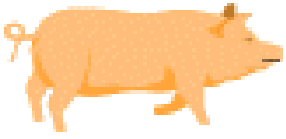
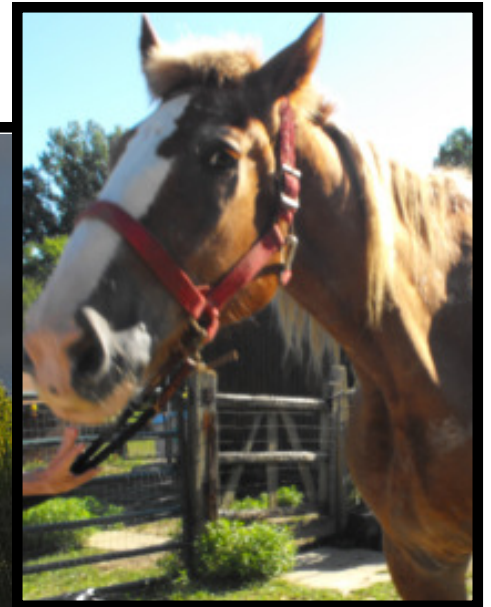




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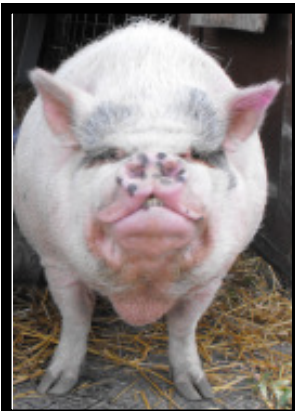
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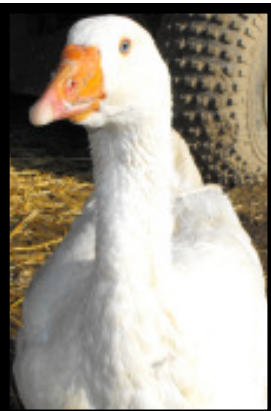
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letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

During this holiday season we have much to be thankful for here at Happy Trails.

Here are a few of the things that I am thankful for:

• HOPE & ENCOURAGEMENT

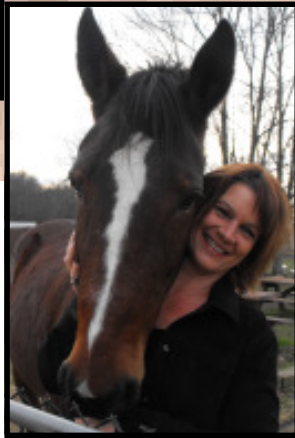
With every letter, message and note that we receive thanking Happy Trails for being a voice for the animals, I am inspired by you, our supporters, our benefactors, our heroes. You give us hope that people are finally realizing that animal abuse is unacceptable with regards to all animals, including farm animals. You encourage us to keep working, to keep rescuing, to keep teaching and to keep speaking out on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

• THE ANIMALS WHO TEACH US

Everyone and everything in the world is our teacher. Every animal who crosses our path teaches us an important lesson, whether we realize it or not. Perhaps they are teaching us patience, unconditional love, tolerance, gratitude or how to be kind to others even when we're experiencing pain. We have much to learn from the animals, if only we are open to the lesson.

• PEOPLE WHO ARE BEING THE CHANGE THEY WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD

In this economy, Happy Trails is beyond grateful for the continued support of our donors. It is



truly only through the generosity of caring people that makes our work possible.

Together we are able to move mountains, and we have proven that over the last 11 years.

I am grateful every day to Creator for the opportunity to serve the rescued animals and the people in their world. Thank you for creating what Happy Trails stands for — kindness and compassion for all animals.

Wishing everyone a gentle and compassionate holiday season

Annette Fisher
Annette Fisher

Executive Director

"In the end, whether or not we are eternal is irrelevant to the course of our lives. If the earth is a better place because I walked upon it, that's enough for me. I will be eternal if my presence here enriches life in a way that continues on beyond my physical existence."

