



Pete, the rooster, arrived at Winslow with the large group of hoarded bantams. Due to the horrific situation he'd been forced to live in, one of his feet was cemented in excrement and he was left with a stump to hop around on. In addition, both feet suffered from frostbite and his other foot has round toe nubs instead of claws. Debra wanted him to have a prosthetic attachment to help him walk as normally as possible again. Requests for chicken leg/feet prosthetics have been limited and not yet developed by the artificial limb industry, so longtime volunteer, Devon Lucas, enlisted the help of two of her design engineering friends, Val Roca and Benji Beagh, to create a prosthetic foot using CAD technology and 3D printing. Through several prototypes and fittings, they are very close to a well-fitting usable synthetic foot for Pete. We can't wait to see him walking instead of hopping soon!

The gazebos for the doves and the rabbits were all renovated this year. They have now been repaired and improved.

George, our tortoise, who wintered with one of volunteers, has become too heavy to transport. George will remain at the farm this year. We need your help building him a warm greenhouse for the cold months. We will begin construction in Spring.



OUR 2020 calendars are now available for \$20. They can be purchased at the farm. Quantities are limited so don't wait!

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to Home Depot of Mansfield for awarding us a \$2500 grant. We were able to install several hundred feet of wire fencing and 8x8 pressure-treated posts along the street side of the Farm. We also want to thank Bay State Envelopes, Mark Edwards, for his donations of hay from Ferenstein Feed & Farm Supply in Foxboro, and all our wonderful customers who brought and sent donations of food and supplies, as well as monetary gifts throughout the year!

### 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

### TEEN SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

Winslow Farm was host to a four-week program this summer for teens conducted by Sheepish Grin Animal Photography. During this program, the teens learned how to photograph animals while also learning about animal welfare. In addition, the program was extended for adults during the fall. We are looking forward to continuing both programs again next year! You can contact info@sheepishgrin.net for more information about the 2020 programs.

#### 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

Molly, Star, Gulliver, Cheeky, Oliver, Tiki, Justice

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 2019

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



COUNTESS, THOMAS AND DUCHESS joined our alpaca herd in August. They were no longer able to be cared for and the farm agreed to take in the three beautiful animals. Duchess is eleven years old. Countess is twelve years old. Thomas is the only boy and is the youngest at only five years old.

During their arrival, there was much interest by all the animals. Sundae, our black alpaca, was quite taken by the new arrivals. The minis came over to visit, as well. Countess, Thomas and Duchess explored their new home and were very curious. They have become a wonderful addition to our alpaca herd.



HUMPHREY is a sweet little black and white bunny. His family was moving and could not take him with them, but now he has a home with Luna and Cookie.



AXEL AND PEEPERS are two lovely black and white cats who lost their home due to unfortunate circumstances. Their previous caretaker calls and checks on them frequently. They are very shy, but very sweet, cats. They are beginning to feel comfortable in their new surroundings.



## President's Letter



Debra White and Gabriel

Our heartfelt gratitude to Plymouth Animal Shelter for their incredible tenacity and compassion in a case of dreadful animal neglect and cruelty this year. They discovered over 200 bantam chickens being kept in cramped, filthy cages, with no protection from the elements. They were without water and offered only limited feedings.

Many of them were already dead and those still alive were in dire need of help. The shelter contacted numerous rescue groups without success. The chickens were in danger of being euthanized. When they reached out to me I told them to bring me them all. At that point, I needed to work quickly to create two pens. When the chickens arrived at Winslow, they were exhausted, bewildered and dehydrated. All 85 chickens needed to have their bodies and feet cleaned from the layers

of excrement adhering to them. Two hens were actually stuck together because their feet were encased in dried excrement. Many chickens were missing toes. They were malnourished and a lot of them were in shock.

Three died in my hands an hour after arrival. I knew they needed to be moved to a heated area in one of the Farm's buildings to keep them warm. They received syringe feedings of electrolytes and vitamins. As the chickens were gaining strength, I realized they were all going to need a warm cage of their own. I managed to buy 85 cages and set them up in the David Sheldon White Resource Center.

