

Forget babe, we're a hell of a lot cuter
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A picture is worth a thousand words for these rescued farm animals.

Frolicking and parading their wares, the animals at Edgar's Mission are the stars of a new book.

The Gift of Kindness tells the inspirational true stories of how they were saved.

Photographer Kyle Behrend said it features everything from pigs, goats, sheep and cows to chickens, rabbits, ducks and peacocks.

"We're sharing 44 stories, pictures and quotes with the world," he said.

The South African-born 27-year-old volunteered at the not-for-profit farm four years ago and simply couldn't leave.

"I kept coming back more and more, and eventually I just moved in and now live on the sanctuary.

"The best thing is to see the animals and the progress they make. It's just so rewarding."

With more than 3000 rescued last year, Edgar's Mission provides lifelong love and care, and aims to rehabilitate and rehome.

"Every day is so different, but so enjoyable. It's quite special to me," Mr Behrend said.