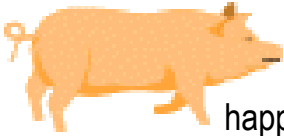


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

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Jason Wolboldt and
Radar the goat

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Setting a new standard of compassion for the world

letter from the director

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

The Happy Trails newsletter and our reader base, like everything else connected to Happy Trails, is growing in leaps and bounds.

I would love to see the Happy Trails bi-monthly newsletter slowly transition into the Happy Trails mini-magazine. There is always so much information to share, rescue stories to tell, other wonderful animal rescue organizations to promote, events to announce, and adoptable animals to feature, that our little newsletter cannot begin to contain the info we should present to you.

Please help us spread the word that by accepting advertisements in our evolving newsletter, we can make the newsletter bigger, reach more people, provide additional education, and make sure that you are kept in the loop with SO many more things going on with the sanctuary. Advertisements will help us pay for printing, bulk mailing costs and postage.

Check out page 15 for advertising details. Keep in mind that products and services advertised obviously need to be animal-friendly and cruelty-free.

If you are not a regular contributor but enjoy reading the publication, consider sending in a few dollars in an envelope to help offset our costs. It doesn't sound like much but it sure does add up when you consider the thousands of copies we send out and distribute. If everyone reading the newsletters sent in a dollar or two, our printing and mailing costs would be covered.

Let me know what you want to see more of in the upcoming newsletter/ hopefully-magazine editions. Do want more behind-the-scenes details of our emergency rescues? Would you like to learn more about animal laws and what we have to work with? Do you want to hear more about the animals who are



available for adoption? Would you like to see listings of events happening for other animal organizations? Do you enjoy "meeting" the people who run the organization through articles and photos? Do you want more ideas and suggestions on making kind and compassionate choices as a consumer to help not only the animals but to be kind to the earth as well? Send me your feedback at info@happytrailsfam.org — I'd love to hear from you!

And thanks for reading our newsletter. I can't tell you how excited I get when someone comes up to me and tells me they read about something in our newsletter. It's great to know that people enjoy it!

With kindness and compassion for all animals,

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Why should you get involved in animal rescue? Consider the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



"The ultimate tragedy is not the brutality of the bad people, but the silence of the good people."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Meet Board Member, Melissa DelSignore

A first for Happy Trails, our Board of Directors includes a college student. As a board member, this board seat provides that student with the experience of serving on a board and to help them gain insights into the world of animal rescue and non-profit organizations. However, I'm not sure who's teaching who in this case. Meet Melissa DelSignore, a Youngstown State University student who lives her convictions. As a young adult, Melissa is



"The reason I am vegan is simple. Animals are my friends and I don't eat my friends."

a true example and mentor to others by living a cruelty-free life-style, choosing an animal-friendly (vegan) diet and doing her best to provide education regarding myths about nutrition, protein, and healthy cruelty-free eating.

It is our privilege to have Melissa serving on the Happy Trails Board of Directors. She has been our food guru, being in charge of all the chow for the charity motorcycle run, the open house, and is creating the upcoming Happy Trails cookbook.

The world belongs to the next generation. Let's help that generation be kind, compassionate, full of awareness, have the drive to make a difference, be willing to make changes, and have the confidence to have strong convictions. Just like Melissa.

Empathy...

Do you REALLY know what it means?

em-pa-ty

- The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
- Identification with and understanding of another's situation, feelings, and motives.
- A deep emotional understanding of another's feeling or problems.
- Sharing the feelings of others, especially feelings of sorrow or anguish.

Empathy gives you the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes.

Are you *really* able to do that with the animals in your life?

It is so much easier to abuse, neglect, ignore, or mistreat an animal who we can distance ourselves from, look down upon, or in some cases, look right through. We see them but it's as though they don't exist. We don't give them a second thought. We don't connect with them.

Empathy creates kindness and compassion and helps you to treat others the way you would want to be treated.

Take the time to look at life from the animals point of view, and consider what your needs would be.

At Happy Trails, we run into some horrendous situation of abuse and neglect. If the owners of these animals had the ability to connect to that animal with empathy, I am guessing, hoping maybe, that the abuse and neglect would never have happened in the first place.

Let me give you a few examples



(Above) Pam Kavalic sits with Tadita, a precious little farm piggy who was taken to OSU for vet care.

and see if you can picture any of these scenarios in your head. Imagine being a big horse. You can feel all four hooves on the ground. It's hot and the sun is searing into your skin and you can feel it burning. You have no shelter or shade in this small enclosure, so you have nowhere to go to escape the heat. To make matters worse, you are standing in a urine and feces soaked mud mixture because this area is never cleaned out. The stench is overwhelming. The smell attracts biting flies which swarm all around you. They mercilessly cover your eyes and are crawling into your eyelids. Your normally white stripe down your nose is now black, covered by the mass quantities of flies biting you. You fling your head, trying to shake them away, but they come back quickly. There is no fly mask to

protect your face. No fly spray offered to give you any relief from the pain. Your entire body is covered in raw sores from the length of time you have been left in these conditions with the biting insects, and scabs now cover some of the wounds from the bites. You swish what's left of your tail as you try to protect your legs. There is no water in your trough. There hasn't been for several days. You are thirsty and you are starting to get weak. The wound on your neck from being bitten by another horse is inflamed, and the flies congregate on your neck, biting away at the wound. Your head feels heavy and begins to hang lower and lower as you begin to become lethargic and depressed. Your knee, swollen with arthritis, won't bend very well to let you lay down in the muck in which you stand. Your good leg takes your weight and gets sore, but as you shift to your other leg the old injury in your knee reminds you quickly that you can't stand for long on that leg. You wonder if you will ever get relief from this misery as your eyes continually run and tear from the crawling, biting flies.

This was a true scene.

If you feel that you are capable of empathy, then chances are you were able to feel and understand what that horse was feeling. You can practice empathy by doing this exercise with any animal you encounter. What do you see from their physical viewpoint? What makes you afraid? How do you act when you're fearful? Are you contained in such a way that it is uncomfortable or too limiting for your size? Is there an injury that could be causing pain? Are you made to walk with your paws on a hot pavement? Is the food something palatable? Do you have shelter from bitter winter winds or icy rains?

Practice having empathy this week and put yourself in the shoes of an animal. I'll be you find yourself being kinder, more compassionate and more understanding.

Recent Ashtabula Rescue - Appaloosas Are Us



Chrissie, a 17 year old Appaloosa mare, was the first horse to walk away from the horrific conditions of the dark, dismal barn in Ashtabula County. She led the way calmly to the trailer and was very brave, having not been out of her stall, deep in manure, for several years. Chrissie was named after rocker Chrissie Hynde, for this horse is also timeless, kind, and has a mind of her own.

One of the worst cases of animal neglect I have ever seen was in one of our recent rescues in Ashtabula County.

The case involved five horses and nine sheep. The animals had not been out of their stalls in several years. Some of the horses were looking down at us, over their stall walls. The mountains of manure inside their stalls measured between 5' and 6' high. Several of the horses were only able to stand up straight on one side of their stalls because of the height of the manure. Their

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hooves were in horrific, and I do mean absolutely horrific, shape. The combination of being confined in their stalls for extended periods of time and having hooves that were incredibly overgrown left several of the horses struggling to walk. Their owner, a self-proclaimed blacksmith, was on the premises at the time of the rescue. I have video of him

shoveling away the manure from a stall door in order for us to even get to the horse to attempt to remove it from its stall. Many of the horses had hooves that grew so long, they curled under the foot, causing the horse to walk on the outside of its hoof that was continually growing underneath the foot. Some of the horses had what is known as "elf shoes", where the hooves grow so long in front that they curl up and start to grow backwards. The horses were weak and in pain from the hoof deformities, which was obvious in the way they walked. Or in some cases, they way they couldn't walk.

