

# VINE 2022

## HAPPENINGS AT THE SANCTUARY

### POPULATION 600+

**347 CHICKENS**      **35 COWS**  
**102 PIGEONS**      **12 SHEEP**  
**52 DUCKS**          **10 GOATS**  
**11 GEESE**          **2 ALPACAS**  
**6 GUINEAFOWL**      **1 PIG**  
**3 EMUS**              **10 OTHERS**

*Note: We rehomed numerous birds this year to reduce crowding during the weeks that all birds had to be indoors due to the risk of avian influenza.*

## In Memoriam

*Every time we welcome someone to the sanctuary, we know that the day will come when we must say goodbye. Among the losses of 2022 were three people who typified the ethos of our multispecies community.*

### Domino

Everyone felt safe with Domino the alpaca, who was always the first to greet and tour newcomers and also volunteered as a teacher's aid for our Humane Education Programs. When Domino looked into your eyes, it felt as if he could see into your soul, regarding you with curiosity and care. His best friends Val the pig and Shadow the sheep miss him, as do his brother Max and father Avalon.

### Pete

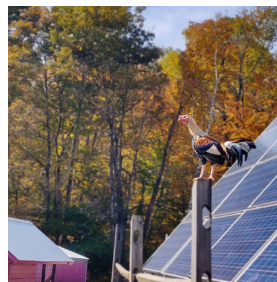
After the death of his brother Repeat some years ago, Pete the turkey bounced back by deepening his friendships with roosters and hens. Sociable and vocal, Pete was popular with passersby (many of whom would stop to chat with him every time they walked past the sanctuary, and was often visited by wild turkey hens, who would bring their youngsters to chat with him.

### Autumn

Autumn's vibrant personality was evident the moment she arrived at the sanctuary after 12 years at a dairy farm. Autumn made the most of each of her nine years with us, adopting two calves, appointing herself chief groomer of goats, and stepping into the role of herd leader with ease. She is missed by her best friend Rose and her adoptive son Moka as well as all of us.

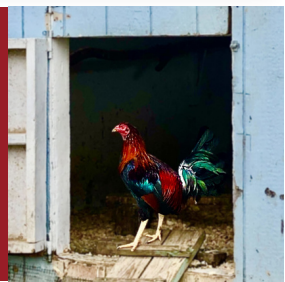
## On-Site Highlights

When **Grace and her family** arrived this spring, they didn't know who they could trust or what to expect. But the cows of the back pasture rushed to reassure and orient them. New friendships grew as Grace got to know other elders, Faith struck up a love match with Splash, and Liberty took up with a girl gang of similarly free-spirited young adults. That's how it goes here at our **multi-species community** where animals both receive and extend care and are respected as leaders.



### Mondo Rooster Rescue

Typically, when authorities seize roosters from cockfighting, only a few (if any) find their way to sanctuaries. This year, we worked with federal and state authorities to save **100 roosters** who would otherwise have been euthanized. It's all part of **The Rooster Project**, our multi-year initiative to advocate for these beautiful but misunderstood birds.



### Mini Sheep Make a Big Splash

It's not an optical illusion. Shadow the sheep really is a giant in comparison to the other sheep grazing behind her. No sooner had a family of Babydoll Southdown sheep moved in than we got a call about others in need of refuge. The influx of sheep has had a **calming effect** on the goats. One of the tiny sheep, **Tuk-Tuk**, has struck up a friendship with **Max** the alpaca. They make an odd and adorable couple!

### Scholars of All Ages Visit the Sanctuary

"Val is a pig. She's very very big. She wears hay on her head like a wig. Her tummy's so round it touches the ground, and we're so grateful that she was found!" The **preschoolers** who recited that poem to Val (who grunted her approval) were not the only scholars to visit VINE this year. Our summer **scholar-in-residence**, seen here with her pal Marble, was a graduate student in landscape architecture who mapped how animals co-create the sanctuary.



### New Infirmary Barn

The **Carol J. Adams Ethos of Care Infirmary** opened its doors this summer. Built in part with salvaged wood, this new infirmary will offer **extra warmth** to ailing animals in winter, year-round **quarantine** capacity, and a combined office and storage area for veterinary supplies. One of the newly rescued roosters loves to spend time in the office, so we call him **Dwight**. Thanks to Carol, for donating her 70th birthday to raise the funds for the barn last year, and to all who contributed to our collective barn-raising!

# EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

## Reimagining Sanctuary

Early in the year, we organized a **month-long virtual conference** for staff, volunteers, and board members at farmed animal sanctuaries. More than **300 attendees, representing 144 sanctuaries in 17 countries and 31 US states as well as 24 educational institutions in 12 countries**, gathered to listen to speakers and share their own ideas. Other ways that VINE helped other sanctuaries this year included support groups for sanctuary staff and in-depth consultations on rooster care.



## Promoting Veganism in LGBTQ Communities

In June, **5 times more people** than the year before signed up for our **Pride Month Vegan Challenge**. In July, we expanded the challenge to an anytime 30-day **Rainbow Vegan Challenge**. Locally, we organized a Pride Month Vegan Picnic in June and a National Coming Out Day Speak Out in October. Virtually, we brought LGBTQ vegans into conversation to learn, strategize, and practice care together throughout the year.

## Amplifying Activism



Also this June, we debuted our new talk show and podcast, **In Context**, which airs on UnchainedTV and streams on all of the popular podcast platforms. The show amplifies the voices of activists, authors, artists, and scholars doing innovative work, thereby enhancing the ability of animal advocates to learn from each other *and* from animals. All year long, the **VINE Book Club** brought vegan activists from around the world into conversation with each other and with authors of instructive books. Our own **lectures at classes, conferences, and festivals** carried insights arising at the sanctuary to scholars and activists who will put those ideas into action in their own work.

## Expanding Humane Education

This September, **more classrooms than ever before** signed up for our virtual humane education program, **Barnyard Buddies**, which is sponsored by Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps. More than 30 PreK through 5th grade classes, including **all of the 5th grade classes in our local school district**, will be learning about animals at the sanctuary throughout the school year. In addition to virtual field trips and monthly lessons, each class now receives worksheets and other educational activities to use in between sessions. That all adds up to **hundreds of children** learning empathy, compassion, and respect for differences every month.



## Sparkling Imagination

Imagination was a focus of *Reimagining Sanctuary*, and that theme continued through the year. Imagination is an element of empathy. We also need imagination to envision a different world and devise strategies to make those dreams come true. And so, we incorporated art into humane education, brought **art supplies to VegFests**, included imaginative literature in book club, and stretched our own creativity when solving problems at the sanctuary. From an ingeniously designed cow lifting apparatus in the new barn to the free **anti-dairy stickers** we made available in partnership with the **Louder Than Words** art collective, imagination infused our 2022 and will continue into 2023.

## 200+ EVENTS

- 42 online educational events for activists
- 182 humane education programs for kids
- 12 talks at classes, conferences & festivals
- 13 on-site volunteer days
- 21 other events



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## MESSAGE FROM PATTRICE



**Everything we do** is rooted in the on-site happenings at the sanctuary. The animals who find **refuge and care** at VINE also co-create a community from which we and others learn. Our extended community of donors and boosters makes all of that possible. **Thank you** for being part of that community! **In 2023**, we will extend humane education to include middle school, provide more rooster-related resources to sanctuaries, expand our outreach within LGBTQ+ communities, and launch a new anti-dairy initiative. We hope we can continue to count on you just as the animals at VINE count on us.