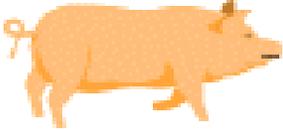


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

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**Together We Are
Accomplishing Great Things!**



NATASHA AND ODESSA'S HOLIDAY WISH LIST

for all animals to have a warm bed this winter • to have a kind hand guide those of us who cannot see • to be given hay as sustenance for us live • to be corrected gently if we have done something wrong • to be respected for simply being a creature whose life matters • for people to understand that we can feel pain and sadness • to have friends like me • for people to have compassion and empathy • to spread peace and healing for all animals everywhere • to stop the madness of “acceptable industry standards” like de-beaking the chickens and castrating us without anesthesia • to send healing to all those who may be suffering this holiday season

letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

Gratitude. That word sums up the feeling in my heart when I look back at the progress we have made with all of us working together — progress in the number of farm animal abuse cases we are able to handle as well as continually improving the facilities at Happy Trails.

I am in awe of the number of people who believe in the mission of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. I am *beyond grateful* for donors who make the animal rescue services and educational programs we provide possible. I am humbled by the kind and thoughtful notes and cards that we receive daily and the letters with words of inspiration that encourage us to continue on with our work. And I have a **strong faith that the organization of Happy Trails will continue to grow, to prosper, to save lives, to educate, and to make a difference** — we're here for the long haul!

As the year 2013 comes to a close and I look back on our successes and highlights, I am indeed thankful for many things. Happy Trails currently has the most dedicated staff members in our history. Our volunteers are die-hard workers who make up an important piece of the puzzle. **And our donors and supporters make miracles happen daily** — you pay for surgeries that make it possible for abused animals to recover and to heal; you allow us to buy medications, joint supplements, grain, and hay; you provide thick straw bedding for the cold and the weak; you buy fuel for our vehicles which enables us to pick up animals from rescue sites and enables us to transport them to vet

hospitals and clinics for treatment; you pay for our general operating expenses for things such as electricity, trash removal, internet service, and insurance; you repair the fences and fix the leaky roofs on the animal shelters; and you pay for repairs and upkeep for the vehicles so we can continue to serve law enforcement and pick up animals at a moment's notice.

For all of this and more, I am extremely and extraordinarily grateful to each and every one of you. **Together we are making great strides in spreading kindness and compassion for all animals, in creating an awareness of the abuses to farm animals in particular, and we are changing minds, opening eyes, and softening hearts one person at a time.** Thank you for working hand in hand with us, for together, we are an amazing team bringing peace and healing to

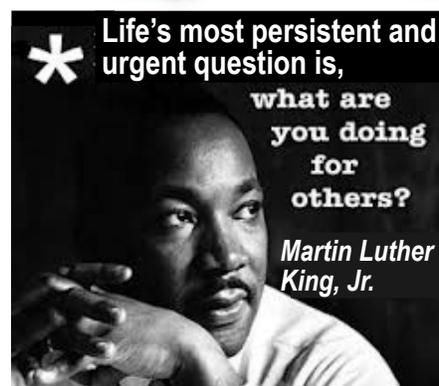


the animals, to our communities and to our world.

Wishing everyone a peaceful, safe, animal-friendly and cruelty-free holiday season!

*With kindness and compassion
for all animals,*

Annette Fisher
Executive Director



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Call us at
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“Good Sam Sheep”

Recently Happy Trails assisted the Greater Akron Humane Society and rescued a sheep that had been found as a stray near Archwood Avenue in Akron. Not a great place to be if you're a sheep. The small but adorable sheep was frightened, nervous and covered with dried poo. Here I'll share with you an excerpt from the nightly animal care updates that are sent to us by our evening staff. The following update is from animal care giver and intern, Ashley Kloes: *“Hello all! The little sheep is in the stall next to Kate (the horse) for the time being. She was settling in and eating some hay when I left. She is pretty nervous about everything but I was glad to see her eat. On the papers that the vets office gave us they referred to the man who brought her in as a Good Samaritan. For her name they wrote “Good Sam Sheep” for short. So, Ashley E. and I decided that Samantha should be her name. She is such a cutie! Everything else went well tonight. Good night!”* Ashley K.



