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GRACIE AND GINGER

This July, Oasis was privileged to care for **two simply amazing animals** who were determined to beat their incredibly low odds of survival.

A Franklinville man walking his dog down a lonely stretch of country road got the shock of his life when he approached what he thought was a dead deer on the roadside. Moving closer, he saw that it was instead an emaciated dog, laying next to plastic bag of food! The dog lifted her head but was so weak she was unable to get up. She had no strength to tear open the bag of food. The man quickly brought his own dog home; he and his wife then went to retrieve the pathetic creature from the road.

Since the dog would not eat the kibble in the bag, the wife cooked her some food as the husband called around to find out where the dog belonged. He learned that the animal had been observed in the neighborhood moving in and out of the wooded area. No one claimed her. After the dog gobbled her home cooked supper, the couple spent time pulling off over 100 ticks from her. They named her **Gracie**, as "from the Grace of God". The Oasis Animal Sanctuary was called, and President Pam Brighton went to check her out. Gracie is very sweet and despite her circumstances, people friendly. Oasis had her vetted: she is about 10 years old, about 30 pounds underweight, and had other critical health issues that required medical intervention. The vet felt that the dog would not have survived another 24 hours. The good news is that the foster family has decided to adopt her, especially in light of the fact that she has bonded tightly with the couple's son.

Two days later Oasis got a call from Equine Foster Mom Denise, who discovered the sad "skeleton of a horse"

at a local farm. The animal was surrendered and our vet estimated she was 400 pounds underweight. **Ginger** is a 17 year old quarterhorse who needed specialized farrier (blacksmith) work, as well as special feed, other medications and supplements to heal her ailments.



Ginger (before)

According to her former owner, Ginger had "foundered" a while back; the main bone in her hoof rotated downward and actually went through her foot. Since this is such a horribly debilitating and irreversible situation, horses are generally euthanized if it occurs; Pam had a hard time believing this. However, x-rays showed that the coffin bone did indeed rotate downward into the foot and that the tip of the bone was **literally broken off**. The foot grew a cushion of callous under the bone and the horse can now walk without a limp! The vet, as well as all of us, were completely astounded. It is a true testament to her strength and will to live that she has survived this unbelievable situation. The amount of pain this animal must have suffered is off the charts.

In light of the combined effects of starvation and founder, Oasis is closely monitoring Ginger's food intake to ensure that her weight gain will not negatively impact her foot. She has gained some weight back with her specialized diet, and is now brighter and much more interested in her surroundings. She will slowly be introduced to our other horses when she gets a bit stronger.

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Ginger (after)

Donations are urgently needed to help cover the cost of Ginger's ongoing care. The Oasis Animal Sanctuary is a NJ non-profit corporation organized under IRC 501(c)(3) and dedicated to relieving the suffering of abandoned, stray, neglected and abused companion animals, horses, and other pets in southern New Jersey. **Donations to Oasis are 100% deductible.** You can donate 3 easy ways: mail your contribution to The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, P.O. Box 3, Williamstown, NJ 08094 and insert "for Ginger" on the memo line of the check; online via paypal through our website www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org; or by Visa or MasterCard by calling the Oasis office at 856-262-1222.

HOME, SWEET HOME

The two cats whose stories were on the front page of the last edition of Animal Tracks were adopted! **Licorice** went to a wonderful home in PA, while the foster parents of **Molly** couldn't bear to give her up and adopted her. Additionally 4 of our other kittens have been adopted out. **DD Impressive**, our rideable and very well trained registered quarterhorse mare will hopefully find her new forever home soon. **We love happy endings!**



DD Impressive

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OASIS

Months of hard work paid off again with the largest **Annual Animal Lover's Dinner & Silent Auction** yet, celebrating our 9th birthday. The event was held on June 3rd at the **Winslow Villa Manor in Winslow, NJ**. Along with the fun of placing bids for both Silent Auction and "Tricky Tray" items, the 152 attendees enjoyed a buffet dinner, a 12' x 12' dessert room, beer & wine, live music, Bingo, a masseuse, and adorable adoptable animals to cuddle. Just as last year, we were overwhelmed at the generosity of the people and businesses that donated a wide variety of unique items for the auction. The following donors made the evening's event possible. **We thank them for their compassion and generosity:**

