



Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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BRAVE

Even though we are full and financially very tight, this frightened little cat showed up at the Oasis facility needing help. Somehow his front paw was broken, literally pointing backwards, and his leg bone was protruding. He was bleeding and in horrible pain. Board member Hilary Phillips trapped him on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving and, since no other places were available he was whisked up to the emergency hospital in Mt. Laurel. He was then taken on Friday morning to Delaware Valley Vet Hospital, who amputated the broken, infected leg. **Hilary named him "Brave"**.

Brave, estimated to be between 1 and 3 years old, will need a bit of time and care to recuperate. When he is released from the hospital, we will work on his socialization so he can be adopted. **His vet bills are mounting, currently at about \$3,000. Donations for his care are greatly appreciated! We accept checks, credit cards, paypal, and cash!**

ANOTHER YEAR OF SMILES, TEARS, CHAOS AND SUCCESS

Like every year, 2023 brought many new challenges to our organization. So far this year Oasis has taken in 40 animals, including ducks, chickens, and LOTS of cats! We also successfully rehomed 2 dogs, a deaf puppy, and a senior goat whose former caregivers needed to rehome them.

The main reason our intake number is low this year is because of the many expensive and time-consuming medical issues we've had with the animals. Besides our quarterhorse mare having a fractured splint bone, oral surgery for a senior cat, another cat testing positive for coccidia – necessitating 11 other cats to be preventatively medicated along with the affected one; we also had a tiny baby kitten ("Perri") covered in axle grease and oil come in, with eyes swollen shut from infection. Her baby sister Penny protected her with her little body. These 1 pound babies are now up to 3 pounds and absolutely inseparable. Perri is still having eye trouble but she can see; she is still on 3 medications for her eyes. Both kittens had to be treated for coccidia also. The two little ones love to play and be around people, and purr loudly when you simply walk into their room! Another one of our young cats came down with a deadly form of corona virus and is being treated with an experimental drug. Emmett is only 7 months old! Thankfully the medicine seems to be working but he must stay on it for another month. The needles are a bit painful, but he is a trooper. (The medicine is costing \$2,100). And finally - so far - our adorable kitten Puggles was found to be a cryptorchid, needing additional surgery during his neutering.

We are very grateful to Delaware Valley Vet Hospital in Mullica Hill and Franklinville Animal Hospital who care for our felines and poultry, and to the doctors at Pinewood Equine for their great service for our horses and donkeys.

BIG thank you's go out to Roger Knudsen, husband of our Board member Beth, who hand crafted a new duck house for our 4 quackers; and to Carter Phillips, husband of Board member Denise & father to Board member Hilary, for all the farm work done over the year, including installation of some new fencing. Their volunteer hours and work are simply invaluable.

The current economy is still having a dire effect on our organization. Increasing prices on food, hay, supplies and medical care must be juggled with a decreasing amount of donations being given. We are working hard at grant writing and creating more fundraisers for 2024. As of November 20, 2023 we are at 68% of our budget for the year, and expenses (especially medical) are outpacing our income. Oasis is in critical need of funding. The animals still need daily care, medical attention, and general support; we also need funding for our operating expense to cover required insurances, heating, utilities and other items. So again, we are reaching out to our generous donors to please remember Oasis during the holiday season, and help our mission to continue. For example, \$8 buys a bale of hay (we go thru 5 a day in winter); \$22 buys a bag of chicken or duck feed; \$28 buys a 50 lb. bag of horse feed (we go thru 1 a day); \$50 covers a male cat neuter; \$100 buys enough cat food & litter for a week. Indeed, a very expensive undertaking!

As was said before, the Board members feel blessed to have the chance to help the animals on their journey through Life. Our gift in return – unconditional love – is a priceless treasure that is only understood by the heart.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and peaceful holidays!
Phyllis, Mary, Denise, Sue, Beth, Hailey & Hilary

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DEAR SANTA PAWS

We've been very good this year and hope you can bring us new homes to snuggle in. We use our litter boxes, eat all our supper, and play nice. We are spayed or neutered and up to date on vaccines. Please Santa, bring us a new family to love this Christmas!

