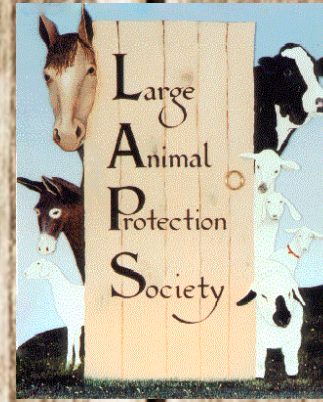


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## 2019 Fall Newsletter

### WE ARE NOW DOING CRUELTY CALLS IN CHESTER COUNTY!

January of 2019 began the first year of operation without a humane police officer, but as of May, we now have our HPO. It has always been difficult to fill the position as it comes with no pay, but is a huge responsibility and time commitment. We knew we would eventually find new officers, but in the meantime our mission of helping large animals by investigating and prosecuting cruelty violations had to change. LAPS' wealth of knowledge of horses and farm animals could help other organizations with their investigations and the farm could provide housing and rehabilitation.



A year that looked like it might be slow in animal intakes became a year filled with an interesting variety of large animals living at the farm. A call from Providence Animal Center in Delaware County turned into our largest intake for the year. They had several sheep and goats surrendered to them from a small farm. We were familiar with the farm and the owner as six months before we had convinced her to return her two horses to the organization she had adopted them from, or face cruelty charges. Now the herd of sheep and goats were in trouble. We agreed to help and then were almost overwhelmed when she decided to surrender her entire flock. We knew this was the best outcome for the animals and agreed to take them. After many hours of herding uncooperative animals in a sea of mud we arrived at the LAPS farm with 17 sheep and 8 goats.



They were in varying degrees of body condition and health. The worst thin and lame. All of the sheep were matted with manure and mud and had not been sheared in years. Many of the goats were lame with swollen knee joints which we feared could be caused by CAEV, a contagious viral disease.

New Bolton Center's Field Service came out to assess the animals and began administering the rounds of inoculations,

worming and foot care they had not received in many years. Testing was done for CAEV and also Johnes disease, a contagious fatal gastrointestinal disease of ruminants. We were incredibly lucky to have Jill from JRF Shearing shear all of the sheep at a deep discount. It was not an easy job.

The sheep and goats settled in very happily at the farm. The morning after the herd arrived we found that we had a new member of the flock. One of the ewes had lambed overnight! We were very interested to find that both the sheep and the goats were rare breeds that are in danger of extinction. The sheep were Romeldale-CVMs. In 1915, in California, Rommey rams from New Zealand were bred to Rambouillet ewes. The resulting Romeldales are known for a high rate of twinning, are excellent mothers, have wool of fine fiber and mild flavored meat. In the 1970's naturally colored lambs were born into the Romeldale flock. This began the California Variegated Mutant (CVM) portion of the breed. Fewer than 500 new sheep are registered each year earning the breed "critical status" on the Priority List managed by the Livestock Conservancy.

The goats were one of the rarest goat breeds, Arapawa. Originally the "Old English" breed of goat, they were released by Captain James Cook on the New Zealand island of Arapawa in 1777. The "Old English" breed became extinct in England, but thrived on the island till



### DEDICATIONS 2019

**In Memory of:** Sandy Weible, beloved Daughter by Frances Weible

My Dear Sister, Sandy Weible by Donna Allaband

**In Honor of:** Nancy Botella, longtime LAPS volunteer by Beverly Barnett

Rocker, adopted from LAPS in 2007, an elderly gentleman now but still kicking by Thomas and Eva Foster

Deceased Horses and Dogs by Marietta Neary

Cappy, Foxhunting horse by Maria Barbaccia and Mariah Munnis

**In Loving** Vandy Flower, the horse still in my heart by Linda Fuchs

**Memory of:** Ollie of the Harrison House by Chip Niels

Eddie, a beloved dog by Gertrude Eilenberger





the 1970's when it was decided they were a threat to the island habitat. The goats were removed from the island and a sanctuary was formed to save the breed.

Finally the sheep and goats, here at the farm were declared disease free and up to date on vaccinations. We were able to find homes for all of them with owners and breeders knowledgeable about these rare animals, that will ensure they do not become extinct.



In April we received a call from the Pennsylvania SPCA that several beef cattle had been surrendered to them. LAPS took in 3 beef heifers. Two were Hereford/Angus crosses and the third was a very furry Highland heifer. Highland cattle, originating in Scotland, are the oldest registered breed of cattle in the world. The Queen of England has a herd (or fold as a group of Highland cattle are called) at Balmoral. All three were very thin, but otherwise healthy. They were quickly adopted.

