



# Animal Tracks

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## NEWSLETTER

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

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### CAT COTTAGE UPDATE

**It's always something!** Our zoning "Change of Use" application was submitted to the Township for approvals and permits. Apparently there are some concerns they have with our proposal; like septic tank size, amount of laundry to be done, etc. We are working with the township to alleviate their concerns so we can move forward.

### TWO NO-COST PROGRAMS TO HELP OUR ANIMALS

**Amazon has a "Smile" program where they donate a portion of your sale to a charity of your choice.** Oasis is registered with Amazon and is one of the choices. If you shop on Amazon, please search for the Smile program. They have 5 charities listed, but if you use the "search" feature you can find and select Oasis Animal Sanctuary Bridgeton NJ (not quite sure why it says Bridgeton!) Bookmark the Smile page and shop from there; .5% of your sale will be donated to Oasis.

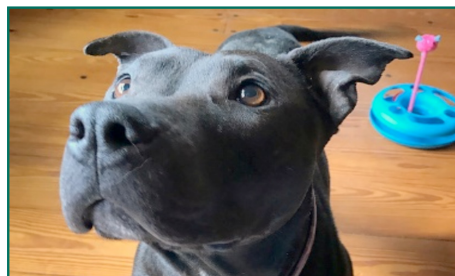
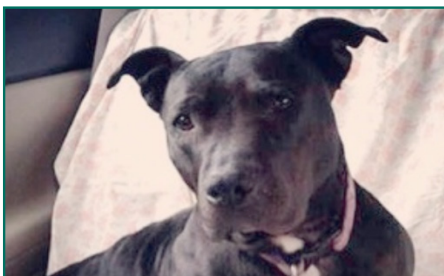
**If you bank at TD Bank, please participate in their Affinity Program.** All you need to do is call the Bank and ask to be a part of their program, and indicate your selection of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary as the beneficiary. The Bank simply reviews the balances in your account every month and at the end of the year averages them out. They will base their donation from THEIR corporate account on the average balances of all those who have joined the program and selected Oasis. TD Bank has been very generous to us over the years with this Program and we hope to continue to be a part of it. **Please call the Williamstown NJ office at 856-728-1700 to sign up. It costs you nothing and the animals at Oasis get a great benefit.**

### NEW FACES AT THE FARM

On a cold day in February, Pam received a phone call from a woman in a panic over a female dog running loose in Millville, NJ. The animal looked as though she was nursing puppies, and was very thin. Pam and the woman found the dog and searched for the puppies, but were unable to locate them. The dog was happy to climb into the Oasis vehicle and get out of the cold.

She was taken to a vet's office where it was determined that she was maybe 4 years old and had already had a number of litters. The vet thought the last litter of puppies may have been weaned from Mom. She had a few medical issues (worms, dehydration, malnourishment) but was very friendly and agreeable. She was named Miah (pronounced "MEE- ah"). She has been lovingly cared for and has gained some weight; and is very strong and playful. At 56 pounds, the vet says she is "muscle on top of muscle"!

**Miah is very friendly, and very smart!** She bonds quickly with her caregivers and happily accepts attention and affection. She loves her walks and to play with her toys. Miah is also crate trained. She is a bit fearful of other dogs. Miah has been spayed and is up to date on shots. She is ready to move on to her forever home, best as an only pet.



**Miah is ready to come home with you!**

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**WAIT... HELP STOP!**

**Do you really want to help the animals, at NO cost to you?!**

**Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700 NOW**

Just 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!!**

## MISS KITTY AND SASSY

These two very friendly felines were surrendered by an elderly woman whose former "caregiver" dumped the two animals on her and then disappeared - along with some of the woman's assets! When the senior got another caregiver, she was highly allergic to the cats. The animals were placed in a small bathroom for a few weeks while the lady tried to find them a new home. This was very upsetting for her; in desperation she finally called Oasis hoping we could find these two sweet animals a proper home. They are now at the sanctuary seeking attention and affection from the volunteers. Miss Kitty (left) and Sassy (right) can be adopted together or separately. They are both spayed, up to date on vaccines, exceptionally sweet and ready to go home!



Miss Kitty (F)



Sassy (F)



Daisy (F) & Jai Jai (F)

What little girl or boy wouldn't love to have these two cutie pie guinea pigs? Unfortunately, one little girl became highly allergic to her beloved pets and had to give them up. They were surrendered to Oasis and are now in foster care. We are looking for a new home for the pair. Daisy and JaiJai are both females, about a year old, and very cuddly.

