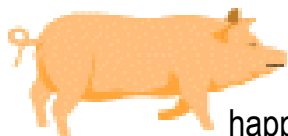


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

April 2014



happytrailsfarm.org ♦ 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio ♦ 330-296-5914

***“Animals are such agreeable friends.
They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.”***

George Eliot



***“Some of my
best friends
are pigs...”***

***“I am very proud to be called a pig.
It stands for pride, integrity and guts.”***

Ronald Reagan

***“We can judge the heart of a man
by his treatment of animals.”***

Immanuel Kent

***“Some of my
best friends
are people...”***

**Connecting...Respecting...Understanding...Sharing...Caring
At Happy Trails we work hard. Play hard. And take breaks with the pigs.**

***(Clockwise from top center) Angel Brandner, Jason Wolboldt, Tari Addison,
Jolie the pink pot belly, Annette Fisher, Dozer the pot belly, and Ashley Ehmann.***

letter from the director

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who participated in some way in Happy Trails "Night of Hope and Inspiration" in March. What a phenomenal event! We had 400 very supportive guests attend, and the theme focusing on hope and inspiration in the world of animal rescue was well received. Check out the details of the event on page 13.

Now we are turning our focus to Spring, the new construction taking place and our open house coming up on Sunday, June 22nd, when we can welcome all of you and share our progress at the sanctuary. **Special demonstrations and mini-clinics will be held throughout the day, with education being our focus.** Classes will include horse training, pigs as pets, compassionate kids with crafts included, the "Parade of Horses" showcasing horses who are available for adoption, boxed lunches will be available for purchase, and so much more. The last time we held an open house, 1,200 people attended. This year we anticipate a crowd of over 2,000, so be sure to get your tickets early. This is going to be an educational, enjoyable outdoor event! Details are on pages 4 and 5.

You will find this edition and future newsletters slightly larger than past issues. Due to popular requests,



we are going to begin accepting ad space in our newsletter to help us offset the printing and production costs so that we can grow the size and expand the content of our newsletters. There is so much really great information we simply can't include all of it in each 16 page issue. If we're lucky, the Happy Trails newsletter can grow into the Happy Trails magazine! For information on advertising, go to page 10. We appreciate the folks who want to support Happy Trails by promoting their business or service in the newsletter.

It really is an honor and a privilege to serve the rescued animals, the humane and law enforcement agencies, and you, the supporters of Happy Trails. Together we are watching kindness and compassion grow for all animals and we are bringing peace and healing for our communities in a big way. I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful team of people working together for a higher good!

*With kindness and compassion
for all animals,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette".

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Meet Board Member, Kerry Jackson

Since we (you and Happy Trails) are all working together for a common good, we'd like to help you get to know the folks involved with Happy Trails more personally. Beginning with our April newsletter, we'd like to introduce you to one of Happy Trails Board Members in each edition.

So with that said, meet **Kerry Jackson!** Kerry has been involved with Happy Trails over the years as a member of our emergency rescue crew,



"There are only so many times in your life where you get a chance to make a difference. This is my time!" said Kerry.

as an equine adoption counselor, and is currently serving as the Board of Directors Vice President. He is also the proud adoptive parent of Woody, a big Belgian gelding, who was rescued from a slaughter house auction in October 2012.

Kerry has served as an Akron police officer for 13 years and is currently a law enforcement officer for the University of Akron. He was also a keynote speaker at the recent "Night of Hope and Inspiration". Be sure to say "hi" in person and meet Kerry at the June open house! We are proud to have Kerry serve as a board member!

Like us on
Facebook!



"You can judge a man's true character by the way he treats his fellow animals."

Paul McCartney

A Miracle, A Hope and A Dream

In Spanish, the name **Milagro** means *miracle*; the name **Esperanza** means *hope*; and **Sueno** means *dream*. These are the names we bestowed on three sadly neglected horses that arrived at Happy Trails on Monday, March 3rd, when we assisted a Mahoning County humane officer with the removal of these horses from a property near Berlin Center. They were given these names at Happy Trails to help provide them with a new lease on life, a new beginning, a special word to define their future.

Two very sweet geldings (Milagro and Sueno) and a rather nervous mare (Esperanza) were loaded into the Happy Trails trailer and brought back to the sanctuary to begin their long road to recovery and rehabilitation.

You could clearly see the ribs and hip bones of the horses, and evidence of their severe neglect was obvious at a glance.

The owner is being prosecuted for animal cruelty. The horses have been legally signed over to Happy Trails and they are now available for adoption.

It is our goal, as always, to find

appropriate homes for these wonderful animals. However, the meaning of their names are now more important than ever.

These horses have been through a lot as a family and have lived together most of their life. It is most likely, that is how they survived — relying on each other for strength, friendship, and moral support. Esperanza and Sueno are especially bonded. The three horses suffered at the hands of this neglectful owner for many, many years until they reached this inexcusable state of neglect.

Here is where we are hoping for a miracle for this bonded trio. Our dream is for them to be able to stay together, to be adopted out as a family, and to be loved and appreciated for being the survivors they are.

However, we are realistic, and if an appropriate and approved

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(Below left) This photo shows the hip bone of Milagro, indicating the level of starvation. (Below) Milagro is a gentle senior citizen who simply needs to experience being loved for the last few years of his life.



(Above) Sueno's halter had not been removed from his face for a very long time and was embedded in his cheek and behind his ears.



(Above) Esperanza is a beautiful chestnut and white Paint mare who needed to gain back about 300 lbs. She is doing very well with her re-feeding program and we expect a full recovery for her.

Happy Trails Open House ▶ REGISTRATION ◀

I would like to register to attend the Sunday, June 22nd open house at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. I am saving \$5 per person by pre-registering.

