



## Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**In a 2017 interview, entrepreneur Elon Musk gave some brilliant advice on how to succeed. He said, "If you're not progressing, you're regressing; so, keep moving forward." That sums up what Oasis has done this past year.**

On October 30, 2019 Karen Price began her career with Oasis. And on November 23, 2019 Pam Brighton retired from her position as Animal Care Director. What we have accomplished during that time to now is simply incredible, especially in the face of (farm-hand) Jim's unexpected, abrupt departure; the corona virus crisis; business shutdowns; a volunteer's accident with the back stairs; black mold in the cat cottage; equipment breakdowns; injuries to 4 of us; employee and volunteer quarantines; and donation reductions. Needless to say, it's been quite the year.

We hired 2 employees, Denise (part-time office assistant) and Felicia (full time farmhand), both of which have proven their dedication to Oasis through additional workloads and their "can-do" attitude. The Board was expanded by 1 person – Denise; and Karen took on another Board position. Karen transformed the farmhouse into an organized, clean, and pleasant place to work and visit. We grouped some horses together, and are progressing slowly with socializing a severely abused one, Havana. We changed equine feed to something more appropriate for the animals, and reduced the amount of supplements. We took in 5 highly feral kittens, socialized them, and found them loving homes. Oasis helped 2 feline pets of a supporter who passed away, by paying for one cat's hospitalization when he went into diabetic shock, and then found a temporary home for the two while the new caregiver is in rehab and away for 6 months. To me this was a major accomplishment, since keeping the diabetic cat at Oasis, and having different people administer his insulin late in the evening, etc., would not have been in his best interest.

Even the cat cottage progressed! The upstairs is almost completely done; the downstairs, having an unexpected major setback with black mold, has been re-wallboarded and is in the process of being painted. Then electrical items will get hooked up, a floor laid, and kitchen countertops installed. The 2 vestibules have been completed with fixed windows and storm doors, and gutters were added to the building. I am grateful to Luanne Smith for her donation specifically for the cat cottage renovation; and to Anthony Patten of Patten Home Improvements for the work he has done at a discounted rate.

**We also FINALLY created a Spirit Horse Memorial, a request from a donor since Ginger's death in 2016.**

One of my favorite quotes is from Billy Joel's song Say Goodbye to Hollywood - "Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes". By year end Oasis will have taken in over 40 animals; Oasis has not seen this level of surrendered animals since 2010. We adopted out at least 15, including Hope, a sweet female cat who has been with Oasis since 2017. We successfully placed two senior dogs into loving homes for the Atlantic County Animal Shelter. We are also in the process of creating an area for a new species we can now take in – chickens! The farm and the barn have never been cleaner / more organized, and the garage and farmhouse basement are in the process of being cleaned out. Our Sterilization Assistance Program is doing well with 218 participants so far this year. On a sad note, we mourned the recent losses of a beloved former employee - Maureen Donnelly - who was our admin assistant and fervent volunteer for over 13 years, and former volunteer Carol Henderson. Three of our chickens died - one from a genetic problem, one on the operating table, and one from unknown health reasons. We have accomplished all this and so much more. With 2020 being as awful and difficult as it was and still is, we have overcome unprecedented hardships and challenges, 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. I have never been more proud of this organization, and I thank everyone here for their Herculean efforts for the animals.

**Please go to our website [www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org) to see pictures of the renovations done to date in the cat cottage, the new hen house and the serene Spirit Horse Memorial. We are so proud of these accomplishments!**

**We also want to thank everyone 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 and the Board of Trustees

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Spirit Horse Memorial

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

## WISH LIST

- Bales of straw
- Pine or cedar shavings for horse bedding
- Postage stamps
- #10 and #6-3/4 envelopes
- Paper for the printer
- A newer van
- New business phone

### GIFT CARDS FROM:

- Tractor Supply (animal & farm needs)
- Horse'N Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ)
- WaWa (gas for the tractors and van)
- Staples (office supplies)
- Walmart or Shop Rite (cleaning & animal supplies)

## 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.

## FALL FESTIVAL...

Oasis had a scaled down Fall Festival on November 7th, in lieu of our annual Open House and Craft Fair. There were approximately 10 vendors, a children's craft table, food from The New Dodge's Market in Elmer, kids' games and hay rides. Mother Nature cooperated and the weather was perfect! The animals seemed happy for the interest in them. **Oasis raised over \$1,800 for animal care that day. Thank you to all who helped make the day a success!**

## 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 normally 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 November drawing.

This year's winners for the Holiday Money Raffle on November 20, 2020 were:

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|------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1st  | Barbara Flaxington      | Clementon, NJ     | \$630.50 |
| 2nd  | Jill Scott              | Glassboro, NJ     | \$504.40 |
| 3rd  | Lorraine Woerner        | Pitman, NJ        | \$441.35 |
| 4th  | Donna White             | Mullica Hill, NJ  | \$378.30 |
| 5th  | Stephanie Johnson       | Williamstown, NJ  | \$315.25 |
| 6th  | Madelyn Morrison        | Williamstown, NJ  | \$283.72 |
| 7th  | Phyllis Streit          | Monroeville, NJ   | \$220.68 |
| 8th  | Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Gibson | Monroeville, NJ   | \$189.15 |
| 9th  | Bonnie Rogers           | Williamstown, NJ  | \$126.10 |
| 10th | Susan Geers             | Franklinville, NJ | \$ 63.05 |

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!

## ADOPTABLES

**PLEASE REMEMBER OASIS IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT FOUR 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 [oasisanimalsanctuary.org](http://oasisanimalsanctuary.org) or Petfinder.com (search on zip code 08322) for the latest adoptables. We are expecting a number of cats to come in by the end of the year; if you are looking for a(n)other companion, please check us out!

## IN APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

Eagle Scout candidate Issac Mignano worked on earning his Eagle Scout badge with a building project for Oasis. This industrious young man raised the money for the project, then built 6 seating benches for the facility and 4 cat posts for the cottage. The benches are a wonderful addition to the expansive farm and are being strategically placed around the property. And it will be so nice for the cats to have new things on which to climb and claw! The leftover money he raised was gratefully donated to Oasis. Thank you Issac, for your kind and generous gifts.

Issac and one of the benches he built.



## Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

**The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.**  
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