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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, TRACY FRANK

The heat makes everything harder

Hello SARA Friend,

It's that time of year again: the season of sweltering temperatures and high humidity. I used to love summer; going to exotic locales, scuba diving, sunbathing, margarita sipping.... those days are long behind me. Actually, the last time I took that kind of vacation, I had an awful time because of the animal suffering I saw.

Things started changing for me in the early 1980s. Don't get me wrong: I've always loved animals, but back then I still ate them and wore leather. I had an awakening on that trip. The vacation I had so excitedly planned for ceased to be fun when I saw the scrawny horses straining to pull buggies loaded with tourists from the luxury hotels, a drugged lion cub paraded around at a loud disco, the poor iguana that a skeezy guy tried to sell me on the beach, ending up at a bull ring when I got lost driving ... and most vividly, the

hungry dogs for whom I kept ordering hamburguesas at a resort because there was no dog food to be found. Those experiences and images still haunt my memories.

I'm not trying to denigrate other countries, but that trip to beautiful, sunny Mexico was my last. I made a decision to never go anywhere unless I could bring animals I saw suffering back with me. Of course, animal abuse and neglect is widespread here, too. Just read any news bulletin and you'll see all kinds of horrors inflicted on helpless animals every

to all of the kittens, but one is here recovering.

And that's why we're here: to help animals—no matter what.

We are facing the toughest part of the year and we need your help. Incendiary temperatures mean more work, more water, 24/7 air-conditioning, exorbitant electric bills, and more staff to keep the animals safe and comfortable—all putting an even bigger burden on our already stretched budget.

The heat makes everything harder. So for the next 120 days or so, we will need



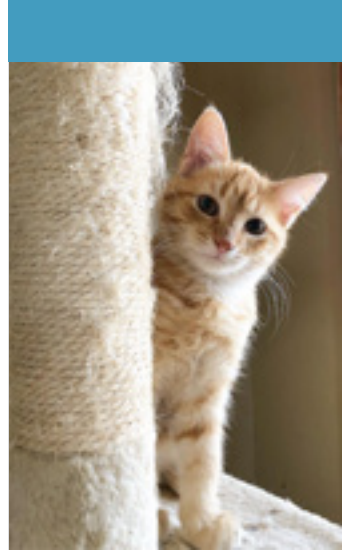
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day. Recently, one of our employees witnessed a man dousing kittens with gasoline and setting them on fire in San Antonio! The police were called, but nothing happened to the perp. We don't know what happened

more money than usual to keep the place humming and I hope we can count on you to make that happen.

Your support is needed more than ever. Thank you in advance.

All my best, Tracy



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BROILER CHICKENS – NOT A PRETTY PICTURE

Believe it or not, the chickens pictured at right are only five months old! They arrived here as tiny yellow chicks in late January after they were rescued from a factory farm near Dallas.

Every year worldwide, 51.4 billion chickens are artificially hatched, fattened up, and slaughtered at 42 days in farms like the one shown at the top of the page. A “normal” chicken’s lifespan is 10–15 years. Chickens and turkeys together represent 99% of land animals slaughtered for food in the U.S.

Chickens bred for meat are arguably the most genetically manipulated of all animals, forced to grow 65 times faster than their bodies normally would, and the industry continually seeks to increase their growth rate.

Chickens are housed in giant, overcrowded sheds, where they are packed in by the thousands and forced to stand and sit on manure-laden flooring, typically cleaned out only every 2–4 years. “Free range” is a meaningless term in this sense, since almost all chickens raised for meat are uncaged.

Heart failure afflicts chickens at a rate of at least 4.7% and is attributed to genetic manipulation, but this



figure only covers birds within their first 42 days of life. The rate of heart failure increases in the weeks to come. Their hearts cannot keep up with their adult-sized bodies. “Ammonia burn,” respiratory diseases, and fatalities are common from exposure to high concentrations of ammonia emanating from large accumulations of feces.

After six weeks, chickens are violently cornered by “catchers,” who grab terrified chickens by their feet and roughly stuff them into crates. In the process they suffer broken legs and wings, lacerations, hemorrhage, dehydration, heat stroke, hypothermia, and heart failure. Millions die before even reaching the slaughterhouse—and they’re the lucky ones.

Please consider giving up eating animals. It’s never been easier. **#GoVegan**

Wish List

- Dry dog food
- Canned cat food
- Deer corn
- Pig food
- Apples, kale and carrots
- Cruelty-free dog and cat toys —no feathers or fur, please
- Water hoses
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Cruelty-free cleaning supplies
- Brooms
- Dust pans
- Wheelbarrows
- Plastic kiddie pools (small)
- Gift cards to Home Depot, Target, Wal-Mart, H-E-B, or Amazon
- Newspaper

Big Ticket Items

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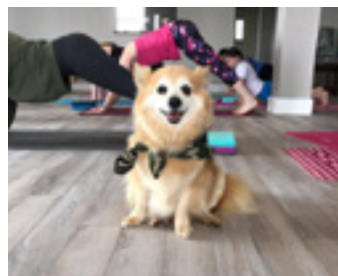
- Bravecto for dogs (must be purchased through our vet)
- Tractor with bucket
- Concrete slab
- Central AC/heat for new dog building
- Barn for horses/donkeys

To help pay our vet bill directly, you can contact China Grove Vet Clinic 210-648-1940. Ask for Nadine.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Mundo’s Birthday Fiesta

Thanks to everybody who came out to celebrate Mundo’s birthday. The food was fabulous, the weather beautiful, and the mariachis were incredible! We still have lots of commemorative glasses for sale, so if you would like a fun keep-sake, they’re only \$10 each or two for \$15 (add \$2 for shipping and handling). They’re available through our website: sarasanctuary.org



Puppies and Poses!

