



Animal Tracks

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TRANSITIONS

Change is inevitable. It can be exciting or frightening, painful or welcome, expected or surprising. But change is inevitable, and this one in particular is all of that!

It is with mixed emotions that we announce our President & CEO Pam Brighton has retired from her position as Operations Manager / Director of Animal Care on November 23rd. She has worked tirelessly for 18 years with Oasis; guiding, educating, and fighting every day to build it into a stronger, more enduring organization. She has given her heart to every animal that was surrendered to Oasis and cared for each as if it was her own. She mentored many people and helped them on their own life's journey. She has given all she possibly could for the animals, and to her beloved organization. It may be cliché, but Pam has been an inspiration to all of us.

To fill the void, Oasis has hired a woman whose resumé includes strong organizational skills, event preparation, animal care experience, and administrative skills. Karen Price has experience as an executive assistant, medical office manager, and surgical assistant. She even ran her own pet sitting service for 7 years. Karen brings much positive energy and enthusiasm to the table, and we are happy to have her on board. For the time being, Pam will be at the farm in a limited capacity for 2 days a week and will be instructing Karen on equine behavior and health care. Between her and our knowledgeable caretaker Jim Frank, Karen will get quite the education!

For now, Pam will remain the President & CEO of Oasis. Pam has been the face of the organization since its inception. Her mark on the company is indelible, and she will always be an integral part of The Oasis family. We wish her well as she ventures into the next chapter of her life's journey!



Cash Gives Pam a Hug

"All his life he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For after all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog."
- Charles M. Schulz



Pam and Hugo



Talkin' Turkey with Zeus

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DID YOU KNOW?

Oasis is NOT governmentally funded; all of our operating expense is covered by monetary donations from individuals, grants from Foundations and trusts, corporate giving, bequests & inheritances, and non-cash gifts by individuals and businesses.

UPDATE ON HUNTER

Earlier this year we accepted the surrender of a 25 year old lesson horse named **Hunter**, a handsome dark bay thoroughbred gelding who came to us very thin and very tired. He's had time to rest, put weight on, and heal from some old injuries to his legs due to a history of hunter/jumper competitions. Hunter was recently evaluated for riding by Annelie Beck, a Certified Level II Centered Riding Instructor, and friend of Oasis. As it turns out, Hunter is a quiet mount who responds to voice commands. While he behaved dutifully, he did not really enjoy being worked. At his age and with his past injuries, it's totally understandable why this handsome guy prefers to be retired. As a result, Hunter is available for adoption to someone looking for a companion horse. He is a sweet animal. For more information, call the office 856-262-1222.



Hunter (M)

Besides Hunter, our horses Hugo and Gulliver are also still awaiting their forever homes.

Hugo is a beautiful, large 7 year old thoroughbred whose career ending fetlock injury nearly got him a date with the killers. **Gulliver** is a halflinger cross who needs a job to do. Please call for more information on these stunning equines. Their adoption fees will also be reduced for the holidays!



Hugo (M)

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a year it has been at Oasis! Aside from Pam's retirement decision and the hiring of Karen Price, Oasis's human resources has had other changes. Early in the year Melissa DeAntonio and Dawn Lucas resigned from the Board, both due to major changes in their employment and no longer had sufficient time to devote to Oasis. Beth Knudsen, the Marketing Director for McGough Bus Company and Oasis volunteer joined the Board on May 8th. Susan Geers retired from her employment at the end of 2018 and has devoted much more time to the animals; now being an integral part of our Equine care. Maureen Donnelly is no longer with the Company; she was the administrative assistant for over 13 years. Finally, the department in the Bank where Phyllis Van De Weghe worked for over 20 years was eliminated, and she was laid off in late November. She intends to volunteer more time at the sanctuary. Thankfully, Jim Frank, our on-site caretaker, and his wife Nina are still with us. Need a score card yet?!

The cat cottage has had significant progress, although we must raise substantially more money to complete the project. We are very thankful for the generous donation from Continental Drywall in Williamstown, NJ, who not only supplied all of the materials to sheetrock all of the walls, but also all of the labor involved. We are also thankful to Stonehard Flooring who donated some of the flooring material we will be using. And of course Oasis is very grateful for all the hours our Project Manager Joe DeAntonio has provided pro bono for this very lengthy project! Once we've paid off the balance of the completed work, we can move forward in getting the interior painted and the flooring installed. Donations are urgently needed to pay off the existing invoices for the work - we need 3,000 cat lovers to donate \$10 each!

