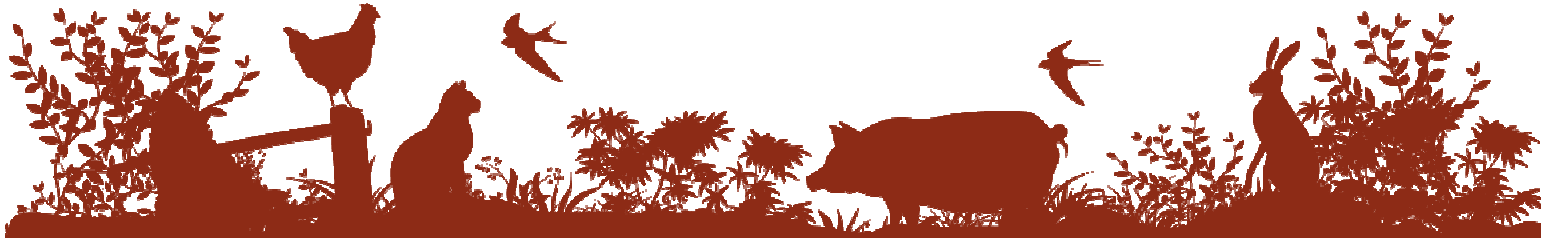


# Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



## OUTPOST 2013

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.

### WINSLOW FARM MEETS MARTHA STEWART!



*Debra White, Martha Stewart, Alexis Fox, Nancy Bolanis, MD*

We were delighted to be guests on Martha Stewart's daily live radio show on SiriusXM Satellite Radio in New York City, NY.

Martha invited us to come and join her to discuss factory farming, the treatment of animals in the food industry, and the efforts to provide more humane conditions for farm animals in general.

This opportunity to bring these issues and highlight the mission of Winslow Farm was unique, exciting and uplifting. Thank you Martha!

League of Boston. Willow spent time living at the Animal Rescue League's shelter. Several attempts were made to find the owner, but no one came forward to claim her. She was most likely destined for auction or slaughter. The Rescue League began calling different zoos and sanctuaries in the New England area. Unfortunately, no one was able to house a pig. An anonymous donor suggested Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary might be able to help. The farm was contacted and it was agreed to give Willow a permanent home.

Willow was one that needed her own structure and ample amount of space. It took several months to pick the perfect spot to build her forever home. We do have a large, resident Tamworth pig named Waterford, where if the introduction to each other wasn't orchestrated perfectly, it could prove to be unfortunate for Willow. I did decide to build her story book house next to his habitat in hopes they he would tolerate her and ultimately be friends. I made sure we had double walls between the two pens because Waterford is a good 800 lbs. to Willow weighing out at 150 at 5 months old! It was a little

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### WILLOW



*Willow Mia our Yorkshire nearly one year old pig.*

Along Interstate 495 in Bolton, MA, a piglet was seen grazing along side the highway. She was rescued by police and the Animal Rescue

## PRESIDENTS LETTER



Welcome to this year's edition of the Outpost newsletter! First and foremost, I want to thank our faithful followers and well wishers for their continual support. We receive many letters thanking us for the work we do. It means a lot to receive a note expressing their joyful visit to the farm. Our notes would include; how happy the animals look, the grounds are spotless, someone had a nice

conversation with one of our staff, the barns bring them back in time!

Rescue work is hard and especially in these economically challenged times. We have ever increasing number of calls to take on animals. With that being said, my decision making process to take on a new rescue is a mindful process. For example: does this animal need a new enclosure or can he cohabitate with one of his own species, is there ample space available for a new structure if need be, will Winslow have the monies to provide food and medical care for the duration of his remaining life, do we have enough staff to adequately provide a clean environment as well as providing him with an enrichment program? This touches on some of the criteria to make that long term commitment to take in a new family member.

This now brings me to our dedicated volunteers and staff. What would we do without them? There are those that pick up produce from various markets, bring it to the farm

and turn it all into beautiful buckets of deep green vegetables and fruits for our sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits. There are our dedicated barn feeders, cleaners and water carriers who transform the soiled areas into spotless stalls, raked bird enclosures and manicured corrals! Then there are the arduous tasks of dumping 25 gallons of water because our pigs' snouts make them dirty and cloudy only to be filled up again in minutes. The cat shelter with 8 litter boxes, a rabbit and one giant, friendly goat pooping up a storm all of which needs to be swept up, new bedding to be laid and the list goes on and on and on! It has been a great source of reassurance to know I have such loving and capable individuals caring for these beautiful animals. Thank you so much!