~I.M. Trunk~

CRUELTY-FREE

Experiencing A Compassionate Holiday!

What message do you send with the gifts that you choose?

During this holiday season, make sure the gifts that you give express your sense of compassion. Do the hand lotions and perfumes bear the Leaping Bunny seal to show that they were

not tested on animals? Is the fur on that beautiful sweater faux fur and not from the



Cruelty Free

real thing? To find some guidance as to what companies do not test on animals or where to find vegan gifts, go to www.leapingbunny.com.

Over the past several years, many families have opted out of gift-buying and instead either donated their gift money to Happy Trails or have all sponsored animals in honor of each other. See pages 4, 5 and 9 for more information. Consider giving the gift of life. We are truly thrilled when we receive holiday donations to help the rescued animals!



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AMISH HORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Bill The Horse Is Making An Amazing Recovery!

Nine year old Bill the Belgian draft horse came to Happy Trails through our Amish Horse Retirement Program at the end of July.

Apparently Bill decided to lay down one night in his tie stall at his Amish farm (in a tie stall the horses are tied to the wall as

opposed to being loose in a box-type stall. When struggling to get back to his feet he became cast upside down in his narrow stall, meaning that he became wedged in such a way that struggle as he might, the horse couldn't physically stand back up. He thrashed around in panic. To be cast upside down often causes significant injury and trauma to the spinal cord, legs, withers, neck and head.

His owner found Bill in distress the next morning and took measures to get him freed and tried to treat Bill's many wounds and injuries. **Bill nearly died.** His owner stated that just when he thought Bill had completely given up, Bill decided to live, and though he became more alert, his body was not healing and he continued to lose weight. Two months had gone by. Bill's health issues were many.

Bill was about 500 lbs. underweight and his body was covered with abrasions from where he struggled in the stall. His front left leg was nearly three times the size it should be and was swollen with infection. Open sores surrounded this ankle. His left hip had a tremendous amount of granulated tissue oozing out of a massive open sore. He was in a great deal of pain, standing with his head hanging down instead of holding it up tall and proud like a draft horse should. Bill was a mess.

We decided to take Bill to OSU Veterinary Medical Center in Columbus where **surgery was performed on his ankle.** Bill also had his teeth floated to address an ulcer inside his mouth and had his wolf teeth pulled; **he had the granulated issue debrided and the massive wound on his hip cleaned up,** and he had his hooves trimmed. Bill

came out of the anesthesia with flying colors and even put weight on his leg when it was time to walk back to his stall from the recovery room.

Bill has now made several trips to OSU for cast



Bill will be getting his second hard cast off in the next several weeks. Bill is also working on gaining back about 500 lbs.

changes and check-ups, and he is making a simply amazing recovery! The cavernous wound on his hip appears to be healing over completely and he has already gained over 100 lbs.

Now, three and a half months later, Bill is getting ready to get his last cast off and he is gaining weight daily! We anticipate a complete recovery for Bill.

Bill is one of over 20 horses in need of a caring, loving home. For adoption information, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

Many thanks to Happy Trails Board Member, Barb Bakaletz, who felt very strongly about Bill getting a chance to recover, and offered to become his sponsor for his surgery and his many vet expenses — a tremendous relief to us and with such a generous offer, we gratefully accepted on Bill's behalf!

What should you give your friends, family members or co-workers for Christmas?



Give them...

...an ex-cockfighting rooster!



...a baby calf!



...a really big pig!



But giving a gift sponsorship of a pig, a goat, a horse, or other farm animal rescued through **Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary** is a unique and fun way to save a life and to give a very special gift!



Solving The "What Do We Get Them?" Dilemma!

Put some fun into your gift-giving this year!

