Meet the Animals

Gus

Snuffleupagus (Gus for short) is a Scottish Highlander who was part of a nearby herd, and she was about to be slaughtered. The farmer had gotten a gas lease, so he decided to get out of the farming business and send his whole herd off. We were able to negotiate to save just one cow from the whole herd, and we are quite grateful to have her.

When Gus first arrived at Indraloka several years ago, the farmer told us he had never touched her. She had been born on pasture and remained there with the herd, having little contact with humans. She was standoffish with us at first, but after about six months she began to relax and soon began coming to us for affection and attention.

Gus watches everything at the sanctuary underneath her shaggy bangs. She especially loves cats and spends quite a bit of time with two cats named Boo and Jinx.
Mookie

Moksha, nicknamed “Mookie,” came to Indraloka after he was unknowingly born at a farm. He was found in a field after his mother had been sold to slaughter, so he was motherless, tiny, and very weak. Mookie was extremely thin and he was covered in bugs and sores along his spine. There was manure encrusted on Mookie’s behind, his skin was dry, and he had spots of missing fur. The farmers waited too long to start giving him a bottle of calf formula, so he wasn’t eating and was very malnourished.

Luckily, a concerned family member found out about Mookie’s condition just in time and she called for our help in making Mookie’s life better. After many phone calls, we finally convinced her that the best thing to do for Mookie would be to give him to us.

He was taken under his wing by the resident matriarch at the time, Penny, who had a miraculous story of her own surrounding Mookie’s arrival! You can read more about their special relationship on Indraloka’s blog or by watching his rescue video below.

Mookie came out of his shell thanks to the love of Penny along with his dear goat friend, Lief, both of whom have since passed. Sometimes a fellow being’s purpose in life is to help you shine, and boy does Mookie shine!
Fancy was rescued from a “kill sale”– an auction where horses are sold for meat. At the time, she suffered chronic lameness and was extremely thin. Completely sound now, Fancy enjoys her retirement years lolling in the pasture, enjoying the sun and the sky and the stars. Fancy loves carrots and being scratched on the back, and she insists on licking the hands of her caretakers before she goes out into her pasture for the day. In her golden years, she has become a gentle, mellow horse and especially enjoys spending time with children. At 32, Fancy is the oldest animal at Indraloka for which we have with a documented age. She has been with Indraloka founder, Dr. Indra Lahiri, since 2003.
Mazor Ner Tamid (Hebrew for Healing Eternal Light), or “Mazzie” for short, was rescued from an extreme case of cruelty and neglect by Humane Law Enforcement. He was brought to Indraloka with six other animals—four turkeys and two goats, all of whom had been living in deplorable conditions: unsafe, unsanitary, and without proper medical care. It appeared that Mazzie had suffered some sort of trauma to his back that left his spine deformed, causing partial paralysis. Because of this, he was only able to move on three legs and was barely able to move around on his own. At the time of his rescue, he couldn’t even evacuate waste without our help.

We kept a close eye on him. We nursed him to health as he slowly came to trust us, and with proper medication, physical therapy, and a whole lot of love, he began to improve immensely. He was offered a wheelchair, however, he eventually gained so much strength that he was able to move around more easily without it!

These days, Mazzie spends his days with his best friend Chandran, and he spends most of his days rooting in the sun, and yes, walking around on his own!
Sunita

Beautiful Sunita escaped from a dire situation and was on the run for many weeks fighting for survival.

A local Humane Law Enforcement Officer worked tirelessly to gain her trust so that she could live a peaceful life here at the sanctuary and after many weeks of Sunita living on the side of the interstate and fending for herself, the officer was able to bring this clever and determined girl to the sanctuary.

Sunita was, understandably, very nervous when she arrived, but she quickly learned that we are her friends and that she is safe here. Sunita loves finding cozy, warm places to sleep, and enjoys fresh produce treats.
Patricia Marie

Patricia Marie joined the Indraloka family in November of 2019. She was rescued with her two sisters LaVerne and Maxene from a hoarding situation. The three were named after the Andrews Sisters of “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” fame.

When they were first rescued and brought home to Indraloka, they were very sick with a respiratory infection. They were also underweight and malnourished. But with a lot of loving care and delicious, healthy food, they made a full recovery and were finally able to live their lives comfortably, happily, and at peace.

Patricia is a beautiful turkey. She is also brave, inquisitive, and loyal to her friends. You will find her the first to investigate any work being done or treats being handed out! Patricia and all her feathered friends can’t wait to see the new place in Dalton!
Dominic

In a last-ditch effort, Dominic escaped from slaughter transport and evaded the humans around him to hide himself, trembling, in a pile of hay. He was found by a kind woman from Omega Horse Rescue, who begged the “kill buyer” to spare his life. Dominic was granted 24 hours grace in which his rescuer must find him sanctuary.

After many calls to several sanctuaries, and with a team of compassionate humans from New York to Canada working to find him safety, Dominic found his home at Indraloka. When Dominic arrived, he leaped from the transport truck yet again and rushed into his quarantine stall. He enjoyed a fresh salad and greeted everyone with a sniff and a smile.

Dominic now lives with Miss Lily Pie, Eddie Traffic and Jeremiah. A truly a silly pig, he has learned a few bad manners from Lily, namely screaming for his breakfast and dinner with no apologies. However, his very favorite time is when he receives treats and produce. Dominic loves to grab his favorite foods from the pile and take them around in his mouth, with his head tilted upwards, making sure he shows everyone what he has!