



HABITAT MULTI-SPECIES

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Presentation

Mission and Multi-Species

Habitat



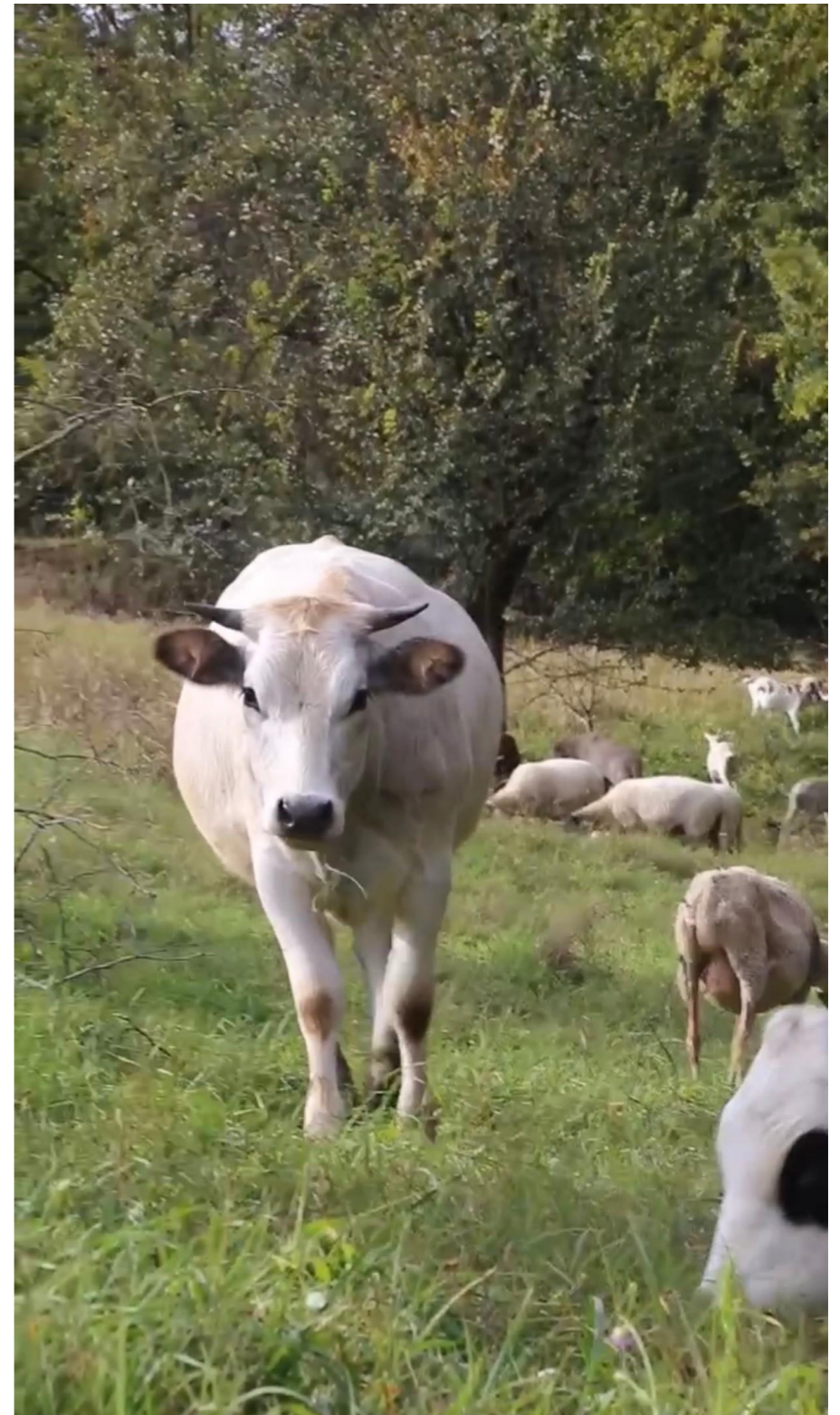
Mission and Vision:

