



MEDIA ALERT

THE GENTLE BARN GIVES THANKS FOR 17 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

The Gentle Barn celebrates Cruelty-Free Thanksgiving with Hope and Compassion

Santa Clarita, CA (November 17, 2016) – **The Gentle Barn** will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24th in order to celebrate the commitment to making the world a more compassionate place for animals to thrive, to teaching children how to heal and grow beyond the challenges they face and to protecting our planet from further irreparable damage.

“Thanksgiving is a very important holiday here at The Gentle Barn.” says, Founder of The Gentle Barn, Ellie Laks. “We want to recognize and offer our gratitude to an entire community of the most passionate volunteers, donors, sponsors, community leaders, small businesses, school program and social service counselors, and people from around the world who support our mission and believe that we will change the direction of the planet.”

The Gentle Barn Foundation not only teaches the power of healing and compassion to children and adults through the kind and respectful treatment of animals, but it is also dedicated to building a vibrant community of social responsible businesses that offer consumers nutritious, plant-based foods and beverages, sustainable personal and home care products, and other cutting-edge innovations.

“The Gentle 52 program was established in order to connect our audience with the right companies” says Jay Wiener, co-Founder of The Gentle Barn. “Families who come to The Gentle Barn are always happy to sample new products and are looking to support companies that are committed to offering lasting solutions that help reinforce a cruelty-free world.”



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To become a corporate sponsor for the event, please visit: www.gentlebarn.org or contact Jay Weiner at (661) 252-2440.

To RSVP for the event, please visit: <http://www.gentlebarn.org/event-registration/event-thanksgiving?loc=CA> or contact The Gentle Barn office at (661) 252-2440.

Event details are as follows:

What: The Gentle Barn Thanksgiving Dinner
When: Thursday, November 24, 2016
5:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m.
Where: The Gentle Barn 15825 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita, CA
www.gentlebarn.org/california

Media Availability: Gentle Barn Founders Ellie Laks and Jay Weiner will be available for interviews.

ABOUT THE GENTLE BARN

The Gentle Barn (www.gentlebarn.org) is a national nonprofit organization, founded in 1999 as a safe haven and place of recovery for severely abused animals. The Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the personal experiences of inner city, at-risk and special needs children who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with The Gentle Barn's approximate one hundred and eighty animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, those who participate in the programs at The Gentle Barn learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. The Gentle Barn is run by Founder Ellie Laks and her husband and Co-founder Jay Weiner, both of whom were healed and supported by animals as children. The Gentle Barn's mission is simple: "Teaching People Kindness and Compassion to Animals, Each Other and Our Planet."

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