## WE WILL MISS OUR POOMBA

This empty field once full of life  
 With an old, blind pony small and white.  
 He loved this pasture.  
 He was trusting and wise,  
 At home with buddies 3 times his size.  
 Rescued from neglect, isolation and fear  
 He wiggled his way into hearts living here.  
 He graced his home with his kind, gentle way.  
 He was loved through and through,  
 then came the day  
 His body so frail could no longer endure  
 The rigors of life. He was done. We were sure.  
 Time ages our body but never our soul.  
 On this day, March 1st, it was his Time To Go.  
 In kindness and tears we helped him on his way.  
 To Heaven's green pastures, so far away.  
 A spirit now free from blindness and pain  
 I believe he now sees; runs happily again.

**His name was Poomba,  
 and he is very sadly missed.**

- Phyllis Van De Weghe



## O'TEKA IS NOW A SPIRIT OF THE WIND

**O'Teeka**, an Arabian mare, came to Oasis on July 8, 2016 at the age of 31 years old. She was surrendered to us because she was no longer wanted nor needed. Her owners had acquired her to be a companion horse for a pony they had. The pony was euthanized due to a fractured hip, so no longer needed, she was next. Our Equine Veterinarian called us to see if we had any room for her; she felt it was wrong to put her down. O'Teeka arrived in July with her long beautiful mane and luxurious tail.

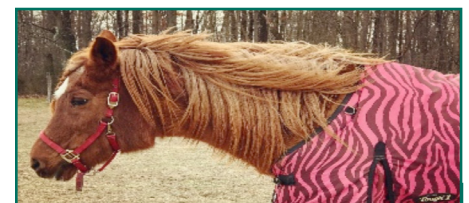
We renamed the mare O'Teeka - Navao for "Sun Maiden" - which fit her

nicely as she had lovely blonde highlights in her red coat. When O'Teeka was 28 years old, she, amazingly, was barrel racing at the State Level Competition!

On March 11th, O'Teeka unfortunately was taken by cancer. She was sweet and easy going and loved her pasture buddy who is understandably upset at her loss.

**She will be greatly missed! O'Teeka can now be a spirit of the wind. Rest in peace our little friend.**

- Pam Brighton



## VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

### What Oasis Means To Me

By *Stamie Barnish*



As a mother, you try and do whatever your children ask of you. That job can be anything from driving them to places to purchasing items for them. It's part of the job description of being a mom. And I've had that job for twenty-one years so far. So when my youngest daughter Selena asked if I could look around for volunteering opportunities, I came across Oasis and apprehensively decided to go to the Open House with her.

Being a somewhat anxious/private person we did it with the purpose of going and seeing what the place was like, getting a volunteer sheet and leaving. That was the first time I met Pam Brighton. She is a person that has a quiet aura about her. She has knowledge of life and animals that you just want to learn. You just want to be in her presence. Every time I make her laugh it reminds me of the way my Mom used to laugh and it's infectious!

Oasis is a large place and for someone who is out of shape, it can be overwhelming. The procedure for feeding the animals was the first thing to be learned. I remember when Pam told me that (the horses) Dixie and Omid eat out of small round bowls and you had to stand there and protect Omid's food since Dixie will try to eat hers too. Dixie is a large horse and can be intimidating if you don't know her. I remember her wanting Omid's food and not feeling confident of keeping her away until I could give it to Omid. It became a football drill. I would protect the food like a football and Dixie would do everything to get it from reaching over top of me to not letting me get into the field!

Each animal at Oasis has their own story - stories that can break your heart. At first I went to help these animals. Now it has been over a year and they are helping me. I'm there an average of 4 days a week walking 2-3 miles a day. I have lost a good amount of weight. I did not save those animals, they saved me! I go now looking forward to what they will teach me. As for the people, they are dear to me. I learned from Pam not only to take care of these animals but how to be the best me I can be. Jim, an Oasis farm hand and animal caregiver, is like a younger brother. We enjoy the working and laughing together. I look forward to their encouraging words of support when I need it.

I can't imagine life without these animals and people in it.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Oasis is turning 16 and we would love to share our birthday celebration with YOU!

