



# Animal Tracks

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## NEWSLETTER

A quarterly newsletter for Volunteers, Friends & Supporters of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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### SPRING - FINALLY!

By Phyllis Van De Weghe

As the warm weather finally descends upon our little farm in Franklinville, NJ, we are so grateful for everyone who helped get the company through one of the most difficult winters we've experienced. In January President Pam Brighton suffered a serious injury while caring for one of the horses; she was out of work for over a month. February's blistering cold made any outside work difficult. The 4 nor'easters in March took out trees and left the farm water logged and without electricity for a few days. The ice storm made travel for the volunteers, employees and barn yard animals treacherous. Work on the cat cottage roof stopped.

But even in all the adversity, the spirit of the sanctuary was as strong as ever. Determined volunteers took over for Pam's farm work while she recuperated; Board members took on some of her administrative duties; a donor even came forth with funding for a commercial generator. Everyone persevered with grit and a smile to keep the farm running and the animals safe. Finally, the farm has gotten back to "normal" and things are moving forward again.

I can't say strongly enough how proud I am to be a part of this organization.



Romeo & Julie

### MEET ROMEO & JULIE

Romeo (left) and Julie are two very senior equines who were surrendered to us in late December when their owners could no longer care for them. They are in their early 30s and totally devoted to each other. Romeo appears to have some draft horse in him, and Julie is a typical boss mare quarter horse. These two sweet animals will be permanent residents of Oasis; we are trying to make their stay with us as comfortable as possible. Romeo has quite a bit of arthritis; he is also being tested for Cushing's disease. Donations are needed for their ongoing care and medical needs; if you would like to sponsor these two well-deserving equines, please call the office with your intentions. Thank you!

### SAVE THE DATE!

Oasis is turning 17 on June 19th and we would love to share our birthday celebration with YOU! We are having our Annual Birthday Bash on Thursday June 7th at the beautiful Winslow Villa Manor, 55 Hall Street, Winslow, NJ. Tickets are \$35 per person. Feast on a delicious hot buffet, large dessert room, beer and wine; enjoy live music, Bingo, a farmer's market, silent auction and lots of give-aways to round out the evening. Seating is limited so please call and make your reservation today.

Event is 6 – 9:30 PM. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

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### WAIT... HELP STOP!

**Do you really want to help the animals, at NO cost to you?!**

**Call TD Bank at 856.728.1700 NOW**

Just 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!!**

## BLUE BIRDS ARE BACK

Because the original logo of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary was the bluebird, we are tickled that the New Jersey Bluebird Society's Gloucester County Chapter selected our farm to help them repopulate the protected species. Two birdhouses specifically for bluebirds were installed at the farm and are monitored by our staff. We are proud to say that there are 4 little eggs in one house, and one of them hatched! The other eggs have started to crack, so we expect to have some cute little baby birds soon.



Our Blue Bird House with 4 Babies

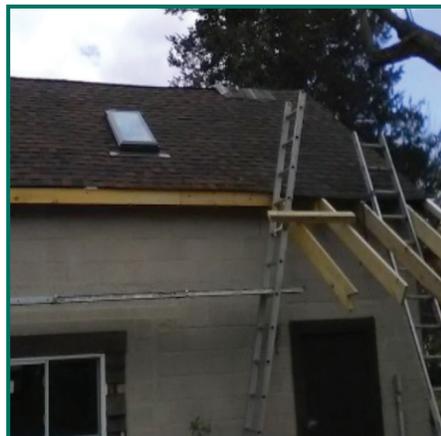
## CAT COTTAGE UPDATE

Work on the roof was slow and difficult, mostly due to the nasty weather; however, this phase is finally almost completed, and a new contractor will be focusing on constructing the outside staircase and front door vestibule soon.

We have received encouraging news that the County will accept the cottage being tied in with the existing septic system so a new system does not have to be installed. This does, however, require some simple renovations to be made in the farmhouse. **It's always SOMETHING!**

We have also been working on converting the cottage from propane to natural gas. The conversion should be low cost, and the cottage can then be tied into the new generator system we are having installed. This eliminates the necessity of having 2 separate generators.

Cat lovers are encouraged to make a donation to our cat cottage fundraiser either by a direct donation (check or credit card payment to Oasis) or thru GoFundMe. **A link to the GoFundMe page can be found on our website's home page.**



***"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,  
a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment,  
or the smallest act of caring, all of which have  
the potential to turn a life around."***

*– Marjorie Moore*

## WE WENT HOME!

**Miss Kittie** (adult cat)  
**Jethro & Abby** (home together!)  
**Reatha** (kitten)  
**Spirit** (kitten)  
**Rue** (adult cat)  
**Kitty** (adult cat)

We wish both the animals and their caregivers much joy and happiness on their journey together!