One poor mare stumbled out of the trailer and we were relieved when she finally but slowly made her way into the recovery stall at Happy Trails where she soon laid down in a pile of thick, soft bedding as opposed to the massive pile of manure that she had been laying in for several years. The fur was extremely thin on most of the horses, and urine scald was present on their tender skin.

Though the long road to recovery for their mangled hooves has just begun, they are walking better already. We all cried when we watched a video of Delilah when she was turned loose in the new covered arena for the first time and she was able to stand on the soft sand floor. She was so excited that she began to run and enjoy her new found freedom. (This video is on our website.) Her gait was awkward and clumsy, yet to us, she looked perfect with her mane and tail flowing behind her in the breeze. She finally stopped, excited to know that her legs still worked. All the horses from this rescue are getting their hooves trimmed regularly and in shorter intervals. Slowly they are starting to get on the right track to look like what hooves are supposed to look like. All are expected to make a complete and incredible recovery.

Though the court case continues, this group of rescued horses have been signed over to Happy Trails and are now available for adoption.

Their care and recovery will be on-going, but they are indeed on the road to health and wellness.

You can play a big part in their future by considering fostering or adopting one of these amazing horses.

For more information, contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



A special thank you goes out to professional farrier Craig Lindauer, for donating his time and expertise to help get these horses' hooves trimmed and on the road to recovery. And thanks to Laura Lindauer for helping. You are both true guardian angels for Happy Trails and we appreciate your support!



Bowie, a 14 year old Appaloosa gelding, has proven to be the most loving, sincere and gentle horse of the bunch. Spend two minutes outside his stall and you will understand. He seeks out human touch and "cuddles" with anyone who will approach.

Virtue, a 10 year old Appaloosa mare, is recovering very nicely in spite of having the worst feet of all the horses. The farrier has given the prognosis that she will make a complete recovery. This mare has a willing spirit, a bright personality and great potential.



Renaissance (Renny) is a 24 year old soon-to-be-gelded Appaloosa stallion. Despite years of neglect, Renny is very trusting and loving. He was the last horse to be pulled from the barn. Standing quietly although all his family had been taken, rescue worker Laurie Jackson coaxed him out of his stall. Stepping down from a 3' mound of manure floor was difficult as Renny is completely blind. He was very trusting and was led easily out into the warm sun. Dipping his head down as he walked, he grabbed mouthfuls of grass as he walked and when he reached what he sensed to be a clearing, he went down — rolling over and over and over again, grabbing mouthfuls of grass as he rolled. He got up, shook himself off, and continued to walk with Laurie toward the trailer. He confidently walked right up the ramp and into the trailer for his ride to Happy Trails. He somehow knew he was being rescued, and this old, blind horse was happy to be leaving the prison which had been his home for far too long. It was all everyone could do to fight back the tears. This handsome gentleman needs an adoptive home who will help erase the bad memories of his former life. He needs a human companion with a heart as big as his.



(right) Delilah, a 12 year old Appaloosa mare, received this review from staff member, Ashley Kloes, on July 1st: "Two weeks ago today we got this gorgeous mare, her two sisters, brother and father at Happy Trails. Her feet were so overgrown and twisted that she could hardly stand. Her muscles, tendons and ligaments were strained. Everyone was crossing their fingers that she would be able to even get on the trailer and make it here. She spent considerably more time laying down than standing. Last week, she got her first hoof trim in years and has a long road of recovery ahead. Today, after getting used to her new feet, she got to get out of her stall and stretch for the first time in who knows how long. Delilah is an inspiration. I just love this girl." There is a very heartwarming video of Delilah's first proud trot on the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

Recent Ashtabula Rescue Continued - *Don't Forget, There Were Nine Sheep Too...*

In addition to the five horses locked away in mountains of manure, a total of nine sheep had endured the same fate as well. Two rams were kept together in a stall — they are best friends. The other seven sheep lived together in another stall with an impressively high (3' to 4' deep) manure floor to stand, eat and sleep on. Their heavy coats had not been sheared for approximately three years, and their hooves had been neglected for as long, if not longer.

All were rather skittish and afraid upon arrival at Happy Trails. Now, weeks later, they are coming up to our volunteers and staff, wanting hugs, attention and affection.

Veterinarian Dr. Randy Alger of Alger Vet Clinic in Mantua, carefully trimmed their horrific, painfully neglected hooves back to a more normal shape which helped them walk easier and without pain.

After they settled in, they were all sheared just in time for the sweltering humidity and high temperatures that we recently experienced here in Northeast Ohio.

Though cruelty charges are being filed in this case, the animals have already legally been signed over to Happy Trails, affording us the opportunity to adopt them to caring, loving homes.

Simply adorable would be the best way to describe all the sheep rescued from this sad and terribly cruel situation. We would like to adopt the two boys together, and if the stars align properly and we are blessed with some wonderfully crazy person willing to adopt the other seven sheep as a group, that would be heaven. However, we are



The hideous “thing” in the photo above is the hoof of one of the rams. Their hooves had not been trimmed in eons, and the deformity of the hooves made it difficult, if not nearly impossible, for them to walk normally. The curled hooves had caught onto their wool underneath their bellies, tangled, and became catastrophic messes to cut out and clean up. Doc Alger helped us to safely get their hooves trimmed to as normal a shape as possible at this time.

realistic, and there are two older sheep who are best friends and would like to be adopted together, lessening the larger group down to only five sheep in the flock.

Sheep make wonderful pets and are great additions as outdoor family members.

They are the ultimate comedians. If you are having a bad



Meet Kyle, one of the baaaaaaahhhhd boyz. He is one of the rams who was living in a filthy, disgusting stall in a damp, dark barn. This photo was taken after he was sheared, feeling much better, and ready to play and head-butt whoever happens to be standing nearby...(Both rams have recently been neutered.)

day, or simply want to bring a smile to the face of a visitor or family member, sit in the grass and watch the sheep. They are inquisitive, curious, like-minded, some braver than others, all living in the moment and coming up with antics you'd never dream of.

To learn more about adopting any of the sheep, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 or email us at info@happytrailsfarm.org.

All sheep have been vaccinated, de-wormed, sheared, had their hooves trimmed, and have had any health issues addressed. There are:

- 2 recently castrated rams — Kyle and Rinaldo
- 2 senior citizen sheep friends — Dorothy and Blanche
- 2 boys — Bernard and Casey
- 3 girls — Miranda, Carrie and Charlotte

All the sheeps' hooves were in bad

condition, and their wool was sadly in need of shearing. Often people ask us, *why do people do this?* I always hope they pose that as a rhetorical question, for if we indeed knew that answer, we would be on the other end of this case and not the ones handling the rescue. We never understand why abusers do what they do. We just try our best to *un-do* it.



Bernard (above) is just about as handsome as they come. It's hard to resist his little innocent face and his friendly gaze.



Blanche is just happy to enjoy the day in the sunshine, something this group of sheep had ever experienced. I remember when I was watching them explore the yard at Happy Trails for the first time, Blanche just stood still and looked up and looked slowly all around the sky. Her head went back and forth several times, looking in different directions and taking it all in. I must confess that watching her marvel at her new surroundings brought a tear or two.



Dainty, frail Carrie is so sweet, and just like the others, is so much more comfortable now that she is sheared.



Dorothy (right) looks similar to Blanche, though she definitely has her own personality. Our staff had constructed a quick, temporary make-shift shelter for the sheep, using canopy tents. Dorothy was instrumental in helping the flock take down the tent and destroy the canopy.

