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Mission Statement

Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay is dedicated to providing a safe haven for unwanted and homeless small farm animals and parrots within our community. Our goal is to place them in loving homes whenever possible.

We are committed to promoting compassion and humane treatment for all animals through education and conservation, while fostering respect for animals and humans alike.

Animal Updates

Bwende

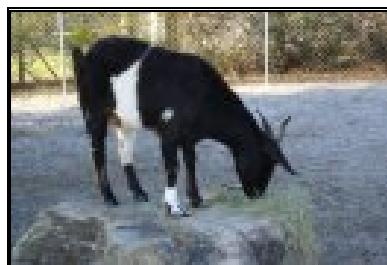
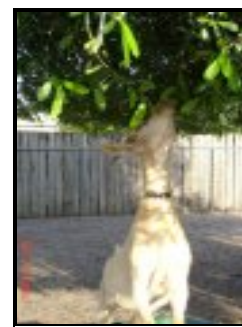


Bwende is our African Grey parrot whose leg was bitten off by a dog. He had to wear a protective collar around his neck for over three months to keep him from picking at the stitches. His collar was finally able to be removed. However, several weeks later after the collar was taken off he started mutilating the amputation sight. The collar had to be put back on him. Now we need to figure out what triggered that behavior after three weeks of having it off. We are looking at any and all changes. It is amazing how what

we perceive as a small change can indeed be monumental to the animals. He is a trooper though and we will get through it.

Effie and Cali

This picture on the far right is Effie and Cali soon after they arrived at HSHAR. The picture to the left of that one is Effie eating as an adult and the picture below is of Cali as an adult, climbing on a rock. Both were surrendered to the SPCA Tampa Bay who immediately called HSHAR to take them. Both these animals were very sick. Cali was about 1 month



old and weighed 6.2 lbs (newborn weight). Effie had more things wrong with her than there is room to mention. The SPCA's quick response allowed us to get them to our goat vet, Dr. Ricci, in time to save Cali's life. We are proud to work hand in hand with the SPCA Tampa Bay. As you can see they are now living happy and healthy lives.

Did You Know



Is it true that horses and goats make good companions?

Horses and goats are herd animals and are usually more relaxed when they have a herd mate. However, there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration before attempting this. Quite some time ago goats were used as companion animals for high strung horses to keep them calm before a race. Unscrupulous competitors would steal the goat the night before the race causing the horse much distress and usually squashing any chance of that horse winning the race. Hence the old saying "I have got your goat".

Are rabbit's rodents?

Rabbits are not rodents; they belong to a family called "lagomorphs".

What is a ruminant?

An animal that has four compartment stomachs (some only have three). These animals ruminate or chew their cud. The cud is a bolus of food that has been burped up from the rumen to be chewed on and swallowed again until the food particles are small enough to continue on through the remaining stomach compartments.



New Arrivals



Jim Bob Square Pants when he came to HSHAR

Jim Bob Square Pants is a 3 year old Boer goat. HSHAR took ownership of Jim Bob and his herd mate, Brandy, on January 29, 2010. He came to us severely underweight with an upper respiratory infection and severely overgrown hooves. The hoof problem is a chronic condition due to laminitis when he was younger. He will require frequent hoof trims due to rapid hoof growth. He is unable to straighten his right leg at this time. Jim Bob's rehabilitation will be a long one but we at HSHAR are committed to do whatever is necessary to get him back on his feet.



Jim Bob Square Pants just two weeks later

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Ricci and Leah Dixon of New Tampa Animal Hospital in Lutz, Florida for donating their services and expertise to help Jim Bob on his road to recovery.



Educational Programs

We would be happy to conduct educational programs for 4H, FFA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school groups or any group of 10 or more located in the Tampa Bay, Florida area.

For additional information please contact us at:

E-mail:

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Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

HSAR Store

Please check out the HSHAR Store on the website to get your HSHAR T-shirt and Baseball cap



www.hshartampa.org

The proceeds from the sales of all merchandise from the HSHAR store goes to the care of our rescued animals.



Our Next New Arrival and Mate of Jim Bob



Brandy

Brandy is a Boer goat. We took ownership of Brandy and her herd mate, Jim Bob, who you met above, on January 29, 2010. They are extremely bonded. Brandy protects Jim Bob from danger. Jim was close to the fence when a dog appeared on the other side. Brandy charged the fence scaring the dog away. When Jim Bob went for his much needed hoof trim and neutering, Brandy called and called for him while he was gone. The next day when he came back she ran right over to him and started eating - she refused to eat while he was gone. It is very heart warming to watch these two together. Brandy is a very important part of Jim's rehabilitation process.

