



sanctuaryone

at Double Oak Farm

“Sanctuary One changed my life.” It wasn’t what I expected my cashier to say when I ran errands on my lunch break last week. He asked what I do for a job while making small talk and when I said I work at Sanctuary One he stood gobsmacked and choked up. He had been a student who used to come out with one of the schools for service learning. The young man hasn’t been on the farm for a few years (he graduated high school awhile back), but he said his years on the farm were years he’ll never forget. “I don’t know where I’d be today if it wasn’t for my time on the farm. It changed my life,” he said several times.

Thank you for being a part of making such deep positive impact in so many lives. I’m thankful we have the opportunity to build a space where people find themselves valued and know they belong. From individuals who have had their life changed because of the care farm, to the animals who have a place of healing and a better future, together we make a difference.



Service Learning member and baby rescue goat

Thanks to supporters like you, Sanctuary One is working hard to maintain the momentum from last year’s increase in adoptions and intake. Your gift is an investment in this work for animals in need, it provides for their futures until they find their forever homes, knowing they will have a place to call home in the meantime. With the support of caring and compassionate people like yourself, Sanctuary One has found forever homes for 64 animals in 2021, only ten away from our 74 adoptions last year. We had a record-breaking year for adoptions in 2020; this year we are shattering records. With the biggest single adoption, 13 animals to one incredible home, and we know that with your help, we can get over 100 animals adopted in 2021!



Left and middle bottom: Two field trip groups touring the farm. Middle top: Largest single adoption at home. Above: Central Medford students and their wheelchair accessible garden bed.

While animals live at the care farm, they receive the best care not only from our staff and volunteers, but from our service learning partners. In May, we had just under a dozen partner agencies provide animal and garden therapy to their students, clients, and members. We welcomed new interns, hosted six community events, and we were able to allow field trips back on the farm.

Now more than ever, youth need therapeutic time outdoors. The disruptions to in-person learning at schools, lack of socialization, and lack of hands-on outdoor opportunities for educators has led to real challenges for youth during the pandemic. Students and parents let us know this is one of their only opportunities to get outside, off the computer, and interacting safely in person with others. Sanctuary One recently hosted Willow Wind, a local kindergarten class, for an onsite field trip. The class has been meeting virtually for several months and this field trip was their first opportunity to see one another in person. The students were so happy and overwhelmed with emotion when they saw their friends for the first time. It was a very touching moment to share and demonstrates the uniquely role the care farm serves right now. Your support helps ensure field trips and youth service-learning partners can continue to enjoy the unique connections Sanctuary One provides.

We are thrilled to have students back on the farm, but we are also excited for the opportunity to share Sanctuary One with youth beyond the Rogue Valley. We reached nearly 500 students in seven states online with virtual field trips and special sessions in 2021. We also increased our animal education for the public with our new webinar series: Minipigs 101 and Goats 101.

As the care farm buzzes with public tours again, more service learning and field trips, and new animals, what helps our crew continuously pivot in this pandemic is you. You inspire us to find ways to reach out to bring the healing aspects of the farm to our local, national, and even international community. With your continued support we are able to help more animals, people, and the Earth. Together we create connections, and will continue to make even bigger and long-lasting impacts. Together we can change lives.

With gratitude,

Megan Flowers, Sanctuary One Executive Director

PEOPLE

100 volunteers dedicated over 2,000 hours of service during the 5th Annual Volunteer Week at Sanctuary One! Afro Scouts, a group created for children of African descent to inspire development, leadership, and socialization, led the charge on April 17th, bringing over 50 volunteers to Sanctuary One for a day of outdoor bonding with the animals and one another. Since in-person learning hasn't been an option for most schools, the group hasn't had the opportunity to meet in person during the school year. Volunteering at Sanctuary One was the first time they were able to come together in person this year and for many, it was the first time they had the opportunity to meet one another!

Connection and reciprocal healing relationships between people, animals, and the Earth is what Sanctuary One is all about. With your gift, you offer so much to so many. Your support not only provides care to the animals, it ensures local youth have opportunities to get outside to connect with one another safely and to connect with the Earth that sustains us all.

In June, our ambassador goats, Ned, Lucky, and Dusty (the three Amigoats) visited the local hospice house for residents and staff to partake in animal therapy. Hospice staff told Sanctuary One staff that residents who don't usually get out of bed wanted to come. Residents were laughing and enjoying the goats' company. Staff said it was magical to see residents engaged with and energized by the goats. We've already been asked to visit again and another agency has reached out about a Amigoats visit. Your investment in Sanctuary One is an investment in our community. It is giving people who otherwise cannot come to the farm the opportunity to receive peace and joy from engaging with Ned, Lucky, and Dusty.



