



Well, Howdy, Y'all! Thor in da house!

It's my turn this year to be the intrepid reporter on all things "Fluffy"! Dogs are the smartest animal on the farm anyway, and the fact I am part Anatolian Shepherd and Great Pyrenees, I'm just gosh darn brilliant!. Well, Chibi Kitty has still eluded our pursuits of her so we may have to share that title with her. Alas! Here we begin: **The 2021 Year in Review at the Fluffy Bottoms Farm.**

We had some new additions to the farm this year. Or as I call it, MORE responsibility for me and Luna. We have to protect and babysit everyone! It's an exhausting job being an LGD on a farm! Momma and Poppa got a lot of projects done and are working on many more. Less time petting me and feeding me treats. I'm still hoping for my project to get done with a bigger doghouse so I can be more comfy. Because Luna hogs the bed and farts a lot. But, I love her. She completes me.

Right before Christmas last year, we rehomed a rather large porcine character named Chewie, short for Chewbacca. He is rather large and in charge - and takes his mealtimes very seriously. Chewie is a "Mini-Pig", but there ain't nothing "mini" about him. All 200 pounds of him. (That's a lot of bacon....) I heard getting him into the van to pick him up was not so easy and took several bags of Cheerios. But Momma and Poppa say he is a very sweet and loving boy - just don't leave your hand, or paw, out in front of him. He might mistake a finger for a french fry! I don't talk to him much because he's always sleeping - many times he falls asleep in his big mud pile. But he looks happy and that's what counts. His family comes to visit him so he is truly loved by us all.

In January, Poppa cleared a huge area of land with the tractor where Momma wanted her garden. Not just your average garden but a Texas sized garden! A 42' x 42' garden! They had a lot of compost delivered and Luna and I thought it was just for us! We played in that stuff all day. They spread out the dirt, put a water irrigation system in, and an electric fence to keep everyone out. Including us! No fair. And all their hard work paid off. They planted tons of tomatoes, squash, zucchini, corn, eggplant, beets, carrots, jalapeños, habaneros, pumpkins and watermelons. They also got a rototiller to really up their gardening game. And if you know anything about Texas dirt, there's a LOT of rocks! The herb and flower garden near the house was beautiful this year as well - I occasionally slipped in through the gate and gave it a little watering, if you know what I mean. Hey. It's a dog thing.

On February 15th, we got hit with SnowPocalypse. Luna and I were not happy working in that weather! But someone has to protect the farm and the residents. The Humans lost power and the well had issues, but they did a fantastic job keeping all of us warm, watered and fed. From boiling snow for water to making sure we had hot food and bulking everyone up with extra hay for bedding. I felt bad for Poppa as Momma scolded him a lot for not stocking enough firewood for the fireplace and something about "where's my f@cking generator!". But, we all survived and then, just like Texas, it got hot again! Time for the garden!

In March, we had a new resident arrive. Lillikoi is a Black Hawaiian lamb, just like Pelé, who was bottle-fed by some kind folks who helped her out as a baby. Since she couldn't go back in the herd, she came to live with us. Great. Just what we needed. More lambs. I kid. She is pretty cute and sweet. And loves to eat. You'll see her standing up trying to eat the leaves on the trees doing a little lamb dance. She's really fit in well with everyone. Even the goats. They're just always grumpy.

In May, we had 2 new fluffy surprises. Baby lambs! Edina snuck into Kona's ram cave one day and the rest is history. I'm pretty sure Poppa had something to do with letting her in. After smoking a cigarette and leaving Kona with a smile on his face, she went back to her place and next thing you know, BOOM! Out comes 2 little fluffy boys, one white and one black. Both born healthy and so was mom. And so the farm

welcomed Ghostface Killah and Chappelle. Don't blame me. I didn't name them. Blame Momma. And Vodka.

In July we took in a little feathered fella who's human passed unexpectedly. It was very sad. A kind neighbor alerted us and we are able to go pick up Donald Duck and bring him home to the farm. We put him in with Leopold and Daisy, the other ducks, and Gustavo the Goose and he seemed to be happier. Gustavo took him under his wing and they would spend all day just chilling in the duck pool. In between Donald and Leopold getting amorous and chasing Daisy around the farmyard. Cue the theme song to Benny Hill and they provide endless entertainment for hours.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! Ducks, that is. Momma took in 2 more ducks who badly needed a forever home. So Bud & Sissy came to live with us in August. Like Daisy, Sissy is a white crested with a big bouffant. But so does Bud. He looks like a cross between Beethoven and a Harlem Globetrotters player from the 1970's with his 'fro. Momma put them in with the other ducks, but they kept escaping running down to the chickens. So we eventually just left them there with the chickens and got them their own pool. Bud & Sissy look like a happy retired couple with bouffants from Miami floating around in their pool.

And then he came. Ugh. Think of Cousin Eddie from Christmas Vacation. That's right. Petey. The humans call him Petey the Sweetie, but Luna and I call him Cousin Eddie. We know the real Petey. He's annoying. He thinks he's cute and goes and sleeps in our doghouse. He jumps up on the picnic table when we are up there and falls asleep next to us and snores. Momma says to be nice to Petey as he needs friends. Petey is a Boer goat that was supposed to be a show goat, but he wasn't very good because he always wanted hugs from the judges. His nice family needed to rehome him and not have him served as cabrito for the holidays. So Momma said he could come live here. Pretty sure it was a surprise for Poppa. It's funny how that happens. Poppa usually finds out we are getting a new resident after they are already here! Momma has a big heart - and is lucky to have such a nice Poppa who understands and loves us all unconditionally!

And speaking of Momma and Poppa, not sure if you heard but they're getting hitched! Poppa surprised Momma last year on Christmas with a diamond ring. Actually it was a diamond encased in a 9mm shell casing! How apropos! There's gonna be a wedding on the farm soon. All of us fluffy bottoms are excited for a real Texas hoedown! It's only been 20 years in the making - but who's counting?

While so many wonderful things happened this year, we did suffer some pretty devastating losses. Pudgey Pig went to Hog Heaven soon after the Snowpocalypse. We're not sure if that had an impact on him. Sometimes when we rescue and rehome, you don't always know the complete health of our residents. We're pretty sure though that Gustavo the Goose is wreaking havoc and attacking everyone in heaven right now. He sure attacked me enough when he was alive!

Momma and Poppa were sure upset when Nano the Aussie passed on. That tough ol' girl was 15 years old, and was with Momma and Poppa from Cape Cod to San Diego to Texas. Luna and I are sure she's in heaven stealing Duke's chewies! She was pretty feisty. Like a mountain lion. Just ask Dustin and Joe.

Our projects for 2022: We finally got a generator! We signed on to have a yellow pine pole barn built starting in January 2022! It's a beautiful barn with pens for animals and workspaces for humans! And eventually a 2nd floor for a room to stay. We'll be posting pics/video on social media. We also just rehomed 2 sugar gliders. Names and pics coming soon!

If you ever find yourself in the Hill Country of central Texas and want to come visit, give us a shout.

We wish y'all much happiness, fabulous health, prosperity, success, peace and love in 2022!

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