(left) Miranda and Carrie would love to be adopted together with their BFF Charlotte, who is not pictured here.

For information on adopting these comical sheep, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

Animal Foster Homes

Someday in the near future, Happy Trails plans to move the sanctuary to a much larger tract of land where we can have a large educational facility and provide a residence for those animals who are available for adoption, while keeping the current facility as our emergency triage unit and recovery and rehabilitation center.

Until that happens, we are doing our best to serve as many horse and farm animal abuse cases as possible. In order to do this, we do indeed use foster homes in nearby counties.

Fostering an animal is very similar to fostering a child. You provide a temporary, loving residence until the court case is over or until a permanent home can be secured. Though many of our current foster homes handle horses, we are also in the process of approving foster homes for pot belly pigs, farm pigs, sheep, goats and feathered friends.

All Happy Trails foster homes are pre-approved and play a very big part in the world of animal rescue. You might be the holding area to receive an animal when it is first removed from its abusive situation; you may be the person who helps it learn social skills in order to be more easily adopted; or you might be the foster home who falls in love with your furry foster pet and decides to adopt it yourself. **All of our foster homes offer love and care. Their hearts are as big as gold.** They want to be very involved and to play a key role in the recovery and successful adoption of a rescued farm animal.

To learn more about becoming a foster parent, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



(Above, Deb Robinson, proud horsey foster mom, and one of her current foster horses, Galaxy, a beautiful Appaloosa mare who is available for adoption)

"I have fostered horses for Happy Trails for about ten years, and I absolutely love my foster guys. I couldn't imagine not having them here. I know I'm making a difference.

We did adopt one of the foster horses quite a few years ago named Grandpa Walton. We just loved him. We couldn't ride him because of his age and his arthritis, but he was a sweetheart and just such a big part of our family. I get so terribly attached and sometimes it's hard to let go, but being a foster mom is very rewarding!

Deb Robinson, Ravenna



**Cleveland
Equine Clinic**

3340 Webb Road,
Ravenna

330-422-0040

info@clevelandequine.com
www.clevelandequine.com

The Cleveland Equine Clinic on Webb Road in Ravenna is conveniently located near major highways and the turnpike for easy access. Situated on 30 acres in a quiet rural setting, the facility opened its doors in 2006. The clinic encompasses a new hospital and referral center which includes a full surgical suite with recovery, 19 stalls, pastures and an indoor arena.

A state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Center serves clients and referrals.

Many thanks to Dr. Sasha Hill, equine veterinarian with Cleveland Equine Clinic, for participating as a guest speaker at the Happy Trails Open House!

Cleveland Equine Clinic Hours:

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Tribute to Bess



Bess, (above right) a big, beautiful Belgian mare, arrived at Happy Trails through our Amish Horse Retirement Program. Serving as both a dependable work horse and a brood mare, Bess was retired after she had extreme difficulty giving birth to her last foal. Her Amish owner was concerned that should he sell her at auction, a new owner may try to breed her again and she would surely not survive the birthing trauma the next time. His compassion for this sweet horse spared Bess's life and she was welcomed at Happy Trails, where she was adopted by John Otey, a caring soul who also adopted Bess's friend Luke, another big Belgian gelding. Sadly, Bess died this past Spring. Walking in from the pasture one day, she simply collapsed as she neared the gate to come into the barn for the evening. She had passed away quickly and quietly. The vet concluded her cause of death could have been a heart attack or a stroke. John was devastated. Here is John's tribute to beautiful Bess, his beloved Belgian mare.

"It's difficult to find adequate words to express to others about the bond that developed between Bess and I. Many would consider a horse to be just an animal, and to some merely property. Now as tears well up in my eyes, removed from her passing by over three months, I can state that Bess was much more to me than an animal or property. Bess was a perfect

representation of God's creation and a friend. Thoughts of gratitude and remembrances of her gentle, loving nature assuage the feelings of mourning that accompany her passing. I am grateful to the compassionate Amish farmer who surrendered Bess to Happy Trails instead of selling her at auction thereby sparing her life. I am grateful to the entire staff of

Happy Trails who nurtured and cared for her until I was led to Bess by my dear friend, Marie. Now, almost three years on, one of the happiest days of my life remains that hot July day when Annette approved me to take home both Luke and Bess.

Bess's body bore evidence of her hard working life and she didn't move with as much enthusiasm or speed as she must have at an earlier age. Yet, during those relative few times under saddle she responded as if she were happy to share the experience with me. She moved with a gentle power that time could not diminish. Sometimes Bess would show her stubborn side and refuse to move out of her stall. She'd pin her ears and look at me as if to say "what are you going to do about it" perhaps expecting in response a heavy hand or sharp words of rebuke. That's when I'd stand in front of her, caress the side of her face, and give her a kiss on the snout. She'd then normally decide to do what I've asked and continue the illusion that I was in charge. It will be memories of her life with me that I'll keep until one day when we're once again reunited and she can help welcome me to the other side."

John Otey
Proud Adoptive Equine Parent
July 2014

A Happy Trails Field Service Veterinarian **Dr. Randy Alger**



Alger Vet Clinic

330-274-3463

Field service veterinary services specializing in care for cows, horses, sheep, and goats.

Donation Boxes

If you are a business owner who is willing to set out a small acrylic donation box on the counter in your store or lobby, we would love to partner with you to collect donations for the rescued animals.

Call Hope Evans at 330-296-5914 to join the donation box program. Try it out for a few weeks. There is no obligation to stay with the program.

Three New Buildings Constructed Within Weeks at Happy Trails

The multi-purpose building (right) is 34'x40'. We hope to raise enough funds to create a mini-vet clinic on the right half of the first floor. The left half of the first floor will have stalls for pot belly pigs. The top floor will be storage space for animal-related supplies such as crates, emergency equipment, extra feed bowls, etc. This 2-story structure cost a very reasonable \$27,000. We are just now starting to raise funds for the building, the internal construction for the mini-vet clinic and stalls, and gutters. We would appreciate the opportunity to name the building after a sponsor or multiple sponsors. Tax-deductible donations toward the building or toward the construction of the mini-vet clinic can be made by sending a check to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266; via PayPal on our website at happytrailsfarm.org; or by calling the office at 330-296-5914 and placing a donation on a credit card.



The new 64' x 120' covered arena (left) is already being used daily for the rescued horses who need soft, dry footing due to severe hoof neglect. We had a recent mass rescue where we were able to create temporary panel-stalls in the arena to house a group of horses that came in from a hoarding situation. The arena is being used to closely monitor the exercise of horses in recovery. And potential adopters have been able to meet and spend time with horses they are

considering adopting in a safe, dry environment when it was pouring down rain. **You have made this building possible.** The cost for construction was \$69,000, and that portion of the building was paid for by our donors and several grants. In addition to the construction we paid \$3,000 for several types/layers of the correct sand for footing, and we now will work on funding for the lighting and electrical needs. We plan to install 12 lights at \$250 per light. You or your organization may wish to sponsor a light in the arena. All arena sponsors are going to be recognized on a plaque in the arena as soon as it is complete.



The new 16' x 40' goat/sheep barn (left) has replaced the smaller goat/sheep barn that burned down in February. Construction cost \$14,000. Combining insurance and donations that were sent in at the time of the fire, we were able to pay for both the construction and the new electrical wiring. We still need to raise funds for gutters on this building.

Wish List - Sponsor Opportunities

Some folks would like to choose specific items or supplies to benefit the sanctuary, and we always honor your requests. Here is a list of some helpful items, broken down into categories. We are grateful to everyone who has chosen from our Wish Lists in the past. Many supplies and items make our care of the animals easier and more efficient, allowing us to dedicate the time and efforts of our staff to the next important thing that needs addressed.

