



# Olivia

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN

Olivia arrived at the sanctuary several years ago when she was abandoned by a family, who, having lost their home to a fire, simply picked up and moved away. One of the first residents of the sanctuary, Olivia would make her daily farm rounds which included grass grazing, catching up with staff members, taking naps, plundering any feed left unsecured, and hanging out by the chicken yard where she could view nearly the entire farm. This was Olivia's new life in her new home at the sanctuary.

But what no one knew was that Olivia was also a sap for lost souls.

Dylan came to the farm, a shaky-legged, malnourished calf who had been forcibly taken from his mother at birth just one week earlier to be raised for veal. Though humans were now fawning over him, he was a scared little dude on unfamiliar land and without a single animal friend. Poking around the farm, Dylan explored his new home and quickly discovered Olivia. He needed a friend, and though Olivia didn't appear to need a silly calf to accompany her on her daily rounds, she accepted Dylan loping along beside her and the two quickly became both field-mates and pen-mates. Olivia didn't have to alter her day in anyway for Dylan, she just had to be herself and make her daily farm rounds. Olivia knew where to eat, where to drink, where to rest, which humans to mooch treats from, and which feed cans to raid for the choicest payout. By observing Olivia, Dylan gained

knowledge of the farm and also built a sense of himself. Through Olivia's example, Dylan could feel assured that he was in a place where there was not a lot of reason to fear and where there was a lot of reason to just be a calf.

Over the coming months, Dylan and Olivia went everywhere and did everything together. If you visited the farm during that period, together they would come meet you for introductions. If you had apples or carrots in your pockets you were given immediate entrée. If you did not have apples or carrots in your pockets you were still given immediate entrée but they would check in with you later in case you had acquired any in the interim.

After more than a year of roaming the farm together, it was time for the now much larger Dylan to join the adult steer in the steer field. With knowledge of the farm and confidence in himself provided by his days with Olivia, Dylan fit in seamlessly with his new bovine field-mates. Dylan knew how to be a steer and he learned it, in great part, from a goat. Olivia and Dylan would maintain ongoing contact with each other by grazing the steer field fence line together until they'd drift apart to continue their now separate daily farm routines.

Soon after Dylan joined the other steer, Albie the goat arrived at the sanctuary. He had been found roaming a park in Brooklyn. Young Albie was only a few months old and displayed signs of having been hog-tied which caused injuries