

# Ohio Domestic Violence Network Collaborates With Happy Trails On Farm Pets' Safety

Join us for a grass-roots meeting as we embark on a journey to bring peace and emergency safety to horses and other farm pets that might have otherwise been left behind in a situation of domestic violence.

**Monday, January 23, 2012 @ 6:30pm**

**Downtown Akron Public Library - Meeting Room #3**

60 S. High St., Akron, Ohio

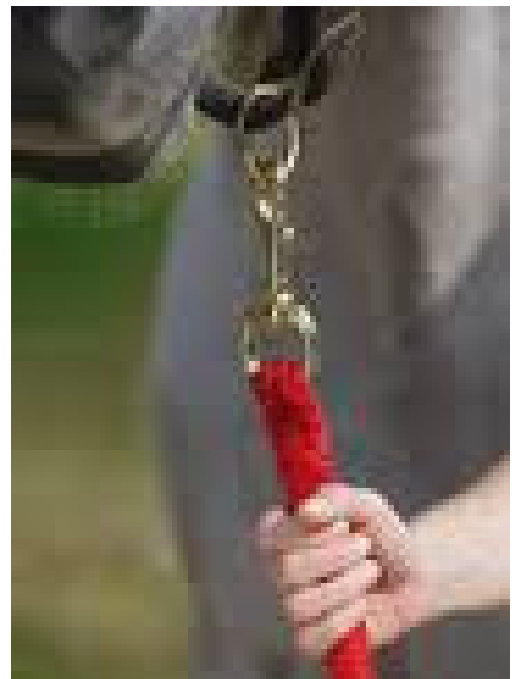
Happy Trails is teaming up with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network to secure safe, emergency foster homes for outdoor farm pets to assist women and families who leave an abusive home so they don't have to leave their outdoor pets behind.

As in many domestic violence situations, animals often become the target of an abuser after the victim of domestic violence leaves the home. Outdoor farm pets are not exempt from domestic violence.

Any animal left behind in a situation of domestic abuse is at risk to become another victim in that family if they are not one already. It's time that as a community we address *all* the animals who are at risk in these situations, including the outdoor animals living in a family suffering from domestic violence.

While horses were most often cited as needing emergency temporary placement, it is not unheard of for other farm animals to be at risk.

*Nancy Neylon, Executive Director of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network says, "ODVN is grateful to Happy Trails for taking on a project of this magnitude to assist the silent victims of domestic violence. We hope others in the community will be willing to help with this effort" .*



To join the committee or serve as a foster home, contact Happy Trails at 330 296-5914 or via email at [annette@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:annette@happytrailsfarm.org).

