



Animal Tracks

NEWSLETTER

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OASIS TURNED 17!

We are excited to tell everyone that the **2018 Oasis Dinner & Silent Auction** – otherwise known as our Birthday Bash – was a huge success! Held at the Winslow Villa Manor on Thursday June 7th, the festive event included auctions, Bingo, gifts and give-aways, live music, and fabulous food from both Winslow Villa Manor and Dawn Lucas of Gentle Giant Café – who generously provided exceptional plant-based entrees. A full dessert room, beer and wine, hors d'oeuvres (provided by Melissa DeAntonio and Dawn Lucas), and coffee & tea rounded out the menu. Over 110 people attended, and Oasis raised \$12,800 for the animals.

The Board of Trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Tina Briglia from Villa Winslow Manor / Villa Deli for her sponsorship of this annual event; Tom Kingston for his donation of the evening's music and audio equipment; Dawn Lucas for her very generous donation of much of the food through her eatery Gentle Giant Café; farmers Carol & Mark Panco, Brenda Flame, Rich & Sherry Marolda, and Lisa Molinelli for the donation of freshly picked produce and plants for our Farmer's Market; Triple Oaks Nursery of Franklinville for their donation of the lovely centerpieces; and the many individuals and businesses that provided items for the auctions, gifts and give-aways. Most importantly we'd like to thank our wonderful volunteers who made this event the success it was – and especially Mary Ann Moore, who acted as our Event Coordinator and donated countless hours soliciting and obtaining items, creatively packaging them, storing everything until the day before the event, and kept detailed records of all donors and values of each item. It was a combination of all these people's time, effort, generosity, and dedication that made the evening so successful. A heartfelt thank you to all!



Volunteers prepare for the arrival of attendees

NEW FACE AT THE BOARD TABLE

The Company is growing! We have another new Board member - Susan Geers of Franklinville, NJ. Originally a volunteer, Sue brings an assortment of animal care skills to the group. She is proficient in equine care and behavior, has experience in dog training, and has socialized many cats. Her skills and animal knowledge will be a tremendous help at the facility. In addition to other duties she intends to tackle, Sue has offered to foster dogs for Oasis until we can get the Dog Compound completed – truly a needed effort. Welcome, Sue!

A SCARE FOR ANDRE

Our beautiful tuxedo cat Andre had quite the health scare in July – he had a life threatening bout with pancreatitis. The poor boy stopped eating – a red flag for our big guy. He soon stopped eliminating in his litter box – so off he went to the vet. The doctors at Franklinville Animal Hospital found him loaded with gas and other symptoms that pointed to pancreatitis, and since he was going downhill so quickly they performed an emergency exploratory surgery to determine the cause. It was a confirmed case of pancreatitis, a grave diagnosis. Andre spent a few days in the hospital and was able to return, thankfully, to the sanctuary to continue his recovery. We are grateful to Dr. Snyder at Franklinville Animal Hospital for saving Andre's life. Hopefully he will never go through this again! (Donations are gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of his care.)

Andre shown on the right

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."

– Martin Buber

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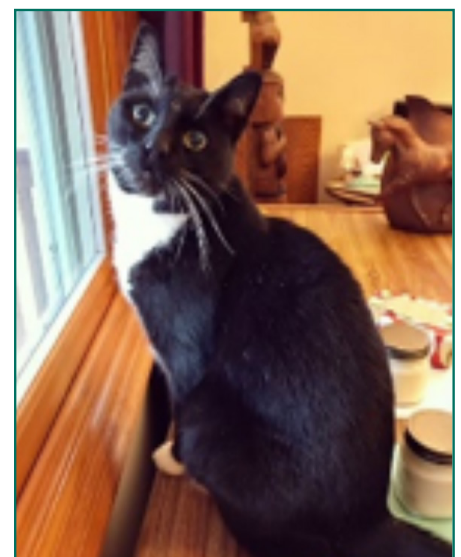
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DO YOU NEED TO BE NEEDED?