Financially we were hit pretty hard this year, with the well collapsing, and our large fundraiser the "Open House and Craft Fair" being canceled due to bad weather - twice! But the animals are doing well, and that is what matters most. As we look forward to another busy year we are thankful for our incredible volunteers and our generous donors. Considering the chaotic world in which we live, it is comforting to see people come together in compassion and friendship to help the animals. Their gift in return - unconditional love - is a priceless treasure that can only be measured by the heart.

With the closing of another year, I want to sincerely thank our donors, sponsors, and volunteers for all you have done for Oasis in our mission as a sanctuary for abused and neglected animals. Simply put, we couldn't do this without you!

A joyous and Merry Christmas; Happy Hanukkah; Happy holidays to all!

For the Animals,
Phyllis Van De Weghe
Co-Founder, Vice President & CFO



Cat Cottage



Gulliver (M)

KODA'S NEW HOME

A big THANK YOU to Kate and Demasso Thompson, owners of Aubrey Construction in Franklinville, NJ for renovating one of our equine permanent resident's run-in-shed. The structure needed a new roof and siding so that Koda will be warm and dry come the cold winter weather. At this writing the roof was completed and the siding will be done shortly. Kate and Demasso donated all the materials and the labor!

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"Above all else, be kind."

— Phyllis Van De Weghe

DEAR SANTA PAWS

Can you please find us a new forever home for Christmas? We are good pets and while we are loved and treated well here at Oasis, there is NOTHING like having a permanent family to love and be loved by! Please Santa, we want to go home for the holidays!

**Love,
Homeless and Hopeful**

We have beautiful adult cats that need a new loving person. A bit more quiet and settled than a cutie-pie kitten, these "former kittens" are often passed over by someone searching for their new best friend. We are so hoping that these lovely, deserving creatures can find happiness and comfort with a new permanent family; in return they will love you unconditionally.

For the Holidays, we are reducing the adoption fee to \$50 for an adult cat; the price is further reduced by 20% if you adopt more than one animal. For that fee, you receive an animal that was vetted, tested negative for FeLV and Feline AIDS, is up to date on age appropriate vaccines, was sterilized, and was socialized with humans and other animals.

Faith is one of 4 cats that were surrendered a while ago to Oasis by a woman who was ill and could no longer care for her pets. Faith took a long time to be comfortable in her new surroundings, but has finally made the transition and has become friendly with her caregivers. She is a beautiful torti with pretty green eyes (sorry, the picture just does NOT do her justice!). Quiet and still a little shy, she will respond to someone who wants to play with her. She enjoys being petted and looks for affection.



Faith (F)

What a sweet, loving animal is **Miss Kitty!** She is a beautifully marked calico with striking green eyes. She was adopted out earlier but one of the new caregiver's cats did not particularly like Miss Kitty and she was returned to us. She is very affectionate towards people and prefers a quiet household.



Miss Kitty (F)

It's hard to believe that **Sassy** is still waiting for her new family. How can you resist those beautiful green eyes! Sassy is a friendly and independent adult cat looking for a new home where she will be loved forever. She has hyper-thyroidism but certainly does not act like a "hyper kitty". For her condition, Sassy is on a topical treatment that gets rubbed in her ear 2x a day and she is very accommodating when applying her medicine. Her medicine is not very expensive. Who among us is in perfect health?



Sassy (F)

Found as a stray in Franklinville, this large and friendly male cat will steal your heart with his gorgeous good looks and quiet demeanor. **Andre** had a life threatening bout with pancreatitis about 2 years ago but has recovered nicely and continues to do well. Andre is neutered and up to date on shots, and most importantly, is now comfortable being around other felines. We believe he is about 3 years old.



Andre (M)

GOOD NEWS!

The kittens Spring and Summer went home to their new family – together!

"Meow" means "woof" in cat.
– George Carlin

WANT TO HELP THE ANIMALS AT NO COST TO YOU?

Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700

Sign up for their **Affinity Program**, select **Oasis Animal Sanctuary** as your charity of choice. The more people that sign up, the greater TD Bank's donation will be to Oasis.

CALL NOW!!

