



THE FARMETTE
A Healing Space for Every Body

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

THE FARMETTE SANCTUARY - A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER

Thanks to your generosity and support, we had an incredibly fulfilling year at The Farmette Sanctuary! In 2022, we embarked on a mission to create a sanctuary of healing, compassion, and profound connection. The Farmette Sanctuary's mission is to provide a loving and safe lifelong home for farm animals that are abused or headed to slaughter, and a healing space for every body.

We welcomed our first residents to the sanctuary last year, a flock of ten Cornish Cross chickens (nine hens and a rooster) rescued from Kaporos rituals. This year, we welcomed a second flock of Kaporos survivors. It was a year full of learning, growth, and expansion - from adding a fence to the garden so deer don't eat our harvest, to preparing a new coop for a new flock of chickens and tending to sick hens, and fundraising for and building a fence while learning about goat care in preparation for further expansion in 2024.

We cannot do this work without community support, and we are so grateful for all the ways our community has shown up for us.

With warmth and gratitude,
Sandra Sarucia
Founder, Farmette Sanctuary





WHERE WE ARE NOW

2023 was an exciting year for The Farmette Sanctuary! We had many successes.

First of all, we met an incredible volunteer, Tracy, who teaches at a local middle school. Throughout the winter and spring, she brought middle school students to the Farmette to volunteer with our chickens and help keep the barn in tip top shape! Tracy and her students were a joy to meet - and seeing the way their faces lit up around the chickens and the farm work warmed everyone's hearts!

In June, we held a retreat at The Farmette for the New Leaders Council Board. 15 individuals joined for a day of workshopping, getting to know one another better, and enjoying everything the farm has to offer. Twelve participants stayed over night and helped out with chicken chores in the morning.

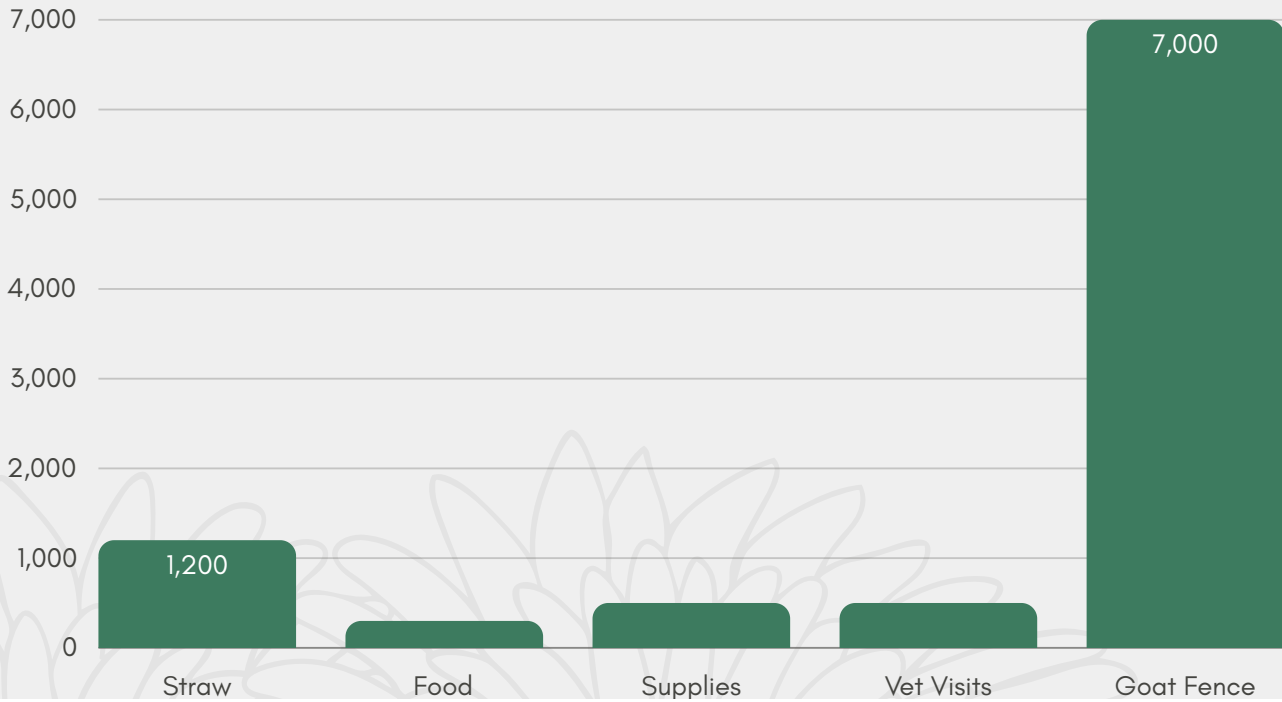
In July, we held our first digital fundraiser! We received donations from over 40 folks, allowing us to reach our target and install a goat-safe fence around the pasture!

In October, we welcomed our new flock of Kaporos chicken survivors, rescued by activists and transported by a dear friend, Michelle. Ten new hens, and one new rooster made themselves right at home in the barn.

Unfortunately, 2023 also had some challenges. We said goodbye to Dragon, Moonlight, and Violet, who passed away after bringing us so much joy. The average life span for a Cornish Cross chicken is 43 days - while they lived much longer than that, it is always hard to lose a loved one.



TOTAL EXPENSES - 2023



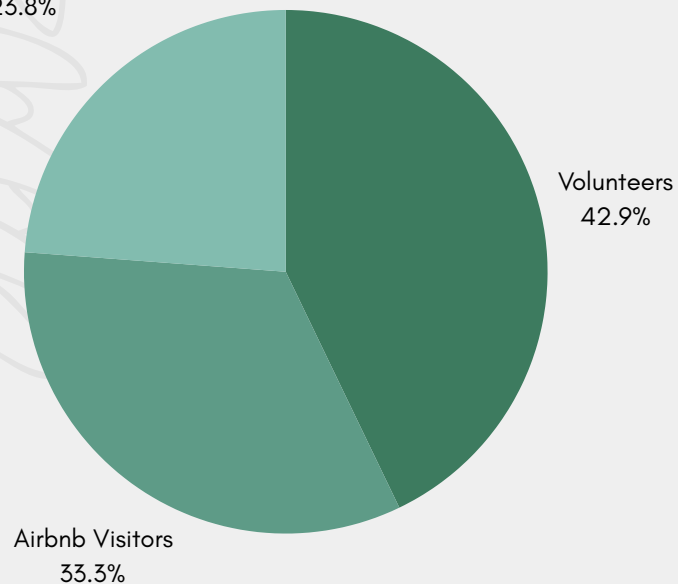
OUR FINANCIALS

During 2023, we spent nearly \$10,000 on straw, food, supplies, vet visits for our chicken residents, and a fence for expansion. Our biggest expense of the year was having a predator-proof goat fence installed around the pasture so we can begin welcoming goat residents to the Farmette. Through monthly donations and the summer fundraiser, we were able to cover all required costs.

CLIENT RELATIONS

Throughout 2023, over 100 individuals visited The Farmette and engaged with our chicken residents. We continued being in partnership with other sanctuaries - Unity Farm Sanctuary, Tamerlaine Sanctuary, and Winslow Farm Sanctuary. We learn from the more established organizations, and they help connect us with potential rescue animals.

Retreat and Personal Guests
23.8%



WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



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