



**HENRI** is a heritage turkey. Heritage turkeys have beautiful plumage. Henri needed a new home. He is friendly and is a guardian of the chickens. He loves greeting visitors and showing off his beautiful plumage.



**HARPER** was a found abandoned baby rabbit. Harper was brought to the farm by one of our volunteers. She is enjoying exploring her new world.

#### FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

Wizard, Stormy, Lucky, Bella, Jackson, Fluffy, Daisy, Pumpkin, Asia, Nico

#### THANK YOU!

Bay State Envelopes; Whole Foods; Ellen Brogna; Those who sent our wishlist needs; Volunteers

The huge storm that struck October 29 not only downed dozens of trees and took out the power, it also destroyed our playground, as well. It will cost \$24,000 to replace from cedar works.com. For several years, the playground has brought joy to all the children who have visited. Sadly, we will now need to replace the playground structures and we are asking for your donations to help. We are grateful for all the help our supporters have provided over the years and we hope we can count on you again.

In late spring, Carol Kozun, a volunteer, reached out to our loyal donors for help on the Water Project. Our goal was to raise \$9,600. The donations were used to replace leaking water piles, as most of which were over 10 years old, add new water pipes where needed and to upgrade and add new water spigots throughout the farm. Stainless steel water pipes were used and top of the line water spigots ensuring they will last for a very long time. Winter months have always been a challenge with pipes freezing.

A huge thank you goes out to those who made it possible and for their generosity and continuous support of Winslow Farm:

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#### WINSLOW WISH LIST

Pellets for three pellet stoves used to heat our cat shelter; Mealworms; Canned corn; Canned cat food any brand; Dry cat food, brand Purina; Paper towels, Trash bags; Cleaning products

Our 2017 sponsorship was so successful that we are doing it again this year. Be sure to check out our website to discover the seven different animals that are being featured for sponsorship this year. Thank you for supporting our animals.

### Year End Giving

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

Gift giving can be made in many ways, either by a 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 2017

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



**LEIA AND SUNDAE** were from a herd of alpacas needing new homes. Winslow took the two shyest alpacas. We are happy to see Leia and Sundae have quickly joined and been accepted by our alpaca herd of Pesca, Noelle, Karolina and Star.

**MOLLY** arrived at the farm, needing a new home after her caretaker suffered a stroke and could no longer look after her. It took time for Molly to adjust as she missed her person and her old home. Then, she was introduced to Winter and they immediately bonded. The two horses are now inseparable.



**HOMEY** is a friendly, two year old Heritage pig. He was brought up in a house for the first year of his life. He was moved outside, but his outdoor area was too small and he became depressed. He was brought to the farm to have more room and animal companionship. He is very talkative and loves visitors.



**BLACK JACK** needed a new home. He is a handsome black rabbit. Black Jack is a bit shy, but enjoys the company of Buns. He loves digging holes and hanging out with the ducks.



**BUN's** caretaker had allergies and so Buns needed a new home. She is a sweet and friendly bunny. She can be found cuddled with Iris, our big rabbit, under the shrubs.



**IRIS**, a Flemish rabbit, was found abandoned in an apartment by the landlord. She was in a carrier with no food or water for days. Luckily, this beautiful big bunny was saved.

## President's Letter



Debra White and Bean

2017 was a very challenging year at the farm. New animals required adequate housing and placement. Being open for 21 years, along the way the fences, barns, underground water service and electrical lines need to be monitored for repair of wear and tear. And new volunteers to be trained for their respective positions.

Adequate staffing is always a challenge. This year amazing volunteers have come to work and be part of caring and feeding of the animals.

Major upgrades were also completed. The alpaca and small goat barn were stained for waterproofing. The main

horse barn was sagging in the roof due to past blizzards compromising the integrity of the structure. 6 x 6 pressure treated beams were installed, as well as beautiful Dutch doors were hand crafted. At the main barn for elderly goats, low lying stands were built to better enable our elderly goats to climb up so they may rest comfortably on soft rubber mats off the floor. In addition, we have added "run out" corrals for each of the horses so they could enter the outdoors in the evenings. This is particularly nice in warm weather when they can enjoy the clear nights and moon lit sky. The corrals were filled with screened sand to lay on.

Wind swept storms toppled a number of trees taking down the playground. Removal of trees has started. There are still three pines that need to be removed by a boom because of the precarious position they are in. For example; trees hovering over the barns with insect damage and they could fall at any time.

The llama barn was converted to a two horse stall barn, complete with

electricity to facilitate a electric water bucket to keep from freezing.

A big, heartfelt thank you to Mark Brady and his Boy Scouts Troop 79 from Raynham. They delivered ten beautifully handmade benches to Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary! Thank you for your incredible kindness.

An effort was made to raise the necessary funds for a new tractor. (The existing tractor was damaged beyond repair in an accident). We still have not raised the needed monies to purchase a new one. A tractor is desperately needed. The cost of a tractor with all the extras needed for the farm is estimated at \$32,000.

Winslow Farm was hit hard with losses. It is because of you that we can keep a quality stay for life for the animals no donation is too small. Every little bit helps us!