How fun! Doggy yoga was a big hit at the “Free Range Yoga and Counseling” class in San Marcos. Thanks to Kim Frueh for thinking of us!

Texas Vegan Revolt Fundraisers for SARA

We’re always so grateful for everybody’s help. The good people at [Texas Vegan Revolt](http://TexasVeganRevolt.com) have hosted several fundraisers for us in San Antonio this year with another one coming up in June. These are family-friendly, kids and dogs welcome. For details, visit: texasveganrevolt.com

Adoption Events

Thanks to Tara Fisher-Munoz for inviting us to the Wells Branch Elementary Spring Fest in April. We took some of our cutest, most adoptable dogs there for the day.

#BigGive \$15K Raised

A big thank you to everybody who helped us exceed our goal this year. You are the best!

Help Us Help Them



Become a Fundraiser!

Start a personal fundraiser on Facebook or other social site, invite your friends for coffee or drinks, hold a board game tournament, host a dinner ... hold a party at Painting With a Twist in Austin and San Antonio or similar venues—the possibilities are endless!

It's never been easier to help SARA (or any nonprofit). Facebook and other social media now practically do the work for you. It's pretty effortless and a great source of support for us.

Or, you can hold a fundraising party! It doesn't have to be fancy: invite friends over for coffee or drinks and ask them to consider making a donation to SARA. We will provide information to pass out.

Of course, you can get fancy if you want! Host a full-blown fundraiser for SARA at your house.

We'll provide SARA literature and have lots of ideas about how to do it. We'll even bring some animals if you're not too far away!

Collection Jars

Put a collection jar in your place of business and periodically send us the donations! We will send one to you along with SARA info to display alongside the jar.

Planned Giving

Leave a legacy of compassion by naming SARA in your will. Contact us for more information: tracy@sarasanctuary.org

Sponsor a SARA Animal!

Already have a houseful? No problem! Give unconditional life through our virtual adoption program—details are at sarasanctuary.org. Makes a great gift!

Questions about hosting a fundraiser?
Contact tracy@sarasanctuary.org

Updated SARA Website

We needed a makeover and we think you'll like the results. Check it out at sarasanctuary.org

Visitor Days

Due to the extreme heat of the months of June, July and August, we will be closed to visitors until the fall in mid-September.

Work, Work, Work

We're plugging away and plan to have all the improvements listed below ready by the fall.

- New perimeter fence line and drive
- New building for incoming dogs/isolation and grooming area
- Refurbished geriatric dog home
- Goat playground

CUDDLY.com

We're signed up with this dynamic new site which helps animals in an innovative way.

CUDDLY enables animal rescue centers to create



fundraisers, along with wishlists, to support animals in their care.

Through CUDDLY's 'give' program, animal lovers can purchase and give in a modern, transparent way.

With more than 1,300+ animal welfare organizations on board, CUDDLY's mission is to help save as many animals globally through community, innovation, and creativity.



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Best Friends

Our precious blind goat, Trixie, was lonely and needed a friend. Our goats were already bonded when she arrived last fall and wouldn't accept her into the herd. Fortunately, little Poppy came into the picture. Just 8 weeks old when we got her, she quickly bonded with Trixie and now they're inseparable.



This Little Piggy Got Lucky!

This piglet was spotted in the middle of a busy highway at night, dodging traffic. Fortunately, a kind hearted person showed up in time and saved her from certain death, risking his own life.

Tiny Pancake enjoyed her life with her new family for a few weeks, but her rescuers live in the city and could not keep her, so they brought her to SARA. She's adjusting and learning how to be a pig!

From Heartbreak to a Happy Ending

Recently, a friend of SARA spotted a sad, disoriented female pit-bull walking along a stretch of rural road and contacted us. As so often is the case, the poor dog stayed close to the spot she was dumped in hopes that her person would return. She had been abandoned near a new subdivision and was too fearful and traumatized to let anyone approach her. Several people tried to help, but the dog wouldn't allow anyone to get closer than about ten feet from her.



We sent two of our staff to St. Hedwig, a little town not too far from us, to try to pick her up.

At first, she was shy and afraid, but when our staff got creative and played puppy sounds on a phone, she came right over to investigate and realized we were there as friends.

Abbey is now ready for the kind of home she's always deserved.

To make Abbey part of your family, get in touch at adoptions@sarasanctuary.org or submit an application online through our website.