The Oasis animals need your help.

More specifically, the animals need YOU - a permanent, loving person or family who is committed to their welfare and happiness. Just like humans, domesticated animals need to feel loved and needed. Besides the basics of food, water, etc., they need stability, companionship, cleanliness and to feel safe. In return for these gifts, they will provide you with unconditional love, a reward far more wonderful than anything.

And Oasis needs you too! As a sanctuary, we provide extensive healing care to those animals that come to us abused, neglected, or given up on by their previous owners. Some are born on the streets with little chance of survival. They need medical, physical and emotional care to heal their suffering and move forward on their life's journey. Some may take a few weeks, others much longer. There are those that will never fully recover; they become our beloved permanent residents.

We choose not to be governmentally funded in order that we are not required to "make room" for more animals - *by killing those already at our facility* - when local officials round up more to intake. Sadly, this is the norm at many shelters that are county or state funded.

Please see page 3 for some of our adoptable animals; you can also visit Petfinder.com (use zip code 08081 to find our animals), or visit our website at oasisanimalsanctuary.org, to see all of our adoptables and our permanent residents.



Just a few of the faces that were spared the uncertainty at a local "shelter" over the years.

WE WENT HOME!

Fluffy (adult cat)
Willow (adult cat)
Toby (kitten)
Peanut (kitten)
Boots (kitten)

We wish both the animals and their caregivers much joy and happiness on their journey together!

Did You Know?

If you work for a company who participates in **United Way payroll deductions**, you can designate all or part of your donation to Oasis thru that campaign! It's easy - simply write in **The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.** when you make your pledge during this fall's campaign. **Our EIN is 22-3810323** and our address is 698 Central Ave, Franklinville, NJ 08322 if any of that is needed. If you have any questions call the Oasis office 856-262-1222 and we will assist in helping you make this easy, much needed contribution to the animals. **Thank you!**

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!!**

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, October 21, 2018 11AM – 4 PM

OPEN HOUSE & CRAFT FAIR

Come visit the farm in all its glorious autumn colors! Enjoy live music, hay rides, shopping at many crafters' booths (the holidays are just around the corner!) and lots of things to do for the kiddies. Visit with our wonderful animals and meet some of the incredible people who are our Oasis family. There will be story time for the children; face painting, pumpkin painting too; and an animal friendly cooking class for interested adults. Additionally, Angelic Animal Communicator Sarah Berkett will be there to provide a Reiki energy seminar at 1PM, and will give you communications from your pet pictures throughout the day. We hope to see you there!

Friday, January 25, 2019 7 – 10PM

AN EVENING WITH SPIRIT

Immerse yourself in an evening of spiritual connection with Aisling, a local Psychic Medium. Aisling is clairaudient, which means she primarily hears Spirits, altho she can also see and feel them. The event is \$40 per person, and Aisling is donating the entire evening's fees to Oasis. We are serving a light evening meal from 6PM to 7 PM for an additional \$10. Please understand no one is guaranteed a reading - Aisling communicates with the Spirits that choose to show up that night for their loved ones. The event will be held at the farm. Seats are limited to a maximum number of 15. Please sign up early for your spot! Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

ADORABLE ADOPTABLES - WE WANT TO GO HOME!

These adorable animals are ready for their new life with their forever family. The adoption fee is \$85 for a cat or kitten; 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.

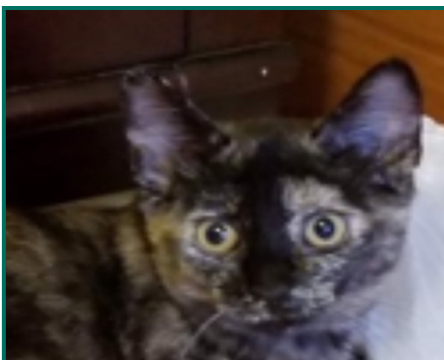
Handsome **Midnight**, along with his siblings **Thelma**, **Louise** and 3 others, were born February 27, 2018 to a feral mom. A kind woman took them all in and cared for them. They were all socialized, and Mom and 3 of the kittens were adopted. Of the three remaining ones, Midnight is a high energy, friendly and very playful little guy; Thelma is quite the love-bug, and Louise will start to purr when she sees you reach down to pet her. (She will actually park herself on your lap for as long as you want a lap-warmer!) They can be adopted separately; any one of them would make a wonderful addition to your household.