Through acquired information, we discovered that Samantha was being kept by people in the city who intended to kill her. She escaped when being transferred from a crate where she was kept. Lucky for Sam, she got away and though she was

traumatized when attacked by dogs, she was rescued and brought to the safety of Happy Trails. Thankfully Samantha has now been adopted by a very caring family who had already adopted several sheep from us this past year. Sam is fitting in nicely with her new friends, and will even take treats from her mama's hand as long as Sam can stand behind another sheep for confidence!

(Left) Good Sam Sheep with her new sheep friend, Pecora.



Hope Evans, Social Work Intern, Creates Veterans Healing Program For Spring 2014

One of the Happy Trails fall semester interns is helping us to establish a healing program for veterans, which should be in place by spring 2014. Hope Evans, a social work major at the University of Akron, plans to

establish a program where rescued Happy Trails farm animals can interact with veterans to help promote peace and healing in the lives of the veterans as well as in the lives of the rescued animals. This unique program will be unveiled hopefully this spring. Watch for details to come on the Happy Trails website and in future newsletters!

The Happy Trails student internship program currently covers marketing, social work, and animal welfare. If you know of a student who would be interested in participating in the Happy Trails internship program, contact us at 330-296-5914 for more details.

(Left) Hope Evans hugs a mini horse who we anticipate will become part of the program.



Meet Intern/Staff Member, Ashley Kloes

Kent State biology major, Ashley Kloes, had been volunteering with Happy Trails for about a year before being brought on as a part-time Animal Care Giver staff member. This semester Ashley is also completing a student internship with Happy Trails. We hope to bring Ashley on as a full-time staff member after graduation in spring of 2014. Ashley has a great deal of horse experience, is safe and reliable, and very dedicated to the animals in her care. We are happy to have Ashley Kloes as part of the Happy Trails crew!

Happy Trails GIFT SHOP Open For The Holidays!

As we prepare for the holidays, Happy Trails continues to try to find creative ways we can raise funds for the care of the rescued animals.

The old office area has been repainted and is becoming a rather nicely-put-together gift shop that will feature some great gift ideas just in time for the holidays.

100% of the proceeds from every purchase will go directly for the care of the rescued animals.

Logo apparel will include hoodies, jackets, long sleeve shirts, scarves, and an assortment of tops, pull-overs, t-shirts and more.

Look for calendars, mugs, blankets, mouse pads and other unique gift ideas.

You won't find these Happy Trails logo items in any other store!

(Right) Pip At The Plate is a truly wonderful children's book, created exclusively for Happy Trails. At only \$5 it's a great stocking stuffer. *Can't make it to the store?* Call us at 330-296-5914 and we'll mail one out to you.



Gift Shop

5623 New Milford Rd.
Ravenna, Ohio

November - December
STORE HOURS

Wed. Nights.. 5pm to 8pm
(Closed Christmas Day)

Saturdays 10am to 4pm

Sundays 12pm to 4pm

Treat yourself to
something special or
find great gift ideas.

*Either way the
rescued animals benefit!*

BLACK FRIDAY THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who shopped at Happy Trails on Black Friday! **A special shout-out goes to our friends, Richard and Marilyn Cowdery and baby Emmie, who drove all the way from Michigan to visit the gift shop and meet the rescued animals in person!** We are SO grateful to have such dedicated supporters and we are filled with awe to know that the rescued animals are very important to so many caring people!



Happy Trails Giving Tree Program

Participating Locations:

- **Pettigrew Feed & Hardware**

330-325-1500

6773 Tallmadge Rd, Rootstown, Oh 44272

- **Western Reserve Farm Co-op**

440-285-3143 Chardon

12285 Ravenna Rd., Chardon, Oh 44024

330-296-3424 Ravenna

467 Cleveland Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266

- **Discount Stables**

330-628-0139

41 S. Cleveland Ave, Mogadore, Oh 44260

- **Barle Soup & Sandwich**

216-371-3050 (tree has monetary

donations for medical and other expenses)

2483 Lee Blvd., Cleve. Heights, Oh 44118

How Does The Giving Tree Program Work?

