



Peace Ridge Sanctuary



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

THEY NEED US, SO WE NEED YOU

WE RESCUED 59 ANIMALS IN 2018 - WE NOW HAVE NEARLY 300 ANIMALS!

20 - Cows & Steer

1 - Horse

3 - Donkeys

4 - Pigs

5 - Goats

3 - Sheep

15 - Geese

1 - Chicken

1 - Guinea Hen

3 - Turkeys

1 - Rabbit

2 - Dogs

WE ADOPTED OUT 6 LUCKY DOGS (MOSTLY SENIORS) IN 2018

Louise, Pablo, Caitlin, Maggie, Biggie, & Lady all found forever homes

WE WELCOMED 2000 VISITORS IN 2018 - TWICE AS MANY AS 2017!

We hosted free educational open houses and tours for the public

Visitors enjoyed ticketed sanctuary events & special picnics

We welcomed several school groups to the sanctuary

WE REACHED THOUSANDS MORE WITH OUR MISSION

We dramatically grew our social media reach

We tabled at several festivals & special events

We gave out hundreds of free vegan cookbooks

We launched an educational billboard campaign in the Boston area

WE EXPANDED OUR ANIMAL HOUSING & HABITATS

We built a new cow barn, sheep barn, goose barn, and staff housing

We fenced in additional rotation fields for our goats, cows, and horses

OUR TEAM IS FUELED BY LOVE FOR OUR ANIMALS & MISSION

In 2018 we grew our team to include 7 full-time staff

In 2018 we grew our intern program to host 6 full-time, live-in interns

We hosted over 3 dozen regular volunteers and many more for work parties

OUR LIFE-SAVING WORK IS MADE POSSIBLE BY DONORS LIKE YOU

Thousands of donations were made by generous donors in 2018

Our group of monthly donors and monthly animal sponsors nearly doubled

**AND COUNTLESS ANIMALS WERE SAVED
BY OUR VEGAN ADVOCACY**

Dear fellow friends of animals,

As one of the largest animal shelters in New England, and among the most established, Peace Ridge provides a forever home for the most overlooked segments of domesticated animals in our society: farmed animals, senior dogs, 'throwaway' equines, and other species or special needs animals that dog and cat shelters cannot or will not accept. Because places like Peace Ridge exist, these vulnerable animals, whose needs and rights have historically gone unrecognized by civilians and authorities, finally have a chance at reprieve. If there is a place for animals to go, concerned individuals are more willing to act on animals' behalf, and state animal welfare officials are empowered to carry out their legal duty to remove animals from abusive and dangerous situations.

Peace Ridge Sanctuary's existence has allowed state officials to intervene in major cases, removing entire herds of animals from the most egregious cruelty and neglect situations. The services offered by Peace Ridge have been essential to making happy endings a possibility for animals that once had no hope. With your help, we are bringing attention to animal issues that have been invisible for far too long. While we cannot save them all, we save as many as we can and constantly seek ways to maximize our impact.

We are giving animals the help that they deserve and teaching people that all animals deserve to live free from harm. In addition to our tireless work on behalf of farmed animals and equines, we run a dog rescue program that focuses on senior and special needs animals. We also provide over 650 acres of pristine wildlife conservation land as part of our 791-acre sanctuary landholding. Together, we are shifting the conversation and reframing what is possible. With you, we will continue to advocate for the most vulnerable animals in our society.

Thank you for walking this path with us.



Daniella Tessier
Founder & Executive Director



OUR LEGACY PROPERTY IN MIDCOAST MAINE

Located in the rolling hills of mid-coast Maine, our animal sanctuary offers 791 acres of land that is used to help and protect myriad animal species. Nearly 300 rescued farmed animals, equines, and dogs have found a permanent, loving home at Peace Ridge Sanctuary. We also steward and protect over 650 acres of critical wildlife habitat, providing a home for species who are all too often pushed out by development. Coexisting with other species is central to our mission and overall sanctuary philosophy.

In 2018, we were busy with sanctuary development and improvements. We built a new sheep barn and added a large addition to our cow barn so we could accommodate the twenty new bovines who came to PRS in June 2018 in an historic rescue of an entire abused dairy herd. We added another goose barn, fenced in additional rotation fields, and started construction on more staff housing.

We are currently working on a design to renovate our 1800's farmhouse into a bed and breakfast. This expansion will provide our supporters with a place to stay and all the funds generated will help support our very active rescue and sanctuary programs. Once our bed and breakfast is up and running, we plan on offering options to rent the entire house for weddings and other events.