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As always, Oasis is very grateful to **Tina at Winslow Villa Manor** for sponsoring the event. Their facility is beautiful and the food is terrific! Also, a great big thank you to the **staff at Winslow Villa Manor** for their assistance that evening. Moreover, we would like to thank **Mike Walsh** for supplying home brew; massage therapist **Lisa Kushner**; and **Tom Kingston** for the musical atmosphere during the evening. Also, **Ms. Jean Pody** of Steelton, PA hand made our new banner which debuted at this event. Most importantly, the Board of Oasis wants to thank the **VOLUNTEERS** who, without them, this event simply would not be possible. We netted over **\$7,200 for the animals**. Thank you again for the outpouring of generosity for their benefit.

SAVE THE DATE!

... for the **2010 Hoofing2Help Charity Ride!** Join Oasis volunteers at the Mercer County Equestrian Center, Pennington, NJ for Hoofing2Help's statewide effort that will help all horses when horse lovers ride in the 2010 Hoofing2Help event on **September 19, 2010 (Rain date is September 26, 2010)**.

Hoofing2Help is an organization whose focus is coordinating fundraising

events for equine rescues. Their goal is to assist in raising money these organizations desperately need for the rescue, care and maintenance of the animals they save, as well as drawing attention to the plight of unwanted, abused and "slaughter-bound" horses.

Annually, walkathons raise tens of thousands of dollars for high-profile health organizations. **Hoofing2Help** is adapting this to horseback, and expects this event to do the same for all the equine rescues whose participants will saddle up and join in for the 2010 Hoofing2Help ride. Riders can help by getting friends and family to sponsor their ride in dollar amounts (sponsorship is a flat amount for the entire ride, not by distance). Funds raised will go directly to equine organizations to provide for abused, neglected and unwanted horses. This event will help make the statement that abuse, neglect, and shipping of horses across the border for slaughter are unacceptable.

In addition to 2 trails (one easy, one more advanced), there will be a Jeopardy game played on horseback, food, prizes, and a silent auction to help raise funds for the equine rescues. A full day of fun is in store for all horse enthusiasts! For more information, to register for the event, or to sponsor an Oasis rider, please go to **www.Hoofing2Help.org** or call **908-823-4112**.

Also, on **Thursday, October 14th** the **Barcelona European Bistro in Pitman, NJ** will be hosting a fundraiser for Oasis. Details of this event are still being worked out, so please contact Oasis for additional information.



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Please note that through October 31st adopt one animal and get a buddy free! All Oasis animals are up to date on their age-specific shots, and are sterilized.

Olivia and her brother **Othello** are two of four kittens who were born on 2/26/10 to a stray mama. A nice family kept the mother after the kittens were weaned, having her spayed so she could reproduce no more. All four kittens have been socialized with other cats and dogs. Strikingly beautiful animals, they are all up to date on shots, sterilized, and ready for their forever homes. The kittens can be adopted separately.



Olivia



Othello

Darla, a creamy white female ferret (left), and **Angel**, her male counterpart (right), are available to be adopted together. They are between 5 and 6 years old and have lived together all their lives. They are both sterilized and lost their home when their owner lost hers.



Darla & Angel

We have lots more kittens!

Here are just a few. They are between a 10 and 13 weeks old; all are negative for feline AIDs and Leukemia, and will be sterilized as soon as possible.



Amelia



Daisy



Daphne



Dimples



Mya



Jackson

VACATION MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS!

