

**Spring 2013**

A Newsletter from  
Poplar Spring  
Animal Sanctuary

Franny the sheep, at right, was  
found tied by her horns to a  
mailbox in MD

# POPLAR SPRING Post



## Amelia and Felix

### Two young pigs rescued from a Cruelty Case in Maine

**K**ept in a pen that was more like a wooden cage, the two little pigs did their best to try to survive the brutal Maine winter, out in the open with no protection from the elements. With nights where temperatures dipped below -10 degrees,



The pig's former "home"

they shivered and huddled together for warmth, mired in the freezing mud they were forced to live in. The man who had purchased them and was raising them for meat had refused to provide them with adequate shelter or water, despite numerous visits and citations from various state and county agencies. They were Guinea Hogs, a small heritage breed of pig being promoted by "homesteaders," those who seek to raise food on their own land. This man also had other animals who were being kept in equally cruel conditions, and in January 2013 the county seized 23 animals from the farm, including goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits and a turkey, and charged the owner with several counts of

animal cruelty.

Despite ample warnings, the farmer had defiantly refused all offers of help and assistance to even slightly improve the lives of the animals. Beyond the miserable conditions that the pigs were in, there

were rabbits on top of two inches of manure, goats living in an abandoned Volkswagon, and pigs in another pen who had icicles hanging off their hair and were shaking and having trouble breathing. Their feed consisted of wet and moldy oats left out in the open, which had subsequently frozen. According to news reports and trial records, the man told the investigating Animal Control officer to "Give me a heads up when you're coming so I can shoot them first." He admitted at his trial to making this statement, but

claimed he was only trying to protect his "investment in meat".

One very dedicated officer carried out the seizure, and insisted on finding a good home for the animals after they were confiscated. The normal policy in this county when removing animals considered "livestock" was to sell them at auction, usually to a farmer who would then slaughter them. Wanting to save their

lives, she contacted the nearby Peace Ridge Sanctuary. The director, a wonderful vegan woman, was able to convince the county to give all the animals to the sanctuary. Peace Ridge contacted Poplar and we happily agreed to take two of the pigs, to give them a permanent home where they would never again be cold or hungry.

Peace Ridge volunteers drove little Amelia and Felix in the back of their car for an eleven hour journey, traveling all day until they finally arrived late in the evening. After coming out of their crates the excited pigs ran around in their new barn for a short time, then buried themselves in a big pile of straw under a warm heat lamp, snuggled together and fell fast asleep. They were a long way away from their cage in the frozen mud, and now they were safe, and finally home. ■



Amelia and Felix, happy and safe



## Zachary and Josie

### A baby goat and a blind sheep become friends

In the Summer of 2011 little Josie the Barbados lamb arrived, born blind, unwanted by the farmer who raised her, and fearful of everything she could not see. The other rescued sheep did not care for Josie, and would head butt her any time she came near. After several unsuccessful attempts to introduce her to the flock, Josie was relegated to the large fenced yard

around the house, where she gradually became very comfortable. She learned where all the obstacles were, and grew to be a beautiful and healthy adult sheep. For the last year

and a half she has spent her days happily grazing in the lush grass and relaxing under the large shady trees, but she was all alone.

Until Zachary.

Zachary is a young pygmy goat, rescued by Animal Control on a bitter cold New Year's Eve night, where he was found freezing in a tiny cat carrier on the back deck of a residence in Maryland. Neighbors had called the police when they heard his desperate cries, thinking someone had left an infant out in the frigid weather. When police discovered it was actually a baby goat in the carrier, they were surprised by the owner's statement that he planned to "sacrifice" Zachary to celebrate the New Year. Thankfully, it is illegal to keep livestock within the city limits, so the tiny goat

was taken to the shelter, and then brought to Poplar Spring the next day.

From the very beginning Zachary was full of life, leaping and climbing, jumping and playing constantly as only baby goats can do. But something was missing. Although he loved people, and enjoyed being petted and held, he would cry loudly whenever he was left alone.



Zachary and Josie

We knew he was lonely and missing the mother that he had obviously been ripped away from at a too young age, but he was still too small and fragile to be introduced to the boisterous adult goat herd. We

decided to let him graze in the protected yard, figuring that we could keep an eye on him there, and that Josie would not even notice him, since she could not see.

But then Zachary saw Josie.

