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A special thank you to a local business for their support!

HAPPY SUMMER FROM FIT!

Dear Friends,

Happy summer and welcome to our very first newsletter! We wanted to share regular updates on the sanctuary and figured newsletters were the perfect way to get the word out on what's happening!

We want to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support as we head into this new season. We wish you all a safe and fun-filled summer ahead!





WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The sun is shining and the warm days are upon us! Our feathered and hooved friends have been spending their days sprawled in the sunshine and the pigs are enjoying rolling in the mud to help keep cool. We think this time of year just might be everyone's favorite!

We've been busy rearranging living arrangements for certain residents, ensuring that they are in the most natural element for them. That task includes moving fencing and cleaning a ton of poop. And I do mean a ton of poop! So. Much. Poop.

While we are busy getting housing situated, we are remaining closed to the public for private tours at this time. In the past we have organized tours around our schedules. This year has been difficult with a 4th little human added to our family! We are looking forward to opening for tours again in the coming month, so stay tuned for that announcement!



WHERE WE'RE HEADED

Summer on the sanctuary is starting off rough this year. There's no easy way to sugar coat how inflation has affected us, but we continue steadfast in our mission to provide our animals here with the life they deserve!

The sanctuary has been contacted numerous times throughout the past 2 months about many animals in need of a place here. Unfortunately, we've needed to turn animals away so we can focus on the needs of our current residents.

Looking forward, it is our hope that we will find the means to start accepting these animals again. In order to do that, we need a lot of support from our community and people like you!

Right now the sanctuary is in need of funding to provide a spot for the animals that desperately need it. Donations are needed towards feed, emergency vetting and hay. We are also in need of fencing material to expand our fields to accommodate these animals.

If you are able to help, please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#). No donation is too small and every little bit is appreciated from the bottom of our hearts!

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*Some people talk
to animals. Not
many listen
though. That's the
problem.*

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

TIPS FOR SUMMER!

Finding Wildlife

Have you spotted any baby wildlife yet? Maybe a fawn, bunnies or even a turtle? Chances are you have been lucky enough to experience the cuteness overload of baby wildlife! It's so neat to see these animals around, but many people have some misconceptions about what to do if they encounter these adorable babies. Most times the fawns or bunnies you may find seem like they are abandoned, or that their mother is nowhere to be found. That's the point! Mama deer and rabbits leave their babies in a location that is safe from predators and are never far off. If you come across a nest, or babies, there's no need to panic. Just soak up the cuteness and allow Mama to do her job. If you come across wildlife that is clearly injured, we recommend contacting Antler Ridge Wildlife Sanctuary, located in Newton, NJ. If you come across birds of any kind, we recommend phoning Avian Wildlife Center in Wantage, NJ. These organizations are licensed to handle wildlife and do an incredible job with rehabilitation!

Keeping your flock cool in the heat

Do you have a flock of feathered friends? Here are some fun tips to keep your gang cool and entertained this summer!

Grab some diced frozen veggies and fruit the next time you're at the store. Ducks LOVE peas! Apple slices big enough not to choke on are a great choice too. Fill a large bowl (or a kiddie pool or pond!) with water and sprinkle the fruits and veggies on the bottom. Your feathered friends will enjoy bobbing for a cool treat, while encouraging them to drink water at the same time!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to thank Krogh's Restaurant & Brew Pub in Sparta, NJ for sponsoring Found in Thyme with their April's Giving Tap! Krogh's raised over \$300 for the sanctuary that went into wellness visits and spring vaccinations for the animals here. We are so appreciative of the support from local businesses like Krogh's!



UPCOMING EVENTS

We've decided to host a very special give away fundraiser that will hopefully allow us to accept some of these animals that are in desperate need right now. Funding will go towards feed, hay, vetting expenses, trims and fencing.

Each donation will enter for the chance for a give away, donated by our friends and community to help support our cause. Give away items include gift cards to local restaurants and businesses, FiT apparel, gift baskets and more!

Winners for the give away will be posted on our Facebook and Instagram July 14th. Stay tuned for updates, and as always, thank you to our friends & community for your ongoing support!

If you are interested in donating a give away item, please reach out!



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