YOU CAN EITHER:

1. Visit one of the participating locations in person and then:

- Select an ornament from the Giving Tree.
- Purchase the item listed on the back of the ornament for the rescued farm animals from the store you are visiting. Leave the item at the store and a Happy Trails volunteer will pick up donated merchandise during the holiday season.
- Take the ornament home and proudly hang it on your tree as a reminder that you made a difference this holiday season!

OR...

2. Call in to one of the participating locations, and then:

- Provide a credit card number over the phone and request that an amount of your choosing be donated to Happy Trails. The store will apply that amount to Happy Trails so we can purchase items for the animals, and you will receive a thank you, tax receipt and ornament in the mail!

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Donations are tax deductible.

Happy Trails

2013 Holiday Wish List

We strive to give the rescued animal's the very best in food, shelter, and medical care, and to provide them with a clean, safe environment. We also strive to give our visitors a safe, educational and rewarding experience by allowing them to enter the animal's yards and getting to know them up close and personal during guided sanctuary tours hosted seasonally.

Listed below are a few wish list items that include needs, wants, hopes and dreams. It covers everything from something simple like bottled water for our volunteers who generously donate their time, to fulfilling a dream of a large piece of land to be used for expansion, rescue and education, and everything in between.

Thank you for helping us provide rescue, rehab and adoption programs for the rescued animals and educational and experiential programs for our communities!



ITEMS USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- Paint brushes, rollers, paint pans, and any painting supplies
- Lime or stall deodorizer
- Leaf rakes
- Pitch forks and stall picks
- Muck tubs
- Wheel barrows
- Power tools (drills, saws, nail guns - we are ALWAYS repairing something and borrowing tools)
- Hammers and nails (all types)
- Bungee cords
- Tarps (any size)
- Rest room products such as paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex



ANIMAL HEALTH CARE

- Paste wormers such as Quest, Strongid, Zimectrin, Panacur, etc.
- Large pet porters, crates or cages in good condition
- Over-The-Counter Items: Vaseline, Bag Balm, Vetracyn, Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Saline Solution, Iodine
- 4"x4" gauze pads
- Thrush Buster or Copertux
- Horse thermometers
- Stethoscopes (for both large and small animals)



GIFT CARDS

- Gas & fuel cards for diesel and gasoline (any station)
- Gift cards :
Pettigrew Feed in Edinburg;
Western Reserve in Ravenna; TSC (Tractor Supply Company) in Ravenna; Big Ds Tack in Streetsboro; Carl's Tack in Atwater



FOR OUR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS

- Bottled water or soft drinks
- Vegan snacks
- Hand and foot warmers



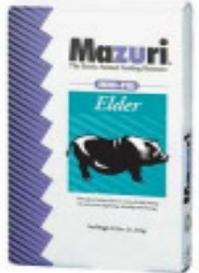
WINTER NEEDS

- 64" to 68" (small sized) horse blankets
- Red heat lamp bulbs and heat lamps
- Sleeping bags, comforters, and blankets for the arthritic or injured animals



ANIMAL NUTRITION

- Hay (and straw for bedding) - not more than a year old, cannot be moldy
- Grain: Hog pellets, duck/goose pellets, chicken laying mash or scratch (any brands); Safe Choice for horses; Mazuri Elder pot belly pig pellets



TREATS FOR THE ANIMALS

If you wish to donate produce, vegetables or fruits, please check the following list before sending snacks. The farm animals' diets are closely monitored. We allow them to have only certain foods other than their grain and hay. Any fruits or vegetables that are donated cannot be moldy or rotted. Please understand that we can only accept the following food and produce items:below:

- Apples and Carrots
- Sealed bags of Ginger Snap cookies or cans of pumpkin (both actually good for sour stomachs)
- Breads, buns, rolls (great for hiding medicine)
- Bananas, pears, watermelon, lettuce
- Corn on the cob
- Strawberries and grapes



Happy Trails Holiday Wish List Continued

EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES



- A post-hole digger attachment for our Bobcat
- A van or SUV to be used for educational purposes and special events. This type of vehicle would be ideal to keep display materials dry when transporting literature and display items to functions. It would also have

plenty of room to haul smaller animals to events



to keep them safe and dry without having to haul the large horse trailer.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- An automated roll-up tarp door for



our new storage building. Call for size and details!