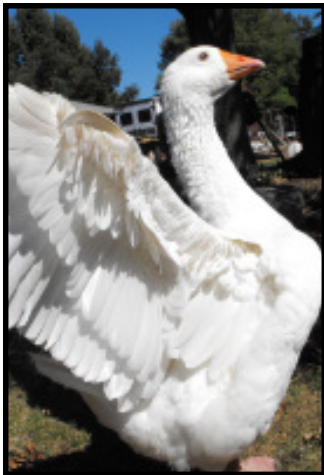
Farm animal sponsorships can be a fun way of giving something very unique to that special or hard-to-buy-for someone this holiday season!

- Select the type of animal that you would like to "give as a gift".
- Fill out this form and mail it as directed or sign up on-line at www.happytrailsfarm.org.
- Questions? Call Sharon at (330) 573-1450 or email at sharonb@happytrailsfarm.org.

To receive a gift sponsorship by Christmas, requests must be received by December 14, 2011!

The gift-recipient will receive a gift-sponsorship package, including a full-color photo and fun-facts about the rescued farm animal, and an information sheet outlining the animal's care at Happy Trails. It

details items such as feed, bedding, shelter, medical, and other items associated with the special needs of that particular animal.



You and your gift-recipient will be invited to the sanctuary to attend one of the special "Sponsor's Days" to meet your sponsored animal in person! Sponsor days are on Saturday, December 31st from 11 - 3 and additional days will be announced for February and March.



GIFT SPONSORSHIP

My Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

I would like to sponsor a rescued animal as a Christmas gift for:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Special Occasion _____ Date _____

email address _____

I would like to send a gift sponsorship for the following type of animal(s). Please send their name, story, information sheet, and a special invitation to visit them to the person above!

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Horse \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Calves \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse or Mini \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pot Belly Pig \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Pig \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goose or Duck \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goat \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hen or Rooster \$20 |

Please return sponsor form and donation by December 14th to arrive in time for Christmas. Mail to:
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.



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

Foster care sought to assist farm animals in family violence situations

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

As in many domestic violence situations, animals often become the target of an abuser after the victim of domestic violence leaves the home. There have been cases where an "ex" has shot the woman's horse or has killed her other pets. Outdoor farm pets are not exempt from domestic violence.

Happy Trails is seeking temporary foster homes throughout Ohio to help in this new initiative to assist families displaced because of violence in the home.

In 2011, The Ohio Domestic Violence Network received funding from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a Keybank Trust, to expand their original research on pet abuse in family violence situations, a problem that continues to be under-reported, and develop a statewide resource database for Ohio.

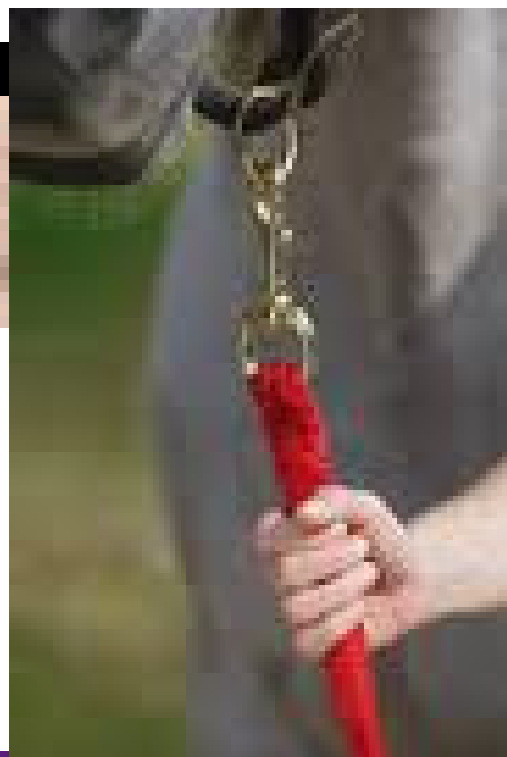
Lesley Ashworth, an expert on domestic violence and the human-animal bond, states "While gathering information for this project, it became clear that Ohio's rural communities face issues generally

not found in urban settings. Rural family members may be just as emotionally attached to their non-traditional pets."

