Trapped in a small fenced off field in Pennsylvania with no hay and very little grass, Griffin and Spencer were starving. Searching desperately around their snow-covered pen, they spent their days looking for something, anything to eat, but found very little. Their owner had purchased the young alpacas after moving to the country, thinking that he would enjoy the novelty of having these unusual looking animals on his farm. Not understanding what it means to properly provide care for alpacas, he neglected them until they were near death. Thankfully a worried neighbor reported the situation, and the animals were seized by the Large Animal Protection Society with assistance by county police. And in that one act of kindness, Griffin and Spencer were saved, and began their journey to a new and wonderful life.

Veterinarians who examined the alpacas found them to be extremely emaciated - Spencer was scored only a 1 on a body condition scale. Their ribs and backbones were prominent, their hooves were overgrown and their coats were very rough and dirty.

Cruelty cases involving farm animals are often difficult to prosecute, as farm animals are exempt from the anti-cruelty laws in every state. Frequently, they will be resolved by requesting the owner to simply sign over custody of the animals, thereby avoiding an expensive trial that may be difficult to win, even with overwhelming evidence. This owner was unwilling to give up custody, however, and it took almost a year for the case to go to trial. In the meantime, Griffin and Spencer were enjoying fresh hay, a beautiful barn and pasture, and wonderful care by the LAPS staff and volunteers. They slowly began to gain weight, and became happy and healthy. Their hooves were trimmed and they were both neutered. When the trial date arrived, the judge thankfully ruled against their former owner. He was denied custody, and had to pay a fine for cruelty to animals. And finally, Griffin and Spencer were able to come home to Poplar Spring.

Although they have only been at the sanctuary a few short weeks, we have already fallen in love with these beautiful, intelligent animals. They love to run in the fields, gliding smoothly on their long legs. They enjoy rolling in the dust like horses and grazing on the fresh green grass. They are the best of friends, and often vocalize and playfully wrestle with each other. Griffin and Spencer are still a little wary of humans, but are slowly beginning to trust us, and seem very happy with their new barn and pasture. Currently they are living with our rescued sheep, who aren’t quite sure what to think of them! They make wonderful guard animals and have already chased several foxes out of their area. We know they will have a long and happy life here, where they will be treated with nothing but love and kindness for the rest of their lives, and will never be hungry or neglected again.
When the founder of the Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary passed away last year, the organization was sadly forced to close. Suddenly there were many animals who needed a new home, both non-releasable wildlife and farm animals who had been dropped off over the years. Stevie and Nicky were two of these animals, an unlikely pair who had fallen in love, despite their obvious differences.

Stevie, a very sweet Japanese Silkie hen, was living alone at the sanctuary when Nicky, a wild pigeon, was brought in by a kind person who had found him injured and limping. The sanctuary housed the two together while Nicky was healing from his injuries, and they quickly became very bonded. After several weeks of healing, the day came when Nicky was well enough to be released back into the wild. He could fly perfectly, although he still had a slight limp, and should have been able to survive quite well on his own.

But he didn’t want to leave – he was in love. Volunteers recalled that Stevie cried incessantly without him, and Nicky absolutely refused to go. Over and over, no matter where he was released, he would fly back to the cage he shared with Stevie, trying to get as close to her as he possibly could. The decision was made to let him return to his cage with the girlfriend he adored, and they have lived happily together as a couple ever since.

In November we received a call asking if we could take these two lovely birds, and we happily agreed. Stevie and Nicky now have their own private condo to cuddle together in every night, and they spend their days cooing and strolling and pecking in the grass, always side by side, enjoying each other’s company. If anyone holds Stevie, Nicky will fly and land on their arm or hover around, trying to protect and stay near his beloved partner.

This adorable couple is living proof that you don’t have to look like someone else to love them. They will now be able to live together their whole lives, and will never have to be separated again.
Fourteenth Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

Join us at our Fourteenth 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 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 raffles after the race!) All pre-registered participants will receive a free T-shirt 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://poplarspring.kintera.org or fill out and send in the registration form below with your check or charge information by May 15 to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837 or email info@animalssanctuary.org

Directions and more information at www.animalssanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a free t-shirt and goodies.
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, Cam MacQueen, Katie Vann, Robin Walker and Donna Zeigfinger for making this such a fun and well organized event!

