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UNCONDITIONAL LIFE: SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM
SARA DIRECTOR

Tracy Frank

Greetings from Seguin! I hope our update finds you and yours well, happy and coping with the surreal pandemic we find ourselves in.

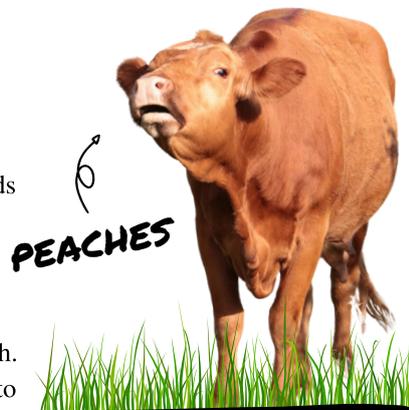
We've had to cancel all of our planned events and we've been closed to the public since March. We've been taking advantage of the downtime to get our house in order, making improvements and completing long overdue projects.

The Bunkhouse, our geriatric dog home is complete and now housing a dozen of our seniors who need a climate controlled environment to escape the heat and humidity of the next 100+ days.

The cattery is finished and our cats have a big indoor/outdoor secure area where people can enjoy a picnic with them when we reopen to visitors.

The **new dog area** has made everything so much more manageable. All of our dogs have moved into their new wing away from the farm animals, consolidated in safe, secure spacious enclosures with plenty of room to run and play.

The pot bellied pigs have their own **farmyard**. The tame ferals and huge domestic pigs have plenty of **shade and pools for wallowing**. The horses and cattle have over 10 acres of new **grazing pastures** with sturdy fencing.



BARN BUILDING ITEMS NEEDED



- Galvanized steel siding
- Shoreline Kennels
- Stall panels & doors
- Central AC/Heat
- Large barn fans
- Medical equipment
- Exam table
- Operating table
- Gravel
- Wiring, Lighting, Plumbing, etc.

Contact me if you want to help with the barn.

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We are working to complete our **multi-purpose barn** by the year's end. Right now, it's just the skeletal framework and slab, but windows and doors are going up as I write this.

The new barn will have **guest quarters** with an **observation deck** that will serve as an Airbnb to create a new revenue stream and a long overdue **gift shop**.

The barn will need to be outfitted. It will serve as a large **animal hospital** with stalls for horses, cows, and pigs and an isolation area for incoming dogs and dogs who need hospitalization, plus an **adoption area** where people can get to know prospective new family members.

We've spent around \$40K so far on the barn project and will need another \$40K to have everything up and running. We are writing grant proposals and one donor has provided the initial money for the project. We've had tile donated by **Esmer Tile and Natural Stone** and we're hoping others will also want to contribute.

All my best,
Tracy



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NEWS & EVENTS

Larry is not sleepless in Seattle

During #GivingTuesday back in December, we posted a photo of one of our senior dogs named Larry. He'd been here for over 10 years and despite being a wonderful dog, had never been adopted. A longtime friend and supporter Marilea Robinson noticed Larry and like many SARA supporters, she had followed Larry through the years. She decided to hop on a plane to adopt our SARA Ambassador. Larry is getting loads of rest and is not at all sleepless in Seattle.

WATCH FOR UPDATES AND A VIDEO STORY ABOUT LARRY THE SEATTLE SENIOR CITIZEN.



Good help is hard to find



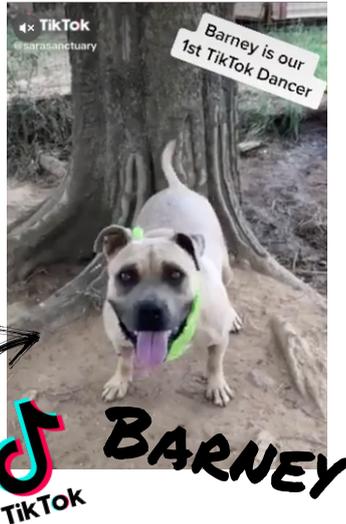
MONTY + TAMMIE

Just like our fences and barn, our online presence also needs some mending. Our website is already more user-friendly.

Our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts will be right up there with the hippest of influencers. You've got to see our dancing dogs and pigs on TikTok!

[TIKTOK.COM/@SARASANCTUARY](https://www.tiktok.com/@sarasanctuary)

Marilea spent the weekend volunteering as she had 15 years ago when she lived in Austin. She could see we needed help, specifically online. She recruited her Far East Texas childhood friend Tammie Nolte, who works in social media to help "put SARA on the map." We've never really had that big break or celebrity endorsement that could help so much.



GETTING NOTICED

Wow!

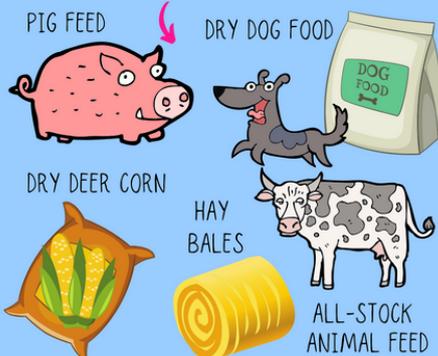
We are getting noticed. We've already been approached by a TV production company! We're grateful for all help. Watch for changes on our social media and website.