When Happy Trails became aware of the need for temporary support for farm animals in domestic violence situations, we set into motion a plan to solicit regional foster care support throughout the State of Ohio.

It appears that often people do not understand the link between animal abuse, domestic violence, child abuse and other violent crimes. Any animal left behind in a situation of domestic abuse is at risk to become another victim in that family if they are not one already. In many cases, including in Ohio's animal abuse laws and in our court systems, the farm animals and horses are often the overlooked victims of many types of abuses. It's time that as a community we address all the animals who are at risk in these situations, including the outdoor animals living in a family suffering from domestic violence.

Although perhaps not as frequent a problem as providing support for traditional domestic pets, providing support for farm animals can be a critical component in addressing the safety of families



and animals. While horses were most often cited as needing emergency temporary placement, it is not unheard of for other farm animals to be at risk. "The unique alliance between Happy Trails and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network will go a long way to address the problem" says Ashworth.

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

If you are willing to help either to serve as a foster home or to participate on this committee, please be assured your participation will remain anonymous. Contact Happy Trails at 330 296-5914 or email Annette at annette@happytrailsfarm.org.

HAPPY TRAILS SUPPORTERS ROCK!

Land Security Campaign An Amazing Success!

This past summer Happy Trails had the opportunity to purchase the property on which the sanctuary is

located before it would be put on the open market for sale. agreed to at \$128,000. The 9.09 acres of property included the house and two garages as well as all the buildings on the property.

The down payment required by the bank was \$26,000 which was our immediate campaign goal. Fees, appraisals, surveys, etc, raised the amount we needed to \$33,000.

A very kind and dedicated Happy Trails friend and supporter, Dan Kennedy, a well-known and widely-respected marketing guru, generously offered to do a matching funds campaign.

(Learn more about Dan and Glazer-Kennedy's Insiders Circle at dankennedy.com.) Dan originally offered to match any individual donation that came in up to the original \$26,000 down payment that was needed. As the campaign went along, Dan once again made yet another generous offer, and "upped" the amount of funds that he would match to \$30,000. Quite a large sum to match

indeed, and we were incredibly grateful for his kindness. *Could we even bring in that much money to match?*

We began our campaign to raise the \$33,000 needed for the down payment to purchase the land. We were hoping against hope that we could raise the money for the down payment as well as all the fees and additional charges. If we took the money from our general operating expenses, it would need to be replenished immediately so that it would not cut our daily operating funds short. We began our campaign with great hope and anticipation

Much to our amazement, and I do mean *complete* amazement, people who believe in the work that we do here at Happy Trails let their approval be heard loud and clear through the donations that we received

As of this printing Happy Trails has received donations amounting to \$71,053.50 toward our purchase of the property! Add to that the \$30,000 matching funds from our mentor, Dan Kennedy, and we have a total of \$101,053.50 toward the property purchase!

Dan Kennedy



located before it would be put on the open market for sale.

To secure the future of Happy Trails and to make sure that we wouldn't have to move the sanctuary, it was in the best interest of the organization to attempt to secure a commercial loan and raise funds for a down payment.

A purchase price (which corresponded with the appraisal value of the land) was

NEW BUILDING & REPAIRS

Facility Updates!

New Poultry Barn



(above) Gabrielle Nichols has power tools and she knows how to use them as she helps predator-proof the rooster barn! You go girl!



(left) The beautiful new poultry barn is also serving as a temporary home for two baby calves and a recently neutered sheep!

The Alpine Structures crew from Millersburg arrived at Happy Trails on November 4th around 7am, and by the time they rolled their truck out of the driveway around 3pm, we had a brand new 16' x 32' poultry barn constructed!

