



Animal Tracks

NEWSLETTER

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PRESS RELEASE

Some great news coming out of Trenton! The following is a copy of a Press Release from the INSIDER NJ website. (www.insidernj.com):

O'Scanlon 'River's Law' Formally Introduced

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Senator Declan O'Scanlon (R-Monmouth) formally introduced legislation designated as 'River's Law' which would allow prosecutors to charge certain animal abusers with an escalated second degree crime.

"We've been working on this legislation for months behind the scenes to make sure that it does exactly what we want it to do: create an accurate punishment for abhorrent, malicious treatment of animals," said O'Scanlon."

O'Scanlon's bill, S-3453, is named for "River" a puppy found left in a cage to drown in the Shrewsbury River this past summer. The bill would allow prosecutors faced with a deliberately malicious and violent case of animal abuse to ensure that the punishment fits the crime.

"Anyone who has ever come to my office has met my dog Fin, I bring him with me all the time. He is truly an important member of my family and a best friend to myself and my children. It is unfathomable to me that any person could deliberately hurt an animal. They put their complete trust in us, and anyone who would consciously and purposefully torture or kill them—like what was done to River—deserves the greatest punishment that we can deliver." O'Scanlon concluded.

From what we understand, this Law would greatly enhance punishment for those people abusing animals. For more information on the status of this Bill, contact Senator Declan O'Scanlon at 732-444-1838 or contact him via email at senoscanlon@njleg.org.

CAT COTTAGE UPDATE

The cat cottage renovation has been slow but steady. New windows were installed and the walls and ceilings are now down to the studs. The old floor was broken up and removed. All of the old bathroom fixtures and the rotted kitchen cabinets have also been removed. We are awaiting the electrician and plumber for their work to be completed. If you would like to contribute to the Cat Cottage renovation, please call 856-262-1222 or visit our website at www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org.



Andre is looking forward to a new home in at Cat Cottage – unless he finds his forever home first!

Craft for a Cause
 Oasis Animal Sanctuary
 is hosting
"Paint Night"
 Saturday, April 20th
 6:00-8:00pm
 698 Central Ave Franklinville NJ
 \$45 per person
 All materials provided
 BYOB
 Light snacks provided
 Proceeds go to Oasis Animal Sanctuary



For more information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Beth at (856) 889-7999 or Oasis Animal Sanctuary at (856) 262-1222

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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.

THE ANIMALS ARE DEPENDING ON YOU!

In animal welfare, the greatest focus is on saving animals' lives. To that end, people donate. People volunteer their time. People 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 trying very hard to maintain that balance; we have always 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 before they are adopted. This takes time and money.

The New Jersey minimum wage is going up. 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, etc.

To cover this unavoidable expense, we are running more fundraisers and reaching out to more people via our social media using our new development committee. Additional grant proposals will be written. **Our budget for 2019 is roughly \$165,000 and does not include the cat cottage renovation expense. We have attained approximately 10% of budget as of 2/10/19. Our Sterilization Assistance Program has provided spay and neuter surgeries for over 6,600 animals, and we've cared for over 620 local animals, including many horses and barn yard animals other shelters do not accept.** 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 vital to our very existence. Won't you please donate to help us lower pet overpopulation and animal cruelty in southern New Jersey? The animals are depending on you!

MOLLY & DOLLY UPDATE

Our resident donkeys are doing very well with their socialization with humans and have become a favorite with the volunteers at the farm. Their legs have healed completely and their hooves no longer hurt due to their past overgrowth. "The girls" are quite the attraction at the farm!



Molly & Dolly



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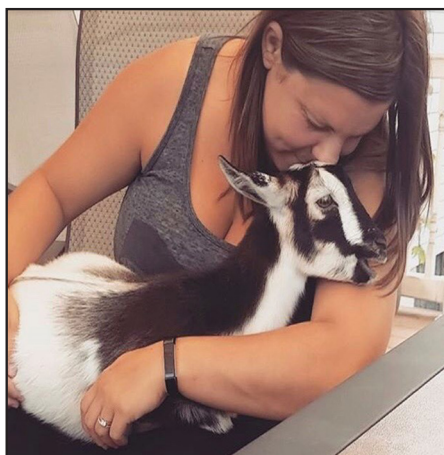
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of our adoptables.

