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## TRANSITIONS

It's been an emotional couple of months at Oasis. Five of our animals found wonderful new families to join, and our "founding" feline passed away, her spirit entering the next phase of its journey. We also welcomed a new Board member to our team – Melissa DeAntonio. She has a very impressive bio and comes to us with animal experience, nutritional education, and an intense love for animals. (To read her bio, please go to our website and click on "About Us" and then "Board of Trustees".) Oasis celebrated its 12th birthday at our annual Birthday Bash on June 6th. Finally, Oasis is entering the next phase of obtaining property for the Oasis facility. **Stay tuned!**

## BELLA

Our beautiful **Bella** was adopted in April to a wonderful woman who has taken the time to get the horse back up to speed with her training. Bella was with Oasis since April 2011 when she was surrendered to us from a woman who said the horse just showed up on her property one day – a stray horse! Anyway, Bella should never be alone again. Her new caregiver Tiffany absolutely adores her!



**Tiffany shows Bella around her new home.**

## NEW FAMILIES

**Lola** and **Venus** (Persians), **Samson** (Maine Coon mix) and **Emmett** were all adopted out to new loving families.



**Lola** (above) and **Venus** (below) at an adoption event



**Samson**



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**"Enjoy life.  
 It has an expiration date"**  
 - unknown

**Emmett**



## TWELVE YEARS

Hard to believe twelve years have passed since Oasis began! Oasis celebrated its birthday (June 19th) a little early with a Birthday Bash on June 6th. The **“Down on the Farm”** themed party was held at the Winslow Villa Manor in Winslow, NJ. Ninety-five people attended the event, and enjoyed the Tricky Tray auction, the new Farmer’s Market loaded with just-picked-that-morning Jersey Fresh vegetables and potted plants, a fabulous hot and cold buffet, a 12’ x 12’ room FULL of desserts, beer & wine, live music, Bingo, a masseuse, door prizes, and adoptable animals to cuddle. As in the past, we are so very grateful for all of the individuals, farmers, and businesses that donated a wide variety of unique items for the auction. Please visit our website for the listing of donors who opened their hearts to provide items for this fundraiser. As always, Oasis is very grateful to **Tina at Winslow Villa Manor** for sponsoring the event. Also, a great big thank you goes out to the staff at Winslow Villa Manor for their assistance that evening. Moreover, we would like to thank massage therapist Lisa Kushner, and Tom Kingston for the musical atmosphere during the evening. Most importantly, the Board of Trustees wants to thank the **VOLUNTEERS** who, without them, this event simply would not be possible. After expenses, we netted approximately \$6,500 for the animals. Thank you again for the outpouring of generosity for their benefit.

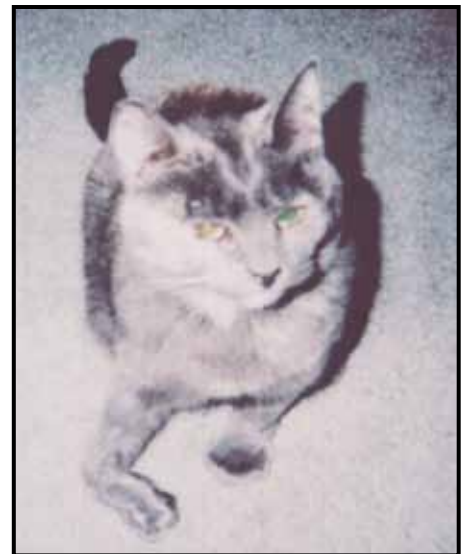


**Phyllis and the Bovine Mascot**

## UNO - MAY 2001 – JUNE 2013

**Uno was Oasis’s first rescue.** In October 2001, Pam and Phyllis were searching for a new farm to board Phyllis’s horse, and they came upon a facility in Franklinville, NJ. Four little nameless kittens approximately 5 months old were running about; all except for one bony, dirty little gray female. She could not run well at all. She had a very deformed front leg – but **wow!** - could she try to climb up your pants leg to be held! The other kittens sometimes kept her away from their community food bowl, so she was very thin. The farm owner said she had no use for that little kitten, who was unable to catch mice and had a hard time getting out of the way of the horses. The kitten struggled to follow Pam and Phyllis, yowling at them when they tried to move away from her. Phyllis picked her up and the little one snuggled in her arms, not wanting to be put back down. When the owner said she was planning to shoot the cat because she felt “it” was useless and did not want her to reproduce, Pam & Phyllis knew they had to take her. The owner agreed to pay \$10 co-pays for the kittens to be sterilized, all except for the “useless” one. Pam and Phyllis took all four kittens to be spayed and neutered; the owner

