

ANIMAL HAVEN OF ASHEVILLE DECEMBER 2019



We Love Our Neighbors!

We are so fortunate to be fulfilling our dreams of rescuing unwanted animals and providing a welcome and safe environment for them to rest and heal. We are small compared to many farm sanctuaries. It's been challenging keeping the land, the animal habitats, the thrift shop (that benefits the animals), the fences, gates, and parking lot in such a manner that keeps the animals safe and healthy. It's also been challenging to create and maintain an animal shelter environment that is inviting and encourages visitors of all ages to support our mission.

We have not only met and forged long lasting friendships with our dedicated volunteers but have enjoyed the friendships made with our neighbors. One in particular, Joe Gurley, has outdone himself. He volunteers to use his equipment and labor to remove overgrowth, digging out our springs, placing culverts, and seeding the new pasture he created for the animals. Joe also mows the cow and sheep pastures and keeps a watchful eye on the barn near his house. The sanctuary now has beautiful green space for the animals and for the visitors who like to stroll around the property.

No wonder we will be celebrating our 20th year anniversary, next May the 20th to be exact. Look at all the great people helping!!

Thanks, Barb and Trina



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Elsa is Jumping for Joy

Elsa, our 2 ½ year old blind Hereford cow has lived at the sanctuary since she was four days old. She has several barnyard friends here at the farm. Penelope, one of the hair sheep, is one of Elsa's closest buds and has taken her role as friend and protector very seriously! If you handle Elsa, you can expect Penelope to be close by.

This past winter Lucy, a young Black Angus mix cow, was rescued by Carolina Waterfowl Rescue. She was found living in a bathroom! Lucy was several weeks old and still on a bottle when she arrived at Animal Haven. She was so small compared to Elsa; we kept her in a stall next to Elsa for a few weeks until she no longer needed a bottle and grew a bit more.



The meeting day finally arrived and we turned them loose together in Elsa's pasture. They sniffed, they bumped heads, they licked each other, they chased each other back and forth (well, Lucy did), and Elsa started bucking like a Bronco. One picture shows Elsa with all four of her feet off the ground, a pretty spectacular feat for a big, blind girl to pull off. Elsa was definitely trying to impress and befriend Lucy.

After their initial frolicking, Elsa lay down and Lucy stood beside her laying her head on Elsa's back. Elsa finally had a cow friend we think she always needed. Now Penelope has taken to hanging out with Lucy and Elsa and they make quite the cute threesome. They often line up together at the barn door waiting while we clean their barn and restock the hay in their hay racks!

The Story of Little Frostie

On the last day of November, 2018, a solid white, newborn kitten, bundled in a baby blanket, was brought to Animal Haven. Her mother had given birth to her the night before, and sadly, had died a few hours later, leaving the tiny kitten an orphan. Upon her arrival, the crying, hungry kitten was offered mother's milk replacement from a dropper, and to everyone's relief, she accepted it. She was given the name Frostie.

Since newborn kittens are unable to see, hear, walk or even get to the bathroom on their own, Frostie would need a lot of love and care to survive. For the next few weeks, Frostie's home was a warm box with cozy blankets and a stuffed sock as a sibling. She needed to be fed every two hours, just like a human baby, and was thriving and growing. Her eyes were different colors, one icy blue, the other golden amber.

Frostie learned to wash herself by intently watching her foster mom lick her hand and rub it across her face. Immediately, Frostie repeated the behavior by licking her own little paw and wiping it across her own face. Her foster family was completely smitten with her from the start and soon asked Barb and Trina if they could officially adopt Frostie.

Almost a year old now, a healthy, playful Frostie, has taken over the home she shares with rescue brothers, Monk (a great Pyrenees mix) and Izzy (a longhaired Siamese mix). She still has her stuffed sock sibling and plays and naps with it often. She also looks after her dad, who, due to chronic pain, spends a lot of time in bed. Frostie is right there, cuddled up under his chin.



Annual Fall Fundraiser

Vegan food prepared by Liz Lesesne and her friend, Jesse, as well as vegan food catered by Fat Rabbit, a silent auction, beer, wine, great music performed by the Southern Style Band, and touring the farm to visit the animals. What a fantastic way to spend the afternoon as approximately 150 people did who attended our fundraiser on October 20th. We saw a lot of new faces which was great and raised over \$9,000.00 for the animals. Thanks to all who attended for your support. Mark your calendar next year about the same time as we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary!!



Gingersnap

A concerned neighbor alerted us to the plight of Gingersnap. Her caretaker had moved out of their home a week earlier and left Gingersnap behind. She was left outside along with her now empty litter box and other unwanted possessions. According to the neighbor, Gingersnap had been patiently waiting in the yard for her owner's return. When we arrived to help, this cute orange and white tabby met us on the sidewalk leading to her front door. A bit timid at first, she quickly warmed up to us and off to the sanctuary we went.

