

## Winslow Wish List

Our list of wishes this year is for these needed items: Pellets for 3 pellet stoves used to heat our cat shelter; Mealworm; Canned mixed vegetables; Can cat food, any brand; Dry cat food Purina.

## Friends We Will Miss

Evita, Mervin, Truman, Sergei, Gramps, Happy, Gracie, Angelina, Paco and Liam.

## Thank You!

To Hannafords, Whole Foods and the Food Banks, the staff and volunteers, our donors and patrons for their support emotional and uplifting encouragement.

To our vets for their fine work and support.

Thank you to Jose, "The Hoof Artiste," our farrier. Stormy especially appreciates Jose's gentle touch.

## Rock to the Rescue

Rock to the Rescue is a non-profit organization that chose our sanctuary to head a fundraiser during the Styx concert. Styx autographed a guitar to raffle off and our volunteers sold raffle tickets before the show started. Thank you to all who helped.

## PBS of Rhode Island

A documentary was produced and aired about Winslow Farm and what it takes for the farm to be environmentally aware. Debra White explained how she works hard to save the lives of animals and educate new generations about environmental conservation.



## Stone Barn

Winslow has added a beautiful architectural stone barn for our three donkeys, Scamp, Bianca and Zorro. Since the donkeys chewed (or cribbed) wood, which is unsafe for them, an alternative, safe structure for their housing was built from stone.

Mark Carvahlo, and his assistant Dave, of Stonescapes.com, brilliantly designed this gorgeous structure. Mark handpicked each stone, with lichen, to replicate an authentic stone building. Ryan White and Steven Romanowicz handcrafted the pine shingled roof.

In order to reduce the cost, Mark worked off season, throughout late fall and winter, on the construction. In addition to the building stonework, the barn features rounded windows and a skylight, designed by Debra White, to bring in light and warmth from the sun during the winter months.



## Year End Giving

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

Gift giving can be made in many ways, by direct donation, proceeds donated monthly through an insurance policy, stock, bonds (Winslow Farm has a brokerage account available for the purpose of donating investment securities), 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."

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

## Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



## OUTPOST 2015

Our Mission is 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



Belle

### BELLE

Belle is a 14-year-old Hafflinger horse. For the first four years of her life, she worked as a plow horse in the Pennsylvania farm country. She was worked hard and because she was so young she developed tendon issues in her fetlocks and was sent to a slaughterhouse. Belle was then saved by a 14-year-old young man, who eventually outgrew her. Belle has had nine homes in her 14 years of life. She is a very sweet horse and a beautiful addition to the herd.

### TIAGO

Tiago's owners had thrown him out and never bothered to feed

him again. When his rescuer, Mary, found him, he was emaciated and living beneath a run down cottage next to his former home. Mary began feeding Tiago twice a day. Mary was finally able to get him to the veterinarian. Tiago was placed on IV fluids. He stole Mary's heart, but she knew she couldn't keep him. She began the search for a perfect forever home for him. She called all the shelters in Connecticut and Rhode Island, but unfortunately they were filled to capacity.



Tiago

After months of searching and knowing Tiago needed an indoor/outdoor place, he was brought to live at Winslow Farm. Though Tiago initially hissed at volunteers, eventually

one volunteer worked with him to gain his trust. Tiago has grown in leaps and bounds. He roams the farm, lays on branches of trees and is able to be petted by visitors. We would like to thank Fatboy Babushka and all his fans for sending food and supplies to all our animals.



Daffodil

### DAFFODIL

Daffodil is a 10-year-old goat and lived her life tied up with only a small doghouse and a tarp for shelter. During this harsh winter, her water bowl was often frozen. A kind hearted person, feeling for Daffodil's plight, managed to get her to Winslow Farm. After her arrival, she had no understanding about her ability to roam free around the farm. Now, she enjoys freely walking the trails.

## President's Letter



Blossom and Debra White

With 30 plus years of experience with animals, the decision to go forward with medical treatment or not was never so challenging as for our beautiful little goat, Blossom.

For those of you who are newly acquainted with Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary, Blossom came to us last year with her sister Holly. The day they arrived, they were full of lice and emaciated. Blossom dropped and never got up for two and a half months.

Her sister was the stronger of

the two, but also compromised. Blossom had horns and one of them curled under due to being bunted away from her food by mature goats. Her body showed signs of trauma and her hooves were infected with hoof rot. She was a mere six months old. Her spirit to fight for life was unrelenting!

Halfway through Blossom's medical treatment, including turning her every two hours, changing her bedding, as she could not stand to relieve herself, feeding her a diet of vegetables high in phosphorous and magnesium and giving her injections of calcium, I questioned whether I was doing the right thing by her. I held her up to have her stand on her legs, hung her in a sling so her muscles wouldn't atrophy, and massaged her body when she had intense spasms. This was a dilemma that could turn your heart inside and out! When does one stop?

