



**Animal Sanctuaries We Love**  
**July 2011 Twitter Chat transcript**  
*Tuesday, July 26 @ 6pm PT/9 pm ET*

In our July+August [issue](#), we give you the scoop on six animal sanctuaries where you can stay overnight for the ultimate compassionate vacation. Now, we're excited to bring you one hour of scintillating conversation with a group of heartwarming animal sanctuaries from around the country. From rescuing animals to the day-to-day life of animal advocates working in the field, we'll chat with several sanctuaries to learn more about how they aid animals and what we can do to help.

**Special Guests:** Woodstock Farm Sanctuary ([@WoodstockFarm](#)), SASHA Farm ([@SASHAFarm](#)), PIGS Sanctuary ([@PIGSanctuary](#)), and Best Friends Animal Society ([@BFAS](#)).

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[PIGSSanctuary](#) [@VegNews](#) Thank you for hosting this chat Vegnews and for inviting us to join! [#vegnewschat](#) -7:02 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[nashveggie](#) I love seeing animal sanctuaries that are beyond just dogs and cats. Raccoons, opossums, squirrels and other critters. [#vegnewschat](#) -7:01 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) Thanks so much for giving us this opportunity! It was great chatting with everyone!  
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[PIGSSanctuary](#) [@VegNews](#) The sanctuary has made a huge impact on my life. I wake up every day knowing that today I will make a difference! [#vegnewschat](#) -7:00 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) That's all the time we have! A very special thanks to our amazing sanctuaries [@WoodstockFarm](#)  
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[WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) I'm (Jenny Brown) doing what I was put on this earth to do - be a voice for farmed animals & that's a life fulfilled [#vegnewschat](#) -6:59 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[NickiM7](#) RT [@BFAS](#): [@VegNews](#) " What can we best do to help you?" Adopt at local shelter & encourage others to do the same. Every life saved matters. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:59 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS](#) [@VegNews](#) Sanctuary lunchroom provides vegetarian/vegan meals to visitors. For many it's their 1st exposure to vegetarianism. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:59 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm](#) [@PIGSSanctuary](#) & [@SASHAFarm](#) -- Right on comrades! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:58 PM Jul 26th, 2011  
[VegNews](#) Ok, just one more! For our experts, how has your sanctuary changed your lives? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:58 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) [@PIGSSanctuary](#) [@VegNews](#) Do you think people make the connection that pigs and their dogs are very similar after a visit? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:57 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) We promote a vegan message on every tour! Meeting a pig up close and then saying this is where your ham comes from! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:56 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Everytime we tell an animal's story, we promote veganism. It's at the heart of what we do. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:55 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) The bulk of outreach is face to face with visitors to the farm - and vegan message is a major part of every tour [#vegnewschat](#) -6:54 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Aside from donations, which we know everyone needs, people can help by raising awareness, sharing links, etc. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:54 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) "where do you hope to be in 5 yrs? Big goals?" No More Homeless Pets is our big goal. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:53 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) "to support our work", donate funds, your time, your skills and help spread the word! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:53 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) Only five minutes left! For our last question, how much do you promote veganism in your outreach? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:53 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) Support our work and encourage friends & family to visit. Sanctuaries are where the magic happens! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:52 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @YourDailyVegan](#) Things to donate that people might not realize? Your skills! Design, photography, writing, carpentry! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:51 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) To our sanctuaries, we know our followers would love to help support your work. What can we best do to help you? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:51 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @WoodstockFarm @SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) That's why I LOVE the grassroots outreach! Change can happen, and it is. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:51 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) DITTO! And that our numbers as vegans grow as well as societal enlightenment [#vegnewschat](#) -6:50 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) No goal is lofty, especially when so many others share your dream :) [#vegnewschat](#) -6:49 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews @SASHAFarm](#) great goal. Love it! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:49 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) My big dream is that we'll be taking in the last generation of factory farmed animals. Maybe a lofty goal, but someday [#vegnewschat](#) -6:48 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @YourDailyVegan](#) Things we can use? Pamphlet distribution & social networking for your fav charities & encouraging a visit! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:48 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) Love focusing on the happy future, not the tormented past. For our experts, where do you hope to be in five years? Big goals? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:47 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) "advice you'd give to people who want to open a sanctuary?" Do your homework, know your limits & in some cases, don't. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:45 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) We have an opening for an animal caretaker right now, in fact, and we're hiring a FT accounting/ HR person [#vegnewschat](#) -6:45 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[YourDailyVegan](#) What is the one thing that people might not realize that they could donate to a sanctuary that you could use? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:45 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSsanctuary @VegNews](#) to those who want to open a sanctuary: volunteer and spend time at a sanctuary. Then follow your dream and do it! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:44 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[YourDailyVegan](#) To the experts: Our Sanctuary Spotlight is in honor of you & your work. I'd love to help. <http://bit.ly/qHQLos> [#vegnewschat](#) -6:44 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) You are all so incredibly inspiring. It's really an amazing opportunity to share a chat with all of you! Thank you! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:44 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) opening a sanctuary? You HAVE to spend time working or volunteering at other sanctuaries to learn how to do it right! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:44 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Talk to those who've done it before. Plan, plan, plan. Find like-minded people to help. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:44 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[kalishdj](#) Can't say enough about the great work [@WoodstockFarm](#) is doing. Thank you and thanks to others doing similar work [#vegnewschat](#) -6:43 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Advice for those who want to open a sanctuary? Do it! There is such a huge need, especially for farm animals. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:43 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[BFAS @DanielleVegan](#) We keep our chins up by focusing on the happy outcome we can make happen for the animals & not their past. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:42 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @BFAS @DanielleVegan @VegNews](#) that's so incredible, and rewarding I'm sure! Thank you for offering such a great program! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:42 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSSanctuary @VegNews @DanielleVegan](#) yes it's hard to get some images out of your mind. My therapy is spending time with the animals! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:42 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews @DanielleVegan](#) Chin up? knowing that we've helped hundreds of individuals & have many more to save & advocate on behalf [#vegnewschat](#) -6:42 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @DanielleVegan @SASHAFarm](#) Totally true. Pig tummy rubs help, too. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:41 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) To our experts, what advice would you give to people who want to open a sanctuary? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:41 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) We promote our work through events, social media, newsletters, emails, our magazine & website. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:40 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @SASHAFarm @DanielleVegan](#) I think a good cow cuddling cures just about anything :) [#vegnewschat](#) -6:40 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) Great question! RT [@DanielleVegan](#) When you're rescuing, you see things that hurt to see. What do you do to keep your chin up? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:39 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSSanctuary @VegNews](#) Promoting is hard! We do events, learning social media, emails and newsletters. And yes, word of mouth is a big help [#vegnewschat](#) -6:39 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) That story and the photos are a delight :) as are all those shared by Woodstock. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:39 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @DanielleVegan](#) We do see things that stay with us. I think the best therapy is spending time with the animals. Cow cuddling! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:39 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) We hold lots of events that are typically both outreach and benefits like our concerts last summer, newsletters, FB.. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:38 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews @WoodstockFarm](#), Brandy is amazing! What a good looking guy, and we (of course) love the reading choice! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:38 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @DanielleVegan @VegNews](#) Our s/n programs provide spay/neuter for cat colony caregivers as well as companion animals. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:37 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Promotion? Yes, events, both onsite and off, social media, e-news, paper mailings, and thankfully, word of mouth. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:37 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[YourDailyVegan @VegNews](#) I swear I just typed the same question! :) [#vegnewschat](#) -6:37 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) When you're rescuing, you see things that hurt to see. What do you do to keep your chin up? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:37 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSsanctuary @VegNews](#) Most memorable is hard! Walter, a farm pig who fell off the back of a slaughter truck always touches everyone! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:37 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) Photo of Brandy & his story: <http://tinyurl.com/3ujhxez> [#vegnewschat](#) -6:36 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) So, the amazing animals speak for themselves, but how do our star sanctuaries promote themselves? Events? Social media? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:36 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) "most memorable animal?" There have been so many but Julius the neurological cat was one of the most memorable. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:36 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews @SASHAFarm](#) It was heartbreaking, but five cows were saved that day, and they continue to thrive. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:36 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PerainoA](#) Too cute! [@BFAS](#) We have a dog and pig who arrived at our sanctuary together. They're residents of our Piggy Paradise department [#vegnewschat](#) -6:35 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews @SASHAFarm](#), wow. So powerful. Our hearts are broken! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:35 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) Most memorable animal was Brandy, a beloved rooster who loved coming into our house for lap naps and food [#vegnewschat](#) -6:35 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Most memorable is so tough. Maybe Pluto, a calf who was found next to his starved mother. Eight others died as well. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:34 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @BFAS @DanielleVegan @VegNews](#) Thats such an amazing program, do you s/n only companion animals, or strays as well? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:33 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @PerainoA](#) We have a dog and pig that arrived at our sanctuary together. They are residents of our Piggy Paradise department. :) [#vegnewschat](#) -6:32 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) We can't get enough of animal rescue stories. For our sanctuaries, who has been your most memorable animal ever? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:31 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @DanielleVegan @VegNews](#) Targeting is based on income or community cat program support. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:31 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm](#) [@DanielleVegan](#) [@WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) Thank you! Kayli had already been fully vetted and quarantined before she arrived [#vegnewschat](#) -6:30 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) [@PerainoA](#) Interspecies friendships? We had a stray cat come to live in our barn to keep an orphaned goat company. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:30 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) [@WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) I adore the rescue videos that you share! Kayli running alongside the steers was wonderful! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:30 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS](#) [@DanielleVegan](#) [@VegNews](#) We focus on targeted s/n programs that have an impact on shelter admissions. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:29 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[PIGSsanctuary](#) [@PerainoA](#) We have many inter-species friends! We have a potbelly pig who rooms with a farm pig, cats sleeping with pigs! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:29 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm](#) [@PerainoA](#) interspecies friendships? We had a special one that lasted for years between a rescued veal calf & an old female goat [#vegnewschat](#) -6:28 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) Love! RT [@PerainoA](#): We've heard amazing stories of inter-species friendships. Are there any special pairs at your sanctuaries? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:28 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) The most rewarding part is knowing we're saving lives, and also changing the way people think about farm animals. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:28 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS](#) [@VegNews](#) The most rewarding part of my job is saving lives and enabling others to save more lives. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:27 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) [@BFAS](#) [@VegNews](#) How do the outreach spay and neuter programs work? How do you decide where to go? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:27 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) [@WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) haha! humor and saving lives. I love it! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:26 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) Most rewarding is watching an animal walk on grass for the 1st time and feel sunshine on their backs - stretching! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:26 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) "Is vet care your biggest expenses?" Sanctuary vet care & outreach spay/neuter programs are some of largest expenses. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:26 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PerainoA](#) We've heard amazing stories of inter-species friendships. Are there any special pairs at your sanctuaries? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:25 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) knowing we made a difference to an animals life! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:25 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[petraaxlund](#) What about the B&B at Woodstock? I would love to come visit. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:25 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Vet care is absolutely one of our biggest expenses, right behind good quality feed. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:24 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) Let's just say that we're putting our vets kids and THEIR kids through college! :) And we do A LOT of our own med care [#vegnewschat](#) -6:24 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) Vet cost is high, but animal feed is usually our biggest expense [#vegnewschat](#) -6:24 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) To our sanctuaries, what is the most rewarding part of your job? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:23 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) Yes. Most need castration, treating parasites, diseases. Some are quick treatments others are more extensive. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:23 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Well put - same here [#vegnewschat](#) -6:22 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[VegNews](#) To our experts, what about costs? Is vet care one of your biggest expenses? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:22 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) Veterinary needs vary widely. Some need just a quick assessment, and some come with life-threatening injuries. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:22 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan @BFAS @DanielleVegan](#) Thank you! I'm an LVT, I knew with that I could make a difference, for people and their companions :) [#vegnewschat](#) -6:21 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) Our rescues typically need vet care as we specialize in rescuing animals with special needs. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:20 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) Do animals arrive typically needing medical care? Yes. Either they have parasites to treat, disease, abrasions [#vegnewschat](#) -6:20 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[missionsavvy](#) What are immediate legislative changes that need to happen on state level to protect animals where u r located? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:19 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[Artis Elemental RT @BFAS: @VegNews](#) We opened our sanctuary to show that there was alternative to killing animals in shelters. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:19 PM Jul 26th, 2011



