



Animal Tracks

NEWSLETTER

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OH, WELL!

To those of you who don't know, Oasis had a catastrophic ordeal in early June on the day we were setting up our largest fundraiser, the Annual Dinner & Silent Auction - our well collapsed! Additionally the filtration system was destroyed because of the volume of sand being forced thru it. Estimates ran frighteningly high at \$12,000 - \$15,000 for a new well to be drilled and hooked up, water testing, and a new filtration system. President Pam Brighton had fresh water delivered by the Malaga Fire Department (at the request of the Franklinville Fire Marshall) for the animals. The next morning - the day of the auction - Oasis went into crisis mode. We contacted 2 TV stations, 3 radio stations, and 2 newspapers. We put our plea for emergency funding on Facebook, our website, and GoFundMe. 1,500 emergency funding letters were created, stuffed & mailed within 4 days. We had to get the word out that emergency funding was vital for the continuance of our facility. It was a stressful time at the facility.

The word got out starting that night at the auction, and people responded. NJ101.5 radio station interviewed Pam, and people responded. The news spread thru Facebook and GoFundMe, and people responded. The mailing got delivered, and people responded!

Because of the generosity of so many, our new well is in, the water was tested, and all happily and completely paid. Additionally, we were contacted by WB Well Drilling Co. in Monmouth County, NJ who offered to DONATE the filtration system, a very generous donation indeed! We at Oasis are overwhelmed at the compassion that was shown to us and the animals. We received so many wonderful notes of encouragement and prayers for our facility!

We exceeded the funding necessary for the well and the filtration system. Some of the extra money will be put aside for future emergencies, and the balance will be used for animal care or the cat cottage. We hope this is an acceptable use for your very generous gifts provided to our organization.

The words "thank you" just seem inadequate for the gratitude we feel to everyone who helped in some way to get us thru this crisis. I suppose the best way of thanking you all is to continue our humane work with homeless and abused animals, showing them the kindness that we have been shown. And we will.

May God bless you!

Phyllis Van De Weghe
Vice President & CFO



The Well

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Oasis has been in business for 18 years now! In all of these years, we have never experienced a sudden emergency as we had with our well collapse.

We are publically supported, no guaranteed money from any sources. We rely entirely on donations from the public - YOU!

The response to our plea for emergency funding was so unexpected and joyously appreciated! Oasis is very touched by the generosity of our supporters and even people who are just becoming aware of us.

We thank each and every one of you for your kind consideration and contributions. All of you have made a wonderful difference for Oasis and our animal friends. Bless you all.

Pam Brighton
President & CEO

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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.

LIFE IS A SERIES OF HELLOS AND GOODBYES!

from **SAY GOODBYE TO HOLLYWOOD** – Billy Joel

Hunter is the newest addition to the Oasis farm. He is a very tall, 25 year old thoroughbred who needed some serious TLC. He is a lesson horse and has been used extensively. With his perfect ground manners and easygoing personality, Hunter has rapidly become one of the favorites at the farm. He's put on some weight and will be evaluated for riding once the weather cools; he will be adoptable at that time.



Hunter

Junior, the little Welsh pony that called Oasis home since August of 2017 was adopted in May. His new home includes a young girl learning to ride horses and is in love with the cutie-pie gelding. We are so happy for him and his new family!



Junior & Kiera

Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to

– Alfred A. Montapert

Joanne Bradley was a faithful volunteer for over 4 years at Oasis. She reliably showed up on her schedule to help care for the horses – rain, shine, or snow, and offered to fill in on many occasions when other volunteers called out. She assisted with many fundraisers and was also a generous financial contributor to our sanctuary. Unfortunately for Oasis, Joanne moved and is now too far to actively volunteer. We wish her well in her new home; we miss her and hope she stops by to visit once in a while. **Thank you, Joanne!**

Mary Ann Moore was a close neighbor, active volunteer, donor, and good friend to Oasis. Among other things, she mowed the lawns and fields, tended to our (now non-existent) vegetable garden, and was the lead organizer for the Silent Auction in June and the Open House in October. Since relocating out of state in early spring, Mary Ann still worked on coordinating the Silent Auction, and is currently working on a new fundraiser targeting NJ businesses as well as organizing the Open House slated for October 20th. **Thank you, Mary Ann!**

