

Katie's story

Late last year Katie arrived at the sanctuary. She was then a severely neglected elderly horse in one of the worst states of malnutrition we have seen. With the help of Wellington SPCA, Katie was signed over to us in December 2005. Our first priority was to get Katie eating, and after a close inspection we found that the state of her teeth was making eating a painful task. After significant dental work Katie is now able to chew and swallow her food, and we are pleased to say she is slowly but surely putting on weight. At her last vet check-up, the vet could not believe how well she was doing!



Katie when she first arrived

Katie has a perky, somewhat cheeky, personality and we are delighted to see her relationship grow with new adoptive parents Richard and Kylie Dirks.



Richard & Katie in August

Guilt Free Skin Care

Carolyn holds a diploma in Herbal Remedies, and her creams and potions have been wonderfully successful in treating and rehabilitating the animals in her care. She has now decided to make skin care products for people who need help too. Together with lifelong friend Stephanie Fifeild, she has developed a range of lovely skin care products, under the name Nude Natural Skin care. All Nude's products are not tested on animals, and are 100 percent pure, natural and free from animal products and artificial chemicals. They work wonders, smell and feel great and help support the Sanctuary. Carolyn says: "The big bonus is that I can volunteer fulltime at the sanctuary whilst working from home. And my skin has never looked so good."



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Oh yeah, did we mention the monkeys?

Some of you may already know that we have recently taken into our care three very special monkeys. Jim and Carolyn are so proud of how well these little fellows are doing. Jim has built them temporary winter quarters that are vastly different to the caravan they are used to living in. Carolyn explains "They are retired from the entertainment industry so we are desperate to give them everything we possible can for their new lives, although in this cold weather being warm and safe are the main things." As their rehabilitation proceeds, we need to provide them with a new and spacious area, which has been especially designed to enable them to live full and rich lives.

We are currently looking for people willing to help sponsor the building of the new monkey enclosure. Although their past owners cared for them, until now the monkeys have only known cages, tethers and a life on the road. We cannot stress enough how important it is to us to build them enclosures that will bring them the freedom they deserve. It is an honour and a privilege to be in the company of these gentle souls. If any of you are in a position to help, we would love you on board - let's make a difference! We are committed to having the first stage of the project underway by summer 2006.



Nine year old Leah and three year old Rachel the Pig tailed macaque

NEWSLETTER

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Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary

A SAFE HAVEN FOR NEGLECTED AND ABUSED FARM ANIMALS

More and more animals find loving care and new lives at the sanctuary

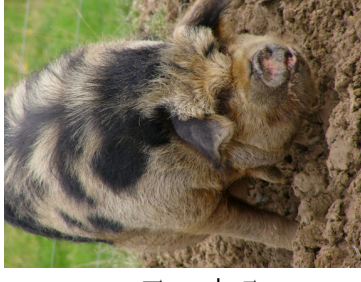
Autumn and winter 2006 have been extremely busy at Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary. Many wonderful animals have arrived in various states, so Carolyn and Jim have been doing a tremendous amount of work to rehabilitate the new arrivals. Loving homes have been found for many of them. While all the animals who pass through our lives are individuals, they have all shared a willingness to forget past cruelties and hardships and make a new life for themselves.

There are far too many stories to allow more than a brief outline here. A major development has been the recent arrival of three extremely special monkeys (see *story on p. 4*). A severely neglected elderly horse named Katie is making a steady recovery from starvation (see *story on p. 4*) and we have successfully managed to rehabilitate Lord Froggy, a horse with a broken leg, who was going to be put to sleep, but is now home sound and happy.

Recently we socialised a family of wild kittens and carefully rehomed them to loving families. Caring homes for ex-battery chickens have been found, and we managed to save a group of peacocks who were going to be shot. Zac the dog is enjoying a new life on a country retreat!



A "wild" kitten, now in a loving home she (rather wisely, we think), slipped her chain but was caught by Animal Control in her flight for freedom. As her owners were unwilling to pay the penalties to get her back, she came to live with us. Celia is still slightly nervous around people but is really enjoying not being on a chain. She just loves the other goats at the sanctuary, and will often just sit and stare at her new friends, a true deep thinker.



Marion the pig sadly passed on after 8 years at the sanctuary - she was rescued from being a spit roast - Marion we love you and we miss you!

Elderly horses Rasham and Cleo are doing well, and our heron "Henry" has been a great help with rehabilitating other birds!

Finally, we would like to mention a group of very special feathered friends, the ex-battery hens that now live with us. So many people have donated money to support these hens and their new freedom, and they are certainly loving it! They are a transformed bunch, all sporting new feathers and new attitudes as their wounds heal and they get used to life in the outside world. They all have their own spots in the sun, favourite places to scratch, and sleeping areas in the night shelters. While it is disheartening that so many battery hens live miserable lives crammed into cages in dark sheds, it makes us proud to provide our hens with a new life, perhaps just a small recompense for their previous lives.

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Stormy weather strikes Sanctuary; Roof severely damaged but animals spared!

You may have seen in the news that early in the morning of the 12th of June, strong winds tore most of the roof from Carolyn and Jim's house at the sanctuary. Fragments of roof (nearly 100sq meters) flew straight over the monkeys' quarters, and approximately sixty sleeping battery hens then landed in a paddock where horses would usually be waiting for breakfast.