BUILDING PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 2019:

- Complete staff housing project started in late 2018
- Build an additional cow barn for our smaller herd
- Build an additional pig barn to specifically house potbellied pigs
- Expand habitat fencing & accommodations for sanctuary dogs



2019 WAS FILLED WITH MEMORABLE RESCUES

IN 2019, WE WELCOMED TWENTY BOVINE RESIDENTS

In January, we took in two very sick male calves, Sean and Brendan. Upon intake, both had high fevers, pneumonia, and cryptosporidium infections causing diarrhea and malnutrition. They were taken to Tufts University where they received lifesaving care, including blood and plasma transfusions. Both recovered well.

In June, we participated in the largest bovine rescue in Maine history when State agents asked us to save an entire herd of dairy cows from an abusive working farm in Aroostook County. The herd's fifteen cows were emaciated, dehydrated, and starving to death. The dairy was shut down and legal custody of the entire herd was transferred to PRS. Survivors included ten adult females (some pregnant and some who had recently given birth), four calves (ranging in age from two weeks to two months), and a bull. Since the herd's arrival, two healthy calves have been born and several of the herd received advanced treatment and specialized surgical care. All are happy and thriving.

In July, PRS took in a young calf from a state cruelty and neglect case. Phoenix was severely emaciated due to malnutrition and suffering from a cryptosporidium infection. He needed round-the-clock medical care, including hourly IV fluids and received supplemental light-therapy with a photonic pad. Phoenix has responded well to treatment and quickly grown into a frisky and playful calf!

WE ALSO WELCOMED HOME FOUR PIGS

In February, we took in Matilda, a big, beautiful pig found in Readfield, Maine where the local Animal Control Officer suspects she jumped off a slaughter truck. She appears to have been used as a breeding sow. Matilda arrived covered in bruises and road rash from her escape but clearly loves her new sanctuary life.

In March, a mass execution of animals at a farm in Swanville prompted Maine Animal Welfare agents to exhume the bodies of twelve pigs who were shot and buried the day before agents were scheduled to investigate cruelty charges. There had been ongoing complaints for two years regarding lack of adequate animal care at this farm. The farmer was charged with thirteen counts of criminal animal cruelty. The one surviving pig, Angus, was brought to PRS, where he is finally enjoying a life of peace. Angus has become great friends with Wilbur and Missy.

Two potbelly pigs, K.C. and Bubbles, in need of help also came home to PRS.



Sean & Brendan - rescued Jan. 2018



Matilda - rescued February 2018



Angus - rescued March 2018



Apple & Aubrey - rescued June 2018



Peaches - rescued 8 months pregnant in June 2018 - with her calf, Forest



Phoenix - rescued July 2018

MEET MORE OF THE ANIMALS RESCUED

THREE DONKEYS JOINED OUR RESCUED HERD

Angela is a nine-month old donkey who state authorities rescued and brought to a state-run facility. Before her rescue, Angela dislocated her right rear hip when she was very young. She received no medical attention for her painful injury and her developing musculature has grown around the dislocation, preventing the possibility of rehabilitative surgery. Given her special needs, the other facility could not adequately manage her pain long term, so PRS was asked to step in. We brought her home and are developing an appropriate pain management plan.

Lilly and Pepe, two mini donkeys, became permanent PRS residents when their caregivers could no longer take care of them.

FIFTEEN GEESE WERE SAVED BY PRS

PRS took in fifteen domesticated geese from an abandonment and neglect case in Concord, New Hampshire. Upon arrival, all had life-threatening internal parasites requiring extensive medication. Some of the geese needed specialized veterinary care for broken bones, sour crop, and other medical problems associated with malnutrition. They settled in wonderfully and love their pond!

MANY OTHER ANIMALS WERE SAVED IN 2018

In January of 2018, we took in two Icelandic sheep (Hannah & Elsa), a dog (Louise), and a turkey (Sydney) from an emergency state cruelty case where the animals lacked access to food, water, and adequate shelter in the middle of a brutal Maine winter. Hannah, Elsa, and Sydney were dangerously emaciated upon arrival.

In February we took in two new goats (Vinny Barbarino and Bastian) and then three more goats (Oscar, Russ, and Gabe) this fall - all of whom needed our help.

In July, PRS took in Orion, a young Icelandic sheep who was bred as part of a local university's farming club. When the club no longer "needed" Orion, he was slated to be sent to slaughter. A concerned student lobbied for his life, convincing the school to relinquish Orion, as PRS does not accept purchased animals.

In August, we were delighted to welcome two new turkeys, Birdie and Toto, to PRS. Both turkeys had severe parasite infections. We also took in a handsome stray rooster, Fuego.



