



# Animal Tracks

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## NEWSLETTER

A quarterly newsletter for Volunteers, Friends & Supporters of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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### WELCOME FALL

**Thankfully – HOPEFULLY – the blazing hot, humid, and sometimes violent summer weather is behind us and we can enjoy the cool days, crisp nights, and brilliant blue skies of autumn.** Pumpkin pie for everyone! From all of us at The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, we wish you all security, compassion, and wellbeing during this continuing stressful time.

Like so many businesses, Oasis is taking the current pandemic situation one day at a time. But even with the shutdown and VERY SLOW reopening, animal care at Oasis is still an everyday reality. We are so happy to announce that we have a new farmhand! Felicia has been with us since mid-July and her boundless energy and gentle caring has lifted the facility up from the gloom of the pandemic. Our other two employees, Karen and Denise are efficient and multi-talented. Everyone is cross trained so all areas of animal and farm care are always covered. Our volunteers have also been coming back and make such a difference at the facility. And while some are going off to college, new faces are being welcomed. Yes, it's been a difficult summer, but all in all, the animals are well, and the place is peaceful. We look forward to seeing the beauty of autumn surround our farm with Nature's vibrant colors and aromas.

Like many non-profits, we are still struggling financially because of the pandemic. Because of the virus and job losses, more animals are losing their homes, making our services even more crucial. **Donations have understandably declined. We have the continuing concern of not being able to run our large fundraisers. Even so, we are planning a small Fall Festival on November 7th to showcase our facility, our animals, and to enjoy the autumn season.** Grant proposals have been sent to foundations who are new to us. And thanks to those vendors and businesses who donated items for the Auction early this year; those items are being sold online. We are very grateful for all of our donors who made contributions, large and small, to help us continue. **We WILL get through this awful time, and come out stronger than ever. The animals depend on us, and we will not let them down.**

### OUR SUMMER SUCCESS STORIES...

**Midnight, Raven and Lionel** were 3 of the 5 totally feral kittens that Oasis took in during February this year. While their sisters Cora and Calli were adopted earlier, these youngsters needed more socialization before they could be adopted. Thankfully, a few volunteers came and worked with them, especially a young girl named Cindy who spent many Saturday afternoons simply sitting with them and trying to get them to play. We are happy to report that Midnight and Raven went to their new home together, and Lionel was adopted by a longtime volunteer.

Oasis ventured into chicken and rooster rescue this summer. **Elvis** is a gorgeous, colorful rooster and came with 3 hens, all of whom are being fostered offsite for the time being. Four more hens were dropped off to us, and 7 babies! Sadly, one of the hens was terminally ill and was humanely euthanized; another one needed emergency surgery on her leg but did not survive the operation. The 7 babies are growing like crazy and 4 are roosters! One of the roosters has been adopted. The chickens are all considered pets and would be adopted out as such.

Since we currently have no area of the facility set up specifically for dogs, it has been difficult for Oasis to take in these animals. HOWEVER, we were approached by the Atlantic County Animal Shelter to assist in finding homes for a few of their elderly canines. We placed **Clyde**, a 10 year old pitbull mix who actually SMILES, and also a senior Dachshund named **Muffin**. One of the women at the shelter said that Clyde's adoption within 24 hours of our involvement was a direct result of our effort. (Muffin's adoption took a weekend.) At this writing we are also looking for homes for 3 more dogs from the shelter. We are happy to work with the women there find homes for these animals, and consider these adoptions as our successes. We hope to find loving homes for many of these deserving creatures.

Oasis has a diabetic cat, **Gussie**, in foster care. As cats can sometimes "outgrow" diabetes, little Gussie's normal insulin shot one day was too much and he went into diabetic shock. He was in intensive care for 5 days and the doctors at Delaware Valley Animal Hospital in Mullica Hill did a wonderful job of getting Gussie's insulin adjusted and making him better. A GoFundMe campaign was launched to help pay Gussie's substantial vet bill; a long-time supporter offered to pay the entire bill!

**We have animals looking for their forever home! Please check out our website at [www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org) to see them all – in color!**

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### DID YOU KNOW?

