

2008 OUTPOST

Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.

Our Mission: To provide a high quality "stay-for-life" animal sanctuary, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and care of mistreated and abandoned animals; to promote the prevention of animal mistreatment through quality educational programs and events, and to advocate the preservation of wildlife habitat.

Meet Our New Friends

ROSIE is a Nigerian dwarf goat who came to us in early spring. Rosie spent the first two years of her life tied on a dog run. Tragically, there was an elder goat tied next to Rosie and when Rosie's lead wrapped itself around the elder goat, it strangled her. The neighbors, who lived next door, were fearful that Rosie would fall victim to the same fate, since there was little supervision from the owners. Thankfully, the neighbors were instrumental in getting Rosie to Winslow farm where she now runs freely.

PUMPKIN is a robust 28-year old Morgan Arabian horse in need of a loving home. She originally belonged to a woman who loved and cared for her since Pumpkin was a foal. Tragically, her owner fell victim to domestic violence. Pumpkin is now Half Moon's (our blind horse) friend. The two reside at the new 'special needs' barn. Initially, we attached a small bell to Pumpkin so Half Moon would know where she was. To our delight, Pumpkin senses Half Moon cannot navigate very well so she brushes up against him, ever so lightly to reassure him she is there. They are enjoying each other's company every day.

ZEENA is a large 8-year old Toggenburg goat who came to the farm as a result of her owner becoming homeless. Because Zeena was used to living alone, it was quite a change for her to live with many animals. She now has taken up residence in the sheep house and has become friends with Mervin, one of our little pygmy goats.

CHARLIE, RASPBERRY & BENJAMIN are three rabbits that were abandoned by the side of the road. When found, they had long nails and were drenched in urine. In addition to these three rabbits, Winslow has also adopted Moss, Willow, Simon, Thumper and Ike. All of our rabbit friends are now clean and well cared for. The whole crew will reside in the new rabbit sanctuary located near the log cabin.

STERLING is a beautiful gray and white cat recently rescued by Winslow Farm. He came from the Taunton cat shelter. He lived in a cage at the shelter for eight months with no one interested in adopting him. He is now a happy resident at Winslow Farm.

LIAM is a small gray and white goat. His caretaker was an elderly woman who kept him in box stall with a horse. She was fearful to let him out of the stall because he might escape and not be caught. Liam was confined to this small area for the first 8 months of his life. He would try to leap up to get free. With barely any contact, he became feral. Realizing his quality of life was poor, he was brought to the farm where he has thrived. Liam, of course, is very skittish but has become less so as time goes by. He has become one of the three musketeer goats which includes two goats we took in last year - Jackson and Apache.



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A Letter from Our President

Dear Friends,

2008 has been an important year as we accomplished a great deal and Winslow Farm continued to grow. Also, we welcomed more visitors than ever before – word is spreading!



We continue to welcome new animals to the farm, but sadly, we have also lost some of our older animals. This year has been particularly difficult in that regard. We lost Bambi the goat, Hershey the horse, Zach the sheep, Maggie the goat and Tootie the pig. Each animal provides so much joy that when we inevitably lose one, it is always heartbreakingly painful. Each animal has a special place in our hearts, and whenever one passes, he or she is unquestionably missed because of who the animal was and what he or she contributed to the special character of the farm. Bambi's greeting with his love of a hug and a pat; Hershey's proud stance in front of the Resource Center even with an injured hoof; Zach's sweet-natured presence alongside his brother and cousin; Maggie's enjoyment of rubbing her head against everyone's legs; Tootie's passion for apples which always overcame her shyness of leaving the sheep house. They were each loved and will be remembered by us all. Therefore, they will always remain a part of Winslow Farm.

*Most Sincerely,
Debra White*

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Friends We'll Miss

It our goal to provide a safe home for our rescued animals for the rest of their lives. We know they led happier lives since coming to the farm. In turn, we celebrate the happiness and pleasure they gave us and the visitors to the farm. We would like to say a final goodbye to Bambi, Hershey, Zach, Maggie and Tootie.



