

## THE HENS OF WINSLOW FARM

Opening the door to the wooden house by the pond, five hens parade in haste to greet the morning sun and to see what delicacies abound.

Regal ambassadors fluffing their feathers sewn with threads of Autumn ochre, bronze and rust.

Their travels take them on the path outside of the pond, into the horse corral and to a delightful rest under the fragrant pines.

Their breakfast feast of fresh melon, corn and bread awaits their singular focus and beckons them to refresh themselves after their evening rest. Song sparrows deliver prayers from the dome of heaven.

I would offer my very soul so that you have this joyful adventure until there is no such thing as the passing of time.

They are angels who have descended and chosen to walk here. There is no other explanation for the way their wings wrap around them as they perch in gentle trust- awaiting the shifting of the light, the arrival of the stars and the whippoorwill symphony that sounds like the murmuring of their mother.

Rest, my loves. I give you my very heart so that you will always hear the song of night and bathe in the promise of the morning sun.

Descend

Ascend

Survey the kingdom and close our eyes in prayer and knowing.

All we know is this soft night. All we know is held aloft in perfect love and perfect trust. All we hear are the others breathing, resting and it is all we need in this moment of grace.

The Queen savours her tea in her garden heavy with hydrangea and Persian roses

The Hens share ears of corn on the oak leaved path near the duck pond.

The Hens and the Queen.

There is no difference between their hunger, their dreams and their delight.

Oh, how we once ruled the world. Remember when it was ours?

~Lisa Knox



**SHAELYN KELLY**, pictured with her mom, generously donated her birthday money to Winslow Farm.

### THANK YOU!

Bay State Envelopes; Mark Edwards for his donations of hay from Ferenstein's in Foxboro; Gift card to our volunteers from Barrowsville station. Thank you to all our customers who brought donations of food and supplies, as well as everyone who sent donations of pet food, supplies and monetary donations!

## 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

## A NEW BARN FOR MOLLY AND WINTER

Winslow Farm took in Winter a few years ago. She was badly abused. Last year, the farm offered to take Molly in after her caretaker suffered an illness and was no longer able to care for her. Winter and Molly bonded. These two friends are now inseparable. It made sense to stable the two horses together. It was decided to put them in the old llama barn. However, the quarters for the two horses were tight and the original building needed a complete renovation. The renovations are now at \$20,000. Any help you can provide towards defraying that cost would be much appreciated!

### 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; Small vac for the resource center.

### FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

King, Hemmingway, Willow, Pesca

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!

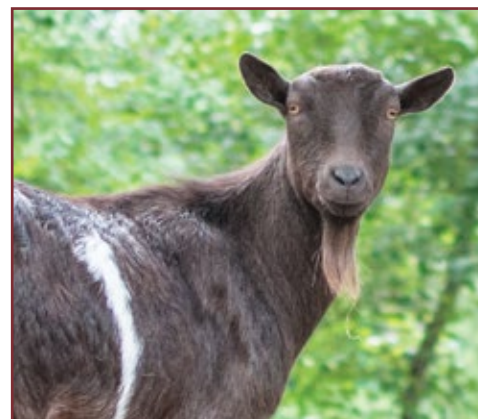
# Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



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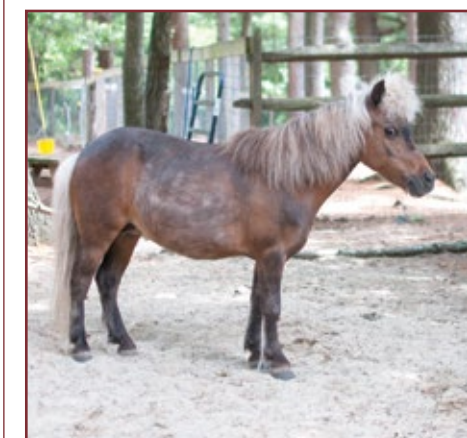
Our Mission is to provide a high quality "stay-for-life" animal sanctuary, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and care of mistreated and abandoned animals; to promote the prevention of animal mistreatment through quality educational programs and events, and to advocate the preservation of wildlife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

### Meet Our New Friends

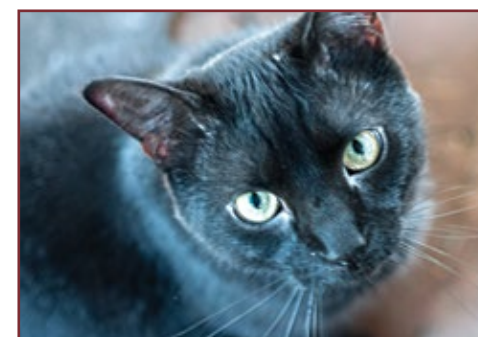


**FENWAY** lost his goat companion and became very depressed. He was brought to Winslow Farm so he could be with other goats and animals. Fenway is very shy around people but has become quite friendly with Acorn, the goat.