There will be:

_____ adults @ \$20 per person and
_____ youth age 17 or younger at \$10 per child.

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

I understand that I will receive an email confirmation to use as my tickets. This email confirmation will also contain shuttle parking information.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email (REQUIRED FOR CONFIRMATION):

Check enclosed

Please charge my ___ VISA ___ Mastercard
___ American Express

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CSC (3 digits on back)

Name On Card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

OTHER WAYS TO REGISTER

• Register on-line via PayPal at happytrailsfarm.org

• Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. 04-2014

Return to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary
5623 New Milford Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

Happy Trails Family-Oriented Open House Activities

Watch the website (happytrailsfarm.org) for the itinerary for the days clinics, educational sessions and seminars.

Happy Trails "Moving Forward" Open House offers guests the opportunity to join in mini-workshops throughout the day and to participate in any number of fun and educational activities and demonstrations.

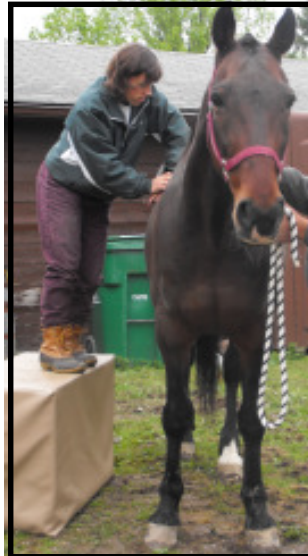
There is truly something for everyone. Here is a *partial* roster of the workshops and demonstrations being presented:

Happy Trails Compassionate Kids Programs

Several age-appropriate programs teach kindness for all animals, and include take-home craft items.

Horsin' Around Sessions

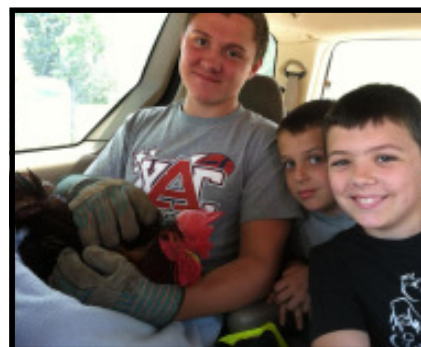
- Equine training demonstration with trainer, Ken Aberegg
- Hoof trimming demonstration by farrier, Ron Bowling
- Parade of horses - featuring all the horses available for adoption



- Relax your horse's sore muscles with **equine massage therapy**
- Does your horse have a hitch in its git-a-long? Learn about the benefits of **equine chiropractic** work
- **Horse-Crazy** — a horse session for teens ages 13 to 17

Belly Draggers

Pigs As Pets — indoor vs. outdoor; caring for them



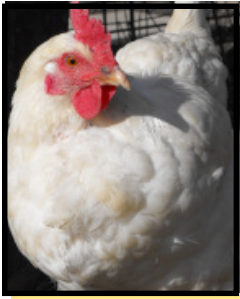
Back Yard Poultry

Chicken keeping in the city as well as chickens as country pets; care, housing, zoning, predators

With many more workshops being added!

Save The Date!

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary



Moving Forward Open House



**Connect with the animals. Check out our progress.
Meet our staff, volunteers and board members.
Attend mini-workshops, seminars and demonstrations.**

Sunday, June 22nd ♦ 12:00pm to 5:00pm

\$20 per person if you pre-register

\$25 per person at the door • Youth ages 17 and under are \$10

Experience the progress, re-building, growth, and healing after the fire

Fun & Educational Presentations

Hoof trimming • Equine chiropractic demo
• Equine massage therapy • Animal care
clinics • Caring for backyard chickens
• Pigs as pets • Horse training • Kids
animal sessions • Much more!

Get Info About

Animal care • Adopting a rescued farm animal
• Becoming a monthly sponsor • Volunteer
program • Ways to get involved • Wills/estates/
trusts — leaving a legacy of compassion

Don't Forget To

Give pigs belly rubs • Hug the goats and the
mini horses • Wander about at your leisure
• Visit the gift shop • Hold a chicken • Get your
picture taken with a rescued animal
• Bring your camera!

See the New Covered Arena, New Barns and Facility Upgrades

Where To Park

Shuttle parking will be available nearby at
Ravenna High School. Details will be sent to you
via email with your confirmation of registration.

◀ Registration Form On Page 4 (previous page) ▶

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ON THE MOVE

Truck and Trailer Repair

411 Pittsburgh Street, Ravenna, OH 44266

330-289-1337

- 24-hour truck and trailer repair and fabrication
- Mobile unit in Ravenna and Akron
- 24 hour road service

Happy Trails Dump Truck Has a New Engine Thanks To Bud Hrdlicka and *On The Move Truck Repair!*

Talk about people working together for the good of the rescued animals!

Happy Trails is *beyond* grateful to Bud Hrdlicka of Ravenna for donating over 40 hours of his time and professional skills to replace the blown engine in the Happy Trails dump truck. *Bud, you are our hero!*

As Happy Trails volunteer, Bentley Hudson, was returning to the sanctuary after dumping a load of manure one day, our beloved dump truck, Ol' Blue, simply couldn't go any further. Her engine blew, and there they sat on the side of the road on Rt. 14 in Ravenna.

Our guardian angels at Rivers Towing (who are always watching over Happy Trails) sent a tow truck and donated their services to haul our injured truck to the safety of one of their lots.

Our choices were to purchase another truck (*Yikes! The sheer expense of buying another dump truck was not in the cards!*) or pay to get it repaired (*Quotes were astronomical - from eight to ten thousand dollars!*). Neither choice seemed feasible for Happy Trails. What indeed would we do about the blown engine on the dump truck? We can't function without it. We are constantly hauling gravel, dirt, manure, supplies, etc.

