



# Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

A quarterly newsletter for Volunteers, Friends & Supporters of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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## THE ROLLER COASTER RIDE CONTINUES!

As in the past, this year brought many challenges to our organization, but seeing the grateful faces of the animals we've cared for is the blessing and motivator to continue. Because of so many kittens coming in sick or injured, Oasis was able to take in only 17 animals – 15 cats and kittens, 1 dog and 1 young horse. We did, however, find homes for 11 other dogs, helping out a local rescue. These new Oasis animals are in addition to the 40 already at the facility. We have thankfully adopted out a number of cats this year, with 5 more going home right after Christmas.

We had a new duck house built, and removed the old dilapidated structures. Hugo's giant field was split in two, and now Fiona is closer to all the horses and has a handsome new neighbor! We replaced some old rundown fencing. We have a new farmhand who is working out well, and we thankfully have a few new volunteers! Oasis even got a new fancy "Farmland Preservation" sign!

One of our Board members resigned due to changes in her home and work environments. We wish Beth Knudsen the best in her new endeavors!

This year we lost our beloved donkey **Molly** in October. Old age and bad feet did her in, and we sadly had her humanely euthanized. We also lost **Hank and Pearl** - two of our Pekin ducks - to old age and infection, as well as **Esmeralda** (chicken), **Belvedere** (equine), **Sadie** (feline), and **Andy** (canine). No matter how many times you go thru losing an animal, it never gets easier. But there is always another poor creature out there in dire need of care, and so we continue our mission.

The medical bills for the resident animals as well as all the "bottle-baby" kittens that came in with serious medical issues resulted in Oasis taking in less animals this year to cover those expenses. So again, we are reaching out to our generous donors to please remember Oasis during the holiday season, and help our company to continue. For example, \$9 buys a bale of hay (we go thru 5 a day in winter); \$22 buys a bag of chicken or duck feed; \$28 buys one 50 lb. bag of horse feed (we go thru 1 a day); and \$150 buys enough cat food for a week. We are thankful that the plea in the prior newsletter for cat food brought in many cases, and always need more. We typically go thru 1.5 – 2 cases of food per day! This is a very expensive undertaking!

As we've 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. The English philosopher Jeremy Bentham stated it perfectly: "The question is not 'Can they reason?' nor 'Can they talk?', but rather 'Can they suffer?'" With our 24 years of intense interaction with these creatures, the answer is a resounding - and sorrowful - YES.

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

Phyllis, Mary, Denise, Sue & Hailey

## OASIS IS TURNING 25 IN '26!

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for a fun and exciting evening at our 25th Anniversary dinner! We are hosting a **CASINO NIGHT** at the Star Cross Banquet Hall in Franklinville on **Friday, June 5th** from **6 – 10 PM**. There will be food, live music, and lots of give-aways. Black Jack, poker, Craps, and roulette tables will be available with professional dealers to answer any questions you have. The "funny money" that you win at the tables provides you with tickets to win many nice prizes. More details will be forthcoming; we hope to see you all there!

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



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## WANT TO 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.

**PLEASE CALL NOW!**

## OTHER EVENTS

Oasis has monthly **DINE & DONATE** fundraisers at various restaurants; please check our website for details on where the next one will be hosted. **By bringing the event flyer with you, or showing your server the flyer on your phone, the restaurant will donate between 10-15% of your total food bill to Oasis.** Almost everyone likes to go out for dinner, why not enjoy an evening out while donating to a great cause?

Oasis is running another **CLOTHING DRIVE** from **December 15th through January 25th**. Here is another easy way to donate to Oasis, while your old clothing benefits others less fortunate. We also accept towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and other "soft" household goods. Kindly separate any shoes, handbags and belts from the cloth items and place in a separate bag.

## ALL WE WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS A WARM LAP!

Our beautiful "former kittens" need a warm and loving home. They are all spayed or neutered, vetted and up to date on vaccines, and socialized.

**Talk about two love-bugs! Reo and Tess** are a pair of cats that originally came from a shelter in Arizona, and were driven cross country by a homeless couple. The cats lived in the vehicle with the people for quite a while, until they were finally surrendered to Oasis. In spite of their ordeal, they are happy just having a warm lap to snuggle on. **Reo is VERY friendly and looks for attention and pets. These two are bonded and need to be adopted together.**

**Can't believe our Leo is still at Oasis!** He is a 2-1/2 year old, all black male cat who LOVES to play with you. His favorite game is "fetch!", and has been known to retrieve his toy 15 times in one game! He enjoys being petted and loves getting the attention of his person. He will always put a smile on your face with his adorable antics. He gets along with other friendly cats and is just a joy to have around!

**Charli is such a pretty female cat!** She was in a foster home with her sibling for a few years but had a falling out with her sister, and decided she would rather be an "only cat". **Charli loves to be petted; she is a quiet 6 year old who enjoys laying in the sunshine of a window.**

**Orphan Annie appears to be a Turkish Van breed who has had rough go in life.** Found in 2011 as a tiny baby near death, she was miraculously saved and was living in a rescue home with many cats until she was sent to us last year. Because of her medical issues over the years Annie is semi-deaf, and blind in one eye. She developed food allergies while at the former rescue which sadly were not addressed. She is now on a special diet and no longer suffers from them. She is a quiet, VERY sweet cat who will politely ask you to pick her up and cuddle her. Although she gets along with all the other cats here, **Annie would need to be an "only cat", since she must stay on her special (pricey) diet, unless her companion eats the same food.** She has the softest fur and is so appreciative of the loving she gets!



REO & TESS



LEO



CHARLI



ORPHAN ANNIE

### WE WENT HOME!

Camry (kitten)  
Iris (Kitten)

Cody (Kitten)  
Poppie (Kitten)

### THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Every year Oasis runs 3 Money Raffles as fundraisers for animal care. The Vacation Money Raffle was drawn on August 15th, 2025. Ten lucky people won a portion of the proceeds. They are:

Connie D'Amico	Pennsville, NJ	\$502.50
Sue Owens	Franklinville, NJ	\$402.00
Roseann Andaloro	West Deptford, NJ	\$351.75
Donna White	Mullica Hill, NJ	\$301.50
Richard Cecick	Voorhees, NJ	\$251.25
Pamela Tate	Franklinville, NJ	\$226.12
Brenda Rohrer-Long	Williamstown, NJ	\$175.88
Robin Corson	Haddonfield, NJ	\$150.75
Elizabeth Nicke	Millville, NJ	\$100.50
Teri Catalano	Sewell, NJ	\$ 50.25

This raffle grossed \$5,025; per state law, half must be paid out to the winners, and all expenses to run the event must be paid from "our" half. As a result, our net income was \$1,835. **Thank you to all who participated in this event, and a BIG thank you to those winners who donated a portion or all of their winnings back to Oasis!**

### FOR EASY DONATION

JUST USE YOUR PHONE  
CAMERA TO SCAN  
CODE TO THE RIGHT



### WISH LIST

- Fancy Feast or Friskies canned cat and kitten food
- Staples gift cards for office supplies/printing jobs
- New(er) computer**
- Tractor Supply gift cards for feeds
- Postage stamps
- #10 and #6-3/4 envelopes
- Avery Labels #5160
- Shavings and straw for poultry bedding
- Mealworm "treats" for the poultry
- Paper towels, tissues, paper plates
- WaWa gift cards for diesel fuel
- Chewy.com gift cards
- VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**We have a Wish List set up on Amazon & Chewy.com**

### Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.  
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