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HOW ONE BALE OF HAY CAN SAVE THE WORLD

Gentle Barn Animal Sanctuary and Forever Homes Prepare for the Winter Ahead

Santa Clarita, CA (October 2017) – **The Gentle Barn** has more than 100 animals who eat organic hay at their three locations in California, Tennessee and Missouri. With increasing headlines of violence and social disparity, it is easy to become discouraged. Founders Ellie Laks and Jay Weiner are very aware of the challenges our world faces and are dedicated to making it better through a variety of animal-therapy based programs.

“When supporters donate toward the purchase of a bale of hay for Gentle Barn animals, it allows us to use our “general funds” to do our work, rescuing animals and bringing in groups of children who desperately need our programs,” says Ellie. “People are losing hope! We work every day to restore faith in humanity and help people become gentle and respectful in their daily lives. By supporting The Gentle Barn you’re supporting peace on this planet.”

In addition to providing sanctuary to abused and neglected animals, The Gentle Barn educates children and adults about compassion as their mission statement reads: **"Teaching People Kindness and Compassion to Animals, Each Other and our Planet"**

“When you donate towards a bale of hay, you’re not just feeding a rescued animal you’re also healing their hearts and showing them the power of a gentle world,” says Ellie. “In turn, once the animals recover and learn to trust humans again, they are able to give back unconditional love and hope through our many programs to wounded warriors, victims of domestic violence, children escaping gangs and drug and alcohol abuse. Please help us complete this vital circle of healing.”

To support The Gentle Barn Hay Fund, please visit: <http://www.gentlebarn.org/donate/>

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A national nonprofit founded in 1999 as a safe haven and place of recovery for severely abused animals. Gentle Barn offers their unique philosophy of rehabilitating animals and connecting their stories of survival and healing to the experiences of children in need who have suffered physical, mental or emotional trauma. By interacting with the animals and taking a hands-on role in their welfare, program participants learn empathy, trust and forgiveness. Gentle Barn is supported by celebrities such as Ellen Degeneres, David Backes, Daisy Fuentes, Richard Marx, Jenna & Channing Tatum, Steve-O, Rikki Rocket and Hilary Swank.