

Spring 2014

**A Newsletter from
Poplar Spring
Animal Sanctuary**

Napoleon, at right, is a pygmy goat who was rescued from inside a house in a hoarding situation in Maryland.

POPLAR SPRING Post



One in Nine Billion

It was supposed to be the last day of her life. Riding high on top of the tractor trailer stacked full of crates filled with hundreds of chickens destined for the slaughterhouse, the young hen was freezing and terrified. Her entire short five week life had been spent in a cramped, windowless barn. Although this was the first time she had ever seen the sun and the sky, it was not a pleasant trip. Winter winds whipped through the unprotected crates as the truck sped down the road. Panicked and struggling to escape, she somehow managed to squeeze herself between the metal bars of the cage, as the truck raced along. In an instant she plunged rapidly down to meet the road far below, hitting the asphalt hard and rolling onto the shoulder of the highway. Badly injured, she lay very still, unable to move. But she was alive.

On this day, of the millions of chickens who were being trucked to the slaughterhouse to be killed for their meat, she was the one who got away.

Erin Dean, a kind woman who lived nearby, dreaded driving behind the large trucks full of chickens on her daily work commute. A vegetarian, she frequently noticed and was depressed by the piles of white feathers that littered the sides of the road, from the many chickens who had fallen and perished. But on this cold February afternoon, she saw something on the highway shoulder she had never seen before – one of the chickens was sitting up.

Assuming it was her imagination but wanting to double check, Erin quickly pulled off the road. She was shocked to

find that although very bloody and bruised the chicken was, in fact, still breathing. Lifting her gently, she wrapped her in a towel from her car, and drove her home. Erin then called Poplar Spring and the next morning drove almost three hours to bring her to the sanctuary.



Emilene

When she arrived, the little hen was still unresponsive and in shock. She had an open fracture on one wing, and her head was scabbed and bruised, with one eye injured and swollen shut. Under her tail was a large area of missing feathers, covered with dried blood. She was uninterested in food or water, so we began tube feeding her, giving her subcutaneous fluids and started her on antibiotics. We treated her wounds and stabilized her wing, setting her up in our warm kitchen where she could receive round the clock care. After about 48 hours, she slowly began to come around, and started to eat and drink on her own. One day, I was sitting at my desk working

and I heard a scratching noise. I looked up to see the little hen walk all the way across the room, and she plopped down right next to my feet. I sat down on the floor next to her and she flapped up into my lap! We named her Emilene (Emmy for short) and watched in amazement over the next few weeks as she healed and became very friendly and sweet. She now loves to be petted, and will close her eyes while her head is softly stroked. Even after everything that humans have done to her, she loves to be with people, and follows us around. She is now healthy and fully recovered (although blind in one eye), and is enjoying basking in the sunshine and pecking and scratching in the grass with the other rescued chickens.

Emmy is growing rapidly, and has already doubled in size in one month. The chicken industry has genetically manipulated broiler chickens to grow very fast and to have large heavy breasts, which is the primary part of meat desired by consumers. But this has resulted in birds whose skeletons often times cannot bear their own weight. They tend to have problems with arthritis and fractures, and will often die suddenly of heart attacks. The average life expectancy for the breed, even those who are rescued, is less than a year. We know we will not have Emmy long, but we intend to give her the best life possible, to make up for her horrible beginnings, and in honor of the 9 billion other chickens killed annually in the United States, who will never have a chance. ■

Maureen McGowan

Andy and Sammie

The oldest and youngest sheep find comfort in each other

This year we have taken in many animals with special needs. In August Sammie arrived, an elderly Cormo ewe, who is severely arthritic and was unwanted by her former owners. They were moving away and did not want to transport her with their other sheep. We were contacted only a few days before their move, and when asked why they hadn't made arrangements sooner, the woman said she was hoping Sammie would "just die".

