“Every day is a new world.” So said a visiting scholar about his month-long stay, during which he both volunteered and observed daily. It’s really true! With so many people of so many species living in community with each other, “there's always something happening and it's usually quite loud,” as the song goes. There's also so! much!!! work!!! Every day, everybody needs food and fresh water throughout the day, and every barn and coop must be cleaned. And then there are all of the seasonal chores. Shout out to our hard-working on-site staff and all of the volunteers who help!

New Arrivals

New arrivals this year included three lambs saved from becoming Easter dinners. After prolonged quarantine and veterinary treatment, they took to the pastures gladly, supervised by alpacas. Another sheep arrived after sustaining a serious shearing injury at the farm where she had been used for wool. Kanga is now getting around on four legs and two wheels thanks to her customized cart. She really enjoys being part of it all.

In Memoriam

Brutus

One of the first cows to come to VINE, gentle and generous Brutus served as a surrogate uncle to many calves, an esteemed elder of the back pasture community, and a steadfast friend to people of many species. Known for sharing his breakfast with birds, Brutus will forever be an example to us all.

Okapi

Charismatic, acrobatic, clever, and daring, Okapi not only played a leadership role among the goats and sheep but also never failed to raise the spirits of staff and volunteers. As bold as she was, Okapi radiated an air of harmless friendliness and helped Autumn the cow learn not to be afraid of goats and sheep.

Sky

Sky the blue-eyed goose survived a near-death brush with starvation before coming to VINE. One-of-a-kind in many ways, Sky spent time with other geese but also went her own way. Sky was especially friendly with roosters Crackle and Right Said Fred.

Syrah

Already elder when she arrived at the sanctuary, the sheep called Syrah radiated calm and friendly energy that soothed everybody. Syrah was always ready to extend affection to anyone of any species. Every one of us humans and many sheep, goats, cows, and chickens drew solace and happiness from being near her.

Fine Feathered Friends

We began as a chicken sanctuary, and more than half of our community members are chickens. As always, we joined the rescue of survivors of Kaporos this year, helping to save the lives of more birds than ever before. We also welcomed groups of "spent" hens from egg farms of all sizes and — of course! — roosters galore. Other new feathered friends included a large group of birds seized by local authorities due to extreme neglect.

A Unique Community

“VINE is quite simply an unparalleled place for thinking anew about ideas of individual flourishing in community, and respectful inter-community relations.” So said Zoopolis co-author Sue Donaldson, at a recent Wesleyan Animal Studies conference. It all begins with sincere dedication to the self-determination and well-being of our nonhuman community members, who co-create the sanctuary every day.
### Education and Advocacy

#### Online Extravaganza

Have you seen our new website yet? Visit vinesanctuary.org to check it out! Although we were able to restart on-site events at the sanctuary this year and did appear at several in-person events in our region, we continued to use the internet to expand the reach of our educational programming, with a focus on helping animal advocates to deepen their knowledge and expand their imaginations. As always, everything we did was rooted in our on-site work at the sanctuary. We learn from our community and share that knowledge with others!

#### Barnyard Buddies

This year, we expanded the reach of our virtual humane education program, Barnyard Buddies (which offers both one-time field trips and a semester-long series of sessions) to more classrooms, libraries, and homeschool groups than ever before. We also increased the number of Barnyard Buddies livestreams open to any child or family. One participating teacher said “My 2nd and 3rd grade class is really loving the Barnyard Buddies program.... my students are engaged, excited, and ask tons of questions.”

#### The Rooster Project

The Rooster Project is a multi-year project intended to boost the capacity of sanctuaries and reduce the number of roosters needing refuge. This year, we offered a two-part Rooster Workshop on Zoom for staff and volunteers at scores of sanctuaries, took a Rooster Road Trip to several large sanctuaries, and did individualized Zoom consultations for a dozen smaller sanctuaries. The shelter director at a sanctuary on the Rooster Road Trip said “We instantly made improvements to their living situation(s) and are seeing daily progress. The fact that VINE is providing this invaluable resource, at NO cost to the benefiting sanctuaries, is truly remarkable”

#### Queering Animal Liberation

By “queering” animal liberation, we mean not only reaching out to LGBTQ+ communities but helping activists of all stripes to see the many ways that human supremacy hurts everybody. This year, our new website compiled what one visitor called “a kind of wikipedia” about those intersections. As always, VINE staff members spoke of these topics to college classes, vegfest attendees, and conference goes in a variety of venues. We also launched the first annual Pride Month Vegan Challenge, participated in a Gay Vegan Expo, and helped facilitate a Pride Roundtable of LGBTQ+ vegan activists.

#### Movement Building

We have always considered it part of our job to show solidarity with other organizations and to help the animal liberation movement to grow in both size and scope. Our support for other sanctuaries this year included not only The Rooster Project but also a monthly support group for sanctuary staff and volunteers coping with the stress and grief of sanctuary work and a special MLK Day roundtable event on how to incorporate antiracism into sanctuary work. Our support for the movement at large included the VINE Book Club, which helps animal advocates enhance their knowledge and skills in ways that one participant called “life-changing.”

### 200+ Events

- 30 online education events for activists
- 134 humane education sessions for kids
- 13 talks at classes, conferences & festivals
- 17 on-site volunteer days
- 27 other events

### Message from Pattrice

Every day, I and the other members of the on-site team know that everything we do is made possible by our extended community of donors and boosters. Thank you for being part of that community! We’ve got big plans for 2022, including a virtual conference for sanctuaries, another lap of the Rooster Road Trip, and a bigger and better Pride Month Vegan Challenge. And, of course, we’ll “keep on keepin’ on” extending refuge and care to the 700+ nonhuman members of our multispecies community. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for making that life-saving work possible!