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POPLAR SPRING



Spring 2017

A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary

Isaac, a five year old Duroc cross pig, was rescued as a piglet, washed up on a levy in Louisiana after Hurricane Isaac in 2012.



Griffin and Spencer

Rescued Alpacas come to Poplar Spring!

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

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.



Enjoying the lush grass

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. ■



Griffin and Spencer

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

Maureen McGowan

Love Birds

Stevie and Nicky

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



Beverly Bohrer

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.



Maureen McGowan

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

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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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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 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 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@animalsanctuary.org
Directions and more information at www.animalsanctuary.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!



Maureen McGowan

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: \$ _____

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 Ades Aunt Mike Jane Mary Bealieu Elisabeth Beatrez Miffi Bedrick	Constance B. Corson Horace Engler Anna Eszeki Figueroa Savitch Fosse Jamie Gonzalez	Cliff Kaminsky Dorothy Karkanen Julia Koliopoulos Brian Manzi Rave Monsein	Zach Myles Dr. Harold Plotnik Marc Polland Dr. Kitty Raichura Greg Reiter	Dr. Rujuta Joyce Savage Ellen Sleeth Matthew Stangle John Steib	Mary Sutherland
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In Honor of People

Dr. Maia Aitken Curt Albright Margaret Alice Allen Rita and Barry Altman Arielle Arnold Brittany Ash Dorothy Bachman Sara Bankert Joal Barbehenn Pam and Jake Barkett Bartolomeo Family Mary Bartone Hillary McDonald Blaney Karen Blass Virginie Bocard Lisa Borghesi Erin Borozny Carmen Brun Kristin Burka Jack Bussard Gail and Roy Butler Michael Campbell Donna Rae Castillo Ava Maya Chambers Jennifer and Albert	Clark Jamie Cohen Jane Corcoran Kali Cornelis Marilyn 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 Aiden Farr James Farrell Dr. Marie Fecteau Amanda Fields Jen and Andy Finkelstein	Faith Allison Fisher Deborah Florio Sharon Foery Kasey and Jeff Forney Jim Fremont Rebecca Fribush Karen Friedel Suzie Friedman Grace Froelich Steve Garron Tara George Alan Golden Goldenberg Family Cari Graves Kate Greenwood Megan Griffith Kimberly Grimes Nancy Grunley Nathaniel Haines Cecilia and Pete Hakel Christian Hansen Erika Hansen Melany Hansen Mei Hanway Karen Henzey Chip and Joanie Hill	Dave Hoerauf Hannah Hoffman Dr. Mariana Hubbard Vicki Hunter Patti Iaculla Fern Jarmulnek Sam Joy John and Stephanie Kastler Adelade Kessler Malita Kim-Schultz Alan Langworthy Chip and Lauren Koontz Marian Kopecky Kiera Chapman Kumar Sharon Lane Julie Lehman Jonathan Lewis Wade Lindsay Emory Loadenthal Pam and Bill Longenecker Dr. Carol Lundquist Terri Lundy	MacMichael Family Rasine MacMichael Claire Madigral Kristin Mahha Alysoun Mahoney Jim Mahoney Pema Mallu Dimitri Mantzouranis Ann Manzi Liz Marshall Courtney Martin Jamie McCarthy Jill McDonald Adam McFalls Michelle McFalls Maureen McGowan Suzanne McMillan Chris Mead Natalie Meigher Cheryl Mejia Bethany Mello Ashton and Patrick Menacelli Annalise Michaelson Mr. Miller	Ryan and Emily Moeller Janice Molina Lee Monsein Ariana Montemayor Catherine Moore Johanna Moore Kim Myer Anthony Nardi George Negray Beau Nickerson Amanda Nowicki Laura Otolski L. Brooke Pangborn Dr. Linda Paul Nicola Payne Granny Shirley Mark Peters Curt and Kristen Petry Sara Powell Amy Pratt Pam Price Christie Pritchard Kathy Puckett Sejal Raichura Emily Randolph	Jason Range Zach Reeser Ezra Reiter Repanech Family Deanne Reyes Kelly Rhodes Frank Ribeiro Anita Rice Greg and Mary Richards Marion Robertson Stephanie Roth Cannon and Ivy Schlupp Mary Schuermann Angela Sherwin Granny Shirley Art Slesinger Eve Soldingier Andie Springirth Harry Surjadijedja Carole Sutton Marianne Merritt Talbot Daphne Taylor Torre Taylor	Donna Terry Caitlin and Eric Tirro Deane Tirro Bob and Rach Toft Adam and Jenna Trescott Lilah Tuchband Dar Veverka Robin Walker Thomas and Tyler Welch Maureen Williams Sandra Yarrington Lauren Zeigler Kiera Zitelman Brynn and Jason Zittle Chris Zittle Murph Zittle Mom Mom Zittle Paul Jr. Zittle Pop Pop Zittle Terry Zittle
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In Honor of Animals

Bailey Dasha	Diana the pig Edward	Jamie Jethro	Rocksanne Timmy	Truman Wee Wee	Zoe the pig
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In Memory Of Animals

Adam Alina Alvin Andy Austin Barney Ben Betty Biscuit Brigadoon Buttons Caroline Cecil Chester Chocco Cisco	Cocodrilo Cooper Corey Daisy Danella Darlene Dorothy Driving me Bankrupt Elios Elsa Fin Fred Gemma Georgie Gepetto Gurwitz cats	Gypsy Hal Haley Harry Henry Jack Jackson Jane Jazzie Jeffey Jelly Joseph Julius Kitty Lenny Liebchen	Little Boy Blue Lollipop Lucky Ludwig Luke Luna Lyle Maddie Maggie Mamasan Marley Melinda Mini-Moo Mischa Mork Murphy	Napoleon Norah Nutmeg Otis Offi Peanut Petunia Phil Princess Proven Pumpkin Rosie Ruthie Sammy Sasha Sez	Shannon Shirley Sierra Soba Sonny Spencer Stanley Sue Sushi Suzie Belle Teddy Tyler Violet Wallace Yoda
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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 301-691-8811 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. ■

KID'S CORNER

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.



Alex B.



Rocco

1st Graders from Allendale Columbia School in Rochester NY met Evie the 3 legged goat through FaceTime and drew pictures of her.

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

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

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



Calvin

gone by since we started – we are truly honored that so many friends and supporters have helped us to make the



Reo and Charlotte

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



Torre Washington speaks at Open House

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.

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Phone: 301-691-8811
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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Maureen McGowan

Calvin the chick likes to rest
on Evie's back!

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 8. \$10.00 suggested donation to benefit the animals. No charge for children under 16.