A few months after Sammie arrived we received Andy, a young Katahdin sheep who was rescued from a farm where he had been purchased to raise and eat for the farm's annual lamb barbecue. When Andy became sick, the owners left him to die in a cardboard box. A visitor to the farm rescued him but left his infected legs untreated, and his joints later became fused and rigid. When Andy arrived at Poplar Spring he was barely able to hobble around, but he has improved greatly with medication and physical therapy. We housed him in a stall with Sammie every



Andy and Sammie

evening, thinking she would be a good companion. Sammie, who had previously had all her babies taken away from her and sold for lamb meat, instantly fell in love with little Andy, and the feeling was mutual. They both enjoy cuddling together every night, and if one is out of the other's sight during the day, they constantly call back and forth until they are together again. It is wonderful to see two animals who were once unwanted finding such great comfort in each other, and to now be surrounded by so many people who love them. ■

RUPERT

Rupert Rupert is one of our newest rescues, who came from a very tragic situation. He is a young Toulouse goose (a domestic breed who cannot fly) who was abandoned along with another goose in an apartment complex courtyard in Maryland. Residents mistakenly reported to authorities that the abandoned geese were wild, and they were told to leave them alone and they would fly away. The poor geese wandered around the courtyard for days, with some of the kindly neighbors feeding them. One night, residents heard incessant loud honking, and looked out to see young men beating the geese with broken beer bottles. Police found the bloodied body of one goose, and Rupert, the survivor, honking and refusing to

leave her side. Geese are monogamous and mate for life, and even in death he

refused to abandon his girlfriend. He was taken to Second Chance Wildlife Center in Gaithersburg, where he trembled violently during his exam. He was found to have frostbite on his feet and one wing impaled by a six inch stick. He was treated for his injuries and kept at the Center for several days, and then brought to Poplar Spring. We kept him in a stall for a few days to make sure he was stable, and for days he would only eat if a person was with him. He liked to get up in our laps and enjoyed being pet-



Rupert



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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ted. Once he was eating well and the weather was better, we released him onto the pond, where he immediately honked and flew excitedly into the water, calling to all the other rescued geese and happily taking a bath. After several months he has totally acclimated and enjoys walking around the farm and swimming in the pond. He enjoys hanging out with the rescued Canada geese who live here permanently, and hopefully will choose one as his new companion someday soon. Rupert is now happy and safe, and he will be able to live here for the rest of his life where no one can ever harm him again.. ■

Eleventh Annual Run for the Animals

Sunday, May 18, 2014, 8:30 a.m. • Wheaton Regional Park, Shorefield Rd., Wheaton, MD

Join us at our Eleventh Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk! This year we will continue our beautiful course at Wheaton Park with a run through 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 optional 1.7 mile stroll past the lake. (Dogs 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 t-shirt and Poplar Spring tote bag, that you can fill with 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.

Poplar Spring is working hard to make the race as "green" as possible. Check out 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 13** to PSAS, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837 or email to poplarspringanimal@yahoo.com

Directions and more information at www.animalsanctuary.org

Questions? Want to Volunteer? All volunteers will receive a Race T-shirt.

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, Mary Finelli, 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, RnJ Sports, A Well Fed World, Roots Market and all our wonderful Race Sponsors – check out our website for the full list!



Registration Form for Poplar Spring Run for the Animals - May 18, 2014

____ 5K Run ____ 1 or 1.7 Mile Fun Walk

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sex: ____ Male ____ Female Age on May 18, 2014: _____ 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 17 \$28, May 18 \$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 13 to: PSAS RUN, P.O. Box 507, Poolesville, MD 20837

In Honor and In Memory Of

Thank 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 Veterinary Holistic Care for their many donations in memory of their client's animals. We would like to dedicate this issue in appreciation of Dolores Milmo, a wonderful friend and volunteer, who has helped the sanctuary in so many ways since our very beginning. And in memory of Rob Ades, a very dedicated supporter and friend of the animals, who left this world way too soon.

In Memory Of People

Rob Ades
Carlyle Cochran
Shery Collins
Jane Ann DePas

Maggie Farr Bonfardin
Glenda Felme
Figueroa Savitch Fosse
Frances Garner

Miriam Gelb
Gema Gordon
Figaro Hatch
Adrienne Hornstein

Ben Hornstein
Ann Johnson
Cliff Kaminsky
Hanuman Prasad Khetan

Mary Felton Price
Stanley Edward Price
Bethany Richmond
Dr. Richard Rogers

Mrs. Betty Rogers
Fido Rudin
Lawrence Sternberg

In Honor of People

Randy Auerbach
Rebecca and Mike Basla
Nancy Bleil
Brian Bucks
Karen Buscemi
Allen Carlson
Michele Carsrud
Erin Chrest
Bridget Cohen
Jamie Cohen
Ashley Conboy
Jane Corcoran
Julia Dick
Amy Elfin
Virginia Farr
Farah Fosse
Amy Fountain

