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Creative Fundraising in a Pandemic Crisis

By: Scott Kemp

For the past five years, Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary has held 5Ks in the spring and the fall. Our spring race is the Get Your Tails on the Trail 5K and is normally held at Fontanel Nashville. The fall race is the Rescue Me! 5K and has been held in several locations, usually a public greenway in the greater Nashville area.

The global pandemic has impacted everyone and everything, from global economies down to the budgets of non-profit organizations like ours. Impacted by shutdowns, our 2020 races morphed into a single hybrid virtual/traditional 5K held over a period of time during the year. The race was named the Social Distancing Dash, and the finishers' medal was designed with a few of the signatures of 2020: masks, distance, and toilet paper.

Approximately 30 people signed up for the Social Distancing Dash between July and September of this year. Participants completed their races on their time, at a location of their choosing. One of the benefits of a virtual race, is that it opens up the opportunity for some people to participate in a manner best suited for them. One person completed a 5K on a rowing machine.

The rescue got some much needed help from some of the runners in a group called RunSum. This is a running group in Sumner County whose members run together at least once a week. Jay Williams, one of the group members shared the event with the other runners and on September 9, 2020, a large group of them ran a 5K together. Their 3.1 mile route began at the Streets of Indian Lake near the Fleet Feet store.

Though small in numbers, we are thankful for all of those who signed up for the Social Distancing Dash and helped the rescue during this unprecedented year. We are thankful for all of our volunteers, foster homes, cage cleaners, and other people who have helped Freedom Farm in our 21st year in existence. If you would like to help the rescue, and earn one of these medals for yourself, contact the rescue at skemp@freedomfarm.net.

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We want to thank everyone who participated in our “virtual fundraiser”.



Above: Jay Williams and The RunSum group assisted FFAS when they “ran” for our cause.



Above: A metal given to all who participated in making this fundraiser a success.



Above: Earl Jones with help from his “pack”, “rowed” his way to a successful finish for FFAS.



Above: Cathy Smith and her feline buddy, “ran” to assist FFAS in helping other animals.





“Special Kitties” Freedom Flight To New Home



By: Claudette Spinks & Patrice Sanders

Mimi and Clyde are special kitties. Not only is Mimi Clyde’s mom, but they are considered special needs kitties. Both mom and son tested positive for feline leukemia at the time Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary took them into the cat program.

Mimi had two other kittens, one sadly passed away and we were able to find the other a forever home. Because of their special circumstance, Mimi and Clyde stayed with their foster mom, Annette Ricke, for over a year. She loved them dearly, but with their medical condition, she was unable to assist providing care with other kitties in need.

So we found a special group in Northeast Texas, The Cat’s Meow. They have fosters that are able to accept feline leukemia positive kitties. After hearing about Mimi and Clyde, they were happy to take them into their rescue. Our only problem...how to get them from the Nashville area to Texas?!

This is where some amazing pilots working with Pilots N Paws, such as Paul Schechter, stepped in to help. A pilot located in Kentucky would fly her plane to John C. Tune airport to pick them up and take them to Memphis, where she would hand them off to a second pilot that would fly them from Memphis to East Texas Regional Airport. Our friend Heather, at the Cat’s Meow, would then pick them up and take them to their new home. The day was perfect for the flights. The kitties handled the day very well. We soon received pictures of the duo in their new home and we could tell they landed in the perfect spot.

We are so thankful for the work Pilots N Paws does to help transport rescue animals. We are also thankful to The Cat’s Meow for the work they do and their willingness to help with Mimi and Clyde.



Above: Mimi



Above: Clyde



Above: Mimi and Clyde patiently waiting to be loaded onto the plane in Nashville.



Left: Heather with her husband from The Cat’s Meow, meeting Mimi and Clyde at The Texas Airport.



FROZEN PUPCAKES

Sometimes treats can be tricky for the dogs that we love. So here is a great treat (even in the winter) that we can make for them to enjoy anytime.

Frozen peanut butter banana pupcakes! Only 5 minutes and you're done!

Serves: 5 **Tip** — Silicon muffin cups work great for these treats!

Ingredients

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup plain yogurt (I used greek 2%)
- 1 ripe banana
- splash (unsweetened) almond milk (or water!)
- Mini & regular muffin tins

Instructions

- 1) Combine all ingredients in a blender; blend until smooth.
- 2) Add a splash of water or almond milk until everything blends well, adding more as necessary.
- 3) Pour mixture into muffin tins and freeze until solid.
- 4) Remove from the freezer when ready to serve and allow to sit for a few minutes to slightly thaw, then pop out with a knife, stack and serve!



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We here at Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary would like to thank you for your support, contributions, assistance, and sometimes a “shoulder” to lean on.

2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone . . . schools, businesses, churches, and non-profits. So many “normal” functions, gatherings, jobs, etc. have drastically changed. However, no matter what situation we encountered, you have always been there to help us continue with our work to save as many animals as possible. You’ve donated your time, money, and expertise to make sure our organization could continue our mission for providing care and finding homes for animals in need.

You have been our cheerleaders, support group, and even held our hands when it felt too rough. We applaud your efforts and commitment to continue working side by side with us, no matter where we are needed.

We are blessed to have you on our team, and look forward to continue working with you in 2021. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



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Freedom Farm is dedicated to reducing animal overpopulation in Middle Tennessee by rescuing abused, unwanted and abandoned animals and adopting them into loving homes, by supporting spay and neuter services to low income pet owners, and by raising awareness of animal overpopulation. Freedom Farm is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1999.

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To inform us of an animal in need, or if you are interested in adopting one of our animals, please call and leave a message or send us an email.

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