



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.

2024 Newsletter

Welcome to the Rescue's 2024 end of the year newsletter. Our friends and volunteers have collected a lot of fun pictures of farm activities from 2024. We hope you enjoy all of the updates to the Rescue, the many pictures, and we encourage you to share with your friends and family.

First, I would like to thank our donators, professionals and volunteers, you are the core of our success. In spite of the rain this spring and summer, we struggled this fall with the drought causing our wells to run very low for some time. Let's hope we get much more needed rain in the coming months.

We had great success placing animals in new loving homes over the course of 2024. The Rescue still has a few animals in need of homes. In addition, some of our rescue animals were riddled with health issues such as ulcers and Lyme disease requiring increased medical expenses. We want to take a moment to say thank you to those that have donated towards those expenses directly this year.

A big thank you to Dr. Thibeault for his patience with payments. Another big thank you to Carolyn L. for payment towards our extensive hay bill. Of course we also want to express big thanks to last year's volunteer of the year, Tony. Tony spent the year all over the farm helping to fix things, maintaining and improving the appearance of the farm.

Please enjoy our 2024 updates, activities and pictures, and as always share our newsletter with friends and family.

- Bonniejeanne Gorden

This year's volunteer of the year is Monica Varni. She is an amazing friend to the rescue. She has done so much with her heavy equipment talent. Monica has really changed our mud and drainage problems. She has also collected and donated roofing supplies and lumber for us to use around the farm. The picture below features Monica in the "teaspoon" as she calls our little skid steer.

"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."

Stephen Grellet, 1773-1855



Adopted this year....

Dante



Buddy



Charlie



Justin



Rooster



Kittens



Petey Pig



Bambi

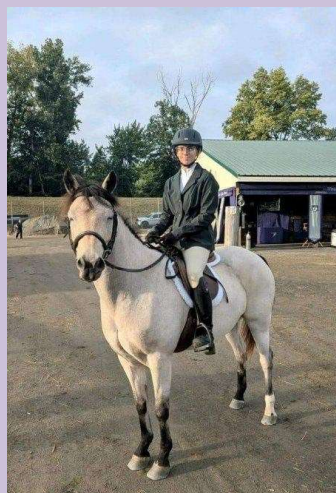


Joey, Billy & Lilly



Tara Farm 4-H Club

Representing CT at Eastern States with horses that were rescued



Still looking for a forever home...

Reggie



10 yr old, 15.3h, black & white Pinto Saddlebred Gelding. Very personable, goes English & Western. Loves trails and rides in the ring as well.

Star



16 yr old, 15.1h QH mare, Quiet and sweet personality. Prefers trail riding and would make a great children's W/T partner.

Ella



19 yr old, 16.3h, Oldenburg mare. Great personality and in your pocket. We are currently evaluating her.

Holiday HORSE QUILT RAFFLE TO BENEFIT TARA FARM RESCUE! Beautiful handmade quilt made and donated by local CT quilter to benefit the rescue horses and animals at Tara Farm. Quilt measures 66x53.5 inches.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 for six tickets. Winner will be selected on February 1, 2025. *To purchase tickets please send PAYPAL donation to: TaraFarmRescue@gmail.com and indicate "Quilt" in the notes section.



"Chubbs" our resident cat food thief!!



Dunkin, our resident steer, showing his appreciation for Dr. Thibeault!

Our Wish List has been updated...

Volunteers: volunteers to help with ground maintenance, shovel manure, clean troughs, brush animals, wash food buckets, carpenters, grant writers, someone to help maintain our website, photographer, folks who can assemble raffle baskets for fundraising

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

Supplements: Cosequin ASU, Previcox, Minocycline, Equiox, UlcerGuard/Gastroguard, Prascend, Chasteberry, horse wormer

Barn Supplies: shavings, stall dry, wheel barrows, duct tape, bleach, scoopable litter, fly spray, 10' & 12' metal tube gates, pipe fencing

Farm Supplies: 4 x 4 in. and 6 x 6 in. fence posts, 1 x 6x 8 ft fence boards, a new well, round bale racks/huts, tar/millings for parking area, brush hog

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

Construction: We need a new 12' x 12' 3--sided shelter in a new summer field

There are always other ways to help...

We always welcome volunteers at the farm, but there are other ways to help if farm life is not your thing.

- Drop off a bag of pet food, or even mailing us coupons for dog & cat food, cat litter, see above for a sampling of our list
- Visit www.tarafarmrescue.com to make a secure monetary donation via Paypal.
- 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 also offers pony rides, and petting zoos on the premises for your birthday party or event, in addition to lessons, and horse boarding, and trail rides weather permitting
- We are always looking for grant writers to help support the Rescue.

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

~ G.M. Thompsons Feed, Mansfield, CT

~ Tractor Supply

~ Walmart

~ Home Depot

~ 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

~Mending Fences Wellness, Killingly, CT

2024 Tara Farm Rescue updates!

This year we had a big job of replacing fencing for our Weeds barn.

We were blessed with two groups volunteering their time and energy to this project. Rubicon team dug holes for our new fence posts. Tony (last years volunteer of the year) built all of the fences. Then the Verizon crew came in and painted the new fencing.

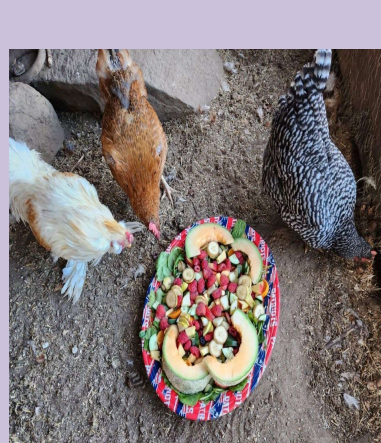
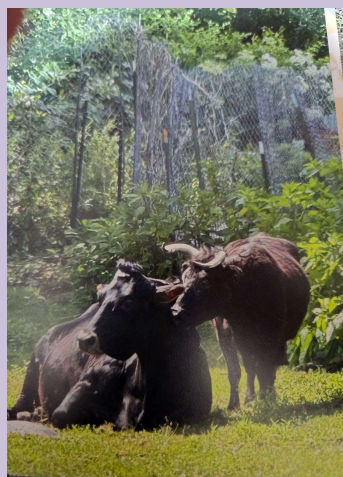
Verizon has also given us a donation to buy a 12x30 building to store hay etc...



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 is offering group trail rides on a weather permitting basis. We have some of the best blazed trails in eastern CT. Call the Rescue for details and scheduling.



We had another great Hunter Pace this year. A lot of familiar faces, but some new ones too. Thanks to everyone for coming out to support the Rescue and enjoy our trails. We hope to see you next year 10/26/2025.

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:

- ☐ \$20.00 Worm 1 horse/treats
- ☐ \$58.00 2 bags of grain for 1 horse
- ☐ \$120.00 Sponsor 1 horse for 1 month
- ☐ \$225.00 1 horse shoeing or 1 dental visit
- ☐ \$550.00 1 week of grain for 20 horses
- ☐ \$1,450.00 150 bales of hay (approx. 2 weeks worth)
- ☐ \$8,200.00 Completely support a rescue horse for 1 year
- ☐ \$ _____ Another resident (cat, goat, pigs, chickens)
- ☐ \$850.00 Teeth cleaning for 1 cat
- ☐ \$250.00 Annual dog/cat veterinary check up/visit