Steve Garron
Lenore Gelb
Ellie Goldenberg
Gavielle Goldenberg
Renee Gordon
Marcia Grabowski
Katherine Groff
Linda Guttman
Carole Hamlin
Kaya Hansen
Mei Hanway
Becki Hardie
Matthew Hill-Byrne
Evelina and Michael Hobson
Pam Holder
Kelsie Holtje
Lara Hosey

Donna Hoyle
Vicki Hunter
Diane Hurley
Patti Iacullo
Iser Family
Fern Jarmulnek
Sam Kebede
Hannah Kebede
Frances Kellerman
Drusti Klein
Julie Lehman
Jeremy Lichtenstein
Wade Lindsay
Robert Loewenthal
Dr. Carol Lundquist
Ilene Lundy
Rasine MacMichael

Ryan MacMichael
Cam MacQueen
Erin Marcus
Stacy Martin-Duffy
Derek May
Dave McGovern
Suzanne McMillan
Tatiana Mendez
Anna Mihm
Dolores Milmo
Asha Mitchell
Ardele Monkton
Catherine Moore
James and Ellen Morgan
Christine Nassikas
Stephanie Nichols
Dr. Carole Nicholson

Karen Ochsenreiter
Diana Palma
Rich Peppin
Nicole and Alexa Perman
Christin Perry-Michalik
Rebecca Porter
Amy Pratt
Pam Price
Jordan Pulaski
Brenda Purvis
Howard and Lisa Radzely
Kitty Raichura
Tracey and Mike Ramsey
Repanich Family
Andy Rudin
Amanda Schwoerke
Rajiv and Pam Shah

Matthew Sikora
Stewart and Linda Smith
Rebecca Smithson
Chrysanthi and Philip Soucacos
Claire Starr
Rhonda Starr
Mark Stephens
Ann Stewart
Vivien Straume
Ziona Swigart
Dar Veverka
Jamie Werchadolo
Clare Williams
Kim Worth
Sandra Yarrington

In Honor of Animals

Adam
Brady

Daisy
Fireball

Goldie
Gwenbrynn

Nette
Snowball

Pixel
Poplar's rescued pigs

In Memory Of Animals

Abigail Cat
Allie-B
Alfi
Allie
Angie
Annie
Ashley
Baxter
Beanie
Beatrice
Beitler Family beagles
Bertha
Boris
Brandywine
Bucky
Bumper
Buster
Buttons
Casey
Chelsea
Chloe

Cleveland
Coco
Cooper
Daisie
Delta
Dexter
Diamond
Dilbert
Emily
Evelyn
Fawn
Felicity
Fifi
Fiona
Friskie
Furball
Gabriella
Gemstone
Ginny
Gretchen
Guppie

Gus
Guy
Hairly and Less
Ilya
Ita
Jag
James
Jimmy
Jojo
Josie
Kage
Kemse
Keyshaw
Lamb Chop
Leonardo
Lilah
Lillian
Linnea
Lorelei
Louis
Lucky Noodle

Madeline
Maggie
Magnus
Mason
Meagan
Meeko
Mickey
Mihn
Moochie
Mookie
Momcat
Momo
Moshi
Nick
Nushie
Okaka
Olive
Otto
Parker
Patches
Payton

Penelope
Pennywinkle
Phil
Phyllis
Quincey
Rhea
Ricky
Riderwood ducks
Rin
Rochelle
RocksAnne
Rocky
Rousseau
Ruby
Russell
Sammie
Scarlet
Shadow
Shira
Sid
Silver

Simon
Sophia
Sylvester
Taffy
Talia
Teka
Tess
Thomas
Tommy
Tully
Twinkle
Victor
Vladimir
Yuri
Zeus
Zoe

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.#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:

■ **Bethesda Girl Scout Troop #5906** came for a tour and had a bake sale to raise \$241. for the animals.

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

■ The **Clarksburg Compassion Crew** from **Clarksburg High School** had a vegan bake sale and raised \$170. for the animals

■ **Ella and Luke Comfort Cohen** saved \$30. to sponsor a goat.

