

Winslow Farm Animal Awareness, Inc.



OUTPOST 2014

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.

Last fall was particularly unusual having 3 horses pass away within months of each other. They are still so, so missed. It caught Stormy, our beautiful, sweet, chestnut mare the hardest. She would drift in the corrals not knowing what to do with herself. She lost her friend of 24 years, Shiloh. They were together all the time through sunny days, winter storms, and even through 2 hurricanes. My heart went out to her. It was one winter day in February that I researched Nevins Farm, Equine MSPCA in Methuen. I scrolled through 20 horses or so to find a friend for her. It was fate, I saw this beautiful 12.5 hand pony with a flaxen mane and tail. I knew she was the one for Stormy. I felt her energy through her picture and had absolutely no doubt. I called Nevins

MEET WINTER



Winter was adopted from the MSPCA.

Farm and asked a few questions about her and asked if they would deliver her. A staff person named Lisa, manager of Equine adoptions, chuckled and said, “It is our rule you come and meet the

horse.” I know there is a protocol and of course I followed through. It was the second week in February that my nephew Ryan, and his son, Jacob along with a few of my volunteers trekked up to Methuen to meet her. It took no longer than 3 minutes to ask if I could sign the adoption papers and have her delivered. How lucky was I to have her delivered on my birthday! We were all so excited and couldn’t wait for the horse trailer to turn down Eddy Street into the farm where she will be loved and cared for her whole life.

The door opened to the horse trailer and there Winter stood so beautiful. She walked off the trailer and down the long, dirt pathway to the barn where Spirit, our buckskin Arabian horse had

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WINSLOW FARM MEETS SARAH MCLACHLAN!



Sarah McLachlan, Debra White

We were delighted to attend Sarah McLachlan’s concert this summer and to meet with her after the concert. Sarah is a nationally recognized advocate for the humane treatment of animals. Debra White presented Sarah with a copy of “*Willow-Mia Pig, 1 in 100 million*”, by Nancy Bolanis, MD and two peacock plume pens for her children.



PRESIDENTS LETTER



Debra White with Stormy

Dear Friends,

Another year has passed all too quickly. Last winter was one of the coldest on record. Being a seasoned outdoor person of many, many years I know the fortitude it takes to meet below zero weather. Yes, I have passed the morning torch to a staff of brave, capable, disciplined and most of all compassionate individuals! Never once did a person not show up for their morning shift

through rain, sleet, snow or heat! I loved watching the progression of clothing from Cordura waterproof to 50% cotton T's! I have nothing but admiration and feel so proud to have you on the Winslow Farm Team!

It takes a special person to commit to such routines as cleaning stalls, hauling water, foraging through grocery store dumpsters that are capped with ice with your bare hands to score watermelons, squash and dark leafy greens! We are all animal people that have a desire to enrich their lives with the goal of making them the happiest they can be. All the tender loving care that goes into each and every animal I know, makes it all worth it to us! We as a team, compare stories of the day about the animals doing this or that. All stories we love to share with each other. We all know they touch our souls and give thanks to their very existence.

We have had a good year due to the continued support of our patrons! I can say we have had people still send us donations dating back to the 2003 Boston Globe article by Vicky Croke. I feel blessed to have such a faithful following. Our pa-

trons have shown their commitment by means of monetary donations, food for the animals and volunteering. We are participating in charitable fundraising online as well. Please consider online shopping options such as AmazonSmile and GoodShop.com. These sites donate a percentage based on your purchases to the organization of your choice. We are listed as Winslow Farm Animal Awareness. You can support us while you shop online! We never know what each year will bring. Thank you all for helping us meet the challenges this sanctuary faces on a day to day basis!

Special Recognitions: Dan Fiske, age 16, has taken it upon himself to produce our Annual Egyptian Fair as well as choreographing the theatrical dance for our Halloween Octoberfest. I also want to thank Valerie McBride, Jacqueline Poplowski, Jeffrey Heath, Paige Paul, Alyssa Kurland, and Brittany Fitton for putting your whole heart and time into the festivals!

