

Immigration Services Staff Volunteer at Riley Farm Rescue

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On August 26, UMass Chan Immigration Services Specialist **Danielle Tillilie** and Immigration Services Manager **Melissa Scher** volunteered at [The Riley Farm Rescue](#) (TRFR) in Canterbury, Conn., as part of the UMass Chan Volunteer Time-off Program.



TRFR's mission is to rescue suffering animals and provide them with the quality and loving home they deserve through rehabilitation and long-term care. The Riley Farm

Rescue brings awareness to the neglect and cruelty farmed animals experience, through education, special events, and by living and promoting a vegan and cruelty-free lifestyle.

The farm is home to 300 rescued goats, sheep, chicken, hens, barn cats, prairie dogs, turkeys, ducks, emus, pigs, horses, guinea pigs, chinchillas, sugar gliders, and lizards.

As part of their [volunteer activities](#), Danielle and Melissa spent the day cleaning one of the goat barns, which included making sure they had fresh bedding, hay, and water. The bonus of this day was getting to spend time with these beautiful animals—who will, in turn, spend the rest of their lives in love, care, and safety.

Danielle and Melissa are grateful for UMass Chan's policy and look forward to spending another day at TRFR soon.