Oasis recently held its first Vacation Money Raffle this past spring. Ten lucky winners were chosen by Mayor Mike Giabbinelli on May 14th, 2010. This fundraiser raised approximately \$2,400 which was put to immediate use in our Sterilization Assistance Program. **The winners were:**

1st prize: \$616.50

Ms. Cheryl Aldrich of Mt. Laurel, NJ;

2nd prize: \$493.20

Mr. Billy Martin of Mt. Laurel, NJ;

3rd prize: \$431.55

Mr. Anthony Valenti of Bellmawr, NJ;

4th prize: \$369.90

Ms. Robin Schroeder of Vineland, NJ;

5th prize: \$308.25

Ms. Rose Carpenter of Pitman, NJ;

6th prize: \$277.42

Ms. Cheryl Aldrich of Mt. Laurel, NJ;

7th prize: \$215.78

Ms. Cynthia Green of Northfield, NJ;

8th prize: \$184.95

Ms. Ada Mae Hollingsworth of Williamstown, NJ;

9th prize: \$123.30

Ms. Carol Archer of Williamstown, NJ;

10th prize: \$61.65

Ms. Nina Zepf of Northfield, NJ;

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TD Bank's Affinity Program – TD Bank provides non-profit organizations with a cash donation from their corporate earnings every year through their Affinity Program. TD Bank offers this program in order to know which charities their customers prefer. The amount donated from TD Bank's corporate earnings is calculated using the average monthly balance in each customer who has signed up. Please call TD Bank at 856-728-1700 to sign up, and select Oasis as your charity of choice. There is no cost to you to be in this Program; the donation comes directly from the Bank's earnings. (Please note that no one from Oasis will ever know who signed up.)

Corporate Matching Gifts – your employer may have programs where they match your contribution or donate money based on the number of hours you volunteer. Obtain program information from your Public Relations or Human Resources department and follow their instructions.

Charitable trust accounts – for wealthier individuals, there are a number of different trust accounts that benefit both the owner (“donor”) and a favorite charity. For example, a Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) makes payments, either by a fixed amount (charitable lead annuity trust) or a percentage of trust principal (charitable lead unitrust), to a charity during its term. At the end of the trust term, the remainder can either go back to the donor or to heirs named by the donor. The donor may sometimes claim a charitable income tax deduction or a gift/estate tax deduction for making a lead trust gift, depending on the type of a charitable lead trust. While not all charitable trusts generate a tax deduction for the donor in the year the trust was created, it can eliminate assets from the donor's estate. Please consult your Financial Planner or tax advisor for detailed information on CLTs and other types of charitable trusts.

Vehicle Donation Program – Oasis has partnered with Donation Line LLC, a national company that handles all arrangements between the donor and the salvage company for the donation of your car, truck, boat, motorcycle, van, jet skis, snowmobiles, motor home, bus, even an airplane! The donation of the vehicle is a charitable deduction to you for tax purposes. There is NO cost to you the donor. The vehicle does not have to run, but you must have clear title to it. Donation Line LLC tows your donation free of charge too. Call them at 1-877-CARS-4-US (227-7487) extension 2402, and be sure to tell them the donation is for The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, EIN 22-381032.

Bequeathals – for those of you thinking of donating a portion of your estate to Oasis, please be sure to include our registered name (“The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.”), our federal ID number (22-3810323), and our registered address which currently is c/o Van De Weghe, 14 Easton Drive, Erial, New Jersey 08081. Since there are a number of animal welfare organizations with somewhat similar names, this will ensure your exact wishes are carried out.

Non-cash items and services – Oasis can always use animal and office supplies (no blankets, sheets or animal carriers at this time please), gift cards to purchase animal food and supplies, and gas gift cards and maintenance for our van. Gift cards would be very welcomed from Horse N'Around Tack Shop in Sewell, NJ (856-227-6080); Tractor Supply (in Sicklerville, NJ 856 728-3434); Bow Wow Meow in Sicklerville, NJ (856-740-1330); South Jersey Equine Associates in Vineland, NJ (856-691-3311); or any Staples or any Wawa stores.

Volunteer your time and talent – Oasis is especially in need of marketers, fundraisers, and grant writers.

Become a foster parent! Oasis is always looking for more foster families to house our surrendered animals until new permanent homes are found. Oasis supplies the food, vet care, and any other supplies needed; you supply the comforts of home, time and love.

Of course we still accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, and online donations thru our website via PayPal.

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