*Most Sincerely,
Debra White*

STAR



Nantucket Island calls for rescue! It was told to me by a woman caretaker of an alpaca named Black Star and a Nigerian goat called Herra, had two remaining animals of a menagerie both of which she could not find a home for. Their true owners moved off to California. It was felt by their caretaker, the animals were lonely

and not thriving. She felt Star mourned for his companion horse and that Herra did not fill the shoes of a horse. Luckily for them, I did have a stall available next to a horse named Spirit, where he too, lost his best friend Lunar, late last summer. It seemed destined to receive such a call where they both needed someone!

After clearing Star and Herra medically it was agreed they would board the Ferry and come inland to their magic land! It was quite an undertaking on the part of their caretaker to orchestrate their boat ride to the mainland. It was impressive to witness the love and compassion she had for these animals that she cared for. With many tears she unloaded

the animals and gently walked them down the path toward their new barn and handed the reins to me. Her tears soon subsided when she saw Winslow Farm for the first time. All her fears were diminished and she knew it was all ok once Star saw the 3 most beautiful girl Alpacas! They were on high alert! Nostrils and ears highly attuned to each others presence! Little Herra trotting to keep up to Star! The beautiful animals were lead to the new stall all freshly bedded with straw to lay on and green hay to munch! Star took to Spirit immediately. Previous to their arrival I arranged a grille between their stalls to keep Spirit from poking his head over so not to eat their hay! Well everyone got along so well that even-

BLOSSOM & HOLLY

Blossom and Holly are 8 month old, twin goats but unfortunately severely malnourished. They both had red and white sucking lice as well as worms. Being extremely thin and weak we prepared a little isolation cabin. Dr. Dana Pantano from Black Pond Veterinary Service was contacted to do an assessment with a full blood work up. It turned out they were worse than I thought. Blossom had dropped from exhaustion not even 24 hours after her arrival and still has not gotten up as of September 17th. We are not certain what she has.

It is suspected refeeding syndrome. Refeeding syndrome is a metabolic complication that occurs when nutritional support is given to severely malnourished patients. Metabolism shifts from a catabolic to an anabolic state. Insulin is released on carbohydrate intake, triggering cellular uptake of potassium, phosphate, and magnesium. When the serum concentrations of these electrolytes are reduced, serious com-



plications, such as arrhythmias, can occur. She has been put in our goat sling throughout the day. My physical therapist, Todd Houghton offered his expertise in exercising little Blossom's legs. It has been a team effort to get her through the day by hand feeding her lots of vegetables of kale, spinach, turnip greens, carrots as well as homeopathic phosphorous and arnica pills. I was instructed by Dr. Pantano to give administer her a shot of CMPK, a solution of calcium, phosphorous, magnesium and potassium. To help support her

muscles in hopes to gain strength enough to bear her weight with her legs. Each day Sharon King would sit with her for hours giving her sips of water and soothing massages. We are all rooting for her. She is a strong willed little goat with a lot of life in her! Holly dotes on her by always laying beside her. Holly was limping because their hooves never were cared for but she is eating up a storm and gaining strength.

tually I took part of the grille out so Star and Spirit could nuzzle noses. Herra had her own stand to jump on in the stall with Star so she could see everything that went on around her. Herra made friends with another little Nigerian goat named Apricot. Apricot let Herra wear her jacket on the cold fall nights because she had the benefit of enjoying a pellet stove in the cat shelter!

Star was neutered soon after his arrival. He, along with the girl Alpacas Noelle, Karolina and Pesca enjoy the freedom of the farm. They float across the land in unison but Star still prefers to stand by Spirits side in his stall next to him at the end of his day.

