

Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



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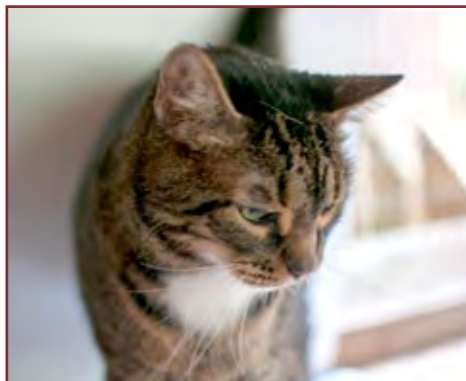
Our Mission is to provide a high quality “stay-for-life” animal sanctuary, dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and care of mistreated and abandoned animals; to promote the prevention of animal mistreatment through quality educational programs and events, and to advocate the preservation of wildlife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

Meet Our New Friends

DAISY is sweet little goat. She arrived in September this year. Daisy is nine years old, although she has a very youthful appearance. She is a Nigerian dwarf goat. She lost her companion goat. She came to Winslow Farm so she would not be alone and could mingle with the other animals at the farm.

As Daisy was used to living with horses, it appears she has become fond of Forest, our mini horse. They now share a stall and enjoy mealtimes together.

She has settled in at the farm and has made friends with another shy goat, Fenway. Daisy is a welcome addition to the Winslow family!



LOLA was left at a local shelter. Since she did not consistently use the kitty litter pan, she was labeled as not adoptable. This sweet girl was offered a home at the farm.

ROSALIE was only one of several chickens who survived a fox attack. To provide her with a safe environment and the company of other birds she was brought to live at Winslow Farm. This lovely lady now resides in the aviary with the other birds.



ISOBEL, a beautiful Porter Heritage, female turkey, was found roaming around Mansfield Center. Happily, our male Heritage turkey, Henri, is excited to welcome a new turkey companion.

President's Letter



Debra White and Petey

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, including here at Winslow Farm. Due to the Corona 19 virus, Winslow Farm closed its gates to visitors for four months. In 2019, our operating expenses were well over \$200,000. Losing much needed income has been difficult as it was for so many of you, as well. I want to thank everyone who gave what they could, whether it be a bag of carrots, a warm blanket for the kitties, plastic bottles or soda cans to recycle and redeem. Many people sent us donations from our wish list. All the produce from backyard gardens was

greatly appreciated. This helped in a big way to get us through. Many of you raised money on Facebook for your birthdays and then go on to donate it to the farm! Thank you so, so much for all your kind words, cards of encouragement and all the little conversations I would have with all who dropped off donations at the entrance. It really meant so much!

We are now open just 12 hours a week for the foreseeable future. I am feeling an abundance of gratitude toward our visitors for making our opening successful by following the six feet distancing and wearing masks. Although we needed to raise our entrance fees for the first time in 15 years, it was touching to find many of you giving us tips, as well. The animals have never gone without because of you all!

We look forward to better times in 2021. Keep safe and healthy!

*Most Sincerely,
Debra White*



LILY Rose was brought to Winslow Farm in 2006 because her mother died when she was born. She needed special care and to be bottle fed. A Winslow Farm volunteer took her in and nursed the baby lamb until she was ready to join the other animals at the farm. The farm even held a special celebration for her first birthday. In her later years, she shared a barn with Sturbridge, another rescued lamb. Fully grown, she still loved to run, jump and play with the younger volunteers, as she did in her lamb years. It was with great sadness, we lost Lily this August due to old age.

BRACELETS FOR GEORGE

by Linda O'Brien



I have been at Winslow Farm for just over three years. I was getting ready to retire and drove by the farm one day. I thought how great would it be to volunteer there! My experiences have far exceeded my expectations; I love taking care of the animals and getting to know their individual personalities. When it is my day to be at the farm - it doesn't matter if it's beautiful,

raining, snowing, hot, or cold – you see the animals waiting for you and it makes the day special! I am currently at the farm three days a week and look forward to each and every one!

Last year my church, First Baptist Church in Swansea, decided to sponsor an animal from Winslow Farm for their Christmas project. We selected five potential animals and everyone at church voted. George, the tortoise,



was the winner! One of my friends at church had designed jewelry and she made the first bracelet to help in our fund-raising efforts. Then, she taught me how to make them. Each bracelet is handmade and includes a tortoise charm. The fun in making them is deciding on the color of the beads and how to arrange them. If anyone wants to request a specific color for their bracelet, we are happy to accommodate them. The bracelets come in a special box which includes a narrative of George's story.

To date we have sold 126 bracelets and we hope to sell many more by helping Winslow Farm supporters with their birthday and holiday shopping. The bracelets come in three sizes and are available when you visit Winslow Farm.

SECURITY SYSTEM APPEAL

Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary has been in existence for over twenty years. Our mission is caring for abandoned, abused and neglected animals. In our sanctuary, animals have the freedom to live their lives in peace and to experience unconditional love for the duration of their lifetime. This was true until a beautiful goat, Blossom, was recently abducted from our farm.

Many attempts have been made to get her back home safely. A reward has also been offered. Hearts are broken. The “who” and “why” may never be answered. We are forced to install a high security system throughout the farm to ensure peace of mind. The system will allow us to monitor activity, covering all areas of the farm. The cost of installing a proper system will be approximately \$15,000. Your donation to help secure the farm will be greatly appreciated.