Midnight (M)

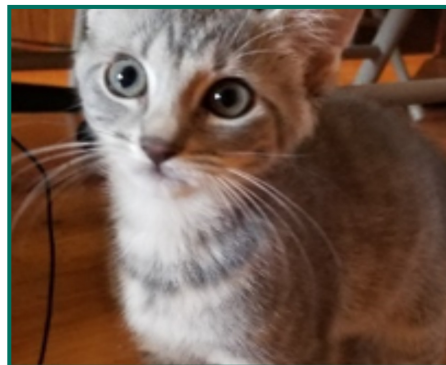


Thelma (F)

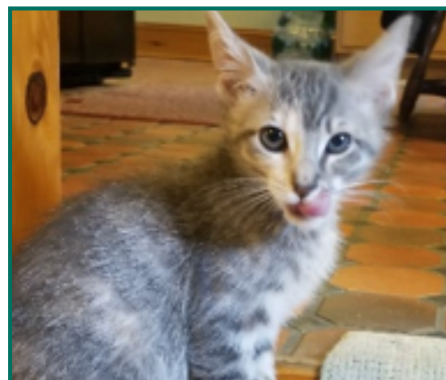


Louise (F)

Spring and **Summer** are two little sisters waiting for their new family. Born to a feral mom, these babies were originally terrified of humans when they were found. Thankfully, Foster Mom did a great job of socializing them, and they are now happy, playful, friendly felines. They can be adopted separately, but wouldn't it be nice to have this beautiful pair of bookends in your home? Oh, and did I mention they are energetic?

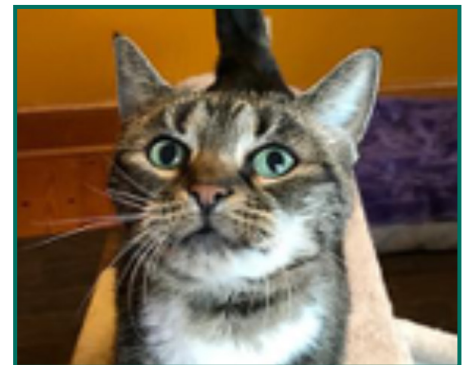


Summer (F)



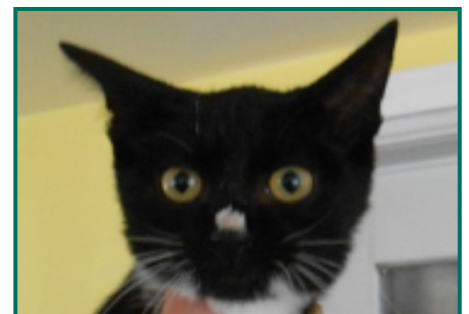
Spring (F)

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. We promise she will have "conversations" with you – she is quite the talker!



Sassy (F)

Cutie-pie **Buttons** is still awaiting his forever home. He was originally adopted out from Oasis as a youngster and was loved by his caregiver for a number of years. When the family expanded, Buttons had to leave because of allergies. He came back to Oasis in 2016 and went to a lovely foster home, where the woman adored him. Regrettably the woman became ill and Buttons came back to the Oasis facility. He is now in another foster home. Buttons is hoping for a quiet PERMANENT home where he can spend the rest of his life enjoying the lap of an adoring caregiver. And oh – that little button nose is just too cute!



