

Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary

Dedicated to compassion toward all beings

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Who are the new friends at Safe Haven?

The winter cold seemed to linger this year. As the days became warmer and sunnier, the Safe Haven animals started spending more time outside, nibbling on the new grass and we got to welcome some new arrivals to the Safe Haven family.

Villette the Lamb

Villette was four weeks old when he arrived. His mother had rejected him and a kind visitor to the farm where he was born took him home with her. Villette lived in her home (wearing diapers with a hole cut out for his tail!) until he became too big for her house.

If no home was found for Villette, he might have gone to slaughter. Villette now has a home at Safe Haven where he can run and play whenever he wants. Villette loves being around people and joyfully runs up to visitors for a pet and a snuggle. His sweet voice lets us know when he wants some human company.

We are happy Villette was not made into leg-of-lamb and can spend his life exploring Safe Haven.

Edna the Valdarno Hen

Edna is a lucky Valdarno hen. She is quite the petite beauty!

She is a breed from an area in Italy located in the valley of the Arno River. The Valdarno breed became vir-

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Facts About Chickens

Domestic chickens are the same species as Red Burmese Jungle Fowl. In their natural habitat, these birds:

- Sleep in trees;
- Lay eggs in carefully constructed, hidden nests;
- Teach their chicks how to take dust baths;
- Use sounds to communicate about food, danger, and predators;
- Maintain bonds with other chickens that last a lifetime, living 7 - 10 years in the wild.
- Lay about 24 eggs per year in two clutches.

Compare that to the life of a factory farmed chicken:

- Chicks destined to be sold as food are bred to reach a maximum weight in 6 weeks when they are slaughtered;
- Male chickens from laying hens have no economic value and are ground up alive or suffocated in plastic bags within a day of hatching;
- Chickens used for eggs are bred, fed and drugged to lay over 300 eggs per year and are then slaughtered when egg production declines;
- Factory farmed chickens spend their lives either in wire cages (battery cages) or crowded in large sheds with no sunlight;
- Many corporations advertise their products as cage free. Undercover inspectors all say the chickens live imprisoned lives under deplorable conditions;

Learn the facts at our site under [Learn More>Chickens](#).

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ually extinct in the 20th century, but the population is recovering. Valdarno hens are known for their maternal instincts.



Cesar the Goat

Cesar has won the hearts of everyone at Safe Haven. He comes up to visitors for a pat and a sniff. Watch out! He loves to chew on sweat-shirt strings.

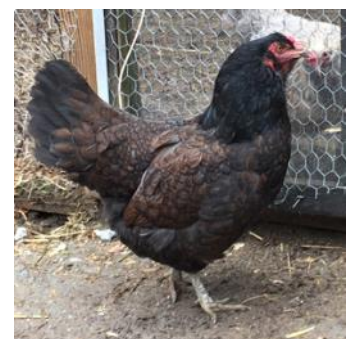


He was found wandering around the Bronx by two NYC police officers. He was covered with wax and the officers suspected he escaped from a ritual slaughter. When he arrived, he was sick and thin.

Now, Cesar is a welcoming presence to visitors and his antics provoke many smiles.

Ruby the Hen

Up until she joined the Safe Haven family, Ruby was used by a backyard farmer for her eggs. Once she stopped producing eggs, the farmer was about to turn Ruby into his dinner!



Luckily, we were able to provide a home for Ruby. Her beautiful brown, shiny feathers are distinctive and she is making friends with the other Safe Haven hens. She has befriended our mini horse, Cory and sleeps every night on Cory's stall door.



Upcoming Events Scheduled Tours

Safe Haven now has scheduled regular tours from June until December at 12 noon on the first Saturday and second Wednesday of every month.

You can learn more about our tours on our web site at [Our Events>About Tours](#) You can even book your tour online so we can better plan at [Our Events>Upcoming Events](#).

Angel is Recovering

After several weeks in the barn recovering from leg surgery at Tufts Veterinary Medical Center, Angel has finally been cleared by the vet to join her sheep friends in the pasture. In this picture, Angel (left) is enjoying her hay outdoors along with her friend Missy (right) who kept Angel company on all her trips to the vet.

Many thanks to all who donated and were part of her recovery team.

Sheep Shearing at Safe Haven

Safe Haven's rescued sheep must be shorn to keep them comfortable in the summer heat.

It is quite a challenge to know when to shear the sheep: do it too soon and the sheep shiver in the pasture and barns; do it too late and a heat wave can cause discomfort and even illness.

Don Kading is the Safe Haven sheep shearer. He is incredibly gentle and an expert at getting the job done quickly and kindly. The sheep don't seem to mind, especially when some of their friends can be nearby.

Of course, sheep raised for wool production don't get this consideration. In New Zealand and Australia, sheep are often shorn while it is cold and many die of pneumonia when sent



Open House July 1, 2017

Our annual Fourth of July weekend open house and picnic is from 12 noon until 2 pm.

Come meet our animals and enjoy a vegan picnic. This is a family-friendly event.

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back to pasture. Once they no longer produce enough wool, sheep are shipped to the Middle East in cramped, cold, filthy containers. The sheep who survive the horrendous journey are slaughtered for human food.

Help stop the suffering by avoiding wool. There are many man-made fabrics out there that are as warm, if not warmer, than sheep's wool and its accompanying sheep suffering.

Help Us Help Farmed Animals

Sponsor a Safe Haven Animal

If you would like to help support one of our precious animals or give a unique gift to an animal-over, consider a sponsorship. You will receive a custom sponsor certificate with a *To* and *From* greeting and a story about your animal.

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 to the right).


Make a Donation


As a charitable organization, we rely on donations to care for our animals. Your donations are gratefully accepted through our web site in any amount that fits your budget.


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