



SANCTUARY STORIES

Animal Rescue Stories for Humane Educators and Sanctuary Tours

PASADO'S SAFE HAVEN BACKGROUND

INTRO

Pasado's Safe Haven, the Northwest's leading animal sanctuary and rescue organization, fights the root causes of animal cruelty and works to create a world where every animal is protected. Our uniquely comprehensive approach to ending animal cruelty holds abusers accountable, provides sanctuary and rehabilitation to animals who have suffered from abuse/neglect, advocates for better laws to keep animals safe, and works to inspire people to grow their circle of compassion to include all animals.

PASADO'S STORY

Pasado was a beloved, 21 year-old donkey who lived at Kelsey Creek Farm, a popular community park in Bellevue. Pasado touched the lives of countless people with his sweet personality and joyful, innocent presence. On the night of April 15, 1992, three people snuck into his pasture and beat him to death. That act inspired the creation of Pasado's Law, which makes 1st degree animal cruelty a felony in Washington State. From there, Pasado's Safe Haven was created in his honor.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Pasado's Safe Haven is a regional force and national example in its work. But, as our reach and scope of service have expanded, our aging campus facilities have struggled to keep pace. So now, after 25 years in operation, we are embarking on the first capital campaign in our organization's history. Our current working project cost is estimated at \$10 million. This will cover comprehensive improvements that are necessary to ensure our facilities best support the unique needs of the animals we serve and the people who make this work possible. So far, this campaign has seen the completion of a new Cow Barn, new Dog Town and walking trails, new waterfowl yard and pond, renovation of our mobile spay and neuter clinics, a new waterline and fire lane, and Kitty City. The campaign will be complete with a new office space and education center called The Center for Compassion.

SANCTUARY HISTORY

The first 20 acres (main lot bordering Woods Lake Road) was purchased by the founders to get the sanctuary and their house started. Pasado's Safe Haven became incorporated in 1997. The founders lived in the house that was Old Kitty City while they started building a more permanent house (Pasado's House) and the first barn (Old Barn). They lived in the house, used it as the organization's office, and provided for all kinds of animals until the barn was built. They eventually built and lived in what is now called Pasado's House. The doors of Pasado's House and some of the other wooden structures were purchased from an old church, so the construction seems older than it is. The remaining acres were purchased prior to 2005.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pasado's Safe Haven is on the lands of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla territories. We honor the traditional caretakers who have looked after these lands and the animals who call it home since time immemorial. Pasado's always was and always will be on Native land.

HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA (HPAI)

Our bird yards are currently not accepting visitors as a precaution against HPAI. As of the end of 2024, nearly 300 million wild and domestic birds have lost their lives due to the spread of HPAI. The reason why this number is so high is because when factory farms, which hold thousands of animals in confined conditions, get a confirmed HPAI case they are required by the USDA to cull the whole flock. Factory farms opt for the method of ventilation shutdown because it is cheap and effective. Ventilation shutdown plus (VSD+) is a process in which barns or sheds where chickens or other animals live are closed tightly, ventilation is sealed and fans are turned off, and heat, steam, or gas is turned on.

In 2024, the outbreak of avian influenza has now spread to other animal species, including cows in dairy farms and cases reported in humans. Transfer of HPAI to humans or other animals is rare, and requires contact with an infected bird, infected area, or infected host. Due to biosecurity practices and additional precautions, there have been no cases of HPAI on site at Pasado's Safe Haven. Guests should always wash their hands after interacting with animals and between animal yards, and use all provided shoe scrubs along the tour route.

ANIMAL STORIES

POTBELLY YARD (NO TREATS DURING TOURS)

Amy (black female with short left ear), Burrito (black male with floppy ears), Doll (pink female with short right ear), Donna (black female), Pinky (pink female with redder hair on snout), Rory (black female), Skelly (pink female with black spots near ears): These pigs arrived from a domestic violence situation where the wife could not leave safely until relocating the pigs. The wife and the pigs were in serious danger, as the husband had already killed at least one of the pet pigs. Abusers all too often resort to harming or even killing an animal as an act of violence towards their human victim. Because of this, animal cruelty is often seen as a precursor to or indicator of domestic violence. Pasado's Safe Haven is working to support legislation that helps recognize animal cruelty as the serious felony crime that it is. The pigs were relatively healthy thanks to the woman's loving care, though they had only had the limited vet care and husbandry that the woman could provide herself.