And a special thanks to Rich Peppin/Engineers for Change, 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 21, 2017

5K Run ____ 1 or 1.7 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: ____________________________ First Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________ City: ____________________________ State: ______ Zip Code: ____________

Sex: ___ Male ___ Female Age on May 21, 2017: ________ E-mail: __________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________

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

Credit Card #: __________________________ Expiration date: ________ Signature: __________________________

Fee: ($28 by April 17, April 18-May 20 $30, Race Day May 21 $35) ________

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

Donation amount: $ ________________ Total: $ ________________ Phone # __________________________

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 15 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 a friend or loved one, and to help animals at the same time! We would like to dedicate this issue to Greg Reiter, a wonderful and caring volunteer and friend of the animals, and to Dr. Kitty Raichura of Holistic Veterinary Healing, a kind and compassionate veterinarian, who both tragically left this world way too soon. We are so grateful for the many donations for the animals in their memory.

In Memory Of People

Robert Akes
Aunt Mike
Jane Mary Beale
Elisabeth Beates
Nellie Bedrick
Constance B. Corson
Horace Egler
Anna Elise
Figueroa Swicht Posse
Jamie Gonzalez
Cliff Kaminisky
Dorothy Karakur
Julia Kolopolo
Brian Manari
Rave Moresein
Zach Myles
Dr. Harold Plotsin
Marc Pollard
Dr. Kitty Raichura
Greg Reiter
Dr. Rujuta
Joyce Savage
Ellen Sleeth
Matthew Stangle
John Stolt
Mary Sutherland

In Honor Of People

Dr. Mac Atken
Curt Albright
Margaret Alice Allen
Rita and Barry Altman
Annielle Arnold
Brandy Ash
Dorothy Bachman
Sara Bankert
Jalal Barbeden
Pam and Jake Bartlett
Bartolomeo Family
Mary Bartone
Hillary McDonald Blaney
Karen Blass
Virginia Bobard
Lisa Borghesi
Erin Bonanza
Carmen Brus
Kristin Burkart
Jack Busserd
Garil and Roy Butler
Michael Campbell
Donna Rue Castello
Ana Maria Chambers
Jennifer and Albert Clark
Clark
Jane Cohen
Kari Cornelius
Marlyn Cox
Irene Crowe
Terry Cummings
Alexandra Deckert
Julie Dembeck
Rachel Dembeck-Matthews
Deborah Dengler
Paul and Mary Ellen Dux
Karen Ebert
Stephanie Eldred
Laura Engler
Kimberly White
Erlinger
Bethany Falter
Adam Farr
James Farrell
Dr. Marie Fectueau
Amanda Fields
Jan and Andy Franklin

Faith Allison Fisher
Deborah Florio
Sharon Foery
Kasey and Jeff Ferney
Jim Fremont
Rebecca Frithab
Karen Friedel
Suzie Friedman
Grace Froeschl
Steve Garren
Tara George
Alan Golden
Goldenberg Family
Cars Graves
Kate Greenwood
Megan Griffith
Kimberly Grimes
Nancy Grundley
Nathanial Haines
Cecilia and Pete HakeI
Christian Hansen
Erika Hansen
Melany Hansen
Mei Hanway
Kareny Haydry
Chop and Joanie Hill
Dave Hoseraff
Hannah Hoffman
Dr. Mariana Hubbard
Vicki Hunter
Patti Iaculla
Fern Jarmurkin
Sam Joy
John and Stephanie Kastler
Adela Kesler
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Dr. Carol Landgaft
Terri Landy
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Jim Mahoney
Pama Maull
Dimitri Mantouranis
Ann Manzi
Lie Marshall
Courtney Martin
Jack McCally
Bill McDonald
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Maryann McCausen
Suzanne Millman
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Natalie Meghez
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Janice Molina
Lee Monsein
Arina Montemayor
Catherine Moore
Johanna Moore
Kim Myer
Anthony Nardi
George Ngurle
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Nicola Payne
Nancy Perry
Mark Peters
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Mr. Miller

In Memory Of Animals

Bailey
Dasha
Daisy the pig
Edward
Jamie Jethro
Rockanne
Timmy
Truman
Wee Wee
Zoe the pig

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Adam
Alina
Alvin
Andy
Austin
Barney
Ben
Betty
Biscuit
Brigadoon
Buttons
Caroline
Cecil
Chester
Chocco
Cisco
Cocodrilo
Cooper
Corey
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Danella
Darlene
Dorothy
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Ellis
Erie
Gypsy
Hal
Hasky
Harry
Henry
Jack
Jackson
Jazzie
Jeffery
Jelly
Joseph
Julius
Kitty
Lenny
Liebchen
Little Boy Blue
Lollipop
Lucky
Ludwig
Luke
Luna
Lyle
Maddie
Maggie
Mamason
Marley
Melinda
Mini-Moo
Nincha
Nitty
Morik
Murphy
Napoleon
Norah
Nutmeg
Otis
Otto
Pearl
Petunia
Pheil
Prince
Proven
Pumpkin
Rossie
Ruthie
Sandy
Sasha
Saz

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 301-691-8811 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.
Many thanks to all the kids who helped the sanctuary in lots of unique ways - a special thanks to children who sent in donations and who raised money to sponsor an animal too!

