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The Newsletter of the Animal Clinic of Chardon

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CONGRATULATIONS DR. DEMARCO!



It's a Boy!



A VISIT TO BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

My wife and I were traveling in southern Utah and decided to stop at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. It was going to be a short side trip but ended up being one of the highlights of our vacation.



As you pull into the Best Friends Animal Society's Sanctuary, you are struck with how "resort like" it is. This is not your normal animal shelter. Our first stop was the Welcome Center. Inside we were greeted as friends and were asked if we wanted to see some kittens. Of course we did! We spent some time playing with several adoptable cuties and then stocked up on T-shirts from their gift shop. They have tours of their different facilities – from dogs and cats to horses and bunnies. Tours sell out early, but we were fortunate to get a spot on their Parrot Garden tour.



Driving to the Parrot Garden, you pass through the most beautiful red sandstone formations. This could easily be a state park or national monument. Hiking trails, petroglyphs, and the smell of junipers in the air...a touch of heaven.

At the Parrot Garden, we were greeted by a staff member who showed us around the facility. Many of the large birds were in outside aviaries, and they loved getting the attention from all of us. We learned about their feeding routines, adoption process, and some of the issues they can have in captivity.



Afterwards we had a vegan buffet in their own on-site restaurant. Only \$5 per person, although I believe most people donated extra for the delicious meal. The restaurant overlooks a canyon, and the view was spectacular.

We hated to go, but we were heading to the Grand Canyon, so we said goodbye (it ended up being a short goodbye though).



That night while camping at the Grand Canyon, we decided we would visit Best Friends again on the way back. I was able to book a night at their small RV park for the following night. Not only do they have an RV park, but also have cabins and cottages to stay at. Many people have a volunteer vacation here, staying on site and volunteering during the day. For those staying onsite, you can even volunteer to have an adoptable pet stay with you overnight! Such a wonderful idea! (continued)

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A VISIT TO BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY (CONT)

Our stay was excellent, and we were able to visit their Gratitude Garden, a place where owners memorialize their pets. Thousands of names encompass the garden, while windchimes provide a soothing melody in the desert air. It is a very emotional experience.

If you are ever traveling in the southern Utah area near Kanab, I would highly recommend an overnight stay or just a visit. It's a majestic and soul-revitalizing place.

Written by Tim Rillahan



You did it!



Thanks to you, we achieved our Hill's to Home subscription goal! Hill's will donate 510 lbs of food to the Geauga County Dog Warden!

What type of cat works in a hospital? A first aid kitten!

ACOC Birthdays

Lisa 10/2

Belinda 10/28