*"What we have once loved deeply
we can never lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a part of us."*

– Helen Keller

MEET BETH KNUDSEN OF OUR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Beth and her pet goat Luci

Since she was a little girl, Beth Knudsen always had a love for animals. Helping animals has been her true passion, from rescuing stray animals as a child, to having her own farm as an adult. She currently works for a local school bus company as their Marketing Director and lives in Franklinville with her husband Roger, two rescued dogs, 3 goats and countless chickens and ducks. She is beyond excited to be a part of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary family and looking forward to making a real difference.

SAVE THE DATE

Oasis is turning 18 on June 19th and we would love to share our birthday celebration with YOU!

We are having our Annual Birthday Bash on Thursday June 6th at the beautiful Winslow Villa Manor, 55 Hall Street, Winslow, NJ. Tickets are \$45 per person. Feast on a delicious hot buffet, large dessert room, beer and wine; enjoy live music, Bingo, a farmer's market, silent auction and lots of giveaways to round out the evening.

This year's theme is Pets on Parade. Please bring a picture of your pet to Oasis with your name on the back. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for Funniest picture, most unique pet, and best dressed. (Please, 1 picture per family.) Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Pictures will be returned after the judging.

Seating for the dinner is limited so please call and make your reservation today. Event is 6 – 9:30 PM. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

AN EVENING WITH SPIRIT

Oasis had medium Aisling Burke host an event on Friday evening, January 25th. 17 people attended and all enjoyed a pleasant and sometimes surprising conversation with past loved ones or friends. Gentle Giant Café provided a delicious meal (and FABULOUS chocolate cupcakes!!) prior to the event for those wishing to partake. Aisling donated her entire proceeds to Oasis. Feedback was very positive with some people even asking for information to seek out Aisling for private readings. All in all, a very uplifting and enjoyable evening!

Aisling is a Psychic Medium, Master level Reiki Practitioner, and trained Hypnotherapist. She may be reached thru her website at www.Aislingmedium.com.

Dawn Lucas has just opened the Gentle Giant Café at 13 S. Broadway in Pitman which is a vegan restaurant. Dawn can be reached thru [Facebook.com/TheGentleGiantCafe](https://www.facebook.com/TheGentleGiantCafe) or 856-589-4596.

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must never forget that the highest
appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them."*

– John F. Kennedy

ADORABLE ADOPTABLES - WE WANT TO GO HOME!

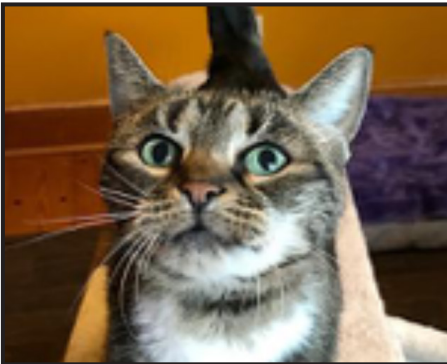
These adorable animals are ready for their new life with their forever family. The adoption fee for cats is \$85; the price is reduced by 20% if you adopt more than 1 animal. For that fee, you receive an animal that was vetted, tested negative for FeLV and Feline AIDS, is up to date on age appropriate vaccines, was sterilized, and was socialized with humans and other animals.

Miss Kitty was returned to us by her new caregiver because she did not get along with the other family cat. Miss Kitty is a beautifully marked calico with striking green eyes. She is very affectionate towards people but apparently prefers to be an "only cat" so she can keep all the adoration to herself!



Miss Kitty (F)

Sassy is still waiting for her new family. How can you resist those beautiful green eyes! Sassy is a friendly and independent kitty looking for a new home where she will be loved forever. She is hyper-thyroid and is on topical treatments 2x a day, VERY easy to do. She likes other cats, but can be bossy. Come see her and make her a part of your family. She loves to talk!



Sassy (F)

WAIT... HELP STOP!
Help the animals,
at NO cost to you?!

Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700

Sign up for their **Affinity Program**, select **Oasis Animal Sanctuary** as your charity of choice. The more people that sign up, the greater TD Bank's donation will be to Oasis.

CALL NOW!!

Spring and **Summer** We simply can't believe these two felines are still available for adoption! Spring and Summer are two sisters waiting for their new family. These two will keep you very entertained with their energy and antics! They are just so busy enjoying life and having fun – chasing toys, wrestling with each other, and just being, well, ENTERTAINING. They are active, loving and happy – a complete joy to have around. Because they have bonded so tightly, we want to find them a home together.



Summer (F)



Spring (F)

WE WENT HOME

Jade & Sapphire – momma and kitten adopted together

Midnight & Louise - sibling cats went home together

Thelma – adult cat

Our horses Hugo, Gulliver, and Junior are also still awaiting their forever homes. Please call for more information on these stunning equines. Junior now has a video on our website- see how well trained he is!



Hugo (M)



Gulliver (F)



Junior (M)

SADLY DEPARTED

Loretta – Pekin Duck

IN GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO:

- **All the volunteers**, new and seasoned, for their efforts in socializing the animals and keeping the sanctuary clean and running
- **Mr. Joseph DeAntonio** for spearheading the Cat Cottage renovation pro-bono
- **J. Robert Nonemaker Foundation for Small Animals, Inc.** for their grant for our Sterilization Assistance Program and the Cat Cottage renovation
- **Michael & Patricia Levitt Family Charitable Fdn** for their grant towards the Cat Cottage renovation
- **M. Edward Morris Foundation** for their grant for the Sterilization Assistance Program
- **Dorothy Zimmerman Charitable Trust** for their grant for the Cat Cottage renovation
- **Purr 'N Pooch Foundation for Animals** for their grant towards our Sterilization Assistance Program
- **Ms. Sue Geers** for her stock donation to fund the Sterilization Assistance Program and animal care
- **Mr. & Mrs. "Cork" Griffith** for their donation of a brand new finishing mower among other significant donations
- **Ms. MaryAnn Moore** for her efforts on the Dinner & Silent Auction and Open House



Also, a big thank you to Jim Goode, former owner of Julie and Romeo, who donated an \$800 Tractor Supply gift card for animal care.

AMAZON SMILE

Amazon has a "Smile" program where they donate a portion of the sale to a charity of your choice. Oasis is one of those choices. When you go to Amazon, search for the Smile Program. They have 5 top charities listed, but use the search feature to select Oasis Animal Sanctuary Bridgeton NJ. (Not sure why it's set up with "Bridgeton"!)

THATS IT! Bookmark the Amazon Smile page and shop from there. .5% of the sale will go to Oasis

DONATION OPTIONS

When you think about supporting your favorite charity, do you only think of "out-of-pocket" cash as the donation? Here are suggestions for other types of donations:

- **IRA distributions as charitable contributions** – generally, a qualified charitable distribution is an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA (other than an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA) owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that is paid directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. Your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA can be considered a charitable contribution if it is paid directly to an IRS recognized non-profit charity, such as The Oasis Animal Sanctuary. The maximum amount of the donation is \$100,000. IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs) has more information.
- **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.
- **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. This is especially good if your basis in the stock is low compared to the current fair market value. The transaction is not considered a capital gain.
- **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 is 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322. 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 new animal and office supplies, gift cards to purchase same, copying and printing services, new items for our Silent Auction, and more volunteers!

Please contact your Tax Advisor or Financial Planner for advice on how these charitable transactions 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.

WISH LIST

- **New Items for our Silent Auction**
- **Gutters for our barn & installation of same (call for details)**
- **Installation of our hot water heater in the barn**
- **Postage stamps**
- **Copy paper, Staples gift crds**
- **WaWa gift cards for gasoline**
- **Full size Carrots (not baby carrots)**
- **Apples or unsweetened applesauce**
- **Pine shavings for bedding**
- **Replacement vehicle for our ancient van**
- **Straw for the duck house**
- **Commercial washer & dryer for the cat cottage**

Please Help the Animals!

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