The care of these poor animals has taken a great deal of work by me, my team of volunteers and staff. The chickens required cleaning, constant monitoring and hand feeding. They remained in the heated building until they were strong enough to roam outside, which brought us into late Spring. I was so proud of everyone for pitching in with their extra help, kindness and dedication to nurse them all back to health, which brings me to the incredible gesture of one of our donors who bought not one, but

three beautiful beautiful Roundtop walk-in chicken coops! This was so necessary to pair the chickens correctly so they would get along with each other. During the time of their healing, I kept telling the little chickens they would no longer be bound by cages; they would roam the grounds to peck for insects and feel the warm sunshine as they pleased. I promised them that every day they would be provided with plenty of feed and watermelon, to keep them hydrated, and would never again know the heartbreak of suffering in the cold, starving to death. These chickens have gone from squalor to splendor!

It has been heartbreaking and outrageous to see what these chickens have suffered. I wish many blessings to all involved with one of the most challenging rescues here at Winslow Farm. Thank you to all who sent us feed, paper towels puppy pads, time, labor and love to all these beautiful birds that we all love so much.

Most Sincerely,  
Debra White

**OF IMPORTANCE:** It has been sad to know over the years the farm receives many requests to take on pot bellied pigs. I admit they are hard to resist seeing them as little piglets. Notoriously these piglets will turn into 150 lbs. of pure brawn. I have had over 300 calls in the past two years people complaining they bought a pig with breeders promising they will stay at 50 lbs. or under at maturity. Please don't believe this if you are contemplating. Be sure you are ready to house them in an area that is first of all, zoned for pigs.

Provide fencing strong enough and large enough that they are not bored and nose their way out at the bottom of the fencing. At age three most pigs are at sexual maturity and can become aggressive to other animals, as well as their handler. This is their nature and with that being said, they can also be sweet and friendly but always be on guard especially with other pets and children. I would be happy to consult with anyone who has a pig but have issues with him/her. I would be happy to try and troubleshoot the problem so the pig is as content as you!



**STRIPES** and her friend, Allie, were brought to the Farm when their caretaker sadly passed. Her neighbor brought the two cats to the farm so they could have a home.



**BLACKBERRY AND ISABELLA** are two feral cats. They were kept in cages for years, with limited interaction. The pair have slowly been introduced to their new life of freedom, with room to roam. Our volunteers have been working with them to gain their trust. These beautiful cats are responding well and enjoying their new life.



Dublin

**FOR** my birthday, I placed a fundraiser through Facebook for Winslow Farm. Because of all the kind-hearted people who donated, I was able to rescue not only one, but two, horses from a slaughter pen in Oklahoma. I learned about these beautiful animals during the Snow Moon this past winter. Time was of the essence, as they had only 17 hours

before making the horrible trip to Mexico to be slaughtered. Thankfully, I was able to save them in time. Sadly, so many wonderful horses meet this horrible fate. Snow Moon, a Mexican dancing pony, and Dublin, a Welsh pony, were transported to Missouri for their quarantine of up to a month. On May 25, 2019, the two horses arrived at Winslow Farm at 9:30 PM. They travelled all the way from Missouri for 28 hours with only one stop. They were temporarily sharing the barn with our two donkeys, Stardust and Jezebel until their new prefabricated barn arrived.

Because they needed shelter of their own and with no time to fundraise, the farm had to incur the \$8,000 it took to purchase the barn, as well

as the labor costs to construct the barn. Hopefully, with your generous donations, we can replenish those funds.

Considering all they have been through, Snow Moon and Dublin have settled in extremely well. We know nothing of their past, but with a lot of patience, love and medical care, they are rebounding from their obvious trauma.



Snow Moon

An integral part of Winslow's mission is to advocate the preservation of wildlife habitat. We are very excited about an opportunity to team up with the MEND Organization's Food Forests movement, whose mission is to create a regenerative solution to environmental and social health and wellness however and wherever possible.

The dynamic program designs and installs food forests and other perennial food producing landscapes to help restore natural habitats, provides nutritious plant based organic food for people and animals, and educates people on the impact food choices have on health and wellness.

This Spring, Winslow will dedicate an area on the Farm where our wildlife will be provided with grown food sources, as so much of our forests have been depleted by construction. Wild perennials will also be grown to help bees thrive for years to come. And, it's not just the wildlife who will benefit, our friends on the Farm will also be eating tasty homegrown fruits and vegetables. We can't wait to begin!