Then we discovered that miracles really do happen. After browsing the web for diesel mechanics in Ravenna, only two contacts appeared. The first call I made was to a business that though listed, did not handle diesel engine repairs. The second call I made was to **On The Move Truck and Trailer Repair**. After explaining our situation, the man on the other end of the phone surprised me with the response, "I've been wanting

to do something to help Happy Trails for a long time. This is something I can do. I'll donate my time to help the sanctuary."

Seriously? Did he realize that the time he could have billed out on this type of job was worth well over \$5,000? **The good folks at Rivers Towing once again set things in motion and donated towing the big old girl over to Bud Hrdlicka's garage.** After we purchased a rebuilt engine from a company in Canton, Bud got to work on repairs and installation. During the

first week of April the renewal was complete. It was an exciting day when the dump truck with the properly installed, rebuilt engine returned to Happy Trails to provide hopefully many more years of service to the sanctuary. Bud even got **O'Reilly Auto Parts of Ravenna** involved, and they kindly donated all the oil and filters and related items needed to complete the job. **Many thanks to our friends at O'Reilly's!**

Instead of spending tens of thousands of dollars, the only thing we had to purchase was a rebuilt engine for \$2,500, a far cry from the expenses that

originally overwhelmed us. Not many people would be willing to donate more than 40 hours of their professional time from their business to assist an animal rescue organization. *Bud did, and we are grateful to him for coordinating this project.* **Many thanks to Rivers Towing, O'Reilly Auto Parts of Ravenna, and On The Move Truck and Trailer Repair — you guys ROCK!**

If anyone is interested in sponsoring or donating toward the expense of the rebuilt engine, our total cost is \$2,500.



1320 E Main St.
Ravenna, OH 44266
(330) 296-8419

Story of Mr. Peabody

Rescued on Valentines Day, the day of the fire

On Valentines Day, Friday, February 14th, Happy Trails assisted with the rescue of a pot belly pig from a hoarding situation in Harrison County. About 100 dogs were seized



through the efforts of the local humane society, the Ohio SPCA and various dog rescue organizations. In the midst of the chaos was a pot belly pig who lived in the house. For some reason, he had been removed from the house the previous day and placed in a pen in the barn, going from being a warm indoor piggy to a very cold, frightened outdoor piggy over night.

When we arrived on the scene, we carefully scooted our pet porter into his little stall in the barn and tried to make friends with him. He would have none of it. He was scared, cold, and did the “chomp chomp” thing that pigs do with their teeth when they’re stressed. We promised him that he was going somewhere safe, and we finally got him into the pet porter and closed the door. We slid him down a long, ice-covered

driveway to the Happy Trails truck, where we promptly took him out of the pet porter to let him snuggle into the warm blankets that were waiting for him on the back seat. He wanted to trust us, but he

wasn’t sure what was going to happen to him next. As we eased onto the highway for the long drive back to Portage County, this little man stood up with his front hooves on the window ledge, and with his nose to the glass, he looked out the window and watched things go by. It was both sweet and heartbreaking at the same time.

With his handsome good looks and cartoonish smile, Mr. Peabody seemed like the perfect name for him.

Since he needed to be somewhere warm due to the fact he was used to living indoors, and it was indeed a bitter cold day, we decided that he needed to be fostered in a home. OK, my home, since there weren’t any other indoor pig foster homes available. I knew there would be a period of adjustment as he got to know our other two pigs. He potty trained very quickly. However, it took weeks for him to get integrated into the “herd”. He is now permitted to sleep in the pig nest of blankets in the living room. Truffles and Dozer have finally accepted the fact that he isn’t going away, no matter how many times they huff at him or try to run him off. He was their new foster brother like it or not.



At OSU in Columbus the pigs are put under anesthesia for their examination which includes hoof trimming, vaccinations, and dental care.

As with all new arrivals, Mr. Peabody went to OSU in Columbus for a vet check-up. He was dewormed, vaccinated, had his hooves trimmed, his teeth checked (he had a cracked tooth), and was given a sound bill of health.

This amazing little man is now available for adoption. When we find the right for home, I know it will be hard to let him go. This was the rescue we did the day of the fire. I remember hurrying out the door when I got the call that the goat barn was on fire, and the last thing running through my mind was, “I hope the new pig will be OK until I get back.” I didn’t have time to put him in a crate or finish putting things away out of his reach. He had only been with me for the afternoon when I left him. I felt badly for him, knowing he was scared and stressed. This little guy will always be near and dear to my heart.

However, it’s time to help him find his forever home so that I can foster the next indoor pig that comes in through a rescue.

If you have ever thought of adopting an indoor pig, we can help you think through if a piggy pet is the right addition to your family. For adoption information on Mr. Peabody and to learn about how to properly care for an indoor pig, call us at 330-296-5914.

Mr. Peabody’s vet trip to OSU came to \$145, including the vet exam and transportation costs.

Donations can be made to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, marked for Mr. Peabody.

April Wish List

There are the regular expenses at Happy Trails, such as vet care, grain, hay and straw. But then there are always wishes, needs and wants for things that would be nice to have — things that might make animal care a bit easier; things that might improve moral for the staff and volunteers; or things that would help us in our on-going quest to become more professional, more efficient and more structured.

This list presents a few wants and needs. If you would like to donate toward any of these items, we will be happy to honor your request.



