



Lighthouse  
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Sanctuary



## The Safe Harbor News

Fall 2011

### Cody comes home

Last winter, an 8-month-old American Quarter Horse gelding was found starving and in appalling condition on a property near Stayton, Oregon, with three other horses and 14 llamas who were also suffering from extreme neglect. Cody was half the size of a normal horse his age, he was infested with worms, and his hooves were painfully overgrown.

Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary worked with the Marion County Sheriff's Office to rescue the animals and find suitable placement. Cody was placed with a dedicated volunteer, who helped rehabilitate him for several months. Ten inches taller and more than 300 pounds heavier, Cody came home to Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary in August, ready for the next chapter of his life. He is beautiful — barely recognizable as the horse we rescued from near-death not even one year ago. Calm, brave and friendly, Cody amazes us every day with his resilience in the aftermath of such cruelty.

In September, his former owner was sentenced to three years' probation and 80 hours of community service. She is not allowed to own animals for the next five years, and has to pay monetary assessments.

Cody is now eligible for adoption, if just the right forever family can be found.

### Water, water everywhere

Work has begun on our new irrigation system, but we need your help to complete the project

Here at the farm, we couldn't be more excited that soon there will be, finally, water everywhere. Installation of our new irrigation system is underway.

Sure, we've always had water. We're caring for 200 farm animals—of course we've got water. But using that water has been anything but easy. In Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary's four-plus years at this location, we have existed on a low-tech and time-intensive method of irrigation—a simple maze of hoses drawing water from our well. Providing fresh water for drinking and swimming for the sanctuary animals has been a labor of love. We've battled with poor water pressure, freezing lines and—every day—an investment of time that compromises our efficiency.

As if these weren't enough, there are two other important reasons this development has us kicking up our heels in glee. With the ability to irrigate, we can improve the quality of our summer pastures, produce more forage, purchase less hay and, thus, reduce our feed costs. And now is the time we must do it, because if we don't use our water rights before April, we will lose them, reducing the value of our property by about \$35,000.

It's not a done deal yet, though, and you can help. The total cost of the project is estimated at about \$19,000. We received a grant from an anonymous foundation for \$10,000. Don and Eileea Bourne, two generous long-time supporters, donated \$5,000. But we're still \$4,000 short, and we're seeking donations to ensure completion of this essential project.

To donate, simply designate "Irrigation Fund" on your check, or send an email to let us know that you've donated online and would like your contribution earmarked for this purpose. For more information about the project, contact director Wayne Geiger at 503-394-4486 or [wayne@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org](mailto:wayne@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org).

### Donate online

Now it's easier than ever to donate online. Just look for the big blue "Donate" button on our website, fill out a quick form, and you're done.

Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) organization.



Found starving, 8-month-old Cody was the size of a horse half his age. After months of rehabilitation, Cody came home to Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary late this summer.

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# Building a more compassionate community: Part I

Our hearts break every time we find a horse emaciated and infested with parasites, or a goat with its legs tied to keep it from jumping, or an unshorn sheep overheating and abandoned in the summer sun. Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary works with law enforcement and government agencies to investigate animal cruelty, rescue its victims, and prosecute those who commit crimes. This work is important, but it is not enough.

We know that to prevent farm animal suffering, we must address the issues that bring it about. That's why a critical part of this sanctuary's mission is cruelty prevention via education and advocacy.

In this issue, we'll talk about the ways we're reaching out to children and youth. In the next issue, we'll talk about our efforts to educate the general public and advocate policy change.

## Our work with children and youth

By instilling an understanding of and respect for farm animals, we encourage upcoming generations to treat all beings with kindness and make compassionate choices. We get kids involved in a number of ways.

Each week for more than a year, a group of **at-risk youth** from a Santiam Valley residential school have been volunteering at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary. Under the guidance of our sanctuary director and humane educator, these kids and their counselors help with farm chores while learning about the rehabilitation of animals who have been abused. This partnership is helpful to the animals and the humans, and has been so successful that the group now comes two days each week, and we are expanding the effort to include larger specialized projects in 2012.

On the last Saturday of each month, our **Farm Encounter Kids' Club** gives kids a chance to meet the animals up close, interact with them, and play games or complete a project relevant to the day's theme. All ages are welcome that can listen to a short lesson and follow safety rules. We suggest a \$5 donation per child and treats for the animals.

