



Dear Friend Of Happy Trails,

Thanks to your support, Happy Trails has made significant progress this year, not only in facility upgrades, but also in education, community outreach, *and* we have come to many animal's rescue in some pretty intense situations. Just when we think we've heard it all, another call comes in that surprises the beegeebies out of us.

Some of these rescues you may have read about - others may have not quite made the front headlines. Either way, these few examples are just the tip of the giant iceberg of animal cruelty cases that Happy Trails handles daily.

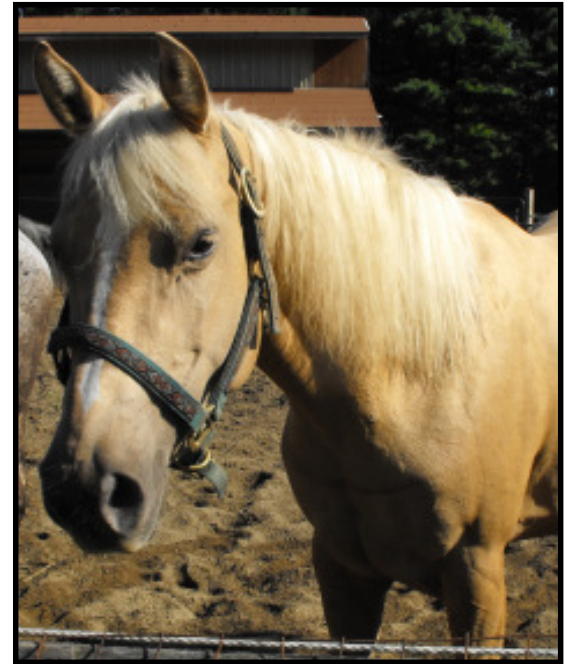


Casper the sheep is one of the farm animals from the Medina County livestock cruelty case.

the transport cruelty issues in our food production industry.

- An assortment of farm animals, including five sheep, two ducks, a guinea fowl, and two farm pigs, were removed from a horrific neglect situation in Medina County involving a livestock farm. Happy Trails is providing care, housing and treatment for these animals. The trial was scheduled for Thursday, November 12, and the owner plead guilty to animal cruelty.

- Butch Whitefeather is one of many retired Amish horses that have been accepted into the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program. Butch Whitefeather is a big Percheron



Heidi is one of 15 horses removed from the horrific situation of neglect in Deerfield.

- 15 horses were removed from an incredibly severe neglect situation in Deerfield and placed in the care and custody of Happy Trails. All were suffering from malnutrition and painfully overgrown hooves. Nine of these horses were adopted and six are still in the care of Happy Trails. We are now preparing to help the courts remove the remaining group of horses from the property — no small feat. The owner plead guilty to animal cruelty charges.

- In Trumbull County, a pink farm pig fell from the top deck of a slaughterhouse truck and skid onto the highway doing about 65 miles per hour. Happy Trails was called in and we made sure that the pig was safe, examined by a vet, and treated for her injuries. She has now made nearly a full recovery. Scarlett, as she was named, is a great teacher and provides a personal and typical example of



Her beautiful spirit kept her alive even after Scarlett fell from the double-decker livestock trailer and onto the highway in Trumbull County.



How anyone could dump innocent baby pig Cap'n Butler in the middle of nowhere is beyond our comprehension.

draft horse who had plowed the fields for a number of years, but his failing eyesight was causing him to be a candidate for the slaughter house. His Amish family lived only one mile from the Mt. Hope Auction, where meat buyers pick up many of the debilitated Amish horses. Butch is now safe and quite happy in a foster home.

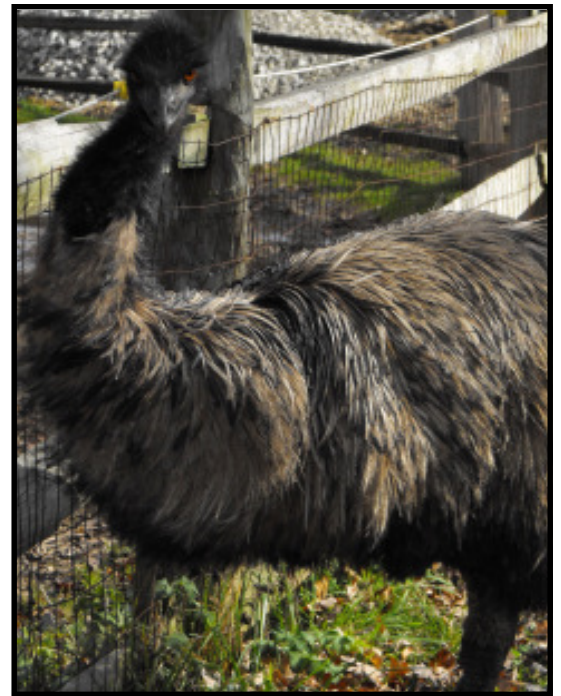
- Cap'n Butler, a three week old baby farm pig, was discovered laying in some tall weeds along a hiking trail on the Towpath in Canal Fulton. With no farms nearby, this poor baby that was suffering from exposure had to have been cruelly dumped there on purpose. After recovering from near death due to exposure, dehydration and severe worm infestation, the Cap'n then underwent surgery to remove an infected umbilical cyst. He has recovered quite nicely, has a positive attitude and his friendly nature has won him many fans!

