



Dear friends,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Betty White challenge! Thanks to the generosity of our community, Noah's Ark received **\$15,486** in donations to honor what would have been the actress' 100th Birthday. THANK YOU!

Her love of animals and passion for being a voice of the neglected and abused is an inspiration for all of us. I have dedicated my entire life to rescuing animals and taking care of those in need, and Betty White's fierce fight for animals will continue to be a personal motivation for me.

We are grateful for all the animal lovers in the world like you who understand what animals have to teach us about kindness, friendship, and unconditional love.

Happy New Year from the entire family of animals and people here at Noah's Ark!

With love,

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*The Betty White Challenge encouraged people to donate \$5 to animal shelters in the late actresses name to celebrate your 100th birthday and memorialize her passion for helping animals. The movement is still continuing, so feel free to donate in her name.

[Give To Betty White](#)

News from the Ark

Dakota's Surgery Update



Last month our lovable Spotted-Saddle horse, Dakota, injured his eye while grazing in our 84-acre pasture. In order to prevent spreading infection our team of veterinarians decided to remove the eye, and a successful surgery was completed. We are thrilled to report that Dakota has made a full recovery and is acclimating very well to having only one eye. He is back to his former old self playing with and pestering the other horses, being nosey, and generally getting into things he shouldn't. We sure love this naughty boy!

Welcome, Shelly.



Please welcome the newest member of the Noah's Ark family,

Dr. Michelle "Shelly" Lakly.

As President of Noah's Ark, Shelly will help position Noah's Ark as a world-class animal sanctuary by maintaining and expanding our current programs, providing leadership for fundraising and growth, and providing a personal dedication to conservation and animal welfare.

Shelly has over 20 years of experience working for conservation and environmental organizations. Prior to joining Noah's Ark, she served as the Executive Director for Save the Chimps in Florida. She spent 12 years in executive leadership roles at The Nature Conservancy as well as seven years at Zoo Atlanta serving various roles including Vice President of Education and Conservation Programs, Director, Academy for Conservation Training, and Director of Education.

Shelly has an outstanding record of achievements and her addition to our staff demonstrates an organizational commitment to the future of Noah's Ark as a premier destination for our visitors, and a forever home for our animal residents.

She holds a Doctor of Philosophy, Ecology, a Master of Science, Conservation Ecology and Sustainable Development, and a Bachelor of Science, all from the University of Georgia, Institute of Ecology-Athens. Her accolades include a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Award and a U.S. Department of the Interiors Partners in Conservation Award.

Welcome to the Noah's Ark Family Dr. Lakly!

We love our community volunteers!



A special thank you to Landon Neely of Boy Scout Troop 64 here in Locust Grove who designed and built two new money donation boxes for us as a part of his Eagle Scout service project.

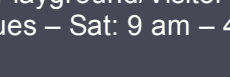
Thank you Landon, and thank you to our visitors who make donations to Noah's Ark when they tour the habitat.

Since we do not charge admission, we appreciate your support!

[Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary](#) is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Sanctuary for exotic animals as well as farm animals. We also rehab 100's of animals yearly through our Wildlife Rehabilitation Program.

With over 1,500 animals, you can imagine that our veterinary costs and food costs run high. It costs approximately \$33,000 per month to feed and care for the animals here at Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary.

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Picnic/Playground/Visitor's Center:
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Habitat Open:
Tues – Sat: 12 pm – 3 pm

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