This new barn was built next to the outdoor fly cage which was designed to protect the feathered friends from predators. These two structures will be connected by a walkway so the birds can enter or exit the barn at their leisure. Many thanks to Bentley Hudson, electrician and Happy Trails volunteer extraordinaire, who has been busy creating stalls, running electricity and finishing the inside of the new barn, which is looking fabulous by the way! Very nice job!

Other recent facility updates include:

- Replacing old dilapidated fencing with new hog-panel fencing which

was installed around Paco and Priscilla's (the farm pigs) area. This project was designed and completed by Jason Wolboldt, Gabrielle Nichols, and a variety of helpers.

- Predator-proofing our rooster barn, so we now have more spacious rooster "stalls" and a safer barn.

This project was completed thanks to hard working volunteers including Kristen Beck, Jason Wolboldt, Dave Roberts, Carl Rohrer, Blaise Rohrer, Alex Hale, Joel Stanley, Gabrielle Nichols, and Lissy Kuhn. The predator-proofing project was made possible by generous donations from Lynn Wancata and Kristen Beck - many thanks to you both!

Win A Kayak!

Appalachian Outfitters is raffling off an Ocean Kayak Peekaboo kayak with all proceeds going to the Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and must be purchased in person at the store. The winner will be announced on December 11, 2011.



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Holiday Wish List

THE BASICS

hay
straw
vegetable oil
gas/fuel cards
red heat lamp bulbs
heated water buckets
bottled water for volunteers
loads of gravel
snow blower
snow shovels
work gloves (non-leather)
brooms (any type or size)
metal garbage cans with lids
wall medicine cabinets or
Rubbermaid-type wall-
mounted cabinet
fly spray
flashlights
pocket knives
scissors
bolt cutters
Giant Eagle gift cards for
animal prescriptions and
apples, carrots, etc.
post hole digger for the
Bobcat (skidsteer)
stock trailer
postage stamps
printer cartridges for a
Brother HL-4070CDW
8½ x 11 white and/or color
copy paper
large or x-large pet porters

GIFT CARDS

Gift cards to outdoor stores such
as Tractor Supply or gas/fuel gift
cards for any gas station are
very much appreciated!

FEED

You can call the following
feed stores with your
credit card to reserve grain
for Happy Trails!

- **Pettigrew Feed (Rootstown)**
330-325-1500
- **Western Reserve (Ravenna)**
330-296-3424
- **Geauga Feed (Newbury)**
440-564-5000

Simply choose one of the feed
stores above, call and say that
you are making a monetary
donation over the phone for the
rescued animals at Happy
Trails. You will receive a thank
you/receipt in the mail. Once a
week throughout the holidays a
Happy Trails volunteer will stop
at the stores and pick up feed
that has been paid for by our
friends and supporters!

EXCHANGING GIFTS

We have seen many families
who forego exchanging gifts and
instead donate their gift-ex-
change money to the rescued
animals. What an incredible way
to give the gift of life together as
a family by providing for the
needs of our less fortunate furry
and feathered friends. *Many
thanks to all the families who
plan to enjoy the holidays
this year in this fashion, for
we are eternally grateful for
your love and support!*



Want to buy a
present for
the rescued
animals for
Christmas and
have it shipped
directly to
Happy Trails?

**Go to
amazon.com!**

[http://amzn.com/w/
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**Items being added
to the list daily -
be sure to keep
checking back!**

Christmas Donations

To drop off a Christmas
donation in person, please call
for an appointment —
330-296-5914.

We operate with all volunteers and often
don't have someone available in the
office to meet and greet! Tax-deduct-
ible monetary donations can be
mailed to: Happy Trails,
5623 New Milford Rd.,
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ONE OF THE WORST STARVATION CASES

Paninah The Horse

Last March Happy Trails assisted the Portage APL with the rescue of a horse from a severe starvation case. The frail 20 year old mare had no shelter, no hay, and was standing soaking wet in the freezing rain as her body temperature dropped dangerously low into hypothermia.