ITEMS USED REGULARLY

- Paint brushes, rollers, paint pans, and any painting supplies
- Rest room products such as paper towels, toilet paper, and kleenex
- Bottled water or pop for volunteers
- Leaf rakes, pitch forks and stall picks
- Muck tubs
- Power tools (drills, saws, nail guns - we are always repairing something and borrowing tools)
- Hammers and nails (all types)
- Bungee cords and tarps (any size)



larger herds that need to be kept together. A good-condition, used stock trailer costs about \$10,000. Of course it's extremely important that the floor is solid and safe, and that there is minimal rust damage to the trailer. We have found several ideal



candidates, but don't have the additional funds at this time to make the purchase. You

may wish to donate toward the purchase of the stock trailer, or you may choose to sponsor the trailer and we would create plaque honoring our donor affixed to the trailer. Shown here are a few styles and sizes of the trailers we have been checking into.



STOCK TRAILER
Happy Trails is starting to save up to buy a stock trailer. Right now we haul with our two-horse trailer, but it is not always appropriate for groups of animals such as sheep, goats, pigs or cows. A large, steel, open stock trailer has the flexibility of closing several doors to create stalls to separate animals for transportation, or you can leave the doors open for

GUTTERS, LIGHTING, CONCRETE, STALLS, INSIDE BUILDINGS

For sponsorship opportunities to help finish the new buildings at Happy Trails, check out page 10, and feel free to call us to come out and see the buildings. That might help you decide what you feel is most important to sponsor.

ANIMAL HEALTH

As we go into winter, we will start to stock up on the following items for sick, injured or weak animals whose bodies will need that extra boost to help them recover (and some of these items are used to mask the taste of pills or to encourage a weak animal to want to eat.)

- Gatorade or other brands that contain electrolytes
- Ensure or Boost, any flavor
- Cans of pumpkin
- Ginger Snap or Oreo cookies
- Peanut Butter or applesauce

MISC. STUFF

- 2 short water troughs for farm pigs
- Heavy duty hose reel
- Small tractor to drag the arena and waterer to wet the sand



STARK COUNTY VETERINARY Emergency Clinic

2705 Fulton Road, NW, Canton, Ohio
www.starkervet.com

Many thanks to Dr. Heidi Knoblich of Stark County Veterinary Emergency Clinic and also to Deb Shoup for participating in our pot belly pig presentation at the Happy Trails Open House! Dr. Heidi is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to piggy pets, and we appreciate working with her as part of the Happy Trails team!



330-452-5116

Refer a Friend!

Do you know someone who is an animal-lover, who goes out of their way to avoid hitting a critter in the road or who kisses their pets on the nose? Do you know a friend who pays attention to every animal rescue story on the news or who has a special connection with animals in their life?

Would this animal-lover want to support the work of Happy Trails after reading one of our newsletters?

Help us spread the word about the animal rescue services provided by Happy Trails by referring your friends to receive the Happy Trails bi-monthly newsletter.

Simply fill out the form below and send it in as directed, or call in their information to our office at 330-296-5914. For your time and trouble, you'll get a free Happy Trails acrylic bumper sticker that can be repositioned. Be sure to leave your address so we can send it to you!

My Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Please send me a free Happy Trails acrylic bumper sticker.

I am referring my friend who loves animals to receive your newsletters:

Their Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Cut out and mail to: Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. You may wish to use the envelope provided in this newsletter. If you would like to refer more than one friend, add them on a separate sheet of paper.

Together we are providing: hope, faith, peace, healing, safety, integrity, and second chances.



Stow Kent Animal Hospital

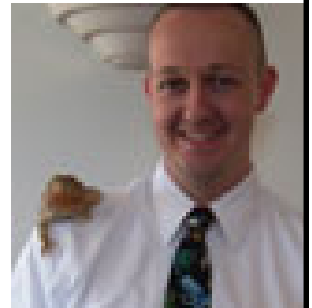
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A special thank you goes out to Dr. Eric Brooks of Stow Kent Animal Hospital for participating as a guest speaker at the Happy Trails Open House! And thanks, Dr. Brooks, for treating the chickens, geese and poultry of Happy Trails!



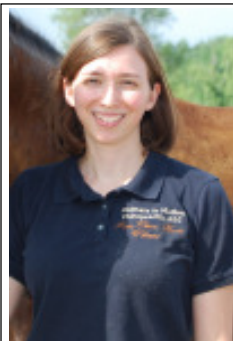
From Stow Kent Animal Hospital ...

At Stow-Kent Animal Hospital, we know how much pets mean to our clients.

Pets are a part of the family in most households. They bring joy to our lives. They often give a purpose to our being. When they hurt, we hurt with them.

Our doctors and staff strive to deliver the best care to each and every pet as if they were our own.

We are a full service hospital and along with offering well care, we also offer emergency services, hospitalization, surgeries, digital radiography, ultrasound and many other services designed to give you and your pet the best care possible. We also have several doctors that see exotics and pocket pets.

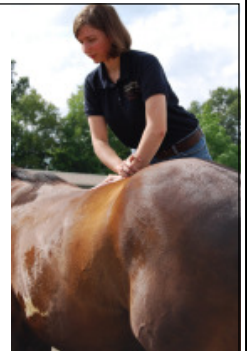


Dr. Sara Jerman
**Animals in Motion
Chiropractic, LLC**

440-655-5195
aoc.docsj@gmail.com

Thanks to Dr. Sara Jerman, a guest speaker at the Happy Trails Open House, for teaching us about the benefits of chiropractic treatments for our animal friends!

Dr. Sara treats a wide variety of pets, both domestic and farm animals. Find out if your pet would benefit from chiropractic. Give her a call today!



It's True! More and More Animal Lovers are Adopting Goats and Sheep as Part of their Family!

Featured on the front cover of this edition of the newsletter is none other than Happy Trails own Jason Wolboldt and Radar the goat. Jason has been a die-hard weekly volunteer with Happy Trails for about seven years now, and Radar is one of six goats that Jason has adopted as part of his furry outdoor family. When asked why he is happy and proud to have goats as pets, Jason said, "The thing I love most about goats is that you can have a uniquely true friendship with them. They don't look up to you or down at you. They don't ask anything of you or need rewards. They just want to be with you and are happy just to know you care about them."

It is both amazing and heartwarming the number of people who have stepped forward to welcome both goats and sheep into their hearts and homes as pets.

They are comical little creatures who are entertaining by, well, simply by being themselves. At Happy Trails it's fun to sit on the picnic tables in the sheep area and just watch them with their humorous antics and inquisitive nature. Much like a three year old child, they are into *everything*. Always curious, always vocal, peaceful in nature, keeping you on your toes, and making everyone smile. That's is how I would describe goats and sheep.

Goats and sheep are herd animals and very much enjoy the company of others of their own kind. We try to adopt them out in pairs or families. If a single goat or sheep comes in by itself, we do adopt them out to be a friend for another goat or sheep.

We have found them to be generally low maintenance, adorable, relatively inexpensive to care for, and have I mentioned adorable? They are similar to dogs in that they are always happy to see you, no matter what your faults and failings of the day were. They hold no grudges, they bear no ill will. They simply want to see what you're up to and to know why they weren't involved.

