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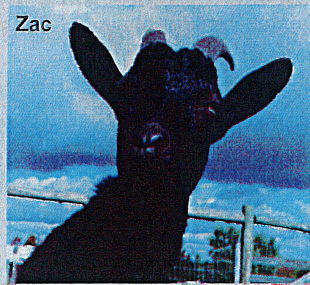


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FROM BACKYARD BUTCHER TO FOREVER HOME

A FAAN Success Story



Zac



Zoe

For the animals we took in following their rescue from a horrific Hudson Valley, NY, backyard butcher operation in October, bringing them back to health was our first order of business. But as we treated these survivors, we were also carefully planning for their futures.

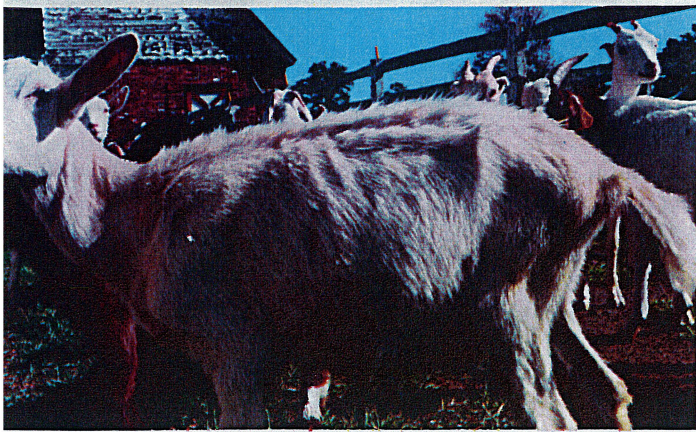
Some of the animals will need to stay with us for life. But for others, our New York Shelter was the first step on their journey home. While they worked on growing stronger, we worked to match them with their perfect adopters — turning, of course, to our *Farm Animal Adoption Network (FAAN)*.

Two such adoptees, Zac and Zoe goats, are best friends and absolutely inseparable, so it was clear that they needed to be adopted together. Luckily for them, Meagan Frederick and her family already had an adopted goat and sheep, and they were ready to expand their farm animal family.

Farm Sanctuary National Placement Manager Alicia Pell soon found that the Fredericks were ideal adopters, with the space and setup needed to provide a safe and happy home for goats; access to a veterinarian whose practice includes farm animals; and, most importantly, a deep love for their animal family members and strong commitment to their care.

Alicia and Meagan made preparations to bring Zac and Zoe home, and Farm Sanctuary staff members soon made the trip to the Fredericks' with their new family members in tow. Today, Zac and Zoe have settled happily into their new home. They follow their human family members everywhere and love attention — and the Fredericks are happy to oblige! Zac is a total "lap goat," Meagan says, and Zoe loves getting rubs and giving "goat kisses."

"In my opinion, adopting animals is truly one of the most enriching, rewarding things one can do. The sense of giving a living being a better life than the one before can be, I feel, just as rewarding for the caregiver as it can be for the animal," says Meagan. "The best thing, though? Using this experience to teach our boys (Jackson, age 5, and Mason, age 3) about compassion. I love that they will grow up around farm animals and that they will learn about caregiving and the enrichment it brings to their lives."



through the yard, foraging on garbage and the remains of other animals. More than 100 chickens and other fowl were kept in a poorly-ventilated, ammonia-filled "sick room" in the barn, and goats and sheep spent their entire lives indoors in tiny pens. Thanks to the volunteers' endeavors, we were able to seize the animals quickly and efficiently, and at our Watkins Glen shelter, they could finally experience the care they deserve.

As a result of this case, the Cattaraugus County legislature passed a local law creating an animal abuse registry for convicted offenders, preventing such individuals from possessing or owning any animal hereafter. Had such a law been in place when the former property owners were first charged with animal cruelty, they would not have been allowed to raise animals again in Cattaraugus County. This registry is a great template for other counties and we look forward to seeing progress continue in the direction of compassion!

We are grateful for the encouragement and donations from generous supporters like you. We could not do the work we do without you. And we are hopeful for justice for all of the animals involved in these cases as well as the cases that will (thanks to concerned individuals) come to light in the future.