Our board member **Dawn Lucas** has realized her dream of owning her own vegan café, and finally opened **The Gentle Giant Café** in Pitman, NJ. With such a large undertaking, she had to give up her time with Oasis. While at Oasis, Dawn was our Volunteer Coordinator and our Facebook person. She provided many vegan foods for us at meetings and events, organized and hosted dinner fundraisers for Oasis, and worked in conjunction with Winslow Manor as a substantial donor for the food at the 2018 Silent Auction. We wish her well in her new endeavor. **Thank you, Dawn!**



WAIT... PLEASE HELP!

Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700

TD Bank has a corporate giving program called the "Affinity Program". The Bank donates money to charities based on their customers' choice; donations come from the Bank's annual earnings, not from the customers' accounts. **This past May, Oasis received a donation of over \$3,200!** We are very grateful for this gift, and used it to cover some of our operating expenses.

If you bank at TD Bank, please participate in their Affinity Program. Simply call the Bank and ask to be a part of their program, and indicate your selection of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary as the beneficiary. The Bank reviews the balances in your account every month and at the end of the year averages them out. They will base their donation from THEIR corporate account on the average balances of all those who have joined the program and selected Oasis. TD Bank has been very generous to us over the years with this Program and we hope to continue to be a part of it. Please call the Williamstown NJ office at 856-728-1700 and ask for the Manager or customer service representative to sign up. It costs you nothing and the animals at Oasis get a great benefit.

No one at Oasis will ever know who participates in this Program.

Thanks again to TD Bank, and thank you to all those who have selected Oasis as their charity of choice!

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Open House and Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, October 20th, from 11AM until 4PM.

Come meet the animals and enjoy a delightful day at the farm! More details to follow; please check our website for updates on the event.

THE SPRING MONEY RAFFLE RESULTS

Every year Oasis runs Money Raffles to raise funds for the animal programs at the sanctuary. 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 (new) Spring Money Raffle, held on April 26th, were:

1st	Denise Crain/Michele Marra	Medford	\$704.00
2nd	Michael DeSantis	Philadelphia	\$563.20
3rd	Catherine DeGeorge	Glassboro	\$492.80
4th	Ken Wilkinson	Bridgeton	\$422.40
5th	Barb Kahn	Marlon	\$352.00
6th	Ann Cestare/Sarah Carmen	Sewell	\$316.80
7th	Peggy Harkins	Williamstown	\$246.40
8th	Mr. & Mrs. R. Miserendino	Bethlehem	\$211.20
9th	Rich Cecick	Voorhees	\$140.80
10th	John Colligon	Fairless Hills	\$ 70.40

This raffle netted Oasis \$3,520 for animal care. 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!

ADORABLE ADOPTABLES - WE WANT TO GO HOME!

Do you need to be needed? Well, the animals here at Oasis need you - a permanent, loving person or family who is committed to their welfare and happiness. Just like humans, domesticated animals need to feel loved and needed. Besides the basics of food, water, etc., they need stability, companionship, cleanliness and to feel safe. In return for these gifts, they will provide you with unconditional love, a reward far more precious than anything.

Besides Hunter, who will be up for adoption in the Fall, we have 2 other equines and some adult cats who really need to have their own person to love. Each one is healthy, sterilized, socialized with other cats and humans, and is ready to go home.

Miss Kitty was returned to us by her new caregiver because she did not get along with the other family cat. Miss Kitty is a beautifully marked calico with striking green eyes. She is very affectionate towards people but apparently prefers to be an "only cat" so she can keep all the adoration to herself!



Miss Kitty (F)

Sassy is still waiting for her new family. Sassy is a friendly and independent kitty looking for a new home where she will be loved forever. She is hyper-thyroid and is on topical treatments 2x a day, VERY easy to do. She likes other cats, but can be bossy. Come see her and make her a part of your family. She loves to talk!



Sassy (F)

"If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere."

