New Arrivals

In August a new van from the Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, NY rolled into our driveway. It contained 35 hens and 2 baby turkeys. The hens came from a group of 300 from an egg-laying factory farm. They were considered “spent,” having outlived their egg-laying days, and the owner was ready to send them to slaughter. But the Farm Sanctuary persuaded the owner to give the hens to them. Soon they started looking for homes for the hens, and we were thrilled to be able to adopt 35.

Our new arrivals are missing parts of their beaks and many feathers and reveal other signs of the terrible life of a factory farm, but they are very sweet girls who love to explore our surroundings. They are getting stronger by the day and their feathers are starting to grow back!

The turkey babies had been left in a box with a group of 24. Our four mature turkey ladies welcomed the energetic babies to the barn, and the youngsters are among the most adventurous animals on our farm.
Chickens Roost in Trees
Some of our chickens lived a semi-natural life, roosting in trees near a New Jersey homeless camp, until the town began destroying the camp and it became necessary to rescue the chickens. At our farm, the chickens still often roost in trees. They are extremely athletic and can fly almost as well as other birds. They are probably much like the original jungle chicken, prior to domestication.

Barn Additions
This summer we built an addition to one of the barns to house newly adopted chickens as well as those who need special quarters while they recover from illnesses.
In addition, we have added a run-in shed for the goats to be sure they have space to get out of the hot summer sun.

A Second Island for our Pond
A large pond on our farmland is home to about 30 mallard ducks who have escaped a nearby hunting club. This summer we installed a second island in the pond and hope the plants on both islands will grow thick next spring to provide nice hiding places for the females to sit on their eggs!
The hunting club imports the ducks in boxes from factory farms. The birds have never had a chance to learn to care for themselves in the wild and migrate to winter residencies.
So they need a bit of help to survive. We have installed bubblers in the pond to keep the water free of ice so the ducks have a place to swim in the winter. We hope the islands will also help protect these brave animals.
Exposing Animal Abuse at Butterball: North Carolina

A Mercy For Animals investigator exposed rampant animal cruelty at Butterball — again. This time the abuse occurred at a turkey hatchery in North Carolina. Hidden-camera video reveals baby having their sensitive toes and beaks cut and burned off without any painkillers, workers callously throwing and dropping these fragile animals, and sick or injured birds being thrown into a pit to be ground up alive. News of this shocking investigation spread rapidly via various news programs and media outlets inspiring hundreds of thousands of people, including many well known celebrities to speak out against Butterball’s continued abuse of turkeys.

If you would like to get involved and help in the efforts to stop the abuse, you can go to www.butterballabuse.com to sign the petition. If you are active on social media, consider tweeting to "speak out" against this abuse, and consider sharing on facebook so you can bring awareness to family and friends.

Bill’s New Book

Bill Crain, a developmental psychologist and Safe Haven’s cofounder, has just completed a new book, The Emotional Lives of Animals and Children: Insights from a Farm Sanctuary.

In it, Bill describes similarities between the emotional behaviors of Safe Haven animals and human children. Among Bill’s unexpected discoveries is the possibility that nonhuman animals and children, to a greater extent than human adults, experience a spiritual sense of peace in the world. The book is filled with stories about the animals. It is in paperback and published by Turning Stone Press.

You can purchase an autographed copy at our Open House on October 18 or order a copy from Amazon.com.

Upcoming Events

Open House, Saturday, Oct. 18, 12 to 2 PM.
Bring your family and friends, visit with the animals and enjoy delicious vegan snacks

Thanksgiving Party for the Turkeys
Join us on November 22 for our annual Thanksgiving celebration for the Turkeys. We will serve the turkeys pumpkin pie with all the trimmings and enjoy cider and vegan treats from 12-2pm at the sanctuary.
**Adopt a Turkey**

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Each year, more than 45 million turkeys are slaughtered in the U.S. alone for Thanksgiving. You can make a more compassionate choice this Thanksgiving and help support the care of our rescued turkeys by adopting one or all of them.

For a one-time donation of $30.00, or $150.00 for the entire flock, you or the recipient of your choice will receive an adoption certificate with the photo of your adopted turkey. Our lovely flock of turkeys includes Ducky, Emma, Rosalyn, and Sadie. Ginny and Trinity came to the sanctuary this past summer and enjoy visiting the other inhabitants at the farm.

Adopt a turkey by going to our website.

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