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DOAG-SUPPORTED PROGRAM GIVING ANIMALS AND INMATES A SECOND CHANCE

By Linda Wenner, DoAg Animal Control Officer, and Steve Jensen, Office of DoAg Cmsr. Steven K. Reviczky

The black alpaca named Tycoon was found lying in the back of a barn with his rear legs badly injured, likely from falling with splayed legs after slipping on some ice.

No longer able to roam with his larger brother Manny and two other alpacas at the state correctional facility farm in Montville, the inmates who care for him as part of a DoAg-supported program came up with an idea to get him back in the pack.

With some scrap iron, a couple of bicycle tires and other materials scrounged from the facility, they fashioned a wheelchair that Tycoon quickly learned to use to motor around the farm at the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center.

Down the road at the York Correctional Institution in Niantic, other inmates are caring for horses, sheep, donkeys and goats that are available for public adoption after being seized by DoAg in animal-neglect cases from around the state.

"A lot of these animals have issues so it can be hard to find homes for them," said DoAg Animal Control Officer Nancy Jarvis while working on a recent morning at the York farm.

The program is called Second Chance – named both for the help it gives the animals and the benefits gained by the inmates who work with them. To qualify, inmates must have an excellent behavioral record and be in the final stages of serving their sentence for non-violent crimes.



Inmates at the Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Center in Montville lead an injured alpaca named Tycoon on a wheelchair they made out of spare materials to enable it to walk.

"This gives you a sense of responsibility and keeps your skills sharp so you have a better chance of getting a job when you get out of here," a tall inmate named Chris said shortly after leading Tycoon around for some wheelchair practice.

Begun at the Niantic facility in 2003, the program became so successful that it has been more recently implemented at Corrigan and the Northern Correctional facility in Suffield.

The adoption program at Niantic currently houses about a dozen animals seized by DoAg. An older thoroughbred named MacIntyre was seized along with several other emaciated horses being neglected by their owner. "Mac" had such advanced dental disease that he lost all of its front teeth, causing his tongue to always hang out.

Mac's stable mate was seized in the same case, and through a tattoo on his lip it was discovered that he was an off-track racer known as Iron Will.

DoAg was able to reunite "Willie" with a former owner who moved him to Boston, where he was brought back to health and lived for nearly two years before recently dying.

Slim, a white horned Billy goat, was also very emaciated and sick when he was found wandering stray. A sociable sort, Slim got a little annoyed recently when he couldn't see some visitors to the farm from inside his stall, prompting him to begin loudly kicking its walls.

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**WHOLESALE GRENHSE PRODUCE
U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL**

	LOW	HIGH
LETTUCE,bstn,12/4oz,CT	15.00	17.00
MACHE,3lb,PA	12.00	12.00
PEPPR,bl,YEL,11lb,DR	25.00	26.00
PEPPR,bl,rd,11lb,MX	18.00	20.00
RHUBARB,10lb,MI	33.00	33.00
TOMATO,25lb,vnvp,ME	22.00	22.00
TOMATO,chr,y,5lb,,ME	14.00	15.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	220-300 lbs	95.00	100.00
	300-400 lbs	90.00	92.00
45-49	220-300 lbs	90.00	94.00
	300-400 lbs	81.00	86.00
Sows,US1-3	300-500 lbs	84.00	88.00
	500-700 lbs	88.00	90.00
Boars	300-700 lbs	18.00	18.00

PA GRADER FEEDER PIGS

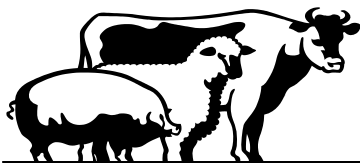
Lancaster, PA, per cwt.March 19

		Low	High
Gr US 1-	wt 20-30	290.00	300.00
	wt 30-40	240.00	280.00
Gr US 2-	wt 15-30	110.00	130.00

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT March 31, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	40.00	45.00
61-75 lbs.	65.00	70.00
76-90 lbs.	80.00	90.00
91-105 lbs.	115.00	120.00
106 lbs. & up	125.00	130.00
Farm Calves	145.00	190.00
Starter Calves	55.00	65.00
Veal Calves	105.00	127.50
Open Heifers	110.00	120.00
Beef Steers	105.00	140.00
Beef Heifers	94.00	125.00
Feeder Steers	70.00	123.00
Stock Bulls	87.00	125.00
Beef Bulls	94.00	126.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	60.00	245.00
Kid Goats	10.00	25.00
Canners	up to	98.50
Cutters	99.00	102.00
Utility Grade Cows	103.00	110.00
Rabbits each	12.00	47.50
Chickens each	11.00	23.00
Ducks each	25.00	27.50
Feeder Pigs	n/a	n/a
Lambs	2 at	105.00
Sheep	n/a	n/a