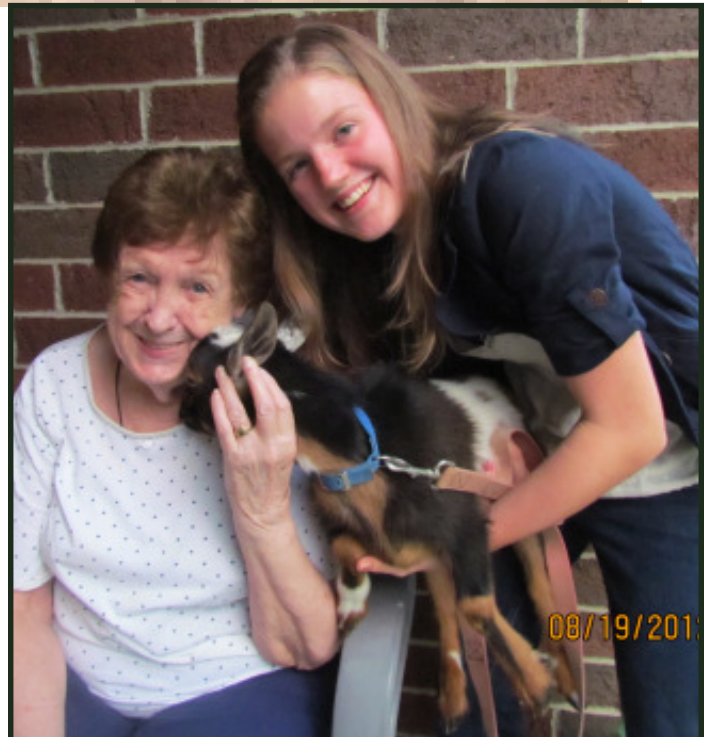
Happy Trails currently has several families of sheep and a small pygmy goat available for adoption. Goats are in such demand as pets that we can barely keep them at the sanctuary. Once they

are signed over to us via a court case and they are made available for adoption, they are rarely at the sanctuary for any length of time.

The animal adoption process is painless and educational. If you are interested in adopting pet sheep or goats. Simply call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 and speak with an animal adoption counselor to start the process.

If we have animals who are a good match for you and your family, the counselor will then guide you to an adoption form to fill out. We check references and come out to your place for a friendly visit. Together, you and the counselor review a safety check list and the counselor answers any care questions you may have about the needs of the animal you are adopting. We review proper nutrition, safe fencing and shelter, routine veterinary care, shearing, hoof trimming, vaccinations, deworming protocol, and talk about things that are good to have on hand in the event of an emergency. We prepare you for a successful transition to integrate your new furry or wooly (or sometimes even feathered) family members into your life-style.

Animal-lover Terri Flanagan has adopted quite a variety of animals from Happy Trails, including several goats. Here's what Terri has to say when asked about her not-so-unusual-any-more furry kids:



Mary Grady, Terri Flanagan's aunt, (left) and Rita Flanagan, Terri's daughter, do a group hug with their furry family member, little man Napoleon the goat.

"What do our goats bring to the mix that is Farm Flanagan? ACTIVITY! Spunk. Spirit. Laughter.

And yet, a calm too. Watching them while they graze into the long summer evenings, it is hard to feel anything but content. Not to mention, how satisfying it is to have our very own environmentally friendly four legged weed whackers!

Our Happy Trails adoptee, Napoleon, has brought us so much joy. His antics add a dose of "silly" and a dash of "hilarious" to what could be considered a mundane barn chore list. Not only is he popular amongst our visitors, but he gets out to visit our elderly family and friends too. Indeed, goats really can and do provide a uniquely pleasant pet experience for families we are a true testament to this!"

To get more information about adopting rescued goats or sheep, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 and ask to speak to an adoption counselor

Animal Memorial Service Held For Fire Victims, George the Pig and Others

On Saturday, June 14th, Happy Trails volunteers and staff members gathered in Heaven's Trail, the rescued animal cemetery at the sanctuary, for a very personal memorial service.

As a group, we carefully laid to rest the ashes of our animal friends who died in the February 14th barn fire. We also buried the ashes of one of our founding animals, George the pot belly pig who was Janice the Pig's companion for the seven years she lived at Happy Trails. There was a group of other rescued animals, including feathered friends, Skaap, an elderly sheep, and Toshi, a pig, whose ashes and remains were all respectfully laid to rest as well.

Both staff and volunteers smudged the sanctuary with sage, respecting the sacredness of the cemetery and the grounds. Everyone who wanted to shared their thoughts, interactions and experiences with the animals, fun memories, and the lessons they taught us. Some folks read prayers; some spoke of the closure the memorial service would bring. Everyone agreed the new goat/sheep barn will be dedicated our animal friends Venus and Serena, the two goats; Rico Suave,

the pot belly pig; and Jason the rooster, who perished in the barn fire. At each grave site we took turns pushing the soft clay dirt down onto the containers of ashes.

Though tears were shed, there was an overwhelming sense of peace and healing present with our group. Each animal had touched our lives and our hearts in a different way. Each was very special to us in their own right.

As we move forward, continuing to help the next abused animals who come through the gates of the sanctuary, the spirits of the animals we buried are sure to be with us, reminding us of the lessons we learned so we can apply them to help these next furry and feathered friends. **Our connection with those we lost cannot be broken. They are but a thought away, just as your pets and special animal friends are with you.**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the memorial service, and helped to give our animal friends our final gifts of dignity and respect. **To those we lost — you will always be in our hearts, and we thank you for being part of our lives.**



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(left to right) Annette Fisher, Stephanie Collage, Alex Hale, and Ashley Ehmman begin to bury the ashes of the animal victims of the February barn fire.

rescue village
geauga humane society

**Geauga Humane Society's
Rescue Village**
15463 Chillicothe Rd.
Russell Twp., OH 44072
440.338.4819

Thanks to Christian Courtright, humane officer for Rescue Village, for participating as a guest speaker at the Happy Trails open house.

Ad Space in the Newsletter Now Available

Promote your business or organization while showing your support for 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.

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.



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

Paul McCartney

Newsletter Statistics and Facts

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

- Approximately 5,000 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 well over 4,200 likes.
- There are over 7,000 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 also.

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 3 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.



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Happy Trails 2014

Compassionate Thanksgiving

A unique way to start your holiday shopping,
and a Thanksgiving buffet like *never* before!

Amazing
animal-friendly
(vegan) dinner
and desserts!

Sat., Nov. 8th

Todaro's Party Center

1820 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH



Doors Open/Holiday Shopping Spree Starts 5:00pm
Vegan "traditional" Thanksgiving Buffet 5:30pm
Presentation by Director, Annette Fisher 6:15pm

100% of the holiday shopping spree proceeds benefit the rescued animals. Great gift ideas include hoodies, travel mugs, calendars, keychains, jewelry, arts & craft items, and many unique items!

Tickets Now Available! \$55 per person
Call 330-296-5914 or go to happytrailsfarm.org



For an additional \$40, attend the special
VIP Cocktail Hour from 4pm to 5pm.

Enjoy unlimited cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and mingle with Happy Trails board of directors, staff members, executive director, and volunteers. Get to know the people who are taking care of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and the rescued animals on a more personal level. Ask questions. Hear stories. *Be a part of the team.*



Compassionate Thanksgiving

Last year we were not able to offer folks our annual Compassionate Thanksgiving event. Not enough time, people or resources to make it happen. *However, this year Happy Trails Compassionate Thanksgiving is back and better than ever, with several fun holiday twists!*

What has changed?

The first thing that has changed is the location. We will be hosting the 2014 Compassionate Thanksgiving at Todaro's Party Center in Akron. Our friends at Todaros' have created a traditional-yet-animal-friendly (vegan) Thanksgiving menu that is out of this world, and they have created this exclusively for this Happy Trails event.

The second thing that has changed is we are providing you with an opportunity to get to know the folks who serve on our board of directors and our core staff members who take care of your rescued animals in a more personal way. There will be a VIP cocktail hour from 4pm to 5pm before the Thanksgiving dinner for an additional \$40. In addition to unlimited cocktails and special hors d'oeuvres created just for this hour, you will have access to the key folks who guide Happy Trails, those who make things happen, who are in charge of animal rescues and caring for the animals, and who are helping the sanctuary grow and prosper. You can ask questions, offer suggestions, present your ideas, and get some behind-the-scenes info in a relaxed, enjoyable social setting.