*Most Sincerely,  
Debra White*

## MILTON



Milton, a young goat, was found near the Department of Conservation and Recreation at Blue Hills. He was rescued by the Milton Animal Control

to have an upper respiratory infection and running a high temperature. He was given treatment. After he improved, he was brought to the farm as a per-

Officer. He then was taken to the Milton shelter. After an examination, Milton was found

manent resident. Milton has a lovable and sweet nature.

Milton made friends with our young boys Rango and Levi as they are very close in age. We happened to have a vacant house for Milton so this was an easy introduction. Recently, we built a nice climbing structure for all three to jump and play on. All the goats seem to be delighted to join in!

## GOAT PLAYGROUND!

There have been so many new changes and additions to the farm this year. We have created a wonderful "Goat Playground" near our original barn. The goats (and others) love to climb and play on this multilevel structure which helps with their activity and exercise.



## 5 Chinese Swans from Maine!

These beautiful Chinese Swans were going to be eaten one by one. A kind young woman realized their fate and ultimately was determined to save them! She made a call to Winslow Farm and explained she had a chance to save them if she purchased them. She did not have accommodations at her home to shelter these sweet birds but explained their story.

It was decided to give them a chance in hopes they would chime in and join our varied goose family. They were brought to the farm by two's and then threes. It was a perfect match as they all walk and lay in unison with our 12 resident geese.



### MIDNIGHT



Midnight is a Cayuga duck. Her breed is from the Cayuga Lake region of upstate New York which is where one of her owner's grew up.

When she first came to her owner's home, she was so little that she could barely stand up. She was absolutely adorable. Her friend, Puddles, was a Swedish duck and they could not be separated. Her owners don't think they were ever more than 2 feet from each other. As they grew up, they enjoyed hanging out in their tub out in the yard but made sure to stand at the porch door to come in every night. The two waddled themselves into the downstairs bathroom and Midnight would jump right into the tub (which they referred to as their Condo).

One day, her owners came home from work and only Midnight was at the door. There was

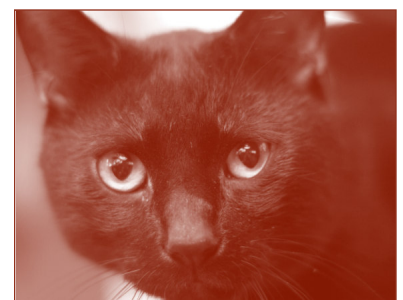
no sign of Puddles anywhere and, to this day, they have no idea what happened. It was devastating as they had grown very attached to these two. Midnight was pretty upset and kept calling out to her friend and over that weekend she would barely leave her owner's side. They decided to reach out to Winslow Farm in hopes that Midnight could live with other ducks and have a happy life. They are thrilled she is so close and is clearly very happy! Midnight is enjoying swimming in our beautiful man-made pond with two of our male ducks. They are one big, happy family with lots of fresh water and fresh greens to peck at!

### A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU!

Christmas is a special time of year. We wanted to give our supporters a gift that would bring some fun and excitement even after the holiday season has ended. During the whole month of February, 2014, if you mention this Gift Notice, adults will receive a 50% Admission Discount to Winslow Farm. That means just \$5 per adult! One child will be admitted FREE per paying adult. So bring a friend and visit the farm during the late winter/early spring! Merry Christmas!

### FRIDAY

Friday is a striking large, male, cat who has double paws. While at another shelter he became cage stressed, not using litter box properly. The staff at the shelter knew he belonged in a home where he could have lots of space to prowl and lounge around. He loves hopping down from the bales in our main horse barn to greet us each morning.







# THE BLIZZARD OF 2013



Listening to the forecast I knew we were in for a some hard times. It was time to line up our tractors, snow plows, snow blowers and all the shovels we could find. Two of our volunteers, Con-

Connor and Rain leaped through the snow to all the other barns and reported back by texting (thankfully) that all else was ok except we couldn't open gates or doors to the animals until they

coming in and pizzas were being ordered from a very kind person who lived 45 miles away! This incredible act of kindness was so uplifting for us. We never could have gotten through this storm if it wasn't for men, women and children showing up with chainsaws, gasoline, shovels and snow blowers! WE want to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!



nor and Rain offered to sleep over and little did they know the challenges that lay before them!