*Associazione Etica Antispecista Jill Phipps, located in Albugnano, in the province of Asti, was founded in 2016 by two long-time vegan activists. Since 2005, its founders had envisioned creating a **liberated space** – a small corner of the world where non-human animals can live free from the domination and oppression ingrained in society.*

Our Mission

We act as accomplices to non-human animals, supporting their liberation from human-imposed dominion and a predetermined fate of exploitation. We reject the reification of all persons, human and non-human, and oppose their reduction to mere commodities.

In our large multi-species family, every resident is a unique individual with their own personality, needs, and dignity – never a number, a barcode, or a resource. Here, anti-speciesism becomes tangible: a daily practice of coexistence, respect, and rebellion against oppression.



Population and Structure:

Our sanctuary currently shelters 200+ animals across species – from gentle bovines to spirited goats, curious pigs to cheerful hens – all thriving in customized environments designed around their innate instincts and requirements.

Many of our residents were rescued through collaborations with national animal welfare organizations and authorities – saved from slaughterhouses, abusive conditions, or neglect through legal seizures. Others came to us from private individuals who, whether willingly or through intervention, could no longer provide them care. Each arrival carries a story of survival, and each life here becomes a testament to compassion in action.



Territory

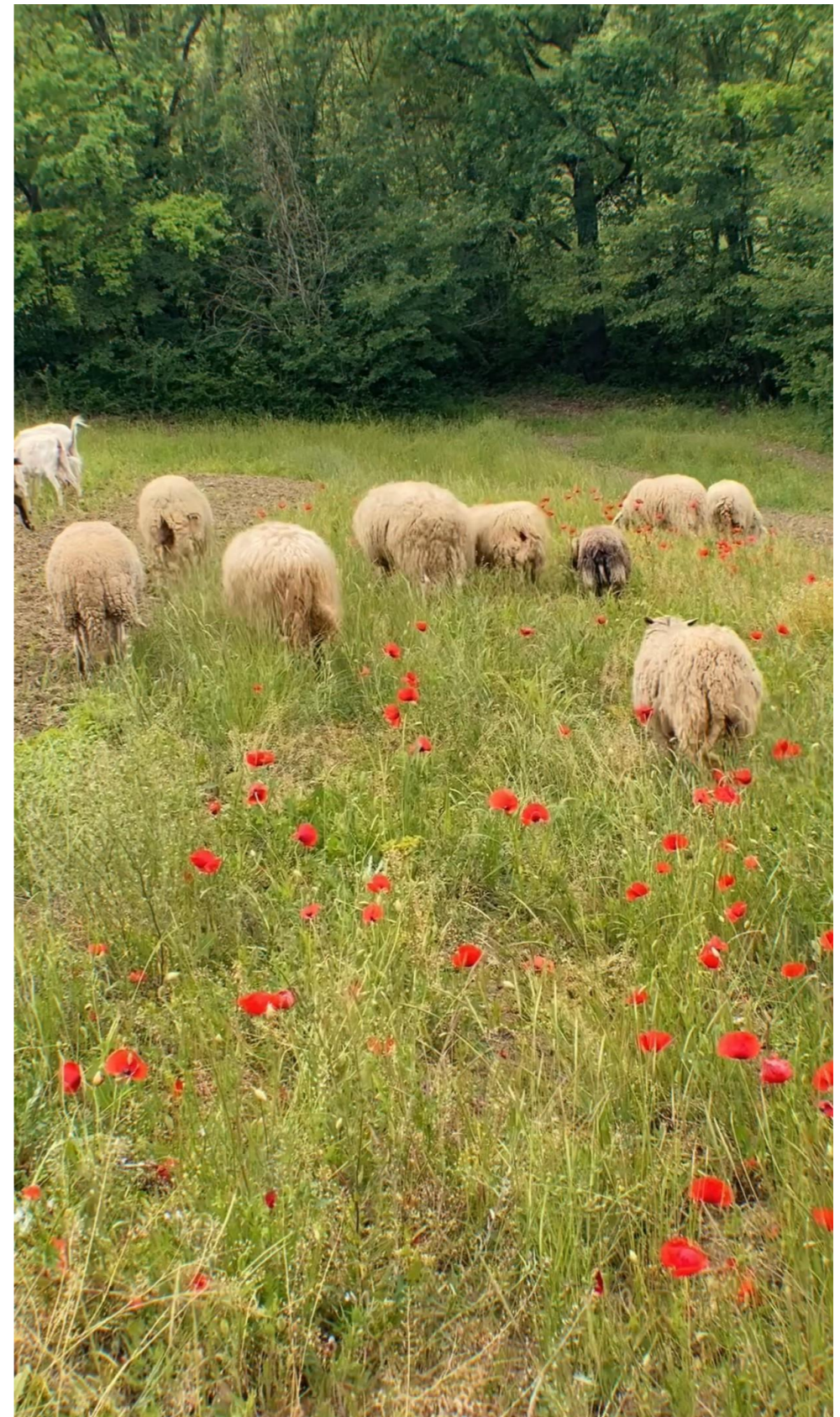
Our territory is home to a rich variety of native mammals, from the elusive wolf and otter to the more commonly spotted fox, hare, and wild boar. The ecosystem supports mustelids like badgers, polecats, and martens, as well as smaller mammals including squirrels, dormice, and moles - all vital components of our local biodiversity.