FLOWER GIRLS' YARD (NO TREATS DURING TOURS)

Poppy (black), Rose (pink, larger), and Sweetpea (pink, smaller): These girls were rescued in a group of over 250 pigs through a collaborative effort of sanctuaries coming together. So often in these large-scale cases, there is no a single rescue or sanctuary that can take all the animals in need. In these situations, PSH provides support in whatever way we can. We were able to take these three pigs and give them a second chance at life. Before being rescued, they had been severely neglected, and Rose was suffering from a broken leg that had never been treated. They were removed from a property that had started as a rescue, but over the years devolved into a hoarding situation due to lack of spay and neuter resulting in unregulated breeding, and likely a lack of funds to properly care for the growing number of pigs.

Violet (black potbelly): Violet was an owner surrender because she had been fighting with their dogs. When looking for a new home for Violet, most responded wanting to eat her instead of bring her in as a pet. When rescuing Violet, our team noted conditions that the dogs and pigs of the family lived in were not good, but would not be considered illegal. Pigs like Violet can be territorial, which is why it is important to know the personality of an animal and how they interact with others before you bring one home. This is important for all companion animals! Many potbelly pigs live with people as companion animals – just like our dogs and cats! That is because they are quite similar to dogs. Pigs are very intelligent, they can learn tricks, be house trained, and some have even been taught to play simple video games.

DOG TOWNE (VISITS OCCUR AT DOG PARK)

Dog Towne was recently renovated and moved up on the wooded hill as part of our on-going capital campaign. All our dogs are rescued from cruelty or neglect which causes many of them to have unique physical and behavioral needs. Because the old dog cabins were next to a high traffic area of the sanctuary, it was very stressful for our more fearful or reactive dogs. The new Dog Towne is much more peaceful for our dog residents and will allow us to bring in as many dogs as needed. It is also equipped with an enrichment center full of toys, treats, and puzzles and connects to a wooded dog walking trail.

If possible, the Caregiver will arrange for a dog or dog play group to be in the dog park during tours. Staff will plan ahead to arrange this.

CHICKEN VILLAGE (HPAI NO VISITORS)

The sanctuary has a number of chicken yards because it allows us to take in more roosters. Roosters are frequently dumped or killed simply because they are males, crow, and do not produce eggs. There are also many cities who allow people to own hens but do not allow roosters, which means the roosters who hatch have nowhere to go. Our satellite yards allow us to provide a home for multiple flocks who each have their own rooster guardian.

Hen Hut

Amara, Chikira, Futura, Gimlet, Labradorite, Lucidia, Olyve Oil, Pekachu, Rusty, Shake, Swift, Tango, Verona, Vino: There are 14 female chickens living in the Hen Hut who were rescued from a large-scale cruelty case of cockfighting (approximately 570 chickens, among other animals). We are working to get them stable and healthy. These birds are all diagnosed with Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT), which is often a death sentence for birds in factory farms and a call for humane euthanasia in most other situations. ILT is a viral disease and easily transmittable to other birds, so the chickens will live out their lives at PSH. PSH was in a unique position to bring in birds diagnosed with ILT because we already had experience caring for ILT-diagnosed chickens from our older flocks. Proper space and management of chicken flocks in relation to other bird species is essential for PSH's management of this disease.

Everson's Lodge

Everson's Story: This space was created in memory of our beloved friend, Everson the Rooster. This handsome fellow unfortunately had nowhere to go before finding his home at our sanctuary. Everson was someone who will always be remembered as a fierce and loyal protector of his family.