- Harry, a four month old baby mule was discovered by neighbors as he wandered through their fields in Suffield. Happy Trails was asked to help capture the incredibly scared baby, and we then took him to a safe foster home. No-one stepped forward to claim the adorable little guy, so

luckily he was adopted by his foster mom and he is now learning to trust people!

- A call came from the sheriff's department of Portage County — there was a stray emu in a soybean field, and the concern was that the giant bird would wonder back onto the road and cause an accident. The five and a half foot feathered beast settled in at Happy Trails for several days until his owner was located. Nearby logging had frightened the sensitive bird and caused him to bolt through his fencing. Much to the relief of his worried family, they found him safe and sound at Happy Trails! Another happy ending!

- Two beautiful chestnut mares continue to recover with us as survivors of a near-starvation case. They were discovered standing in stalls that were nailed shut, had no water, and their rotting skin was completely covered in manure. They are continuing to gain weight and are now growing in normal winter coats.



Ramsey was reunited with his worried family after he was rescued by Happy Trails!

As I had mentioned, these are just a few of the rescues that have taken place this past year at Happy Trails. As we head into the bitter cold winter months, we currently have slightly over 100 animals residing at the sanctuary, either waiting for a court case to be over or for waiting to be chosen by a person who will love them and welcome them into their hearts and into their families.

Our immediate goal is to get all the animals currently in our rescue program safely through this winter season and provide all 100+ animals with the basics — grain, hay, bedding and vet care.

Happy Trails continues to operate as an all-volunteer organization, and we rely on the generous donations of our supporters to make our rescue work possible. **Surprisingly, as an organization, we don't**



Millie gets along famously on only one leg. She doesn't let her handicap slow her down!

send out a lot of requests for donations, nor do we intend to. We provide our bi-monthly newsletters to keep everyone up-to-date with the events, sanctuary happenings and animal rescue stories that keep us overly busy. There is always an opportunity for folks to send in donations in our newsletters.

This past Spring, we were pleasantly overwhelmed with the care and concern of everyone who came to *our* rescue, when funds were needed to make some major repairs on the horse barn, fencing, and several other shelter areas that were sadly in need of fixing. We continue to be grateful each and every time we walk onto the cement aisle-way in the horse barn and every time we look at a renovation that makes the daily care of the animals easier, safer and less time consuming.

As the holidays approach, we very humbly ask that you would consider helping Happy Trails provide the rescued animals with the very basics this winter. Not only do we need to continue to care for the animals already in our program, we anticipate a record number of cruelty cases as we delve head-first into winter. The daily requests that we receive from humane officers and law enforcement officials across Ohio are already increasing. And these requests for help never seem to have only one animal involved. When it comes to cruelty, neglect and abandonment of farm animals, there are always multiple numbers, which often makes our rescue work even more of a challenge.



No-one tried to claim Harry, a stray baby mule discovered in Mogadore. He was abandoned.

Our very simple immediate goal of providing grain, hay, straw and providing basic veterinary care to get us from December through to the month of May, will cost approximately \$18,800.

Here's a breakdown of our expenses from December through the end of April:

Grain — Our *weekly* grain bills alone are approximately \$400, adding up to \$1,200 per month for feed. The winter total for grain is \$6,000.

Hay — We go through 66 square bales of hay per week (at \$3.50); 3 round bales per week (at \$35 per bale), for a total of \$420 hay per month. Winter hay costs will be \$2,100.

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Detach here and return with your gift in the enclosed envelope.

Yes, Annette, I want to make sure that Happy Trails can provide the basics for the rescued animals throughout this winter! I've enclosed a gift of:

___ \$35 ___ \$55 ___ \$75 Other \$ _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible check, made payable to Happy Trails.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Thank you for helping us provide food, bedding and basic vet care for rescued animals like Willis.