The third thing that is different and that is going to be fun is the new holiday shopping spree — a kick-off to your holiday shopping season! All items that will be available for purchase will have been donated, with 100% of the sales going directly to benefit the rescued animals. So not only will you find some unique gifts, you will be supporting a really great cause. Gift ideas include art, jewelry, gift baskets, home decor, gift certifi-

cates, products that are not-tested-on-animals, and so much more. Happy Trails logo merchandise includes hoodies, scarves, key chains, calendars, the new Happy Trails animal-friendly cookbook, mugs, t-shirts, winter-wear, magnets and mouse pads to name a few.

This event is going to be the coolest, most unique way to start off our holiday season, and will help us all remember to make kind and compassionate choices throughout the rest of the year.

Bring a friend. Plan to relax, enjoy and have fun. Come hungry and taste a little bit of everything.

And just a note in case you were wondering: the Thanksgiving dinner itself is NOT a fundraiser for Happy Trails. The cost of the dinner tickets will cover our cost of the meal and a few expenses that we incur with planning and promoting. Happy Trails is simply hosting this event because we feel it's important for all of us to be able to come together to enjoy a compassionate holiday dinner that is animal-friendly, and for all of us to be able to begin our holiday festivities by celebrating in a kind and caring way.

We very sincerely hope you will plan to join us. Bring your friends who generally have a meat-based diet, for we're positive that they will be pleasantly surprised at how wonderful and delicious a traditional Thanksgiving dinner can be while being cruelty-free!

If you are a business owner wishing to donate an item for our holiday shopping spree, which will be the fundraiser, please call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914. Your donation is tax-deductible.



Guided Educational Sanctuary Tours

The 2014 tour season will continue through the end of October, with guided, educational tours being offered on Saturdays and Sundays. Guided tours are \$20 per person, youth ages 6 to 17 are \$10, kids ages 5 and under are free, with a maximum of 6 people per group. Reservations are required. Call the office at 330-296-5914 for more information and to schedule your visit.



Meet the rescued animals up-close and personal. Hear their stories, give pigs belly rubs, pet the mini horses and hug the goats. We guarantee you will experience a heartwarming and inspiring educational tour or your money back. All funds collected from our tour program directly benefit the rescued animals of Happy Trails.

Benefits of Supporting Happy Trails

Supporting Happy Trails actually helps create safer communities.

How so you might ask?

Animal abuse is often closely linked with other violent crimes. Our cases have been tied to everything from domestic violence, child abuse, statutory rape, illegal drugs, theft and stolen property, forgery, underage drinking, and illegal gambling. Happy Trails is a very unique organization in that we not only handle farm animal rescue, recovery and rehabilitation, but our intake criteria is very strict in that we only accept abuse, neglect and abandonment cases (no owner surrenders if you simply don't want your pet any longer), and we require that charges are filed against the owner or caretaker responsible for inflicting pain and suffering. We want people to be held accountable for their actions. By addressing animal abuse and treating it as the red flag that it is and recognizing it as a precursor to future criminal behavior, we can help make our communities, animals, and families safer. Thank you for supporting the services and programs of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary!

VOLUNTEERISM



What do **YOU** do when you go on vacation?



Dave Roberts is the man behind the machine at Happy Trails! You see the yards mowed and the weeds pulled and the grass edged, but you never actually see the guy who does all the yard work around the house and the office. You just might think the yards mow themselves! Well, meet Happy Trails own Dave Roberts! Dave can be found watering flowers, mowing grass, weed eating, and making sure the front area looks pleasant and inviting, usually on Wednesdays. He has, however, been known to quietly slip into the sanctuary on other days, do chores, and then slip back out un-noticed. Well, we have all noticed how nice the yards look when they're mowed and how happy the flowers are when they're watered. So Dave, we notice! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

Ask **Giulietta Tripoli**, a Brooklyn, New York native, who chose to land at Happy Trails and volunteer for an entire week. Giulietta's company has a program that allows employees to dedicate a week of volunteer service, luckily for us! A huge, HUGE thank you and many kudos go out to both Giulietta and her sister, **Angela Tripoli**, from Sagamore Hills, Ohio, for being such reliable, dedicated, and hard-working volunteers. These tough ladies cleared out additional pasture area for our recently rescued horses, hauling tree limbs out of the woods and raking leaves and other debris into piles. They worked non-stop through what was most likely the hottest week of our summer so far. What troopers they were for their first time volunteering with Happy Trails. We are VERY grateful to you ladies for your help and for all you did. We thank you. The rescued horses thank you!



Tom Ehmann relaxes with his favorite pig friends: (left to right) Master Willis, Queenie, and Peaches.

Tom Ehmann was found taking a much-needed and well deserved break. The guy works non-stop, and tackles just about any project we bring to his attention. Tom stained the horse barn - all the way to the top of the second floor - by himself. He has put up fencing, installed gates, made doors, cleared woods, made repairs, and can fix just about anything. He is one of our truly priceless volunteers.

To learn more about the volunteer program, go to the Happy Trails website at happytrailsfarm.org or call us at 330-296-5914. You must be at least 18 years old to volunteer, able to commit to a minimum of three hours per week, and be able to sign up for one of the pre-set volunteer shifts. It's fun, it's hard work, and it's very rewarding!

"One person can make a difference. In fact, it's not only possible for one person to make a difference, it's essential that one person makes a difference. And believe it or not, that person is you."

Bob Riley

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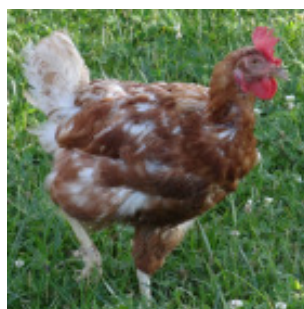
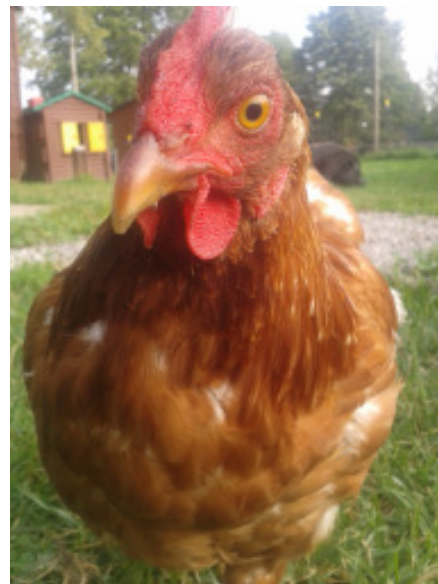


Dodgeball Tournament Benefits Happy Trails

The Woodridge Student Government along with Interact students raised \$295 with their dodgeball tournament to donate to Happy Trails. Pictured here with Jolie the pig are Johnna Vineyard and Kim Ochsenbine. Thanks to you ladies and to the rest of your group for being so supportive of the animal rescue services of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary!

Falling off Meat Trucks and Landing on the Highway Can't be Very Fun...