- Concrete or other paving material for walkways and driveways throughout the sanctuary. We have several concrete projects, everything from pouring several small concrete pads to paving the driveways. This would accommodate folks in wheelchairs



who arrive for a tour and will help provide safer footing for guests, staff and volunteers. This will also cut down immensely on mud.

- Fencing supplies to fence in the

remainder of the property, including wooden posts, rolls of 5' tall field fence, and 2x8"x8' boards. Call us for details on quantities.

- Sand: We are replacing the footing in our arena which is sadly in need of upgrading regarding the footing and sand base. Currently the arena has a great deal of rocks coming up from below the layers of sand. We are going to scrape away the existing sand and base and start



fresh, resulting in the need for approximately 40 tons of arena sand at approximately \$20/ton.

- A sponsor for half of the concrete pad which has been poured for the



new storage building. We had incorrectly listed two concrete sponsors in the October newsletter. Many thanks to Barb Miller for sponsoring \$1,250, which is half of the total cost of \$2,500. The other half was incorrectly attributed to another donor. However, Happy Trails is still seeking donations to help us pay for the other half of the

concrete flooring, which is a total of \$1,250.

BIG GOALS

- Acreage within an hour of the sanctuary. Our ideal tract of land would be 100+ acres to expand the sanctuary, create an educational building, develop larger pastures and turn out areas, and eventually include a nursing home attached to the sanctuary which would focus on interaction with rescued farm animals.



DONATING

If you would like to drop off donated items this holiday season, please call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914 to set up an appointment. At this time we do not have the luxury of a paid staff person to work in the office during set hours. Donations are tax-deductible and you will receive a tax deductible receipt for your donation. Thank you very much for your support!



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Exciting Arena Campaign Update!

Pretty soon you won't be able to see a horse like Crecencia standing in a muddy outdoor arena at Happy Trails!

Thanks to your generous contributions, we have currently (at the time this newsletter is going to print) received \$46,000 in donations toward Phase I of the Covered Arena Project which is scheduled to get underway the first week of March 2014. Construction, which is being handled by our friends at Metis Construction in Kent, should be completed within three weeks of the start date.

Marcel Clopton, project manager, and Caitlin Doherty, office assistant and former Happy Trails volunteer, are determined to help Happy Trails save money and get the community involved in this special project. If your company would like to be involved, donate supplies, provide manual labor, concrete for setting posts, assistance with leveling the site and removing the old sand, etc., please contact either Marcel or Caitlin at 330-677-7333.

Phase I of the Covered Arena Project is to get the new building itself constructed. **Phase II** will be to raise enough funds to get the lighting and electricity installed; drainage addressed around the arena and drain pipe installed; proper footing to replace the rocky sand that is currently in the arena, and to complete any details that will help us finish the overall project.

After construction is completed in the spring, we will host an open house to invite everyone who donated to this project to attend a special grand opening ceremony. We are *grateful* for the opportunity to improve the care we can provide for the rescued animals.

To learn more about the Covered Arena Project and how this important new addition will help the organization become self-sustainable, go to www.happytrailsfarm.org. To donate toward Phase II go to page 13 of the newsletter.



Raffle Baskets For February Fundraiser

Happy Trails is in the process of planning An Evening Of Hope And Inspiration to be held in February (details to come!). We are seeking donations of gift baskets that would be appropriate to be used as Chinese raffle items, and we are asking that the items be animal-friendly (this means no animal products or animal testing). Theme baskets often range from pet care, wine, soaps and lotions or automotive, to vacations, office needs, a night "in", and everything in between.