We also organize **work parties and educational tours** for youth groups and schools. Portland Girl Scout Troop 40032 recently decided to spend their money on a year-long partnership with the sanctuary rather than a trip to Great Wolf Lodge. (Stay tuned for updates on this project.) This fall, we hosted a special Brownie and Girl Scout service day. We welcome **special needs children and youth** (with guardian, counselor or teacher) to visit the sanctuary, and we will tailor the experience specifically to their needs.

We provide the facility for educational learning opportunities that satisfy Oregon's environmental literacy **curriculum benchmarks for students**. Our humane educator is now visiting K-12 classrooms (and pre-K, too) to introduce teachers and students to the sanctuary. In the classroom, students take a virtual tour of the sanctuary, then work on a related project.

A birthday party is an especially fun way for kids to spend time with gentle farm animals. Anyone can request a **birthday or other occasion** be hosted by Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary. We know how to make someone's special day even more special and send everyone home with a warm spot in their hearts.

## How you can help

Spread the word. Tell your scout troop, your church youth leader, your kids' teacher, your nephew's soccer coach, your childcare provider. And tell us! Let us know if you have a good idea about how we can reach out to kids. Our humane educator, Christi Olsen, is eager to talk to you and answer questions. Whether you want to schedule a tour, set up a classroom visit, plan a birthday, or just learn more, call **503-510-8440** or email [christi@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org](mailto:christi@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org).

In November, the Rotary Club of Salem helped us build runs for the animals and walls for outdoor shelters, which previously had only roofs. Thanks to their skill and hard work, our horses have more protection from the winter wind and the summer sun. This construction has significantly increased the versatility of our shelters and outdoor spaces.



## New chicks bring joy, and an important reminder

In early October, folks at the Stark Street vegan mini-mall in Portland arrived at work to find a rubber tub with 13 chicks and a note that said only, "love us." These abandoned chicks found a new home at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary that day. We do indeed love these fuzzy little cuties (oh, do we!), and they are now a part of our sanctuary family. But there is a sobering lesson here. Keeping backyard chickens is a big responsibility. And although these little chicks were lucky, the rising popularity of urban chicken-keeping is drawing the attention of animal welfare organizations everywhere, who share serious concerns about hatchery conditions, the requisite euthanasia of male chicks, the practice of shipping day-old chicks in the mail, and the unmanageable numbers of unwanted chickens in need of sanctuary.



A Salem Brownie Troop visited Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary in November for a special service day. The girls played an educational game, toured the sanctuary, and helped us clean the horse barn and lay down fresh straw.

## Wish List

Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary is run solely on private donations and grants—we rely heavily on donations of equipment, animal feed, etc. These are our current needs. We appreciate any and all help!

### Pigs

- » Sow and pig grower (from the feed store)
- » Basic pig food (from the feed store)
- » Pig supplements
- » Treats: Apples, carrots, squash, watermelons, pumpkins (in the fall)

### Cows

- » Manure spreader
- » Wheelbarrows
- » High-quality Orchard grass hay – delivered to Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary
- » Treats: Apples and carrots

### Equine (horses, donkeys, etc.)

- » COB with molasses (from the feed store)
- » Equine Senior (from the feed store)
- » EquiMax - paste wormer (from the feed store)
- » Horse or livestock trailer: 3 horse slant load
- » Brushes, hoof picks, grooming equipment
- » Halters, lead ropes – variety of sizes

### Poultry/birds

(chickens, ducks, geese, doves, turkeys, guinea fowl)

- » Egg layer pellets (from the feed store)
- » Hen scratch (from the feed store)
- » 3-5 new plastic wading pools (child-size)
- » Waterers, feeders (plastic types are easier to clean)

### Administrative needs

- » Photo paper
- » Printer paper
- » Mac computer with super drive
- » Filing cabinets
- » Printer paper – ink jet and laser
- » Large computer desk/tables
- » Final Cut Pro video editing software for Macs

If you have something you think might be useful for a farm that you would like to give, please contact us.