refused to take any of them back. They were all adopted out to good homes, and Uno was adopted by Pam’s sister. Uno, (a/k/a Luna) had a wonderful life with a real family; always inside in a warm comfortable home with plenty of love, food, toys, feline buddies, and vet care. Uno was humanely euthanized in mid June since she had inoperable cancer and was beginning to suffer. **We wish Uno well on the next leg of her journey. She is missed by those who love her.**



**Clockwise from top left - Farmer’s Market, Auction, Lamb & Cow, Big Ticket Items, Allan Brighton (best seat in the House) and Fresh Veggies!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

Summer is here and gardens are places of sheer beauty, and serious toxins. Some plants are **poisonous to pets** if ingested and will make them ill; some can even be deadly. The following is a partial list of poisonous plants; for more information please check the websites for the HSUS (Human Society of the United States) or the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

**American Holly** (berries)

**Autumn Crocus**

**Azalea**

**Beech Trees**

**Bleeding Hearts** (leaves & roots)

**Buttercups** (toxic to horses)

**Cyclamen**

**Hyacinth, Daffodil and Tulip Bulbs**

**Hydrangea**

**Kalanchoe**

**Lillies** (also toxic to horses!)

**Lilly of the Valley**

**Oleander**

**Peonies** (flowers & roots)

**Rhododendron**

**Sago Palm**

**St. John's Wort**

**Wisteria** (flowers & pods)

**Yews** - all types

Let's not forget about fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides many of us use to keep our gardens green, growing and pest free. Please remember to keep pest baits, blood meal, bone meal, and all chemicals away from your pets – including gasoline for your lawn equipment and chemicals for your pool!

For additional information and a VERY interesting, detailed list of "101 Things You Didn't Know Could Harm Your Pet", visit [www.aspcapetinsurance.com/101](http://www.aspcapetinsurance.com/101)

## SAVE THE DATE!

Oasis is having an outdoor wine tasting at the beautiful **Belleview Winery**  
**150 Atlantic Ave,**  
**Landisville, NJ 08326**  
**Friday, August 23rd**  
**6-10 PM.**

Please join us for an evening of good wine, good food, and good people. Learn about the wine making process, vineyard care and enjoy soft soothing music.

**Tickets are \$25 each.**

Seating is limited so please call now to reserve your spot.

**856-262-1222.**

Visa and Mastercard accepted.

## BEST WISHES TO OUR WONDERFUL GRADUATES!

On Monday, June 17th, Oasis held a farewell party for our second group of Timber Creek High School students who shared chores and loved the animals at the farm where some of the Oasis animals are housed. The kids learned so much about animals, compassion, how to work as a team, and how to just have fun. They also learned how to dress for working outdoors in all kinds of weather! We at Oasis really appreciate their efforts and will miss them, but we also look forward to providing the same experience to the next group of students that will take their place in September.



From left to right: Ms. Snyder, Matthew, Sean, Pam (Oasis president), Denise (Equine Foster Mom), Mary Elizabeth, Mr. B., Heidi, and Michael.

## ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

Here are some of the animals we have at Oasis that are looking for their forever homes. Please contact us for more information on any of our animals – we LOVE to talk about them! All of our critters are vetted, up-to-date on their age-related shots, sterilized, socialized, and have been de-wormed. **Please know that if you adopt two animals, we offer a 20% discount on the total adoption fee.**

### Athena (f)



**Athena** is a very sweet, calm, and affectionate 5 year old torti, celebrating her birthday in July! She comes running when Foster Mom enters the room. She loves to be petted and even rolls over as she purrs away. Playtime is her favorite time of day and she goes crazy for her feather toys. She gets along well with Foster Mom's 4 cats and Golden Retriever. She and (lookalike) Gizmo were taken from a potential abuse situation. While they certainly can be adopted separately, **we would love to see this set of book-ends be adopted together.**

**"We're on Facebook!  
Connect with us and  
see what's new!"**

### Gizmo (f)



**Gizmo** is a friendly and curious 3 year old torti who, with Athena, was brought to Oasis due to a potential abuse situation. Gizmo has adjusted to her new life at her Foster Mom's, and gets along well with her 4 cats and Golden Retriever. Foster Mom reports that she is a sweet animal, just needed some time to adjust and overcome her uncertainty of the situation. While she and Athena can certainly be adopted separately, we would love to see this set of book-ends go home together.

