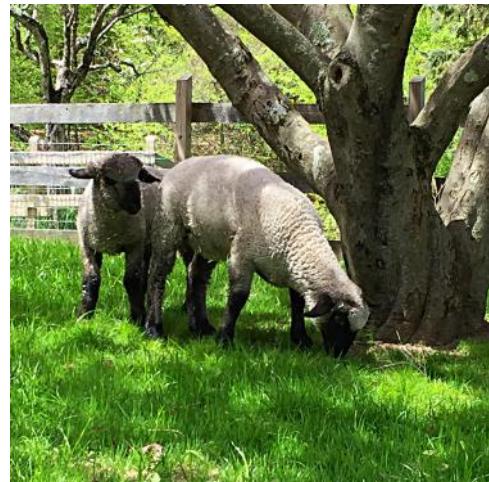




Additions to our Farm Family

Silky & Satin

Two lambs have a new lease on life at our sanctuary. Silky and Satin (right) were born on February 7, 2016 on a production farm, destined for slaughter. Soon after birth they had their tails cut off and their ears hole-punched for identity tags, with no anesthesia. Their mom rejected them, and both lambs sustained broken legs. The farm did not want to care for them so they lived in the vet's dining room while their legs healed and then they joined our Safe Haven family. They spend their days bouncing around, exploring the farm and sneaking into the feed room whenever they get the chance. We are so pleased to have these two cuties as part of our farm family!



Amos the Rooster

Amos was rescued by a compassionate person in a nearby town. The little rooster had a deformed leg and was being chased and pecked by 4 other roosters who lived in the yard. A neighbor took pity on the little rooster and let him hide under his deck; Amos would only come out at night when the other roosters had gone to bed. Here at Safe Haven, Amos moved in with three friendly hens: Stretch, Rachel and Ardsley (her story is on Pg. 2).

For the first time in his life, Amos wasn't pecked and chased. He joined the hens to eat, and started taking dust baths and hunting for bugs in the grass with them. The feathers on his back that had been plucked out by the other roosters are already starting to grow back, shiny and dark, and he is becoming a handsome boy. Amos now can live out his life in happiness, able to do all the things a happy rooster should be able to do.



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New Additions... continued

Spring 2016

Ardsley the Hen

We got a call one evening from a member of the Empty Cages Collective, an animal rescue organization in the NY area, that a little hen had been found in the Inwood section of Manhattan. Finally ending up in NJ where a vet gave her a clean bill of health, she hitched a ride to Safe Haven and was welcomed by two old timers, Rachel and Stretch. Ardsley has shown herself to be very inquisitive and brave, always checking on what the humans are doing when she isn't taking a dust bath and enjoying life in the country with her new friends.



Bunnies

Over the winter, we adopted four sweet bunnies who had been found by compassionate people in various parks in the New York City area, after having been abandoned by their owners. The first to arrive were Al and Barney, two handsome boys found in a park near the NYC-Long Island border. It didn't take long for them to become best buddies. Now they share a spacious room and an outdoor, bunny only play area where they can enjoy the warm weather and nibble on tender shoots of grass.



We also received a request from Animal Control : They had a female bunny that they couldn't adopt out because she was too fat to spay. We had room for another bunny and were happy to welcome little Hazel into our farm family. She seemed to get better after arriving at Safe Haven; she got lots of exercise and great food and started to lose some weight so our vet could spay her. She hopped around the room every day and captured the heart of everyone. One day, however, she stopped eating and despite visits to the vet and lots of supportive care and medications we couldn't get her better. Looking back at her history in the shelter, it seemed she had some unrecognized GI problems. Everyone will miss sweet Hazel's presence.



Two young Manhattanites who had volunteered at Safe Haven found a bunny who had been abandoned in a city park and took it home. They named the bunny Keme which means "secret" in a native American language, since they had to keep the bunny's presence in their apartment secret from their landlord. We were happy to make Keme a home at Safe Haven. Now he romps through the farm cottage every day, alternating with Al and Barney and goes outside to play in his own personal play area where he can watch the goings on in front of the barn. He will never have to worry about being abandoned again.



