale. Everything needs to come together perfectly for it to happen. And so was the unlikely rescue of Wee Wee, a tiny piglet who somehow, some way, escaped his fate and made a daring leap from a transport truck that was taking him to auction. It was, literally, a dark and stormy night. The truck was full of hundreds of other piglets, taken from their mothers at only two weeks of age, so that the mothers could be rapidly impregnated again and the farmer could make the most profit. Wee Wee would



Best friends Wee Wee and Scooter

have been sold with his littermates and the hundreds of others who had been packed into the truck, to another farmer who would “fatten them up” and slaughter them when they were only five months old. Wee Wee had the courage and strength to somehow wiggle his way out of the cramped truck and squeeze out of one of the small windows used for ventilation in these transport tractor trailers. Luckily for him, snow was rapidly falling in a historical blizzard that was beginning on the East Coast, and his fall was cushioned by a pile of snow on the roadside. He began trying to run in the deep snow that had been created by the snowplow that was clearing the roads, but it was hard to move. He didn't know where to go, and he was so cold. Shivering and disoriented he pushed through the heavy snow, but he was terrified by the loud noises he was hearing behind him.

The snow plow was coming back. At this very moment, miraculously, the Smith family was returning to their hotel after a day of skiing. Trying to beat the storm, they were hurrying to reach their destination when they saw something pink wiggling in the snow on the side of the road. Thinking it was just an opossum they almost passed by, but decided to pull over to move him from the path of the large plow they knew was returning. They were shocked when their flashlight revealed that the pink wiggling animal was actually a tiny piglet! Hurriedly wrapping the little pig in a warm sweat shirt, they jumped back in their car. And with that kind act, Wee Wee's life was saved. They warmed him up at the hotel, sitting with him for hours through the night until he stopped shivering. For several days this wonderful family cared for him in their home and when the roads were finally clear of snow, they brought Wee Wee to Poplar Spring.

Still just a tiny baby, Wee Wee was put in our heated infirmary and fed pig milk replacer, which he eagerly slurped up. Baby pigs are accustomed to snuggling with their littermates, and Wee Wee was at first very lonely and constantly wanted to be held and cuddled, which we happily obliged. But soon, a new playmate arrived. Scooter was born the runt of the litter at a nearby heritage breeding farm, where pigs are bred and raised for meat. His mother rejected him, so he was bottle fed by the staff at the farm, who fell in love with him and did not want to see him killed. Scooter came to live with Wee Wee when he was just a few weeks old. They soon became the best of friends, and slept snuggled together in the infirmary every night. They now live in the barn where they have their own



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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stall at night, and during the day they run around the farm. Pigs are incredibly smart, and Wee Wee and Scooter have many adventures every day, running around exploring their world, and just being healthy, active piglets. We wish that ALL pigs could live the life that they are experiencing. They are free to run and play, graze and root, and sleep in soft straw beds when they are tired. Wee Wee and Scooter are two of the very few lucky ones. And just like a fairy tale ending, they are finally home, where they will live happily ever after. ■

Thirteenth Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 15, 2016, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

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

Register at <http://> 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 email info@animalsanctuary.org

Directions and more information at www.animalsanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a Race 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 Lisa Berigan, Radio host of BIG 100.3, who will once again be the MC for the race! And to the 5K Run Committee who spent many long hours planning this event – THANK YOU Naomi Dyer, Howard Edelstein, Katie Vann, Robin Walker and Donna Zeigfinger for making this such a fun and well organized event!

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



Registration Form for Poplar Spring Run for the Animals - May 15, 2016

___ 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, 2016: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

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

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

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

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

Donation amount: \$ _____ Total: \$ _____

Emergency Contact: Name: _____ Phone # _____

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

Signature: _____

Mail by May 10 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, and to help animals at the same time! Special thanks to Holistic Veterinary Healing for their many donations in memory of their client's animals. We would like to dedicate this issue to our beloved Andy the sheep, who touched so many with his wonderful personality, and lived his life to the fullest, despite his disabilities. Andy sadly passed away in January from a liver disease. We love you and will never forget you, Andy!

In Memory Of People

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In Honor of People

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In Honor of Animals

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In Memory Of Animals

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Special Ways to Give to the Animals

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

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

Broker: Morgan Stanley

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

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

Bequests – Help to leave a legacy for the animals by making a provision for Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in your will or by designating Poplar Spring as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy. Our tax ID# is 52-1970569. Please

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

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

KID'S CORNER

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

■ **Aidan Bailey**, age 10, sponsored Jackson, a young rooster who was born with deformed legs. Aidan came to volunteer and visit Jackson several times, and for Christmas sent him a Darth Vader blanket to keep him warm and comfortable.

■ **Beth El Preschool** raised Tzedakah money to sponsor animals and donated \$235.00.

■ **Bethesda Brownie Troop #5758** from WoodAcres Elementary School sold cookies and donated \$155. to sponsor a horse and a rabbit.

■ **Bnai Tzedek's Greenzaid Early Childhood Center** raised \$228. in Tzedakah money to sponsor animals for their nursery school classes again this year.

