



THE BARNYARD BULLETIN

September 2025

It's Fall on the Farm!

Our Fall Program kicks off September 2, and we are excited for a brand new season! Fall brings lots of fun activities for our participants, along with cooler weather. Our animal partners especially love the crisp temperatures—spending more time out and about, which means even more opportunities for connection and interaction during sessions!



Our Mission

To connect, nurture and heal people through the powerful human-animal bond.

Our Vision

Improve the mental, physical and emotional well-being of our participants while setting the highest industry standard for AAT involving farm animals.



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What's Happening at Cooper Ridge?



Exciting News

Cooper Ridge is thrilled to welcome Dr. Taylor Chastain Griffin from the Association of Animal Assisted Intervention Professionals (AAAIP) to the farm for a visit this September. AAAIP plays a vital role in shaping the ethical and safety standards for incorporating therapy animals into interventions. They also provide education, tools and guidance to help certified professionals and animal partners thrive in this growing industry. We are honored to show Dr. Griffin our "Small Farm With A Big Heart!"



Smorevivor

This month, Cooper Ridge is joining in on Smorevivor, a great fundraiser supporting our local Girl Scout Troops! We'll be taking on challenges ranging from archery to robot building (yes, you read that correctly). Stay tuned for plenty of laughs and some unforgettable photos coming your way soon!

REcIng Crew

We're looking forward to another exciting visit from the REcIng Crew on September 27! We always love making memories with this amazing group and are excited to maybe even see some new faces as well. Registration for this event is handled directly through the REcIng Crew.

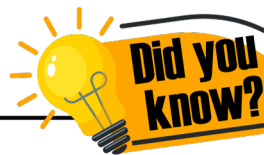
Mark Your Calendars!

FAMILY FUN DAY

NOV 1, 2025
12PM-3PM

SANTA DROP IN

NOV 29, 2025
10AM-12PM



Pigs have an incredibly strong sense of smell. It is almost 2,000 times stronger than a humans!

How Can I Help?

Donate
Now!



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Meet The Team



Participant Spotlight: Aaliyah Petry

Meet Aaliyah! She's been part of Cooper Ridge for almost a year, and her gentle patience shines through in the way she connects with our animals. The pigs are her absolute favorites, and it's easy to see why—they adore her just as much as we do. We're so grateful to have Aaliyah as part of the Cooper Ridge family!

Animal Partner: Opal

Meet Opal! She's our second-in-command cow, right behind Jenny. Opal is affectionately known as our "panda cow" and is as gentle as can be. This month, we're celebrating her 8th birthday! She's been part of Cooper Ridge since she was just a calf, and over the years she's grown into such a kind and patient soul who loves being groomed almost as much as some yummy treats!



Staff Spotlight: Brandi Mouton

Meet Brandi! She has been part of the Cooper Ridge family for 2 years as a volunteer and, in January, she joined our team as a session instructor! While working as a Registered Behavioral Technician, Brandi discovered Animal Assisted Therapy and found her way to us. This spark led her to pursue her certification in AAT through the Animal Behavior Institute, while attending Southern New Hampshire University full time to earn her degree in Psychology. We are so grateful for the knowledge and passion Brandi brings to our farm and our participants every day!



Upcoming Events

September 2
Fall Program Begins

September 9
Your Pie (Augusta)
5-8PM

September 17
Your Pie (North Augusta)
5-8PM

November 1
Family Fun Day
12-3PM



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