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## NEW FACES ON THE FARM!



### Meet Hugo!

Our newest addition to the Oasis family is Hugo, a stunning 16.1 hand Thoroughbred gelding. It's amazing what this animal has endured in his short life.

He was born to run, and run he did. As a racer, he incurred a number of serious leg injuries; the most serious resulted in a right front fused fetlock which effectively ended his racing career. The owners didn't feel he was worth anything if he couldn't race and win, and no longer wanted him. Because of this same cold-hearted attitude towards these magnificent creatures, the other thoroughbred rescues are full and could not take him in. The owner was planning to euthanize Hugo if someone wouldn't take him off his hands. He was being replaced with another animal that could run, so poor Hugo was out of options, and very closely out of time. Hugo is only 6 years old!!!

Our Board member Melissa saw the last ditch effort on facebook to find Hugo another home before being destroyed. Oasis offered to take him in, and he was surrendered on August 2nd. Once he settles in and feels safe we will evaluate

him for light riding, although we already see he limps at the trot. Most likely his new job in life will be as a pasture pal.

This is the dark side of racing. Too many animals are treated like equipment, to be used and discarded (read: slaughtered) when they no longer work at top efficiency. They are disposed of, only to be replaced by another in the quest for that almighty win! Make no mistake – for even those racehorses who have been great winners for their owners, once their ability to make money is gone, many are “discarded” as broken equipment.

Did you know registered thoroughbreds have their birth dates changed to January 1st of the year they were born? This means the owners can start racing earlier; ignoring the fact that the animals' leg bones haven't fully hardened yet for that type of stress! For example, a horse born in May of 2000 could start racing on January 1, 2002 as a two year old, when in fact he is only 19-20 months old. This system was borne from nothing more than human greed. Without that time to grow and mature, these animals face very real possibilities of fractures, pain, permanent lameness and slaughter.

Hugo is one of the lucky ones. He will be lovingly cared for, and if a kind, forever home is found for him, so much the better. Until then, he can heal his physical and emotional pain here at Oasis. **He will NEVER be considered a useless throw-away again. Welcome Home, sweet boy!**

**“The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle.”**

– Steve Jobs

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### Meet O'Teeka

Formally known as TeTe, O'Teeka (Native American for “Sun Maiden”) was surrendered to us when our large animal vet called Oasis regarding a horse whose owners were going to put down their animal simply

because her pasture buddy died and they did not want to get the horse another buddy. This 32 year old petite mare had taken their daughter all the way up to the finals in barrel racing just 3 years before! O'Teeka does have Cushings disease but is otherwise sound and healthy. And such a sweet personality!

## THANK YOU KAYLA!



One of our volunteers, 15 year old **Kayla Kovalak**, knew that the bench near our pond was destroyed by this past winter's weather. She decided she would replace it, by building another one, herself! The result is amazing – a large, sturdy bench with arm rests and a perfect heart shaped cut-out in the back. She surprised Pam Brighton with this gift in early summer. The pond area is so peaceful and people love to sit back there and enjoy their lunch or just some quiet time. The new bench adds a delightful touch to their enjoyment. **Thank you Kayla!!**



**View from the heart**

**“A house is not a home  
without a pet”**

– Unknown

## PLEASE NOTE

**Our Post Office box is closed.** Kindly destroy any old envelopes with our PO Box address. Instead, use our actual address which is **698 Central Avenue, Franklinville, NJ 08322.** If you are using a payment service to automatically generate a check, please provide this new address.  
**Thank you!**

## CAT HOUSE UPDATE

It's taken a while for the pieces to start to fall into place, but the cat cottage is now well on its way! Because of the scope of the project, we've had to hire an architect to draw up plans for the township to approve. We selected Westfield Architects & Preservation Consultants in Haddon Heights, NJ for this work. They expect their part of the job (including securing all permits) to be finished in October, and anticipate the actual renovation work to begin in October and be completed by the end of December. We also found a company who feels they can preserve the very unique floor in the cottage by using their highly specialized sealant and epoxy combination. **We are so excited this project is moving forward!**

**Donations for the cat house renovation are gratefully accepted.**

## POOMBA GIVES BACK

Our sweet senior pony gave a little girl such joy when she met him and took him for a walk. Foster Mom's friend is a child advocate and brought the ten year old child over to the farm to meet "the best pony on Earth". Aaah, the healing power of animals. . .



