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Tara Farm Rescue Newsletter 2005

Issue 8



Welcome to our 2005 edition of the Tara Farm Rescue newsletter. In continuing our 2004 improvements Tara Farm Rescue received a much needed face lift. Our barns received a fresh coat of paint, many trimmed out, new lighting, new sliding doors on the stalls, signs now reside over each barn so volunteers can find their way around, new board fencing, and fresh paint on last years' fences. See below to see the updates to the barn featured in last year's project. What a difference!

This year's project is to finish the 4 stall barn that was started last year. This is located behind the riding ring. Desperately needed are funds for materials, or skilled volunteers such as those with carpentry experience, or electricians. But if you're a willing volunteer who wants to help, please stop by, we'd love to have you help. Additionally, we are hoping to continue improvements to our many feet of fencing and add additional water lines.

We want to thank you for all of your donations and those who help out. There are so many of you who make Tara Farm Rescue a success. Some of the new friends at Tara Farm Rescue, Jeff Allard who has given so much of his handiwork. We have to thank him for the many hours he volunteers, giving Tara Farm its new facelift. We would like to thank all the students from East Conn for their many hours shovelling, building fences, and helping Jeff. Rosie, the pot bellied pig would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Downing for his support. The Jaycees for their work day and supplies. Also we would like to thank Ann Marie, Chris and Mr. Wagner for the roofing, lumber, and other materials. There are so many of you, please know how much Tara Farm appreciates you. Please enjoy the rest of our newsletter and learn about our past year.



Cotton

Before....



After !!





"Beanie Baby"

Beanie is our special project this year, she has had a rough start to life at only four years old. Beanie is a beautiful black Saddlebred who was born pre-mature, and her life so far, has been a struggle. When she came to us last year (with only a partial history), she was desperately in need of medical care. After x-rays, scopes, and numerous examinations, the vets determined she had been suffering with pneumonia for at least two years. After 10 days of medications (at \$33 per day), we felt Beanie was on the road to a new life. Then we noticed Beanie was having trouble walking. So the vets were out again to x-ray and examine. It was determined that the bones in Beanie's legs had developed wrong causing tendon strains and discomfort. We are now working on changing her hoof angles to relieve the discomfort and slowly adjust the bones. Beanie has won our heart with her heart and determination. She is a fighter and needs lots of love and support. Come out and meet Beanie!



Haley



We'd like you to meet some of Tara Farm's other residents...

Tara Farm is home to llamas, a pot bellied pig, chickens, rabbits, donkeys, cows, goats, Chow dogs, and our special cats. Tara Farm has included a special project for many years, of FIV and Feline Leukemia cats who come to the farm to live out their lives. The cats have a wonderful time on the farm, in their shelter with lots of beds, a wood stove to keep them warm when its cold, and lots of friends (of every species!). They also have insulated houses throughout the farm, woods and barns to play in. They are frequently found snoozing in the farm's trucks! If you've been to the farm, you've no doubt met a few of these special residents.



Hobie & Tilt



Sam



Perry

JayCee Farm Day Event

In mid-June, Tara Farm was once again visited by approximately 40 volunteers from the JayCees and the community. JayCees from all over the state came to spend the day on the farm and help with several projects. As a result, much needed wood fencing was constructed, existing structures were painted, fields were cleaned of branches, and rescue horses were groomed. In addition, we were visited by local media where subsequent stories were written about the event. We can't thank the JayCees enough for their time, effort, and donations. We hope that they enjoyed visiting the farm as much as we enjoyed having them. Hopefully we'll see them again in 2006 for another farm day!



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water, and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigour; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.....

Author unknown



Tumbleweed's Story



Tara Farm lost a special resident this year. We want to say goodbye to one of the threesome known as "the Weeds". They are 3 steer named, Milkweed, Tumbleweed and Ragweed – the leader of the pack. Tumbleweed, was special because he was born on the farm 11 years ago. His mom was a rescue herself. Tumbleweed was a sweet Jersey steer whose heart and personality were as large as he was. Jerseys are known for their large, soft brown eyes, and gentle demeanour. Tumbleweed exemplified those characteristics completely. It was obvious his companions missed him after we lost him. They often gaze to the area where Tumbleweed is buried.

One of Tumbleweed's favourite treats this last year was fresh sliced cantaloupe. One particular volunteer would make special trips to the farm to give this treat to Tumbleweed. Tumbleweed would get so excited when he saw that bag come out! He would come running over to eat his mouth watering treat. We hope Tumbleweed is enjoying lush grass right now and watching over Tara Farm.

Our WISH LIST:

- 4 horse slant trailer
- Run-in sheds
- Large manure spreader
- Stall mats
- Horse wormers
- Snap & hooks
- Wood shavings
- Galvanized tube gates (8',10'12')
- pressure treated 4"x4" poles @ 8 ft
- Hay / Straw
- Firewood
- Galvanized Roofing tin
- PVC Pipe for water
- Postage Stamps/Office Supplies
- Tractor Trailer box (for storage)

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
- Thompson's Feed Store (860) 429-9377
- Shagbark Farm Supply (800) 404-9320

•Remember! All donations are tax deductible



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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