Her road to recovery over this past summer was long and slow, and there were many times when she would lay down but was unable to get back to her feet on her own. A team of volunteers would use a system of pulleys and the skid steer to stand her back up multiple times. But the mare never did give up. She was quite the fighter and she truly wanted to live

A trip to OSU Veterinary Medical Center in Columbus and a battery of tests gave us direction for her care. Over the summer, Paninah gradually became stronger and gained a great deal of weight.

The court case against her caretaker is still pending as of this writing.

We are now seeking a caring,

loving home where Paninah can retire in peace and comfort. She is a very sweet mare, gets along with all the other horses, and has a lot of love to give to some lucky family. If you are interested in adopting Paninah or sponsoring her at Happy Trails until we are able to find her a permanent home, please contact us at 330-296-5914 or email us through the website at happytrailsfarm.org.

To date her expenses include \$2,987.92 in medical expenses, \$2,200 in grain, hay and straw, and \$120 in hoof trimming, among other expenses. Any donation toward her care is very much appreciated. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, with a note "for Paninah"



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"Puh neen nuh"

Baby Calves, Sheep And A Pot Belly Pig Arrive At Happy Trails

On October 6th, Happy Trails assisted the Medina County SPCA with the removal of 31 cockfighting roosters (and several hens) along with an assortment of farm animals from a property in Medina.

Two very weak baby calves and six sheep with various health issues were brought to Happy Trails along with other farm animals. Many thanks to Geauga County's Rescue Village for helping out with temporary quarantine facilities for the sheep.



The baby calves, named Freedom and Destiny, received immediate vet care as did the group of sheep.

Cruelty charges in this case have been filed, so details of the case will be withheld pending the outcome of the trial.

In September, Happy Trails



welcomed a handsome, pink pot belly pig named Nigel from the Euclid Animal Control organization. Nigel was a stray piggy who was not able to find a new home. Once at Happy Trails Nigel was neutered and is now available for adoption!

To help out with the medical costs and daily care of Freedom and Destiny, Nigel, or the group of sheep, tax deductible donations along with a note indicating who you would like to help can be sent to Happy Trails at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

(left) Adorable Nigel the pot belly pig is now available for adoption!



Horse Returns...

Our adoption program protects an animal for the rest of its life, so when an adoptive home can no longer care for the animal, it gets returned to our rescue program. Recently we've had some wonderful horses returned. Please consider adopting a rescued horse from Happy Trails!



Ariel was recently returned to our rescue program and is once again available for adoption.

Ariel, a 20 year old flea-bitten grey Arabian mare, quiet and great with kids, has been just been returned; Berkley, a handsome bay Standardbred gelding who would make a great pasture pal for some lucky horse, is being returned; and then there's Beauty who lives up to her name! She's a very pretty, very short but solid Morab (Morgan/ Arab mix) who knows how to pull a cart and can do so for short distances. Beauty was recently returned, as was Ayashe, a colorful black and white paint mare ready for training!

Help us spread the word to find wonderful adoptive homes! For more details, call us at 330-296-5914.

A COMPASSIONATE HOLIDAY

Nearly 250 Guests Joined Us For Happy Trails 2011 Compassionate Thanksgiving!

To start off the holidays with kindness and compassion for all animals, Happy Trails hosted our 2nd annual Compassionate Thanksgiving on Saturday, November



54th at the Stow American Legion Banquet Hall on Fishcreek Road. A big heartfelt thank you goes out to the nearly 250 people who attended!

Chef Scot Jones, Executive Chef of the former Vegi-Terranean Restaurant in Akron, created an incredible vegan Thanksgiving menu, which was catered in cooperation with our friends at Todero's Party Center.

Gift baskets were raffled off and a wonderful atmosphere of holiday cheer permeated the beautifully decorated banquet hall.