Nancy Drew (Naked Neck): Despite her smaller size, Nancy is a confident flock member who makes herself known when the snacks come out on tour. Our naked neck chickens (Nancy is the last surviving of the group) were part of a severe hoarding/neglect case from Thurston County (Rescue 2) involving hundreds of animals. Some of the birds were living in mud that accumulated on their feathers and feet, causing infections and severe discomfort. Some were so bad that they couldn't even walk. Many of the birds were bathed several times to remove the large mud clumps from their feathers and legs. They were also emaciated, had parasites, and suffered from bumblefoot. Many dead animals were also found on site.

Picasso (rooster): Picasso is a true gentleman who is always polite to his hens. He was rescued from extreme neglect which involved many animals including birds, pigs, dogs, cats, sheep, alpacas, and a pony. None of the animals had access to clean water and many of them were emaciated. No chicken food was found on site and the birds were either roaming or in small very dirty, broken-down coops - consisting of wire, plastic bags, and tarps - deep in mud and feces, most only had mud to drink. Thurston County Sheriff's Office called PSH for help with this seizure of the animals due to neglect. Pasado's Safe Haven brought birds and some of the pigs to our sanctuary, while working to help find placement for the other pigs.

Sonja (white with docked beaks): Sonja is a social bird. She is food motivated and will often take treats right out of your hand! Sonja along with her previous Flock of Friends were rescued from a large-scale rescue at a commercial farm production facility. When the Flock of Friends arrived, most of the hens were underweight, riddled with intestinal parasites, and suffered from extreme feather loss. Hens used for eggs are kept in battery cages their entire lives and have been bred to lay an unnatural number of eggs - often resulting in early and painful deaths. Often, these hens would be culled (killed) at 2 years old due to a slightly lower number of eggs layed. We are grateful Sonja will be able to live their full lives in safety and with love.

Rosy's Roost

Rosy's Story: This space was created in memory of our beloved friend, Rosy Robin Ross the Chicken. Rosy was rescued with many other birds from hoarding and neglect but was still able to show love. During her time at the sanctuary, Rosy was known to be a true peacekeeper within her flock.

Shirley (Polish rooster): Shirley is a very vocal fellow and known to be a bit of a weirdo but despite this he can be afraid of his

own shadow. Like many of our birds, he was rescued from hoarding and neglect. The owner had nearly 300 birds; roosters, chickens, and ducks in addition to rabbits and cats. With the offender's cooperation, outside enforcement was able to get connected to assure they would not relocate and do the same thing at a different location.

Greyhound, Hot Todd, Ingrid, Malbec & Moscato: There are five female chickens living in Rosy's Roost they were rescued from a large-scale cruelty case (approximately 570 chickens, among other animals) where cockfighting was suspected. HB 11149, signed into WA state law in 2025 with the support of Pasado's Safe Haven, strengthened animal cruelty statutes and established a lifetime animal ownership ban for anyone convicted of animal fighting. This means offenders convicted of animal fighting are banned from owning, caring for, possessing, or residing with any animal.

Since the rescue, Pasado's has worked to get the flock stable and healthy. These birds are all diagnosed with Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT), which is often a death sentence for birds in factory farms. ILT is a viral disease and easily transmittable to other birds, so the chickens will live out their lives at PSH. PSH was in a unique position to bring in birds diagnosed with ILT because we already had experience caring for ILT-diagnosed chickens from our older flocks. Proper space and management of chicken flocks in relation to other bird species is essential for PSH's management of this disease.

Unique Needs Yard - Elmo's Place

Elmo's Place: This space was created in memory of our beloved friend, Elmo the Pig. Despite his health challenges, Elmo was someone who reminded us to cherish friendships and live every day to the fullest.

Popeye (white rooster), Saffron, Bordeaux, Garryette & Coral- This flock, along with many others around Pasado's, were rescued from a large-scale cruelty case (approximately 570 chickens, among other animals) where cockfighting was suspected. HB 11149, signed into WA state law in 2025 with the support of Pasado's Safe Haven, strengthened animal cruelty statutes and established a lifetime animal ownership ban for anyone convicted of animal fighting. This means offenders convicted of animal fighting are banned from owning, caring for, possessing, or residing with any animal.