■ **Daisy Girl Scout Troop #6511** from Bethesda sold Girl Scout cookies and donated \$200.



Jaime and Lyndsay built a goat playground for their senior class project

■ **Jaime Eeg and Lyndsay Huffert** built a goat playground as part of their senior class project at **Poolesville High School** – (thanks also to a grant for this from **Sugarloaf Citizens Association!**)

■ **Girl Scout Daisy troop #3783** from Great Falls, VA gave \$268. raised from a Lemonade stand to support PSAS.

■ **Ellie Goldenberg**, age 13, raised a HUGE amount of funds (over \$2,000.!) by asking her friends and family to donate to Poplar Spring in lieu of gifts for her Bat Mitzvah.

■ **Allie Hannum and Kaitlin Lynch**, age 8, had a lemonade stand and handed out literature from Poplar Spring to raise funds. Allie also did an art show selling her drawings to raise a total of \$60.00 for the animals.

■ **Rasine MacMichael**, age 7, asked friends and family to donate to the sanctuary in lieu of gifts for her birthday.

■ **Owen McGleenan**, Age 7, gave \$40.50 from money saved from his allowance to sponsor a goat.

■ **Silver Spring Girl Scout Troop #1515** visited the sanctuary and donated \$100. which they raised from selling cookies.

■ **Temple Beth Shalom Hebrew School** – 4th graders collected “tzedakah” money for several months and then donated \$150. to Poplar.



Amy Hannum

Allie and Kaitlin had a lemonade stand for the animals

■ **Clare Williams** asked friends and family to donate to Poplar in lieu of gifts for her 13th birthday.

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

After surviving what felt like the Winter that would never end, we are so happy to have warm weather again! The animals all did

warmth and comfort.

This year we took in many new residents, but our most memorable were two pigs, Libby and Zoe, who were living behind a townhouse in Maryland. One of the pigs, Libby, surprised us with eight baby piglets one month after her arrival! The piglets and mom are now



The newly finished infirmary interior

amazingly well, despite the record cold and snow. Luckily, for the first time this year we were able to put our most sensitive animals into our infirmary, where they could stay warm. The infirmary, made possible by a generous gift from Dave Bundy, was finally finished and furnished this year with heat-

enjoying running and playing in their four acre yard with the 33 other rescued pigs, and they are all happy and healthy. In September we took in five broiler hens rescued from a religious ritual called Kaporos in Brooklyn. Thousands of birds were left stacked in cages piled high in the heat with no food or



Libby and piglets at 3 weeks

ing/air conditioning, cages, cabinets and an exam table/sink thanks to a bequest by former volunteer Emily Salmon. Elderly animals and chickens who were in danger of frostbite were housed there during the coldest nights in

water. Those used in the ritual were held by their feet and swung around over people's heads before their throats were slit. This is an ancient "atonement" ritual, (and unfortunately legal under freedom of religion)



Chickens rescued from Kaporos ritual

where the chickens are to take on the sins of the person, and then killed. Many chickens were left behind to die, and we received five of these beautiful hens. They are now enjoying scratching and pecking in the grass, and dustbathing under the trees.

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 10th 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 once again participated in the Montgomery County Farm Tour. Visitors to the farm enjoyed hay rides, our giant yard sale, and delicious vegan barbecue, fries and other treats from the awesome Randy Radish food truck, who donated all proceeds to the sanctuary. Despite being unseasonably hot, our 2013 Open House and Fundraiser in October 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. John Schlimm, vegan cookbook author, was our wonderful



Tom Kucsera

John Schlimm speaks at Open House

keynote speaker. In November over 1,000 people attended our Thanksgiving with the turkeys. The huge potluck offered dozens of delicious vegan dishes, but watching the turkeys enjoying treats at their 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! ■

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
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





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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 26, or for new or antique items, to our silent auction at the Fundraiser on October 5? 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 18)
Events will be held rain or shine, and all proceeds benefit the rescued animals.

Run for the Animals – Sunday, May 18, 2014 8:30 a.m. (details on page 3)

Montgomery County Farm Tour – Saturday, July 26, 2014 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.

Seventeenth Annual Open House and Fundraiser – Sunday, October 5, 2014 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 22, 2014 - 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.