We are having our Sweet 16 Party (our Annual Birthday Bash) on Thursday June 1st at the beautiful Winslow Villa Manor, 55 Hall Street, Winslow, NJ. **Tickets are \$35 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 give-aways to round out the evening.

Seating is limited, so please call 856.262.1222 and make your reservation today. The event is 6-9:30 PM Visa and Master Card are accept-

**Thursday, June 1st, 2017**  
**Winslow Villa Manor**  
**55 Hall Street**  
**Winslow, NJ 08037**  
**6 - 9:30 PM.**



## SUMMER IS COMING!

**The warm weather is FINALLY approaching, and with it comes all sorts of hazards for your pets.** Poisonous plants, pesticides, fertilizer, pools; these are just some of the potential hazards your pet faces outside. Do you know the hazards? Here is a timely reminder reprinted from a past newsletter that is still relevant today (from Good Morning America, Kim Carollo, 7/16/12):

**Heat is the #1 health hazard for your pet.** Know your animal's limit for heat tolerance. Imagine yourself outside in a full length fur coat in the sun; if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet. Be sure your animal(s) have shade from the summer sun, and lots of cool CLEAN water to drink. Don't exercise your pet during the hottest part of the day, and be aware of the surface on which you are walking. Asphalt can get very hot and can burn the bottoms of their feet. (If it's too hot to the palm of your hand, it's too hot for your dog's feet.) And whatever you do, DON'T take your pet in an automobile when you have to leave it, even for a few minutes. The temperature will soar in the car in a very short time and will cause your beloved animal to overheat.

**Along with the heat, be aware that your pet CAN get sunburned!** Especially prone to sunburn is the area where their hair is thin, like the backs of their ears or on their nose and muzzle.

**Pests like spiders, mosquitoes, bees, snakes and others can bite your pet,** causing injury and/or illness. Your pet should be protected from ticks and fleas too.

**Picnics can cause a hazard to your cat or dog if he or she is left unattended near food.** Leftover bones may seem to be a treat, but when ingested they can cause an intestinal obstruction; and pets definitely should be kept away from alcohol.

**Pools cause another hazard to pets. Many dogs are not good swimmers.** Dogs with pushed-in faces tend to be top heavy and can sink more easily, and elderly or out-of-shape dogs may not have the stamina to tread water long enough to get rescued. A pool alarm or ramp specially designed for dogs to crawl out of the pool would be a good investment for those people whose pool would be easily accessed by their pet.

## WE WANT TO GO HOME!

In addition to the "New Faces at the Sanctuary" mentioned earlier, these animals are also (still) 'T'up for adoption. Please know that if you adopt a pair the adoption rate is discounted by 20%. All of our animals are sterilized, up to date on their vaccines, vetted, and socialized.

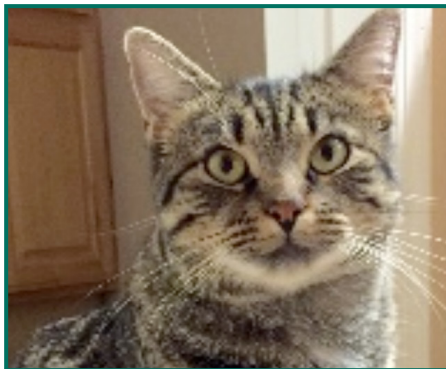
These wonderful pets are waiting for that very special person to come whisk them away to their new forever home where they will feel loved and safe. In return they promise to love you unconditionally. **Could that very special person be YOU?**



**Morgan (M)**



**Bailey (M)**



**Willow (F)**



**Hugo (Gelding)**



**Gulliver (Gelding)**

### Look at Me Now!

**Gulliver is making great progress in his training!** A college student has taken an interest in him and has been working with him daily for the past few months. Taylor has gained Gulliver's trust and he is responding well. **Way to go Taylor!**

**"Meow" means "woof" in cat.**

*—George Carlin*

***"Animals don't hate,  
and we're supposed to be  
better than them."***

*— Elvis Presley*



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- **Gutters for our barn & installation of same (call for details)**
- **Hot water heater and installation for the barn**
- **Postage stamps**
- **Copy paper, Staples gift crds**
- **WaWa gift cards for gasoline**
- **Carrots, Apples**
- **Unsweetened applesauce**

## WE WENT HOME!

**Nicky & Sammi**  
(adult cats)  
**Emily** (kitten)

## Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

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