



2015 Newsletter

**"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
Stephen Grellet, 1773-1855**



Welcome to the 2015 newsletter. I hope you enjoy following us through this year's journey. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers and donators that make Tara Farm Rescue create miracles. We appreciate all your efforts to help keep us afloat. We are still in desperate need of a grant writer. Our effort continues to collect enough money to get our much needed well done, as we are over full with senior horses and horses waiting to come in. The cats are enjoying the wonderful fall weather, playing and sun bathing. Thank you so much for our cat shelter volunteers, keeping the shelter and the kitties clean and happy. We send out a great big THANK YOU to Cheryl and Deloitte Consulting for their great volunteer day.

Please accept my apology for anyone who didn't receive a thank you note for your donations or for your help. We are short volunteers and with that, short on time. Please know that each breath an animal takes it is because you have helped carve out their path to wellness. You are the light in their dark and the love in their hearts.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Jeanne Gorden

Volunteer Day for Deloitte Consulting

On June 5th we were blessed with a huge group of volunteers from Deloitte Consulting to come and do a clean up day on the farm. They provided the paint and painted all the fences, helped us with all the flowerbeds and spread mulch, re-installed windows in one of the barns, and numerous other projects. The farm received a much needed facelift that day besides the basic day to day maintenance. We want them to know that we appreciate everything they did and would love to welcome them back again!

To Give Thanks...

Every year we want to reach out to our wonderful professionals who come to the farm and work with the rescue animals. We thank you for all your continued work.

~Dr. Bud Allen of Family Veterinary Center

~Dr. Thibeault of Green Valley Veterinary Services, LLC

~Doug Raucher- equine dentist

~Matt Lewis- farrier

~Bolton Veterinary Hospital for our small animals and goats.

~Dr. Van Kruiningen of Coventry

~Dr. Annie Schwartz

Thank you again for helping us provide the care these animals deserve!

Saying Goodbye...

This past year we bid farewell to a very special pony on the farm. Some may have remembered her as Rainy, others by RooRoo. Her show name was Finnegan's Rainbow. Famous for her "taco taco" (she would rear on command), and her qualification for worlds in barrel racing, she the young age of 35 when we said goodbye. She spent an amazing 29 years with the rescue, living on the farm teaching little ones to ride and show. She touched the hearts of many, sharing with them her devotion to the sport. She was a wonderful companion to Brooke and is deeply missed by all.

So, with that, we bid you farewell Rainy and enjoy the rolling fields over the Rainbow Bridge.



Tara Farm's Annual Hunter Pace

This year's hunter pace was another success with over 50 riders participating. The pace covered seven and a half miles of beautiful trails that were filled with natural and fall themed jumps. Keeping with the fall theme, we gave riders the choice to dress in Halloween costumes and as always, we had some pretty good ones. Thank you to all who participated and to those that volunteered that day, we would not be able to do it without you! We are still looking for options for a spring hunter pace. If anyone has any ideas, please let us know and stay tuned for next year's fall pace!



Chickens...

by Megan

I am going to start a new tradition and incorporate a little knowledge into our newsletter. Since chickens seem to be the backyard pet of choice recently, I am choosing this as my topic.

The rescue recently took in several roosters. Mainly because people can not have them. Please, if you are thinking about investing in chickens, research your town's zoning regulations. Some towns allow chickens, but have rules against roosters. Be sure to follow all zoning laws in your town to prevent unwanted nuisance. Also, did you know that if you start out with chicks, they do not start laying eggs until 6-8 months of age? Yup, that's right. They do not lay eggs right away. And depending on the type of bird you have depends on the size and color of eggs.