UPDATE: BLOSSOM

Blossom could not walk for 3 weeks due to malnutrition. She laid flat on her side so I made her little log cabin as comfortable as could be not knowing how long, if ever, she would stand again. Two weeks into her arrival she would wiggle around to try to get up and would bang her head on the walls. I then lined the walls with foam squares to soften the impact. Then I realized when she was trying to get up while being placed outside, her eyes would get sandy. She tried to scoot forward with her rear legs sliding her head along the ground. She could not use her front legs. I bought rubber horse stall mats, lined them up two by two making an area 12x8 to allow her grip and not slide. This worked very well and she could struggle all she wanted without the added misery of dirt in her eyes. The area also was padded along the walls so she wouldn't hurt herself. I am so happy to say it has been three weeks later and our little Blossom has risen on all fours! She had the determination stronger than any animal I knew. She was so sick and her struggle was long and hard but she did it! Most miraculous and thank you for all the hard work it took our volunteers to exercise her little limbs so they wouldn't atrophy. Blossom had a lot of people praying for her! She is still wobbly but can get up by herself now and sip water on her own.



SCAMP, ZORRO & BIANCA

Scamp, Zorro, Bianca: These three miniature donkeys are the friendliest little sweethearts! They were brought to the farm because their caretaker was facing serious health issues. It was hard for her to make the decision to find them new placement. She did not want to give them to just anyone but wanted to ensure their wellbeing

for the rest of their lives. I felt a great deal of respect for her after her owning them for many years. At the moment these little guys are bunking in a shelter logic 6x6 plastic hut. We are in the process of designing a new 12x12 round, stone barn. Since the barn will be built during the winter months we are getting winter rates luckily. We still need to raise \$8,000 more dollars!

BAYBERRY & BLACKBERRY

This goose and gander were brought to us because their mother was killed on rt. 140 in Norton. I was concerned they would not adjust to domestic life because they are wild. I had brought them to Meadowbrook pond (a pond alongside the farm) but would splash for a few minutes resulting in their following me back to the farm. I made the decision to allow them into the compound of



domestic geese. As luck would have it, I have an elder pair of Emdem geese who took to them instantly! They were very loving toward them, showing them where their little pond was, escorting the pair to our feeders where sunflower seeds, cracked corn and game pellets could be eaten throughout the day. They eat lots of lettuce as well. After a few days the geese have felt right at home with our whole herd of geese totaling 15.

SMOKEY

Is a gorgeous, long hair, gray cat, who was found living in a pet carrier in a person's home and severely neglected. He was full of fleas



and malnourished. Smokey was very stiff in his limbs because he was not able to walk around. He now is a very happy and inquisitive boy who loves to walk around the farm sniffing everything in his pathway.

FLUFFY

A big fluff of white and gray fur cat was being driven around for a whole day. His owner said he was no longer using his litter box and needed to find him a home. He is a mild-mannered cat who looks like he jumped right off



a page of a story book! He lounges around in the flower gardens and jumps through the pet door of the Winslow House where the produce is made for the animals hoping to get a nice snack which he succeeds 100% of the time!

KODA

Koda is a white, Lionhead rabbit was accepted into the farm because he was fighting with the rabbits of his previous home. He now lives in a spacious environment where he can free range on the farm with his friends Cinnamon Bun and Cheeky! They can be seen hopping all the way to the sheep house where they love to visit to eat all the little hay pieces the sheep leave behind.



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MEDICAL NEWS

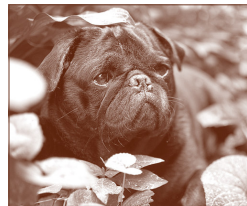
Sergai was one of 12 cats brought to Winslow Farm 15 years ago. He was owned by a kind, elderly woman who was made to give up her cats by her son. Dorothy took a bus from