**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

	Low	High
APPLE,EMPIRE,EXFCY,80CT	23.00	27.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,12/3lb,fcy	15.00	16.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,80CT FCY	17.00	19.00
APPLE,MCNTSH,100CT,XFCY	27.00	29.99
APPLE,RED DEL.XFCY,100ct	24.00	29.00
CIDER,9½gal	18.00	18.00



SHIPPED IN

ASPARAGUS,28lb,CA	48.00	44800
BEAN,grn,bu,FL	14.00	16.00
HONEYDEW,5CT,HON	11.00	13.00
BRUSSEL SPRT,25lb,CA	36.00	40.00
CABBAGE,grn,50lb,GA	14.00	18.00
CIPOLINOS,10LB,NY	21.00	21.00
CORN,4dz,FL	20.00	22.00
DENDELION GREEN,12s,GA	16.00	18.00
EGGPLANT,1½bu,FL	15.00	18.00
JERUSLM ARTCHK,10ct,CA	42.00	42.00
KALE,12ct,GA	17.00	18.00
BLURBERRIES12/6OZ,FL	33.00	33.00
ROMAINE,24CT,CA	18.00	22.00
ORANGE,nvl,113ct,CA	26.00	28.00
PEACH,44ct,CH	32.00	32.00
PEAR,bsc,80ct,OR	35.00	38.00
PEANUTS,25LB,RAW,VA	25.00	25.00
STRAWBERRIES,8/1LB,FL	12.00	12.00

**USDA WEEKLY RETAIL PORK PRICES
NORTHEAST USA, PER LB.**

	Low	High
CC CHOPS,B/IN	1.98	3.69
TENDERLOIN	3.29	4.99
BACKRIB	3.49	4.99
BUTT ROAST BNLS	1.89	2.99
SPARE RIBS	1.98	4.49
HAM B/IN	1.79	1.89
HAM,BNLS	3.49	4.99
BACON,	2.75	7.99
GROUND PORK	2.99	3.99
DELI HAM	2.97	9.99
CHORIZO	5.32	5.32

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:			
breakers 75-80% lean	94.25	98.25	
boners 80-85% lean	89.75	94.50	
lean 85-90% lean	83.00	89.75	
CALVES graded bull			
No 1 95-120lbs	221.25	254.50	
No 2 95-120lbs	199.50	233.00	
No 3 80-120lbs	161.50	216.50	
SLAUGHTER BULLS yield gr			
High dressing	119.25	124.25	
Avg.dressing	109.25	115.75	
Low dressing	104.50	111.50	
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS			
HiCh/prm2-3	142.50	150.75	
Ch1-3	141.00	145.50	
Sel1-2	134.25	137.50	
SLAUGHTER STEERS.			
HiCh/prm2-3	141.00	149.50	
Ch1-3	140.75	144.50	
Sel1-2	132.25	136.00	
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS			
HiCh/prm2-3	125.75	128.25	
Ch2-3	121.25	124.75	
Ch1-2	118.75	121.50	
Vealers-60-120lbs	42.75	82.75	
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3 HAIR			
40-60lbs	220.00	245.00	
60-80lb	207.00	227.00	
80-110lbs	190.00	224.00	
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3			
90-120lbs	80.00	93.00	
120-200	76.00	88.00	
200-225	82.00	95.00	
Bucks	110-120lbs	52.00	56.00
	140-190lbs	70.00	86.00
	170-200lbs	66.00	90.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS:Sel.1, by head, est.			
40-60lb	155.00	170.00	
60-80lb	150.00	165.00	
80-110lb	170.00	176.00	
Nannies/Does: 110-130lbs	142.00	180.00	
	130-160lbs	140.00	185.00
Bucks/Billies: 150-180lbs	192.00	250.00	
	160-200lbs	N/A	

EASTERN PA GRAIN

Average price per bushel

BARLEY	3.22	
CORN	4.96	
OATS	n/a	
SOYBEANS	14.38	
WHEAT	6.93	
NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA		
Per doz./USDA GradeA/GradeA white in cartons (volume buyers)		
XTRA LARGE	1.73	1.77
LARGE	1.71	1.75
MEDIUM	1.52	1.56