Buttons (M)

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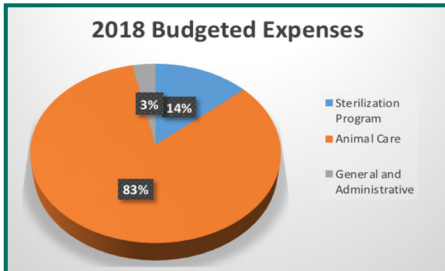
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of our adoptables.**

ARE YOU AND ANIMAL ADVOCATE?

In order to continue healing abused animals, and to humanely reduce overpopulation via our Sterilization Assistance Program, **Oasis needs just 2 things – an ongoing influx of money, and dedicated volunteers. It's that simple. Only . . . it's not.**

Our operating budget for 2018 is \$162,500. This does not include funding for the cat cottage renovation; this is simply for the day-to-day care and operations at the facility. As of June 30th, we have received 45.48% of our budgeted income. This money is derived from individual donations, grants, co-pays and fees, and fundraisers we run all year long. While we strive to obtain more grant funding and corporate sponsorship, it is the individuals' donations that truly drive the company's finances.

The pie chart below illustrates where the money is spent:



Oasis in Action

With this newsletter we are asking everyone who receives a copy to please consider becoming an **OASIS ANIMAL ADVOCATE** and donating just \$10 a month (\$.32 a day!) through the end of the year. That small amount from you for the next 5 months would mean \$110,000 to Oasis over those 5 months. This money would help cover animal feed, vet bills, spay/neuter invoices, insurances (NJ has ridiculously high rates for insurances, and all are required), farm maintenance expense, utilities, and payroll for our 3 employees. It would even provide a small cushion for those unexpected large expenses - like Andre's emergency surgery, a huge dead tree that needs to be cut down before it falls down, or New Jersey's annual increase in insurance rates. We hope you will participate in this endeavor – a small amount from a lot of people will help Oasis to continue making miracles happen.

Also, donating your time being an Oasis volunteer is a GREAT help to the animals. Just a few hours a week or even once a month, you would be very welcome and are very needed. Your time is priceless to us! We need extra hands for morning and evening feeds, grooming horses, caring for and socializing the other animals, as well as general housekeeping and farm & field maintenance. Enjoy the outdoors while mowing a field, exercise while tending our vegetable garden or pulling weeds around the barn, utilize your organizational or cleaning skills in the office/farmhouse. There is always something to do, and learn! Our current volunteers believe their time is well spent. They feel a sense of accomplishment, and that they are contributing to something greater than themselves. Their self-esteem is increased. They are truly appreciated – even the animals tell them so!

Our little company is expanding in leaps & bounds – Please become part of the "Oasis Family" and help us continue to provide a healing environment for animals in crisis.

VACATION MONEY RAFFLE

Every year Oasis runs 2 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 pulled at the Franklinville Township Mayor's office. This year's winners for the Vacation Money Raffle, held on May 18th, were:

1st Suzanne Breier	Mantua	\$653.00
2nd Carol Panco	Vineland	\$522.40
3rd Sandy Sughrue	Egg Harbor Twp.	\$457.10
4th Joseph DeAntonio	Sewell	\$391.80
5th Deborah Worek	Mullica Hill	\$326.50
6th Bonnie Hirschmann	Clayton	\$293.85
7th Donna White	Mullica Hill	\$228.55
8th Carole Green	Berlin	\$195.90
9th Janet Borowski	Sicklerville	\$130.60
10th Donna White	Mullica Hill	\$ 65.30

The Vacation Money Raffle netted Oasis \$3,250 for animal care. Thank you to all who participated, and also thank you to those who donated all or a portion of their winnings back to the sanctuary!

WISH LIST

- Pine or cedar shavings for horse bedding
- Mazuri brand Waterfowl maintenance feed (from Tractor Supply) for our poultry
- Gift certificates to Tractor Supply or Horse 'N Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ)
- Postage stamps
- #10 envelopes; paper
- Gift cards to Staples for office supplies
- Gutters for the Barn & installation thereof
- New or gently used 2 horse trailer
- Housekeeping volunteers!!
- New or gently used power washer for cleaning our buildings and farm equipment

Please Help the Animals!

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