The attraction was instantaneous. He hesitated and stared for a moment, then raced to her side – "Mommy!", he seemed to say, as he bounded to her, ducked under her legs and began vigorously nursing. Josie, unable to see what was happening, froze for an instant, with a very confused look on her face. But then she relaxed, and even stretched out to a position that allowed the baby better access. She stood rigid as Zachary shoved enthusiastically on her undeveloped udders. Although she did not have any milk, as she had never given birth, Zachary seemed to be comforted just nursing on her like a pacifier. When



#### 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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he was done Josie turned and began nuzzling him, and he nuzzled back, satisfied and content that he had finally found what he was looking for. And so had she. For the first time in her life, Josie was able to have a friend.

Josie and Zachary have been together ever since, forming a bond like mother and son, even though they are two different species. They graze and play together during the day, and at night they have their own private stall in the sheep barn where they sleep and eat, munching on fresh timothy hay side by side. They both now have what everyone needs – someone to love and care for. ■

"Our task must be to free ourselves . . . by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures." —Albert Einstein



# Tenth Annual Run for the Animals

**Sunday, May 19, 2013, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD**

Join us at our Tenth Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk! To celebrate this milestone year, we have a newly revised course - the first two miles are FLAT with a beautiful run through Brookside Gardens. Also new this year we will have 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 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 will receive a beautiful commemorative 100% organic cotton t-shirt. 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 14 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 Race T-shirt.

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 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, Mary Finelli, Cam MacQueen, Robin Walker and Donna Ziegfinger for making this such a fun and well organized event!

And a special thanks to Engineers for Change, A Well Fed World, and all our wonderful Race Sponsors – check out our website for the full list!



## Registration Form for Poplar Spring Run for the Animals - May 19, 2013

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

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

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

Sex: \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female Age on May 20, 2012: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Fee: (\$25 by April 21, April 22-May 18 \$28, May 19 \$30) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ 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

**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 former volunteer Norma Bolten, who very generously remembered the animals in her will, and long-time supporter Jane Ann DePas, whose many friends and family gave gifts in her memory, and our dear friend and long-time Poplar Spring farm caretaker, Pierce Wingo.

## In Memory Of People

Aunt Mike	Bill Feinberg	Ruth Golde	Nick Lonce	William Russell	Pierce Wingo
Norma Bolten	Helen Feinberg	Freda Indech	Susanne Lytle	Moby Schain	
Elizabeth Demier	Monty Fishkin	Cliff Kaminsky	Don McArt	Jack Taylor	
Jane Ann DePas	Harold Golden	Paul Kauffman	Carolyn Projansky	Barbara Webb	

## In Memory Of Animals

Achille	Bumper	The Girls	Lamb Chop	Nessa	Sophie
Alfi	Callie	Gracie	Leonardo	Nina	Taffy
Angie	Charlene	Guppie	Lizzy	Norah	Teddy
Atlas	Charlie	Guy	Lucky Noodle	Ophelia	Thea
Aubrey	Chelsea	Gypsie	Lucy	Parker	Tigger
Babe	Chloe	Hamlet	Mabli	Peter	Tom
Barnaby	Cleo	Harley	Magic	Qasim	Tommy
Baxter	Cleveland	Harry	Maggie	Red October	Trixie
Bella	Connor	Heidi	Mamasan	Rhett	Tully
Bilquis	Cooper	Ilya	Maya	Rousseau	Victor
Blake	Cyprus	Ita	Meagan	Rudy	William
Brandywine	Diamond	Jackie	Milo	Scarlett	Willie
Brynn	Dina	Jack Johnson	Mina Bean	Scout	
Buddy	Fawn	Jake	Molly	Shadow	
Buddy Girl	Fluffy	Jimmy	Monroe	Sid	
Bucky	Gemstone	Juneau	Mopsy	Simon	
Buttons	Gigi	Kage	Moshi	Sophia	