In the deeper and quieter wooded areas, one can sometimes encounter, especially at dawn or dusk, roe deer (whose population has increased in recent years following repopulation efforts), and some specimens of fallow deer.

A widespread distribution also includes a variety of diurnal and nocturnal birds of prey (buzzards, sparrowhawks, goshawks, owls, little owls, barn owls, and eagle owls), but during a hike or walk, it's more likely to encounter, especially in spring when migratory birds fly over the Langa, species such as skylark, swallow, swift, great tit, blackcap, goldfinch, chaffinch, cuckoo, pheasant, blackbird, and many others.

Among the waterfowl, there is a good number of mallards, moorhens, kingfishers, cormorants, and grey herons (a constant presence along the entire course of the river). Among the ornithological varieties, there are also corvids such as crows, hooded crows, and magpies.

Often overlooked yet ecologically vital, so-called "minor" fauna serves as a critical indicator of environmental health. These species form the foundation of thriving ecosystems and deserve recognition beyond reductive labels: water snakes, common toads, common green frogs, fire salamanders, coypus, green lizards, common wall lizards, and common geckos.







We are working to create a world where every individual animal is respected by society and protected by law.

(Photo: Uro and Chiara)

Guiding Principles:

- *Promotion of a free life for all living beings*
- *Rejection of any form of animal exploitation*
- *Education and awareness on anti-speciesism*

Support and Collaborations:

This reality, like other similar ones, continues to exist thanks to people and organizations that believe in the cause and support it.

Without the support of like-minded accomplices, it would not be possible to continue our mission.

Activities and Initiatives:

- *Daily care of resident animals*
- *Educational programs for schools and visitors*
- *Awareness events on veganism and animal rights*
- *Collaborations with veterinarians and animal welfare experts*

Future Objectives:

- *Expand spaces to accommodate more animals in need*
- *Strengthen the support and volunteer network*
- *Positively influence local policies on animal welfare*



How to Support Us:

- *Donations and financial support*
 - *Distance adoption programs*
 - *Volunteering and internships*
- *Participation in events and initiatives*



An Important Recognition:

*This year, after years of commitment and thanks to collaboration with politicians and supporters who share our ideas, we have achieved a significant milestone: **Rifugio Jill Phipps** has been officially recognized at the state level as a permanent refuge.*

This recognition has allowed us to be registered in the national database with the specific designation of "sanctuary", overcoming the previous generic classification of "farm".