2 Heavy-Duty Chain Saws — \$1,000

Two gas-powered chain saws that work. Brands known for being long lasting and getting the job done are Husqvarna and Stihl. For example, a 20" #455 Husqvarna Rancher costs approximately \$500 at Sears. The brands we have are not even worth fixing at this point, and we use chain saws a lot. There are many trees at the sanctuary, and often older, dead trees drop limbs or sometimes just fall over. A huge, old dead tree fell over in the horse pasture just yesterday as I write this newsletter. These chain saws would hopefully last forever and would be very well taken care of.

2 Barn Fans - \$259 each

These ceiling mount circulating 30" industrial barn fans will be installed in the animal barns to help keep them comfortable this summer. Pigs can't sweat and can easily suffer from heat stroke. This price is from ValuTek.



Stall Wall Pads \$2,380

Jumps West seems to be one of the most reasonably priced companies that manufacture padded walls for horse stalls. We would like to create at least one stall for horses who are weak, who struggle to stand up, or who are recovering from surgery to help protect them if they fall. These padded walls are made of 18 oz. nylon reinforced vinyl, covering 2" of high-density foam. Brass grommets all the way around make for easy insulation. Order details are:

4'h x 11'w x 2" thick for 18 oz. pad
(We need 3 sides of this size)
\$555 each (\$555 + \$95 shipping in Continental U.S.) x 3 walls = \$1,950

4'h x 4'w x 2" thick for 18 oz. pad (We need one of this size for the wall the door is on) **\$430 each (\$335 + \$95 shipping in Continental U.S.)**

TOTAL Padded Stall Walls
(includes shipping): **\$2,380**

Postage Stamps

We write a lot of thank yous, pay bills, and handle a lot of correspondence.

Forever stamps are like gold to us. Any amount of stamps are appreciated! Thanks to Jerry and Angie Hoover for always donating stamps to us - we appreciate that!



10 Plastic Totes With Lids — \$100

Ten extra large plastic totes with lids that are the same size and style and are stackable (this is the key here - to get them all the same size and style so they stack and can be easily identified) @ \$10 each will help to protect our display items and supplies that we take to community events and fundraisers. These bins will be labeled and clearly marked to save time and resources.

Printer Ink Cartridges

We are constantly printing out fliers, forms, instructions, and animal care information, and we go through quite an impressive amount of printer ink cartridges. If you would like to donate black or color ink cartridges, our printers are: EPSON WorkForce 633; Epson 78 (black ink only); HP Jet Pro 8600 plus; HP Photosmart 5510



Office Panels with Plexiglass

Since we don't have the luxury of having a building just for our office, we need to separate our little "mini-office" from the gift shop. Office dividers with some type of glass or acrylic panel at the top would be ideal. We can order them from Global Industrial for \$250 per panel, though we would like to find a local supplier who carries the panels with the window at the top.



Misc.

Sunflower seeds for the chickens.

Sponsor Opportunities

There are many, many changes, upgrades and improvements happening at Happy Trails this year. We are growing in the number of agencies and animals we serve, and we are growing in the professionalism and integrity of our buildings and facilities as well. **It's truly time to bless the old structures that no longer serve us and welcome newer buildings and structures that allow us to provide better and more efficient care and services.**

The following suggestions can provide sponsorship opportunities for those who wish to own a specific project. To show our gratitude to our project sponsors, we would like to name the building or the area that is being sponsored after the donor.

There are a lot of details attached to each project that is in progress. We welcome your calls and will be happy to speak with you about any of the projects you consider sponsoring. The projects listed here are only a portion of the many upgrades and improvements being made at the sanctuary. Together, with your support, we are making great strides in addressing abuse of horses and farm animals, and with this new awareness we are creating safer communities and spreading kindness and compassion. For more information on these and other projects, call Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914 and ask to speak with Annette Fisher.

Cement Pad for the Floor of One of the New Barns

A 24' x 34' cement pad is needed to serve as the floor for one of the new barns. The cost of the cement pad is \$3,500. Anyone wishing to sponsor this part of the building will have their name included on the sponsor plaque to thank you for your contribution.



Clearing the Woods To Make Pasture Area For The Horses

We are attempting to make a safer area for the turn-out of the horses and to create a pasture with grass. A great deal of our turn-out area has been in the woods. We are in the process of removing most of the "scrub" trees and plan to seed this area with grass for grazing. The cost for us to clear a section of woods is \$3,500. This includes the manpower and machinery needed to take down the trees and stack them in piles to be cut up, and smoothing out the ground so that it is level and safer for the horses.



Storage Building/Pig Barn

A very old building on the property that should have been torn down years ago is finally being torn down. It has recently served recently as a storage area. The two storey-building that will replace it is a 24' x 34' barn, with a building cost of \$25,000. This will serve multiple purposes; a shelter for animals, a heated room for smaller, sick or injured animals and will also continue as a storage area.



A Huge Thank You to the Sponsors of Our New Welcome Statue

Recently we requested help with the purchase of a new welcome statue to welcome our guests and bring a smile to their face. The response was so great we were even able to purchase the new cement "Kachina" statue and the protective coating needed to seal them both!

Thanks to statue sponsors:

- Terri Vidrick
- Cathy McCombs
- Joy Stemen



Ad Space in the Newsletter Now Available

Promote your business or organization while showing your support of the rescued animals and the services provided by Happy Trails!

Happy Trails outreach with our newsletters has grown to nothing short of amazing. Up to now, we have placed ads in the newsletter as a way of thanking the businesses who support us. However, **many of our supporters have asked about purchasing ad space in the newsletters to show their support**, and we are happy to oblige!

This is a great opportunity for us to expand the volume of our newsletters and the content. There is SO much more that we can share with you if we were able to send out either larger newsletters or more frequent newsletters — many more animal rescue stories, more sanctuary updates, more examples of people showing kindness and compassion for all animals, more up-to-date information about special events, and more animal-related info in general. If we're lucky, it could turn into the Happy Trails magazine!