Pawtucket Rhode Island to visit her 12 cats. She walked from the beginning of Eddy Street to the farm after getting off the bus. As I would watch her walk down the street, it made me so happy that I took the cats for her. She took good care of them and missed them so, so much. She would bring them tuna fish and little beds for them. Dorothy had recently passed away and I still have two of her 12 cats that being Mrs. Avita and Sergai. They are cousins... she had told me she trapped them at the Lowes theater in her area where she would feed strays and also get them spayed and neutered. Sergai is a large, male black and white cat who is as lovable as any cat could be. Over the years, he developed a polyp in his ear. He had it surgically removed 5 times. However, this time the polyp grew inside his ear canal which led to an ear infection. Medications would no longer take care of the problem. He was scheduled for ear surgery. Given his age, it was a tricky operation. Two weeks after his operation his ear became very infected so he went back into the hospital and stayed for two weeks so that the veterinarian could give him supportive care. His ear was on his way to recovery. He now has hearing in just one ear but it doesn't bother him. His picture says it all! So cute!

Dr. Dana Pantano of Black Pond Vet Service in Norwell and her as-

sistant Christen were able to float the teeth of our horses, mini horses, donkey's and a mule. Floating teeth is a procedure where their teeth are filed of sharp points. Upon the dental procedures Dr. Pantano is able to observe the horses mouth and teeth. It was found that one of our newly rescued, mini donkey had a loose tooth. Dr. Pantano extracted her tooth and will still need to extract one more in a few months. After these procedures their bite is more aligned and no sharp points hurting the sides of their mouths. It was also found that one of our mini horses Raven, has a pocket on the side of her mouth that fills with food. She has to have her cheek pocket irrigated a few times a week to dislodge the food.



Wizard, our black, pug had an elective surgery to better al-

low him to breathe. Both sides of his nostril inside were widened to allow air to flow more freely. Also, he will be having pallet surgery to completely correct his breathing.

Gabriel and Star our male llama and alpaca were both castrated due to the arrival of our 3 female alpacas.



Mr. Dickens has had a virus called *calici*. It is a painful disease that attacks the inside of a cats mouth. There are raw ulcerations which make it difficult for him to eat. We opted to give him

infra red treatments at the Windhover vet clinic in Walpole. The symptoms were helped a great deal.

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been living all by himself since Lunar passed away last August. His nostrils were flared as he stood at full attention. He felt an unrecognizable vibration from the ground. That being Winter's foot-step! Horses catch scents of their surroundings as well as ground vibrations. It is their way of tracking! There he saw her and has accepted her completely. Winter's name was Lucy but I felt compelled to re-name her. She is a beautiful addition to our herd and very thankful to the MSPCA for letting us adopt her!

Stormy and her daughter, Cloud Dancing's introduction to Winter: When you have a mare with their offspring, it can be a tricky introduction and should be done with sensible timing. You want to plan the introduction carefully so as not to stress the horses in any way. The mother horses are always protective of their young no matter how old they are. I.e., Stormy is 29 and her daughter Cloud Dancing will be 16.

Stormy has been protective of her all these years. I allowed Stormy up to the back corral where Winter lives soon after her arrival. She could tell immediately there was a new animal. Stormy walked very deliberate but cautious to take a peak into the barn. Her head was held high with wide nostrils taking whiffs of Winter over her stall wall. Winter was very gentle and unafraid. This was a good sign for all. I let Stormy stand by her stall for hours. The next morning Stormy came trotting up to see her new friend. I allowed Winter and Stormy in the large outer corral so they could smell each other. Within one hour they were mutual grooming each other. This was the reason I searched out a friend for Stormy as she loved to mutual groom with Shiloh as well as her friend Lunar. As usual, tears were pouring down my cheeks and I felt such a sense of relief for both horses. The next morning it was time for our beautiful mule Cloud Dancing (who has a habit of always running the show) to meet Winter! This was a spectacular introduction as Cloud would need her mother's consent first.