If you would like to donate a theme basket, or even just

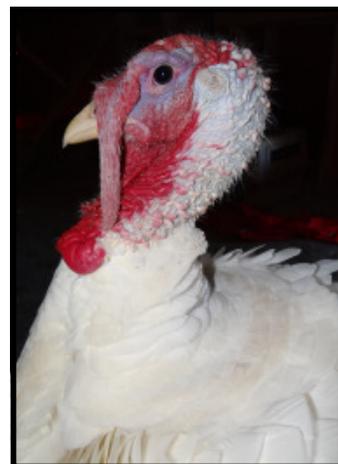
one item that can be combined with other items to create a theme basket, please contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. Your donation is tax deductible.

Like to plan special events? Let us know you'd like to be on our event planning committees and help us raise funds for the rescued animals! Call us: 330-296-5914.



Tribute To Joseph

He was tall. He was extremely handsome. He was debonair. He was friendly. He was loved by everyone. He was Joseph, a recently rescued turkey who arrived at Happy Trails in November. Joseph was only with us about a week before the inevitable happened — he had a heart attack. Like all genetically manipulated turkeys who are engineered to grow so incredibly fast, sadly their hearts, hips, and feet are not designed to keep up with the enormous amount of weight they gain. If they are not butchered at a young age, they often die of a stroke, heart attack or broken legs or hips that give out. We held Joseph and comforted him as he crossed the Rainbow Bridge and entered the world of the spirit. Thanks to the good folks at Town & Country Vet Clinic for your help and compassion. Though you were only with us a short time, Joseph, you touched many hearts. We will remember you and all your friends with kindness and caring throughout this holiday season.



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

Put some fun into your gift-giving!

Farm animal sponsorships can be a fun way of giving something very unique to that special or hard-to-buy-for someone and at the same time, show your compassion for rescued animals!

- Select the type of rescued animal that you would like to "give as a gift".
- Fill out this form and mail it as directed. Requests must be received by December 15th to guarantee arrival in the mail by Christmas.



The gift-recipient will receive a gift-sponsorship package, including a full-color photo, and facts about the rescued farm animal. Details include feed, bedding, shelter, medical, and other items associated with the special needs of that particular rescued animal.

And, your gift-recipient will also be invited to the sanctuary to meet their sponsored animal in person!

Want To Charge It?

Use PayPal on our website at happytrailsfarm.org, charge by phone at 330-296-5914, **or** include the coupon below!

Please charge my ___ VISA ___ Mastercard

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CSC (3 digits on back) _____

Name On Card _____

Signature _____

FARM ANIMAL GIFT SPONSORSHIP

My Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

I would like to sponsor a rescued animal as a 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 rescued animal(s). Please send their name, story, information sheet, and a special invitation to visit them to the person above!

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Horse \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat \$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/Duck/Turkey \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken (Hen or Rooster) \$20 |

Please return sponsor form and donation by December 15th, 2013.
 Mail to: Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary,
 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.



We could fill an entire newsletter with stories of wonderful people doing amazing things for the sanctuary, so we always try to say thank you to at least a few folks for their kindness and support.

Thank you to:

- **Mary Ann Graff**, morning DJ and show host for the Forum Program at K105FM, a

Cumulous Broadcasting station. Mary Ann welcomes Happy Trails director, Annette Fisher, on the Forum Program on a regular basis. The Forum Program airs on K105FM on Sunday mornings from 7am to 7:30am, and on the various Cumulous Broadcasting stations throughout the week.



- **Kathy Antoniotti**, reporter for the **Akron Beacon Journal**, for writing and creating a huge, front-page newsworthy article to promote Happy Trails Covered Arena Campaign. Thanks to this major article and a follow up report, Happy Trails was able to collect enough donations to start construction on the covered arena which will begin in March.



