

Kindred Spirits

Animal Sanctuary
Eldercare & Hospice for Dogs, Horses, and Poultry

WINTER
NEWSLETTER
2020

Dear Friends,

During this year of uncertainty and hardship, we want to thank you for continuing to support our senior animals in need as well as ensuring our sustainability. Although COVID-19 has drastically changed the way we think about outreach, education, and fundraising, we remain dedicated to working as positive change agents in our community. We are continuing to provide high quality, loving, special needs care for all of our senior animals through our Wellness Care Program, as well as keeping our dedicated staff and volunteers safe. As we move into the Holiday Season, we hope you will continue to think of our precious old animals here. Since we have had to cancel all of our major events this year, the animals need your support more than ever as Winter approaches. And make sure to join us virtually for our **Celebrating of the Turkeys**. You can view this virtual event on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, at: www.kindredspiritsnm.org or [www.Facebook.com/kindredspiritsanimalsanctuary](https://www.facebook.com/kindredspiritsanimalsanctuary). With Gratitude and Warm Wishes for the Holidays,
Ulla and the Animals



Our Mission

Kindred Spirits is dedicated to providing End-of-Life and Hospice care for older, unwanted dogs, horses and poultry in a sanctuary setting. As change agents, we seek to educate and inspire pet owners to keep their old animals in their homes.

advantage of the beautiful day. Even with the lively energy about the place I could also feel a peacefulness. Having experienced much hardship and trauma in their previous lives, all the animals here have now found loving care in their forever home at Kindred Spirits. Polli, for example, at twenty years old is the nurturing mentor to new residents and, with an always wagging tail, happy to be the “greeter and overseer” of the sanctuary. I am grateful to be a caregiver in this remarkable organization. – *Alecia*

The Sound of the Poultry

Little did I know how much of an impact my first visit to Kindred Spirits would have on my life but after meeting the animals, learning

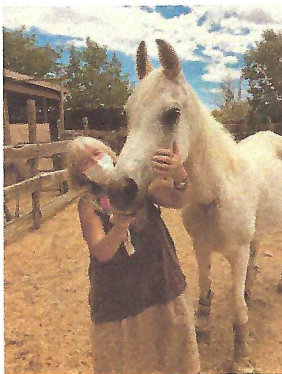


about the wellness program and feeling the love that emanated from this amazing place, I knew I had to become more involved. Today I am approaching my two year anniversary as a volunteer animal caregiver and just recently joined the board of directors. There are so many rewarding aspects of volunteering but one that especially puts a smile on my face is making the early morning rounds feeding the poultry. Before I make it to the poultry yard, they all know it's time for breakfast and joyfully let it be known. Although very old now, Tulle, the blind Canadian goose, has a remarkable honk alongside his rooster friend, Nugget, whose crowing is also unmistakable. Chief, the majestic gobbler, now almost twelve years old, is looking forward to his special Thanksgiving Party. Feeding this variety of rescued feathered friends has an energy and excitement that makes me happy these animals can enjoy the remainder of their lives in sanctuary at Kindred Spirits.



—Dylan

The KSAS Experience



I have recently joined the Kindred Spirits family and already feel like it's my second home. Upon my first visit to the sanctuary I was greeted by Ulla, followed closely by the furry, four-legged welcoming committee. Each dog was happy to see me and said hello with wagging tails and slobbery kisses. As we walked through

the barns and gardens, I was amazed at how *alive* it was: the horses were in their yard eating hay while soaking up the sun, a flock of geese was clucking to each other nearby, the sunflowers were swaying in the breeze and pollinators were moving from flower to flower, taking

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Volunteer Stories

When I first met **Chief** the turkey, I fell in love. I hadn't worked with poultry before but Chief acted as my guide. Thanks to this gentleman, and all our precious beings at Kindred, my life is rich with depth and compassion. – *Keri*



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*Our senior animals thank you
for caring so deeply*



Annabelle and I are friends. I know little about her past nor she mine. Careful observations: no affection before breakfast; she kicks up her heels going out the gate; she follows me after I stop brushing her; and if I'm away too long, she lets me hug her tight. – *Marley*