SERRY, SAGE & FIGARO

Serry was another little cat who was dumped at the farm. Not knowing she was pregnant because she always remained thin, had 2 kittens. Serry makes a beautiful mother. The little



kittens love their little routines of scampering up and down the trees near their shelter. Figaro had a upper respiratory infection along with con-

junctivitis. Serry is now spayed and the kittens have had their shots and will be spayed and neutered in several months.



BLUE



A gray, long fur, male was dumped at the farm. He is an elusive boy but fortunately, was adopted and is now living up north in a log cabin with someone who loves him very much.

A now sweet, friendly cat who was terrified upon his arrival. He hid for many weeks on the grounds of the farm. Ziggy came from the Boston area after his owner passed away. He is a cat that needed to be outdoors as well as in. He now can live his life free from cages. He is a love!

ZIGGY



MOLLY

A calico, feral cat who was trapped and then hid in a basement wall of someone's home for two years. She was trapped again and brought to the farm. She too was horrified at the sight of people and her surroundings. I allowed her a lot of freedom in a long run in the cat shelter where she was for 4 months. The staff spent time with her sitting patiently, talking slowly, moving slowly and she was to the point after 4 long months not crouching or hissing. Another month passed and I opened the run



door allowing her to freely go into a large room with the other cats. Soon after I allowed her out of the cat shelter onto the grounds hoping she would head for the main barn. A surprise to me she

headed to the deck we have for our goats and now we see her lounging around on it day and night. There is a little shed where we keep the horses halters and lead ropes that she can go into for cover. She is softening in her body and is no longer terrified. We can stand within a foot of her and she stays! Progress for a poor cat that just needed her freedom and dinners served on her deck!

EGYPTIAN FAIRE

The Egyptian Faire was a spectacular event. This event was choreographed and scripted by Dan Fiske. Dan has volunteered at the farm for 6 years. He has managed to compose a full event from start to finish without a hitch! I am humbled by the team effort through the hard work of our teenage volunteer staff; Dan Fiske, Jeff Heath, Erin, Andrea, Adrea Dill, Maverick Dosreis, Connor Johnson, Rain, Brittany Fitton and Alyssa Kurland to stay after hours on weekends as well as week days from January to June for rehearsals. Thank you for your commitment to this enormous undertaking to raise money for the animals!

Also joining the show were our new mini donkeys... Scamp, Zorro and Bianca as well as Spirit, our handsome Arabian gelding who loved being a part of the show and joined us in the group hug!



WINSLOW FARM ON PBS



PBS of Rhode Island will be airing a show on Winslow Farm. We will send an email to our mailing list and post it on Facebook as well as our website with the date of air time.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



Willow Mia Pig—1 in 100 Million -

Children's book for sale ... great Christmas present authored by Nancy Bolanis, M.D. a book about our pig Willow's journey from falling off a truck to ending up at Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary.

Memorial Bricks or Stepping Stone Bricks... we are taking orders to make a cement brick with a name stamped in the stone that can be displayed at the farm or picked up at Winslow Farm. The cost is \$40.00. All proceeds go to the direct care of the animals and is a tax deductible item.

CELEBRATE A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY AT WINSLOW FARM!

We offer Birthday party packages at \$225.00 for up to 12 children.
Please call or email us for details and booking: wnslofrm@gmail.com • (508) 285-6451

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2014 ...

Llama Barn Gets a New Look: With another winter approaching and our 3 llamas, Paco, Halo and Gabriel, I felt it was time to insulate the walls and add new pine boards to the inside. Also, we added a cupola on top to allow sunlight to enter the building.

Large oak tree falls on our large bird aviary: In August due to the lack of rain, one early evening we heard a loud, thunderous crash. Unfortunately a tree landed directly through the roof of our bird aviary. We needed to scramble quickly so that the small birds as well as peacocks and pheasants wouldn't fly out and wander off. Ryan White was called to the rescue as he needed to scale the fallen tree to tack wire around the rooftop for a quick fix. We were very lucky no birds got hurt! The tree was lifted off by the farm's tractor and our resident carpenter Joe Goulart made all the repairs!

