



Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As I reflect on 2021, I am again reminded of how grateful I am for the volunteers, my board members, and all of the generous donors who have made the year a success in spite of the unprecedented challenges we faced. **We are still here, the animals are still doing well, and we are still growing!**

First things first – Oasis celebrated its 20 year anniversary on June 19, 2021! As the last remaining co-founder I am humbled and honored to lead this organization, and to have the dedicated colleagues, employees and volunteers assist in the care for the beloved animals at Oasis. This is my calling, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to help God's creatures.

The winter of 2020-2021 was fraught with many challenging situations. We had employees abandon their jobs, ice storms, tree limbs destroying fences, equipment breakdowns, telephone communication interruptions, and of course the specter of COVID hanging over our heads. But with every hurdle we encountered, the Oasis Board members and some very dedicated volunteers sprang into action. The animals were always well fed, watered, clean, warm, and safe. We now have 2 excellent farmhands and another office assistant, and the company is running better than ever. We are so grateful for these dedicated employees!

So far in 2021 we have taken in 50 animals, including a very bonded pair of equines now residing together again at our sanctuary. Of the 50, two were dogs which were housed at the Atlantic County Animal Shelter and we were directly responsible for their adoption. We were able to place another dog in a "sister sanctuary" and the animal found a new home. Aside from a sick rooster (which unfortunately passed away a day after he was surrendered) and a guinea pig, the rest were cats and kittens. Thirty-one of these creatures are now living in new loving homes.

And oh my goodness - so many kittens!!! Because spay/neuter clinics were shut down last year, people could not trap and sterilize feral cats, and the population exploded. Oasis gets over 70 calls a week from people pleading with us to take a family of stray or feral cats – easily 200 animals a week! Since the sanctuary is already full with cats and kittens, we are offering (until December 31st) anyone with ferals or strays the opportunity to have them sterilized, waiving the required proof of income. Thankfully many of the people wanting to surrender the kittens are taking our offer and trying to find them homes on their own. We had 285 animals go through our Sterilization Assistance Program as of 11/15/21; most of which are felines. To date our program has covered sterilization surgeries for over 7,420 animals, a number of which we are very proud!

The cat cottage is almost done. The second floor is done and there are some cats comfortably living there. Downstairs still needs a little tweaking, but we are able to house sick kittens in the front room until we can get the entire floor completed.

With 2021 being as challenging as it was and still is, we have overcome unprecedented hardships; living up to our mission to alleviate the suffering of abandoned, stray, abused and neglected companion animals, horses, and other pets in southern New Jersey. **A heartfelt thank you to everyone for their heroic efforts for the animals, to those who stepped up with donations of money and non-cash items, and to the volunteers who came to help. We are grateful for the generosity bestowed on us!**

Wishing you all a SAFE and HEALTHY holiday,

Phyllis Van De Weghe
Vice President & CFO

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

SAVE THE DATE

Ott's Restaurant is holding a Dine & Donate fundraiser for Oasis on Tuesday, December 14th. This is an all-day event and the restaurant is donating 20% of the proceeds from food sales to Oasis. Their address is 340 Greentree Road, Sewell, NJ, telephone # 856-589-1776. We had a great fundraiser in August there, and hope to repeat our success with this event. You will need to bring a flyer to give to your server for credit for the fundraiser; it can be found on our website. Please come and enjoy their delicious food and great atmosphere!

WE CAN FIT IN SANTA'S BAG!

Some of our friends here at Oasis were adopted into new loving homes - Forest & Ivy (together!), Phoebe and Snowflake. Even a guinea pig got adopted! There are many of us cats and kittens still awaiting new loving homes. We are up to date on vaccines, sterilized, and socialized. Please consider adopting one (or two) of us - we can enrich your lives and make you smile!

Love, Athena, Aspen, Juniper, Willow, Shiloh, TeTe, Jack O'Lantern, Smokey, Junie, and Ellie.

PS - Check out our website at www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org or Petfinder.com and search on zip code 08322 for all the latest adoptables.



Jack



Willow



Shiloh



TeTe

OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR ...

Oasis held our Fall Festival on November 3rd. There were approximately 16 vendors, pony rides, a fire truck to explore, food - including brick oven pizza, raffles, kids' games and hay rides. Thankfully Mother Nature cooperated and the weather was nice. The animals seemed happy for the interest in them. Over 250 people attended the event. Oasis netted over \$2,500 for animal care that day, sold many of our Holiday Money Raffle tickets, and one of our cats got an approved adoption application! Thank you to all who helped make the day a success!

"In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this."

- Terry Pratchett.

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. Go to smile.amazon.com; on your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. Kindly select Oasis Animal Sanctuary Bridgeton NJ. (Not sure why it's set up with "Bridgeton"!)

That's it! Bookmark the Amazon Smile page and shop from there. .5% of the sale will go to Oasis.

WISH LIST

- Commercial washer & dryer
- Power tools - drill, chain saw, nail gun
- Small refrigerator for the barn
- Dr. Elsey's unscented cat litter (due to volunteer allergies)
- Gallon size ziplock baggies
- Friskies or Fancy Feast canned cat food
- Rachel Ray dry cat food
- Fancy Feast kitten canned food
- Kitchen tea - and tablespoons!
- Paper products - towels, tissues, toilet paper
- #10 & #6-3/4 envelopes
- Postage stamps
- Printer paper
- Dish soap, Tide laundry detergent
- Gift cards from
 - Staples,
 - WaWa,
 - Walmart,
 - Tractor Supply
 - Garoppo's
- Straw for the poultry houses

Please note we do have a wish list on Chewy.com.

Please Help the Animals!

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