Clara (*bottom left*) and Aveline (*top right*) came to HappyTrails recently from two different situations. Both fell off meat trucks and onto the highway. In both cases, good samaritans rescued the hens. Clara was picked up along I-76 in Summit County and she was in horrible shape when she arrived. She was painfully thin, had an impacted crop, was filled with worms, and was lethargic. After a few days of rest, being de-wormed, receiving proper nutrition, and a lot of TLC, this little sweetheart now enjoys exploring her new world and chasing bugs across the yard. She has an admirer, Bruno the rooster, who believes



he has found his soulmate in Clara. Aveline was rescued by a State Highway Patrol officer near the turnpike in

Portage County. She was also extremely thin, but was in much better health than Clara. Sadly the farm animal transportation industry loses animals off the meat trucks regularly without any regard for the life that is lost or the pain and suffering that is caused. Many animals are not as lucky as Clara and Aveline. Both ladies are recovering nicely and will be available for adoption to a loving home. There are about 50 hens and 20 roosters waiting to be adopted.

Who Adopts Steers as Part of their Family? Normal, Everyday People like John Burger!

Meet Gallagher, a very handsome, debonair steer. People ask us all the time, *who would adopt a cow or a steer?* Well, John Burger is here to tell you that he would. And he did! Like all the people who adopt cows and steers from Happy Trails as part of their furry outdoor family, John welcomed a rescued farm animal into his home, and he is happy to have done so. Here's an update on how Gallagher is doing with his adoptive family and Ernie, his best steer friend.....

"Hi folks, We had the good fortune of adopting an Angus Jersey cross steer, Gallagher, from Happy Trails about five years ago. He's doing fine and is a valued member of our steer/horse/donkey mixed herd. He's quite the character!

It's hard to recognize our boy from the skinny fellow he was then. He is very lucky that you folks saved him. The goodnews is that his humble beginnings have not held him back. He is the most inquisitive and outgoing critter in the pasture. He and Ernie are still having headbutting contests most days, and he always wants to meet new people and supervise the vets, farrier and anybody moving equipment. Gallagher and Ernie are prominent



members of our mixed-species herd, fitting in between the horses and the donkeys in the hierarchy."

Gallagher really enjoys being scratched under his throat, and stretches his neck out long and low to get the full effect. I am hoping to add his rescue pictures to our family album.

I highly recommend adopting a farm animal as part of your family!"

John D. Burger, Virginia





Happy Trails Radio Thank You!

Morning show host and DJ at **K105FM**, **MaryAnn Graff** (right), visited Happy Trails and got the opportunity to hang out with Odessa the goat (and a whole bunch of other animals) when she stopped by the sanctuary for a visit. Happy Trails director, Annette Fisher (left), tapes the Forum Program, a half-hour talk program featuring local non-profit groups, regularly with MaryAnn. These shows are aired on the Youngstown Cumulous Broadcasting stations, including K105FM, Hot101, Y102, and Rock104. Thanks for your support MaryAnn!



A special thanks also goes out to **Sue Wilson** and **Scott Wynn**, DJ's for Akron's own **WQMX**, for talking during their program about the great work that Happy Trails does! Thanks for your support, Sue and Scott — we really appreciate it!



And a big thanks goes out to **Ray Horner** on **WAKR** for inviting Happy Trails to talk about our work and for his help in promoting our recent open house in June. Thanks a bunch to Ray and the good folks at WAKR!



Bigshot Opens for Donny Iris - Does a Shout-Out for Happy Trails

A huge thank you goes out to rocker Joe Percun (center on bike), lead singer for the 80's band Bigshot for giving a very special shout-out to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary on Sunday, July 22nd, when they opened for Donny Iris and the Cruisers at the new stage by the Mahoning River in Youngstown. Joe got a great round of applause when mentioning the sanctuary, and he gets a standing-o from us here at Happy Trails. You **ROCK** Joey! *Thanks so much for your support!*

Open Volunteer Work Day on Sunday, August 31st

Many folks aren't able to volunteer weekly on a regular basis as is required to join the Happy Trails main volunteer program. So, we are inviting the public to sign up to volunteer for one day this fall to help with fall clean-up.

Chores that day will consist of cleaning up the woods and picking up branches, raking yards, putting things in their place, painting, and general facilities clean-up.

Here is the itinerary for the day:

- 9:00am** Check in and get assigned to a group.
- 9:15am - 10:30am** Tour the facilities and meet the rescued animals.
- 10:30am - 12:00noon** Work time
- 12:00noon to 12:45pm** Lunch
- 12:45pm - 2:30pm** Work time
- 2:30pm to 2:45pm** Break
- 2:45pm to 4:00pm** Work time
- 4:00pm to 4:30pm** Free time to visit the animals

DETAILS

- You must be age 18 or older to participate. We are making an exception for teens ages 16 and 17 to participate if accompanied by a parent.
- \$30 fee per person must be pre-paid when registering. This pays for our staff time, the tour and lunch.
- Wear comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- This is an all-day event. If you are unable to commit to the entire day, wait to sign up for a different volunteer day. We may offer a half-day volunteer day later in the Fall.
- Don't bring your dog or leave him in your car. Do bring boots and gloves. We will provide bug spray.
- A vegan lunch will be provided, including desserts and beverages.
- This group volunteer day will be limited to 30 people. Sign up early to reserve a spot!

Register on-line at happytrailsfarm.org or call the office at 330-296-5914.

Open House Update!

Just shy of 2,000 people attended the Happy Trails Open House on Sunday, June 22nd. Thank you to everyone who rode the buses (as you may know there is not enough parking at the sanctuary to handle cars for an event of this size) and who attended the event. The weather was absolutely beautiful. It was very rewarding to see so many of our friends and supporters, and to finally officially present our new arena, new goat/sheep barn, and the new multi-purpose building for everyone to see up close. The kids had a fantastic time creating their own t-shirts to show that they are compassionate and caring kids.

Thanks to our sponsors:

- Cass Mayfield at McKay Bricker Gallery and Framing
141 East Main Street, Kent, Ohio - 330-673-5058
- Bob Knapp at Knapp's Collision
546 Lake Street, Kent, Ohio 330-678-5585

Our guest speakers provided some amazing educational presentations. Special thanks goes out to:

- Dr. Eric Brooks of Stow Kent Animal Clinic
- Dr. Randy Alger of Alger Vet Clinic
- Dr. Sara Jerman of Animals In Motion Chiropractic
- Dr. Heidi Knoblich of Stark Animal Emergency Clinic
- Ken Aberegg, professional equine trainer
- Melissa DelSignore, board member and nutrition specialist
- Christian Courtright, humane officer for Geauga County Humane Society, Rescue Village
- Dr. Sasha Hill of Cleveland Equine Clinic
- Ron Bowling, professional farrier
- Jen Suggett and Debbie McCourt of the Summit County Mounted Patrol

And a big thank you to Stephanie Peterson, Julie Dustman and Heather Jurina, humane officers from the Humane Society of Columbiana County for volunteering with us for the entire day! We love you guys!



Many thanks to Irene Sirna and our good friends at Sirna & Sons Produce for donating 1,250 apples for the Happy Trails Open House! Be sure to stop by and purchase your fresh produce from the good folks at Sirnas, located at
7176 State Rt. 88, Ravenna, OH, 44266
330-298-2222

*"Love and kindness are never wasted.
They always make a difference.
They bless the one who receives them,
and they bless you, the giver."*

Barbara de Angelis



1825 S. Lincoln Ave., Salem, OH 44460 • (330) 332-2600 • columbianahumane.org

Thank you to our friends at the Humane Society of Columbiana County. We appreciate your support!

