



Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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OASIS IS TURNING 20 YEARS OLD

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, Oasis officially turns 20 years old! Oasis was born when 3 women each contributed \$500 to start the organization, and blossomed to a company that in 20 years has provided care (with many "long term") to over 685 animals, including horses - from drafts to ponies, donkeys, various types of poultry, cats, dogs, birds, snakes, guinea pigs, a turtle, goats, pigs, and many more. We've also sterilized over 7,300 local pets and feral cats through our Sterilization Assistance Program. The 3 women never knew how high the odds were against them! Giving up simply wasn't an option - looking into the faces of the animals we saved was enough motivation to find solutions and move forward. This truly is a milestone to commemorate!

With the restrictions of COVID now lifting, Oasis is starting to plan a celebration to mark this achievement. Please visit our website at www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org or our Facebook page for more details as we develop our event.

AHHH, SPRING

A time to emerge from the cold darkness that is winter and into the light of warm days, green grass, and beautiful flowers. Even without the COVID issue OR the horrible weather, this was probably the most difficult winter ever for Oasis; thankfully that is behind us and we are moving forward with positive energy and passion for the animals. Oasis has a new telephone number, new Operations Manager, and purchased a new tractor due to the unfortunate demise of the old one. We have a new live-in caregiver to oversee the farm when everyone else goes home; we had new garage doors gratefully donated to us; a new run in was purchased for the 2 new equines at the farm, and the upstairs of the cat cottage now has occupants! The first floor of the cat cottage is almost finished, fencing and barn repairs were done, and we have many new volunteers donating their time and energy to the animals. The spirits of love and healing are (AS ALWAYS!) alive and well at Oasis.

THE MANY NEW FACES ON THE FARM

Monty and Pony - these two equines were surrendered because their elderly owner could no longer care for them. Monty is a 15 year old sorrel thoroughbred who has a degenerative nerve condition in his neck and can no longer be ridden, and Pony is a 12 year old Welch Pony cutie pie who has some foot issues that need attention, as well as some human socialization concerns. The two are inseparable, and will most likely be permanent residents of Oasis.

Bobbi - this young, petite Manx cat was surrendered Saturday April 10th as a neighborhood stray, and gave birth to 3 babies the next day! Momma and the babies are doing well.

Mindy, Julie-Mom, and Boots - these 3 semi-feral adult cats are very shy and are slowly becoming socialized. Formerly living with their senior caregiver, they needed a new home when the lady passed away. Once these beautiful cats are more socialized, they will be up for adoption.

Piper, Penny, and Peanut - what a rough start in life these kittens had! They were found on April 23rd huddled on a soaking wet jacket in a recycling bin in the back of a Tractor Supply parking lot. No one knows how long they were there, but when the babies were found they were wet, cold and lifeless. One of the employees put them under a heat lamp to revive them, and then called Oasis. The little ones were about 4-5 weeks old and were just starting to figure out how to eat on their own. After a few days of syringing them with food and water, and an emergency trip to the vet for upper respiratory infections, the babies are doing well. They are currently doing great and are up for adoption.

Willow - a very young, petite torti cat that gave birth to six tiny kittens and needs help feeding her babies.

Our new Operations Manager, Chelsea Becker - Chelsea started working for Oasis on March 17 and she has not only already fit in, but has proven herself to be an excellent employee! She graduated Delaware Valley University this May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and a Minor in Psychology. She has taken on not only the managerial position with energy and grace but has also stepped in willingly while we recruit a new farmhand. We are thrilled to have Chelsea in the Oasis family, and look forward to working with her.

