



Animal Tracks NEWSLETTER

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

Issue #67

WINTER 2024

Circulation 1,450

FROM THE VP'S DESK

I recently read a quote from Richard Feynman, an American theoretical physicist, who once said **"Victory usually goes to those green enough to underestimate the monumental hurdles they are facing."** I realized how right he was with respect to the Oasis story – when Oasis began over 23 years ago by three women, we had no idea of how high the odds were stacked against us. We just navigated one monumental hurdle at a time, finding our way and succeeding in giving a better life to 865 animals, including horses (from ponies to drafts), donkeys, goats, chickens, ducks, dogs, and MANY cats, among others. Each life had a story, and every single one of them has meaning in this world. As I reflect on another tumultuous and exciting year at Oasis, **I am immensely proud of our accomplishments and also of our deeply dedicated Board members. These women are the most hard-working, devoted and caring people with whom I have ever worked. I am profoundly thankful for each one of them.**

Our other immensely important assets are the extraordinary volunteers and employees that come to care for the animals. These men and women show up no matter what, to get the job done. I am forever grateful for their tenacity and dedication. Oasis is truly blessed with the amount of human compassion shown for all the creatures calling Oasis home. **Thank you all for another successful year, and may next year be filled with peace, prosperity and happiness for all.**

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and joyful holidays!
Phyllis Van De Weghe, VP & CFO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vice President & Treasurer
Phyllis Van De Weghe

Board Members at Large

Mary Johnson
Beth Knudsen
Susan Geers
Denise Phillips
Hailey Rebyak
Hilary Phillips

Design: Heidi L. Mantz

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary
698 Central Avenue
Franklinville, NJ 08322
Phone 856.284.6311

oasisanimalsanct@yahoo.com
info@oasisanimalsanctuary.org
www.oasisanimalsanctuary.org

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

DEAR SANTA

We've been so good this year and hope you can bring us new homes to snuggle in. We use our litter boxes, eat all our supper, and play nice. We are spayed or neutered and up to date on vaccines. Please Santa, bring us a new family to love this Christmas!

LEO is a happy youngster who totally **LOVES his green mousey!** He is approximately 10 months old, is neutered, up to date on shots and gets along with other cats. **He is playful, active and enjoys cuddling.**



LEO

LOVEY is a petite calico that was rapped at the farm along with her 4 babies back in 2022. They have all been adopted, but Lovey took a longer

time getting adjusted to human handling. Now she can't seem to get enough pets! She likes other cats and is quiet and demure. **Her stunning coloring, exceptionally soft coat & pretty face accentuate her sweet disposition.**



LOVEY

We can't believe this cuddle-bug BRAVE is still at Oasis! Brave was found the day before Thanksgiving last year on our property with a broken and infected paw that was so injured he had to have his entire leg amputated. He has recovered 100% and is such a sweet animal! **He is great with other cats, even acting like a Dad to the kittens placed in his care.** He is ready for his next adventure in a new home!



BRAVE

HELP THE ANIMALS AT NO COST TO YOU

Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700
Sign up for their Affinity Program, select Oasis Animal Sanctuary as your charity The more people that sign up, the greater the donation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Looking for dedicated people to help care for the animals and keep the place clean and organized. Many shifts are available for both inside (cats) & outside (horses, poultry).



CHAMP is one seriously cool cat! He was found on our property, and was taken to the vets to be neutered & vaccinated so he could be released back on the farm. But Champ showed his soft sweet side and we realized this boy needs a real home. **He is so big we had to build an enclosure for him!** We think he might be best in a home without other animals, and definitely not with an elderly person – he insists on rubbing himself on your legs and feet even while walking.

SMILES, TEARS, CHAOS AND SUCCESS

Like every year, 2024 brought many new challenges to our organization. So far this year Oasis authorized 129 pets and feral cats for sterilization, bringing the total number of animals going through that Program to over 8,100. The company has so far taken in 33 animals, adopted 18, and assisted in the rehoming of 14 puppies and dogs from another rescue. We witnessed 2 mama cats giving birth to a total of 10 kittens, and felt the sadness of one of those babies not making it. This year we made 5 gut-wrenching, heart breaking decisions to euthanize terminally sick or suffering animals – 2 horses, a chicken, and two cats. One of our kittens came down with FIP, a deadly disease that can now be cured with some rather expensive medicine. (He is still on it and doing well.) And we hurriedly brought in 8 cats from another rescue that was unexpectedly shutting down. 5 of the 8 needed immediate medical care.