WISH LIST

- **VOLUNTEERS!** Especially for horse care (experienced please)
- **Bales of straw to keep the ducks & turkey warm this winter**
- **Pine or cedar shavings for horse bedding**
- **Postage stamps**
- **#10 and #6-3/4 envelopes**
- **Paper for the printer**
- **A newer van**
- **4 NEW large litter boxes with covers**
- **Unscented cat litter (Tidy Cats or Arm & Hammer)**
- **Jars of unsweetened apple sauce**

GIFT CARDS FROM:

- **Tractor Supply (animal & farm needs)**
- **Horse'N Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ)**
- **WaWa (gas for the tractors and van)**
- **Staples (office supplies)**
- **Walmart or Shop Rite (cleaning & animal supplies)**

DONATION OPTIONS

When you think about supporting your favorite charity, do you only think of "out-of-pocket" cash as the donation? There are a number of other ways to help an organization! For example:

- **IRA distributions as charitable contributions** – Your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA can be considered a charitable contribution if it is paid directly to the organization. To qualify you must be over age 70 ½ and the distribution MUST be made out to an IRS recognized non-profit charity, such as The Oasis Animal Sanctuary. The maximum amount is \$100,000.
- **Corporate Matching Gifts** – Check with your employer and obtain program information from your Public Relations or Human Resources department and follow their instructions.
- **Appreciated stock** – taxpayers are allowed a tax deduction of the fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift, instead of your cost basis. Donating the stock directly allows you to take the fair market value on the date of donation as your charitable deduction on your tax return, with no capital gain to recognize.
- **Bequeathals** – for those of you thinking of donating a portion of your estate to Oasis, please be sure to include our registered name ("The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc."), our federal ID number (22-3810323), and our registered address which is 698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322. This will help ensure your exact wishes are carried out.
- **Run your own Fundraiser** – Birthday parties, engagement parties and other gatherings can be used as a way to gather cash and non-cash donations, by asking for donations in lieu of presents.
- **Non-cash items and services** – Oasis can always use new animal and office supplies, gift cards to purchase same, copying and printing services, and new items for our annual Silent Auction.
- **Volunteer your time and talent** – Oasis is set up as a NJ Corporation and functions similar to a for-profit company. In addition to animal care, there are bookkeeping and accounting duties, enormous record keeping requirements, advertising and marketing needs, fundraising coordination (including grant writing and event planning), and general office help to run an efficient and successful business.

Please contact your Tax Advisor or Financial Planner for advice on how these charitable transactions may affect your financial situation. Please understand that Oasis cannot give tax advice.

MONEY RAFFLES

Every year Oasis runs Money Raffles to raise funds for the animal programs at the sanctuary. People seem to enjoy them so much that in 2019 we decided to add a third raffle. Each ticket provides an individual with 10 chances to win, and the prizes are based on a percentage of the gross income from ticket sales. The winning tickets are pulled at the Franklinville Township Mayor's office.

This year's winners for the Vacation Money Raffle, held on August 16th 2019, were:

1st	Traci Schock	Riverton, NJ	\$495.50
2nd	Joe Junfola	Norwood, PA	\$396.40
3rd	Bonnie Rogers	Williamstown, NJ	\$346.85
4th	Roger Rider	Cherry Hill, NJ	\$297.30
5th	James Hamer, Sr.	Sewell, NJ	\$247.75
6th	Mickey Graves	Runnemede, NJ	\$222.97
7th	Joan McClaskey	Franklinville, NJ	\$173.43
8th	Debbie Dewyea	Jackson, NJ	\$148.65
9th	Ada Mae Hollingsworth	Williamstown, NJ	\$ 99.10
10th	Naomi Rickborn	Atco, NJ	\$ 49.55

The Holiday Money Raffle was drawn on November 22, 2019. Those winners were:

1st	Ken Wilkinson	Bridgeton, NJ	\$454.50
2nd	Doris Martin	Hammonton, NJ	\$363.60
3rd	Stephanie Ness	Turnersville, NJ	\$318.15
4th	Ruth Cristaldi	Glendora, NJ	\$272.70
5th	AnneMarie McGowan	Glassboro, NJ	\$227.25
6th	Bruce Davidson	West Deptford, NJ	\$204.53
7th	Kathy Cranmer	Magnolia, NJ	\$159.07
8th	Catherine Arsenault	Franklinville, NJ	\$136.35
9th	Maria Scott	Williamstown, NJ	\$ 90.90
10th	Janet Schaefer	Williamstown, NJ	\$ 45.45

Thank you to all who participated, and also thank you to those who donated all or a portion of their winnings back to the sanctuary!

Please Help the Animals!

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