**Oasis is NOT governmentally funded; all of our operating expense is covered by monetary donations from individuals, grants from Foundations and trusts, corporate giving, bequests & inheritances, and non-cash gifts by individuals and businesses.**

**Go to [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) & input zip code "08081" to see all of our adoptables.**

## WISH LIST

- Bales of straw
- Pine or cedar shavings for horse bedding
- Postage stamps
- #10 and #6-3/4 envelopes
- Paper for the printer
- A newer van

### GIFT CARDS FROM:

- Tractor Supply (animal & farm needs)
- Horse'N Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ)
- WaWa (gas for the tractors and van)
- Staples (office supplies)
- Walmart or Shop Rite (cleaning & animal supplies)

## SAVE THE DATE

Oasis is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday November 7th from 11AM-4PM (rain date November 8th). Please join us for an outside autumn event with animals, hay rides, & vendors. For more information please call Oasis at 856-262-1222

## THANKS AND APPRECIATION / WAGS AND WHISKERS TO:

**Susan Geers** – for her MANY, MANY donations this year, her dedication to the animals, and her astute guidance on all things Oasis!

**Samsung Corporation** – Samsung doubled their match for employees donating to Oasis earlier this year!

**Carter Phillips and Roger Knudsen**, husbands of our Trustees, for donating time and skill on various construction projects that were sorely needed.

**Anthony Patten**, for repairing our broken tractor and maintaining other equipment.

**Puglia's Produce in Sewell, NJ** for their continued donations of apples for the horses.

## IN OTHER NEWS...

**Oasis and another local non-profit animal welfare organization QUACK'S CORNER are combining our efforts to help save animal's lives in the Cumberland County area.** According to Carol Kirshenbaum, co-founder of Quack's Corner, their organization focuses on the rescue and rehabilitation of lost, neglected and abused animals, works with Animal Control on difficult-to-capture animals that are in high-risk situations, and even has a small outreach program that helps those caregivers in temporary crisis with food and/or veterinary care so they can keep their pets. We are proud to work alongside them to help with animals in need.

**Thank you to all who donated to build the fence for Julie! It's been completed and we hope Julie will like her new area.**

At the request and generous donation from a donor, Oasis is creating a Spirit Horse Memorial. The oval area will have a bench for overlooking the entire equine area of the farm, with flowers and a tall pole holding plaques of the names of each permanent resident horse that passed at Oasis. **Thank you again to Ms. Sarah Dennison Berkett for her generous donation to create this area.**

## ONE FINAL WORD

**Oasis is 19 years old.** We have survived many obstacles over the years and fully expect to continue our life's calling in the future. But we can't do it without you. Since we are not governmentally funded, we rely on the generosity of the general public, corporate sponsorships, co-pays for our services, and grants from foundations and trusts. **We have all been hit with tough financial times due to the shut-down. If you can donate at this time, we truly appreciate it!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary has a low-cost spay/neuter program that helps many residents in the southern New Jersey area sterilize their pets. If your TAXABLE INCOME (not gross income) on your federal income tax return is \$40,000 or less you could qualify for the program. We have sterilized over 7,400 pets and feral cats over the years! The Sterilization Assistance Program is a cornerstone of our mission and we are proud to know that this endeavor has helped to reduce the number of dogs and cats being euthanized in other shelters simply due to overpopulation. **For more information on our spay/neuter program or to obtain an application, kindly visit our website at [www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org) or call the Oasis office at 856-262-1222.**

## MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Every year Oasis runs Money Raffles to raise funds for the animal programs at the sanctuary. Each ticket provides an individual with 10 chances to win, and the prizes are based on a percentage of the gross income from ticket sales. The winning tickets are normally pulled at the Franklinville Township Mayor's office; however due to the pandemic, we had a person at the farm who hadn't purchased any tickets, pull the winning tickets for the August drawing.

This year's winners for the Vacation Money Raffle held on August 14th, 2020 were:

1st	Lisa Freeling	Clifton, NJ	\$655.50
2nd	Aisling Burke	Lindenwold, NJ	\$524.40
3rd	Lisa Freeling	Clifton, NJ	\$458.85
4th	Lucille Pauline	Franklinville, NJ	\$393.30
5th	Bonnie Rogers	Williamstown, NJ	\$327.75
6th	Sandy Sughrue	Egg Harbor Twp., NJ	\$294.98
7th	Jean Passalacqua	Williamstown, NJ	\$229.42
8th	Roger Rider	Cherry Hill, NJ	\$196.65
9th	Maureen Donnelly	Sicklerville, NJ	\$131.10
10th	Lorraine Lenoci	Browns Mill, NJ	\$ 65.55

Thank you to all who participated, and a BIG THANK YOU to those who donated all or a portion of their winnings back to Oasis!

## Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

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