

Danforth and Quasi Update

People who have visited or toured Joplin's Sanctuary often email or ask, "how are Danforth and Quasi doing?" For those of you not acquainted with them they are two of the **abused** animals who have found their way to the sanctuary over the past year and we are happy to report that they are doing great.

Danforth

Danforth is a beautiful three year old rooster who came to us after someone struck him in the head with a rock or stick. The blow resulted in his lower beak and jaw being dislodged so that it now sits at a 90 degree angle to his upper beak. Unfortunately after consulting with several veterinarians it is not possible to safely reposition his lower beak.



At first we were not sure whether he was going to be able to eat or drink given the severity of his injury. He fortunately has learned to use his upper beak as a "scoop" and he is able to pick up his food and water in his beak and then tilt his head back to get the food into his throat and downward. He has learned how to do this very effectively and since his arrival he has almost doubled in weight and is extremely active and loves attention.

Sadly the other chickens and roosters in our main chicken coop area realized that he was disabled and they picked on him. As a result we had to move him into his own private quarters although it was initially smaller than we would have liked.

Recently we were able to expand the coop's run space to double its original size which provides Danforth with a lot of room to roam around in.



As we move forward we expect to be called in on other situations where chickens have been abandoned or neglected. We hope that from one or two of these rescues we will be able to find Danforth a “girlfriend” or two to live safely and comfortably with him in his expanded home.



Quasi

Quasi is doing equally as well in his new home. For those of you not familiar with Quasi's story he came to us after being **abused** as much as any animal we had ever seen. Quasi is an approximate ten year old domesticated duck who survived at least three major attacks by a human or humans. He survived despite suffering a badly broken neck, two broken wings and a broken leg. Radiographs showed that these injuries were suffered at different times. When Quasi was found in a parking lot he was covered in motor oil and his eyes were crusted over with infection.



After a lot of veterinary care and attention Quasi is now thriving. He brings great joy, laughter and smiles to everyone who meets him. He has difficulty walking and even laying down due his misaligned neck and foot but he waddles around quacking and enjoying life at the sanctuary.



Quasi has also been a great ambassador for the sanctuary when we talk to children and adults about animal neglect/abuse and also about disabilities and various challenges in life. Despite everything that Quasi has been through he is highly socialized, loves to be held and to interact with the children, visitors and volunteers including untying shoe strings if given a chance.



We at the sanctuary feel like we are truly lucky to have these wonderful animals in our lives. They continue to teach us each day about forgiveness and that life is largely dependent upon your ability to adapt and move forward with love and patience.