

# Tara Farm Rescue



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## “Meet a resident at Tara Farm”

Pictured above is Juan DiCasaro. Juan is an Arabian/Shetland cross. He is a permanent resident at Tara Farm and has taught many young equestrians how to ride. Juan celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday with us last year complete with a big party and, of course carrot cake! Juan is quite an accomplished pony, having taken ribbons home for both his talents under saddle as well as for driving.



I would like to open the 2006 newsletter with a huge thank you to the volunteers. Tara Farm Rescue is very dependent on all these wonderful people, they make the rescue a success. Agnes Curry for her work on the newsletter, computer expertise, public relations, and the Equine Affair donations. Vicky Lynch and Robin Hill for your Friday morning shovelling, watering, and all the love you give our four legged friends. Chris Connor and her family for the fence building. Karen Wischow for keeping the pigs, chickens, rabbits, and goats clean, plus all your help in general. Also, thank you for the Christmas wreath. A big thank you to Hector Esquillin who stayed with us for several months and was a great help with many projects. He has now returned home to his family. Paul Kutcher, for all the lumber, equipment, and miscellaneous “stuff” you got donated and picked up for us. Megan Langevin for exercising and doctoring the rescues, plus all your help showing the rescues and helping the 4-H’ers. Also thanks for your help at Equine Affair and for bringing Shawn along! Berta Nelson for your help with the rescue needs and fundraising. Dave Duncan for your organizing, clean up of donations and repairs. Sara Doran and Allie Christiansen for exercising, doctoring and showing the rescues. Deb and Curt Hutchinson for your continued help, especially with the skid steer! Betty Sribnik for our website support. Jutta and George Lucas for your loan for the trailer, and your continuing love and help. For the guys who jumped in and helped for several weekends during the cold winter to close in the new Angel’s barn, Jeff Curry, Herb Wischow, Curt Hutchinson, Paul Kutcher, John Carlson and finally Dave.

Please, if you can help in any way, contact us at (860) 742-2215. We need any and all of your help in terms of labor, materials, phone calls, fundraising, mailings etc. If you willing, we can find a way for you to help!

- Bonniejeanne Gorden

## Our newest project!!!!

One of our latest projects started this year is an “over haul” of the riding ring. The riding ring is an integral part of the rescue operation. We use the ring as a location where potential adopters can meet their equine and take them for a ride. Our volunteers also keep healthy rescue horses exercised in the ring, especially during inclement months when trail riding is not an option. Due to some natural springs, we are in a situation where we have to support one side of the riding ring to prevent erosion. The only real solution is to build a cement block wall. Therefore we are trying to raise money to purchase these blocks to build the wall. We are sending a plea through this newsletter to ask for sponsors to “donate a block.” The cement blocks are 2’ x 2’ x 4’. We will need 32 of them to complete the project. If you want to sponsor a block we will put your name on it! The blocks are \$50 each which really doesn’t amount to much more than the cost of a few pizzas, or a night out to dinner and a movie. You’re support is greatly appreciated, and remember, all of your donations stay right here to contribute right back to the community.

Another project we have lined up for this year is to eliminate the mud and slick conditions of the access way between the horse stalls and their paddocks. We are lucky enough to be able to supply our rescue horses with their own stall and paddocks. They have the choice of being outside or inside which often is a big part of their health and mental recovery. Unfortunately, due to geography, the access ways between their stalls and their private turnouts, has a tendency to get muddy and doesn’t dry out as well as other areas. We want to build cement ramps which will eliminate this problem for good. Won’t you help us with the donation of cement or perhaps even a few hours of volunteering to make this permanent improvement?

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## Other ways you can help!

For you horse owners ordering supplies, please mention TARAFARM Rescue when ordering from Country Supply. Country Supply has a program called "Country Cares". They credit a percentage of your purchase to an account for Tara Farm. It's an easy way to help us out. See the Country Supply website for more details. ([www.countrysupply.com](http://www.countrysupply.com))

Mark your calendar for October 28, 2007. Tara Farm is bringing back its annual hunter pace. It's a great way to enjoy the fall season and support a great cause! Come to this fundraiser and have GREAT fun! For more information as it becomes available, check our website, email us, or call.