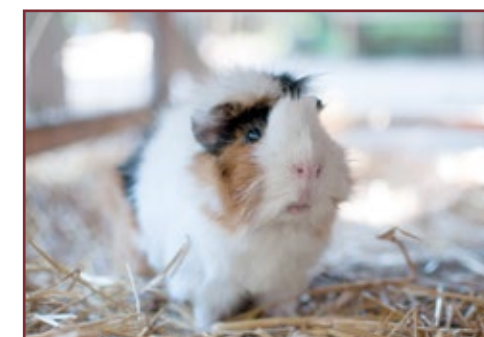
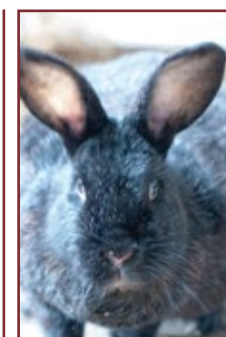
**PINKIE** is a two year old Juliana pig. She was a survivor of a tragic barn fire, as she was housed in another part of the farm. She needed a new home. Homey now has a new friend and Winslow Farm is happy to welcome this sweet, little pig.



**ABBY** lived at her previous home for many years. Due to the age of her caretaker, she needed a new home. When Abby arrived she was understandably nervous. However, she adapted quickly and is enjoying the company of the other mini horses, as well as Tucker. The volunteers love grooming this sweet, friendly little girl. She loves greeting Winslow visitors.



**LEO** lost his previous home. Needing a new home, Winslow Farm agreed to take him in. Leo is a friendly, happy cat, who loves attention and is an unofficial greeter at the front desk.



**LYRA, LUNA & LUDVICO** were brought to Winslow Farm, after their caretaker needed to move and could not take the three animals. Lyra and Luna, two beautiful black rabbits have settled in well. Ludvico, the guinea pig, spent his winters outdoors. He now will have a nice, cozy warm place inside during the cold winter months.

## President's Letter



Debra White and Cloud

It is time to give thanks for the many blessings that came to Winslow Farm.

First, I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who work so hard to help run the farm. It was a hard winter with an epidemic proportion of fallen trees. In some instances it was difficult to traverse with wheelbarrows, snowblowers and tractors on what would normally be a clear path to each destination.

The summer was excessively hot and was taxing on the body but you all pulled through because in your hearts you all knew the animals depended on making their day as comfortable as possible. You have provided me with a sense of pride to have the dedication of you all!

Secondly, if it were not for all of our steadfast donors we could not operate at the high level of animal care that Winslow Farm provides. Because of you we were able to repair barns and corrals that were taken down from the winter storms. A lot of our event decorations were destroyed as well as the buildings they were kept in. Also, a 100 foot pine tree snapped in the middle which half of it impaled one of our goat barns through the roof and straight into the ground. Fortunately, we very quickly rebuilt the entire roof structure. It was a blessing the little

goats survived by jumping to the side on their stands.

It is extremely difficult to survive the winter months financially without income coming in since one third of it comes from our patrons visiting the farm. We welcome our patrons through the winter as long as the pathways are free of ice and fallen branches!

Third, thank you to all who made donations from our Winslow Farm wish list. Many people sent us the things we so desperately needed and it has helped so much! The plea for vegetable went viral because we could have opened our own market with zucchini squash, cucumbers, pears and apples. All our animals truly loved and even got seconds!

*Most Sincerely,  
Debra White*

## HELP US BUILD A HOME FOR JOEY AND GEORGE

Joey and George are two Sulcata tortoises who have lived at Winslow Farm for the last nine years. They were brought to us as babies by their family who could no longer care for them. One of the reasons why they could no longer care for them was that Joey had sustained a terrifying injury. A large portion of his front leg and part of his back leg were eaten by rats.

Joey's legs healed with love and great care but his movement is limited as a result of the injury. We are thrilled that MIT has just offered to assess the possibility of creating a prosthesis for him. If successful, this will allow Joey greater balance and will help him with mobility.

Our tortoises have grown since their arrival 9 years ago. Sulcatas have a growth spurt for the first ten years of their lives and continue to grow slowly



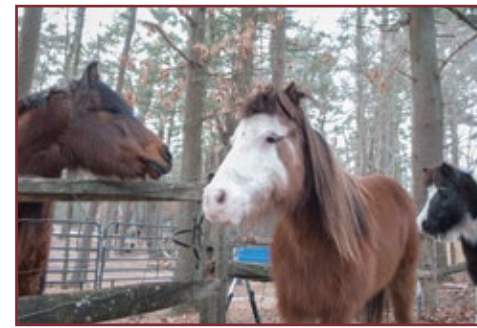
George

for the rest of their lives. George weighs about 50 lbs and Joey weighs about 35 lbs. As Sulcatas need to be in a very warm environment, one of our amazing volunteers, Carol has welcomed them into her home for the last eight years from autumn until summer. Carol is currently faced with serious medical issues of her own which is prompting us to seek a definitive solution to provide a year-round sanctuary for our beloved tortoises.