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COW/LLAMA BARN (OVER FENCE ONLY) (CHECK WITH STAFF FOR TREATS)

Left side pasture (Currently Empty)

Right side pasture

Willa (Small horns and small white patches on legs and belly) and Valentine (White heart on forehead): Willa and Valentine are Holstein mixes that were transferred here from Whatcom Humane Shelter due to lack of space/resources. These girls were rescued at a week old, along with 3 other calves, in 2020 by Whatcom Humane. They were seized from a property with a long history of neglecting their cows. Animal control visited the property where they found the calves living in horrible conditions. All 5 of the calves were skin and bones. All had pneumonia and respiratory infections; most had ringworms. Unfortunately, 3 of the calves passed away shortly after the rescue, but Willa and Valentine are survivors. They lived at Whatcom Humane and an adopted home for the last 4 years but were transferred down here to live with other cows in a larger facility and hopefully find a forever home.

Dandy (wide/long horns and white patches on face), Fern (fluffy head and horns that are skinny and point up) and Lavender (thick horns that point outwards): Dandy, Fern and Lavender are 3 male dexter cows age range 5-7. Fern and Lavender were adults, and Dandy was a calf when they were all rescued by Central Valley Animal Sanctuary from a neglectful hoarding situation where they were starving. They were transferred here to enjoy a larger facility and hopefully find a forever home.

THE PIG PATH (NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED ON TOURS)

YARD 3 - Start of the Pig Path (NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR)

YARD 2 – Lower Yard (NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR)

Nanni (spots) and Noodles (black): Were rescued by PSH as part of a joint effort animal seizure in Thurston County. The pigs were living in mud with no dry areas to sleep or eat. They were being fed cartons of coffee creamer and rotting produce and at the time of the rescue they were being fed onions. All the pigs were each approximately 100 lbs. underweight at the time of the rescue. They had not been well socialized but quickly learned to accept human attention.

**Nanni and Noodles live in the lower part of Yard 2 so that they can access the flattest parts of their yard. As pigs age, their joints are stressed by steep inclines or declines.*

YARD 1 - Far end of Pig Path (NOT INCLUDED ON TOUR)

George (one blue eye) and Peppermint: George and Peppermint are Yorkshire pigs who were brought in from Noble Animal Sanctuary in Sequim, WA. They were transferred when the sanctuary owner became ill and needed to rehome the rescued animals. George and Peppermint were both rescued from the meat industry by their original sanctuary. Peppermint was rescued from an auction by a well-meaning person who later realized he could not take on the responsibility of bottle-raising a farmed animal and surrendered her to Noble Animal Sanctuary. George was rescued from a farm due to being the runt of the litter. He quickly outgrew the space his original family had for him and was surrendered to Noble Animal Sanctuary, then moved to PSH. Both pigs' lives are examples of the need for compassion for farmed animals and awareness of the work that caring for a farmed animal requires.

NARN PASTURE

7 female mixed breed goats (Deb, Whitney, Francine, Jill, Janis, Shaunessy, and Jayme) 4 female sheep (Nadine, Razzle and Dazzle) and 2 rams (Carlos and Santana)

6 babies: Comet sheep (mom Haley has since passed due to health complications unknown before rescue), Jazz sheep (mom Razzle), Pepper sheep (mom Nadine), Billy and Capricorn goats (mom Jill), Lil Rascal goat (mom Deb)

Name tags can be found outside of NARN path gate. We are working with law enforcement, Center Valley Animal Rescue and other rescue organizations on a large-scale case of animal cruelty and hoarding. Multiple species were found at the property (dogs, sheep, goats, horses), and the animals were kept in deplorable conditions. We brought 10 dogs, 7 sheep, and 14 goats back to our sanctuary, and we assisted with transporting many more to safety. Our veterinary team treated the immediate medical needs of the animals in our care, including malnutrition, dehydration, and severe flea infestations. Many of the goats and sheep arrived pregnant and have given birth to a total of 6 healthy babies.

