



Cheyenne

At just a few minutes old this little male Jersey calf was taken from his mother and left under a tree to die. As a by-product of the dairy industry he was not deemed worthy of medical treatment, his mother's colostrum or at the very least humane euthanasia. Instead he was left to die a cruel death of dehydration, starvation and exposure. We discovered this barbaric practice on a routine pickup of our hay supply. We decided on the spot to take him back to the Refuge and do what we could to help him.

Cheyenne was in urgent need of medical treatment having been left without his basic requirements for the first 24 hours of his life. This very weak and sickly calf was immediately rushed to Ste. Hyacinthe Veterinary Hospital where he stayed for over a week. It has been a continuous struggle since he has come home, with good days and bad days, but he is definitely improving and gaining strength.

Cheyenne can be seen bunking with the pot-bellied pigs and his new best friend Adrienne*. When you look into his doe-like eyes your heart just melts and you know that it is all worth it. A special thank you to Nicole of Teja's Animal Refuge for being a big part of the effort to save Cheyenne.



Jazzy (Jasmine)

Visitors are sometimes shocked to see this beautiful, 700-lb Black Angus cow sleeping on our porch. This is something she has done since she arrived at the refuge when she was a tiny thing, less than one week old. She would cuddle with the dogs or try to crawl onto our laps when we sat down. She still has no idea that she is different from us, as she was a bottle-fed baby.

Jazzy came to us much the same way as Cheyenne but this time not because of her gender, as in Cheyenne case. Jazzy came from an over-burdened farmer who inquired if we could take her, knowing of the Refuge's philosophy. Jazzy was not well and the farmer did not think that she would survive. Because of closed borders (Mad Cow) the farmer had a backlog of cows, and this sickly calf was an extra expense he did not need. It would have cost him either way to give the calf treatment or to euthanize her. This farmer seemed to genuinely care about this calf but he couldn't stray from the farm practice mentality that you leave sick calves be and if they survive great but if not, such is life. We agreed to take her. If we didn't, she would have died. What was very surprising was how happy the farmer was that we agreed - a weight seemed to be lifted from him. He supplied us with fresh un-pasteurized cow milk for four months.

Luckily for Jazzy and especially for us, she will live here at the Refuge for the rest of her life. We were given this wonderful opportunity to learn first hand what gentle, affectionate and intelligent beings cows are. We are now trying to convince her to stay off the porch, for her safety, as we don't think the porch will be able to withstand her increasing weight!

Placements

Along with placing twenty-seven horses we have also found new homes for two potbellied pigs, Blossom and Roger, as well as for a special dog named Rocky.



Rocky: *We spent a long, long time trying to find a permanent home for this Shar-pei and are thrilled that we were finally successful. We couldn't have hoped for a better home. Part of the problem was the prejudice against the breed and this dog had special needs. But thanks to people like Lisa and Ali, at Cedarbank Pet Boarding, for fostering Rocky for so long while we searched tirelessly for a home and thanks to the Shar-Pei Rescue for finding a home with Paul. For some animals finding a match is no easy feat but Rocky and Paul reminded us, they all deserve a chance. It was because of all the people involved that we did not have to give up the quest to find the perfect home.*

"He has been a welcome addition to our family and we just love him. Besides, who can resist those brown eyes of his!" - Paul

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Good-Bye Buck-Buck

This beautiful black/green rooster came from up north where he was discovered in a barn without any source of heating, in sub-zero temperatures. As a result his crown was permanently damaged by frostbite. Buck-Buck was a gentle rooster, loved by all the hens and well tolerated by the other roosters. He was friendly with everyone and could often be seen piggyback riding various friends: sheep, pigs, etc. He was also found several times sitting on Georgia's eggs (a mixture of duck, chicken and goose eggs) when she went out to eat. We enjoyed eight years with Buck-Buck strutting about the place.

Adrienne* (Daisy)

This outgoing little piglet always has something to say. She has decided that everyone will love her whether they like it or not. She has become the best of friends with our baby bull, Cheyenne. They do everything together: play, eat and sleep. A very compassionate lady discovered this little piglet living in a crate, in total darkness and saved her. The people were fattening Adrienne to be eaten at méchoui. Lana purchased the little piglet and kept her in her home for 3 weeks. She soon realized that piglets grow at a surprising rate and Adrienne could easily reach 700 lbs. We were contacted and glad to help her out. Thank you Lana for opening your heart to this rambunctious little piglet and freeing her from her prison and for speaking up for the voiceless.

Laverne

This unusual little orange chicken prefers other creatures to her own. She can be found in with the pigs or sleeping with the dogs! She does have a liking for one Rooster who is an outsider and can sometimes be seen hanging out with him. Laverne is a clever little hen who has begun asking for treats if she catches us grabbing a bite al fresco and she now comes when called. Just recently she surprised us all by slipping into the house when we let the dogs in. Laverne decided to wander in with them, we are not sure if this was actually premeditated! We curiously watched to see what she would do and to our amazement she wandered into the laundry room, sat on the toilet and did her business! Unbelievable! Then she jumped onto the sink and began to talk to herself in the mirror. She obviously liked what she saw, as she stayed chatting to herself for two hours.



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