Some of the 15 geese rescued in 2018



Hannah & Elsa - rescued Jan. 2018



Sydney - rescued January 2018



Bastian - rescued February 2018



Orion - rescued July 2018



Pepe - rescued August 2018

HUMANE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



Learning about the dairy industry & meeting rescued "veal" calves

While direct rescue and lifelong care of farmed animals, equines, and senior dogs is a key part of our mission, another vital part of our work is making a greater impact by educating the public about the issues faced by animals in our society. In order to expand our educational outreach, in 2018 PRS added to its staff a professional humane educator: long-time supporter and former PRS Board member, Melissa Andrews, a recent graduate of the Institute of Humane Education.

WE WELCOMED NEARLY 2,000 VISITORS TO OVER A DOZEN SANCTUARY TOURS AND ON-SITE COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2018, INCLUDING:

10 Open Houses - Offering free educational tours to over 1,000 community members, many of whom learned about veganism and the issues animals face for the first time. We gave out hundreds of copies of the PRS cookbook, and follow-up surveys showed that many decided to change their food choices right then and there! We also hosted tours for school groups and special needs adults.

This is What Real Happy Cows Look Like Event - Held on a perfect late summer day, this fun-filled event introduced the public to our twenty recently-rescued dairy herd survivors. The memorable day was filled with family-friendly educational tours, activities for kids, and delicious dairy-free ice cream and grilled cheese sandwiches for all!

Gentle Thanksgiving Event - Snow and bitter cold did not deter devoted Peace Ridge Sanctuary supporters from gathering to celebrate our annual fall harvest, tour the sanctuary, and enjoy a gourmet vegan meal in honor of our sanctuary residents. Other events included our Art for the Animals and Paint Night events.

We several attended outreach events in Worcester, Portland, and Boston, and our rescues were featured in many local newspapers and on local television stations.

We brought our educational message to a broader audience through a strategically placed billboard along a busy section of Boston's Route 1 - see image on lower left. According to MassDOT, this stretch is traveled by an average of 23,780 vehicles daily. This phase of our campaign lasted two months.

We look forward to growing our humane education programs even further in 2019 to increase our impact for all animals!



**The only happy cows
are rescued cows**

**-DITCH DAIRY-
for them.**



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Our billboard prompted viewers to consider the plight of cows on dairy farms

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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Peace Ridge Sanctuary cares about all of the animals that share our world. That's why we have dedicated over 650 acres of our property - containing prime forest, wetland, and water habitat - to our wild animal counterparts.

This vast allotment supports an abundance of species including all of the state's 58 mammal inhabitants, reptiles and amphibians, and a plethora of key aquatic species. On any given day here at Peace Ridge we see beaver, fox, muskrat, deer, moose, bear, mink, and ferret, just to name a few. The property also serves as a special nesting ground for great blue heron, bald eagles, osprey, bitterns, and a variety of ducks and other water and ground birds.

While Maine has an abundance of wildlife, several species of mammals have either gone extinct or have been extirpated from the state, according to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Those considered endangered, including the New England Eastern Cottontail, the Little Brown Bat and the Northern Bog Lemming are all inhabitants of our landholding, which is largely undeveloped. We are very happy to be able to give habitat to the wildlife that we love, who will remain free and safe within our borders.

We are always open to opportunities to partner with donors, wildlife protection enthusiasts, and pro-wildlife organizations. Our vision is for this landholding to be kept in its wild state to protect wildlife in perpetuity. As we rely on public support to make this goal a reality, we invite participation of interested partners who share this vision.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

Our goals include the purchase of additional conservation holdings adjacent to our current acreage, and the establishment of a restricted endowment to grant future security for our protected landholding. If you are interested in supporting these efforts, we would love to hear from you!



After one of our caregivers noticed a change in a young porcupine's behavior in the fall of 2018, a closer examination revealed that he had contracted sarcoptic mange and was in need of help. We transported him to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for treatment. Here he is fully recovered and ready to be released back at PRS.

Maven was rescued from a particularly severe state cruelty case where her fellow draft horses were starving and, in some cases, worked to death. After a lengthy six-month court case, PRS gained legal custody of Maven. While she still bears physical scars from a lifetime of abuse, Maven now has the opportunity to live her life in peace. We wish all animals were afforded this basic right.



Front cover: Clementine with calf, Forest, hours after his birth at PRS. Forest will spend the rest of his life with his mother, Peaches, who was pregnant when rescued. Clementine is herd matriarch and loves helping care for Forest.