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adoptables.**

WISH LIST

- 6" diameter fence posts
- Manure forks, rakes
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- Tidy Cat or Arm & Hammer UNSCENTED cat litter
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- Rachel Ray dry cat food
- Vetrolin mane & tail conditioner
- Printer Ink – HP 902
- Power Tools – drill, screwdriver, etc.
- Gas powered weed whacker
- Tool box with basic tools
- GIFT CARDS TO:

Wawa
Garoppo's (Newfield, NJ)
Tractor Supply
Walmart
Staples

WE WENT HOME

Sadie –Maine Coon mix
Milkshake – black & white female adult cat
Cammie & Izzy – went home TOGETHER!
Clementine – young adult tabby cat
Clover – adult female torti cat
Oasis also found good homes for 3 dogs from the Atlantic County Animal Shelter!

ADOPTABLES

PLEASE REMEMBER OASIS IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT 4 LEGGED COMPANION! We have a number to choose from, from a few months old to seniors. All are wonderful animals and are looking for their new forever family to love and to be loved. Check out our website at www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org or Petfinder.com (search on zip code 08322) for the latest adoptables. We are experiencing an explosion of calls to surrender kittens, and are taking in as many as we can accommodate; if you are looking for a(nother) companion, please check us out!

MONEY RAFFLE WINNERS

Every year Oasis runs 50/50 "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 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 April drawing. This year's winners for the Spring Money Raffle held on April 23rd were: **This year's winners for the Holiday Money Raffle held on November 20, 2020 were:**

1st	Barbara Mihlbach-Moore	Sewell, NJ	\$648.50
2nd	Roslyn Draydoppel	Kenilworth, NJ	\$518.80
3rd	Tracy Janusz	Medford, NJ	\$453.95
4th	Helen Erke	Estell Manor, NJ	\$389.10
5th	Patricia Dease	Franklinville, NJ	\$324.25
6th	James Goode	Bridgeton, NJ	\$291.82
7th	Ken Wilkinson	Upper Deerfield, NJ	\$226.98
8th	Carrie Ivins	Williamstown, NJ	\$194.55
9th	Marianne Robinson	Millville, NJ	\$129.70
10th	Shirley Gillen	Oaklyn, NJ	\$ 64.85

This raffle netted Oasis \$3,152 to spend on its animal care program. 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!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...AND MONEY

In animal welfare, the primary focus is providing life-saving care to the animals so desperate for a new direction in their lives. To that end, people donate. People volunteer their time and bequeath their estates. Corporations give, and Foundations grant funding. For a non-profit to succeed, there must be a balance of income and expense. At Oasis, we are always trying to maintain that balance; we run the organization like a business, limiting the number of animals we intake by our financial situation. As a sanctuary, we allow the animals to heal physically and emotionally, in their own time, before they are adopted. This takes time and money.

The New Jersey minimum wage will be going up again next January. While surely a good thing for many New Jersey employees, the reality will be an increase in company expense. Not only will there be an increase in wages, but employer's taxes, workers' comp premiums and other insurances that are wage based, will increase. Additionally, other expenses may rise due to the "ripple effect" from the state's overall increase in wages – higher food prices, utility bills, vet bills, etc.

To prepare for this unavoidable expense, we are running more fundraisers and reaching out to more people via our social media. Additional grant proposals are being written. Our budget for 2021 is roughly \$180,000 and that is bare bones, day-to-day expense; the projects, repairs and enhancements are done when additional money is donated. We are doing everything we can to keep our expenses low yet provide the proper care for our residents; the rest is up to you. Your support is the life blood of our very existence. Won't you please donate to help us reduce pet overpopulation and animal cruelty in southern New Jersey? Thank you! (Donations to The Oasis Animal Sanctuary are 100% tax deductible.)

SADLY DEPARTED

On December 6, 2020 Hunter, our gorgeous 17 1/2 hand, 22 year old thoroughbred with the most expressive brown eyes, died very suddenly and very unexpectedly at Foster Mom Phyllis' farm. He was with his two equine buddies and his one hysterical Mom. Never to be abused again, Hunter is now free to run in Heaven's green pastures. Until we meet again, my friend, run free...



Please Help the Animals!

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