- **Aiden Farr**, age 8, asked friends for donations to the sanctuary in lieu of gifts for his birthday. He collected apples, bananas, bird seed and stuffed animals, along with donations for all the animals.

- **Holton Arms Middle School’s Community Service Club** raised $232 for the animals.

- **Rasine MacMichael**, age 10, asked her friends to give donations to Poplar Spring instead of birthday gifts.

- **Daphne Taylor**, age 5, who volunteers with her mom Drea, asked for donations in lieu of gifts for her birthday. She donated pumpkins, apples, paper towels and bird seed, along with $85 for the animals.

- **Tyler Welch**, age 5 and **Thomas Welch**, age 8 sponsored goats for their birthdays and collected paper towels, blankets and gift cards for the animals.

- **Gabriela Wilkins** made wallets and purses out of duct tape to raise money to sponsor a goat.

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**WISH LIST**

- 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

Happy Spring! The winter of 2016/17 was happily a mild one at the sanctuary, with very little snow. We (and the animals) truly appreciated this after last winter’s crazy blizzard! The grass never really died completely, and the animals enjoyed grazing all winter long.

2017 is a milestone year for Poplar Spring - our 20-year anniversary as a sanctuary! On January 1, 1997, we took in our first animal, Petunia the pig, who had been left to die as a piglet when a barn door fell on her. Since then we have rescued hundreds of neglected and abandoned animals, cared for and rehabilitated them, and provided them with a loving permanent home. We have offered educational tours for thousands of school children, families and individuals, showing visitors how awesome and deserving of care and respect farm animals are. It is hard to imagine so much time has gone by since we started – we are truly honored that so many friends and supporters have helped us to make the sanctuary the success it is today, with over 200 current rescued residents, and many more to come in the years ahead. We are especially thankful for our amazing staff and volunteers, who work incredibly hard every day to provide the rescued animals with a wonderful life.

Last Summer we took in two adorable piglets - Reo, a young Hampshire pig who was purchased on the side of the road in West Virginia by a family who believed he was a mini pig, and Charlotte, a two week old Yorkshire pig who was saved by a kind motorist from a busy highway where she had fallen off of a truck. These two little ones were rescued within a week of each other and became best friends, much like our other famous pig duo, Wee Wee and Scooter. Our newest resident is Calvin the rooster, who was found as a tiny chick, desperately trying to stay with his mother, who was lying dead in the road after she was hit by a car. A kind person driving by stopped to help, taking him to a nearby vet who brought him to Poplar Spring. These lucky animals are now happy and healthy and will grow up knowing nothing but love and care.

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 13th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, had a great turnout. Over 700 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 Montgomery County Farm Tour. Visitors to the farm enjoyed hay rides, our giant yard sale, and delicious vegan food from the awesome Everlasting Life food truck. The weather this year for our annual Open House and Fundraiser in September was perfect, and we were thrilled to have vegan body builder Torre Washington as our featured speaker. Many friends and local businesses contributed fabulous food and drink for the event, and we auctioned off over 400 generously donated items in our silent auction. In November, our Thanksgiving WITH the Turkeys event started out like a Summer day, and ended with a crazy wind storm and 20 degree drop in temperature! Despite the bizarre weather, over 800 people attended. The giant potluck was full of delicious plant based dishes, and everyone enjoyed watching the turkeys and chickens eating at their own special tables, and of course feeding the pumpkins to the pigs after the feast! A huge thanks to everyone who donated, attended our events, and contributed over the past year, we really couldn’t do this without you!'
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
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.

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

Please mail your completed sponsorship form to:
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
P.O. Box 507
Poolesville, MD 20837

Phone: 301-691-8811
E-mail: info@animalsanctuary.org
Web: www.animalsanctuary.org

Suzanne Thurston
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 22, or for new, antique items, jewelry or crafts to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on October 1? 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 21)

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

Fourteenth Annual Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 21, 2017 8:30 a.m.
(details on page 3)

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 22, 2017 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.

Twentieth Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, October 1, 2017 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 18, 2017 - 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. $10.00 suggested donation to benefit the animals. No charge for children under 16.