Rabbit Houses were kindly donated by Helen and Eddie Brogna once they heard there were several rabbits that needed cages of their own so as not to fight! Thank you so much! And thank you to the anonymous donor of another cage sent to the farm!

Log Cabin was reassigned a new mission to house our two new goats Blossom and Holly! The cabin was insulated and heated. As we speak a plastic sunroom is being added so they can be sure to exercise and enjoy the winter months without snow and ice under foot!

Main Horse Barn: New fascia boards added under the overhangs of the roof in order to keep the cold winter winds from blowing in. New goat stands were added for our goats to enjoy a bunk of their own! Also, an electrical upgrade was made with new dust proof outlets as well as new lighting for the barn area.

Donkey Barn received an overhaul of new dust proof electrical outlets with overhead and outdoor lights.

Willow Mia Pig and Waterford had 2 beautiful hand carved signs made by **Terri's Signs**.

2nd Annual Music Festival was quite exciting with performances by **Fat City Band, Patti DeRosa, David Jackson and Chris Lee. Thank you to our Sponsors!** • \$200 Donors: **Deborah Kelly, Conway NH** • \$100 Donors: **Cheryl Slosek, Ferestein Feed & Farm Supply, Collette & Bryan Cowger, Camille Breeze/Museum Textile Services** • \$50 Donors: **Windhover Veterinary Center** •

A Very Special Thank you to: **Diane Battistello**, Singer/Songwriter and to **Domenic Micarelli**, Sound Engineer.

Halloween Mannequins were donated to upgrade our Halloween Festival. All of our goblins were destroyed by rodents but out of the kindness of two patrons they were donated! Thanks also to all our volunteers!

ALFIE

Alfie is a handsome rooster brought to us by the Milton Animal Shelter. Like our goat Milton, he was found roaming the area of the blue hills. The poor little guy was dumped in the winter and had suffered from quite a bit of frostbite and had some health problems but the Milton Shelter did a fabulous job of getting him back to crowing conditions! He has a beautiful companion hen named Chickie.



CHICKIE

Chickie was adopted because she was being picked on by her fellow chicken friends. Unfortunately, birds do pick on the weakest of the group. Chickie now lives with Periwinkle and Alfie strutting the grounds of the duck pond area.



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Blossom, our beautiful little 8-month old goat, who was malnourished upon her arrival to the farm. She required several trips from Dr. Pantano to draw blood work. This would allow us to keep track of her progress in regards to her anemia as well as her calcium and phosphorous levels.

Serry, Figaro and Sage were spayed and neutered as well as vaccinated. Serry was thrown over the fence at the farm but we did not know she was pregnant.



Figaro and Sage

Cinnabun, a little dwarf rabbit was taken from the Taunton Animal Shelter because we did not have space in our rabbit cabin for her. She is a friendly, beautiful little rabbit.

Jose our blacksmith arrives at the farm every 8 to 10 weeks to file all of the horses' hooves.

Black Pond Vet Services inoculated all of our goats, sheep, pigs and horses for species related diseases. It is quite a round up when the day arrives for shots!

WISH LIST—2015

Paper Towels, Rubbermaid yellow brooms with gray bristles from Home Depot, Purina dry cat food, Fancy Feast Classic Pate cat food, Watermelons, grapes, carrots, dark leafy vegetables, grassy hay, 3.5 cubic ft. shavings, straw, 4x6 stall mats, chucks, dog wee-wee pads - large, tapered 6 inch white candles, gift certificates from: Monroe Feed (Rehoboth), Bay State Pet and Garden, (Taunton), Feresteins, (Foxboro), spotlights, flashlights, contractors trash bags, wood pellet fuel for pellet stoves, warm bodies to help shovel snow and Good Samaritans to plow the farm's driveway!!!

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.

Winslow Farm would like to thank Webster Bank for their service and support. They are a valued part of Winslow Farm.

Lastly, We thank you for your help!