This is a fundamental step for the recognition of realities like ours, which deal with animals considered "livestock", escaped from slaughter and exploitation. This status not only legitimizes our work but also opens new possibilities for the protection and welfare of the animals.



Our philosophy

Max Horkheimer - The Skyscraper

A cross section of today's social structure would have to show the following: At the top, the feuding tycoons of the various capitalist power constellations.

Below them, the lesser magnates, the large landowners and the entire staff of important coworkers.

Below that, and in various layers, the large numbers of professionals, smaller employees, political stooges, the military and the professors, the engineers and heads of office down to the typists.

And even further down what is left of the independent, small existences, craftsmen, grocers, farmers e tutti quanti, then the proletarian, from the most highly paid, skilled workers down to the unskilled and the permanently unemployed, the poor, the aged and the sick. It is only below these that we encounter the actual foundation of misery on which this structure rises, for up to now we have been talking only of the highly developed capitalist countries whose entire existence is based on the horrible exploitation apparatus at work in the partly or wholly colonial territories, i.e., in the far larger part of the world.

Extended regions in the Balkans are torture chambers, the mass misery in India, China, Africa boggles the mind.

Below the spaces where the coolies of the earth perish by the millions, the indescribable, unimaginable suffering of the animals, the animal hell in human society, would have to be depicted, the sweat, blood, despair of the animals.

The basement of that house is a slaughterhouse, its roof a cathedral, but from the windows of the upper floors, it affords a really beautiful view of the starry heavens.



Some of our rescued animals

When a child in Veneto unexpectedly won a calf in a local lottery, his life – and his family's – changed forever. Alongside his two mothers, the boy chose not to treat the calf as a prize but as a life to protect. They named him **Kibo** (meaning "hope" in Japanese) and reached out to our sanctuary to give him a future.

We welcomed Kibo with open arms, but the most remarkable transformation was yet to come: **The family, once omnivores, went vegan after meeting him.**

Now, they regularly visit Kibo, help support his care, and advocate for his freedom.

Kibo's story has since touched countless hearts – proving that **one small life can awaken profound change.**

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In 2019, a slaughterhouse in Centallo (Cuneo) lost something it never expected: **a bull who refused to die.** For three extraordinary weeks, **Tarosh** outran his fate – roaming free through fields and forests, evading capture, and unknowingly becoming a symbol of resistance. When authorities finally cornered him, his story could have ended there. But we **intervened.** With the help of veterinarians, we safely sedated Tarosh and brought him to sanctuary – where he would live, not die.

The media frenzy that followed was unprecedented. National newspapers covered his escape; **repentant farmers and butchers called us**, shaken by his will to survive. Some confessed their regrets. Others simply thanked us – for giving Tarosh the ending they wished more animals could have.

Today, Tarosh isn't just a resident. **He's proof that even a system built on slaughter can't extinguish the desire for freedom** – or the public's capacity to care.

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For **15 years**, Harriet knew only darkness. Confined in a cramped barn, **her legs never touched grass**, her eyes never saw sunlight, her body never moved beyond the length of a chain.

When she arrived at our sanctuary, **freedom overwhelmed her.** She stumbled like a newborn – awestruck by open sky, uncertain of earth beneath her feet. Step by step, she learned what it meant **to exist**, not just endure.

Then came another miracle: Harriet, who had only ever known exploitation, **gave birth here to her daughter Jasna** – a calf who would never know chains. And when we rescued her son Björn from slaughter, **their reunion was pure joy:** nuzzling, circling one another, communicating in ways science still can't fully explain.

Three lives, **saved in stages**, now graze together – a family the system never meant to survive.

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We want to share these stories of freedom and rebirth far and wide – awakening compassion for animals isn't just ethical, it's a moral imperative.

Our stories in the news.

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