



There is more in the soil at Tara Farm Rescue besides just dirt and mud. There is magic beneath, and it heals what others call hopeless... embracing the burden of so many animals throughout the years. You see Tara Farm Rescue holds a special place for animals when they are here, and heaven holds a special place when they leave.

2022 Newsletter

Welcome to our 2022 newsletter, as always, we hope you and your families have had a great year. We have been busy this year focusing on cleaning up the grounds around the farm. This has resulted in taking stock of supplies, but also plenty of runs to the dump and scrap metal trips!

This year the Rescue was blessed with a tremendous gift from Amazon. We had 10-20 volunteers (pictured below) arrive daily for a week to help freshen up the facilities by putting fresh paint on the barns. This is a maintenance task that always seems to fall to the bottom of the 'to do' list. I remember having to run to a new Tractor Supply every night looking for five gallon buckets of paint, a total of six locations both in Connecticut and Massachusetts. It was well worth it.

We also had another sensational tack/tag sale. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a success. What remained after that weekend was donated to local organizations who help those in need.

New England cooperated this fall delivering weeks and weeks of beautiful weather making trail trimming for another successful Hunter Pace, such a pleasure.

In closing thank you to all our volunteers and donators who continue to make Tara Farm Rescue a success. We also cannot forget our team of truly amazing professionals who provide care and guidance to our rescue animals. We truly couldn't succeed without them.

- Bonniejeanne Gorden



"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

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Our Hunter Pace was once again a great success. The New England weather cooperated and turn out was great. Thanks to all the riders and volunteers who helped make it happen.



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Adopted this year....

Justin



Aspen



Daisy



TJ



Belle



Rustic



Sparrow



Still looking for a forever home...

It is fortunate to be able to place many horses this year into forever homes. They are listed above. Kahasi, pictured left is looking for his forever home. Kahasi is an American Curly horse. He is 17 yrs young and we are looking to place him as a companion horse. Kahasi is very social and love people.

Ways to Help...

We always need volunteers to help at the farm, but, if farm labor isn't for you, we have many other opportunities to help the animals at Tara Farm. You can shop through www.Smile.Amazon.com, add Tara Farm as your favorite non-profit. We have a wish list through Smile.Amazon.com and donations will be sent directly to us. Tara Farm has also partnered with www.IGive.com which works similarly to Smile.Amazon.com, login and add us as your favorite nonprofit, and we will receive a portion of proceeds from your purchase. We are always looking for grant writers to help support the Rescue.

Simple things like mailing us coupons for dog & cat food, cat litter help make a difference. We also accept the UPC codes from Blue Seal brand grain. Visit www.tarafarmrescue.com to make a secure monetary donation via Paypal.

We always welcome volunteers from Community Service programs such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and classrooms. Don't forget to like us on Facebook. Please send us your email address to we can keep you updated on Farm events and news at the Rescue. Tara Farm also offers pony rides, and petting zoos on the premises for your birthday party or event, in addition to lessons, and horse boarding.

Wish List...

Volunteers: volunteers to help shovel manure, clean troughs, brush animals, wash food buckets, carpenters, grant writers, and someone to help maintain our website

Food: high fat low protein horse grain, hay stretcher pellets, chicken feed, first and second cutting hay square or round bales, pot belly pig food, dry and canned cat or dog food, salt licks

Supplements: Cosequin ASU, Previcox, BS Sentinel Care Gastric Support, UlcerGuard, Prascend, Chasteberry

Barn Supplies: shavings, stall dry, wheel barrows, duct tape, bleach, scoopable litter, fly spray

Farm Supplies: 4 x 4 and 6 x 6 fence posts, 1 x 6 x 8 ft fence boards, metal roof panels, a new well, round bale racks

Medical Supplies: tongue depressors, thermometers, Epsom salt, Vetwrap, gauze

Office Supplies: envelopes, copy paper, ink cartridges (Canon #240 and #241), stamps, clear plastic sheet protectors

Gift cards are always welcome, here are some of our most utilized resources...

~ G.M. Thompsons Feed, Mansfield, CT

~ Tractor Supply

~ Walmart

~ Home Depot

~ Family Veterinary Center (Dr. Bud Allen), Haydenville, MA ~Mending Fences Wellness, Killingly, CT

~ Green Valley Veterinary Services, LLC, Mansfield, CT

~ Stewart Equine Clinic, Windsor, CT

~ Kirby Veterinary Hospital, Mansfield, CT

~ Fenton River Veterinary Hospital, Tolland, CT

~ Bolton Veterinary Hospital, Bolton, CT



2022 Tara Farm Rescue updates!

Our new barn, which has been a labor of love is essentially complete. We have been profiling this project in the last several newsletters. In 2022 Eversource installed an electric pole on the street so we could run the electric lines directly to the barn. The interior electrical work has been done. We have some residents (Sonny pictured lower right) who will be thoroughly enjoying their winter this year! This barn also serves as a well lit and protected space for our professionals to service the Rescue's residents.