You can either provide art for the ad, or we can put together an ad for you at no additional charge.

Examples of ¼ page and ½ page ads are shown throughout this issue. **Thanks to the businesses in these ads for donating goods or services and showing their support for Happy Trails!**

We reserve the right to refuse any ad that promotes animal cruelty through the use of fur, leather, animal products, animal testing, or animals used in food production.

Newsletter Statistics and Facts

Currently newsletters are published bi-monthly. For each issue there are:

- 4,500 hard copies direct mailed to supporters
- 1,000 hard copies distributed via lobbies, waiting rooms, organizations, community events
- Every issue of the newsletter is posted on the Happy Trails website and kept on the website for archives. You can check out issues going back to 2004, so your ad has longevity.
- The newsletter is always posted on Happy Trails Facebook page and our friends in turn post it on theirs. We currently have 4,245 likes.
- There are 7,087 people on our email list who receive a direct notice when the newsletter is posted on the website.
- If you were to purchase a quarter page ad and reach *only* the 4,500 people who receive the hard copy of the newsletter, you would be reaching each of those people at .027 cents per person — that's not even three cents per person. And that doesn't include all the other people you reach electronically via our internet and social media.
- Though the newsletters are printed in black ink on either white or a colored paper, the newsletters on the website and on social media are posted in color at no additional charge. So you are welcome to submit a color ad if you feel it will reproduce well in black ink only as well.

Ad Sizes/Costs

We are offering three sizes of advertising spaces.

¼ page — \$125

½ page — \$225

full page — \$425

A 10% discount is given for prepayment of 6 issues.

Ad Dimensions

¼ pg = 3½" x 4 7/8"

½ pg = 4 7/8" x 7 3/8"

full page = 7 3/8" x 10"

How to Place an Ad

It's simple!

• **Grab your cell and call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914** to request an ad order form be emailed or faxed to you. You can also **email us at**

info@happytrailsfarm.org and request a form. Or you can **fill out an order form from the website at** happytrailsfarm.org

• Fill out the form and send it in along with your payment and any artwork you want included in your ad.

• You can provide artwork or we can design an ad for you at no additional charge.

Have more questions?

Call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914.



Thanks to the Flaming Ice Cube for being a Happy Trails Desserts Partner!



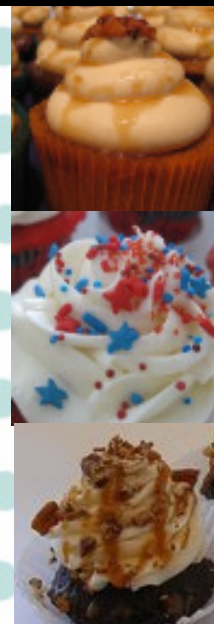
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Merolla Photo is Kevin and Cassandra Merolla, a husband and wife team dedicated to capturing moments and turning them into lasting memories! Merolla Photo does photography and videography services.

“What started out as a hobby has turned into something a little more creative and passionate thanks to plenty of hours spent out in the field. We love to bring you what we see in the world, the natural beauty that it holds, through our lenses. Honestly, we will take a picture of just about anything we see! We do not like to alter or photoshop our images heavily, and try to avoid it if at all possible. We want you to see the same things we did, so that you might be able to remember them as we did.”

Many thanks to Kevin and Cassandra for doing an amazing job on both video and photography for Happy Trails “Night of Hope and Inspiration”. We are very grateful for their donation of their time and talents and we appreciate their generosity!

Farmstead Lodging Bed & Breakfast

in Fredericksburg
(Holmes County, Ohio)

Farmstead Lodging offers visitors to Ohio's Amish Country a chance to learn first-hand about Amish culture. The Miller family welcomes guests to the one-bedroom suite in their farmhouse. The unit has a private entrance as well as a fully-equipped kitchen, dining room, bath and sitting room. Consistent with Amish customs, the suite is lighted by gas lamps and heated with a wood stove. Guests also have the option to help with chores on the 100-acre farm.

Farmstead Lodging is smoke-free.

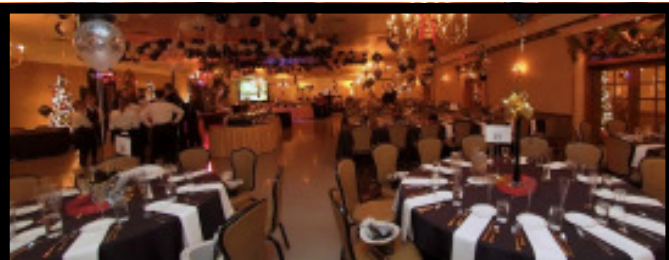
Kathy and Willis Miller and their children, Diane, Krista and Timothy, enjoy visitors and sharing information about the Amish culture. Kathy Miller states that they started the bed and breakfast several years ago so that she and her children could work at home. Nearby towns such as Berlin and Walnut Creek offer craft and wood shops, antique stores and numerous other places to visit.

8457 County Road 77 Fredericksburg, OH 44627 • (330) 674-0603

(One hour southwest of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary; about an hour and a half away from Columbus or Cleveland)



Willis and Kathy Miller participate in the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program, bringing two cultures together for the good of the animals!