We need to build a solarium at Winslow Farm for Joey and George where they can bask in 80 degrees and be completely safe and protected from the elements. The kind of structure that we intend to build will not only allow George and Joey a beautiful, warm habitat, it will allow our doves an ideal place to rest during the long winter months.

We are seeking a donors to help us realize this vital mission. The cost of this solarium is \$25,000. If one donor is able to make this a reality, we would love to name the solarium in their honor. We need to build this solarium this season as time is critical given the needs of our tortoises. Building a solarium this season would be a dream come true for Winslow Farm. Please help us make a beautiful home for Joey and George. Our entire Winslow Farm family will be grateful for your help.

## SADIE, SHADOW, TUCKER



January 20 was an exciting day for Winslow Farm. It saw the arrival of not only two mini horses, Sadie and Shadow, but Tucker, a retired riding horse, as well. We had brand new stalls built for the three new horses.

First, Sadie and Shadow arrived. The previous caretakers of Sadie and Shadow had sold their property, with the understanding the animals

living there would be well cared for. However, they came to find out this was not the case. They took back ownership of the two minis and Winslow Farm was happy to take in Sadie and Shadow.

Sadie, a pretty black and white, blue-eyed mini is very protective and Shadow, a sweet, gentle horse, followed Sadie's lead.

Brady Haulin, who brought Sadie and Shadow in his trailer, kindly volunteered to get Tucker, who was nearby at a riding school in Norton. Tucker, in his late 20's, was ready to be retired and Winslow Farm was ready to offer this handsome fellow his retirement home.

When Tucker initially arrived, he came with some medical issues, but

once quickly put on a good, healthy diet that cleared up stomach issue. He is on medicine for Cushing's disease.

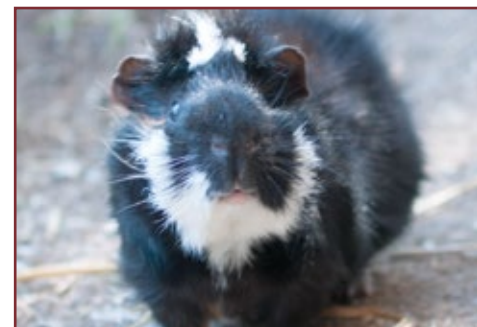
We are so lucky to have these three wonderful horses in the Winslow Farm family.



**BUCKLEY**, as a baby, was rescued from slaughter. He was cared for and when his rescuer could no longer care for him as he got older, he was brought to Winslow Farm.

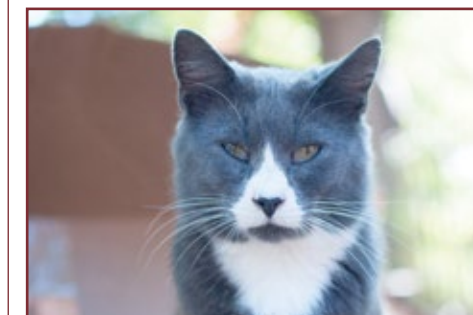


**FERN & CHARLOTTE's** caretaker become ill and could no longer care for the two alpacas. Fern has quickly become the leader of all the alpacas and will curiously approach the different animals on the farm. Charlotte has a sweet, shy manner.

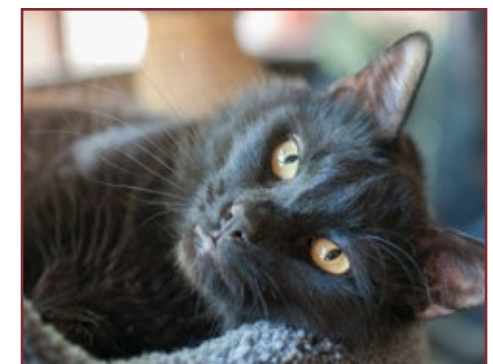


**GUS's** family moved and Winslow took him in. He has become a great companion for Ludvico.

**BEACON** is a white pigeon born at the farm. He suffered a tumble out of his nest. He required special care. Beacon is a friendly pigeon and does his pigeon dance for volunteers.



**GREYSON** is a young cat. He was living outside, apparently an abandoned kitten. Thankfully, a good samaritan trapped him and brought him to live at the farm, where he will have regular meals and safe shelter.



**FEATHER & EINSTEIN** were found abandoned in an apartment. The landlord found the two cats and brought them to Winslow. These handsome, long-haired cats needed food and attention. Feather loves to lie in any box he can find. He receives medication for his eyes. Einstein is a friendly fellow, happy for a pat.