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HELPING HANDS! THANK YOU, NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY



Many hands make for light work

On September 27th, Oasis had a great group of 11 individuals from New Jersey American Water Company volunteer at the farm all day! SO much work got done! Leaf & branch clean up, weed-wacking, unloading straw bales, sanding & painting gates, removing large weed & plant growth from fence lines, more old cedar planks removed from the cat cottage, etc.... PLUS, they brought Wawa gift cards, cat food, applesauce, apples, blankets, towels, and more. They even brought us lunch! We are so thankful for all of their wonderful efforts to make the sanctuary better. A great big thank you to everyone who participated!



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THE OASIS OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, November 13th Oasis held its second Open House and Craft Fair. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed their time outdoors – and indoors with all the food and vendors! Little children had their own table to paint pumpkins and wooden figures. Many of the volunteers displayed their incredibly creative talents and sold picture frames, jewelry, decorative items, pet pillows and more. All of the delicious food and goodies were donated or made by our wonderful volunteers. Everyone loved meeting Zeus, our Royal Palm turkey. He reciprocated by displaying his beautiful tail!



President Pam Brighton and her dog Max enjoy the beautiful weather at the Open house



Riley H. had fun painting her pumpkin



Zeus, in all his splendor, delights the children



A gorgeous day for a hayride around the farm!

“Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.”

– Victor Hugo

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FROM THE VP'S DESK

It's been an exciting and non-stop first full year at the sanctuary - loads of work, new opportunities for volunteers, unexpected expenses, more animals. Joy, sadness, laughter, anger, amazement – the entire spectrum of human emotions can literally be experienced just by working or volunteering for one day at the farm. If nothing else, it makes one feel ALIVE! All are valuable learning experiences for growth of the human soul and broadening of the human spirit. In a world marked by so much violence and upheaval, it is comforting to see people come together in compassion and friendship to help the animals. I am so very blessed to have been given the opportunity to help others on their journey through Life. Their gift in return – unconditional love – is a priceless treasure that is only understood by the heart.

As our first full year here at the sanctuary comes to a close, the Oasis Board members – Pam, Mary, Allison, Melissa and I – want to sincerely thank our donors, sponsors, and volunteers for everything you have done for Oasis in our mission as a refuge for abused and neglected animals.

**A joyous and Merry Christmas; Happy Hanukkah;
Happy holidays to all!**

For the animals,

Phyllis Van De Weghe
Co-founder & Vice President

“I don't regret the things I've done, I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance.”

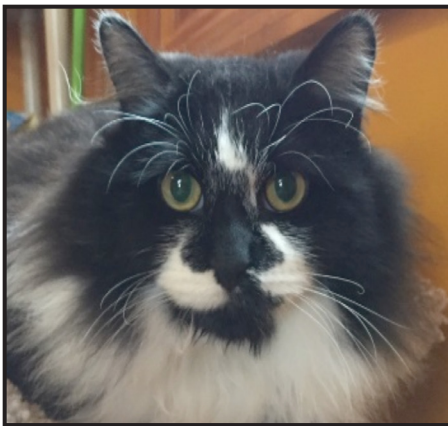
– Unknown

CATS FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa Paws,

Our two sets of former feral kittens have grown up to become well-mannered felines. While they are comfortable being here at Oasis or at a foster family, what they truly want for Christmas is their very own family. They have been such good kitties - overcoming shyness, using their litter box faithfully, and loving & respecting each other. They also are becoming experienced in the art of lap-warming. We have an orange tabby set of bookends (Morgan & Bailey, both males) and a black and white twosome (Nicki & Sammi, male and female). They are all up to date on shots and have been sterilized. Both sets of felines truly need to be adopted as a pair. 'Tis the season of miracles, so Santa - please work your magic and find these deserving felines a wonderful home of their own. Everyone, including the animals, wants to be Home for the Holidays!!

Your friends at Oasis



Nicky



Nicky & Sammi



Morgan & Bailey

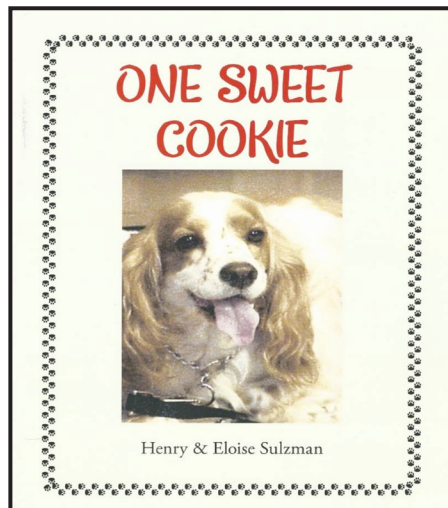
“ONE SWEET COOKIE”

What better way to share your love for your pet by immortalizing them in a book you write and publish! Friends of Pam Brighton and her husband did just that. Henry (“Bud”) and Eloise Sulzman published a children’s book based on the true story of their cherished Cocker Spaniel named Cookie. The story tells about how Cookie, who was rescued by the Sulzmanns in 1999 touched the lives of both young and old.