Our next additions to the farm family did not have origins in an English speaking country. Once again we received a call... Two young Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs were found wandering in a suburban neighborhood of Chester County. We took in these two wanderers and did find their owners. Unfortunately, they could not keep them and the little pigs came back to us. They have now been neutered and these two friendly boys are available for adoption.

LAPS also had some animals come to live with us that were of the more normal variety. Several horses with an uncertain future, and a bunch of goats from a closed down rescue have also called the LAPS farm home this year.

The cost of these rehabilitations have been covered by the generous donations from LAPS supporters. Veterinary care and feed for large animals is an enormous expense. LAPS is very happy to help out the animals and the humane organizations that took them out of a bad situation, but we need you to help us help them. Please continue to support us so that we can give these needy animals a home and the care they need.

We don't know what kind of animal will come our way, but rest assured we will welcome all of them to the LAPS family. Let's see what "interesting" cases 2020 brings.



## WISH LIST

Did you know if you shop SmileAmazon and name LAPS as your charity, we receive a percentage of your purchase at no cost to you? This really adds up especially after Christmas shopping. If you are a Prime member you still get free shipping because the two sites are connected. Please sign up today!

**Horse Supplies:** Stall Mats, Horse Exercise/Jolly Horse Toy, 5 Gallon Heated Buckets

**Gift Cards:** Local Veterinarians, Feed Stores, Walmart, Staples

**Donation of Services:** Construction, Plumbing, Electrical, Landscaping, Photography

**Farm Equipment:** Golf Cart, Truck

**Office Supplies:** Stamps, Sm. Hanging Files, Multipurpose Paper, Gel Pens, Writing Tablets, Steno Pads, Post-it Notes, HP Ink 932 Black, HP Ink 933 Cyan, Magenta, Yellow; HP 92 Black, HP 93 Tri-color



## RUNNYMEDE SANCTUARY TRAIL RIDE - Sunday, May 26, 2019

Over 60 riders enjoyed a beautiful ride through out parts of one of the prettiest areas in Chester County.

Referred to as the jewel of Chester County, the Runnymede Sanctuary provided scenic hilltop views, open grassy gallops, creek crossings and a variety of jumps for an enthralling 10 mile ride complimented by all.

LAPS is grateful to the Runnymede Sanctuary for permitting us to host this fund raising event and a big thank you to the volunteers who marked the ride and made all the road crossings safe.



# SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

LAPS can enforce the animal cruelty laws only with the help of people like you. Funding is solely from public donations. We are a Non-Profit 501 (c)3 and your donations are tax deductible. Financial donations are always welcome, but there are other ways to help. Give us a call with your ideas.

*Fund Raising*  
*Donate your services*

*Donate Hay, Feed, or Straw*  
*Donate Office Supplies*

Help us fulfill our mission by adopting rehabbed animal. These "diamonds in the rough" are full of potential. We occasionally need foster homes. Call us for details if you have room in your barn and in your heart! Volunteers can help in many ways. If you seriously want to get involved with animal welfare, find out about becoming a Humane Officer. You may enjoy barn work, but we also need help with fund raising, grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, office work, etc, ... Volunteer your talents!

To make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to LAPS or donate on-line with PayPal at:

[www.largeanimalprotectionsociety.org](http://www.largeanimalprotectionsociety.org)

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like a donation made (check one if applicable) \$50.00

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(Person/Pet's name) (Brief description; Beloved Aunt, horse)

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(Person/Pet's name) (Brief description; Beloved Aunt, horse)

## LAPS Events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

"Blanket Your Horse" Sale

Blankets & Sheets are \$20.00 each

November 9th & 10th

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rest of the month by appointment.

Call 215-803-7704

to arrange a time

Runnymede Sanctuary Trail Ride



## Bragging Rights

We try to be humble, but we are very proud of two recent acknowledgments of our status in the community. First, we received a citation from Senator Andrew Dinniman and the Pennsylvania Senate congratulating us on 30 years of fighting animal cruelty. The citation is given by the senate to organizations which "through adherence to the highest standards of service contribute in a meaningful way toward a better and more productive society". This citation came as a complete surprise to us, but we are truly honored to have been selected to receive it.

Our secondary honor was to receive the Platinum Level Seal of Transparency, the highest level awarded, by GuideStar. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations created to help people make smart decisions when donating money, based on facts about organizations.

LAPS is not a large organization, but we have always strived to do the best that we can to help large animals in need. We do our work out of love for the animals, but it is nice to receive some recognition for a job well done.

