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Episode #1205A

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Healing Hearts at the Gentle Barn

Participant: **Ellie R. Laks – founder of the Gentle Barn**

General Synopsis for Episode #1205A

In this Pets.tv episode, viewers take a field trip to the **Gentle Barn** in the Santa Clarita Valley. Visiting the Gentle Barn, students learn that it is a rescue and rehabilitation farm for abused animals. **Founder, Ellie Laks** states that the animals become role models for at-risk and special needs students who make visits to the farm. The students are able to pet, feed and learn about each animal's story of abuse or neglect. These interactions provide opportunities for the students to practice gentleness and develop trust and respect. The students learn lessons of courage and survival and understand that things can get better. Ellie encourages the students who visit to follow their dreams and has them make a wish at the wishing well before they leave. She shares that the animals and the students have something in common with each other and that is hope.

Observation and Conclusion

Episode #1205A exposes young viewers to a facility that provides a safe environment for abused animals and how these animals can give comfort and friendship to humans. This episode of Pets.tv delivers an educational and informational message that supports current social, intellectual and emotional aspects of children ages 13 and up. Attributes and advice emphasized by guests instill a grounded balance of priorities, commitment, and perseverance children can apply to their lives.

Sincerely,

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