Renaissance Weekend At Winslow Farm

Winslow Farm's first annual Renaissance Fair was held on June 28 & 29 of this year. What fun to see Hamlet at the campfire and a beggar playing in the mud, not the usual sights one might see at Winslow Farm.

Winslow Farm was taken back in time where storytellers and magicians held us captive, where music could be heard from every corner of the land and where elaborate costumes created a sense of majesty and fun.

The fair was created by Richard and Gia Sauliner, both seasoned Renaissance connoisseurs, who made our first Renaissance Fair a great success.

We thank Richard and Gia for all of their hard work and hope they will be back next year!



We go through 1,460 bales of hay each year (cost \$14,600).

The Special Needs Barn

Half Moon is an older blind horse that we rescued in March of 2007. Since his rescue, we have been in the process of building him a suitable barn that will accommodate him and his special needs. He now has a very large stall that is cushioned with soft material so that he will not hurt himself if he bumps into a wall. Additionally, we have lined his entire paddock area with soft rubber to also protect him from harm. This barn has heating capacity so that, if need be, the winter chill can be taken out of the air. Half Moon now has a companion named Pumpkin.

We would like to thank Bob Medas, Richard Winchoba, Kenny Mowry,



and Mark Lester for working weekends throughout the winter months in order to create this beautiful sanctuary for animals so deserving. We would also like to thank the anonymous animal-loving couple who donated the finances necessary to build this beautiful barn. Thank you also to the Harringtons for purchasing the outdoor wood furnace to heat the barn.

Animal Tails You May Have Missed...

MURRAY arrived in fall 2007. He was owned by a woman recently divorced and while her husband took two of their dogs, he left Murray with her. Working ten hours with no one home



to let him out during the day or spend time with him, she decided to surrender him to the farm. He is elderly, partially deaf and has arthritis, but there are days when he seems like a pup. He'll run and play with the volunteers, loves to go on walks through the nature trail, and keeps a watchful eye over the other animal residents at the farm. Murray loves people. He does not like to be left alone at all. Luckily, at Winslow Farm, he has all the companionship a dog could ever want.

JEZABEL & GRACIE came to us in December 2006. The donkey and goat were owned by a man who retired and decided to pack up and move away. He left behind much and that included the animals that lived with him. When they first arrived, the two animals understandably stuck together. Gracie was very protective of Jezabel when the curious horses tried getting near the new donkey. Jezabel and Gracie moved into the stall by the resource center. As time went by though, Gracie became more comfortable and joined the other goats, though she still tends to be a loner. Stardust, our other donkey, and Jezabel are now inseparable.



Making A Difference

by Deidre Hopkins

For the past eight years, I have been volunteering every Sunday at Winslow Farm, a non-profit organization dedicated to abused and abandoned animals. The farm is home to over two hundred unfortunate animals of all species and special needs. It's very easy to see why anyone would love to come to the farm at a glance, but to work here is even more amazing.



I first came to Winslow as a visitor one hot summer day, after my mother had read an article published in the AAA newsletter. During our guided tour, I began to fall in love with all the animals and found respect for the people who had chosen to spend weekends and vacations cleaning out stalls. I decided that day that I wanted to be a part of all this.

Since becoming a volunteer, my main responsibilities are to clean out the stalls of the barns and other various pens. I supervise new volunteers and help them with the cleaning and chores. I groom horses, brush sheep, goats and anyone else who might need a cleaning. I feed all the animals and prepare special meals for those with chewing difficulties or who have special dietary needs. I also give tours to customers. There is always the occasional construction or repair job. I have helped repair downed fences and put in new gates. Along with the day-to-day farm activities, I also help out with events and special occasions. For example, we have an amazing haunted trail for Halloween. I get to dress up in different costumes and play scary parts.

Volunteering at the farm is not just about labor and it's not about material gain. You get a lot back and to me that is more valuable. I think the farm has matured me. Instead of thinking about what I would like to do for myself, I now think about ways to help the farm. I have learned from watching Debbie White,

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To feed all our cats, we use 4,160 pounds of dry cat food per year (cost \$3,160).