Buddy and Chupa arrived as a bonded pair of senior pups. I felt such joy as they told me, with their big smiles and wagging tails, how happy they were to still be together, in their new forever home surrounded

by love, care, and safety. – *Suzanne*

Virtual Thanksgiving Event: Celebrating the Turkeys

November 26, 2020

Watch at:

www.kindredspiritsnm.org

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Lots of wagging tails to **Nancy**! I miss you, but want you to know that I'm now very happy in my new home with **Henry**! – *Love Betsy*



From **Mimi**: "I had a scary day and had to have my eye removed but a very special volunteer was waiting to cuddle me and make sure I was pain free. Now I am back to my happy little self. One volunteer

even paid for my surgery. I was so grateful!" – *Sue*

When **Missy** came to KSAS, she was terrified of humans. Now, a year later, she's come so far. Nothing makes me happier than coming to KSAS and being greeted by her super happy, whole body wiggle. – *Tim*



I visited **Kerri** yesterday and got to hold her for a first-time real snuggle! She gradually melted into my arms and her wariness melted away too. Both of us really enjoyed the close snuggle! – *Nancy and David*

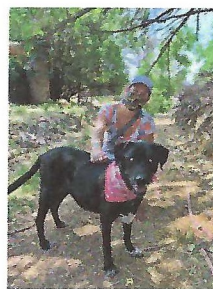


Our handsome husky boy, **King** greets me every day with big smiles, so happy to see me! He follows me around looking to stay close by. At feeding time, he's my talker with his sweet howl. Love him. – *Teresa*



Emmitt is a silly boy with a distinguished salt and pepper look to his black fur. From taking on the role of doggie office manager, to basking outside in the sun, Emmitt loves to tell me all about his days at KSAS (in exchange for some Charlie Bears, of course). – *Katie*

Polli is 20 years young and she sure doesn't look her years! She is our sanctuary matriarch and loves to greet visitors and looking for objects to chew on! – *Denise*



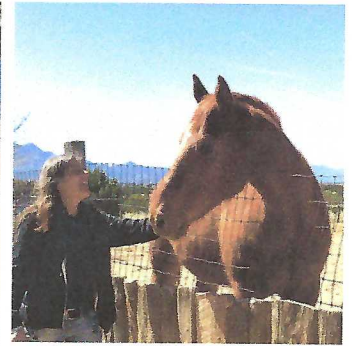
Chewy is old and was deemed unadoptable at the shelter. His life had changed dramatically and all he could do was howl. I sat with him, talking to him and rubbing his ears until he slept. With much love and care, Chewy finally feels safe and has happily joined our little dog pack. – *Sue*

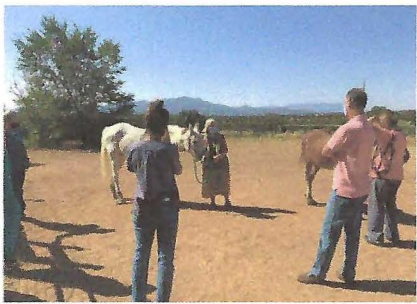
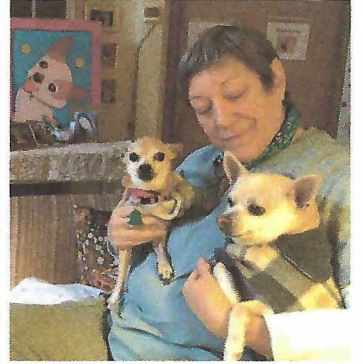