Seminar on Animal Rescue 101

Happy Trails is offering the first in a series of seminars on animal emergency rescue, with the first 2-part class being held on Friday, Sept. 19th from 5pm to 8pm (day 1) and then continued on Saturday, Sept. 20th from 12:00pm to 5pm (day 2). While this class is mandatory for Happy Trails staff and volunteers who currently work on the Happy Trails animal emergency rescue team, it is also open to the public who may be interested in being a volunteer on call for the emergency rescue team or who may simply want to learn what takes place on rescues and how things are handled. This is a great seminar for law enforcement officers and humane officers who may want a better understanding of farm animal rescue. This seminar will address a broad spectrum of animal rescue topics, including how a rescue is organized, the universal chain of command, how we receive the reports, being prepared with the correct supplies and emergency equipment, the staging area, appropriate conduct for rescue workers at the scene, assessing the health and condition of the farm animals on the property, cataloging and documenting each animal, basic farm animal handling safety, loading animals, transportation, unloading and settling them in at the sanctuary, dealing with the media, on-scene protocol.

This is the first seminar in a three-part series. Only those who attend this seminar will be permitted to sign up for the follow-up seminars, as they will be taught in succession. Happy Trails Animal Rescue 101 will give you a basic knowledge to build upon to help you understand the way an animal rescue works and will also give you the opportunity to be potentially listed on the Happy Trails Animal Rescue Team. The class will be taught by Happy Trails director and founder, Annette Fisher, and the class size will be limited. You will receive a certificate showing that you completed the class.

For more details, go to www.happytrailsfarm.org.

Happy Trails Animal Rescue 101 Seminar Registration

Yes, I would like to attend the seminar, Happy Trails Animal Rescue 101, to be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19th & 20th.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

(Check all that apply please)

I am attending because I:

already work in animal rescue (explain) _____

would like to be a part of the Happy Trail Animal Rescue Team

would just like to learn more about how animal rescue works

Check enclosed for \$50

I will pay on-line via PayPal - happytrailsfarm.org

Please charge \$50 to my VISA MC

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

CSC (3 digits on back) _____

Name On Card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

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



We aren't always able to thank everyone who does something kind on behalf of the animals. However, we always like to mention at least a few folks!

Thank yous go out to...

• **...Dan Kennedy and the business entrepreneurs in the GKIC Marketing Group.** Dan organized an amazing fundraiser dinner and silent auction on behalf of both Happy Trails and New Vocations, a race-horse retirement organization. Many business owners attended the dinner and bid on the silent auction items. We are *extremely* grateful for the support of **Dan Kennedy, Dr. Dustin Burleson** of Kansas City, Missouri, **Bill and Vanessa Gough** of Florence, Alabama, and everyone who participated and showed their support! (Dan is a strategic advisor, consultant, business coach, and author of the popular "No B.S." books series. He directly influences more than one million business owners annually. Google Dan Kennedy and you will find a wealth of knowledge about Dan, his books, his seminars, and his business-savvy teachings.)

• **...Pebble Creek Nursing Home in Akron** for allowing Happy Trails the use of their snow cone machine for the open house. It made us want one of our own for the staff and volunteers on very hot days.

Maybe Santa would bring us one this year...

• **...Compassionate Girl Scouts from GSNEO (Girl Scouts of North-east Ohio):** to Girl Scout Troop #90616 for raising \$500 for the rescued animals. Also a huge thank you to the young ladies from GSNEO Troop #7160 who raised \$288.63

• **...The Akron Yoga Project** for hosting a series of three yoga classes, with proceeds benefitting Happy Trails. *You guys are amazing!*



Many thanks to troupe leader, Vicki Gibson, and the girls from GSNEO Troop #90616 who worked very hard and raised \$500 for the rescued animals at Happy Trails! Talk about a group of compassionate kids!



Sign up for the electronic email *color* version of the **Happy Trails** newsletter,

and you'll be saving the earth *AND* keeping up-to-date with animal rescue.

We LOVE sending you the bi-monthly edition of the Happy Trails newsletter in the mail. But you do get it printed in only one color and it takes quite a while for you to receive it after it goes to the printer.

The good news is, you can view the newsletter, in color, as soon as my last written word hits the page and it's posted on the website, by simply signing up to receive the electronic version. You will not only be saving trees and being respectful of the environment, but you will be keeping current on the latest Happy Trails news as well. And in color to boot!

To receive Happy Trails newsletters and other important info via email and to cancel your current hard-copy mailings, either give us a call at 330-296-5914 or email us at info@happytrailsfarm.org.

Concrete Statue Summer Fundraiser

The concrete planters, bird baths, stones, pet memorials, statues and other yard decor have been a big hit this year! So far we have sold about half of the concrete items available for our fundraiser. Can you please help us spread the word that we would appreciate moving more of them along to make our summer fundraiser a huge success? Hours to drop by to see the selection are Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. 9-4 (closed Wednesday), and Sundays 11am - 4pm. **If you lost a pet and would like a wonderful memorial to grace your flower garden or gravesite, if you are a horse-lover and want the world to know, or if you are looking for a really unique gift idea, be sure to stop by and check out the concrete selection!**



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08-2014

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For the follow specific project(s):



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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- Donate on-line via PayPal at www.happytrailsfarm.org
- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

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

Want to become a *monthly* donor?

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

_____ **Yes, I would like to support the work of Happy Trails on a monthly basis.**

Please charge my credit card each month in the amount of \$ _____

Please send me pre-addressed envelopes so I can send in a monthly check.

"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do."

- Apple Computers



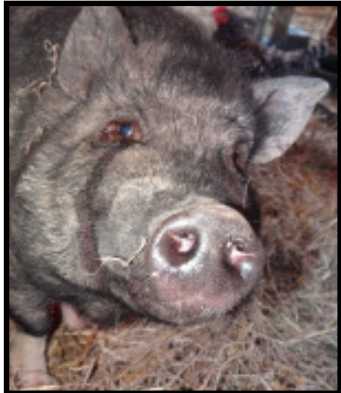
(left) Proud adoptive mom Julie Shuman and Editon, her handsome Standardbred gelding.

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Beautiful Jackie-O is one of 30+ pot belly pigs waiting for a home of their own!

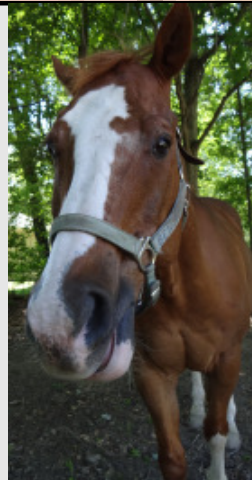
OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Want to help rescued horses find homes?

Happy Trails is creating a new equine email network of caring folks who simply want to help us spread the word about horses in need of adoption, foster homes or sponsors. Your role is super easy. Simply let us send you one email a week (maybe two if a lot of rescues are going on) and just do your best to either forward that email along to others or post it on Facebook. You may even want to print out a copy of the horsey flier that might be attached to the email and hang it up somewhere in your community if you have the time - some place like a feed store or tack shop or veterinary clinic. If you don't always have time to forward on the email, don't worry about it. Just delete/ignore that week's email and look for one to arrive the following week. The emails will contain horse information such as an updated list of Happy Trails horses available to adopt, the scoop on the latest horse rescues, photos of the horses, their stories, and what type of home they need. Simply by spreading the word we are hoping to find many more of the rescued horses kind and loving homes.

The Perfect Gentleman

Benny, a handsome Quarter horse gelding, is in his late teens. He suffered severe abuse and neglect twice in his life. He is available for some light backyard riding. Benny was rescued with his best friend, Grant, also a Quarter horse, who endured the same abuse with Benny. We would LOVE to adopt them out together. Both horses are perfect gentleman, and have a low adoption fee of \$300 for the pair. Call us for more info at 330-296-5914. They deserve a home!



It's easy to sign up. Just email me at annette@happytrailsfarm.org and type in the words "I want to help rescued horses find homes." I will add you to our new horse network, and you can stop receiving the emails at any time. There is no obligation to continue, though I'm sure once you meet the horses, read their stories, and fall in love with them, you will definitely want to help spread the word!

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.