– Vincent Van Gogh

Spring and **Summer** These bookends have turned 1 year old recently; we simply can't believe these two felines are still available for adoption! Spring and Summer are two sisters waiting for their new family. They are just so busy enjoying life and having fun – chasing toys, wrestling with each other, and just being, well, ENTERTAINING. They are active, loving and happy – a complete joy to have around. Because they have bonded so tightly, they need to be adopted together.



Spring (F) & Summer (F)

DON'T FORGET OUR PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Julie, our ancient quarterhorse mare; **Zeus**, the Royal Palm turkey; **Koda**, a senior quarterhorse gelding; **Hank (Williams)** and **(Johnny) Cash**, the 2 "Easter gift" ducks; **Molly & Dolly**, our 2 donkeys; **Faith and Hope**, 2 scaredy-cats; and **Bingo** the box turtle all say "Hi – come visit us!"



Belvedere, who resides offsite, says "Howdy neighhhh-bor!"

Our horses **Hugo** and **Gulliver** are also still awaiting their forever homes. Please call for more information on these stunning equines



Hugo (M)



Gulliver (M)

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- Installation of our hot water heater in the barn
- Postage stamps (always need these!!)
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- WaWa gift cards for gasoline
- Tractor Supply gift cards for animal feed/farm supplies
- Apples or unsweetened applesauce
- Pine shavings for bedding
- Gardeners to help keep the facility attractive
- Replacement vehicle for our ancient van
- Straw for the duck house
- Commercial washer & dryer for the cat cottage
- EXPERIENCED grant writer

Animals are born who they are, accept it, and that is that. They live with greater peace than people do

– Gregory Maguire

NUMBERS, NUMBERS!

As a sanctuary, we provide extensive healing care to those animals that come to us abused, neglected, or given up on by their previous owners. Some are born on the streets with little chance of survival. They need medical, physical and emotional care to heal their suffering and move forward on their life's journey. Some may take a few weeks, others much longer. There are those that will never fully recover; they become our beloved permanent residents.

We choose not to be governmentally funded in order that we are not required to "make room" for more animals - by killing those already at our facility - when local officials round up more to intake. Sadly, this is the reality at many shelters that are county or state funded.

The Oasis annual budget is somewhat daunting because the income is raised by fundraisers, grant proposals, and donations. Since we are not governmentally funded, this is a constant challenge.

As of June 30, 2019 we have raised \$73,440, which is 46.36% of the budgeted \$158,400 operating expense for the 2019 calendar year. Please note the figures do not take into consideration (1) the cat cottage renovations, or (2) the well expense nor the money raised specifically covering that cost; however it does take into consideration the excess of the emergency funding raised for the well expense - which was a (hopefully!) one time funding source.

THE CAT COTTAGE RENOVATION

The work on the cat cottage is continuing, slowly. The insulation has been installed and the sheet rock is scheduled to be put up. Additionally, the concrete slabs for the foundations of the outside stairs and vestibule were poured. The stairs are almost done and the front vestibule is being framed.

We have had another setback with the renovations, however. The connection of the septic system from the cottage to the main system ran into some difficulty and is going to cost more than anticipated - the price is now between \$4,000 - \$5,000. At this writing we are trying to negotiate a better price for that. Also, the mulberry tree that is in front of the cottage is going to need to be severely cut back as it is leaning over the cottage. We are hoping that we can save this old exotic tree. **Funding is sorely needed to complete the cat cottage!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, OASIS!

On June 19th, 2019 Oasis officially turned 18 years old. Our annual birthday bash on June 6th (a/k/a "The Animal Lover's Annual Dinner & Silent Auction") was a great success! About 80 people attended the event at the beautiful Winslow Manor in Winslow, NJ and enjoyed the food, music, auctions, Bingo, farmer's market and general camaraderie. Our generous donors provided unique and valuable items on which the attendees bid; there were many giveaways and the table centerpieces that were donated by Triple Oaks Nursery were stunning. The facility was donated by owner Tina Briglia, who also discounted the food. We grossed approximately \$10,000 to help cover the costs of running the facility. **THANK YOU to all who donated time, items, or cash for the affair.**

Please Help the Animals!

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