



sanctuaryone

at Double Oak Farm



Farm Flow participants meeting Freddy and Friday

Since its founding ten years ago, Sanctuary One has provided a refuge for over 700 animals in need.

Mistreated, frightened, sometimes sick, they have found a healing home with us, thanks to the generosity of our donors and the teamwork of staff, volunteers, and interns. Along the way, the farm has also provided a peaceful haven for people of all ages.

Our work wouldn't be possible without your help.

Your much-needed donation will be used to provide for the 50+ animals who currently call Sanctuary One home and keep us primed for the next group of animals in need. It also means we can continue our educational outreach and service learning programs. Together, we are making the world a kinder place!

Now more than ever, Sanctuary One's role as a safe harbor for farm animals is vital. With the recent closing of the northern California branch of Farm

Sanctuary, our partner and sister organization, we are the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in southern Oregon and northern California to take in farm and domestic companion animals.

The animal control team in Del Norte County, a small isolated community on the California and Oregon coastline, know all too well how vital Sanctuary One is for ensuring safe adoptions. They responded to a neglect and abuse incident of a young Black Angus cow found in mud with no access to clean water or food. The agency quickly jumped in and rescued him. He was a big, friendly fellow, but the county was not equipped to keep him. Everyone interested in adopting him wanted to use him for slaughter; even the vet who did his welfare check said he should be butchered. The staff at the shelter refused, but they didn't have the means to keep him safe. They reached out to us and soon Moose, as we named him, joined Sanctuary One. Now Moose, whom someone described as a dog in a cow suit, lives with another Sanctuary One alum, Moo, a Jersey cow who was adopted in 2017 and two other Sanctuary One rescues, Bowie and Lennon, calves saved from the dairy industry meat market. Altogether they live in their new home, safe from neglect or mistreatment.



"Moose" now lives happily with other rescues from Sanctuary One after being found neglected and abused.



Left: Happy alpacas at the farm. Right: Gabe and Dusty enjoying a break during their farm hikes.

Over the last decade we've acted as a pressure release valve for rescue groups who are on the front lines, like the Del Norte animal control team. **In 2017, we rescued 28 alpacas in partnership with a Washington state rescue organization.** In just one neglect and abuse case alone, the rescue took in 30 alpacas — the majority of whom were pregnant. The agency's director told us that without our help in taking the other alpacas, she would not be able to continue her work because they would be at capacity and unable to take in more animals in need. With taking the 28 alpacas, it allowed her the space and means to continue intaking abuse and neglect cases.

Sanctuary One has a luxury not all animal rescues have: If an animal isn't adopted, we are their forever home. Even if it takes nearly six years to find an animal a forever home (as it did for our beloved dog Gabe), we happily provide love and care to help the animal live a healthy, happy life at the farm.

Animals, however, are not the only ones who find happiness at the farm. **Volunteers often tell me Sanctuary One is an island of peace in a world of chaos.** I hope you find it rewarding to know that through your generosity, you are bringing more peace into the lives of animals and people. One volunteer sums up our shared work: "The most special thing about Sanctuary One is the interconnectedness of the animals, the people, and the land that we are using to house these rescued animals. For me, being at Sanctuary One and volunteering here has been therapeutic. I did not expect that. It has taught me more about my place amongst other animals on this earth. It has brought to my attention how connected we are. Sanctuary One is not only about caring for these animals, it also has been, truly, a sanctuary for me too." Volunteers of course, aren't the only ones impacted by the opportunity you provide.

We are now in our third year partnering with Maslow Project, a local nonprofit serving youth experiencing homelessness. During the summer, a group of youth and staff work on the farm each week, both with the animals and in the garden (where nearly **500 pounds of produce was donated to local food banks this year**). One recent high school graduate told us on her very first visit to the farm that "working with Sanctuary One has showed me that there are people who care more about the animals than themselves; with my past experiences in life it is hard to believe that there are people that have so much love to give." Most 18-year-old high school graduates are idealistic hopefuls, going into the world bright eyed and dreaming of how they're going to change the world. Life has not afforded this young graduate the same attitude.

