Several years ago, my mother and I stayed at a bed-and-breakfast in Ontario. It was a magical place, surrounded by green pastures, with rescued chickens, roosters, sheep, goats, guinea pigs, and chinchillas.

After a wonderful four-course breakfast with incredible vegan waffles, we went out to visit the animals. Featherbottom, pictured here, had been rescued from a foie gras factory farm, where she was found in a dumpster along with several other ducklings. We fed her treats and she followed us around, often stopping to pose for the camera like a supermodel.

I find it amazing that animals rescued from such horrible situations can still be so welcoming. I was a complete stranger coming to Featherbottom’s home, and all she wanted to do was make friends. I also find it inspiring to know that despite all the cruelty in the world, there are people devoting their lives to helping animals.

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