Top: Afro Scouts kicking off Volunteer Week in the garden. Bottom: Ambassador goats visiting the local hospice home.



ANIMALS

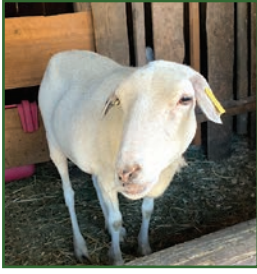
Working in partnership with Puget Sound Goat Rescue, Sanctuary One rescued five baby goats and three adult dairy goats. Our caring cadre of nanny goat volunteers have been working hard to provide regular bottle feedings as the babies grow strong! Because of supporters like you, these babies will get a second chance at life. When rescue organizations work together, with volunteers and supporters like you, we can save even more animals in need.

Jet

Jet is an 18-year-old llama who was a guardian for years. He was in good health when he arrived at Sanctuary One, apart from needing his annual shearing. Our hope for Jet is that he can find a companion llama or two to bond with and enjoy their company for his remaining years. Though sometimes it can be more difficult for senior animals to get adopted, we hope the right person will open their heart to sweet Jet and bring him home. Working with a partner nonprofit we took Jet on as a hardship case. We received a note from his owner, who was heartbroken she was no longer able to care for him:

"Just a note of thanks for the professional and caring response to my llama. Donna told me about [how] he responded to your requests and immediately trusted you also how you led him over to Missy (a horse) so they could say their goodbyes. Remarkable insight you have with animals. I'm so relieved he'll be taken good care of. You are sensitive to their needs and personalities. You are my angel in disguise."





Rosie

Rosie came to us in pretty good shape and it was clear that she had been well taken care of. Her owner reached out to us hoping that we could provide the home she deserved. Sometimes unfortunate life circumstances make it difficult for people to continue caring for animals. Since her arrival, Rosie has been hanging out with the baby goats and has been so friendly with staff. She has also met the big goat herd through the fence and was very curious about them, as they were of her! We are letting Rosie take her time to settle in, but we know she will easily win the heart of her future adopter and it won't be long before she finds her forever home!



Prince

Prince's guardian died of cancer. As she declined in health, she gave the care of 35-year-old Prince over to others. Sadly, Prince suffered during this time. He became thin and emaciated, due to the poor state of his teeth, he was unable to graze or consume hay as he cannot chew. Our vet also determined he developed Cushing's disease and was anemic. Unfortunately, his teeth were too far gone to be able to chew hay, even after having them worked on. Instead, he now receives three meals a day made up of a combination of certain feeds, supplements, and medications, all soaked in water so it's soft and easy to eat. In just 20 days since his arrival at Sanctuary One, Prince has gained a significant amount of weight and is excited whenever staff brings him his meals. He is beginning to trust humans, allowing staff to spend more time in his space and even petting him. Though Prince is still in the isolation yard, he is very curious about

the other horses, Viking and Doty. He loves when they come over to look at him and all three of them will stand around talking to each other. When Prince is ready, he will be introduced into the pasture and hopefully find comfort and peace with his new companions as he lives out his life at Sanctuary One.

EARTH



Birding Tours

Erin Ulrich from Wild Birds Unlimited donated her time to lead monthly bird walks at the farm. We experienced the changing of the seasons by observing the changing bird species as they migrate through. One tour saw over 30 bird species. A highlight species was the brown creeper that

creeped above our heads on a Douglas Fir. We look forward to watching the species change again from summer into fall.

Garden

There are new challenges in the garden every year. This year we have experienced the hunger and determination of the squirrels and the scorching heat of summer. We are successfully growing radishes, kale, arugula, strawberries, beets, peas, and potatoes. With a variety of squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, and tomatillos still on their way. Produce is donated to local food banks.

New Raised Garden Bed

We always strive to make Sanctuary One more accessible. With the help of Central Medford High School Transition group and grant money, we were able to add another wheelchair accessible raised bed to the garden. To help battle the growing wood prices, we used corrugated metal and added style to the garden.



Ashland Greenhouse Strawberry Plant Donation

We are excited to have a raised bed dedicated to strawberries. Thank you to Kelly at Ashland Greenhouse for donating the strawberry starts and to Living Opportunities for making sure they got a loving start.