Memories of Claria

Our "Queen", Claria, is resting peacefully. She passed away in April and left us with heavy hearts. Her fellow sheep stood close by as she rested her head in Ellen's lap as she died. She will be sorely missed by all of us at Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary. She was a gentle sheep who enjoyed sitting at the top of the hill overlooking the pasture and observing all of her sheep friends. She had a tough life of abuse before she came to Safe Haven, but we adored her and gave her 6 years of devoted love and care.

~ Sweet Dream Claria



Got Love for Animals? Consider Sponsorship!

If you would like to help support one of our precious animals, or give a unique gift to an animal lover, consider sponsorship. Your sponsorship helps us provide the best care for the animal. Just go to our web site and click the Sponsorship link for more information.

<http://safehavenfarmsanctuary.org/>

Exposing Animal Abuse

Mulesing by the Wool Industry

With the addition of our two new lambs Satin and Silky, we thought it would be a good time to bring awareness to the cruel and inhumane practices of the wool industry. A PETA investigation of more than 30 shearing sheds in the U.S. and Australia uncovered rampant abuse. Shearers were caught punching, kicking, and stomping on sheep, in addition to hitting them in the face with electric clippers and standing on their heads, necks, and hind limbs. Australia is responsible for more than 50 percent of the world's merino wool. This kind of wool is commonly used in the fashion industry in products such as clothing, boots, etc. Note that this wool is often used for many carpet products. Lambs are forced to endure a gruesome procedure called "mulesing," in which huge chunks of skin are cut from the animals' backsides, often without any painkillers.

Please be aware that the purchase of wool products contributes to the support of a cruel industry. An animal should not have to suffer for the sake of fashion. Please consider other alternatives. There are other fabrics available that aren't made from wool or animal skins. Please join our efforts to bring awareness to this issue. Avoid buying wool products - save a sheep!

Fun Facts about Sheep (from onekind.org)

- Sheep have very good memories. They can remember at least 50 individual sheep and humans for years.
- Sheep have been shown to display emotions, some of which can be studied by observing the position of their ears.
- Contrary to popular misconception, sheep are extremely intelligent animals capable of problem solving. They are considered to have a similar IQ level to cattle and are nearly as clever as pigs.
- Female sheep (ewes) are very caring mothers and form deep bonds with their lambs that can recognize them by their call (bleat) when they wander too far away.

Celebrity Spotlight

The Happy Vegan—Russell Simmons

Russell Simmons is most known for his success in the music and fashion industries. He is now also a NY Times best selling author for his new book The Happy Vegan! He has been a vegan for 16 years. In a recent interview on the Forks Over Knives web site, Russell discussed his decision to become a vegan and made this powerful statement: "On a spiritual level, I just feel better knowing I'm not contributing to the biggest karmic disaster in the world today, which is the suffering and violent deaths of billions of farm animals. I could be doing more, but I take some comfort in knowing that I'm no longer contributing to one of the biggest cause of global warming, which is factory farming. I feel like I'm part of the solution, instead of part of the problem."

Come Join Us

Independence Day Weekend

Saturday, July 2 from 12:00 – 2:00



Kick off the holiday weekend with us on the farm! We have nearly 90 rescued farm animals – including sheep, goats, horses, chickens, turkeys, ducks, lambs and two mini potbelly pigs! Visit with the animals and enjoy a holiday vegan picnic!

Donate

Help us help animals. Donate and help us provide the best possible care for our farm family. Our farm sanctuary is home to nearly 90 rescued animals. We appreciate your support. Click the Support Us link on our web page.

Volunteer

We are always looking for volunteers to help with cleaning, socializing the animals, gardening, outreach, and various other projects going on around the farm. If you are interested in helping out, please call or e-mail (contact info below).

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