Love,
Puggles, Daisy, Karma, and all the rest

**Go to [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com)
& input zip code "08322"
to see all of our adoptables.**



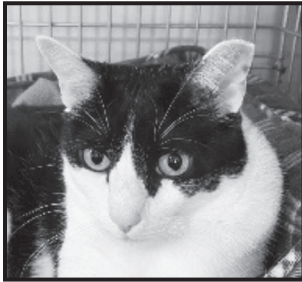
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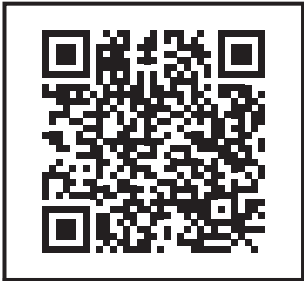
HOBBS



**JULIE-MOM, BOOTS
& MINDY**



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**USE YOUR PHONE CAMERA
TO SCAN CODE ABOVE
FOR EASY DONATION**

WE WENT HOME

Harley – young adult cat
Peanut – senior pygmy goat
Daisy – 3 year old Golden Retriever
Noodles - kitten
Kimchi & Sriracha – kitten siblings who went home together
Sesame – kitten
Jasper & Alice – kitten siblings who went home together
Petunia – 3 month old deaf Maltipoo puppy
Peanut – Chihuahua puppy
Bluey – kitten
Puff – kitten
Charlie – young adult cat

WISH LIST

- Fancy Feast or Friskies canned cat and kitten food
- Unscented, clumping cat litter – Tidy Cats, Arm & Hammer, Cat's Pride
- Tide laundry detergent ("HE"); dryer sheets
- Blue Seal Sentinel Senior horse feed 50 lb bag (purple bag)
- 5 grain scratch feed for chickens (with sunflower seeds)
- Mealworms for the chickens
- Purina brand duck pellets
- Solar salt for our water system
- Pine or Cedar shavings
- Gift cards to Staples, Wawa, Chewy, Tractor Supply, or Visa cards
- Sand-Rid psyllium pellets for horses
- 2 new 6' folding tables

We now have a Wish List set up on Chewy.com

FINANCIAL AND TAX PLANNING FOR YEAR END SAVINGS

IRA Distributions as Charitable Contributions

Congress now allows distributions from your IRA to be considered a charitable contribution if it is paid directly to the organization. You must be over age 70.5 and the distribution must be sent directly to an IRS recognized non-profit charity, like The Oasis Animal Sanctuary. The maximum amount for donating is \$100,000. The IRA distribution is a NON –TAXABLE transaction to the taxpayer, and the charity gets much needed funding. If the IRS owner is 73.5 or over, this distribution could be considered as part of their required minimum distribution.

TD Bank Customers

If you are a TD Bank customer, contact your local branch and ask them to support The Oasis Animal Sanctuary through their Affinity Corporate giving program. TD Bank, via this program, annually donates a percentage of their corporate profits to charities based on (1) the number of customers that select a particular charity and (2) those customers' monthly account balances. **Please join the Affinity Program today to let TD Bank continue to support** The Oasis Animal Sanctuary. There is no cost to you, as all donations come strictly from the Bank's annual net income. Call a customer service representative at your local branch or toll free at 1-888-751-9000 and sign up today. It takes less than 5 minutes to sign up.

Charitable Remainder Trusts; Charitable Lead Trusts

Charitable remainder trusts are irrevocable trusts that let you donate assets to charity and draw annual income for life or for a specific time period. Please contact your banker or attorney to learn about these investment vehicles that can benefit both you and your favorite charity.

Appreciated Stock

In general, taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction of the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, instead of the cost basis. If you own appreciated stock with a low basis, you will be saving capital gains tax by donating the stock directly.

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 Tax ID number and our address. Since there are a number of animal welfare organizations with somewhat similar names, this will ensure your exact wishes are carried out.

Sample Bequest Language:

"I give to The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc., (22-3810323) a New Jersey corporation with its office at 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322, (the sum of \$ ___) (all or ___ percent of my residual estate) to be used for its general purposes."

Please work with your Tax Advisor or Financial Planner to determine how these transactions would affect your financial situation; perhaps they have other suggestions that are mutually beneficial for both you and the organization. Please understand that Oasis cannot give tax advice.

Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.
698 Central Avenue

Franklinville, NJ 08322

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