This endearing and impressive story tells of the little rescue animal who became a “read to me” dog for first graders, a therapy dog, and a comforter to clients in her person’s social work office.

This adorable paperback book can be purchased by calling 856-691-7434.

The price including tax is \$23.53. Kindly mention Oasis Animal Sanctuary when you call and a portion of the sales price will be donated to Oasis.



“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.”

– Les Brown

WE WENT HOME!

Tabatha & Tallulah
(kitten siblings)
Tilly (kitten)
Peaches & Herb
(cat siblings)
Nelly (kitten)
Blossom & Brewster
(kitten siblings)
Barney & Buddy
(kitten siblings)
Delsea (kitten)
Penny & Wyatt
(momma & son felines)
Watson (kitten)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

Please know that our website is still being totally renovated. What you can call up now has not been updated since May or June. It's been a slow process but we can guarantee you will be blown away with our new format! We are hopeful the new website will be up and fully functional by the end of December. **Any correspondence should be mailed to 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322 and NOT to the Post Office Box, which has been closed.**

And, calling all cat lovers and feline aficionados!

Still Under Construction is our cat cottage! We've made progress and very soon things are going to start falling into place, and fast. Here's the update:

- The heating and air conditioning systems, with all necessary duct work have been installed.
- A new propane tank was delivered and hooked up to the cottage.
- We had to have the area surveyed because most of our farm is Farmland Preserved and the architect needed to know the boundaries within which we can expand.
- We hired a tree surgeon to trim back the very old trees surrounding the cottage and hanging over it. Some branches were actually on the roof. This is a challenging (and expensive!) job since the trees are very old and very TALL.
- More of the cedar planks on the first floor walls have been removed.
- We've had more meetings with the architect for the final blueprints to be completed and submitted to the township for approval.
- Our General Contractor has interviewed a number of contractors for the work to be performed – new roof, new windows, general construction, updated kitchenette & bathroom, electrical, etc.
- We've reached out to a number of flooring companies. The bad news is that there is nothing that can be done to save the unique floor already down; the good news is we have a flooring company who is willing to donate all materials and labor for both the first and second story flooring.
- We've been contacted by a longtime supporter whose family owns a company that does sheet-rocking. They have expressed interest in donating the materials and labor when the time comes to finish the walls.

It's a MAJOR undertaking, but the resulting refuge for the cats will be phenomenal! Because of certain building codes and rules, we are experiencing additional substantial costs to the project. **We have set up a GoFundMe account for donations specifically for the Cat Cottage. You can also donate via Paypal or send your contribution directly to the The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322.**

AND THE WINNERS ARE!

Ten lucky people were the winners in our Annual Holiday Money Raffle. This fundraiser raised over \$3,100 for our animal care. An office clerk at the Franklin Township building drew the winning tickets:

1st prize	Ms. Sunny Ferringo, Williamstown, NJ	\$627.50
2nd prize	Ms. Mary Leshay, Newfield NJ	\$502.00
3rd prize	Mr. James Hamer, Sewell, NJ	\$439.25
4th prize	Ms. Anna Marie Ruch, Williamstown, NJ	\$376.50
5th prize	Ms. Hazel Thompson, Glassboro, NJ	\$313.75
6th prize	Ms. Judith Schroeder, Atco, NJ	\$282.37
7th prize	Ms. Kate McAllister, Williamstown, NJ	\$219.63
8th prize	Ms. Debby Castronova, Newfield, NJ	\$188.25
9th prize	Mr. Richard Freeling, Clifton, NJ	\$125.50
10th prize	Ms. Mary Conover, Sewell, NJ	\$62.75

A big THANK YOU goes out to all those who participated in our drawing and another THANK YOU to those winners who donated their winnings, or a portion thereof, back to the animals at our sanctuary. **Happy spending, and Happy Holidays to all!**

WISH LIST

- **Pine shavings for our barn**
- **Gift certificates to Staples, Tractor Supply, WaWa**
- **New or gently used CLEAN horse blankets – size 82 for Belevedere**
- **Building materials for our cat cottage - roofing, kitchen cabinets, bathroom fixtures, etc.**
- **Postage stamps**
- **#10 envelopes; paper**
- **New or gently used baby scale to weigh kittens & puppies**



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