Many thanks to:

- Rossi Chiropractic on Graham Road in Cuyahoga Falls and Battaglia's Garden Center on Rt. 59 in Ravenna who provided a sponsorship for the event
- The very dedicated crew of Happy Trails volunteers who made this event possible
- American Legion Hall for working together with us to create such a beautiful venue for our dinner
- All the businesses and individuals who donated items for the raffle
- Chef Scott and friends who made sure that the masterpiece he created was carried out to perfection
- Frank and the good folks at Todero's Party Center for being so kind, cooperative and professional
- All of our guests who joined us to start out the holidays with kindness and compassion

The feedback we received from guests was phenomenal, and we can't wait to start off everyone's holidays again next year with yet another compassionate and cruelty-free feast!

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GALA FUNDRAISER UPDATE

The August Gala Fundraiser Brought In Over \$21,000!



(from left) Annette Fisher, Pete Lillo, Dan Kennedy, Carla Kennedy and Donna Lillo

On Saturday, August 20th, St. George's Banquet Hall in Fairlawn welcomed guests to a gala fundraiser which featured a vegan dinner, a silent and a live auction, and the musical talents of Zach Freidhof.

The banquet hall was breathtakingly beautiful and it was truly a magical evening.

The total of the evening brought in over \$21,000!

Many thanks to:

- Gala sponsors DeWitt's Jewelry, Poisonberry Bakery, Pattycake Bakery, Humanekind Photography, and Forever Safe Farms

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- The gala committee and volunteers who generously donated their time and talents to making this fundraiser a huge success
- St. George's Hall for their professionalism and enthusiasm and excellent vegan cuisine
- All of our guests who joined us for this very special fundraiser and who graciously and generously bid on our silent auction items

If you would like to join us as we plan our major fundraising events for 2012, please call us at 330-296-5914 or email us through the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

Many Thanks To Our 2011 Gala Sponsors!



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SPECIAL AWARD

Happy Trails Receives Human Values Award

Happy Trails was one of several organizations honored to receive the Human Values Award.

On hand to represent Happy Trails was board member Barb Bakaletz, volunteer Ilona Urban and executive director Annette Fisher.



Happy Trails Executive Director Annette Fisher (left) and Educational Program Volunteer Ilona Urban

On behalf of Happy Trails, we are honored to be considered among those who make a difference in the world. This very special evening was created through the cooperation of the Human Values Award organization and the Akron Peace Project organization.

To check out these two wonderful, progressive, innovative organizations go to:

- www.humanvaluesaward.org
- www.akronpeaceproject.org



"It's a matter of taking the side of the weak against the strong, something the best of people have always done."

Harriet Beecher Stowe

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Make A Holiday Donation Through PayPal

Want to make a donation for the rescued animals during the holiday through the Happy Trails website?

Check out our wish list at www.happytrailsfarm.org, and simply make a donation for the amount of a certain item on-line through PayPal, and we'll purchase that item for you! Or you can make a general donation to be used in the area of the most need.

It's easy — just go to www.happytrailsfarm.org for more information!



Thank You

Please know just how much we appreciate each and every one of you for being the change you wish to see in the world. We are grateful for your support, your inspiration, and your confidence in us.

We'd love to mention all the wonderful things that people do for the sanctuary, but do to limited space we can only mention a few.

Many thanks to...

- ...**Andy Drnjevic, Eileen and Bob Roloff, Candace Phillips, Deb and Dave Robinson, and Jennifer Weber** for fostering horses
- ...**The Bollinger family** for planting a vegetable garden and for donating the produce to Happy Trails
- ...To all **the grocery and produce**

stores who send outdated veggies for the animals

- ...To our volunteer haulers who have transported animals hundreds of miles over the past year, **Phyllis and Jake Leonhardt and Debbie McCort**
- ...To **Bentley Hudson, Jason Wolboldt, Gabrielle Nichols, Cindy Dilley, and Sharon Barnard** for going way above and beyond the call of duty as sanctuary volunteers and for putting in an exorbitant number of manual labor hours
- ...**Laura Lindauer** for being so dedicated with her quest for finding grant opportunities for Happy Trails
- ...to everyone who has done some small task that has taken a burden off someone else, we appreciate every gesture of kindness, no matter how small you may think it seems!

