



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary is a licensed non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Middlebury, Connecticut. All donations are tax deductible and directly benefit the animals entrusted in our care.

A message from our Executive Director...

Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year at Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support we have received from our supporters and donors. Their unwavering commitment to our mission has allowed us to make a significant impact on the lives of countless animals in need.

Throughout the year, the generosity of our supporters has been the driving force behind our ability to provide a safe haven for animals who have faced neglect, abuse, and abandonment. Your donations have funded crucial veterinary care, nutritious meals, and comfortable living conditions for our residents. Because of you, we have been able to rescue, rehabilitate, and give these animals a second chance at a happy and healthy life.

Through your generous contributions, we were able to acquire a much-needed farm truck that enhances our ability to care for our residents. Additionally, we have successfully constructed several vital outbuildings, including a spacious chicken house, a cozy turkey shelter, a dedicated duck shelter, and numerous custom rabbit houses. These new facilities not only signify the expansion of our sanctuary but also serve as a testament to our commitment to providing optimal living conditions for all the animals under our care. Your support has played a crucial role in improving our infrastructure

This past year has presented unique challenges, and yet, your support has been a beacon of hope for us. Your understanding and flexibility during times of uncertainty have allowed us to adapt and continue our mission without compromise. We faced obstacles together, and your resilience has reinforced our belief in the power of community.

I would also like to express our gratitude to the businesses and organizations that have partnered with us. Your support has extended our reach and allowed us to amplify our impact. Together, we are building a community that prioritizes the well-being of animals and promotes a compassionate and sustainable future.

As we look forward to the coming year, we are filled with optimism because of the strong foundation of support that you have helped us build. Your belief in our mission inspires us to dream bigger and reach higher. With your continued support, we are confident that we can make an even greater difference in the lives of animals in need. Your generosity and compassion have made a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for the difference you are making in the world.

With heartfelt thanks,

Lisa Miskella

Lisa Miskella
Founder and Executive Director
Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary



Imagine a Place ...

Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary, nestled in the serene landscapes of Middlebury, Connecticut, is a haven for the voiceless victims of abuse, neglect, and abandonment in the realm of farmed animals. Established in 2018, this sanctuary is a symbol of hope and healing for creatures that have endured unimaginable hardships.

Dedicated to rescuing farmed animals from dire circumstances, Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary is a beacon of empathy and care. The sanctuary's mission revolves around providing a safe refuge for these animals, where they can rediscover trust, experience kindness, and receive the nurturing they so desperately need.

Upon arrival at Freedom Farm, each rescued animal undergoes a thorough evaluation process to determine their specific needs. The dedicated team of caregivers works tirelessly to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses not only their physical wounds but also their mental and emotional well-being. Medical treatments and rehabilitation programs are tailored to suit the unique requirements of each resident, ensuring a holistic approach to recovery.

What sets Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary apart is its unwavering commitment to providing a forever home for these animals. Once they find solace within the sanctuary's embrace, they are guaranteed a life free from pain, fear, or suffering. It becomes a sanctuary in the truest sense, offering a haven where the scars of the past can heal, and where the animals can thrive in an environment of compassion and understanding.

As the sun sets over the picturesque landscape of Middlebury, the residents of Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary graze peacefully, finding solace in a sanctuary that not only rescues them from despair but also grants them a lifetime of love and care. This sanctuary stands as a testament to the transformative power of compassion, proving that every being, regardless of their past, deserves a future filled with kindness and dignity.