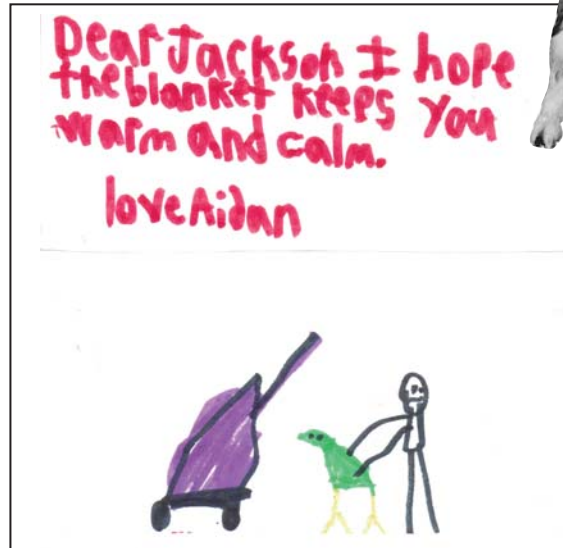
■ **Congregation of Chadash's**, 4th grade class from Damascus MD selected PSAS as the recipient of their collected Tzedakah money for the school year, and donated 44.20 for the animals.

■ **Aiden Farr**, age 7, asked friends for donations to the sanctuary in lieu of gifts for his birthday. Aiden collected pumpkins, apples, and bananas for the animals and stuffed animals, dog sweaters, and donations.

■ **Jane Fleishman**, 13, donated an amazing \$1,036. from gifts she received for her Bat Mitzvah! Jane also contributed table covers and framed photos of the animals that she had used at the event.

■ **Briana Hickey**, age 12, asked friends and family to give donations for the animals in lieu of gifts for her birthday. Briana collected bird seed, feed, and \$67. for the animals.

■ **Rasine MacMichael**, age 9, had friends give donations to Poplar Spring in lieu of birthday gifts, to sponsor a goat.



Aidan Bailey sponsored Jackson the disabled rooster and sent him a Darth Vader blanket for Christmas.



■ **Sarah and Roman Mlynarczyk**, 8 year old twins, collected items from Poplar's wish list from friends and family for their birthday.

■ **Olivia Perez**, also made a blanket for Jackson the rooster.

W I S H ★ L I S T

Funds

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

Folding chairs

Donations for Yard Sale and/or Silent
Auction

Stamps

Photo Paper

Paper Towels

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, and we are all happily recovering from a winter that included a blizzard that dumped over 3 feet of snow on the sanctuary. Thankfully all the animals had warm

us to take in several new goats this year, including two gorgeous long haired pygmy goats Caleb and Reggie, and Barnaby, our first fainting goat. They were all found wandering down a highway in



Paths had to be shoveled through the snow for the pigs

barns to sleep in, and everyone weathered the storm very well, considering. We had to hand dig paths in the snow to feed the pigs, as it

Mt. Airy, MD, and picked up by local animal control.

In addition to goats, many other new animals were rescued this year, including



New goat barn

was literally over little Irwin's head! When the snow arrived we were very well prepared, with all the barns stocked with lots of hay and feed. We were so relieved to have our new 36' x 36' goat barn addition, that was finally finished this past Summer. The extra barn space allowed

two Jersey steers, Jonathan and Joseph. These beautiful boys are both three years old, and were former veal calves who were living at a sanctuary in Connecticut where the owner had a stroke and had to close her facility. They are very sweet and friendly, and

get along great with the other rescued cows.

Our special events over the past year were a big success (See back page and page 3 for dates and info on this year's events.) Our 12th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, had a great turnout. Almost 600 people participated in the 5K Run and one mile Fun Walk, which was held again in beautiful Wheaton Park. In July we once again participated in the

we still had a record number of supporters, and raised an amazing \$80,000. for the rescued animals. Many friends and local businesses contributed fabulous food and drink for the event, and we auctioned off over 300 generously donated items in our silent auction. In November, over 1,000 people attended our Thanksgiving with the turkeys. The huge potluck offered more than a hundred delicious plant based



Caleb and Reggie

Mark Peters

Montgomery County Farm Tour. Visitors to the farm enjoyed hay rides, our giant yard sale, and delicious vegan mac and cheese, barbecued vegan drumsticks, collards, and kale salad from the awesome Everlasting Life food truck. Even though rain threatened our Open House and Fundraiser in September,

dishes, and everyone enjoyed watching the turkeys and chickens eating at their own special tables, and of course feeding the pumpkin decorations to the pigs! A huge thanks to everyone who donated, attended our events, and contributed over the past year, we really couldn't do it without you! ■



Jonathan and Joseph

Maureen McGowan

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

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| 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 _____ 3 Digit Code _____

This is a Gift Sponsorship

Name of Recipient _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

I would like more information on: Volunteer Opportunities Gift Donations



Suzanne Thurston



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Dar Veverka

Wee Wee loves his warm sweater!

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, antique items, jewelry or crafts 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.

Thirteenth Annual Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 15, 2016 8:30 a.m.
(details on page 3)

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 23, 2016 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Come on out and meet the animals and enjoy hay rides and refreshments for sale. Shop for t-shirts, sweatshirts, and handmade crafts in our gift shop, and for hidden treasures at our giant yard sale in the carriage barn.

Nineteenth Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, September 25, 2016 1-5 p.m.

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

Thanksgiving with the Turkeys – Saturday, November 19, 2016 - 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.