2012 Fundraising/ Special Event Committees

Interested in helping plan Happy Trails major events for 2012? Consider joining our special events and fundraising committees and help us plan the 2012 Big Event of the year, the 2012 Compassionate Thanksgiving, and more! Call us at 330-296-5914 or email us at annette@happytrailsfarm.org.

Applications For 2012 Board Of Directors

Happy Trails is accepting applications for our 2012 Board Of Directors. Qualified candidates must meet the following requirements: practice a vegan or vegetarian life-style; bring net working skills and professionalism to the board; be able to dedicate time to meeting monthly as well as getting involved in fundraising activities.

For an application, please call the sanctuary at 330-296-5914 or email us through the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Ghandi

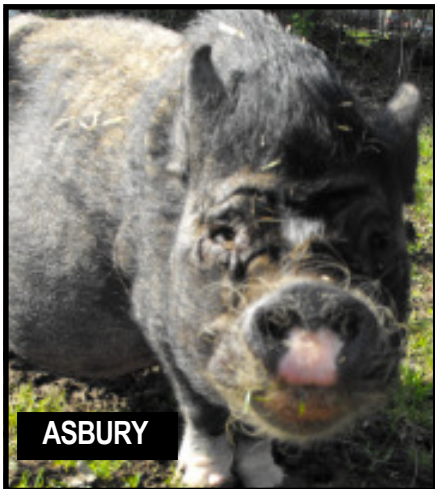
Saying Good Bye To Our Furry And Feathered Friends

Tribute To Maria, Asbury, Bravo, Quincy, Festus & Dillon

Land Security Campaign

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The rescued animals who become ingrained in our lives and in our hearts are terribly missed when they pass. You know this to be true of your own household pets, and it is no different for the Happy Trails volunteers and staff when we lose a beloved farm animal.



ASBURY

We recently said good bye to one of the coolest pigs Creator ever made, and that was Asbury. She will truly be in my heart forever, for when she first arrived at Happy Trails, she wanted to bite everyone. I would stand inside a big plastic tube as I got her used to being pet so that she couldn't bite my legs. She got to the point where she actually enjoyed the touch of her human friends, and belly rubs were definitely a must!

Quincy the gray goose died unexpectedly one morning. His other goose friends, Zeus and Chairu Egypt, said their good-byes to their feathered friend and acknowledged his passing before we took him away.



QUINCY

Maria Pigget was with us for many years. Sadly arthritis got the best of her large frame to the point where she was unable to move about freely. With the cold winter about to descend upon us, it was a tough decision but it was in her best interest to help her go into the world of the spirit where she would not have to suffer through the bitter cold temperatures unable to move about.

Bravo was an ex-cockfighting rooster who stole the hearts of everyone who knew him. His dance was magical if you were important enough for him to dance for you.

And Festus and Dillon were two roosters who sadly were the victims of predators. We mourn the loss of our animal friends, but we rejoice that they are once again whole and complete in the world of the spirit.



MARIA

I am honored and humbled to report that Happy Trails closed our loan on Friday, October 21st, and the deed was filed on Monday, October 24th.

We never in our wildest dreams imagined that we would have this type of response to our request. We are beyond grateful to know that you take our work seriously and that you are very determined to make sure that Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary continues to grow and serve the abused and neglected farm animals and horses. This land purchase also continues to provide stability for our outreach programs to the many communities that we service.

This land security campaign did exactly what it was supposed to do — secure the future for Happy Trails and all the work that is yet to be done.

We are filled with gratitude to everyone who donated, and to Dan Kennedy for his kindness and generosity. Thank you all for your support!



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