After a visit to the veterinarian, it was determined that Gingersnap was a spayed female, previously adopted from a local animal shelter with her microchip untraceable. This cute cat with a sweet disposition needed to find her forever home. Gingersnap loved all the attention she received from our volunteers and visitors and made herself right at home in our thrift shop.

Thanks to the concerned neighbor speaking up for her, Gingersnap, renamed Summer, is now safe and loved in her new home she shares with her new dog friend, Tootie, also a rescue. Another happy ending because someone spoke up for those that can't speak for themselves.



Lyn Dunn takes Summer to her new home



Rescues Come in All Shapes and Sizes



Rescues come in all shapes and sizes, evident when you visit the variety of animals seeking shelter at our sanctuary. Right now, Laura, the guinea pig, is the smallest and youngest “guest” at the farm. She was found, along with her brother Skip, by hotel staff abandoned in a hotel room after their caregivers had checked out. Skip has found his very loving home while Laura is still waiting for hers.

Paddles, the duckling, suffered from a head injury at two days old while being shipped to a store for resale. Unable to stand on her own, Paddles receives a helping hand from volunteer, Elena Kidd. Paddles was taken to Carolina Waterfowl Rescue in Charlotte to receive further care and treatment.

Duck Duck joined us recently after her mate and goat friends she shared a habitat with were all killed by a bear. Her caregiver brought Duck Duck to Animal Haven fearing the bear would return for her.

Ed Sullivan, a rooster, was released in our parking lot during the middle of the night. He crowed us awake at 5 a.m. the next morning to let us know he had arrived. He has since found his forever flock in his new home.

Below: Prince and Amos snuggling, and Paddles; Left: Laura, the guinea pig, and Penny with friend



Sixteen Pot Belly Pigs and Two Goats Rescued in October

On October 17 of this year, Animal Haven volunteers were fortunate to be able to rescue and relocate to our sanctuary a family of potbelly pigs. The mother pig, her five six week old babies, and another female pig were living in horrific conditions at a farm in Haywood County. We returned to this “farm” on October 23rd and 24th to rescue as many animals as the “caregiver” would allow us to take. We caught, placed in carriers, and carried 18 animals to safety. They are all residing at the sanctuary receiving much needed medical attention from Foothills Large Animal Hospital as well as nutritious food. The pigs are being treated for worms and mange while the two goats are being treated for worms and lice.

Animal Haven routinely receives calls from potbelly pig owners wanting to surrender their now unwanted (usually adult) potbelly pigs. Our surrounding animal shelters are in the same boat as far as the number of potbelly pigs they receive.

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BIRDS UNLIMITED

Much to our delight and enjoyment, we have an abundance of wild birds who are regular visitors to the farm. Our pine trees have been home this year to several families of hawks. A flock of wild turkeys are now often seen in the goat pasture, content to hang out with them and forage. We also have two white Egrets and Blue Herons who have been skirting over the animal barns into our small pond scaring our smaller birds when they land.

And of course, there are the Crows, wild ducks, Cardinals, Blue Jays, and the list goes on and on. It has been a job keeping our domestic feathered flocks safe and where they need to be.

We have had to re-fence areas, move habitat buildings, and juggle who can harmoniously get along and who may have to be in "protective custody". We believe we have finally gotten everyone in the bird family situated in their respective spaces and digs on the farm. Until, oh wait, something just flew in!! We do it for the birds.



Sixteen Pot Belly Pigs *(continued from page four)*

Rehoming a potbelly pig, especially a full grown adult, is not an easy task. When we accept animals at the sanctuary, especially farm animals, we have to take into consideration that they may never be adopted and will be living at the sanctuary for possibly their lifetime. We have to make sure we have the green space, proper housing, and the means to continually support them.

"Pepper", "Pumpkin", "Pip", "Prius", "Pixie", and "Aunt B" are now out of the darkness and enjoying some much deserved sunshine and love at the sanctuary.

A special thanks to Beate Short, Chloe Norris, Jan Haynes, Cindy Chesna, and Caroline Adams Clark for assisting in the transport of these animals to safety.



Basic Pig Needs

Fencing/Housing – Rooting is a natural behavior, so pigs need safe, secure fencing and adequate space. They also need shelter from the elements including the sun as pigs can get sunburn. Provide lots of fresh hay/straw so the pig can burrow under to keep warm on cold nights.

Pigs need access to fresh water 24 hours a day to keep cool and hydrated.

Pigs are super smart and social creatures. Adding some enrichment to their days will prevent boredom and improve their mental wellbeing.