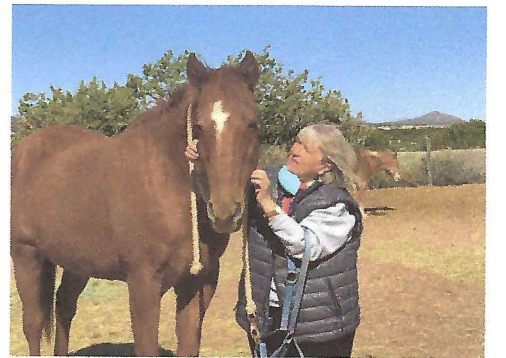
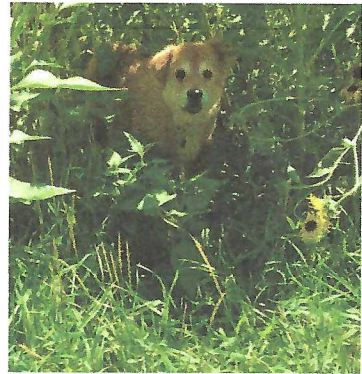
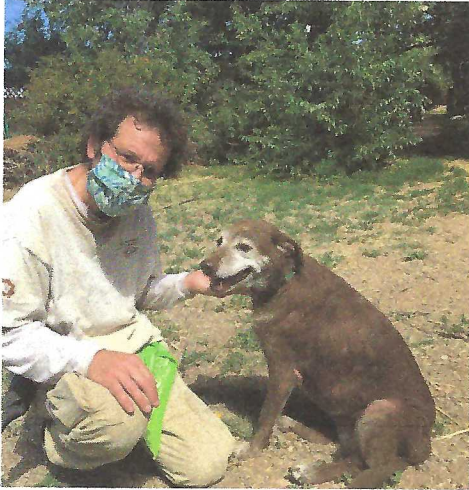
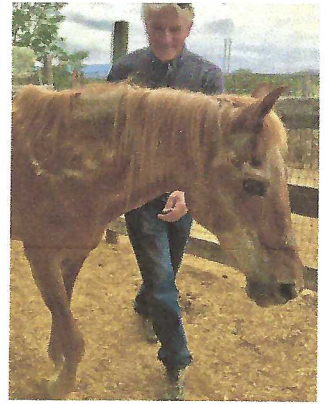
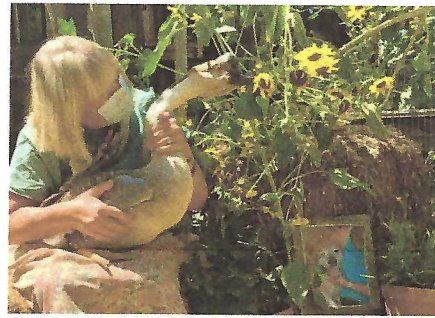
In honor of all animals and the environment, KSAS has made it a policy to serve only vegan refreshments at our special events... Thank you from all the animals

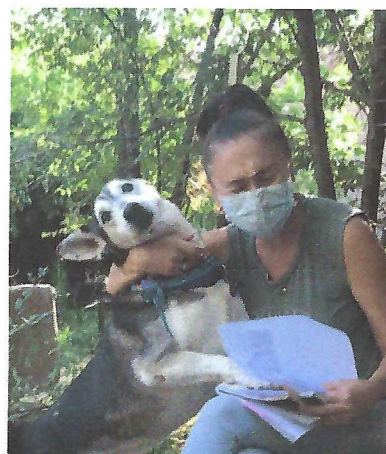
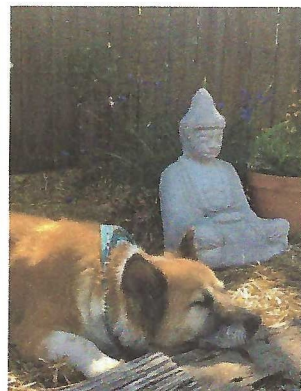
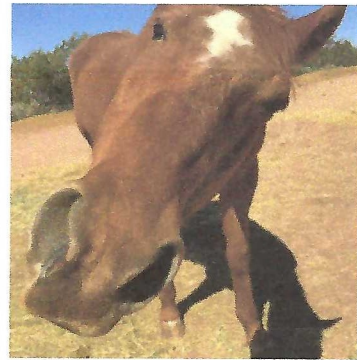
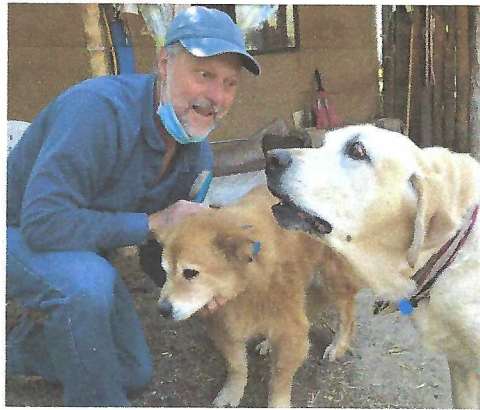
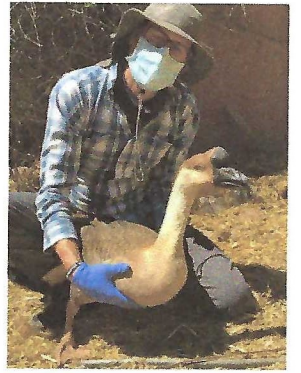
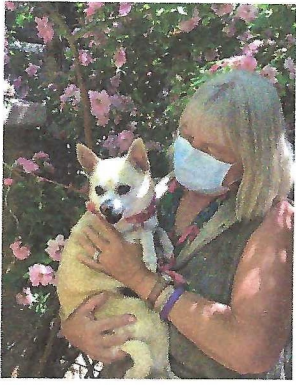