Most Sincerely,  
Debra White

## BEAN



Bean, a beautiful baby goat was brought to the farm in February. He was born on February 4, 2017. Bean's mother rejected both of her babies. The brother died and little Bean was left for dead. The previous owners stated, "He will be dead in 24 hours just leave him there." Luckily, a person who lived near the farm, found out about Bean and asked if she could take him home. The people

agreed. He was bottle fed and became more and more strong. but after two weeks of round the clock feedings, little Bean jumping around their house, bouncing off the furniture and they knew it was time to move him to a loving home. Winslow Farm agreed to take him, knowing what we were facing. A little baby animal needs their mother or a mother figure. He took comfort in my kitchen, finding a little spot under my island. I filled that cubby with fresh straw to he could become familiar with his bedding. It was priceless to let visitors into my home by their request to visit Bean, sleeping so sweetly. As soon as a goat stands it is not unusual for them to relieve themselves. I used lots of puppy pads to train him on and it worked pretty well, with a few accidents here and there. Bean

wore his little dog jacket outside for a few hours each day and would enjoy standing in the sunshine. He was quite a celebrity having visitors come to see him week after week. Because he was teething he would seek out the laces of our guests to chew on. At first it was cute, but after awhile I found myself tying everyone's shoe laces out of guilt! As time went on he would investigate more and more with his mouth to the point where he now wears a soft mesh muzzle to keep him out of trouble. Bean is now eight months old. He spends all day outside keeping us company and he enjoys the company of our beautiful goat, Blossom. It is comforting to me to share my smoothies with him each morning and since he is potty trained, he can still sleep on my bed with Freedom and Mrs. Turtles! ~Debra White

## STORMY



My beautiful Stormy chose the numbers of angels to lay to rest.

Her name came to be that she was born into hurricane Gloria in 1985. She was not stormy by any means, but a kind, gentle horse and would convey her messages to the herd by her ears, tail and neck. She never lifted her leg to anyone or anything in her life. Stormy was respected by all our horses and the loving people who helped care for her.

## WILLOW MIA



Twilight is my favorite time to visit with Willow. She a stately pig. This time of day is particularly peaceful on the farm — all the animals are resting in the hay filled barns or under the darkening skies.

When I was first getting to know Willow, I would sit quietly with her while she enjoyed a mud bath or resting on her blankets in her house. Initially, I wanted to gain her trust so she would let us trim her hooves

On June 11, 1998, our beautiful mule, Cloud Dancing was born to Stormy and Stardust, our donkey. I remember the day Clouds was born. For some reason, I was drawn to go outside early in the morning around 5:00am. The sky was bright red, with beautiful clouds filtrating the sky. I noticed the llamas, goats and ponies were congregated in a circle. There this beautiful little mule was laying on a perfect bed of straw. I had no idea Stormy was pregnant because I had Stardust castrated two weeks after his arrival. She looked like a little baby moose with her long beautiful ears. Their bond was ever so close throughout the years.

Stormy and I had a connection that was powerful. As powerful as a hurricane I would say.

As the years passed in the back of my mind but ever present, I contemplated her departure from *both myself and Cloud Dancing*. I knew this would be the hardest of loss for us both.

That day did come; it hit Clouds and I like a hurricane. I was sitting with Stormy all day after she had passed stroking her when Cloud Dancing finally came up and smelled her body. She then placed herself in front of her mother, bowed her legs and her head down with the most saddened look I will never forget. It was at least two minutes long when she rose up and gave her one last look and walked away. The depth of pain and acknowledgement was undeniable. Another volunteer, Lisa, was sitting by my side and we just looked at each other and kept shaking our heads to witness such a noble act.

I miss my Stormy and there isn't a day that goes by I don't think about her. Thankfully, Clouds has the love from Dan Fiske, her very best human friend. And I have the best part of Stormy, Cloud Dancing. We love you and on this Thanksgiving Eve, I give thanks to having the honor of her presence for 32 beautiful years. Amen.

~Debra White.

without her having to be frightened. The more time I spent with her, the more complex her personality revealed itself to be and the more I started to realize I was the lucky to have her for a friend. The day she let me hold her foot without pulling it back was amazing. The day she put her foot in my hand and fell asleep is a day I will never forget.

I played classical music for her on my mobile phone. Sweetly enough, she showed an unmistakable preference for gentle compositions, like Erik Satie's Gymnopedies. When I played lively orchestral pieces, she elicited a startled grunt! At first I thought her responses might be coincidental, but there was clear contentment in her eyes and body language when her favorite music was on.

The sheer depth and expression conveyed in Willow's wise and gentle eyes was and continues to be the most compelling experience for me and for those who have the blessing of knowing her. Seeing the delight in her eyes when a favorite snack of banana is offered, when a comforting breeze on a humid day soothes her body or the joyful sparkle when a friend comes to visit. Willow's ability to be completely present in the moment is her gift. It is a gift that eludes the best-intentioned people, but it is her pure capacity for joy that moves me to tears. Her joy, her comfort and the honor of helping her to feel safe and loved are one of the most sacred experiences of my life.

Thank you Willow for teaching me. I love you sweet friend.

~Lisa Knox