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the owner of Winslow Farm, that anything is possible if you truly want it and you're willing to work hard for it. Also important to me is that the majority of my close friends are the people I have met while working at the farm. I feel blessed and honored to be amongst so many wonderful people. I think the farm is partially responsible for my wanting to protect those that I love, these animals need protecting from people who tried to hurt them. As a result of this, I have chosen to major in criminal justice with a minor in sociology. In a way working at the farm is related to that; I'm working with the public and one has to have compassion no matter what field you are in.

I am so grateful to have to farm in my life. I have done things that most people can only dream of and had experiences that will last a lifetime. After all, how many people can say they are chummy with a llama?

Water Flows Freely At Winslow Farm

May 15, 2008 was a very special evening for Winslow Farm. An extraordinary fundraising event called 'Water For The Animals' was held at the Chateau Restaurant in Norton, MA, in order to raise money to repair and install water lines throughout Winslow Farm. Prior to the fundraiser, water had to be manually carried from a central source, bucket-by-bucket, a very labor intensive and timely daily practice.

The entire fundraiser was created by Brenda Curry-McKeon, a volunteer at Winslow Farm. Brenda created a spectacular event, which included a lovely dinner, a cabaret show, raffles and a silent auction for over 120 people. At the front of the dining room, a viewing screen showed a moving series of photos of the wonderful animals who live at Winslow Farm. It was truly a magical night.

'Water For The Animals' raised enough money to make necessary repairs and have new water lines installed throughout the grounds at Winslow Farm, making the enormous task of getting water to all of the animals that much easier.

Our heart-felt love and appreciation goes to Brenda for all of her hard work in managing this fundraiser for our animals.

Acknowledgements

We would like to give special recognition to those who have lent their time, talent and donated products to Winslow Farm.

Liz White and Russell Frizzell, of Bay State Envelope, for their generous donation of envelopes and the printing of the return envelope included with this newsletter.

Jim Zoppo of *The Garden Guys* radio show on station WRKO (680 am), who mentions us on the radio show Sundays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.

David Lancia and Jen Johnson of Lowes, for their donation of the garden plants and also the landscaping at the entrance of the farm.

Carol Kozun, potter of Canyon Pottery, who created the many clay products in the farm's general store. Proceeds go to Winslow Farm.

Annie D'Agostino for her planting and tending of the flower, herb and vegetable gardens around the farm.

Brenda McKeon, the creator and director of the *Water for Animals* fundraiser.

Jen Jenkins and Mark Kacprzicki for their construction of our goat barn addition. They travel from Hubbardston, MA every weekend.

"**Heatherfest**" festival for donating cat and dog food.

Dave St. Pierre and Haunted Alliance for another successful *Haunting in the Woods*.

Year End Giving

As the cost of veterinarian care, quality feed and general maintenance continues to rise, it is only through the generosity of individuals like yourself that Winslow Farm can continue.

Gift giving can be made in many ways: a direct donation, proceeds donated monthly through an insurance policy, stock/bond option, or pension/IRA distribution.

In preparing your will, estate plan or living trust, please consider including Winslow Farm as part of your charitable interests. It is important that you contact an attorney in preparing

your will, trust or estate plan to ensure your wishes are carried out. Winslow Farm's Board of Directors suggests you use the following language in order to avoid any confusion: "I give (specific amount of property, percentage or residue) to Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc. having its principal offices at 37 Eddy St, Norton, Massachusetts, 02766 for its general purposes to harbor and provide a stay for life sanctuary for abandoned and abused animals." Tax ID #043278765.

Please contact Winslow Farm if you need more information on any of the gift giving options. We thank you for your help!

Quick Notes

Our wish list includes mason laborers to help build an outdoor fire pit, shavings for the horses, canned and dry cat food, canned dog food and grassy hay for the horses, sheep, goats, and llamas and wild bird seed. Please donate your recyclable cans and bottles to us.