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Many thanks to Rachelle Farren and her photography assistant, Mark Lopresto, for donating their time and taking photos at the recent fundraiser! Rachelle is an animal-friendly photographer from NE Ohio. Most days, she can be found frequenting the vegan and live music scenes somewhere between Cleveland & Akron and capturing a plethora of photos on her trusty Nikon camera. Rachelle is very passionate about organizing vegan events, and doing charitable photography work for animal rescues/sanctuaries & vegan-friendly events. Rachelle also has a keen interest in saving the planet, & sharing delicious vegan food every chance she gets. *(My website is getting revamped! Call me and let's chat!)*

"A Night of Hope and Inspiration" Review

An amazing evening was had by all at the recent fundraiser, "A Night of Hope and Inspiration". The guest speakers did a phenomenal job of sharing their inspiring stories of how the rescued animals from Happy Trails have made an impact on their lives.

400 people attended the event, sending us a very clear message that people want to hear the good and positive things that are happening in the world of animal rescue.

The mystery grab bags were unexpectedly gone in the first half hour of the event, and a short time later, all the bottles of wine at the wine pull were spoken for also.

The good folks at Todaro's Party Center decided to surprise us by adding some additional food to the new vegan menu they were trying out, and threw in a few really nice extras just because.

Incredibly talented strolling violinist, Mary Beth Ilons, entertained guests and had everyone singing along and guessing songs throughout the evening.

And over 30 dedicated volunteers including our friends from other animal organizations, generously donated their time to make this event the huge success that it was.

Before expenses were deducted, approximately \$38,000 was raised!

A heart-felt thank you goes out to:

- Everyone who attended and joined us for this very special new event — all 400 of you!
- All the folks and businesses

who donated some really amazing items for our raffles prizes.

- Todaro's Party Center for going above and beyond the call of duty. What an amazing crew and staff at this place!

- Our special event co-hosts: Maureen Frederick, Portage County Commissioner; Dr. Sam Costello, DVM and partner at

Summit County; the Humane Society of Columbiana County; the Portage County Animal Protective League; Golden Treasurers Golden Retriever Rescue; and Geauga County's Rescue Village.

- Our dessert partners who donated the scrumptious baked goods, including: Cupsie Daisy; The Flaming Ice Cube and



Guest speakers (l to r): Kerry Jackson, Hope Bruestein, Terri Flanagan, Annette Fisher, Holly Butterfield, Willis Miller

Town & Country Vet Clinic; Trina Cutter, President and CEO of Western Reserve PBS; Thrity Umrigar, Author, Journalist and Professor at Case Western Reserve University; and Regina Brett, Columnist, Author and Radio Show Host

- Our amazing guest speakers: Kerry Jackson, Happy Trails Board of Directors Vice President; Hope Bruestein, Director of Geauga County's Humane Society Rescue Village; Willis Miller, connected to Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program; Holly Butterfield, supporter and very dear friend of Happy Trails; Terri Flanagan, proud adoptive mom of rescued farm animals; and Ilona Urban, Happy Trails volunteer and staff member

- Our friends from other animal rescue organizations who attended our event to show their support: Pawsibilities, Greater Akron Humane Society for

Pocket's Vegan Pasteries.

- Alger Vet Clinic and Dr. Randy Alger for his sponsorship
- The photographers who helped us capture the magic of the evening not only in photos but on video as well. We are very grateful to Cassandra and Kevin Merolla of Merolla Photography; Rachelle Farren of Humane Kind Photography; Blaise Rohrer and Cindy Dilley.

This event was SO well received that we are already planning the next *Night of Hope and Inspiration* which will take place on March 21st, 2015. Tickets will be available soon on the website and we anticipate a crowd of 500 for next year's event.

We are excited to continue to grow this fundraiser and to create a unique and inspiring evening that people will look forward to attending each year.

If You Want To Volunteer, Read This!

Happy Trails provides a *limited* volunteer program for individuals wishing to become a part of the animal rescue work of Happy Trails and wanting to make a difference in the lives of the rescued animals. The 2014 Happy Trails Volunteer Program welcomes new volunteers to work together with our staff and our seasoned and experienced volunteer crew in a wide variety of areas. The process and requirements to become a volunteer with Happy Trails are outlined on our website at happytrailsfarm.org.

By far, the most popular volunteer positions with Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary are those at the sanctuary itself! Because of this, there are not always positions open or available for volunteers to work at the sanctuary as we need to limit the amount of volunteers we can train and monitor safely.

Individuals not able to meet the criteria for physical labor at the sanctuary are encouraged to participate as a volunteer with fundraising efforts, transportation, and educational programs.

Please note that at this time volunteers do NOT work with the rescued horses. Our highly trained, paid staff handles all horse-related care including grooming, washing, leading and cleaning stalls. Volunteers wishing to work at the sanctuary itself assist with clean-up of all other animal shelters including the pigs and poultry areas, rake yards, unload hay wagons, haul straw, clean cobwebs, scrub water buckets, etc.

The requirements to become a Happy Trails volunteer at the sanctuary itself include:

- Must be 18 years old
- Must make a commitment of 3 hours per week and be available at one of the set times listed on the website
- Must attend a scheduled volunteer orientation
- Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor and lift 50 lbs.

Other requirements and details are outlined on the website.

There are many ways to get involved that do not require the manual labor of the sanctuary. Perhaps you would like to be a greeter or assist in the gift shop during tour season; transport smaller animals to and from vet clinics; help in the office with filing or sorting; participate in planning special events; join tours as an assistant tour guide; or visit nursing homes as part of our Farm Animal Visitation Program. **There are many ways to get involved with Happy Trails.**

If perhaps you were simply interested in working around horses or wanted to gain horse experience, we will be happy to provide you with a list of horse boarding facilities who give lessons for a fee and allow people to learn to care for horses. You may also wish to sign up to attend one of several horse-care seminars that will be held this year in the new arena at Happy Trails for a minimal cost.