HELP US HELP THEM

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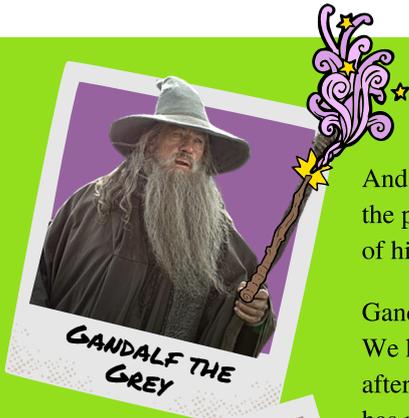
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ADORABLE ADOPTABLE ANIMALS

BREGO

This poor horse was kept alone in a dark, filthy pen his entire life in North Texas. A concerned neighbor convinced the owners to give him up so he could have a better life and drove him to us in January. He was sickly, underweight and caked in mud.

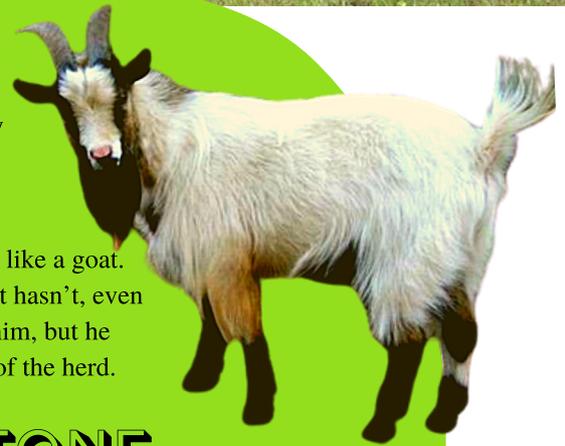
He spent several months with a wonderful foster family gaining strength, weight and confidence. So we gave him the name of the brave horse in The Lord of the Rings. Brego is gentle and sweet and gets along with other horses, goats, pigs and dogs. He is a Quarter Horse gelding, about 5 years old.



GANDALF

And speaking of Lord of the Rings, we re-named Billy the pygmy goat. He is now Gandalf the Grey because of his impressive beard and because we have 3 Billys!

Gandalf the goat looks like a plush toy, but still smells like a goat. We keep thinking his pungent odor will go away, but it hasn't, even after neutering. He was pretty wild when we first got him, but he has made friends with the other goats and is now part of the herd.



EMMA STONE

Recently, we discovered a cat scrounging for food in a potbellied pig enclosure. She didn't run off, but wouldn't let us get very close. We set a 'live trap' and the next morning, she was in it. Live traps are humane, safe and efficient.

At the infirmary, she was calm, friendly and clearly not feral. She has the Hollywood movie star eyes of Emma Stone. Someone tell the real Emma Stone to come visit her twin in Seguin, Texas.

Can you see her Emma Stone eyes?
The Emma on the right is healthy, spayed,
& ready for a new forever home.

GURDETH



Some nice people in Austin were heartbroken when they were forced to give up their beloved pig Gurdeth. They sent the cute picture with his head sticking through the fence.

We agreed to take him and jokingly said he had to come with his fancy gold frame. Not only did they bring the frame, he also came with his own gilded mirror so he can admire his handsome face!

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

- BECOME A FOSTER PARENT
- ADOPT DON'T SHOP
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HAPPY ENDINGS

In May, we were happy to send 13 dogs to **Fetching Tails Foundation (FTF)** in Chicago in exchange for Batman, who was unable to find a home due to aggression towards other dogs and people he didn't know. Most of the dogs who made the trip are seniors who will spend their twilight years in homes of their own. Finally.

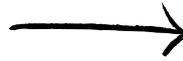
Bunkmate, Rockie & Batman are all FTF dogs who are now thriving at SARA.

Among those we sent to Chicago were Joey and Rocko.



We are so happy for Joey, he was one of the first to be adopted!

JOEY



Joey is at least 12 years old. He had been with us since he was just a pup. Prior to coming to SARA he was hit by a car and suffered a broken jaw which gave him a cute crooked smile.

During the COVID-19 crisis many people are choosing to adopt and shelters across the country are empty and in need of adoptable dogs.

Two weeks later, the FTF took another 13! We're always sad to see the dogs we love go, but delighted that they get the homes they deserve that aren't always available in Texas.

ROCKO

Initially, all the dogs at FTF go into foster homes which gives them time to de-compress and adjust. Rocko is a tiny Chihuahua who is 2 and afraid of people and hides, but he loves other dogs and is coming around. He is gaining confidence in a foster home full of little dogs like him.



BUNKY

ROCKIE



BATMAN