*Experience a day at the
Sanctuary through these
photos - and please come visit
us in person soon!*









In Loving Memory

Whether they stay for a few years or just a few days, animals who come to Kindred Spirits find the peace and loving support to go to their Spirit Home when they are ready. It is an honor to help them through the final transition. Though I miss them every day, it is a blessing, too. Now we have even more angels watching over us, and I often catch a fleeting glimpse of one of them out of the corner of my eye. –Ulla



Gus, in spite of his broken body, had a big heart and spirit to match. He always posted up in the feed room to “oversee” as we prepared his meals. His happy tail would

thump so loudly when he was excited. Some days I can almost see him, laying on his favorite bed and sending us wagging tails from his Spirit Home. I always make sure to tell him how much we love him. – Katie



Sissy spent her days napping in the fresh sanctuary breeze and making her rounds about the littles’ yard. She liked to be independent but she also loved her comfort of little old friends. – Katie

Although **Feathers** had endured much trauma, she was always smiling. She was only here for a week before she was called to her Spirit Home and it was an honor to give her comfort and loving care in her final days. – Denise



Juniper loved to chase the barn cat, hang out with her feed room friends, Gus and Roxie, and have her fuzzy ears scratched. With lots of love, she grew from fearful and reclusive to one of our sanctuary’s most shining ambassadors. It seems

quiet now, without her energetic bark saying “where’s my breakfast!” – Katie

Teo was rescued by good samaritans from years of neglect in the harsh New Mexico sun. Albino, and suffering from cancer, he lived out his last year at our sanctuary knowing that he had shade and loving care and a best friend in Annabelle. – Ulla



Archie was a special rooster with a gentle soul who loved his greens and watermelons. I felt trusted and special when he let me help him with loving care and medication when he was sick. I miss my special friend. – Irina

Help us prepare for the upcoming Winter by donating on

**#Giving Tuesday:
December 1, 2020**

Or, in lieu of material gifts,
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this holiday season

Skittles was so cute with his soft nose and little button ears. He loved to speed through the house, even though he couldn’t see very well. I remember so fondly how he would let me gently help him navigate around so that he could always be where the action was. – Katie



Although **Jemima** was a small duck, she had a big presence in our feathered community. We all loved her bold spirits and smiley eyes. She is missed very much by all of us. – Ulla



Molise, an old and frail dachshund, captured my heart. Tiny legs moving so fast down the hallway for her breakfast and dinner. The day before she passed, I had a dream of her jumping up and down, so happy, exuberant! A truly beautiful message from her to me. – Teresa



Our dear **Baxter** was a noble German Shepherd who made a big impression on everyone. Baxter was a playful big boy who loved being groomed and exploring with his best friend, Bella. He is missed greatly, but his spirit remains with all who knew him. – Rick



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