## In Honor of People

Lynn Abbott	Andrew English	Diane Hurley	Rasine MacMichael	Mona Peloquin	Anya Sommers
Sara Bankert	Virginia Farr	Kaitlin Ingram	Cam MacQueen	Zachary Prince	Kim Sparklin
Shari Barton	Maxine Forest	Norah Ivcevic	Karen Malkin	Keith Regatts	Claire Specht
Eva Chambers	Jan and Jay Gampel	Fern Jarmulnek	Rajen and Poonam	Eric Ries	Ilana Subramanya
Erin Chrest	Steve Garron	Meg Jarvis	Masalia	Rachel and Joshua	Mary Sutherland
Abigail and Bridget Cohen	Michael Gurwitz	Linda Junkins-Smith	Gail Mayberry	Rothstein	Ziona Swigart
Joyce A. Davis	Carole Hamlin	Christine Kauffman	Mark McKenzie	Andrew and Loki	Alyssa Thalmann
Loretta Deaton	Becki Hardie	Veronica Krevinko	Suzanne McMillan	Schatz	Michele Toribene
Dania DePas	Sharon Lee Hart	Cheryl and Tom	Alex Melonas	Rajiv and Pam Shah	Dar Veverka
Family of Jane Ann DePas	Sandi and Don	Kucsera	Desiree Melonas	Jack and Norma	Flo Wagner
Nicole Deziel	Herman	Lori Kurcina	Dr. Kathy Meyer	Shearer	Dhammika
Victor Drilea	Catherine Hess	Julie Lehman	Lisa Minor	Matt Sileo	Wijetunge
	Pete and Chris Hill-Byrne	Wade Lindsay	Dr. Carole Nicholson	Kimberly Slaby	Sandra Yarrington
		Dr. Carol Lundquist	Ron Oberhelman	Stewart Smith	

# 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 Smith Barney  
for Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary  
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. Our tax ID# is 52-1970569. 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:

■ **Leigh Culver** raised funds for the animals by participating in a bike-a-thon.

■ **Sage Grey** raised \$73. for the animals by making and selling bracelets.

■ **Hannah Schuster** brought her friends and volunteered as part of a Mitzvah project and gave \$108. from her Bat Mitzvah for the animals.

■ **Haley Garton** saved her money during the year, and donated \$75. for the animals at Christmas.

■ **Lexi Gopin** volunteered and then donated \$250. from her Bat Mitzvah money for the animals.

■ **Brennan Murley** age 8 and **Ethan Murley** Age 6 gave a \$50. donation at the Thanksgiving with the Turkeys event.

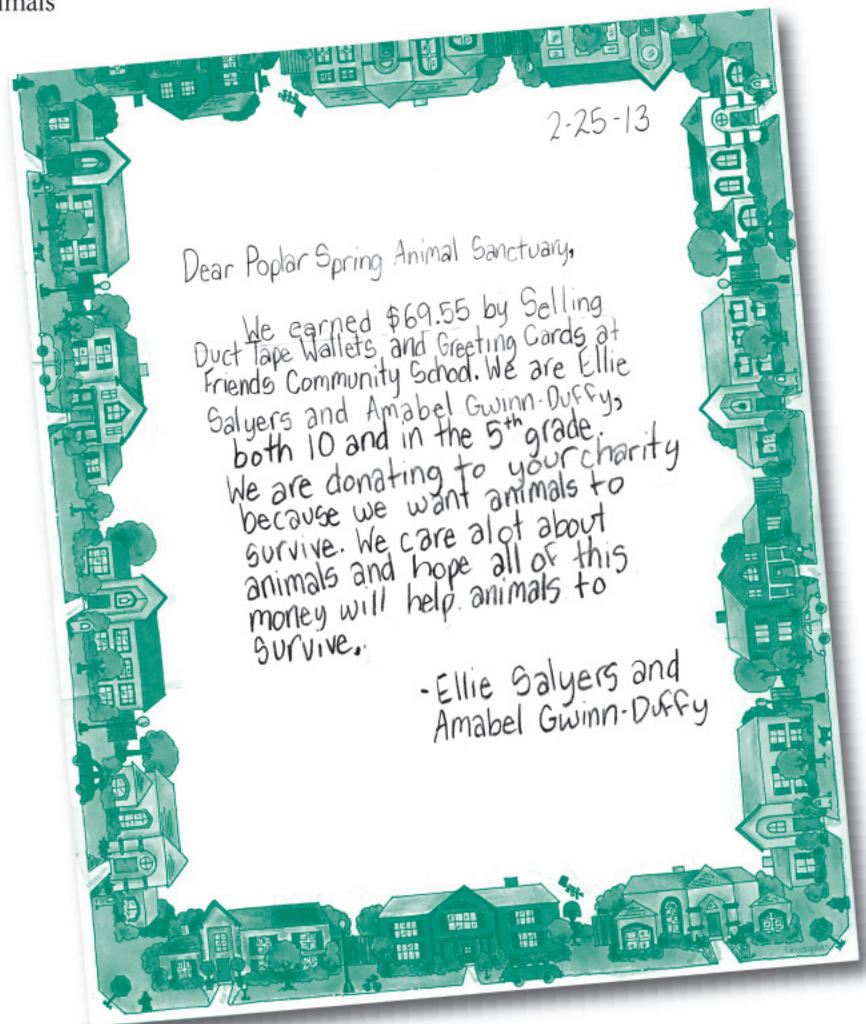
■ **Rasine MacMichael**, age 6, asked friends and family to donate to the sanctuary in lieu of gifts for her birthday.

