

Spring Farm CARES

ANIMAL & NATURE SANCTUARY

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Stories Of Healing - Made Possible by You

Dog Days Return - Meet Chichi

Several years ago, we stopped taking dogs into our sanctuary because it was becoming more difficult to be here for them in the way that they needed and deserved. If we couldn't give them our best, then we knew we needed to say no. That is not to say we lost our love for dogs. Far from it. All of us made a pact that someday, if just the right dog needed us and we could be there 100% for them, that we would say "yes." That day and that dog has arrived.

Chichi is a Chihuahua mix puppy who was found in Georgia with major abnormalities to her hind legs. She was born in late 2024. No one really knows if she was born like this or if this is from a trauma. Chichi was sent to a humane society in New York who then reached



out to us to see if we could offer her a home where we could handle her special needs. Chichi's condition is quite serious and we are consulting several specialists to see what can be done for her. We are certain that there will be major medical expenditures as we go along. We have no idea what the future holds. What we do know is that Chichi is full of life and she doesn't think she has a problem at all. She is an amazing soul who has a team of people who are helping her, including you.

As you yourself know, in times of uncertainty, and being faced with enormous challenges, things can become overwhelming quickly. But little Chichi is full of puppy energy and her life force is super strong. She is a joyful bundle of love who gets the zoomies and tears around our big hall chasing after toys and looking for adventure. She is super loving and, of course, adorable. Our role right now is to let her be happy. We make sure she gets lots of love and attention and playtime. Chichi doesn't feel sorry for herself or succumb to despair or hopelessness. And we need to follow her lead and look ahead at all the things she can do and not just the limitations that she faces.

We are outfitting her living space with whatever she needs. She loves her toys. She uses ramps to be able to climb up on sofas for snuggle time. And she has plenty of space to explore and get her zoomies out.

We are here with her for the long-haul and we know that you are too. Because of you, we were able to step in to help. And boy, let us assure you, Chichi is one grateful little dog. She lets us know that every day, and we pass along her thanks and gratitude to you as well.

We could say "Yes" because you said, "I'll Be There."

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The Transformation of Blue

Blue showed up at a feral cat colony and lived wild with the other cats. The caretaker of that colony assumed he had probably been dumped at some point. As you can see, Blue is easy to recognize and hard to miss as he is so uniquely marked. Blue came to our facility because he was not doing well and was obviously very sick. We had agreed to take him through our Serenity Fund to at least treat him and neuter him when he was healthy.

It didn't take long for the course of Blue's life to change once he got here. Within two days of treatment, it was clear that Blue was not feral. He had just adapted to being feral after being abandoned outside. That is a fate that happens to all too many cats. Blue needed to be neutered but also was a crypt orchid (meaning one testicle didn't drop down from his abdomen and he needed abdominal surgery to find and remove it.)

As Blue recovered from his illness and regained his strength, he quickly became a staff favorite. He was obviously grateful for everything that was done for him. Blue was still a young cat. He fully recovered and was neutered. In Blue's case, we were able to get him adopted into a new home through an affiliated humane society.

Within 24 hours of leaving here, he was in a forever home being loved.

Thanks to your support of the Serenity Fund, a life not only was made better, but most likely was saved from dying on the street.



Above: Blue's Arrival at SFC Below: Blue before going to his new home



*** May Fundraiser ***

Max Memorial Clinic Equipment Needed

In order to keep helping animals through our clinic, we need to upgrade some of our equipment. Some of the items that we need to purchase include:

- Surgical Monitoring Equipment \$6,000
- New Surgical Tools \$5,000
- Assorted Medical Supplies \$4,000

Your gifts will go directly to helping animals like Blue and Fluff get the immediate care they need.

Donate securely through the link below:

https://bit.ly/3Ex1lf5



Spring Farm CARES Has A New Website!

We invite you to check out our new website. There is a whole new section dedicated to our nature sanctuary as well as updated information and a whole new look.

www.springfarmcares.org



Fluff Makes It To Safety

Fluff came to us in April, thanks to your support of our Serenity Fund. Fluff is very grateful to you for helping get him out of a horrible situation. Fluff suffered a fate all too common these days. His owners moved out of their house and left Fluff to fend for himself outside. He was abandoned and alone when people in the neighborhood realized what had happened.

A very caring neighbor tried to help but she could not bring him inside with her dogs. Fluff, a senior, was in desperate condition. He was literally one giant mat of fur. He had not been properly cared for in a long time.

But try as she might, this good samaratin just could not find anyone to help, not even when she was offering to pay for assistance. We are getting more and more distressed calls like this from people trying to help animals who have been abandoned and are often injured or ill and in need of immediate assistance. Sadly the kind and compassionate people who step in to rescue them cannot find the support they need.

Photo above is Fluff upon arrival. Photo right shows the removal of the largest mat that literally wrapped around him like a blanket.

Even with all of the hardship he endured, Fluff has remained a most loving and affectionate cat. He shows his gratitude and relief to be off the street every second of every day. He thanks you for being there for him.



Oreo's New Life

Oreo, 19 years old, came to us this April. Oreo found herself in a very sad situation. She had lived with one owner her entire life and that person recently passed away. Oreo was deeply loved and cherished but in her later years she became very obese and also developed diabetes. She needed very specialized care and a special diet plan to help her lose weight in a healthy way. But there was no one in the family who was able to provide her with what she would now need.





Oreo and Chichi - Sofa Snuggles

Oreo took up residence in our big hall and gets special privileges to wander around during the day and socialize with staff and visitors. She even tolerates little Chichi and takes advantage of the special ramp that we have for both of them to get on the sofa to enjoy snuggle time. She clearly is grateful for all of the attention. We know life became very stressful and uncertain for her. But she is now finding a new routine with people who love and adore her and we hope to see her be able to enjoy several more years to come.

You made it possible for Oreo to find her new home here and to receive all the specialized love and care that she requires.

Life From Nell's View



Nell's Arrival 2017

It is important for you to know that when you support the animals in our sanctuary, you are not just getting them out of immediate danger, but you are also supporting them for years to come. Many animals who have come through neglect and trauma situations, end up with lasting health conditions that require special care, especially as they age. We are here for them through all of their highs and lows and challenges. We can only offer them that lifetime commitment because we have you walking with them for the long-term. We guarantee them a place for the rest of their lives and we do not make that pledge lightly. Your support guarantees their daily care as well as all the extra things to meet their special needs.

Nell is estimated to be about 18 years old. She came to us in 2017 from a very bad animal cruelty case. She was the sole survivor out of three horses and losing all of her friends took a big toll on her emotionally. She also lost an eye due to severe infection that was never treated. When she first came here, she was timid and withdrawn and understandably had trust issues with us.

But over the years, we have watched Nell heal and unfold into a most amazing, loving and trusting mare. She is part of a herd that she just adores and life has turned around for this gentle giant of a mare. We know there is a strong chance that Nell could one day lose her vision in her remaining eye but right now she still has sight. She also knows that she can count on us to be here with her whatever may come her way.

It is so beautiful to watch these animals find peace and love and hope. Thank you for giving them that opportunity.



Nell Today



Ways You Can Help

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Sponsor An Animal - \$100 for one Year: bit.ly/3DdHivI

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