(Llamas) Ace (white face with brown booty), Lenny (white face with black dot on nose), Shaggy (all brown): With help from other animal rescue groups, Pasado's rescued nine llamas from a house in Yakima, where they had been severely neglected and had medical needs that had not been attended. The rescue team rescued all nine llamas on site during a 15-hour long rescue mission. Four llamas (three boys and one girl) were brought to PSH and the other five were brought to safety at other sanctuaries participating in the rescue. These llamas were living on dead grass pastures with no access to food, water, or shelter. Sadly, there was evidence of other deceased animals on site that had not survived until they were rescued. Due to the urgent need for rescue when these llamas were located, the offender surrendered the animals and was allowed to have one surviving llama remain on property.

NARN SIDE YARDS (often roaming NARN Pasture)

Elvis (spots) and Lisa Marie (black with white socks): Elvis & Lisa Marie are a sweet, bonded father/daughter pair that were recently returned to us after their former family had to move across the country. They both love to root around their yard in

search of the perfect treat. Elvis is a bit more confident than Lisa Marie, but both are friendly and enjoy human companionship. They originally arrived to the sanctuary as an owner surrender, with no case but a bad environment.

NARN PLAY YARD (OVER FENCE ONLY)

Victor (large Saanen mix white goat, horn nub): When visiting him on tours, just make sure to keep an eye on him and make sure that he doesn't get too pushy with guests. PSH was in communication with Whatcom Humane during the November 2021 flooding and asked if they needed help. The shelter was packed and expecting more animals to come in, plus their farm site was flooded. They asked if we could take an elderly goat who was brought to WHS when his goat friend and person were both found deceased (not flood related) and 3 dogs to help open space in the shelter. When Victor came to PSH he was elderly, very thin, had a loose horn, overgrown hooves, and was in dire need of some love! Since being at PSH he has really opened up and loves interacting with people.

Delilah (female white Saanen goat, no horns): Delilah (along with Kiki goat, who has since passed) was transferred from our partners at the Puget Sound Goat Rescue and were looking for a home together. PSH was looking for a couple of larger goats to be friends with Victor. We try to save our space for animals who have been rescued from cruelty, but goats are very social animals so providing Victor with the friends that he needed was an important part of his emotional care. Sadly, Kiki passed from humane euthanasia after battling painful precocious udders that hindered her quality of life. A precocious udder is one that fills with milk even though the goat did not breed and is not pregnant.

NARN SIDE PASTURE (OVER FENCE ONLY)

Charlie (black w/ white spot-on forehead): Charlie was surrendered when his family would no longer care for him. For his first few years at the sanctuary, he lived at the sanctuary in the People Barn with his best friend, Elmo. Sady, Elmo passed away suddenly. This left Charlie sad and alone. He moved in with the rest of the pot belly gang and made himself at home with new friends. After Otie moved in and they had time to establish hierarchies, Charlie and Otie became an unlikely duo and now live together as BFFs!

Otie (white w/ spots): Another pig, Louie, was born at PSH in 2015 after his mom had been rescued. He was adopted later that year. In 2020 we were contacted by his adopter because she had been suffering from a chronic illness and could no longer care for Louie and her other pig named Otie. Since we make a promise to all animals that we rescue, we agreed to take Louie and, because we couldn't leave one behind, we took Otie too.

AVIARY (HPAI – OVER FENCE ONLY – 5 FEET AWAY)

There are **50 female chickens and 1 rooster** living in the Aviary who were rescued from a large-scale cruelty case (approximately 570 chickens, among other animals). We are working to get them stable and healthy. These birds are all diagnosed with Infectious Laryngotracheitis (ILT), which is often a death sentence for birds in factory farms and a call for humane euthanasia in most other situations. ILT is a viral disease and easily transmittable to other birds, so the chickens will live out their lives at PSH. PSH was in a unique position to bring in birds diagnosed with ILT because we already had experience caring for ILT-diagnosed chickens from our older flocks. Proper space and management of chicken flocks in relation to other bird species is essential for PSH's management of this disease.