### Bandit (f) & Illiana (f)



**Bandit** (right) and **Illiana** are two 14 month old female calico cats who, as you can see, have bonded so tightly that they need to go home together. They are very friendly, well behaved and get along with other cats. Oasis is reducing the adoption fee for the two of them since they need to be adopted together. They are both spayed and up to date on shots.

## ADORABLE ADOPTABLES

### Ashes (f)



**Ashes** may be part Scottish Fold, but is all personality! She is about a year old, and was surrendered to Oasis when her caregiver died and the family could not keep her. Ashes takes a little time to get to know you but warms up and becomes friendly. She is currently living with Foster Mom and other cats.

### Emma (f)



**Emma** is a 4 year old GORGEOUS female Maine Coon cross with dark gray and black hair. Her previous caregiver died; her new caregiver had a change in her family situation and put ALL of her cats outside. Emma was terrified, staying under a bush for shelter from the drenching rains and scorching heat for 4 days in late June; she would not come out and would not eat. She was surrendered to Oasis and was tested for Feline AIDS and Leukemia (both results were negative.) Emma is an incredibly friendly cat; she craves attention and loves to rub on you. She is spayed, up to date on shots and ready for her new INDOOR only home.

**Go to [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) and input the zip code "08081" to see all of our adoptables.**

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## THE WINNERS!

Our Vacation Money Raffle fundraiser helped ten lucky people with vacation funding while **raising approximately \$3,000 for the animals** in our care. Mr. Mike Gabbianelli, the mayor of Williamstown, NJ, pulled the winning raffle tickets on May 17th, 2013.

### The winners were:

Mary Young, Westmont, NJ \$600.50  
Gary Dainton, Williamstown, NJ \$480.40  
Mary Conover, Sewell, NJ \$420.35  
Joann Bicking, Turnersville, NJ \$360.30  
Patricia Parker, Runnemede, NJ \$300.25  
Dave McMahon, Salem, NJ \$270.23  
Joseph DeAntonio, Sewell, NJ \$210.17  
Lisa Freeling, Clifton, NJ \$180.15  
Tommy Moorhouse, Riverton, NJ \$120.10  
Janet Kershaw, Thorofare, NJ \$60.05

**Congratulations** to each of you and thank you to everyone who participated. And **THANK YOU** to those winners who have donated a portion – or all – of their winnings back to Oasis!

## WISH LIST

- Hard plastic CLEAN and unbroken cat carriers
- Pine shavings for horse stalls
- Gift cards to Staples, WaWa, Tractor Supply, Pet Valu
- #10 and #6 envelopes
- All Natural fly spray for horses
- Postage stamps
- Printer paper
- Foster Homes!
- Volunteer Coordinator

## IN GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO

- Teacher **Elaine Dillon** and the **Radix Elementary School children** for their donation through their Pennies for Paws fundraiser;
- The **family and friends of Barbara Flemming**, who donated to Oasis in her memory;
- The **TD Bank Affinity Program**, whose donation was used for the Sterilization Assistance Program;
- **Miss Delaney McFadden**, who opted for gifts to Oasis instead of her own birthday gifts;
- **WalMart of Hammonton** for their consistent donations of animal food and supplies;
- **Pet Valu of Glassboro** for their monetary donation through their PAVV fundraiser, and also the non-cash donations of cat food and litter;
- **Williamstown Middle School** for their donation through their Community of Caring event.

# WAIT... HELP STOP!

**Do you really want to help the animals, at NO cost to you?!**

**Call TD Bank at 856-728-1700 NOW**

Just sign up for their **Affinity Program**, select **Oasis Animal Sanctuary** as your charity of choice. The more people that sign up, the greater TD Bank's donation will be to Oasis. **CALL NOW!!**

## Please Help the Animals!

Send your tax deductible donation to:

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