

Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



OUTPOST 2023

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



Dahlia, Dora, Dansa

DANSA, DAHLIA, DORA, DAKOTA
We have been so lucky this year with the arrival of a family of four goats. They were in a neglected situation, not being fed regularly and living in unclean circumstances. We first welcomed Dahlia, little Dora and Dansa in early July. Dora is Dahlia's daughter. Dansa is the mother of our two boys, Dixie and Dickens, who arrived at the farm as babies last year. Despite their neglect the goats are very friendly, loving attention. Young Dora is a bit more shy. Dahlia loves neck scratches. Dansa is sweet girl.



Dakota



Dahlia, Dora,

In late July, the final member of the family, Dakota, arrived. This handsome goat has large, impressive horns. He needed to be neutered before he could join the goat herd and then another six weeks needed to pass. He had been enjoying spending time with the alpacas. Slowly, he was introduced to his two sons, Dickens and Dixie. Recently he was also joined by the boys' mom, Dansa. It was quite the family reunion. Happily all four goats continue to look healthier all the time, having regular meals and living in a clean environment.



Dixie, Dickens, Dansa, Dakota

President's Letter



Debra White and Jack

Hello,

Time passes so quickly and here again, we are almost at the end of another year. This has been a year of some sadness and some joy. We lost many wonderful animals this year but we also welcomed a reunited family of goats. Knowing they are now all well-cared for reminds me of why I have made this my life's work.

Last December, I took in Jack. He was found wandering as a puppy in the streets of Tennessee and was placed in a kill shelter. He was rescued and

brought to the northeast where he was adopted as a year old. Jack has separation anxiety and his caretaker worked all day. It was decided he might do better at the farm with me, the staff, volunteers and all the animals, where he is never alone. Jack has flourished at the farm, living his best life. He has become a wonderful companion.

With over 200 animals to care for, running the farm is a huge undertaking. I cannot do it alone. I rely on our dedicated staff and volunteers to feed, clean, prepare meals, help with medication and grooming. Volunteering at the farm is very hard physical work but can also be a rewarding experience, knowing that our animals, who have suffered neglect the past, are getting the very best care they deserve. Sometimes it is hard to get that needed dedicated help. There is a lack of help if the weather is too cold or the simple inability to be reliable. Our animals need care every day regardless. Oftentimes the onus falls on our limited core staff who are out there working no matter the weather: cold, heat, or rain. I want to take the time to give my heartfelt thanks to these faithful staff members. You

know who you are and know the farm would not be the success it is if not for your loyalty and hard work.

Looking forward, there are ongoing projects for maintaining the farm itself. I am constantly checking the integrity of all buildings, ensuring the comfort of our animals. The main barn will require major renovations this year. As always, there is a need for either repairing or replacing fencing.

I cannot express how critical and valuable your donations contribute to the welfare of Winslow Farm, whether it be dollar donations or produce donations. This year when almost all our fans broke down and we put the word out we were in need of fans, it was heartwarming when these quickly arrived at our door to keep our animals comfortable during a hot summer.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

*Most Sincerely,
Debra White*

TWIGS

Twigs arrived at Winslow Farm on Memorial Day. She is a five-year-old Alpine Nigeria Dwarf mix. Twigs had a loving home with her sister, Sugar, but sadly Sugar died. Twigs was lonely. It was hard to make the decision to let her live at Winslow Farm but with no companions other than dogs and a lack of adequate fencing, it was in her best interest to come to Winslow Farm. She has come to bond with Acorn who looks similar to her sister.



TRISKET

Trisket is a handsome ginger cat. He was a stray kitten brought to a shelter. He was adopted and returned within weeks. He is a cat that needs to be outside and is enjoying his life at the farm.

EUSTACE



We love all our animals but every now and then a special one arrives at the farm. Eustace, a black and white pygmy goat, arrived at the farm in July 2007, as a baby goat. He loved to jump and climb on whatever he could find, including the horse at his former home. Because of this, he was severely disciplined by his caretaker. Fearful for him, the caretaker's spouse smuggled Eustace away from any further abuse and handed him over to Debra White, owner of the farm, in a parking lot.

Eustace continued his climbing here at the farm too, clambering over gates and fences, as well as jumping on the top of the goat shed, which was one of his favorite nap places. Once, Eustace was found happily scrambling on the roof of the big barn. After giving us all a huge fright, he safely got down on his own through the barn window.

As Eustace began to age and arthritis set in, it was hard to see he was not the nimble little fellow he used to be. However, as always, he was his sweet, lovable self. Debra White noted of Eustace, "He was a little ball of happiness."



It is with great sadness that we lost Eustace this year at the age of 16, having passed away in his sleep. 16 years is quite elderly for a goat but it fell well short of the time we wished he could have remained with us. His gentle, happy nature is a legacy we continue to value beyond measure.

A STAFF MEMBER'S DAY AT WINSLOW FARM

by Linda O'Brien



Dickens and Linda O'Brien

What is it like to be a volunteer at Winslow Animal Sanctuary? It is a unique experience filled with lots of hard work and the best kind of rewards. To know that you are making a difference in the lives of animals that haven't always had the kind of life they deserve is a special experience. My day starts with feeding and while I'm guessing it's the food they are most excited about; they make me feel like they are waiting for me to pat them, hug them, and give them a morning snuggle. Next, everyone is ready to begin their day, the

animals to be outside mingling with their companions, and me to clean their rooms. We joke that we are "room service" and "housekeeping" but it's especially important to provide them with a clean and safe environment. The day continues with preparation for dinner; this includes measuring out grain, hay, and chopping produce. Everyone's meals are carefully monitored to keep them healthy.

There are many additional items we are responsible for; two of these are grooming and hoof trimming. It is important to groom all our animals frequently; some enjoy it more than others. Hoof trimming is done every eight weeks. The horses are done by a farrier, but we do the goats ourselves. And probably the most important getting to know each animal so that we can monitor if anything seems unusual in their behavior or habits. Then it's tuck-in time and an evening snack before settling down for the night. I go home knowing that I've helped the animals believe they are loved and treasured.

I'd like to say a special thank you to Deb for trusting me to care for her animal family, and a very sincere thank you to all my fellow volunteers. We bond over the animals but have become a family of friends.



This summer we ran a contest asking our visitors if they knew the answer to: “Can you guess how many pounds of hay we serve to our animals in a day?” to win two free passes to the farm and a photo with their favorite animal.

The winner was Sue Sullivan from Seekonk who guessed 140. Congratulations to Sue!

The answer was 144.75 pounds.



Kylie Zenofsky and Scouts BSA Troop 1846 Attleboro worked hard assembling 100 feet of non-climbable pressure treated fencing for us.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

There are so many people to thank there simply is not the room to mention everyone. We appreciate all donations in all forms and the help we received from those who have contributed to helping care for the farm and the animals.

If you want to keep up with all the goings on at the farm, go to our website, www.winslowfarm.com and scroll to the bottom. You will see “Keeping in Touch. Click here to subscribe for our emails.” to sign up.



Sylvie

FRIENDS WE WILL MISS

Timatao, Sydney, Jezebel, Charlotte, Humphrey, Henri, Stripes, Feathers, Eustace, Lunar, Carver, Sunny, Tucker, Goldust, Einstein

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

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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!



OUR 2024 calendars are now available for \$20. They can be purchased at the farm. Quantities are limited so don't wait!

WINSLOW WISH LIST

Tomato Sauce; Canned Corn; Bird Seed; Wood pellets for our pellet stoves in the cat shelter; On a ongoing basis we need kale, broccoli, carrots, squash and romaine lettuce.