OLD BARN (CURRENTLY EMPTY)

The llamas have moved into NARN, and their stalls are now in Old Barn.

CHICKEN CASTLE (AKA Gandalf's Castle) (HPAI OVER FENCE ONLY – 5 FEET AWAY)

Gandalf's Story: This space (the barn behind Kitty City) was created in memory of our beloved friend, Gandalf the Turkey. Gandalf was someone whose calm, caring personality and wizened appearance awed the hearts and minds of those who met him.

There are 6 chickens and two peahens in this yard right now that were rescued by PSH from a few severe hoarding/neglect cases. Some of the birds were living in mud that accumulated on their feathers and feet, causing infections and severe discomfort. Some were so bad that they couldn't even walk. Many of the birds were bathed several times to remove the large mud clumps from their feathers and legs.

India (white peahen) and Dharma (green peahen): India was rescued as part of the severe hoarding/neglect case from Thurston County. She was rescued with many chickens and spent nearly 2 years at the sanctuary within the Aviary chicken flock. Because peahens are flock animals, India was strongly missing the companionship of other peafowl. That's where Dharma came in. Dharma lived in a neighborhood where people would sometimes feed her. They were fearful that she might get hit by a car, so they called PSH for help. Dharma and India are now a bonded pair.

All of the chickens were rescued from the severe hoarding cases described above.

Rocket (multi-colored rooster, white tail feathers), **Cheerio** (light brown with black tail; largest comb), **Muffin** (light brown with black tail; smaller comb), **Harriet** (light brown white tail), **Raspberry** (all black – white 96) and **Pippi Longstocking** (all black – blue 98), **Blossom**

WATERFOWL YARD/QUACK SHACK (HPAI NO VISITORS)

Wally (male Muscovy duck): Accepted by PSH when Wally was accused of being aggressive and the people he lived with would no longer keep him. He has been a joy while at PSH and never shown signs of aggression. For many years, Wally was a faithful companion and friend to Bernice, who has since passed on.

Muscovy Duck Group (8 male Muscovy ducks). ID sheet available in barn and name tags available at gate. A group of 15 Muscovy ducks was rescued from a large neglect case in Clallum County. There were roughly 60 birds on scene, and PSH was able to bring back 15 of them while others went to other shelters/sanctuaries. Before coming to the sanctuary, the birds were very skinny and sick after living in unsanitary conditions for months. They have since blossomed and enjoy coming to the fence for treats from staff and volunteers.

FRANK'S YARD

Frank (brown tom): Frank was rescued as a young turkey by a concerned person who wanted to save him from being raised for food. Shortly after the rescue, their human found out that she was not permitted to have turkeys in the town that she lived in. This is a common reason for birds like turkeys and roosters being abandoned or killed. Many people get birds to keep in their backyards and when they find out that they cannot keep them, they are discarded. Fortunately for Frank, his person had a kind heart and worked to find them a sanctuary to call home.

KITTY CITY

Kitty City Cats (name tags with pictures on inside windows): All of the cats at our sanctuary are rescued from some form of cruelty or neglect. The majority were rescued from hoarding situations and have come to PSH in large groups. Due to the nature of hoarding, many of these cats are under-socialized with people but can get along with other cats well. Almost all of these cats came to us with upper respiratory infections, internal parasites, and fleas. It's crucial to spay and neuter your pets to prevent unwanted litters and help reduce the numbers of feral and stray cats that will end up in shelters and get euthanized each year.

LOCATIONS NOT INCLUDED ON PUBLIC TOURS

HEALING BARN

The Healing Barn is the first stop for animals when they reach the sanctuary. Here they are medically assessed and quarantined before being approved for adoption or entering the rest of the sanctuary. Many of our rescued animals have unique and complicated needs and our Healing Barn is a place for them to heal.

THE LOVE NEST

Currently empty