We've also worked with Berta Nelson on another program for the non-equestrian supporters. For those of you animal lovers who don't have horses, we've got a great program with Shaklee. We've enclosed some information on the various products available from Shaklee that both help the animals here at Tara farm but are also friendly to the environment.

## The Tara Farm residents!



One of our special permanent projects at Tara Farm Rescue is the sanctuary for FIV and Feline Leukemia positive cats. If you've ever visited Tara farm you know about these special residents. You can't sit down, bend down, or really do anything in general without one, two, or several felines running up to you for affection. They are a part of Tara farm as much as any horse that comes through the gates. In fact, each of our buildings is named for a special rescue cat that has either lived here or is living here.

For those who are unfamiliar, cats diagnosed with either FIV or Feline Leukemia are typically euthanized. The reality is that many of these cats can live normal, happy and full lives. Again if you've seen any of the long time residents, you wouldn't know they were carriers and that they would otherwise have a death sentence. But life with these diseases can be hard if not monitored. We keep a close eye on our cats for colds, gum infections and any maladies and provide proper care. As any regular volunteer on the farm will tell you, our cats gets lots of love and hugs. They are "fat and happy".

We have quite the variety of residents at Tara farm. We have pot bellied pigs (Hamlet is our latest addition and too new for a photo), llamas, goats, chickens, rabbits, and of course donkeys. Our residents have as diverse a history as you can imagine and personalities to match! Many of them have contributed in many ways such as school projects, classroom visits, boy & girl scout projects, and even local nativity scenes. Check out the photos below for a glimpse at some of Tara's residents past and present.



**Buster**



**Some of the resident chickens**

**Radar**



**Cappucino**



*Love Animals. God has given them the rudiments of untroubled thoughts and joy. Do not trouble their joy, Do not harass them, Do not deprive them of their happiness, Do not work against God's intentions.*

*-Fyodor Dostoyevsky*

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**Hobie**



**“Doc”**



**Some of Tara’s ponies**

Tara Farm Rescue felt a great sadness this year with the loss of “Rosie” the pot bellied pig and “Beanie Baby” the underdeveloped Saddlebred. Rosie was a wonderful pig, she gave us such warmth and conversation when entering the small animal area. It was like she was welcoming us into her home whenever we chose to come and visit. Rosie had been with us for many years and was old. When she couldn’t stand anymore, she was put to rest.

Beanie Baby got tired of her fight. She had several surgeries, infections and struggles with her feet, bones and lungs. She was a fighter and had more character than most of us could imagine. We know they have crossed to heaven where there is no age, pain, starvation or suffering.



*Somewhere...  
Somewhere in time's own space  
there must be some sweet  
pasture's place where creeks sing,  
and tall trees grow. Some paradise  
where horses go, for by the love  
that guides my pen, I know great  
horses live again.  
- Stanley Harrison*

Please consider a donation by supplying gift certificates/credits with our various professionals -

- Dr. Bud Allen (Veterinarian for acupuncture/chiropractic) (413) 268-8387
- Bolton Veterinary Clinic (General Veterinary Services) (860) 646-6134
- Salem Valley Vet (860) 859-1649
- Mackey's (860) 423-6311
- Thompson's Feed Store (860) 429-9377
- Remember! All donations are tax deductible

## Our WISH LIST:

Skidsteer (bobcat)  
Run-in sheds  
Horse wormers  
Snap & hooks  
Wood shavings  
Deck screws (1 5/8", 2.5", 3")  
Galvanized tube gates (8',10'12')

pressure treated 4"x4" poles @ 8 ft  
½" ply wood sheets  
Hay  
Galvanized Roofing tin  
PVC Pipe for water (1' dia.)  
Postage Stamps/Office Supplies

Horse feed (low protein, hi fat)  
Sweet cow feed  
Chicken feed  
Mini pig feed  
Iams dry cat food  
Canned cat food



**Animal Neglect & abuse is against the law!!**  
There is something you can do about it .....  
If you know of or see an animal in a neglectful  
or abusive situation, make the complaint.  
Call your STATE OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL.  
In CT, (860) 713-2506