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz., wholesale Grade A brown in cartons (delivered)

XTRA LARGE	1.98	2.15
LARGE	1.92	2.05
MEDIUM	1.45	1.53

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27-R. Bally Walk-in-Cooler 18'x24', 11' high, L'il Orb doughnut machine—\$4,500 for both (you must remove cooler from barn) 860-673-3550 days/860-675-3666 until 9pm

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30-R DRIED CHICKEN MANURE, best fertilizer for hay lots, by the trailer load. HAY, 1st & 2nd cut square bales. Call 860-537-1974

35-R 1994 Custom Fab 20' gooseneck aluminum Stock Trailer, new tires, excellent condition, \$8,000. Fargo Silage Dump Wagon, \$1,500. 1000 gallon poly water tank, \$500. John Deere 12' wheel harrow, \$2,000. Pre cast feed bunks, JD grass head, (2) John Deere 3960 corn choppers. Quality corn silage, kernel processed finely chopped. Also 100% Alfalfa baling 4x4 bales, delivery available if needed. Burke Ridge Farms 860-559-3009 or 860-748-9336.

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39-R. 4-Sundair 190,000 BTU Oil fired heaters. Used only 6 seasons. Set up for under-bench heating with 24" poly-tube. List for \$2,350, asking \$1,000 each. 2-Gro-Well oil furnaces, 300,000 BTU. Great for greenhouse or shop area, asking \$900 each. All work fine-replaced with propane heaters. 4-275 gal oil tanks, 2 asking \$275, 2 asking \$150. 42" two speed slant-wall exhaust fan with shutter and 45" and 36" motorized intake louvers: \$800. 24" single speed slant-wall exhaust fan with shutter and 40" motorized intake louver: \$400. Fork for John Deere 4020: \$350. Rear weight box fits most John Deere 3 point hitch: \$250. Delivery available. 860-974-0045

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GIVING ANIMALS, INMATES A SECOND CHANCE (Continued from Page 1)

"Is that Slim making all that noise?" asked an inmate drawn from a nearby paddock by the banging.

Slim is housed in a 22-stall barn also currently occupied by six horses, two ponies, a donkey, two sheep, two turkeys a pig and a rooster. Several of the horses could be brought into in rideable shape with a little training – others are better suited to being companions only.

Anyone interested in adopting one of them may contact Animal Control Officer Linda Wenner at 860-713-2567 or Linda.Wenner@ct.gov.

Potential adopters are screened and are required to sign a contract that the animal will be cared for properly.

At the Corrigan facility in Montville, the animals being taken care of by the inmates are only part of the story.

Along with the barn chores, the rotating "outside crew" of about a dozen inmates also is used for a variety of jobs that benefit the surrounding community. Every year they split about 80 cords of firewood that are delivered at no charge to seniors and lower-income families in the area.

They also repair dozens of bicycles – many donated by the local Wal-Mart because of minor, fixable defects – that are then given to area social-service agencies for distribution to children in need. And the giant vegetable garden they plant every year provides upwards of 5,000 pounds of produce each season to area food pantries.

The crew is overseen by Correction Officer Joe Schoonmaker, who says the program sustains itself with no additional funding and has become a highly-desired reward among the inmates.

"For every guy out here there's a hundred who want to be," he said.

Donations to help offset costs of caring for neglected animals can be made by sending a check to: THE ANIMAL ABUSE COST RECOVERY ACCOUNT, c/o Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room G-8A Hartford, Connecticut 06106



Mac and Slim are two of the animals available for adoption through the Second Chance program

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The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), and the Connecticut Association for Food Protection (CAFP) invite you to a Food Recall Train-the-Trainer Seminar.

The event is scheduled for Tues., May 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hartford East, 100 East River Drive, East Hartford 06108. It will focus on basic recall information, terminology and planning strategies.

Please send the \$20 registration fee by May 22 to: Frank Greene, Food & Standards, 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106. Please make checks payable to CAFPP.

Registration is available by completing a survey available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D668GFB> or by contacting Lisa.Fluker@ct.gov or 860-713-6222.

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The two Soil Conservation positions currently open in Connecticut are located in the Hamden and Danielson Field Offices. Please apply online through USAJOBS at:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/365488900>



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