

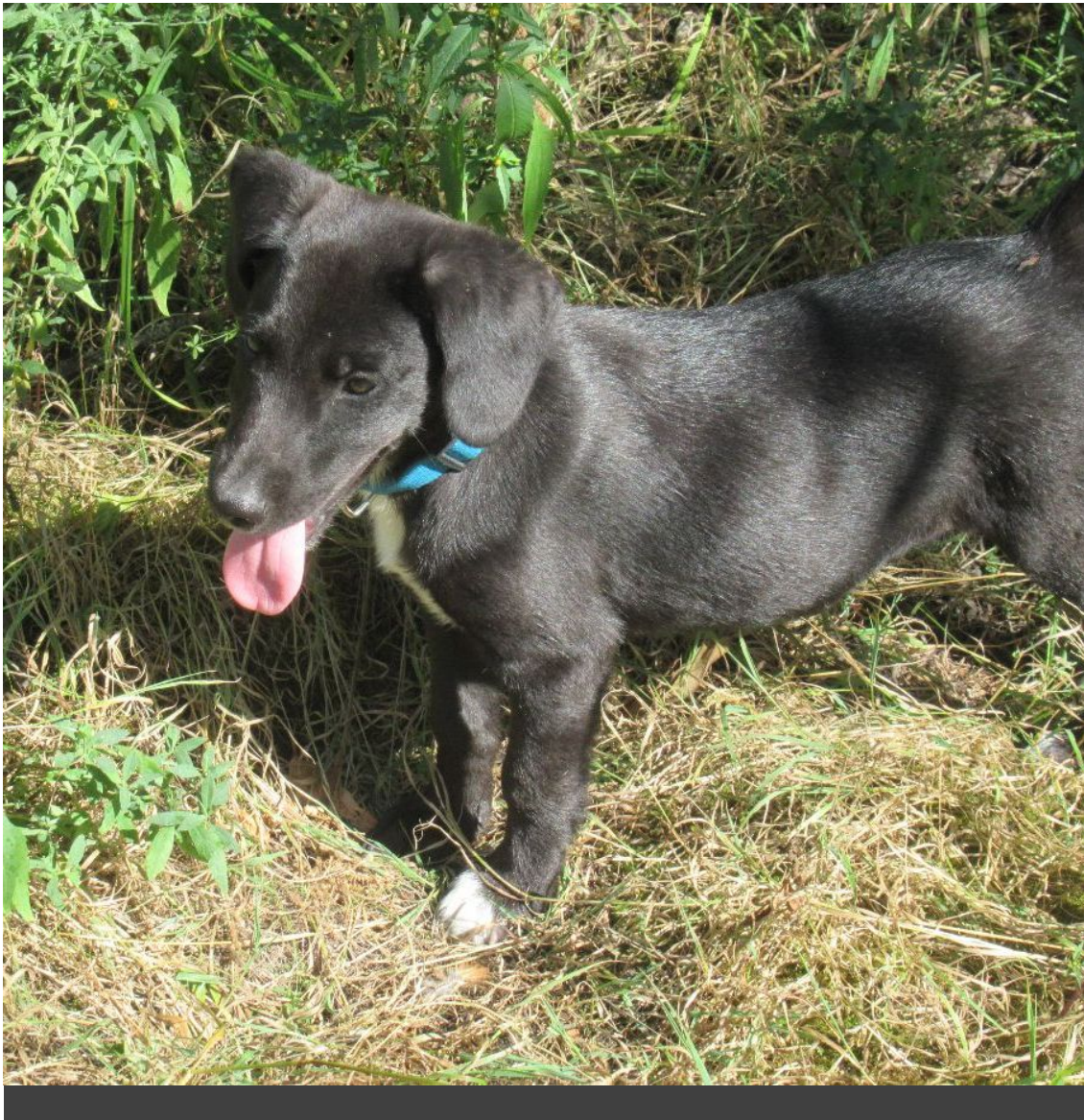
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SEPTEMBER GREETINGS FROM CROSS ISLAND FARMS



WHO JOINED THE FAMILY



Slurpy is a black lab/border collie mix puppy of 10 weeks who joined the family this month. It's like having a new baby in the house. Lots of joy.

WHERE DID DANI GO

Dani and a two-member production crew from WPBS visited the Pike Food Forest in Jupiter Florida this month to shoot segments to include in the 8-episode Home-Scale Forst Garden show. being produced locally and expected to be ready for national distribution this winter.





Top: Tracy Duflo and Luke Smith photograph our host, Amanda Pike, describing a tropical cherry tree.

Middle: Amanda and Dani discuss the pros and cons of raised bed gardening

Bottom: A view of the lush sub-tropical forest garden Amanda has created.

WHO'S VOLUNTEERING



Anthony Pittala decided to take some time off from teaching high school special ed science to hike the Appalachian trail and then spend some time volunteering at our farm while he plans his next adventure. Here Anthony is completing a sheet mulch project in the Edible Forest.

WHAT'S READY TO PICK

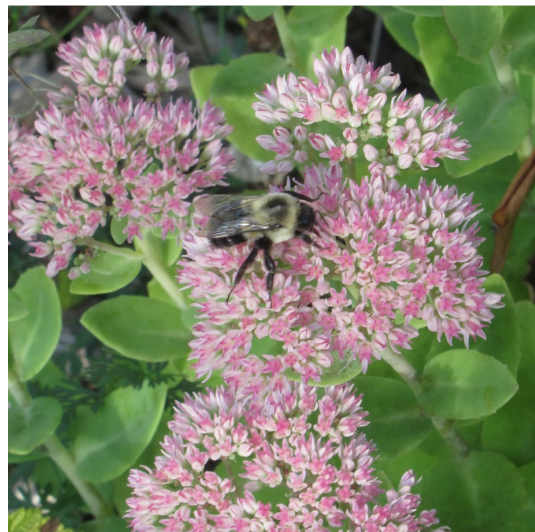


Aronia berries and Kiing of the North grapes are ready to pick NOW! Call for an appointment.



Asian pears and crab apples will be ready very soon. Call to find out when.

WHAT'S BLOOMING



Goldenrod, varieties of Wild aster and sedum bloom in late summer into fall and are essential sources of food for native pollinators. Here bumble bees are savoring these fall blooming perennials.

WHERE IS DANI SCHEDULED TO SPEAK OR TABLE



In Person: Table at the Adirondack Harvest Festival
September 20 from 12-5pm at the Essex County Fairgrounds
Westport, NY



SAVOR THE TURNING OF THE SEASON

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