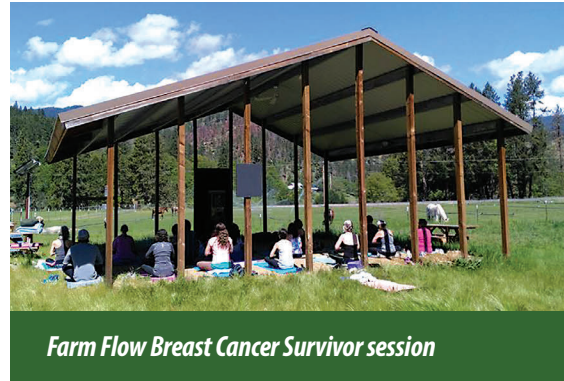
And yet, because of you, she now has a new outlook and hope.



Maslow Project youth working with the animals on the farm.

You bring hope and healing to so many lives.

Through our partnership with the RASA Center for Yoga and Wellness, we started a new program series in 2017 called Farm Flow. We expanded in 2018, and with support from community members like you, have been able to provide sponsored participation in three series: one for veterans, one for breast cancer survivors, and another for those going through grief. 100% of participants say the Farm Flow yoga retreats exceed expectations. Here are just two of the comments from the participants:



"Farm Flow Yoga provided not only a healthy form of exercise to ground and connect in a positive way — it was emotionally, spiritually, and environmentally wonderful. You are a gift to us as well as the animals." —Breast Cancer Survivor

"Practicing yoga to the sounds of happy pigs; I didn't even know that was on my bucket list! Such a sweet way to connect with myself, others, veterans, rescued animals and nature!" —Veteran

Happy pigs are a constant sound on the farm. Your gift and support make that happen. **It costs over \$1,000 a day to run Sanctuary One.** We thank you for your past support and hope you will again choose to invest in Sanctuary One and our animals, people, and earth care. We are the stewards of our 55-acre farm and together we can save lives and give hope to so many.

Thank you for all you do,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Flowers".

Megan Flowers, Executive Director

P.S. Recently Del North County Sheriff's department was alerted because a neighbor noticed two dead calves in someone's yard. Over the course of a few days the agency moved both a child and adult into protective care and removed 160 live animals out of the household. We have been working closely with Del Norte County to rescue as many animals as possible and will welcome the animals to the farm at the end of December and January. Your end of year gift would go a great way in enabling Sanctuary One to continue saving lives.

A photograph of four cows grazing in a field. From left to right: a black and white cow, a white cow with black spots, a brown cow, and a black cow. They are in a grassy field with trees and hills in the background.

Moo, Moose, Bowie and Lennon, all Sanctuary One rescues relaxing at their new forever family home.

The Year in Review at **SANCTUARY ONE**



1 **ANIMALS**

Over 80 animals were adopted out in 2018 — a 6% increase from 2017



2 **PEOPLE**

In 2018, volunteers, interns and service learning students contributed more than 4,000 hours of work at the farm



3 **STUDENTS**

We saw a 23% increase of service learning youth working on the farm from 2017



4 **FOOD DONATION**

Sanctuary One donated nearly 500 pounds of food to local food banks from our learning garden in 2018.

2019 Sponsorship Opportunities

In 2019, we are launching our first animal sponsorship, and currently looking for pledges!

Are you or someone you know part of a business looking for different opportunities to support our community? Become a Sanctuary One Business Partner! Each animal has a **\$2,000 sponsorship goal** to aid in food, shelter, veterinarian care, and species-specific enrichment programs. Throughout the year each business partner will receive animal photos and updates to share with your community. Sponsors will also have onsite recognition signs along our pond pasture path for all guests and volunteers at Sanctuary One to view.



Other 2019 Sponsor/Partnership opportunities:

- **Volunteer Week:** April 7-13, 2019 (\$7,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500 levels)
- **Farm Flow Yoga Retreats:** Special sessions for Breast Cancer Survivors, Grief, and Unity/Making Peace (\$1,500 covers one session for sole sponsorship, or \$1,000 and \$500 levels). Dates TBD.
- **Open Farm Day:** October 26, 2019 (\$3,000, \$1,000, \$750, \$500 levels)

Interested in learning more? Please visit sanctuaryone.org or email info@sanctuaryone.org.