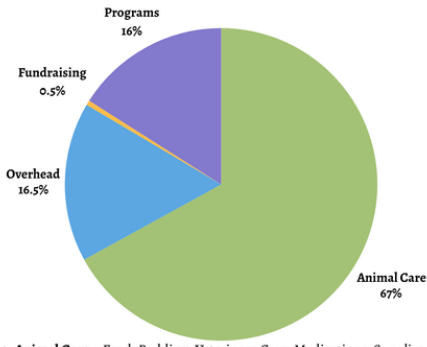




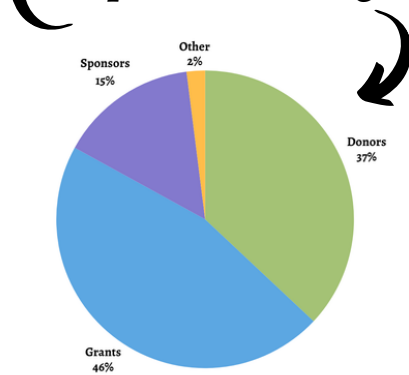
HAPPENINGS AT THE SANCTUARY

On-Site Highlights



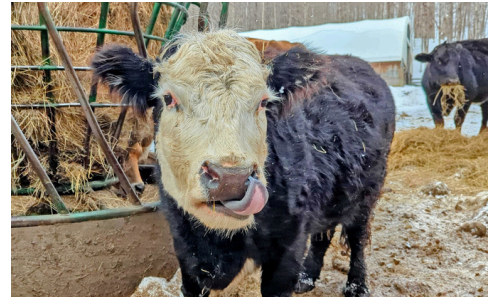
- **Animal Care** = Food, Bedding, Veterinary Care, Medications, Supplies, Equipment Repairs & Maintenance, Barn & Coop Maintenance, Fencing, Pasture Maintenance, Wages for Animal Care Team, and more
- **Programs** = Website Costs, Printing, Event Costs, Wages
- **Overhead** = Utilities, Insurance, Property Taxes, Bookkeeping, Accounting, and other unavoidable administrative costs

Expenses • Funding



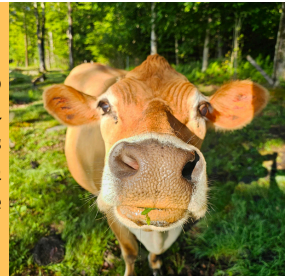
- Funders who support our work with **Grants** include Vegan Grants, The Emerald Fund, and Stray Dog Foundation
- Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap **Sponsors** our educational programs
- **Other** sources of funds include swag, events, and VINE Press
- **Donors** like you make the sanctuary possible with your contributions. We literally couldn't do it without you!

At year-end, the population of the sanctuary includes 32 cows, 22 goats and sheep, one alpaca, and **hundreds** of birds—chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, pigeons, and emus! Together, they co-create a multi-species **community** in which mutual aid and respect for differences are guiding **values**. Everybody wakes up hungry for breakfast each morning, needs fresh water throughout the day, and counts on us for a safe place to sleep each night. Many are elders who need medications or special diets. Their care is our highest cost, and one we gladly pay.



New Arrivals

New arrivals this year included Phippen (left), who immediately joined Patches and Marble as a ringleader of goat shenanigans. In contrast, sisters Bella, Ariel and Rosie kept themselves apart from other cows for a number of weeks before they made friends with another new arrival, Ro (right).



Steadfast Staff

365 days a year, our small staff works from sunrise to sunset, taking care of our nonhuman community members and the sanctuary itself. Daily chores include opening and closing coops; distributing hay, grains, birdseed, and pelleted feed; cleaning coops and barns; filling and cleaning water bowls and troughs; and dispensing medications. Seasonal chores include snow removal, pasture maintenance, and regular repainting of buildings. As-needed chores include fence repair, tractor maintenance, and regularly scheduled check-ups.

Cheryl (left), who marked 15 years at the sanctuary this year, schedules and organizes it all, as well as providing expert animal care. Rachel (who will mark 10 years in 2026) primarily cares for birds but also drives the big tractor. Part-timers Pomme, Alex, and Staci do everything and anything. Our newest staff member, Elijah (right) is an avid birder who takes most of the photos you see if you follow us on social media.