Congrats To Eagle Scout, James Compeli and His Tack Room Project

In addition to Happy Trails regular volunteer program, we also provide special projects for organizations such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, 4-H groups, and employee community service days for businesses wishing to give back to the community. This past week we welcomed a very special young man with Boy Scout Troop #553 (sponsored by First Christian Church of



(l to r) Mr. Steve Jones, Scoutmaster of Troop 553, James Compeli IV, and Mr. James Mikesina, Eagle Scout Advisor, in front of the tack room

Ravenna) who is earning his Eagle Scout badge. He and his helpers re-designed and enclosed our tack room. A huge thank you goes out to Eagle Scout, James Compeli IV, and his parents, Rachel and Jim Compeli, scout leaders, moms and assisting scout members from Troop #553. By enclosing the tack room area, re-designing the interior, and giving it a sturdy door, we can now heat the room and store items year round such as medications, medical supplies, fly sprays, and other items which should not freeze. This will also keep our tack, saddles and blankets cleaner, neater and will enable our staff to become more efficient. James and his crew did a remarkable and very professional job, and we are extremely grateful for their support. *Amazing work James!*

"With hard work and dedication anything can be achieved".
James Compeli IV



Front row (l to r): Ron Thomas, Jacob Mikesina, James Compeli IV, Michael Mikesina, Elaine Mikesina, Isaac (Mr. Spencer's nephew), Christian Thomas and Christopher Jones
Back row (l to r): Jim Mikesina, Joey Teeple, Brendon Spencer, Gary Spencer

James would also like to thank some folks who are not pictured here, including Danial, Drew and Nicole Thomas, John and Shawn Ruonavaara, David Teeple, and Mike Mihalich.

Calves Adopted by Lasa Sanctuary

Happy Trails always welcomes the opportunity to work together with other sanctuaries for the higher good of the animals. We have been blessed with the friendship of the good folks at Lasa Sanctuary, a farm animal sanctuary located in Ashtabula County, focusing on the rescue of cows and sheep.

The following is from their website at lasasanctuary.org:

“The name, Lasa, came to us through a series of serendipitous events. It is an acronym for “Love all. Serve All,” and embodies the virtues of the sacred feminine, the nurturer, the healer. It is our motto and

inspiration in all that we do. We believe that we are all one, connected in life and love. By embracing others, we heal ourselves and the world. This

land, this sanctuary, stands with arms wide open.”

And when two of Happy Trails rescued calves recently went to Lasa, it was indeed heaven on earth! They experi-



Happy Trails staff members get ready to take the calves to their new home. (l to r) Gunther, Ashley Ehmann, Stephanie Collage, Ashley Kloes, and Nelson

enced acres of wide open fields where they can run and play, the welcoming moos and baas of their new cow and sheep friends, and a lot of love.



www.lasasanctuary.org

Lasa Sanctuary allows the animals to stay with them for the remainder of their life, and with their perfect setting and their focus on cows and sheep, this was truly an amazing choice to place these two young gentlemen.

Though both calves were from two separate neglect cases, they became best friends at Happy Trails. The day after the February fire, the two boys got to meet each other for the first time. They instantly bonded. Their meeting was legendary at Happy Trails, and they brought great joy to the volunteers and staff who cheered them on as they played and explored and got to know each other.

We hope to continue to work together with the folks at Lasa Sanctuary — it’s an honor and a privilege to be connected to such wonderful people.

Be sure to check out their website at lasasanctuary.org. If you support animal rescue organizations regularly, we recommend adding Lasa to your list! *Many thanks to Joy, Tom, Jamie and Joshua at Lasa for all you do!*

“Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar is as valuable to the child as it is to the caterpillar.”

Bradley Millar



Inquisitive Nelson (right), meets one of his new pasture mates at Lasa. “Are you a cow?” “Why no, I’m a sheep. Welcome to Lasa! I am part of the greeting committee!”

Concrete Garden Statues, Planters, Birdbaths Now for Sale

Show your support by purchasing a Happy Trails concrete statue! Many animal-related items to choose from!

Now that winter is finally over, are you anxious to get out in your yard and start cleaning up and decorating your flower gardens? You can do just that and support Happy Trails as well! Nearly 100 concrete statuary items ranging from \$10 to \$300 are now available to purchase at Happy Trails, with all proceeds benefitting the rescued animals.

These unique items aren't normally found in our area, so it's definitely worth stopping by to check them out!

Our concrete statues include:

- **animal planters**, including a cowboy hat, a cowboy boot, a country wagon, a saddle, and a dog holding a basket
- **bird baths** with an assortment of gorgeous pedestals, including a swan base
- **many sizes of pigs**
- **all kinds of sheep**
- **welcome signs** with kittens, puppies, pigs and assorted farm animals
- **chickens**, both hens and roosters
- **mama duck** with her baby duck
- **paw stones**
- **cats** (one with an adorable bushy tail)
- **a 35" tall standing horse**
- **a rearing horse**

• and so very much more!

These statuaries look great simply coated and protected, or you can choose to paint them yourself!

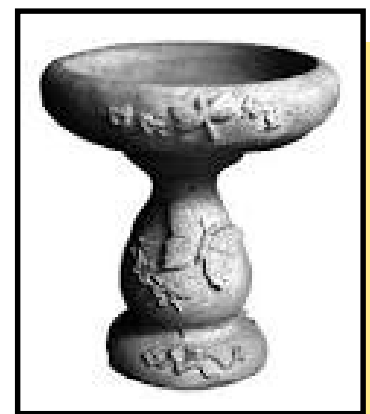


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A Miracle, A Hope and A Dream (Continued from page 3)

home is willing to provide love and care for even one of them, we will have to consider at that time separating the group.

