Once a year, my husband and I visit Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, New York. The sanctuary is home to all kinds of rescued farm animals, from pigs and cows to turkeys, chickens, goats, sheep and rabbits. It’s in a beautiful secluded area up on a hill. Sanctuary staff tell you about each animal’s background and personality on guided tours, and they know each animal by name. Afterward, you can walk around certain areas.

The beautiful girl in this photo is Honey. She’d been pointed out to us during the tour, but we couldn’t see her because she was lying in the daisies. As we walked around later, I spotted her at the top of the meadow poking her head curiously above the flowers. I called her name and she barreled toward me, so close that one of my pictures shows only her ear and snout. This is such a joyful photo—here she is basking in the sunshine and enjoying the freedom to be herself. But I couldn’t help but realize she’s one of the lucky ones. I stood there for a long time talking to her. She had such a beautiful, trusting smile.

– Bonny Dunham, Fairport, New York

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