

# Chester's Barnyard BULLETIN



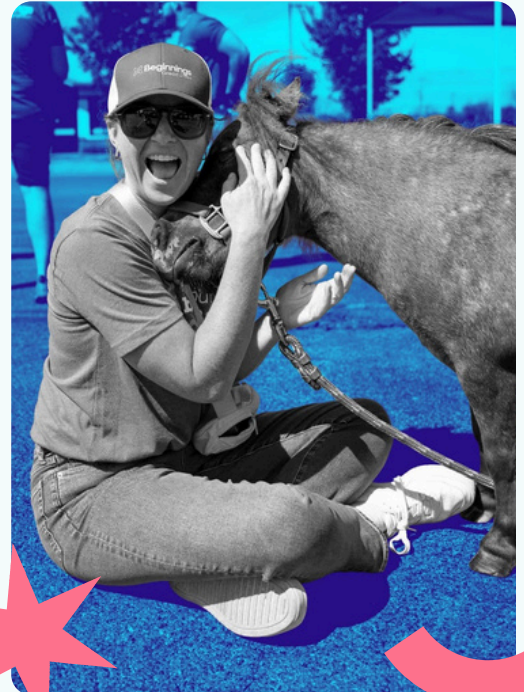
## What a whirlwind summer!

Summer is dwindling down and here is what we were up to during those months.

**June** was Dairy month which we kicked off with a Dairy Day event at Muranda Cheese in Waterloo. The community participated with great enthusiasm. This event was the debut of Mobey, our highland Micro Mini. Accompanied by goats-Pepper and Kramer- that tent was a favorite spot of children (and adults!). There were also a variety of activities to educate families about the importance of dairy. Our heartfelt gratitude to the generous sponsors and donors who made this event free for all who attended. We look forward to offering more events like this in the future.

**July** was a time of rest for our animals. No therapy visits or appearances were scheduled, but the barn remained active with all the animals who are residents of Chester's Barn. The animals received all their daily care, and the barn was filled with food and bedding as well as some fans to keep the animals as cool as possible. (We trust you remember how hot July was). Necessary Vet visits took place for Mobey, Pepper and Kramer. Rest is important to our well being. Regular rest can improve concentration, memory, mood and overall mental health.

**August** was a very busy month with our animals making lots of visits in the community. This month alone we connected with over 3000 people! Visit sites included Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, Skaneateles Child Care Center, Waterloo Shred Day hosted by Beginnings Credit Union, Westminster Manor, Cornell CALS Fest, Dumond Grain Community Picnic, 4H Parlor Pals End of Year Celebration and Girl Scouts Education Day. A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers for their time, energy and compassion. It is the volunteers and our generous donors who allow us-and our cherished animals- to be out in the community, bringing smiles to all who get to pet Mobey or cuddle with a goat.



## Upcoming Visits and Events

Therapy Visit at Connect 55+, Therapy Visit at UR Geneva Living Center, Agriculture Day at Cornell University Sept. 26 -All Welcome!, Fun Run 5K Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, and Fall Barnyard Photo Shoots.





## Storytime at Skaneateles Child Care Center:

Chester's Barn was invited to do a story time with the young students at the Skaneateles Child Care Center. Mobey, Pepper, Kramer, Kona, and Jackie came to provide hugs, pets, smiles and help educate the importance of respecting and caring for animals. The students were excited for the interactions and took home a Polaroid picture of themselves with an animal as a souvenir. For the volunteers at Chester's Barn who are devoted to animal welfare, it is profoundly moving to watch a group of young children already on the path of respecting animals.



### Volunteer Highlight:

Special thank you to M&T Bank for their Community Volunteer time at the barn.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, they put on their farm boots, rolled up their sleeves and got to work. These awesome helpers spent the day cleaning out buckets, bowls, pens and staining doors. They experienced the fun in trimming goats feet and helped exercise the animals. It was a wonderful day and we are so grateful.



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