Useful Information

Specialized Veterinarian Services in the Tampa Bay Florida Area:

Birds:

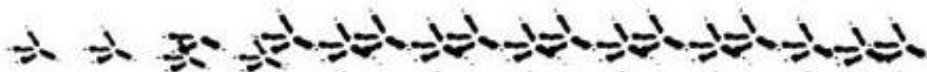
Livingston Animal and Avian Hospital
15104 Livingston Ave, Lutz, FL. 33559

Goats:

New Tampa Animal Hospital, 3511 East County Line Rd, Lutz, FL. 33559

Horses:

Unwanted Horse Coalition: www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org
Horse Protection Association of Florida: www.hpaf.org
Sunshine State Horse Council: www.sshc.org
American Association of Equine Practitioners: www.aaep.org



Donations

Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and animal rescue facility. Your donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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Monetary Contributions

Monetary contributions are always welcome and appreciated. They are a great help in providing food and care for our animals.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay
P.O. Box 7845 Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

Featured Animal



Layla

We would like to welcome you to the chicken world and more specifically Layla's world. Layla is one of our barnyard chickens and has been a resident at HSHAR for about two and a half years. When Layla and her flock mate first arrived she was very nervous and cautious of humans. Although they have a good size chicken yard, it took three days before they ventured out from the crate that they arrived in. Our chickens are free range, which simply means they are not kept in small cages. In fact, quite the contrary, our chickens are allowed to roam in a large fenced area. The fence is for their protection.

Layla starts her day by greeting Val at the gate as she arrives with feed. After some grains, sunflower seeds and greens, it's off to the goat yard for a busy morning of scratching through the hay and dirt looking for insects. During the morning hours the common gate to the goat and chicken yards are opened, allowing the chickens, goats and Arnold the pig access to each other. It is like a scene from Old Mac Donald's farm. It is great enrichment for all the animals.

Come afternoon it is time for all the animals to go back to their respective yards. Val usually feeds the goats first, giving Layla a few more minutes to scratch for any bugs that she and her flock mate Chabo may have missed. Then it is back to the chicken yard. It is pretty funny to watch as Val stands at the gate going to the chicken yard and yells, "Come On Girls. Let's Go." Layla is the first to arrive as she scurries across the goat yard, her little legs going a mile a minute. Chabo is soon to follow, as long as she doesn't get distracted. Layla knows that it is feeding time and is not one to miss a meal!

There is an exception to not missing a meal and that is when she is setting on her eggs. When hens are incubating their eggs they virtually stop eating and drinking. We allow the hens to set for three weeks and then pull the eggs. That would be about the amount of time that it would take for them to develop and hatch if they were fertile. These eggs are

Volunteer Opportunities

We have volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

Computer work
Educational Programs
Public Speaking
Animal Enrichment
Animal Care
Photography / Video
Fund Raising
Grant Writing
Administrative

Applications can be downloaded on the website:
www.hshartampa.org.



Cars 4 Causes has partnered with Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay. Cars 4 Causes specializes in car donations and your donation through Cars 4 Causes will help raise money for Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay.



not fertile since we do not have a rooster. We believe that our animals should experience as much of their natural behavior as possible and for this reason we do not pull the eggs early on.

Layla spends the remainder of her day with Chabo scratching for insects, taking dirt baths and chasing flying insects. It is very comical to watch a chicken chasing a mosquito; if you are not aware of what they are doing it can look as though they are running around frantically for no reason. In reality they are helping rid potential insect problems on your property. With the onset of dusk the chickens head into their shelter where they will remain until early morning.

Their social structure is known as a "pecking order" with each member having a place in that order. Chabo is dominant over Layla and pecks Layla in the butt when she wants to move Layla out of the way. That may be where the term pecking order came from.

Chickens are very entertaining to watch and learn about. We hope that you enjoyed your brief look into their world and hope that you have the opportunity to visit it for yourself.

Disaster Planning Guidelines for Horses



We are located in Florida where hurricanes are a very real danger for us. These are guidelines for such an occurrence.

