



2023

Annual Impact REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS

This year was one of our most challenging and rewarding years yet. Between a record number of kitten intakes to expanding our bird enclosures, from larger donation campaigns to reaching our maximum limit for animal residents, it has been a very full year! To say it was an emotional roller coaster is putting it mildly. We were handed overwhelming joys and suffered gutwrenching loss.

I confess there were moments when I questioned our purpose and fortitude for this work. I nearly lost my "heart rooster", Kevin. We lost several neo-natal kittens. We said goodbye to one of our first rescue goats. And struggled through several sudden losses throughout the year. But then, quite literally, a random animal would waltz up in the yard and say, "I live here now." And so, we keep going... because it's **worth it**.

~Vanessa



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

15 + 21 + 8 + 1 + 1 + 1
cats chickens ducks dog goat guineafowl

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47

animals rescued

with 3 adoptions



PROJECTS

DETAILS

OUTCOME

Build Rooster and Drake Enclosures

Construct at least two secure enclosures for male birds only.

- Two 12'x30' predator-proof enclosures were built, providing secure shelter for a dozen male birds
- A third enclosure was built measuring 12'x20' for one rooster and three foster ducks

Expand Pig Paddock

Complete fencing to expand pigs' area.

- The pigs' paddock was expanded to 3x its original size.
- This increased space was predominantly in a wooded area, resulting not just in more space but more shade and more enrichment.

Improve Online Outreach & Tools

Develop more user-friendly website and donation options

- Easier, more efficient donation channels were implemented.
- Website was reimagined for improved visitor experience.

The year IN REVIEW

We did all these things with so much moral and financial support!

This year was the year of expansions and kittens. We completed multiple expansion projects, including the new predator-proof rooster and drake areas as well as the pig paddock expansion. Both were projects we started *last* year and we *finally* completed them this year. But despite those expansions, we are officially **at capacity** for chickens, ducks, and pigs. Wow!

Taking in an astounding twelve kittens, eight of which were bottle babies, within three months was an insane undertaking. We sadly lost three, but we also **adopted out** two. We learned more than we thought possible and hold dear those that remain at the sanctuary.

We also made strides in our online presence and outreach, in order to make our donors and supporters have an **improved online experience**. This included redesigning our website and making it easier to make donations.

We also chose to move our **online store** from a more expensive platform to one that costs less to manage. Since our online store is not a primary source of revenue or donations, there was no negative impact with the change.

And thanks to our amazing supporters, we raised nearly twice the amount we needed last year for this year's winter hay bill. **Huzzah!**

With such a full year, it's no wonder we've reached maximum capacity for intakes. This will certainly impact our 2024, but for now, we're relishing the fact that we've **made a difference** in our residents' lives.

ADOPTIONS

Despite our mission of being the permanent home for our rescues, we recognize when it might be beneficial for the animal to find a new home. This year, kittens Levon and Garth, part of the original litter of four bottle babies, were adopted in October. Rooster Vern was adopted in November.

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter had quite the ups and downs this year. It went from a weekly emailed newsletter to a hiatus to just not being consistent. The newsletter is a lot of work, and we want it to be more valuable than a retelling of our social media news. Our reimagining of the newsletter will continue into 2024.

Finances

EXPENSES

Feed & Hay	\$ 11,360
Vet & Medical	\$ 15,939
General Care Facility	\$ 6,176
& Equipment	\$ 20,364
Administrative	\$ 6,217

EXTERNAL DONATIONS

Online Portals	\$ 9,923
Checks/Cash	\$ 2,013
Items	\$ 80

SANCTUARY ACCOUNT

Starting Balance (01/01/2023)	\$ 11,974.76
Ending Balance (12/31/2023)	\$ 4,451.93



Funding summary

\$60,058

Expenses

\$11,486

External Donations

42,203

Internal Donations

In Memoriam

Loss is inevitable in rescue work. Some happened way too soon after rescue, others were more expected. None are easy.

This year, we took a chance on two emergency rescues, both cats: **Marty** and **Jenny**. Despite vet efforts, both crossed the rainbow bridge at the ER. In addition to Jenny, we dealt with a lot of loss when it came to the very young kittens, specially **Chonk** and **Tater Tot**. They were all too precious for this world.

We also lost several other new rescues this year, but months after their arrival: **Dandelion** (Dandy) the rooster, **Cheyenne** the hen, and **Ivar** the goat. The rainbow bridge welcomed some longer-term residents as well: **Red** and **Sonny** the roosters, and **Hermit Bob** the guineafowl.

Our disabled ducks, **Biela**, passed peacefully in her sleep and a month later, her bonded mate and our other disabled duck, **Chierna**, also passed. They were laid to rest side by side, so they'll always be together.



LEELA THE GOAT MATRIARCH

One of our most difficult losses this year was Leela. She was our first true rescue goat. She came to us barely able to walk or eat, but over her six years with us, she was healthy, happy, and never wanted for anything.

She gave birth to three of our remaining goat herd and left a lasting legacy for the sanctuary in more ways than that. She taught us so much about goats, rescue, and overall love. We were honored to be her caretakers. We love and miss you, Mama. Every day.



We'd like to thank all our donors for their **GENEROUS SUPPORT**



Acknowledgements

We are so grateful for each and every one of you who have supported us this year. People gave funds and those that couldn't shared our stories with others. All lends itself to our mission and we thank you all!

A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT TO OUR PATREON MEMBERS:

- KRISTEN
- SUSIE
- NEVA
- AUDRY
- CRYSTAL



THANK YOU!