With prayers and staff stopping to give her a gentle stroke or words of encouragement, finally while holding her one day, Blossom took her foot and pointed it forward! This was her first step in her arduous journey to learn to walk again. It has been one year now and Blossom has fully recovered and runs with the herd of her seventeen goat friends. She is kicking and leaping as a young goat should, all the while leading the way! I want to say it was Blossom's determination that gave me the strength to keep up with her treatments. Her strength was shown to me through her eyes. Thank you Blossom for showing us your strength and determination no matter how much pain you endured. (You can read the full story about Blossom journey online in last year's newsletter.)

Most Sincerely,  
Debra White

## SHOVELING FOR WINSLOW

Without a doubt, this past winter was a tough one, with many barn roofs caving in. The call went out on Facebook for help with the enormous amount of shoveling. Our plea of help was heard, and kindly, not only did we have volunteers, they brought their friends as well! Four weeks after the last snow storm, we had over 160 people, helping with shoveling. We want to thank all those volunteers. Stardust and Jezebel's barn suffered snow damage to the roof and a weight-bearing wall, otherwise the



building is sound. Their barn is the only existing 100-year-old structure on the property. We are looking for donations of \$9,000 to restore it to its historical form.



Waterford being lifted out of the trailer at Tufts.

## WATERFORD OUR TAMWORTH PIG

Waterford is Winslow's gentle giant. When he arrived at three years old, he weighed 300 pounds. He is now eight years old and weighs a hefty 800 pounds, eating only a vegetarian diet and hay. Waterford developed an infection in his foot in October 2014. Unfortunately, he was resistant to antibiotics of various forms. We soaked his foot in hot baths as we walked him into a squeeze shoot made for him. At times, I would put Epsom salt in the water with various antibacterial solutions. Nothing was working for him and his foot became swollen with infection. I decided to bring him to Tufts/Cummings Medical Center in North Grafton, MA. We were able to purchase a used horse trailer to carry him to the hospital.

The thing about pigs is, if they don't want to do something then they don't! How would we get him to walk up a ramp and onto a strange trailer? The trailer was filled with straw and backed up against his pen for five weeks to allow him to be comfortable with it. By nature, pigs love to root around with their noses and are extremely curious; they will touch everything new in their surroundings. I also covered the ramp in straw. Sure enough he threw the straw around on his way up to a waiting bucket of food. He loved the trailer so much he didn't want to go in his house to sleep so he camped in his trailer. Our next obstacle was not to allow him to fall or bang the walls while transporting him.

A nice squeeze panel was put into the trailer to help stabilize him in the over hour drive to North Grafton.

After talking to the doctors at Tufts, I assured them Waterford would make the transition from the trailer to the examination room without incident. The doctor came on to the trailer with the anesthesiologist and they gasped at the size of him! This was a first for them. I gave the doctors and the eight interns reassurance we could sedate him, let him drop and then pull him onto a gurney. The needle bent with the first injection, but the second one was perfect. Down he went and perfectly in place. A team of interns and doctors, along with Ryan White, pulled him onto the gurney, down the ramp and into the examination room. You could feel the intern's excitement as this was their first encounter with a large pig. He was then hooked up to a heart monitor, respirator and oxygen machine. I was able to see the bottom of his foot for the first time. Radiographs and an ultrasound of his foot were taken. I was happy to be able to take part in the whole process. Volunteers Ryan White and Janet Kavilhaug came along on Waterford's incredible journey. While waiting for the results of the x-rays, the interns were busily trimming Waterford's toe nails, sawing down his tusks and cleansing his wounds.

The results of the x-rays showed the bones in his foot were completely disintegrated from the bacteria. It was a sinking feeling for me to

hear that diagnosis. We talked about amputation, but we were in agreement the weight of his shoulders and body mass could not bare the weight by leaving just one toe, and Waterford would most likely tear off any bandages. I must say after all this I felt so helpless. He is the biggest, sweetest boy. "Now what?" I asked myself. Again, just like Blossom, I let the animal take the lead. I know what it is like to live in pain because I had a knee replacement two years ago and it didn't help at all. I still go on and have found a way to cope, and I feel Waterford is doing the same. He has pain meds as needed. Since his homecoming I have been able, while Waterford is laying down, to take a hypodermic syringe full of antibacterial solution, without a needle on it, and irrigate the sores in his foot. As I stroke him gently, letting him know what I'm doing, he actually tolerates it and I have been doing it ever since. Also, I control the flies on his wound and spray a concoction of linseed oil and other oils to seal it until it is irrigated. This seems to be working and this was my only hope for him. I feel honored he allows me to do this. His infection seems to be a little less. He did lose his toe completely and by some miracle it did not bleed. He is now trotting around and seems to be feeling less pain.

I want to thank volunteer Dan Fiske for being his friend and soother since the time Waterford arrived over five years ago. Waterford has many admirers but only two that will lay down beside him. Life is good! It's what our sanctuary is all about.

-Debra White