We woke up to 3 feet of snow and drifts over 4 feet, gusts of winds taking down massive pine trees that would fall on fences, barns and electrical wires! At first glance I wondered where the stairs dropped off from the deck of my house to start morning feeding. It was an eerie feeling not to see too far due to blowing snow. As I could see a little further I couldn't believe I was seeing our 800 lb. pig wandering through the snow. That could only have meant one thing! I needed to find fencing under the snow, new posts, ropes, hammer and nails. It took me two hours to finally rig something to hold him in.

were shoveled. We quickly made a plan to take sections at a time in order to at least feed and water all the animals! They did an admirable job staying focused on the welfare of the animals!

Unfortunately we lost our electricity for three days. We needed to buy generators for our 3 pellet stoves to keep our cats and 2 arthritic goats from freezing. I had never used a generator and didn't realize they ran out of gas so quickly. When the driving ban was lifted 3 days later, our staff finally appeared!

This was a situation where we really needed outside help! One of my friends placed our plight on Facebook and it was like the national guard showed up for duty! People were bringing us food because they knew we couldn't cook, coffee and donuts were

*(Willow—Continued from page 1)*

nerve racking to see Waterford take the walls and give them a good bounce with his mouth while scouting her out! It took only 2 weeks for his behavior to stop and little by little each day he would walk to the fence that was between him and her and just stand there for a half hour or so just gazing at her. I took that as a good sign in hopes that one day they would share the main horse corral together.

Willow is a very lucky little girl because she had a Fairy Godmother so to speak, by the name of Nancy Bolanis, MD, who always wanted the best for Willow. She followed her story early on when she was rescued from the highway. Nancy travels from the Boston area to visit her little friend and has trained her to be a wonderful pig to be around! Please visit [www.willowmiapig.com](http://www.willowmiapig.com) and check out Willow's YouTube video. Nancy is also the author of a story book titled *Willow Mia Pig - 1 in 100 Million* that is now available for purchase on her website!



## Saying Goodbye from the Herd:

Shiloh our leader of the herd, Lunar our friend to Spirit and Stormy and Shepherd's Moon our gentlest of ponies all of which passed away within 2 months of each other. This was the single most difficult time in all of the 17 years to face each horse's illness and ultimate passing. Each horse was in their thirties but acted as though they were in their teens. Shiloh would lead the way when running from one end to the farm to the other!

Lunar didn't look a day older than 15 and Shepherd's Moon except for some white hairs underneath her mane looked like a little pony trotting with one of her favorite fans, Stan, who would reward her with a special treat after her run!

Everything medically possible was provided for them but it was their time. It is a time when life is unforgiving and so final and so hard for those of us who had special connections to each of them. The farm seemed empty when Shep wasn't at the cat shelter waiting for her treat or at the front gate just gazing at whatever caught her eye. For 23 years I would look out my kitchen window and see Shiloh standing in the sun with his head turned or he would be horsing around with our smallest of minis, friend, Goldust! And to see Lunar always at the back corral with her beautiful white coat and her feathered black outlines of her ears. It was hard for staff to do their daily routine without having their presence. It has been a somber time for sure.

### **Spiritual Healing from my herd:**

It was time for me to allow the herd to say goodbye to their leader, Shiloh, as it was by far, the most gut wrenching and then the most healing, spiritual moment of my life!

Shiloh was laid to rest and was covered with a blanket after his passing. I walked to him and gently peeled back the blanket to expose his beautiful face. I laid freshly picked flowers by his side. I then stood by his side and allowed the remaining herd to come at free will. The first in line was our horse Stan who would be the next in line for leader. He slowly moved toward him with nostrils flared and head down. He sniffed him gently for a long time ... he never touched the flowers then

slowly walked away. Horses will eat flowers but those flowers were never touched.

Stormy (Shiloh's stall mate of 23 years) came next... this was hard for me because I anticipated this moment over the years and knew she would miss him most. She also walked slowly to him and stared directly at his eyes. Her head arose and she stood looking at him. She

then put her head down to his face and nuzzled his nose. To me I would say that was a kiss. She walked a few steps away and turned toward me. Goldust, his little friend came next. He circled him several times, stood over him then slowly walked away as Forest and Echo took their turn.

It was at the end of this ritual that I realized they didn't walk more than a few steps away because they were there for me. They were actually there for me and did not leave my side until I was ready to walk away! I was there for them and they were there for me. My hands are trembling and tears are coming down my face because they comforted me in my grief!

