

# Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary



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**"Some people talk to animals.**

**Not many listen though. That's the problem."**

**— A.A. Milne**

# INTRODUCTION

Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to rescuing farmed animals that have been abused, neglected or abandoned. We provide these animals that have suffered extreme cruelty, with medical care, rehabilitation, food and shelter.

After years of planning, we became an official animal sanctuary in 2018.

Our mission is to rescue farm animals who have been neglected, abused, starved, or abandoned by providing them with food, shelter and medical care so that they can live the remainder of their lives free from pain and suffering. We also raise public awareness of the plight of mistreated animals through developing outreach programs, school visits, and animal sponsorship opportunities.

In this way, we demonstrate that providing a permanent, nurturing environment for all agricultural animals is our role as a responsible society that values the sanctity of animal life.



We envision that the animals we rescue will become ambassadors for other farm animals who are victimized by their owners; that our outreach programs in schools, churches and other entities will call attention to the heartless treatment that far too many agricultural animals experience; and that a steady stream of donations and animal sponsorships will ensure that our sanctuary will continue to grow in size, while gaining regional recognition and respect.

## A LOOK BACK

Looking back on 2018, it was a year of accomplishments as well as challenges for Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary.

We had rescued our first animals over the course of Spring and Summer that included rabbits, chickens and a rooster.

In October, we rescued six goats from a livestock auction that were all heading to the slaughter house. Including a mother and baby that were previously residents of a petting zoo. They were no longer needed so they were being auctioned off for slaughter. We also rescued two baby goats that were infested with lice, worms and coccidia.

Also, in October, we rescued two rabbits that were victims of a hoarding situation. One of them had her ears severely chewed.

We currently have 35 animals at the sanctuary that have been rescued, rehabilitated and given medical care, food and shelter.

We have a volunteer staff of 12

In December, we received our first grant from the Winnick Family Foundation.

We have also faced some challenges. We found out early on that there is a tremendous need for help in rescuing farmed animals. We could have brought back so many more animals from the livestock auction that needed immediate help. We chose to focus on what we felt were some of the more severe cases.

We also had to begin turning away cases and forwarding them to other rescue facilities because we are out of room.

We reached our full capacity in just a few months so we are now raising funds for our Expansion Project. We have raised much of the funding needed to purchase the land. We now are focusing on the funds to build the barns, fencing and to help with general operating expenses.



The other challenge we faced, is the lack of interest from funding organizations being we are a new organization. Donors obviously like to see a track record of success before investing into a cause. But that hasn't stopped us!



## Looking Ahead

### Goals Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary has targeted for achieving in 2019

Our main goal is to proceed with our Expansion project therefore, we need to focus on funding.

#### Development Goals

Raise \$288,060 for the expansion

Raise \$90,000 for operating expenses

Email Campaign

## Program Goals

Hire a grant writer

Add 3 Special Events

Add 10 Special Event volunteers

Implement Shelter Management Software

Hold monthly Volunteer training meetings

Continue developing farmed animal abuse education programs

Attend 3 Trade Shows/Events

Hold three local fundraising events

Develop collaborative relationships with other sanctuaries



## Expansion Project Goals

Build the horse barn and 4 paddocks

Build the goat and sheep barn and 2 fenced in pasture areas

Rescue and rehabilitate 120 farmed animals

Add 20 on-site volunteers

Add 3 on-site Special Events

Build the rabbit and small animal barn

Build the chicken and duck coops

Dig the duck pond

Landscape and plant pasture grass and hay

Build the education facility

## BIOGRAPHY

My name is Lisa Miskella, founder of Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary. I have a diploma in animal psychology, animal behavior and I am certified in goat husbandry. I have always had compassion for animals. As a little girl, I was constantly sneaking home animals and hiding them in my room. I always thought I would have a profession in animal care but my life took a different path.

In 2012, I was diagnosed with cancer. After my recovery, I had an overwhelming need to make my life meaningful and worthwhile. I knew right away that I had to do something to help animals. I love all animals, but I felt like the farmed animals desperately needed a voice. Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary was in the planning stages for a few years but finally came to be in 2018.