WINTER PLANNING

Winter Planning for the thirty stables and outbuildings starts soon after spring. We begin with assessing the stable floors for divots under the heavy rubber mats. This would be caused by horses shifting their weight while laying down or just comfortably standing in their stalls. We then replace broken boards, doors and hinges as needed. After the assessment it is decided how much sand will be needed for stalls, corrals and puddled areas in general. I then call a order into Lopes Construction in Taunton to purchase three tri-axles (22 yards for each load) of screened sand to be delivered. Delivery of such an amount requires relocating most of the animals for the day so the tractor trailer can drive in the four gates

SPRING CLEANING

Spring clean up can be challenging each year. However, this year it became so much easier. All the tree work that had been done in the past three years made life for the animals much more safer when the high winds come to town. We had very few downed trees and branches. The farm was able to purchase a wood chipper that attached to our John Deere tractor. We were able to finally rid the piles of branches from previous years by chipping them and using them on our trails for both the horses and our visitors.

A thank you to Jim Hendrickson for stacking and splitting wood and cutting up all our branches that were six inches or more! He also worked on pulling poke weed and weeds from our hillside to beautify our forest. Jim made a point to pump our wheelbarrow tires, as well as checking oil levels on our machinery. Jim has turned into quite a troubleshooter with our equipment. ~Debra White

Winslow Farm started the Raise the Roof campaign for a new barn roof. Cloud Dancing, our mule, was born in this barn 20 years ago and contains her stall, she shared with her mom, Stormy for all these years.

The campaign was started Valentine's Day, February 14 through Earth Day, April 22. We are happy to report to report the new roof is now complete!

A huge, heartfelt thank you to Maynard Roofing in Taunton, MA and to all who contributed to our Raise the Roof campaign last February to raise funds for a much needed roof for our main barn. Maynard Roofing graciously offered their talent and labor to ensure our beloved animals have a beautiful, safe roof in time for winter!

safely without anyone escaping. I try to set the deliveries up for once a year because it could take up three quarters of a day just for delivery.

The power washing starts from the ceiling down after covering all the light bulbs and fans so as not to get wet. The walls and floor mats are power washed with a sudsy, green soap and then rinsed. This is done in for all thirty-one buildings, finally ending with replacement of sand in corrals and stalls for a nice fresh start to hunker down for the winter.

The larger of the bird aviaries was a physically challenging task, hauling out old bedding and sand, as well as taking out all their feathers from moulting season. Moulting is when the birds lose most of their feathers and new feathers come in by the end of September. Once a year, the sand

floor needs to be graded because of the pecking and scratching of the peafowl, ducks and chickens. They love to hunt for insects and make hollows in the sand to sun bathe. I like to keep their ground area dry and clean to alleviate the chance of mites and mold spores becoming a problem.

Once October comes along all the plexi-glass windows that were removed in the spring are washed and installed. We like to have the twenty-seven fans from summer brushed off and cleaned and then wrapped for winter.

This is just the tip of the iceberg as far as winterizing. I want to thank Dan and Tracy for their diligence for doing a superior job this summer tackling these tasks in the hottest of all summers. Thank you so much!

~Debra White

FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

Gabriel, the llama; Sundae, the alpaca; Levi, the goat; Napoleon, the pig; Sturbridge and Lily Rose, the sheep; Edwin, Blue and Blizzard, the cats.

GREEN SUNDAY

Sundays are green day at Winslow Farm. Please donate fresh kale, spinach, broccoli and bunches of collard greens.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for your dedication and commitment towards our animals. I am so proud of each and every one of you.

Thank you to the League School who help us with keeping our walkways well swept and providing us with help bagging up our recycled plastics. Thank you for your smiles and all the little talks you provide to the animals here.

Thank you to Dave Farrell for all the emergency carpentry jobs. We have called you in all hours of the day and you have been here for us. With large animals there are always setbacks with fences and gates. Thank you for coming to the rescue.

Lastly, I want to welcome Lisa Knox to her new position here who has volunteered each weekend faithfully for the past four years. Welcome to Heaven on Earth Lisa!

Christine Crawford joined our staff, we are so happy to have her with us and I know the animals are enriched with the individual care you give to each one.

Unfortunately Lisa Kunsch had to part ways with us after nine beautiful years of service. Service that was sincerely given from her heart! We all miss her very much. ~Debra White

OUR 2021 calendars are now available for \$20. They make great gifts for family and friends. They can be purchased at the farm. Quantities are limited so don't wait! Thank you to Liz White and Bay State Envelope for doing a wonderful job producing the calendars for us each year. Sale of the calendars benefits our animals.

WINSLOW WISH LIST

Oyster Shell Powder; Thermo-chicken heated pad; Blue Buffalo Wilderness, Purina Chow or Royal Canin Dry Cat Food; Blue Buffalo Pate, Fancy Feast Pate or Wellness Wet Cat Food; Canned Corn

WARM WINTER NEST FUNDRAISER

Help us ensure our animals enjoy a good winter season. We are highlighting two amazing local family run businesses who have delivered hay, grain and necessary supplies faithfully to our sanctuary for many years. Ferestein Feed & Farm Supply in Foxboro and Munroe's Feed & Supply in Rehoboth.

You can make a donation directly to our Winslow Farm account by contacting Ferestein Feed & Farm Supply in Foxboro 508-543-3613. Ferestein delivers 200 bales of second cut hay to our sanctuary every three weeks, so your donation will go directly to this much needed wonderful hay.

You can also make a donation directly to our Winslow Farm account by contacting Munroe's Feed & Supply in Rehoboth 508 252 6050. Munroe's delivers numerous bags of high quality grain for our horses, donkeys, alpacas and goats monthly and they deliver bales of straw monthly which provides warm, comfortable bedding for all our animals. Your donation will go directly for this much needed food and bedding.

We encourage people to go visit these outstanding local businesses as it is imperative that they receive our community support and appreciation.

As always, thank you for helping us keep our animals healthy and in great comfort this season!

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 it's 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!