



## 2025 Gratitude List

As I look back on this year, my heart is full of thanksgiving for:

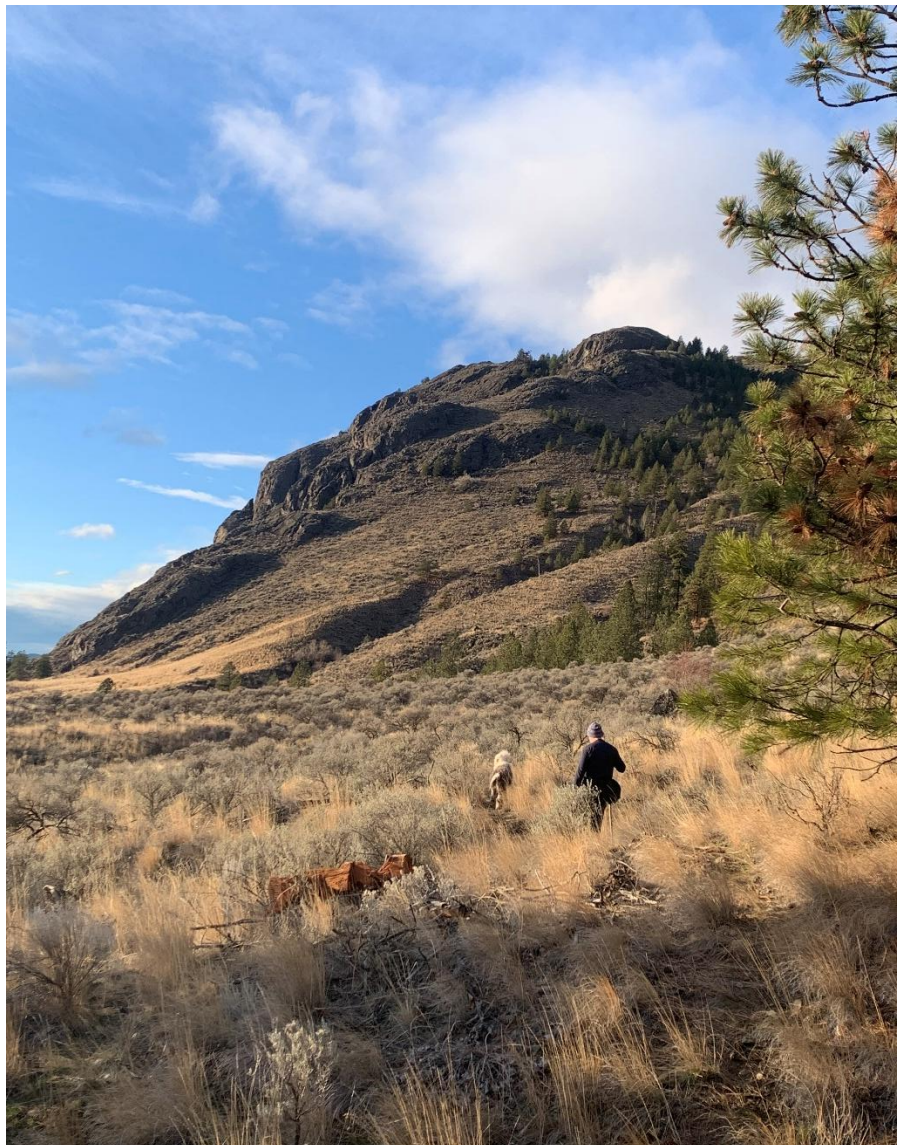
- My behind-the-scenes husband and stepson who do an incredible amount of farm work
- Provision of high quality hay and being able to meet all the needs of our residents
- A hot but manageable summer with no local wildfires and very little smoke
- Committed volunteers, board members, bookkeeper, accountant, and admin assistant
- Trusted veterinary staff at Oriole Road Animal Hospital, Kamloops Large Animal Clinic, and Shuswap Animal Clinic
- Our wonderful supporters and donors who make this work possible
- Each and every one of the sanctuary residents. I do it all for them.

Dear Friends,

As we close out 2025 and step into our seventh year, I find myself reflecting on cycles – the turning of seasons, the rhythms of farm life, and the deeper cycles that shape our lives and work.

## A Season of Quiet Faithful Stewardship

The first six years of Eden's Way have been marked by learning, growth, stress, and loss, as well as more work than I could have imagined. They've also been the most fulfilling years of my life. But this past year felt different—quieter, more reflective—even as both my husband and I worked more hours in our day jobs to help financially support the sanctuary. Paradoxically, this busier season released me from being stretched in multiple directions and instead helped me focus on faithful stewardship of what's been entrusted to us: the residents and the land itself.





## The Heart of 2025

Last year, we opened our hearts and gates to 10 new residents: 2 turkeys (Lucy and Linus), 5 chickens (Audrey Hepburn, Ava Gardner, Greta Garbo, Ginger Rogers, Vivien Leigh), 2 rabbits (Jimmie and Willow Whiska), and 1 duck (Pengu). We intentionally and responsibly limited our new intakes to smaller animals so as not to exceed the financial resources needed to care for them well.

We also said goodbye to 4 beloved rabbits (Eva, Eirwin, Gus, Sid), the last of our lovely red production hens—sweet souls whose bodies were bred for such heartbreakingly short lives of just 2-3 years—and our faithful 14-year-old guardian dog Sammy, who came with the property. Thankfully, all of our other residents remained healthy throughout the year.



To avoid over-extending myself as I returned to full-time work hours, I focused on just a handful of community events:

- Blazers hockey game in January
- Mission Pawsible in February
- Easter Celebration in April
- Painting and Appies Mother's Day event in May

We continued to be blessed with a small but mighty volunteer weekend crew and held monthly community volunteer work parties from April to September. Open Door Group volunteers came out weekly from January to October, bringing energy and joy to the farm while gaining valuable employability skills. We also continued offering private and public weekend sanctuary tours from April to September. Through our Pen Pal Program, we enjoyed writing letters from a few of the residents to kindergarten and grade one classes, as well as a few individual children.



## Planning Ahead with Open Hands

As my husband and I look toward our own seasons of life, we're thinking more intentionally about sustainability—building financial reserves for our residents' increasing veterinary needs as they age, strengthening our volunteer community, and planning wisely for the years ahead. We hope and pray to have many good years left on this farm, and thoughtful planning now ensures we can continue providing excellent care for every resident here for as long as we're able.

## Plans for 2026

As we enter our seventh year, our plans are rooted in faithful presence rather than ambitious expansion:

- Maintain unwavering care for our residents and continue to limit our intakes to smaller animals
- Replace the aging section of the cow shelter and expand the horse shelter (using our personal funds as landowners)
- Increase our local community presence and engagement
- Continue our volunteer program for individuals and organizations
- Continue sanctuary tours on selected weekends
- Begin my training in equine and animal assisted therapy (out our personal funds) - deepening both my practice as a psychologist and the healing work possible at the sanctuary. I expect to



complete my Level 1 Training through an accredited program (Natural Lifemanship) in April 2026.

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Thank you for journeying with us through another year. Your continued support – in whatever form it takes—sustains this sanctuary and the residents who call it home. We're grateful to have you as part of our Eden's Way family.

*Jaye Dueck*

Sanctuary Founder and Executive Director

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- Sponsor a resident
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