

HOG WILD: REFLECTIONS ON 2024

As another year comes to a close at City Goat Farm, we're reminded of the stories that shaped 2024. This year wasn't just about new faces, but about building a home where compassion and care guide everything we do.

We welcomed nine chickens and six young turkeys, whose lively energy has become part of the daily hum of the barnyard. We also experienced a full-circle moment, taking in the last four sheep from 2021 rescue operation that started City Goat Farm. Watching them reunite with their family was a humbling reminder that even the smallest stories matter deeply to those living them.

Pigs Orson and Welles had a tough year. When a trip to a prospective adoptive home ended in trauma, their friendship soured, and they had to be kept apart—no small feat. After months of failed reintroduction attempts, we'd nearly given up when a sudden confrontation led to a broken gate, torn ear, and... reconciliation. Since then, they've been inseparable: sharing meals, exploring the farm, and cuddling up together at night. We are thrilled to welcome them as permanent members of the farm family.

From all of us at City Goat Farm, thank you for supporting our vision of a kinder, more sustainable future for animals and people alike. Your compassion and generosity make what we do possible, and we look forward to another year working together towards a better farming future.

Megan Miraglia & JC Quirin
Founders & Farmhands







HIGHLIGHTS

- City Goat Farm participated in the inaugural
 <u>Saratoga Farm Showcase</u>, organized by
 <u>Saratoga PLAN</u>, with proceeds going to protect open space and farmland. People from all over the region stopped by during the tour, which included a turkey enrichment activity for the kids!
- News10 covered City Goat Farm's annual Christmas tree collection program—a seasonal favorite for both our community and residents. Thanks to the spotlight on our efforts, we received over 200 donated trees this year, providing hours of enrichment (and snacks!) for the goats and sheep.
- We continued to make improvements to the farm's infrastructure with projects like demolishing an old, unsafe bridge, replacing the sump pump, installing salvaged barn doors, enhancing winter animal housing, expanding nature trails, and upgrading farm security.







FUNDS RAISED

\$21,870.48

EXPENSES

\$14,548.23



LOOKING FORWARD

As we enter 2025, we are excited to build on our progress and further support our residents and community. Priorities for the new year include:

- Improved Avian Housing: To better protect our feathered residents from avian flu, we will be upgrading bird housing to enhance safety while maintaining a natural environment.
- **Bridge Reconstruction:** Plans are underway to rebuild the bridge over the pond to provide safe, permanent access to 5 acres of grazing pasture.
- **Community Outreach:** We look forward to participating in this year's Saratoga Farm Showcase and other local events, strengthening connections between the community and our animal ambassadors.



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