■ **Trinity Lutheran Church's Youth Group** held a "name the chicken" contest and raised \$144. to sponsor two chickens.

■ **Yorktown High School's Animal Rights Club** raised \$120. to sponsor a pig.

■ **Bnai Tzedek's Greenzaid Early Childhood Center** raised funds to sponsor animals for their nursery school classes again this year.

■ **Ellie Salyers** and **Amabel Gwinn-Duffy**, both 10 years old, sold duct tape wallets and greeting cards at Friends Community School and raised \$69.55 for the animals



## 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

**A**fter surviving what felt like the Winter that would never end, Spring could not come soon enough. Although we didn't get much snow (until the end of March!) it was colder than usual, for a much longer length of time. The only ones who didn't mind were the sheep - with their heavy wool coats they were quite comfortable, despite the frigid weather. The rest of us are finally enjoying the sun and warm temperatures once again (and the sheep will be getting sheared soon, so they will be happy too).



The sheep loved the cold Winter

This year we took in many new residents, but the most surprising one was the turkey who arrived on Thanksgiving Day. He was left in a crate, inside the gate, halfway down our mile long driveway in the

middle of the night. Luckily no dogs or other predators found him first, and we have no idea where he came from. There was no note, no phone call, or any clue to explain his arrival. We named him Perry and after a short isolation period he joined our five other rescued turkeys, who have gradually warmed to him - except for our other male turkey, Hugo, who would love to challenge him for all the turkey women. He is very sweet and friendly, and enjoys strutting around the yard, showing off for female turkeys and visitors alike.

One of the saddest cases we had ever seen arrived in December. An emaciated and half dead little Rhode Island Red hen who we named Gabriella was brought to us after being

found by a plumber in a residential yard in Arlington, Virginia. She was too weak initially to even stand, she had a severe pneumonia, one eye was infected and swollen shut, and she had no body fat at all, she was a mere skeleton with feathers. We immediately started treating her for all of her illnesses, and tube fed her until she was strong enough to eat on her own. She slowly

became stronger and healthier, and made a miraculous complete recovery. Today she is full of life, and loves to peck and scratch and dust bathe under the trees, and has a very attentive rooster boyfriend named Lance. She has such a wonderful personality, and we are so happy that she will now be able to live out her whole life here in peace with all her new chicken friends.

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 9th annual Run for the Animals, held in May, was a great success. Over 600 people participated in the 5K



Gabriella and her boyfriend Lance

brought large crowds of supporters, and raised an amazing \$75,000. 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. Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns was our

wonderful keynote speaker. In November over 800 people attended our Thanksgiving with the turkeys. The huge potluck offered dozens of delicious vegan dishes, but watching the turkeys enjoying treats at their



Karen Davis speaks at Open House

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, refreshments and our giant yard sale. Despite a rainy start, our 2012 Open House and Fundraiser in October

special tables, and the feeding of the pumpkins to the pigs were the highlights of the day.

A huge thanks to everyone who attended or generously donated to all of these events, sponsored animals or contributed throughout the year, and helped us to make this another wonderful year! ■



Perry the turkey with friend Edward the peacock

Jamie Cohen

Tom Kucsera



# 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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E-mail: [info@animalsanctuary.org](mailto:info@animalsanctuary.org)  
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## Yes! Please sign me up!

Please print all information clearly.

I would like to sponsor a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of animal).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check Enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

☐ 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





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Jamie Cohen

Petey the pig likes to help with chores.

## 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 27, or for new or antique items, to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on October 6? 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 19)  
Events will be held rain or shine, and all proceeds benefit the rescued animals.

**Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 19, 2013 8:30 a.m.** (details on page 3)

**Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 27, 2013 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.

**Sixteenth Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, October 6, 2013 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 23, 2013 - 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.