During a heat wave in late June, we were very grateful to have been bequeathed a nice sum of money - we had great plans for reducing our debt! Within a week the central air conditioning broke beyond repair and it also became undeniably evident that the roof needed to be replaced. So we became very grateful to have been bequeathed a nice sum of money - to pay for those 2 significant expenditures. And it did.

In late September our 31-year-old thoroughbred Belvedere developed a lump on his face. The vet was unable to care for that or any teeth issues – even sedated he was tossing her around! Belvedere needed to go to the hospital as the lump grew quickly into a huge abscess and exploded, leaving a gruesome, FOUL smelling 2” hole in his face! The vets at New Bolton took out 3 teeth, and the x-rays revealed the abscess wasn't from the bad teeth – it was from a sliver of bone that somehow dislodged from his cheekbone! This was his body's way of getting rid of it. Thankfully he came home that night to his frantic equine buddy and Foster Mom, and needed antibiotics for a whole month. His wound is now just a tiny mark that should eventually disappear.

The current economy is still having a dire effect on our organization. Increasing prices on food, hay, supplies and medical care must be juggled with a decreasing amount of donations being given. We've tried some new fundraisers this year in addition to our regular repertoire; while successful, Oasis still needs funding. The animals need daily food & care, medical attention, and general support; we also need funding for our operating expense to cover required insurances, utilities, programs and other items. **So again, we are reaching out to please remember Oasis during the holiday season, and help our mission to continue.**

As of November 20, 2024 we are at 83% of our budget for the year, but expenses are outpacing our income. The animals still need daily care, medical attention, and general support; we also need funding for our operating expense to cover required insurances, heating, utilities and other items. So again, we are reaching out to our generous donors to please remember Oasis during the holiday season, and help our mission to continue. For example, \$8 buys a bale of hay (we go thru 5 a day in winter); \$22 buys a bag of chicken or duck feed; \$28 buys a 50 lb. bag of horse feed (we go thru 1 a day); \$50 covers a male cat neuter; \$100 buys enough cat food or litter for a week. Indeed, a very expensive undertaking!

As we have said before, we at Oasis feel blessed to have the chance to help the animals on their journey through Life. **Our gift in return – unconditional love – is a priceless treasure that is only understood by the heart. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO DONATE

Qualified Charitable Donations from your IRA – If you are 70.5 or older, you can make a donation directly from your IRA to your favorite charity and not pay tax on the distribution.

Corporate Matching Gifts – Check with your Human Resource department of your employer to see if they have any programs for contributing to your favorite charity.

Remainder Trusts – Contact your Financial Advisor or attorney to learn about these investment vehicles that can benefit both yourself and your favorite charity.

Appreciated Stock – In general, taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction of the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, instead of the original cost basis. **This is not considered a capital gain.**

Bequeathals - You can donate a portion of your estate to Oasis, include our registered name (“The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.”), our Federal Tax ID - 22-3810323, and our address which is 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322.

Non-cash Items and Services – Oasis can always use new animal and office supplies, gift cards to purchase same, and skilled individuals in building and repairing farm assets.

WE WENT HOME

Chrissie - teenage cat with eye issues

Lucy – kitten originally thrown on our porch in a box

Pussy Willow – adult Himalayan cat

Spirit - kitten

WISH LIST

- **Fancy Feast or Friskies** (Shreds please) canned cat and kitten food
- **Rachel Ray Dry Cat Food**;
- **Purina Kitten Chow**
- **Unscented, Clumping Cat Litter** – Tidy Cats, Arm & Hammer, Cat's Pride
- **Paper Towels**,
- **Tide HE Laundry Detergent**
- **5 Grain Scratch Feed for Chickens** (with sunflower seeds)
- **#10 and #6 ¾ Envelopes**
- **Avery Labels #5160**
- **Postage Stamps**
- **Tractor Supply Gift Cards** for horse, duck & chicken feeds
- **Walmart or Staples Gift Cards** for office/kitchen/restroom supplies
- **Pine Shavings** and **Straw** for poultry bedding
- **WaWa Gift Cards** for diesel fuel

We now have a Wish List set up on Chewy.com

FOR EASY DONATION

JUST USE YOUR PHONE
CAMERA TO SCAN
CODE TO THE RIGHT



Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.
698 Central Avenue
Franklinville, NJ 08322

\$15__ \$25__ \$50__ other \$ _____

Name : _____

Address : _____

We also accept Visa & Master Card

Account# _____

Exp Date _____

Signature: _____

Please use my email address for sending me future newsletters:

Email address (please print)