



Spring Farm CARES

ANIMAL & NATURE SANCTUARY

September 2026

**“When I was a boy and I would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me,
‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people helping.’”**

--- Fred Rogers

Dear Helper,

Here at Spring Farm CARES, we see a lot of difficult things including animals in need who cannot find help. But we don't have to look far to find helpers. And that is what makes everything worth doing each day. You are the light that brings these animals to safety and healing. You are the difference between life and death. And you make a difference every single day. We want you to meet just some of the animals whose lives you have changed.

Meet Jethro



Jethro is a most amazing and loving guy who is very happy to have found a safe place to land. Jethro is blind and has a seizure disorder that came from trauma when he was younger. At the time, a wonderful woman rescued Jethro and spent a lot of love and time treating his disorder and healing his wounds. She loved Jethro dearly, but years later, health problems of her own led to a situation where she could no longer care for his special needs. At ten-years-old, Jethro needed a new home. She could not find anyone who could offer him a home.

Because of you, we were able to be that new home for Jethro and accommodate his specialized medical and daily care. Jethro has quickly become a favorite of his caretakers, volunteers, and visitors. He is a light in this world and brightens everybody's day. It is impossible to

have a sad day when Jethro is giving you loving. And he is forever grateful to you for being there for him when he needed you most.

Thanks to you, Jethro has the second chance he desperately needed and so deserves.

Thank You For Being A Helper!

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Although these two kittens came in together and look like litter mates, they aren't. Starfish was born in May and Barnacle in June. They were both born with motor function problems in their back ends and could not use a litter box properly. A humane society who we partner with contacted us to see if they could come here. Thanks to you, they did! While they are happy and playful kittens, they have a lot of special needs. Starfish in particular is having problems with bladder function and needs to have his bladder expressed by us three times a day. It is not clear if he will ever regain use of his bladder or if this is a permanent situation. But both of these kittens will be given all the help they need to survive and thrive. In the meantime, they are getting lots of love, care, and nurturing.

Starfish & Barnacle



Yeti



Yeti is about 8-years-old and has been living in the sanctuary with us since he was just a few months old. Yeti is quite a handsome bunny and many people mistake him for a stuffed animal when they first see him. And we mean that in a loving way! Yeti has lots of special needs, starting with his hair which needs to be cared for on a daily basis. As a senior bunny, he also gets a special diet to meet his aging needs. This year, Yeti started getting a swollen eye that turned out to be a tumor deep within his eye. There was nothing that could be done other than to remove his eye. Thanks to you, we were able to get that surgery done for him. The mass was totally contained in the eye so his prognosis is good. We can only give these animals the lives they so deserve because of your help. Yeti is very grateful for the gift of more time.

Kirby

Kirby is a bit of a mystery cat. He showed up one day in our driveway just sitting there staring at the house. When we tried to approach him he didn't dart away but moved under some bushes. So we put out a humane trap and within 5 minutes he walked right in. He was terrified in the trap so we took him into our conference center to transfer him to a temporary pen and he decided that was not for him and escaped. Our conference center is a cat free zone or should I say it used to be. We don't think Kirby is feral and is actually just scared. Thanks to you, we can give him the space he needs to relax and trust humans again, on his own terms, and on his own timeline. Cats like Kirby often get lost in the turmoil of life. They get dumped outside and live in the wild but are not truly feral. But they are lost and traumatized. You have given Kirby a chance to find himself again. We look forward to watching him blossom.



Tulip

Tulip came to us in 2024 from a large animal cruelty case. She is estimated to be about 17-years-old and has many special needs. Tulip has a large growth on her face that is an inoperable cyst. It has started to cause some issues with how she chews and we are watching that very closely. She also is missing a lot of teeth and has many dental problems from poor nutrition and lack of care for so many years. She also has Cushings Disease for which we are treating her. Our goal remains to keep Tulip as happy and comfortable for as long as we can. She would not even be alive today if it were not for your help. As difficult as the physical challenges have been for Tulip, the emotional trauma has been equally as hard. At first she was emotionally shut down and didn't really interact with any of us more than she had to. But, today, we are starting to see her open up and she is beginning to trust us a little more.



Harriet

Harriet also came in 2024 from a different neglect case. She is now about 10-years-old and sadly has permanent deformities to her legs due to severe neglect to her feet for so many years. Her x-rays show the damage to her knees is quite profound. However, don't tell Harriet that. As a mini-horse, she has the blessing of being small on her side. Right now, she still goes out and gallops around her paddock with her two mini friends. Our goal for her is to keep her as happy and comfortable as we can for as long as we can. Harriet has a very strong spirit and her mighty whinny when she is running with joy is awesome to hear. You got her to safety. And you are also providing her with the medical treatments, special hoof trimmings, and all the help we can get for her for the remainder of her life. While it is awful to see what happened to her, it is a blessing to see what all the good people in the world have done to save her. Harriet wants you to know how grateful she is for it all.



Ways You Can Help

Donate Securely On-Line: bit.ly/3TKtpO3

Become A Monthly Donor: bit.ly/3TKtpO3

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

Donate Items From Our Wish Lists: bit.ly/3TKtpO3

**Please keep us in mind for your estate planning -
Let your legacy live on through the animals and nature.
<https://bit.ly/3RuaQ1v>**





UPCOMING EVENTS

We have two events coming up for this fall that you won't want to miss. You can find information and links to register on our Events Page.

<https://www.springfarmcares.org/events/>

Meditation With The Horses

Horses and donkeys have amazing abilities to bring peace to the human heart. Join us for a special meditation with Dawn Hayman in our barn. Let the magic of the horses and donkeys fill your heart in this unique opportunity to share some special time with them. (Space is limited to 30 participants and tickets sell out fast.)

Chairs are provided.

Dates: September 11th, October 9th

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Cost: \$35 per ticket

For more information & to register:

<https://www.springfarmcares.org/events/>

Embracing Spirit On-line Workshop

Join Dawn Hayman for four 90-minute sessions about our connection between the physical realm and the Spiritual realm and our journey from one to the other. This is not a grief workshop, but instead, an inspirational and heart warming journey, into a topic often avoided.

Follow the link below to learn more and even watch a YouTube video excerpt from the workshop.

Dates: October 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 2pm EDT

(All participants will receive recordings of each session)

Cost: \$200

For more information & to register:

<https://www.springfarmcares.org/events/>



We are participating in the 24-hour giving day with Mohawk Valley Gives on September 18, 2026. You can find out more details and even host fundraisers on your own for us. Your donations will go toward our Mohawk Valley Gives Campaign goal of \$100,000 and the \$25,000 match to help us get there.

For more information:

<https://www.givemv.org/organizations/spring-farm-cares>

All donations from September 1 - 18 will be entered into the \$25,000 match.

Thank you for supporting the animals!

Your donations received (through mail or on-line) by 9pm September 18th will automatically go toward our Mohawk Valley Gives Campaign goal and \$25,000 match.

Donations made through www.givemv.org on September 18 (Giving Day) will additionally go towards prizes being offered that day.

September Match - Double Your Dollars Donation

**Thanks to a generous donor -
from September 1 - 18th
All donations will be matched up to
the first
\$25,000**