



2012 Newsletter

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

This year has been a tremendous year for Tara Farm. The Rescue received a donation allowing us to give the Rescue a much needed face lift. With this donation, we will also be adding a dog rescue in 2013. At this time, I want to send a tremendous thank you to all of our donors. Please know that every bit is appreciated, and every bit absolutely makes a difference. Tara Farm Rescue's success can be attributed to our supporters and our resourcefulness. Thank you for your support and patience. Each breath an animal makes, and with each step 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. So if you want to see more of how our exciting year unfolded, keep reading.....

Sincerely,
Bonniejeanne Gorden



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Tara Farm News...

In July the Rescue got a call about two baby goats in need. You may have read or heard about two goats in the news that were found living in an apartment in New Haven. The Rescue stepped up and took responsibility for the goats. They were underweight, and filled with parasites. With much needed weight, deworming, and delousing, Tara Farm is happy to report the two little goats are healthy, happy and in a new loving home.



Garden Barn of Vernon has given us a wonderful selection of bushes, shrubs, and trees to help with our facelift. And while we're on the topic of gardens, be sure to visit our memorial garden located behind the riding ring. This is dedicated to those human and animal who have passed through the Rescue over the years.

Tara Farm can claim a local celebrity among its residents! Our mule, Sparkle was highlighted in Ann Jamieson's new book titled "For the Love of the Horse, Vol IV". He has his own story and pictures describing Sparkle's journey and experiences. Please be sure to get a copy of the book. And of course, Sparkle will be happy to "hoofprint" your copy!



Tara Farm Events...

Our second Bike Run took place in May of this year. It was a great event surpassing last year's participation and fundraising records. The weather was beautiful and the event ended with a huge buffet. Thanks to all of those who came out to support the Rescue. We also extend big thanks to everyone who helped make it happen., especially TSI Harley Davidson, Fred's Brick Oven Pizza, and Trantolo & Trantolo. We hope to see everyone again next year on May 19, 2013.



On October 28th we had our annual Hunter Pace. Even though it was a cold, chilly and rainy morning, we had a great turnout. The Rescue was ecstatic to see all you riders come out in spite of the threat of hurricane Sandy! As has been the case, we once again surpassed the number of riders from the previous year. We hope you all enjoyed the ride, and the great food. Thanks to all who helped put the event together, including Babcock Hill Equestrian Center. Come out and ride again on October 27th 2013.



How you can make a difference

Tara Farm's Wish List -

Canned Dog or Cat food
Science Diet Maintenance dry cat food
Pot Belly pig food
Chicken food
Goat food
Low protein, High fat horse grain
Scoopable cat litter
Cleaning Products
Paper Towels
Hay
Straw
Run-In Sheds
Manure Spreader
Stall Mats
Horse Wormers
Shavings
Office Supplies, postage stamps
Skid steer
Stead Read Advertising
We are looking for a sponsor for a booth at 2013 Equine Affair at Eastern States

Still More Ideas.....

Consider coming out to the farm and donating some time. We always need help cleaning stalls, cleaning tack, or help in our new cat shelter. We need help with fundraisers, writing grants, landscaping, or general carpentry. And lastly, we can use help grooming and exercising the residents at the Rescue.

Wanna support the farm but don't ride an iron horse? Or a real one? Come join us at Fred's Brick Oven Pizza in Willimantic every third Saturday from 7pm to close. Its an Open Mic night and part of the proceeds raised that evening go to the Rescue. These have been a great success so come on out, have a fabulous meal and enjoy the music. Thanks Fred!

Other Ideas.....

✓ For all you internet shoppers! Shop at www.IGIVE.com and reference Tara Farm Rescue at checkout. Or check out www.horse.com when stocking up on all your horsey supplies and choose TaraFarmRescue at checkout.

✓ We have an organic garden during warmer months and sell the veggies at local farmers markets. Between markets, we have the veggies here at the farm for sale.



✓ Tara Farm Rescue also takes in used tack as donations.

✓ Consider buying a gift card for one of our regular suppliers such as:
Thompsons' Feed of Mansfield (860-429-9377)
Family Vet Center in Haydenville Mass (413-268-8387)
Bolton Vet Hospital (860-646-6134)
Green Valley Vet (860-974-9017)
Home Depot stores

✓ And look for donation buckets at local businesses





That wasn't me taking a nap!



Sponsorships:

Sponsor me not simply to save me but to give me the renewed life that I so deeply deserve. I will appreciate your gift. We have cats, goats, pot bellied pigs, ponies, and donkeys that are permanent residents of the rescue available for sponsorship.

Sponsor me because I'm cute!



Updates...

- We are working on a major website redesign. So please be patient if you have experienced trouble recently. The farm operates on a volunteer basis and things don't always happen as quickly as we would like! The new website will be fabulous with new information about Rescue events , great photos and stories. As part of the re-design, we are also putting in a Paypal link to accept donations electronically.
- To our rescue animals that found loving homes this year, we wish them years of happiness in their new homes. They include; Cameron our paint mare, Tar and Fawn, our bonded pair of rabbits, Espresso, our llama, Phoebe our black and white pig, our ponies Hershey and Snow, and Dakota, our appaloosa mare.

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



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