



We had a busy summer at Safe Haven. The barn doors were open all day and the animals enjoyed being outdoors in the warm summer sun. We loved watching the animals run and play and sunbathe. And we welcomed several new animals to our Safe Haven family. Here are their stories.

Leo the Pig

We received a call about a mini potbellied pig whose squealing were bothering neighbors in Queens, NY. The landlord discovered that pigs aren't allowed in any part of New York City and threatened the family with eviction if they didn't get rid of the pig. A day before the landlord's deadline, the family brought the pig to us. He was initially a bit shy, but he soon figured out how to go out in the pasture and he took his first mud bath this summer. If you start to pet him, he will flip over on his side for a good belly rub! We named him Leo after Leo Tolstoy.



Chicks and Ducklings

A man who knew of our sanctuary drove up our driveway and gave us a cardboard box. Inside were 2 ducklings and 6 baby chicks he had bought on a whim a week before at a farm supply store but decided he didn't want. We rushed them indoors where they stayed with heat lamps on for several weeks until they were big enough and the weather was warm enough for them to move to their newly renovated barn homes. The ducklings were a male and female. Even now that they are grown, they always stick together, and they love to swim. The chicks have grown into lovely reddish brown girls who explore the farm from top to bottom.



Chance the Horse

Soon after welcoming the ducks and chicks, we were thrilled to adopt a malnourished horse awaiting shipment to a slaughter house out of the country. He was filthy, his ribs were showing, he had parasites, his hooves were cracked, and he had such a heavy tangle of burrs in his tail that he couldn't even lift it to swish away the flies. (continued on page 2)

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Chance the Horse (continued)

But he had the most beautiful brown eyes and was very gentle and we knew we could bring him back to health and give him a forever home. With great vet and blacksmith care, and a visit by a horse nutrition specialist, it wasn't long before he became a very handsome horse who is a pleasure to have here. He has become best friends with our minihorse, Cory.



Cleo and Cloe

Two lovely light brown hens joined our farm family in August. They had been purchased from a farm that raises chickens for meat but also sells baby chicks. Their owner was about to undergo surgery and could no longer care for the hens so she asked if we could take them. The ladies were welcomed by the other hens in one of our barns and quickly made themselves right at home.



Otis the Pig

In September, just as summer was ending, we received a request to adopt a second mini potbellied pig who was living in a small dog crate under a deck at a house in the Bronx. His original owner had asked someone to take care of him for a short while but the days turned into weeks and he needed a new home. Afraid that he might run away, the caretaker kept him in a harness which, as he gained weight, dug into his skin. He seemed very lonely and sad. On our farm, the pig runs about happily wagging his tail, and is very friendly with humans. Named Otis by one of our staff, he is loved by everyone who meets him. He has gradually become friends with Leo. They now run around the pasture together, rooting for acorns and playing with the other animals.



Kaporos Chicks

In the middle of October, we were lucky enough to welcome six baby broiler chicks, rescued from near slaughter in a Kaporos ritual in Brooklyn where more than 60,000 chickens are killed every year. These babies were very lucky that compassionate people saved them. They are full of energy and enthusiasm for life and we are thrilled to be able to provide them a forever home.



Pig Fun Facts

Pigs dream and see in color.

Pigs outperform 3-year-old human children on cognition tests and are smarter than any domestic animal, and animal experts consider them more trainable than cats or dogs.

Pigs are sociable. They like to cuddle and snuggle up, nose to nose, with one another as they sleep.

Pigs can be picky eaters: When given the same food, even a favorite one, such as melon or banana, over and over, they will soon set them aside and eat their other food first. When pigs are offered a new food, they don't gobble it right up, as a dog might, but sniff at it delicately as they decide whether or not to try a nibble.

Pigs are hygienic. When given the chance, they are more particular about their sanitary behavior than most dogs. They will not, unless locked inside a factory-farm cage, defecate anywhere near their living space.

Pigs roll in mud to cool down and ward off parasites and sunburn, just as elephants do.

Pigs have a tremendous sense of smell. The large round disk of cartilage at the tip of the snout is connected to muscle that gives it extra flexibility and strength for rooting in the ground.

Winston Churchill famously said that "Dogs look up to man. Cats look down to man. Pigs look us straight in the eye and see an equal."

~ Pig facts acquired from peta.com and livescience.com.

New Videos

Check out our latest videos! Go to our web site at www.safehavenfarmsanctuary.org/. Once on our home page, scroll down to the "New Videos on Site" section to see "Leo the Pig" and "Summer at the Farm".

Landmark Day for the Protection of Farmed Animals in America

In May of this year, the petition web site Change.org reported that Walmart, the nation's largest food retailer, announced a groundbreaking commitment to improving farmed animal welfare across its entire global supply chain. This announcement follows an intense campaign by Mercy For Animals against the retail giant, including six hidden-camera videos (<http://bit.ly/WalmartInvestigations>) taken by MFA exposing extreme animal abuse at Walmart pork suppliers across the country, more than 150 protests at Walmart stores nationwide, full-page newspaper ads, mobile billboards circling the Walmart headquarters in Arkansas, 640,000 petition signatures on Change.org, and A-list celebrity support from Joaquin Phoenix, Ryan Gosling, Sia, Pamela Anderson, Emily Deschanel, and more.

Walmart has committed to ending many of the cruelest forms of institutionalized animal abuse in its supply chain as well as working to end needless mutilations of animals without painkillers, such as castration, tail docking, and dehorning, and is moving toward less cruel slaughter methods. This is a very comprehensive animal welfare policy. The days are numbered for many of the factory farming industry's cruelest practice.

As consumers, we still hold the greatest power of all to prevent needless suffering of farmed animals. Now, let's stop supporting factory farms altogether. Go vegan!

Got Love for Animals? Consider Adoption!

If you would like to help support one of our precious animals, or give a unique gift to an animal lover, consider adopting one of our lovely turkeys this Thanksgiving holiday! It's so easy. Just go to our web site and click the Adoption link for more information.

<http://safehavenfarmsanctuary.org/>



Fall has finally come to the farm. The leaves on the trees have turned beautiful shades of yellow, red, and orange and the air is crisp. The animals are energized by the cooler weather, and the ducks are swimming and diving in their ponds. However, the animals are also getting ready for winter--the sheep, goats and horses are growing thick coats to protect them from the frigid winds that will blow, the little pigs are growing longer hair, and the chickens and turkeys are growing new feathers. We even had snow flurries the other day! The caretakers are busy gathering supplies for winter. We have stacked nearly a thousand bales of sweet smelling hay in the barns along with hundreds of bales of shavings and straw. The heat lamps and heated buckets have been cleaned and checked and are being readied for the frigid weather ahead.



You are Invited to our Annual Thanksgiving Party for the Turkeys Saturday, November 21, 12 - 2 pm. Celebrate compassion this Thanksgiving; help us honor our four lovely turkeys with their own feast. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

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).

Donate

Help us help animals. Donate and help us provide the best possible care for our farm family. Our farm sanctuary is home to over 100 animals. We appreciate your support. Click the Support Us link on our web page.

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