## IN MEMORIAM

**Cody** – Senior Quarter Horse gelding  
**Slick** – 29 year old Quarter horse mare

Do not mourn my passing,  
for if you could only see,  
By slipping all my earthly bonds,  
I'm young again and free.  
By day I run the Heavenly fields,  
my body well and strong,  
At night I sleep at Angel's feet,  
lulled by celestial song.  
So do not mourn my passing,  
just close your eyes, you'll see  
I'm once again that gallant horse,  
as you remember me.

- **Author Unknown**

## FROM AN EMAIL, AUTHOR UNKNOWN

**Remember, if a dog was the teacher  
you would learn things like:**

- take naps.
- stretch before rising.
- run, romp, and play daily.
- thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- when loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- on warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass.
- on hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- when you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- be loyal.
- never pretend to be something you're not.
- if what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- when someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

## ADORABLE ADOPTABLES - WE WANT TO GO HOME!

We have a number of beautiful adult cats that need a new loving person. Each one has a story about their history - a warm loving home where the caregiver became ill or died, to a not-so-warm-and-loving relationship from a neglectful or abusive owner. 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. Here are three of them. 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.



**Andre (M)**

Found as a stray in Franklinville, this large and very friendly male cat will steal your heart with his happy, playful self. **Andre** is neutered and up to date on shots. He would most likely prefer being an "only cat", so he doesn't have to share his loving person with anyone else. We believe he is 2 - 3 years old.



**Sassy (F)**

Look at these beautiful green eyes! **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 does like other cats, but can be bossy. Come see her and make her a part of your family!

**Fluffy** is one of four cats that were surrendered to Oasis because the caregiver is suffering from age-related health issues and can no longer care for her beloved animals. A beautifully marked calico, she was a bit shy when she first came to Oasis, but has warmed up to her caregivers and now even solicits pets (and belly rubs!) Fluffy would be best in a quiet home where she can stretch out in a sunny spot and bask in a nice snooze. She would make a good friend to a single person or an older couple. Fluffy is spayed, up to date on shots, and ready to go home!



**Fluffy (F)**

**And of course we have a few equines that are looking for their forever home.**



**Hugo (M)**

**Hugo** is a stunning thoroughbred gelding who was surrendered to Oasis in August 2016. Hugo was a race horse and suffered a career-ending injury to his right front leg. He was literally days away from being euthanized because he could no longer race (read: "earn money"). Hugo has a heart as big as his body and is a nice animal to work around; he is considered the "gentle giant" of the farm. He has very nice ground manners and enjoys being in

his field. He walks well most days but we have observed him to limp at the trot. We are able to manage his discomfort with supplements and medication when needed. At this time, we are only considering him to be available for adoption as a pasture pal.



**Gulliver (M)**

**Gulliver**, now a 9 year old Haflinger / grade gelding, was originally surrendered to Oasis when the organization purchased their farm in Franklinville. The former caregivers moved to another part of the country and did not take Gulliver. We were told he was trained to drive but does not like a saddle on him. He had some groundwork training with a professional horse trainer and also had an advanced rider working with him under saddle. He is a high energy animal that needs consistent training and attention. Gulliver is active and enjoys being with other horses. He needs a job!! Because of his energy level, only advanced riders would be considered as potential adopters.



**Junior (M)**

This adorable 19 year old Welsh Cobb pony, **Junior**, came from a farm where he gave rides to children, but can no longer work for a living. He has a very sweet personality and is calm and "even-tempered", even around strangers. He is definitely a "little guy with a big heart"!

## Two No-Cost Programs for the Animals

**Amazon has a "Smile" program where they donate a portion of your sale to a charity of your choice.**

Oasis is registered with Amazon and is one of the choices. If you shop on Amazon, please search for the Smile program. They have 5 charities listed, but if you use the "search" feature you can find and select Oasis Animal Sanctuary Bridgeton NJ (not quite sure why it says Bridgeton!) Bookmark the Smile page and shop from there; .5% of your sale will be donated to Oasis.

**If you bank at TD Bank, please participate in their Affinity Program.**

All you need to do is 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 simply 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 to sign up. It costs you nothing and the animals at Oasis get a great benefit!

### JUST FOR FUN

The following 2 charts present the relationship between your age and your pet's age. Note: These charts were adapted from senior@seven wellness exam brochures. (Antech Diagnostics.)

#### DOGS COMPARABLE AGE IN HUMAN YEARS

Dog's Age	0 - 20 lbs.	21 - 50 lbs.	51 - 90 lbs.	>90 lbs.
5 years	36	37	40	42
6 years	40	42	45	49
7 years	44	47	50	56
10 years	56	60	66	78
12 years	64	69	77	93
15 years	76	83	93	115
20 years	96	105	120	-

#### CATS COMPARABLE AGE IN HUMAN YEARS

1	15
2	24
5	36
7	45
12	64
15	76
18	88
21	100

*"The heart of an animal lover  
is kindness."*

- Phyllis Van De Weghe

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Indeed, it is the only thing  
that ever has."*

- Margaret Mead

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