Don't think we have lost our steam, We are eyeing Boomer's barn as our next project. Boomer's barn is in desperate need of a new roof and general facelift. Boomer's barn is one of the few barns original to the property. We can't imagine the stories it could tell. Stay tuned for updates to Boomer's barn in the future.



Some of our 2022 activities...



The Rescue is thrilled that Mending Fences Wellness has returned to Connecticut. They have recently relocated from out of state and now call northeast Connecticut home.

Beyond massage therapy, they also practice cold laser and magna wave therapies. . Pictured left is Theresa and Jodi working in the new barn on one of our rescue horses, Cal. Mending Fences Wellness has been helping our rescue horses for many years now.

A little bit about our 4H chapter. Our 4H kids are like the heartbeat of the farm. They are always there, doing chores, completing their 4H responsibilities, taking care of the rescue animals, and just hanging out and bonding. We love our Heels Down 4H chapter. We hope they will take with them many fantastic memories of Tara Farm as the grow up and move on.

This year is a special year because the chapter is holding strong with one of the chapter members as she developed some unexpected health issues. Pictured below left are the members of the Heels Down 4H chapter located at Tara Farm Rescue. They are having some fun on a weekend horse camping trip from this summer. Below center is Juliette pictured with one of the Rescue minis, Itty Bitty Blue. Juliette has been working with Blue a lot this year teaching him how to pull a cart. Below right is a picture from a very special field trip for the Rescue. We loaded the ponies Juliette has been working with, along with her bunny Marshmallow and drove them to visit her at Connecticut Children's Hospital. It was an emotional visit for all, and we wish the best for Juliette in the coming weeks and months. Stay Tara Farm strong, Juliette!!!



The Rescue is often getting donations of tack and other goods from all the great members of the community. Those items are either reserved for the residents or added to our tack trailer. The tack trailer travels to various equestrian events during the year to sell this tack and raise money. We want to sincerely thank all of you who have donated tack. It really does make a difference.

Due to Covid restrictions in 2021, the tack trailer stayed home again. But we continue to receive donations. We can't stress enough, our trailer is busting at the seams with all the equine and barn supplies you might need. Now is the time of year to stock up on things you need or might want back ups for. Give us a call and stop by, lots of great deals and remember no shipping costs or delays!!!



Sponsor me not simply to save me but to give me the renewed life that I so deeply deserve.....

Available for Sponsorship:

Tara Farm has many geriatric horses, and other animals, that have medical or age-related issues making them difficult to place. Please consider sponsoring one of these residents to help us with the cost of their care. This allows us to help new rescues. On the back of the newsletter are examples of what typical expenses are to support our various residents. With your sponsorship you are more than welcome to come to the farm and groom, spend time with your sponsored animal and take walks. We thank you for your continued support in helping us with these special animals.



Tara Farm welcomed a new permanent resident to the farm in 2022. Meet Annie! Annie (pictured below right) is a senior miniature Dexter cow. Annie came to the farm when her companion Dexter passed due to old age. Now Annie and our resident steer Dunkin (pictured above right) are next door neighbors keeping each other company. Annie has her own brand, new shelter and seems to be settling in quite nicely to the farm's activities.



Sometimes we get unexpected guests....
Our resident cat Diego is not impressed



Thank you, Tony Gorman!

A white horse is the central focus, standing in a sandy paddock. In the background, there is a white fence, a red barn, and several trees under a soft, hazy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and rural.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. EVERY ANIMAL WE SAVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Yes, I would like to make a donation! Enclosed is my check/money order in the amount of:

- _____ \$12.00 Worm 1 horse/treats
- _____ \$38.00 2 bags of grain for 1 horse
- _____ \$90.00 Sponsor 1 horse for 1 month
- _____ \$175.00 1 horse shoeing or 1 dental visit
- _____ \$450.00 1 week of grain for 20 horses
- _____ \$1,250.00 150 bales of hay (approx. 2 weeks worth)
- _____ \$6,400.00 Completely sponsor a rescue horse for 1 year
- _____ \$ _____ Another resident (cat, goat, pigs, chickens)
- _____ \$350-550.00 Teeth cleaning for 1 cat
- _____ \$165.00 Annual dog/cat veterinary check up/visit