Before the Storm:

- Become familiar with the type of disasters that occur in your region. Think about natural and manmade disasters.
- Have a written plan. During stressful times it is easy to forget or omit something important. Keep all your vaccination records, current Coggins, pictures of the horse and medications with the disaster plan. Compile a list of emergency numbers including veterinarian, neighbors, poison control, local animal shelters and animal control.
- Identify your horse through a microchip, tattoo, paint sticks. Take pictures of you with your horse as well as detailed pictures of your horse.
- Consider whether you need to evacuate the horses. Storm surge from the hurricane is often overlooked as people concentrate on wind damage.
- If you determine that the area is safe for the horses or you do not have a means of evacuating, the area must be free of debris,



Great Gift Idea: Sponsor a Rescued Animal

Sponsoring an animal makes a great gift for any occasion. Not only does it provide care for the sponsored HSHAR animal of your choice but the recipient receives a 5x7 picture of the animal chosen, a biography, and a quarterly update about the animal. Children 12 and under also receive a birthday card from the sponsored animal, and a sponsorship of \$50.00 or more also receives a t-shirt with the HSHAR logo.

Levels of Sponsorships:

Chick Level: \$25.00

Fledgling Level: \$50.00

Kid level: \$75.00

Avian Level: \$100.00

Barnyard Level: \$200.00



power lines, barbed wire and there must be enough room for them to run. Your decision whether to keep your horse in an open field or in the barn is up to you.

- In the event that you choose to evacuate do so 72 hours before the storm is due to hit or you could be caught in traffic and high winds. Traffic moves very slowly if at all and high winds will make the horse trailer very unstable. Familiarize yourself with evacuation routes and routes less traveled as well as potential evacuation sites. Fairgrounds, equestrian centers, and private farms sometimes have the ability to assist during an emergency.
- Remember that the power may be out so do not count on automatic pumps working. Make sure that you have enough water and food for two weeks.

After the Storm:

- Use caution after the storm. Beware of downed power lines.
- Landmarks and scents may become altered causing the horse to become confused or lost.
- Check pastures for debris that may injure the horse. Check to make sure fences are intact.
- Wildlife will also be affected by the storm and may end up where least expected. Use caution.
- Contact veterinarians, humane societies, stables, or farms if your horse is lost.

I Found A Baby Bird! What Should I Do?

If you find a wild baby bird that has fallen out of the nest, put it back. If you are unable to locate the nest put it in a basket or flower pot in the general vicinity. The parents will most likely return and care for it once you have left the area. You can observe from a distance to see if the parents do indeed return. The parents will not return to care for it if you are too close. It is also important to keep your dogs and cats away from that area.



When the baby bird is fledging, learning to fly, it spends much of its time on the ground. Just as human babies need to learn to walk, birds need to learn to fly. All too often we find these fledglings, baby birds learning to fly, and "rescue" them. The truth of the matter is the parents are most likely watching helplessly as the well meaning rescuer picks the bird up and leaves with it. The fledging process is all part of nature and it is important that we do not interfere with it. If the bird appears injured or the parents have not returned to care of it then it should be taken to



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Contact Us

Once again we thank you for your continued support and we encourage any feedback that you may have. Please feel free to contact us at:
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the closest avian veterinarian or licensed wildlife rehabilitator. We can not stress enough that all observations must be done from a distance. The parents perceive humans as danger and in most cases will not return while a human is present.

Wild birds are federally protected by law and therefore must be taken to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Here are a few things that you can do to protect the bird until you can get it to the appropriate caregiver:

- Keep it warm. Place the bird in a box or container with air holes. Place the container on a heating pad wrapped in a towel. The heating pad should be set on low so the bird will not overheat.
- Keep a cover on the container or box so the bird will not get out.
- Keep household pets away from the bird.
- Keep the bird in a quiet, dark place to help prevent the bird from becoming stressed. Try not to handle it.
- Do Not Feed The Bird: Feeding the wrong food can cause more harm than good. Also, an incorrect feeding technique can cause the bird to aspirate resulting in death. Take the bird to a rehabilitation facility or avian veterinarian as soon as possible, preferably within one hour.

CAUTIONS

- Wear gloves when handling wild baby birds since they are usually infested with mites and lice.
- Wash anything the bird has come in contact with to prevent the spread of parasites or disease to you, your family members, or other pets.

For A List of Wildlife Rehabilitators Please Refer To Our Useful Information Page

Helping The Animals Couldn't be Easier!

Here is a great way to help support the animals at Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay while you search the web or shop online. A donation is made to our rescue when you search the web using Good Search, www.goodsearch.com, and designate Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay (Wesley Chapel) as your selected charity. If 100 people search the web two times a day our rescue will receive a donation in the amount of approximately \$750.00 a year.

Shopping Online couldn't be easier using Good Shop, www.goodshop.com, and designate Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay (Wesley Chapel) as your selected charity. There are over 1000 stores to choose from including Amazon, E Bay, and Home Depot to name a few. Check out all the participating stores, you will be pleasantly surprised with all your choices.

Home Sweet Home Animal Rescue of Tampa Bay (HSHAR) thanks you for your support!

