

Sanctuary offers large animals a home

The Edwards Foundation for Rescued Animals is a no-kill large animal sanctuary in Parker.



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John and Lynda Edwards, the founders of The Edwards Foundation, had foster kids and an animal rescue service. But it became too much to handle both, so they decided to concentrate on the animal rescue.

That's how they got started in their business. Today, the Edwards Foundation takes in large animals such as horses, cows, llamas, burros, zebus, and goats. They can also take smaller orphans, like ducks, chickens, roosters, miniature horses, and turkeys.

If you would like to help out there are three main ways, money, time, and supplies.

Money helps pay the veterinarian and food bills, and people or groups can sponsor one of the animals, like Dealer, a horse diagnosed with eye cancer who successfully went through eye surgery and is on ongoing medications.



Baaad dude Fast Eddie, a goat at the sanctuary Photo by Shaeleigh Olive

There is also Tomichi (Tom), a two-year-old horse rescued from Crested Butte. He has been wormed and vaccinated and is now working on gaining weight to become healthy again.

But, if you can't donate money, why not donate time?

It might be a smelly job but a great way to support this organization is by volunteering to shovel manure.

You can also help groom the animals and feed them. All of the animals there need TLC.

One way to offer your time is to come as a volunteer with your Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop, or another organization you belong to.

Another way to help is by donating supplies like clean hay, paper bedding, scoop shovels or tools and ladders to help keep the place in good repair.

The Edwards Foundation is a unique place for our furry and feathered friends to live. It also lets people have the opportunity to learn how to care for animals.

If you want to get involved you can learn more by going to their web site. You'll find a link at DenverPostEducation.com/links