**Poomba and Friend**

## FOR THE BIRDS



**The three amigos enjoying their pool on a hot summer day**

Zeus, our Royal Palm turkey, has a new home in the duck field where he, Hank and Loretta have become fast friends. Zeus's new home was built by Mr. Lou Nierle and his daughter Dawn Canna and lovingly dedicated to his deceased wife Ethel. Zeus's foot has finally healed, and he is doing so well; he even has gotten attention from a local "wild" female turkey!! Zeus, Hank and Loretta have their freedom in a large fenced area all day, and are tucked into their own little homes at night. **Zeus loves his new perch!**



## WE WANT TO GO HOME!



**Morgan & Bailey**

These two gorgeous male orange tabby bookends originally came to Oasis 2 years ago as tiny feral kittens, and have been living with a Foster Mom. They have recently been brought to the sanctuary as Foster Mom took ill and could no longer care for them. Formerly in a quiet environment with only 1 person, they are now being socialized with many volunteers and the animals are quickly overcoming their shyness. They do need to be adopted together; they are neutered, up to date on vaccines, and want to go home!



**Tilly, Tallulah & Tabitha**

These three female kittens are just a bundle of energy! Their antics are quite entertaining! The girls can be adopted together or separately. Their brother Tigger has already gone to his new forever home. (left to right) Tabitha, Tallulah, Tilly & Tigger

**“Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, dump it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish it.”**

– Unknown



**Nicky & Sam**

These two cats are coming along well in their socialization. Formerly feral kittens found in a dumpster, Nicky now solicits attention. He enjoys being petted and will gently ask for more. Sammi is still a bit shy; while she doesn't resist, her brilliant green eyes widen like saucers when you pick her up. She's learning it's ok to snuggle in your neck when you hold her. (Nicky left and Sam right)



**Penny & Wyatt**

Penny is such a good little Mom! And her baby Wyatt is just adorable! Wyatt is about 5 weeks old in this picture, so at this writing he is not ready to go home; he needs more time learning how to be a cat from Mom. They will be available for adoption as soon as Wyatt is old enough and ready to be separated from Mom.

## ON ANOTHER NOTE



**Omid**

Our senior Arabian mare, Omid, has been diagnosed with cancer. Too old for surgery, the vet recommended a series of shots that will stop the spread of the tumors and help heal her. The shots are expensive, and Vice President Phyllis Van De Weghe set up a GoFundMe page to solicit donations to cover the cost of her care. If you would like to donate, please call the office at 856-262-1222, or go to our website and donate, or connect with her GoFundMe account through the Oasis Facebook page.

## WE WENT HOME!

**Teakwood**    **Buddy**  
**Shilo**        **Tigger**  
**Blossom**    **Nelly**  
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– Denis Waitley

## LOOK FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE AND LOGO!

We have retained a new web designer for a major overhaul of our website, and our Logo. Christopher DeAntonio is redesigning the site to make it more informative and interactive with Facebook and Instagram. The new site should be rolled out soon; please watch for it!

## WITH MUCH APRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO:

**Mr. & Mrs. J. Johnston of Galloway NJ** for their generous donation of hay, an electric cart, trailer, and paint for the cat house

**Miss Kayla Kovalak** for building the bench

**Mr. Lou Nierle** for constructing a lovely turkey house

**The Estate of Noreen Kingham**

**Milton & Dorothy Sarnoff Raymond Foundation**

## POPCORN COMES AND GOES

Not everyone considers snakes to make good pets, including most of us here at Oasis. However, they are living, breathing, sentient creatures who have an important purpose in the ecosystem. Snakes eat mice and other rodents that can spread illness or cause agricultural damage. Additionally, snakes are preyed upon by hawks, owls, and other predatory animals, therefore being an important part of the food chain in both directions.

Oasis received a call from Rowan University that one of their departed students left their 3 foot long ball python in their dorm room for 2 months! The animal was in desperate need of food and water as it was left with none. President Pam Brighton, with an extensive background in herpetology from her days at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, knew how to help the animal and so had it brought to the sanctuary for care. A volunteer named him "Popcorn". The snake needed only a short time with Oasis to restore his health. Pam then called a few places and ultimately reached out to the

***"Love what you have. Need what you want. Accept what you receive. Give what you can. Always remember, what goes around, comes around..."***

*– Unknown*

Seaport Museum in Wildwood, NJ. They offered the animal a permanent home in their facility. The volunteer transported the snake to his new home, where he will get the proper nutrition and care to maintain his good health. We are thankful that we were able to turn around the cruelty shown to this animal and provide a safe home for him.

**Did you know that Oasis is NOT Governmentally funded?**

All of our programs and services are paid via donations from individuals & businesses, grants from foundations, co-payments through the Sterilization Assistance Program, and fundraisers held throughout the year.

**Your support is vital to the continuation of our services and programs.**

**And always remember, your donations are tax deductible**

**Thank you!!**

## WISH LIST

- **Our ancient van needs to be replaced.**
- **4 wooden kitchen chairs in good, clean condition**
- **Gift cards for horse feed & supplies – Horse N' Around Tack Shop (Sewell, NJ), Tractor Supply (any), Garoppo's (Newfield, NJ)**
- **WaWa or gasoline gift cards**
- **Office supplies – tissues, laundry detergent, paper towels, water, paper, bath room supplies**
- **Postage stamps**



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