The absolutely gorgeous Paint mare is named Esperanza. **Esperanza is about 14 years old** and the vet determined that she had to gain about 300 lbs. Think about it. 300 lbs is a lot of weight. That's how disturbingly thin the mare was. Aside from being starved, she doesn't appear to have any other health issues or lameness concerns. Esperanza should be rideable but we anticipate she will need quite a bit of training to help with her anxiety.

Sueno is a grade Quarter horse around 21 years old and has mild cataracts due to age. He needed to gain about 250 lbs, and was also diagnosed with heaves which is similar to asthma in people. Medication may be needed to keep him comfortable during certain times of the year. He also has a condition called a luxating patella, which basically means that he has a knee cap that moves out of place occasionally. With improved muscle conditioning he may be suitable for a smaller rider in a back yard, but most likely he will simply be a handsome and gentle family pet who hangs out in the pasture.

Milagro may be a Morab (Morgan/Arabian cross), and is at least 25 years

old if not older. He has a severe sway-back. Though sway backs can

be partially genetic, they are often associated with training at too early of an age and carrying too heavy of a rider throughout their life. Milagro was rated as only a 1½ on the body score condition chart, with 1 being completely emaciated and 10 being an severely overweight horse. He needed to gain about 300 lbs. to be at his proper weight. He has cataracts due to age, and he also has stringhalt, a muscle issue. This senior citizen simply needs someone to be kind and caring toward him during what is most likely the last few years of his life.

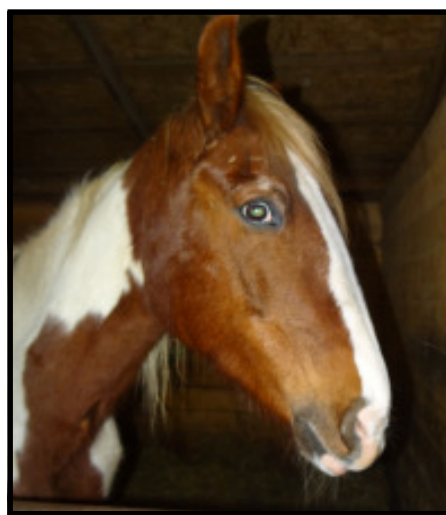
Once a safe amount of weight is regained, Happy Trails will pay for both geldings to have significant dental work done to make them more comfortable.

We know that wanting to adopt them together is a long shot. It would most certainly take a miracle to find a home willing to take all three horses. We are willing to try. We are entitled to dream. We always have hope.



Sueno's had a significant amount of tape worms and is being treated accordingly. He is extremely kind.

Please help us in our efforts to spread the word that we are accepting adoption inquiries on these three



Esperanza is a beautiful Paint mare who needs to learn confidence and to feel secure and loved.

wonderful, amazing, gentle horses who have survived many years with a neglectful owner. We believe with all of us working together, we can indeed find them a home together! Call Happy Trails at

330-296-5914 for adoption information!



The gentlemen enjoy getting out in the fresh air and sharing hay with each other. Be assured that Esperanza is not very far away.

Donations toward their care are very much appreciated (and are tax-deductible)!

Expenses include veterinary care, hay, grain, hoof trimming, diet supplements, vegetable oil, fat additives, hay cubes for the boys with bad teeth, vaccinations, deworming, teeth floating, and more.

Donations may be sent to:

Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266,
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Mother's Day Tours

Public sanctuary tours will begin a little late this year due to the uncooperative and extreme



winter weather as well as the



February fire which put us behind in construction. **Due to popular demand, we are how-**

ever going to make an exception for Mother's Day weekend and plan to schedule a limited number of guided tours on Saturday, May 10th and on Sunday, May 11th.

Call Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914 for tour times available. Tours are \$20 per person. Kids ages 5 and under are free.

Part-Time Marketing/PR Assistant Position Available

NO phone calls please.

Qualified candidates must:

- Be available to work 20 hours per week in the office at Happy Trails
- Have excellent social skills, be outgoing and able to represent Happy Trails both on the phone as well as in person
- Understand the mission of the sanctuary and be like-minded
- Hold a degree in marketing/promotions/public relations or the experience equivalent
- Have the ability to follow directions accurately and efficiently and be able to work under minimal supervision

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- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

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Simply fill out the donation form above and include this coupon!

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(left) Angela Rahn, Happy Trails staff member, gives some love to Willow.



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New concrete statues available to purchase at Happy Trails — page 16!

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Plan to join us!

• Have you ever *thought* about adopting a pet belly pig? • Do you have a horse-crazy teenager who just can't get enough of horses? • Are you curious as to what all the re-structuring is looking like at Happy Trails? • Ever wondered what it would be like to sit in the straw next to a big ol' pig and give him a belly rub? • Does your older horse have you thinking about learning to do equine massage to help make him more comfortable? • Do you feel you have a special connection with animals? • Or do you squeal with delight when you see a mini-horse all fuzzy and cute?

If you answered *yes* to *any* of these questions, then you really need to join us for the Happy Trails Moving Forward Open House on Sunday, June 22nd. Before you read anything in this newsletter, go to pages 4 and 5 and check out the details of the Open House. This family-friendly day will be educational and inspirational, *AND* you get to wander around the sanctuary at your leisure! Hope to see ya'll there!



Be sure to meet Virgil the baby goat! Virgil was recently found abandoned in Stark County. He is doing wonderfully at Happy Trails and enjoys his bottles!

Our Mission

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and provides an adoption program for abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, potbelly pigs, farm pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats, and cows. Happy Trails serves the entire state of Ohio and any other state requesting our help, and works in cooperation with county humane societies, animal protective leagues, and local and state law enforcement officers. Animals in our program must have been removed from a situation of abuse, neglect or abandonment by law officials, and cruelty charges must be filed against the person(s) responsible for the crime.