The neighbours' cows had broken onto sanctuary land a couple of weeks ago and eaten the winter grass so fortunately the horses were grazing up the road instead. The roof (which had not been nailed on correctly) was lost over two bedrooms, the living room, the study, the bathroom and the hallway, but each of the hundred animals on the sanctuary were safe and sound, and their quarters were undamaged. Carolyn describes the noise... "It was like an earthquake but it was coming from

above. You could almost hear every nail coming off ... It happened really quickly ... The big thing is the animals are all okay."

Carolyn and Jim are currently living in a campervan, which is rather cozy in this weather, and they are happy to be on site with the animals. Insurance will pay for the \$100,000+ worth of damage caused by the wind and rain, which is expected to take until at

least the end of August to fix.

Because of the damage, however, some of the animals' quarters have had to be reworked. Carolyn and Jim have been building new shelters to accommodate these animals in their new paddocks. The goats, which used to free range the whole property, are now confined to one large paddock, as it is not safe for them to wander amongst the wreckage. A new playground has been built, with accommodation, to keep the goats occupied in their new abode.

As Carolyn says "The good news is that no-one was hurt at all! We've tried to stay positive, it really has been an adventure, and we were insured. I just pretend that this is one of those extreme makeover home edition shows!"

The "Ark" Interactive Animal Education Centre



Last year Carolyn and Jim launched their new interactive animal education program, and education centre - a facility that enables school children and other groups to learn respect and love for all animals. We have been busy with renovations inside and site works outside to continue developing the area for both humans and animals.

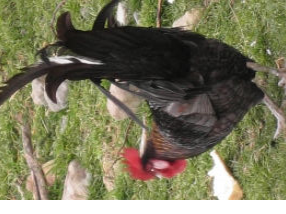


The response and feedback has been truly amazing, with a wide cross section of New Zealanders taking part - from school groups to the more ma-

ture groups eager to learn more about animals and how to care for them with respect. This is an ongoing work program and we look forward to being able to give you regular updates on our progress. It has been very rewarding to see the children learning how to treat animals with compassion and respect.

We have already begun to book in schools and other interested groups for spring/summer. If your group would like to book a tour or education session, please phone us on 04 526 3630.

Our new website for children – we need your stories!



An exciting development being worked on by Carolyn and Jim is the creation of a compassionate education website especially for children! It will be fun, colourful, and packed with interesting and important information about all animals- teaching children how to love and care for animals and protect their futures. There will also be updates on the sanctuary, and what Carolyn and Jim are up to, and an adoption page and help section. We would love you and your kids to get involved! Please send in your children's drawings, photographs of their favourite animals, and stories explaining how they feel about animals, and describing the relationships they have with their own companion animals. We will proudly post a selection of these on our new website when this is launched.

A lonely labrador finds a loving home

A recent and brief visitor to the sanctuary, who touched all our hearts, was The Duke. The Duke is a 13 year old retriever whose family did not want him anymore because they were renovating and their children were older and not around much! The Duke had been passed from family to family, and really needed somewhere to settle for good. Anyway, like almost all retrievers that we have met, The Duke has a friendly personality, a big smile, and an irresistible urge to be part of the action. The Duke is deaf - or faking it so he can do just whatever he wants - and just loves to go swimming. After completely making himself at home with us, The Duke found a new family in the deep south. He now lives with three humans, two ducks, another retriever, and a crew of chickens in Dunedin. The Duke is never short of company and affection now and has found a very loving and very permanent home.



"Opportunity for Animals" supports the sanctuary

In June 2006, a new second-hand shop dedicated to saving animals opened in Newtown. Opportunity for Animals is a cute, boutique-style opportunity shop, supporting animal health, welfare, and rights. The shop is currently fundraising for Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary, the Cat's Protection League, Veganz, Wellington Animal Rights Network.

Opportunity for Animals is handily located at 162 Riddiford St., Newtown, (phone 389-3891,) and is open Tuesday to Friday 9.30am – 5 pm, and Saturday 10am - 4pm.

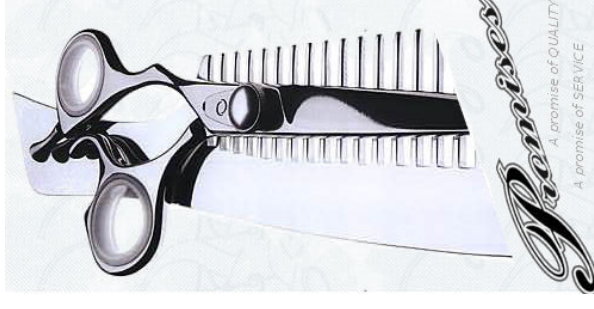
The shop also welcomes donations of any unwanted goods, such as furniture, clothes, kitchenware, bedding, towels, linen, toys, etc.

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Carolyn gave a presentation about the sanctuary at the very well attended National Animal Rights Conference in June 2006. Carolyn reports "I was so impressed with everyone there - well done and keep up the hard work. And a huge thank you to everyone involved in SAFE. Whilst visiting the sanctuary on the last day of the conference, the group presented us with a beautiful card filled with very kind comments and approximately \$500 that they had collected for us. Thank you!"

New volunteers

Richard and Kyle Dirks recently moved into the living quarters of the "Ark" education centre as caretakers and have adopted Katie, our most recently rescued horse. They are very proud first-time "horsie parents" - see the following story. Some of you may also have noticed that Catherine has also been corresponding with you - she is helping out with answering letters and banking. Big thanks are also due to Eric for all his work on the sanctuary website <http://www.farmsanctuary.org.nz>, and generally helping out! And thanks too to all the many wonderful volunteers who have helped out at the sanctuary working bees.



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