

Sanctuary - A place of refuge, asylum or protection



Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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Just like always, this past year brought many challenges to our organization, but seeing the faces of the animals we helped is such a motivator to continue, even in this ridiculously difficult economy. **So far this year Oasis has taken in 52 animals, including guinea pigs, ducks, chickens, and LOTS of cats! We also successfully rehomed 6 dogs whose former caregivers needed to give them up.**

We had some unique animal situations this year:

Two ducklings raised in someone's home since last Easter were tossed out into the cold in January this year. They were not acclimated to the frigid weather and sadly, the female froze to death. Her companion stayed with her body and was starting to suffer the same fate, but a neighbor noticed the animals and called Oasis. We were able to get the male into a warm environment and the little guy recovered.

A man showed up with his 14 year old Havanese dog, wanting to surrender her. She was becoming incontinent and losing her teeth. He had her since she was a puppy; his main concern was that he didn't want his 2 year old daughter to see her pass away. Oasis reached out to a number of contacts and found one of the county animal shelters had an "outreach" program for senior dogs. The animal was transferred to a compassionate lady who takes in senior dogs, & we received pictures of him playing in his new backyard with his 2 new buddies.

A man caring for a feral colony noticed a newcomer in his group. When she saw him she literally ran up his pants and jumped in his arms. Her eyes were almost sealed shut from infection; her ears were gooped over and her breath was horrible. He called Oasis and said she was suffering. We took her in and after the second emergency visit to the vet, it was determined that there was no more time to clear up those deadly infections - she needed emergency surgery to remove the rancid teeth in her mouth causing all the trouble. She ended up losing all of them! Sophia is now one of the happiest, cuddliest and most playful cats we have!

During springtime, our geriatric mare suffered a urinary tract infection, our pony developed an eye ulcer, and another horse had an abscess in his foot. All at the same time!

In the last newsletter we reported a kitten found on the farm was very sick with a bot fly living in its neck. The surgery went well, but the little guy is still having lingering health issues from his ordeal; possibly from nerve damage. Sylvester is doing his best, living at one of our Trustee's homes.

So many more stories we could tell. Every day is an adventure at Oasis!

The current economy is having a dire effect on our organization. Increasing prices on food, hay, supplies and medical care must be paid with a decreasing amount of donations being given. We are working hard at creating new and exciting fundraisers for 2023. As of November 10, 2022 we are at 75% of our budget for the year, but expenses are outpacing our income. Oasis is in critical need of funding. The animals still need daily care, medical attention, and general support; we 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, \$10 buys a bale of hay (we go thru 5 a day in winter); \$20 buys a bag of chicken or duck feed; \$28 buys one 50 lb. bag of horse feed (we go thru 1 a day); \$50 covers a male cat neuter; \$100 buys enough cat food and litter for 2 weeks. This is a very expensive undertaking!

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. As English philosopher Jeremy Bentham morally puts it: "The question is not 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?', but rather 'Can they suffer?'" With our 21 years of intense interaction with these creatures, the answer is a resounding - and sorrowful - YES.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and peaceful holidays!

Phyllis, Mary, Denise, Sue, Beth & Hailey

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SAVE THE DATES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Dine & Donate at Texas Road House, 631 Berlin-Cross Keys Road, Sicklerville NJ. 4PM – 10PM. Take out is included in the fundraiser. Please print a flyer off of our website and provide it to your server. Oasis will receive 10% of the gross income from that time.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

Oasis is having its annual Spring Festival and Craft Fair. 11AM – 4PM. Come join us for a delightful afternoon at the farm. More details will be forthcoming on our website as we secure the food vendors, crafters and entertainment for the event. Rain date is Sunday, May 7th.

AMAZON "SMILE"

Through the AMAZON "Smile" program you can automatically donate a portion of every sale to a charity you choose. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com); and kindly select Oasis Animal Sanctuary Bridgeton NJ. **That's it! Bookmark the Amazon Smile page and shop from there. .5% of all the sales will go to Oasis. NO COST TO YOU.**

Did You Know ?

Oasis does not receive any government funding. All of our programs and services are paid via donations, grants, co-payments from our Sterilization Assistance Program, and fundraisers

There are a number of other ways to help donate to a charity organization!

IRA distributions as charitable contributions –Your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA can be considered a charitable contribution.

Corporate Matching Gifts—your employer may have programs where they match your contribution. Check with your Public Relations or Human Resources department.

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 your cost basis.

Bequeathals—for those of you thinking of donating a portion of your estate to Oasis, please be sure to include our registered name, address and federal ID number (22-3810323).

Non-cash items and services—Oasis can always use animal feed, supplies, & gift cards. **Volunteer your time and talent.**

Trust accounts (for example: Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts, Charitable Remainder Unitrusts, etc.) that benefit both the owner and the specified charity.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

All of our cats and kittens have tested negative for Feline AIDS and Leukemia, and have been de-wormed and de-flea'd. They've been socialized with other cats and humans, are up to date on shots and were sterilized. They are ready to go to their new homes!

3 Torti kittens – SPICE, PIXIE and AUTUMN, are all former feral kittens but happy and playful now, awaiting their new forever homes. Autumn and Spice may be related as they came from the same colony.

BAILEY – SUPER DUPER friendly cat about 4 years old. He was found wandering on Dawn Drive in Franklinville in October; we've not been able to find his home. **He just wants to be cuddled!**

SADIE – This pretty girl is about 6/12 years old, and spent the last 4 years of her life in a cage at a shelter. She is sweet but lives life on her terms. She tolerates other cats but shows no desire to form a bond. **Sadie needs a quiet home with someone who will dote on just her.**



Sadie

WISH LIST

- **Fancy Feast or Friskies** canned cat and kitten food
- **Rachel Ray dry cat food; Purina kitten chow**
- **Unscented, clumping cat litter** – Tidy Cats, Arm & Hammer, Dr. Elsey's
- **Paper towels, Tide HE laundry detergent**
- **5 grain scratch feed for chickens** (with sunflower seeds)
- **Heated water bucket** – 15 gallon size
- **Straw for poultry bedding**

NOTE: We now have a Wish List set up on the Chewy.com website.



Spice



Pixie



Julie



Autumn



Bailey



Sophie (story on page 1)

WE WENT HOME !

- **Pumpkin and Sweetie** – kitten and young cat, together!
- **Brownie & Oreo** – 2 senior poodles, together!
- **Benji** – senior Yorkie
- **Buddy** – young male Yorkie
- **Sienna** – young female cat
- **Farrah** – young former feral kitten

Go to petfinder.com & input zip code "08322" to see all of our adoptables.

JULIE BY SUSAN GEERS, TRUSTEE

Our beloved horse Julie died on October 23, 2022. She was over 30 years old. I love all the animals at Oasis but Julie was my favorite. We had a special relationship. I was honored to have taken care of her for the five years she was with Oasis.

Julie was very smart! She knew what she wanted and what she didn't want, and she let us know! Her favorite thing to do was eat the grass outside her paddock. You could negotiate with her by asking her if she wanted to eat grass. She knew exactly what you were saying!

Julie came to us with her pasture mate Romeo, who passed away several years ago at about 35 years old. They both lived a long life. **They were lucky to have Oasis, and we were lucky to have them. Rest in peace, my Julie Bean.**

Please Help the Animals!

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