Challenges are ever dominating my existence but will exist always with nature and my animals!



**Shiloh**

## FRIENDS WE WILL MISS



*Pandy:* Our beautiful Border Collie passed from Lymphoma. Pandy would wait at our entrance for visitors with a pine cone in her mouth hoping someone would give it a toss. She would actually place it in the lap or drop it in front of someone if they didn't get the hint.

*Kodie and Peanut:* Two beautiful, buff colored cats who both passed of mouth cancer. Peanut was brought from New Hampshire to Winslow Farm. He was a loving, slow moving little guy and would always capture your heart with his eyes. Kodie lived many years in our feral cat enclosure near the entrance of the farm. He was feral when he came, but the last few years of his life he succumbed to the insistent hands wanting to pet him.



*Lunar:* She sweetly stood for hours while passersby would pat her soft, black muzzle. Unfortunately the onset of her colic began on a cold summer evening. Our veterinarians gave a valiant effort to help her at all hours of the day and night for 5 days. I want to thank them for giving her their all!

*Shiloh:* Our handsome, white, Arabian horse was always a gentleman. He stood by Stormy's side (chestnut Arabian pony) for 23 years here at the farm. They were a bonded pair and would always be seen standing side by side. Shiloh was always at the front of the line while running with the herd. He was 37 years old!



*Shepherd's Moon... (Chikala Ohanzee: Little Shadow)*

My start in life was hard, my treatment was so harsh  
I learned a fear of people, and thought myself a wash  
I had to be elusive and caution was a must  
I would never speak to people, they had destroyed my trust  
Then came a day of of change, I was taken from that place  
And brought to Winslow Farm, a mere shadow of my race  
A broken little horse is what these people saw  
So sad so defensive like I'd been through a war  
This place was very different, like nowhere I'd ever seen  
The people very caring, could I be in a dream?  
I kept my defenses up, they had served me well  
But no one here would harm me, patience was their skill



*Snow White:* Our sweet natured, white turkey. Snow white was rescued from a farm where she developed bumble foot. This condition can come from walking on her own waste or due to a very moist soil. She would sing so magically to all who came to her talk to her!

So the years went by in safety and I learned to trust again  
Kindness and love had me, I even made some friends  
This place became my home, for many, many years  
I even found my voice again and lost a lot of fears  
I'd been lost in darkness, and wandered in despair  
but Winslow brought me back to love and light for oh so many years  
so don't let my passing harm you, this I do not wish  
for your love was never ending and my message is just this:  
love the ones who need you most, be they big or small  
and when their time comes to go, hold your head up and stand tall  
I was proud to know you all, my spirit shall remain  
forever in your heart and mind, till we meet again

—Stan, 2013 (*Shepherd's Moon's best friend*)

## REMEMBERING BUCKY

Everett Cornell, known to friends as “Bucky”, passed away recently after a long illness. Since finding Winslow Farm, Bucky took pleasure in volunteering his expertise in exemplary carpentry skills. He faithfully took a bus from Taunton to Norton. He brought his dog Bernie and spent his days expressing his thoughts on philosophy, his beloved family and his faithful dog Bernie. He is missed by everyone here at the farm. We will never forget his gracious and courageous outlook in the face of his illness.

### *For Everett “Bucky” Cornell*

*To a special someone who entered the farm of Winslow in the mid- morning of a fine sunny day!  
You live constantly in the conception of noble thoughts and dwell upon what is pure and unselfish.*

*Forever speaking of your family and friends with love.*

*Your exquisite poise of character and grace which I call serenity has not gone unnoticed but admired.*

*Bucky as sure as the sun reaches its zenith and the moon its full,  
you are a person of courage, influence, and blessedness!*

—Debra White, 12/09/11

## WISH LIST—2014

Some items from our Wish list for 2014: Canned cat food, Purina dry cat food, wild birdseed, gift cards to: Home Depot, Ferestein's Foxboro, Ma (for grain and hay), Ventura Grain in Taunton, MA, Dean Street, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, BJ's, apple juice for horses in cold weather, 3.0 plow for John Deere Tractor to plow fields to plant hay for rotating pastures, people to help with shoveling in snow storms (Please bring own Shovel).

## Year End Giving

Year End Giving As the cost of veterinarian care, quality feed and general maintenance continues to rise, it is only through the generosity of individuals like yourself 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!