

# DECEMBER 2021

# NEWSLETTER



The Happy Herd  
— farm sanctuary —



## WHAT'S NEW?

The Happy Herd has welcomed many new residents over the last several months; Gordie, a curious, adorable stray potbelly, arrived this September, and now he, Garth, and Bebop are inseparable. Gordie found pig companions, but he is currently in search of a (human) sponsor. If you would like to sponsor Gordie, email [sponsor@happyherd.org](mailto:sponsor@happyherd.org).

We celebrated Thanksgiving by welcoming two new turkeys (names still to be determined). They were raised as babies by a family who had to relocate to a residential area. Shortly after their arrival, someone unexpectedly dropped off a male stray turkey found in a backyard in Aldergrove. Bruce joined the other two turkeys and the chickens, and has very quickly climbed to the top of the pecking order; Bruce is highly protective of his flock, willing to show you who's boss if you dare enter his enclosure. Don't let his spunky attitude fool you, his "gobble" is bigger than his peck.

Around the same time, we also took in two playful kittens, Boots and Taboo (Boo). They are currently living in Diane and Stephen's house slightly harmoniously alongside Rocky (dog) and Cosmo (cat). Curtis is our most recent addition to the Herd. This easy-going gentleman of a goat was in need of a new home after his best friend passed away. His mom, Tara, who originally rescued him and his best friend from a dairy farm, brought him to our sanctuary so he could be surrounded by friends.

We have been able to make much-needed upgrades, such as a brand new feed room, and a new house for Pickles, Gibbles, and Linus. Their new house is lower to the ground, making it easily accessible for animals like Gibbles with mobility challenges (he has three legs). We also recently installed a new chain link fence, kindly donated by the Wickerson Foundation. The fence is 8 feet tall and surrounds the back mini goats and chicken coop area, providing improved protection from predators.



Boo & Boots



Curtis



Gordie



# Planted Expo & Better Moo(d)

On November 20th, we hosted a booth at Planted Expo in Vancouver, alongside bettermoo(d), a local plant-based milk company, who is also one of our generous corporate sponsors.

We were very excited to attend our first event since the pandemic started and saw so many familiar faces, met many wonderful people, and raised funds for our sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!

## Thank YOU

We truly have the best supporters, donors and volunteers. Selfless contributions are the greatest asset of our sanctuary. Whether it was in the hot summer heatwaves, the pouring rain or snow, or working from remote locations, our volunteers generously donate their time, and are willing to roll up their sleeves, toss on their boots and get to work for the animals.

We couldn't do it all without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, everyone from our onsite daily volunteers, to our behind the scenes admin volunteers, and our board of directors. Thank you for the immeasurably valuable work you do for our charity, thank you for contributing so much of your time, energy and effort.



## In Loving Memory

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of April the turkey, Betty the pig, and Karma the sheep. Karma and Betty both lived long and happy lives at the Herd surrounded by love. Betty passed in her sleep with a smile on her face, Karma passed surrounded by her human and animal family.

The passing of April was tragically sudden, leaving all of us with a heavy heart. The farm is not the same without the sounds of her sweet chirps echoing. She is missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know her.

We miss you April, Betty, and Karma.



## WAYS TO SUPPORT US

- Donate: [Happyherd.org/donate](https://Happyherd.org/donate)
- Donate your time/skills/talents
- Show us some love on social media
- Donate food or unused animal medication



## LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?

- Check out "Garths Gift Shop" on Facebook
- Sponsor an animal in someones honour

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