- A special thank you to **Jason Wolboldt** for installing new fencing yard for Paco and Priscilla, the farm pigs, and for designing and constructing a feeding shelter for them for winter



- To the following organizations for being willing to work with Happy Trails Internship Program to give our interns a well-rounded learning experience: **Medina Raptor Center**; **Geauga County's Rescue Village**; **Alger Vet Clinic**; and

the Portage Animal Protective League

- Some of our amazing volunteers who are at the sanctuary faithfully — **Bentley Hudson, Carl Ehmann, Jason Wolboldt, Tari Addison, Angel Brandner, Cindy Dilley, Tony Pappas, Walt Shields**, and interns **Sarah Kay and Kristen Kennedy** who go above and beyond

- To **Dave Robinson** and **Dave Roberts** for picking up and delivering things, both animals and “stuff”

- To **everyone who donates blankets, comforters and sleeping bags** for the piggies, and to **everyone who collects Acme receipts** - thank you!

- Reporter **Donna Miller** with the **Cleveland Plain Dealer** for always including info about Happy Trails in her pet columns, AND for adopting rescued animals from Happy Trails. She takes amazing care of her animals!



- To **Appalachian Outfitters** for keeping a donation box for Happy Trails on their counter at all times!



- To **Jess Tosino** and **Angela Restifo**, hard working Hudson High School students, who are performing community service hours with Happy Trails this year.



- **And a huge thank you to everyone** who does something, anything, to help the rescued animals and to support Happy Trails — *we are indeed honored to work together with you for the greater good!*

JUST FOR FUN...



Your child is being eaten by a camel. Do you...

- a) save your child or
- b) take a photo.

Their Christmas Wish — A Home For The Holidays

The stark reality is...every animal entering our sanctuary gates is the victim of severe neglect and/or abuse. Our mission is to prosecute the person(s) who commit these crimes in order to bring intolerance to farm animal cruelty everywhere. Happy Trails is a beacon of hope for each animal by providing veterinary care, nurturing and healing. The ultimate goal is to re-home them. We have a dedicated team and, with over 250+ animals, we do our best. But the sanctuary is in essence a hospital, and most of us can attest to the longing for home even with the shortest hospital stay. Nothing can take the place of a loving family to provide individual attention and care. There's no place like home.

Please consider adoption to complete their journey and give them a home for the holidays.

Below is just a handful of the 200+ animals available for adoption at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.



Austin, an eight year old Quarter horse gelding, has ringbone in all four ankles. Austin is a giant puppy. He LOVES to play, gets into things, carries muck tubs around on his head, picks up buckets, and entertains himself and others on a daily basis. He'll make a

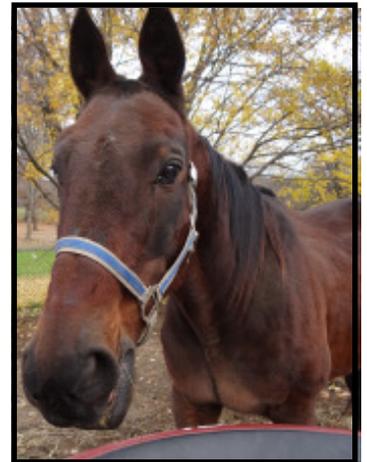


and white farm pig youngster, needs a home where she can get a lot of attention. She simply adores people and if she had her way, we're sure that she would be someone's house pig. Peppermint Patty is expected to grow up to be quite large, so an appropriate home with another pig friend is a must!

Jason the ex-cockfighting rooster (right) is a bit on the shy side. He even got beat up by some aggressive hens, poor guy. He needs a nice calm group of hens who will allow him to think that he is in charge of them.



gentle horse ever to come to the sanctuary. **Galaxy** is rideable and needs an experienced rider.



Her markings are breathtaking, and she truly resembles a painting of the galaxy, complete with tiny stars and planets etched into her beautiful coat!

These are only six of



Crecencia (right), a smaller 20 year old Quarter horse mare, is healthy and sound, is rideable, and has been in the system far too long. She would be grateful for a permanent home



over 250 animals available for adoption

at Happy Trails. To give an animal in need a permanent home in time for the holidays, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



great companion for some lucky horse, but he can also be ridden by a light rider.