Since winter is upon us, I would like to also discuss winter chicken keeping. Chickens DO NOT need a heat lamp or any heat source for that matter in their coop. This is how coop fires start. Chickens will be fine throughout the winter as long as they can get outside during the day. Moving around will help keep them warm. The other important thing is making sure they have access to fresh, unfrozen water and fresh food. They can not find bugs and vegetation and rely on us for the food. I like to add cracked corn to their diet in the winter, gives them a little "extra" energy during the cold months. Remember, their egg laying slows during the shorter daylight hours and the cold, so you will not get as many eggs as you normally would during the summer months. Also, keeping the coop as clean as you can during the winter will help encourage them to lay. Don't forget to bring the eggs in and watch for frozen and cracked eggs. If you have any questions about chicken keeping, feel free to check out our Facebook page and message us! I will certainly try to help with any questions!



Available for Adoption:



Frankie



Ruby



Mambo



Blue

Available for Sponsorship:

Tara Farm has many geriatric horses and other animals that have medical/age related issues that make it difficult to place. Please consider sponsoring one to help us with the cost of care so we can help another in need. On the back of the newsletter is the monthly cost of one horse on the farm. With your sponsorship you are more than welcome to come to the farm and groom, spend time with your sponsored animal and take walks. We thank you for your continued support in helping us with these special animals. Please visit our website for a list of available sponsor animals.

Recently Adopted

What is a newsletter without a story about a special kitty?

Meet RC- She has lived on the farm now for about six years. Can you guess what RC stands for?

That is right, Rat Catcher. She is our

resident mouser and professional at that! So good, that she deserves recognition! Thank you RC for your continued dedication to keeping these pesky rodents at bay! You're the best!



Olivia



Monkey



Goldrush



Wilson



Remember...

When considering adoption, just because they are a "rescue" horse does not mean they can not perform! Many of our horses go on to become very successful in the show ring. So, why not consider adoption before buying?



Ways to Help

Physical labor is not for everyone! Looking for other ways to help? You can shop through iGive, refer us when shopping for horse supplies at Horse.com, and simple things like mailing us coupons for cat food and litter or the UPC codes from Blue Seal grain. We also have a wish list through Amazon.com and donations will be sent directly to us. Tara Farm Rescue does accept PayPal donations as well, simply follow the link on our website.

We also have an onsite tack shop that sells used, quality tack at a reasonable price. Our Ponies also visit Lyman Orchards to provide pony rides and entertain children at pony parties.

Each year we have to add to this, but it is your efforts that keep us going! Our wish list grows each year with the more animals we take in or help.

- ~Grant writers
- ~Shavings
- ~Hay
- ~Goat Sweet Feed
- ~Chicken Food
- ~Cat Food (can and dry)
- ~New Well
- ~Oak Planks (1x6x8ft)
- ~4x4 and 4x6 poles 8ft long (pressure treated)
- ~Galvanized pipe fencing (any size)
- ~Skid Steer
- ~new barn
- ~Stamps
- ~Dewormer
- ~Straw
- ~Horse Feed
- ~Pot Belly Pig feed
- ~Dog food (can and dry)
- ~Wheel Barrows
- ~PVC pipe for water
- ~Plastic manure forks
- ~Gator
- ~indoor arena

Gift cards to:

- ~Thompsons Feed
- ~Tractor Supply
- ~Walmart
- ~Home Depot
- ~Family Veterinary Center (Dr. Bud Allen)
- ~Bolton Veterinary Hospital
- ~Green Valley Veterinary Services, LLC (Dr. Thibeault)

**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. EVERY ANIMAL WE SAVE
MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**
Yes, I would like to make a donation! Enclosed is my check/money order in
the amount of:

- _____ \$12.00 Worm 1 horse/treats
- _____ \$32.00 2 bags of grain for 1 horse
- _____ \$80.00 Sponsor 1 horse for 1 month
- _____ \$150.00 1 horse shoeing or 1 dental visit
- _____ \$400.00 1 week of grain for 20 horses
- _____ \$1,200.00 150 bales of hay (approx. 2 weeks worth)
- _____ \$6,200.00 Completely sponsor a rescue horse for 1 year
- _____ \$ _____ Another resident (cat, goat, pigs, chickens)
- _____ \$300-500.00 Teeth cleaning for 1 cat
- _____ \$150.00 Annual dog/cat veterinary check up/visit

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