### General facility needs

- » 6' steel posts (Quantity of 50)
- » 5' no-climb fencing (2"x4" mesh) (Five 100' rolls)
- » Blueberry bushes
- » Fruit trees
- » Garden tools: Shovels, rakes, etc.
- » Tools – flat-nosed scooping type shovels, rakes, etc.
- » Irrigation system including pump and K-Line irrigation system
- » Large 30 hp tractor
- » Manure spreader – PTO Driven, for a small tractor (18hp)
- » 30 ft. + mobile or manufactured home
- » Kitchen countertops
- » White, large rectangular tablecloths
- » Black, large rectangular tablecloths
- » Picnic tables/benches
- » Chairs – plastic stackable, outdoor type
- » Hay barn
- » Eaves/lean to as an addition to our existing barn for added protection for those animals that don't need to be in a barn but still need protection from the elements
- » Gravel
- » 2X4s
- » 5/8 to 3/4-inch plywood
- » 12' mesh gates
- » 14' mesh gates
- » Plumbing (please contact us if you have something to contribute)
- » Electrical (please contact us if you have something to contribute)
- » New water well separate from the house well, which cannot keep up with all of our needs
- » House or office space in the Portland area
- » Gasoline and diesel
- » Pre-paid gift cards – available at feed stores, lumber yards; or just Visa-type cards

## Wine & Music guests shared the love

On September 24, the animals felt the love and support of more than 100 people who gathered for our largest event and fundraiser of the year, Wine & Music at the Farm.

It was a beautiful day with warm temperatures for our guests, who enjoyed great music provided by Triple Schmaltz, tours of the sanctuary, a delicious vegan lunch and powerful presentations given by Scott Beckstead of the Humane Society of the United States and U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader.

The message of the day was the rise in farm animal cruelty, abandonment and neglect in our state, and how crucial the education, prevention and rescue efforts of Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary are in our community.

Deputy Brenda Lumley of Marion County received our Humanitarian Award for her commitment to helping save farm animals in need in 2011. Don and Eileea Bourne, long-time supporters of the sanctuary, received the Lighthouse Keeper of the Year Award for their compassion for animals. The Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary board of directors honored founder Wayne Geiger with a Ten Years of Service Award in recognition for his commitment to saving and providing a life of health, nourishment and love to the animals who call Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary their home.

Through silent and live auctions, the wonderful supporters of Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary raised a record \$16,000. These funds are a big part of what makes it possible for us to feed, house, and tend to the veterinary needs of the animals each year.

Both the animals and the people who care for them are in awe of the great support shown at Wine & Music 2011. We look forward to an even bigger and better celebration in 2012 and hope you will join us again.



Our sincere thanks goes out to Ride to the Light participants, who cycled 100 miles in support of three animal sanctuaries on the day of our Wine & Music celebration. They raised \$5,000 for Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary.

## Volunteers needed

We always need volunteers. We hold work parties nearly every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us! See "Upcoming events" on the back page for details. If you're interested in arranging a volunteer work party for a group, or you have a specific skill or talent that you would like to contribute, please contact volunteer coordinator Christi Olsen at 503-510-8440 or [christi@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org](mailto:christi@lighthousefarmsanctuary.org).



## Friends we will miss

We said goodbye to two dear old friends this fall. We rescued Firefly about four years ago. Our beautiful girl was well into her 30s. Despite having suffered many years of abuse and neglect, **Firefly** had a one-of-a-kind spirit that neither age nor disease could fade. **Chewie**, a long-time sanctuary resident rescued in a cruelty investigation, earned his name towering above the smaller goats at treat-time and taking what, some may argue, was more than his fair share! Chewie was at least 12 years old.



## Upcoming events

### Saturdays

Volunteer work parties are held each Saturday at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wear work gloves, boots, and warm clothes that you can get muddy. Updates are made on our website, [www.lighthousefarmsanctuary.com](http://www.lighthousefarmsanctuary.com). Be sure to check for holiday- and weather-related cancellations. Volunteers are welcome to bring apples and carrots (cut into bite-sized pieces) to treat the animals.

### Last Saturdays

The Farm Encounters Kids' Club meets on the last Saturday of each month at Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary—including New Year's Eve! All ages welcome that can actively listen to a short lesson and follow safety rules while interacting with the animals. The event is held outside; boots suitable for mud and a change of clothes are recommended. 10:30-11:45 a.m. \$5 suggested donation per child. No registration necessary.

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