Peppermint Patty, a very beautiful tan



and a family she could call her own. **Zagato** (above right) is a retired Amish horse who is rideable for a light rider around your back yard or light trail. He would be a great kids horse. He is probably the sweetest and most

Thoughts From Adoptive Mom, Terri Flanagan

Over the last so-many years, Terri Flanagan and her family have adopted an assortment of rescued farm animals from Happy Trails. It started with the adoption of a pot belly pig that her son, Patrick, picked out, and went on to include another pig, several goats, a mini horse, and their last new family member this past year was a then-pregnant older pony named Fleury. Fleury was rescued from an auction where she was being purchased by a meat buyer. The baby at her side was taken away from her and sold to a private owner. The old, pregnant mare was destined for a meat truck. Happy Trails purchased her, saved her life, and Fleury was eventually adopted by the Flanagans later on in her pregnancy. Our friendship with the Flanagan family has continued to blossom over time, and we absolutely cherish the beautifully written stories that Terri sends us about the animals, their antics, the affect they have had on her family, and the way they have impacted her life. With Terri's permission, we are sharing two excerpts from a few of her stories that she has shared with us. They are very personal, very precious, and very inspirational. Enjoy..



Fleury had a baby at her side at the auction, but it was rudely sold and taken away from her during the sale. Here Fleury gets to bond with her new baby, and never has to worry about being taken to an auction ever again in her life.

(Letter One)

...I find myself reflective. I have just arrived back in our house from the barn night check. I left Rita (our youngest Flanagan) wrapped in a blanket and snuggled next to the stall rail where Tabitha will spend her first night alone.

I have so much I want to share in regard to adopting rescued farm dwellers and our trek after discovering Happy Trails...

First, just to explain, I wouldn't be weaning sweet Tabitha right now if Mama Fleury was holding her weight. But with research and good

advice and direction from our vet., I have had to agree this would be in the best interest of "Her Fleuriness" and would also feed positively into Tabitha's ground training. And as it has continually happened, the best scenario has occurred! Fleury is staying at our neighbor's barn tonight with two goats and another PBP – which means she will hear the same commotion and have similar barn mates and she has a huge pasture all to herself!! What a great help to this transition. Tabitha has my daughter Rita – the two have become, well, one. And now they are sleeping together....

If anyone would have told me a year ago any of this would be happening I would have told them OFF! If only I could convince anyone that anything is possible with

wayward wonderful animals and turn them ON! How long is it now? A good few years ago, our son Patrick, asked for a pig! A pig. Crazy. We had pygmy goats that his older brothers had cared for after we accepted them from a "hardship case". We had chickens that a local school system had hatched as science experiment. And we had Amish bunnies that Patrick and his sister Hannah had bought from a little lad alongside a scenic Ohio off road.

PIG? No way.

Patrick continued to ask. Finally, I told him that if he could and would plant and grow enough corn feed for a pig, then he indeed, would get a pig.

Patrick hand dug a garden patch about 50' by 100' and grew corn.

I went on-line to find a pig. In the process, somehow, I stumbled across Happy Trails. Made the call. Collected our first "pig" actually "pigs" and we have never looked back!

4 pigs, 1 goat, 2 roosters, 6 hens, 1 guinea, 1 pony, and a pregnant welsh mare later...I feel compelled to persuade others to more than consider... to listen and realize that every one of us average people can do a little more. Small amendments to our days can and do add up to



The new baby, Tabitha, is growing up to be quite the mannerly young lady with the assistance and careful guidance of Rita Flannigan.



Both Fleury the pony and Terri Flannagan are quite proud of their young daughters. Here Tabitha the baby pony and Rita Flannigan share a special moment.

large adjustments toward a more positive bigger picture.

In a million years I would never have thought I would be checking on my daughter sleeping in my barn with a 5 month old foal! Never. But when one is willing – willing to open their eyes a little bit wider – let their heart feel a little bit deeper – allow their minds to skip across the immediate balks & blocks and stretch into important (somewhat sightless) callings & carings ... well, amazing things happen and a whole new history for a family just might begin!