Your contributions are tax-deductible. Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 non-profit charitable organization which receives no public funds. Every donation is gratefully accepted.

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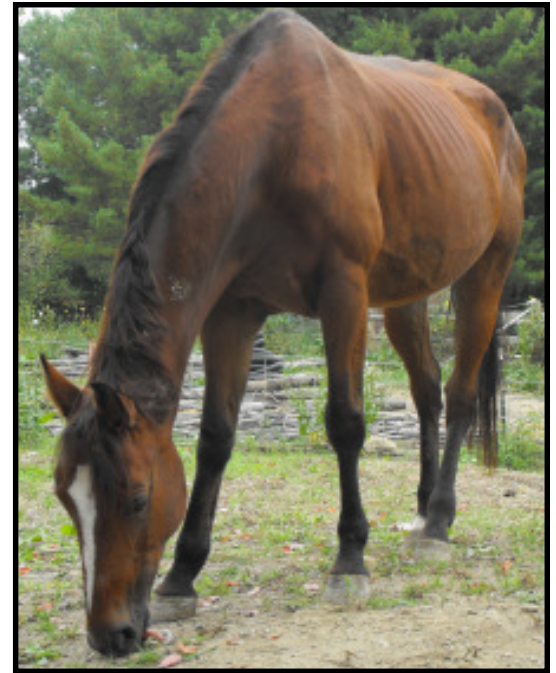
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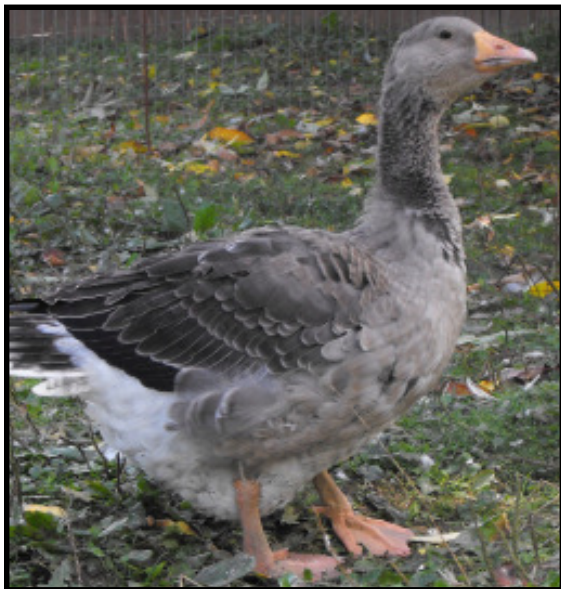
Straw — This is the bedding of choice which is used for all the animals, at 60 bales of straw per week at \$3.50. Winter straw costs will be \$840.

Supplements And Medications — This category includes everything from Ensure for baby Cap'n Butler to special dietary supplements such as Devil's Claw and Yucca (anti-inflammatories) and Chasteberry (a natural herb that works in cooperation with the Pituitary gland) for Houston, a horse with Cushings Disease. Often older horses need relief from arthritis, so joint supplements are provided. Some elderly pigs are on an anti-inflammatory to help ease their arthritis issues. Our vets often recommend pain medications or medications for upper respiratory disease or other ailments. It's important that we are able to purchase meds as needed for the specific needs of each animal. Average monthly cost for this category is \$175, for a winter total of \$875.

Veterinary/Farrier Costs — Each animal that comes into our facility receives a routine vet check up and medical examination. Health concerns are addressed and each animal is treated to provide comfort and relief from pain. Our vet costs are quite impressive to say the least. Many of the horses need their teeth floated (filed) when they come in, and then we turn to our equine dentist. In



Phoenix was one of seven horses found in stalls that were nailed shut. She is continuing to recover from severe malnutrition.



Chairo, a domestic gray gosling, was dumped at a local park, with no survival skills to protect her from harm. Another rescue group brought her to Happy Trails.

this category we also list farrier services. Horses need to have their hooves trimmed every six weeks, at an average cost of \$25 per horse (\$35 for the draft horses). Our average monthly cost to cover these basic health care items is \$1,800, for a winter total of \$9,000.

So providing the animals with even their basic care adds up quickly for the sanctuary. We try our very best to provide a rescued animal with love, care and attention, but we truly rely on the generosity of our friends to help us provide them with their very basic health care and daily needs.

This holiday season, please help Happy Trails give the gift of life, and help us to continue our amazing work of providing Ohio's abused, abandoned and neglected farm animals and horses with a place of refuge, peace, comfort and healing. Thank you from the bottom of our hooves for your

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wishing everyone a peaceful holiday season, with kindness and compassion for all animals,



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