Animal Residents as of December 2023



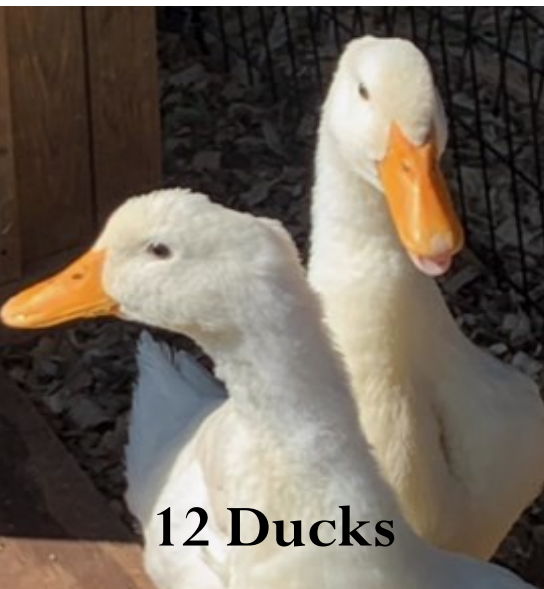
19 Rabbits



12 Goats



6 Sheep



12 Ducks



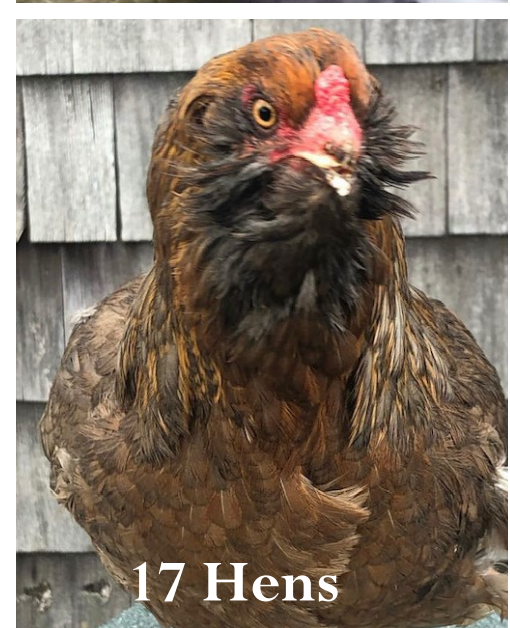
4 Turkeys



4 Roosters



2 Donkeys



17 Hens

Sanctuary Stories . . .



Jett and Jolie ~

In the Spring of 2023, we attended a livestock auction where they had thousands of animals to be auctioned off for slaughter. This was just before Easter, so there were many baby animals including goats, lambs, rabbits, calves, chickens, ducks, and turkeys. When these two little lambs came out, we knew we had to save them. They were crying out for their mothers. They were so frightened. It was heartbreaking. We brought them home to the sanctuary. They were so young, they needed to be fed bottles of lamb milk several times a day. Once they settled in, they were no longer frightened.

They knew they were safe. They eventually

were introduced to the older sheep at the Sanctuary and they are all great friends now. They are living the life they were born to live. They are safe and loved.

Sky and Dora ~

We received a call about a mama goat who had recently given birth via c-section and her babies were still born. Her incision was infected and the owner did not have the means to pay for medical care and surrendered Sky to us, along with her one year old daughter Dora. The vet came out immediately. Sky's incision was badly infected and she needed another surgery. The vet informed us that these two had been severely neglected. They were extremely underweight, infested with parasites and lacking the proper nutrition. Sky had been in an agonizing labor for more than 36 hours before the owner called the vet for help. Ending up with the two babies dying during the long labor, Sky and Dora have gained weight, they are healing mentally and physically. They are no longer suffering, they are happy, healthy and loved.



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Financial Report

INCOME

Grants	\$46,400
Donations, Sponsorships, Merchandise Sales	\$32,826
Gifts In Kind	\$13,807
TOTAL GROSS INCOME	\$93,033

EXPENSES

Animal Care	\$72,637
Farm Truck, New construction of out- buildings for the animals, Insurance, Accounting Fees and other general Expenses	\$22,324
Fundraising	\$ 7,629
TOTAL GROSS EXPENSES	\$102,590

**NET LOSS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2022** **\$ -9,557**



2024 Focus

Grow the FFAS Advisory Board

This Board will continue to implement new fundraising strategies, including fundraising events and to continue to grow our donor base.

Grow our School Visits and Education Program

This program will teach children humane education and compassion toward animals, at the appropriate age levels. They will learn the rescue stories of some of our residents and get to interact with them.

Also, to collaborate with local community centers, and libraries to organize educational programs for children and adults

Grow Community Outreach Programs:

Attend more local fairs, and community events to promote your sanctuary and engage with the public.

Distribute informational pamphlets, merchandise, and other materials to spread awareness.