Enriching Events

In addition to our usual line-up of public days for families, Pasture Pals programs for kids, and volunteer days for middle school, high school, and college students, we held two special on-site events. In June, we teamed up with In Defense of Animals and Drag Story Hour VT to host an event in which families learned about amphibians while visiting the sanctuary. This fall, a Halloween-themed event brought costumed kids to the sanctuary to decorate and distribute pumpkins.



pumpkin pals

In Memoriam

Rose

Everybody mourned when herd matriarch Rose passed away early this year. A survivor of dairying, Rose was an especially empathic cow who extended care to others throughout the 13 years she lived here with us.

Avalon

A survivor of forced breeding for the textile industry, Avalon the alpaca was deeply devoted to his sons Domino and Max.

Lena

An egg factory survivor who lived longer than anyone thought possible, Lena was among the one in 10,000 hens who develop rooster traits as elders. Everybody loved to hear her crow!

Trickster

As a VINE volunteer, Trixie the Great Pyrenees devoted her too-short life to protecting Lena and other birds from predators. Her many skunk friends joined us in grieving her death.



Vital Volunteers

Eight inches of snow didn't stop intrepid Elena from driving over icy highways to pick up and deliver donated fruits and vegetables during the first big storm of the season. She's just one of the on-site volunteers who help to make the sanctuary possible by coming every week to help out with chores and special projects. Shout-out to Dave, Jessica, Sharon, and Steven too! Volunteers are also central to the education and advocacy programs you'll see on the flip side. Shout-out to Misty and Amanda for their critical contributions to our education and advocacy projects. Volunteers also power our Rapid Response Team for large rooster rescues, which was activated once this year.

EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

HUMANE EDUCATION

This fall, **monthly humane education lessons** are going out to **66 PreK-5th grade classrooms** in Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico! That means that **more children than ever** are meeting animals at the sanctuary while learning vital values such as empathy, generosity, respect for differences, questioning stereotypes, and caring for the environment. This program is sponsored by Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap and is a true collective effort among staff and volunteers. This year, we expanded the supporting materials that we share with teachers. Next year, we're launching an age-adjusted middle school version!



ANIMAL ADVOCACY

At the sanctuary, we learn with and from animals and then do our best to share that knowledge widely. From a casual talk in the Vermont town of Brattleboro to a formal lecture to international scholars gathered in Amsterdam, our events this year brought sanctuary stories—and important lessons learned at the sanctuary—to activists, students, and the general public. Also this year, **VINE Press** published the first in a series of affordable and accessible books bringing ideas from Animal Studies to general readers. *Multispecies Assemblies* by Eva Meijer was reviewed favorably by Mark Beckoff and will be required reading in at least two courses next year. A *Morning Edition* feature about roosters at VINE on Vermont Public spread the truth about these misunderstood birds far and wide!

PROMOTING VEGANISM



In June, our annual **Pride Month Vegan Challenge** guided LGBTQ+ people and their friends, allies, and families through 30 days of discovering the many delights of “eating the rainbow.” The month was filled with online events and capped with our annual **Rainbow-Palooza** combined Pride and VegFest, which this year drew nearly 400 primarily not-yet-vegan people to enjoy a free vegan meal, watch cooking demos, listen to speakers, and browse exhibits. In September, we surveyed vegetarians, learning many things that helped us to improve our annual **Veg-to-Vegan Challenge** in November. Throughout the year, we brought sanctuary stories and pro-vegan literature to events such as Pride festivals and local fairs.

MOVEMENT BUILDING

We offer free tables at Rainbow-Palooza to social justice, human services, and environmental organizations, as well as to vegan and animal-oriented groups. This promotes veganism to staffers at such organizations and also brings vegan activists into fruitful conversations with other activists. Monthly **VINE Book Club** events bring animal advocates into **useful dialogs** with authors and each other. One frequent attendee said “the books and our discussions consistently challenge my ways of thinking and inspire new perspectives. After meetings, I find myself feeling reinvigorated and even more motivated to continue the work.” We also offer **expert advice** to smaller sanctuaries and are planning our third conference for sanctuaries.



400+ ACTIVITIES

- 440 virtual humane education lessons
- 24 virtual educational events for adults
- 15 on-site tours, lessons, & volunteer days
- 10 talks & tabling at in-person events
- 5 academic lectures

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MESSAGE FROM MIRIAM



As VINE's co-founder and Board President, I am so grateful to the staff, volunteers, and supporters who co-create the sanctuary with their labor and donations. I'm so proud of what we did this year, and I hope that everyone who has ever donated even a dollar will feel **part of our community** of care. I'm excited for 2026, but I'm also worried: Due to federal happenings, donations have dropped at the same time as prices for vital supplies have raised. For the sanctuary to survive, we need to raise more funds quickly. Please give if you can, knowing that **animals are counting on us**.