most rewarding. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:19 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @DanielleVegan](#) I would say the actual rescue situations are often both the toughest and

[VegNews](#) To our experts, let's talk about vet care. Do the animals who come to you typically need it? How much?

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[BFAS @DanielleVegan](#) The most challenging part is not getting overwhelmed. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:19 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @DanielleVegan](#) The most rewarding part of rescuing animals is knowing the direct impact you're making on their lives. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:18 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSanctuary @VegNews](#) an animal is isolated for 30 days & given vet care. They get lots of TLC and learn that they are at a good place [#vegnewschat](#) -6:18 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[SASHAFarm @VegNews](#) We try to make an animal's first few days with us quiet as possible. Health checks and getting to know each other. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:17 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[BFAS @VegNews](#) All new rescues are seen by a vet and caregivers get to know their personalities and assess their needs. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:17 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[kandyta RT @VegNews](#): The stories are so amazing. Please tell us what it's like at your sanctuary during the first few days for a rescued animal. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:17 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm @VegNews](#) We have them in quarantine for the few 1st few weeks so they are by themselves adjusting to surroundings and kindness! [#vegnewschat](#) -6:16 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[notperfume @VegNews](#) They're not recent, but we rescued r furkids' Mom 5+ yrs ago (R.I.P. OTRB) & we raised them since they were kittens. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:16 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[ilovelsufootbal](#) After \$ & customers they cost Im proud of my choice 2 help them. “[@VegNews](#): Can you tell us about your most recent rescues? [#vegnewschat](#)” -6:15 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[DanielleVegan](#) What would you say is the most rewarding, and toughest part of rescuing animals? Do you each have a favorite rescue? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:15 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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[WoodstockFarm @petraaxlund](#) We'll be opening two rooms before October and hopefully all four bedrooms by spring 2012 [#vegnewschat](#) -6:14 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[ilovecats1981 RT @VegNews: @BFAS](#) a national animal welfare organization runs a no-kill animal sanctuary in Utah. Home to 2,000 dogs, cats, & more. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:14 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[petraaxlund](#) When is the B&B up an running at Woodstock Farm? [#vegnewschat](#) -6:13 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[ilovelsufootball](#) took 2 sick doves that were making my job hell to vet 4 care. “[@VegNews](#): Can you tell us about your most recent rescues? [#vegnewschat](#)” -6:13 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[PIGSsanctuary](#) [@VegNews](#) we have 2 full time employees, 5 part time and a core of very dedicated volunteers!  
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[SASHAFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) We have three or four people working full time, plus a few dozen weekly volunteers.  
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[BFAS](#) [@VegNews](#) One recent rescue is Alfie, a pitbull puppy who survived parvo & distemper but now suffers from neurological issues. [#vegnewschat](#) -6:12 PM Jul 26th, 2011

[WoodstockFarm](#) [@VegNews](#) We have 8 full-time people and roughly 12 reg volunteers, 80+ something occasional volunteers annually [#vegnewschat](#) -6:11 PM Jul 26th, 2011

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