Farm Flanagan is a true testament that anyone AND EVERYONE should at least consider adopting/ supporting the creatures of this earth. We have a limited budget that we work from. We rely on the knowledge shared from those that know -- no formal or previous training. We are consistently blessed beyond words and entertained beyond our imaginations. And all the stories that come to us with the beloved creatures that arrive here, their experience and energy, are intricately intertwined into who we all are here ... and amazingly enough, that then goes out again back into the world we go into... daily...in one wonderful way or another.

Call me crazy – but I swear to you, it's true!

Hope you have a great time enjoying each other's company and that

purposeful passion shared.... Will miss being a part of it tomorrow, but I must somehow make a hair-do happen for this gal who will have slept the night prior to her first big high school dance in a barn!

Cheers! Terri

(Letter Two)

Hello there Happy Trails!

...having a moment here, as usual this time of year. My older few have departed for college, in particular Patrick who is my right hand in the barn and with the animals. It is a lonesome sort of time. Laddie, our Old English Sheep Dog, is droopy and trying to sneak upstairs to see where his Patrick is.

But what I am really sharing with you is the remarkable change in our youngest, Rita. She has just come in from outside, having closed up the barn, brushed and visited the horses, and has left me with NOTHING to check on!! This is a new chapter. And it is all because of dear mama Fleury and sweet Tabitha. Our 15 year old Rita is now taking horse back riding lessons weekly! She is solely responsible for Tabitha's training right now and is doing an AMAZING job of it! (This is the girl that would only be "sort of" interested in the barn residents...who had to be firmly encouraged to help with the "dirty" work...etc. etc.)

I want to thank you again from the bottom of my heart for helping Fleury to be here with us. There is NO way I would have ever foreseen this. I had only hoped and entertained the idea that this would add up to something good. It is incred-

ible how stretching oneself while not really knowing why you are doing something – but you think it feels so right – can become a life changing event in an amazing direction!

When I watch Rita working with Tabs so intimately, helping this sweet filly to learn and not fear and to trust.... while I stay with Fleury, the two of us eyeing up our "daughters" together strolling around the property... well, I am just so grateful for it all!

Cheers to you for all you have done and continue to do!

Thank you again,

Terri

To adopt a rescued farm animal from Happy Trails, call us at 330-296-5914.

If you have adopted rescued farm animals from Happy Trails and would like to share your experience and encourage others to consider adoption, send your story and a few photos either via email to annette@happytrailsfarm.org or to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266.

Misc. News

Happy Trails Vegan Running Team

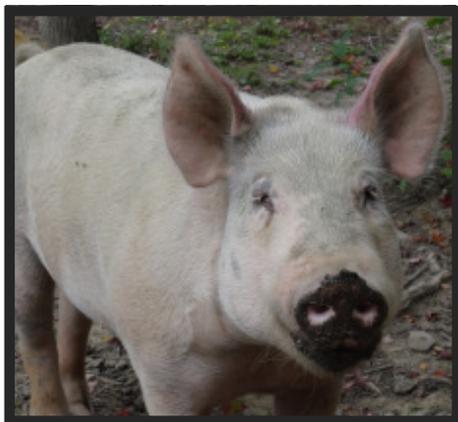


For all you runners out there, Amy Wagar-Cinch is coordinating a vegan running team to represent Happy Trails throughout the year at various meets. To participate, contact Amy at amywc@happytrailsfarm.org.

End-Of-Year Giving

Another year draws to a close, and as we bless this latest chapter in our growth and development and put it behind us, we are at the same time looking forward to an ambitious, prosperous and successful year ahead, **a year filled with peace and healing** for all animals and all people who we come in contact with.

As you consider your year-end donations, please remember the hard work and valiant efforts that Happy Trails puts forth to address animal abuse and neglect in farm animals and horses.



Cal the farm pigs says, "How did you know I found a mud puddle?"

Together we are making good, no great, things happen. We can only provide the animal rescue, rehabilitation and adoption services, and our educational and community programs, with your support. **Thank you for being open to spreading kindness and compassion to all animals. We truly appreciate the opportunities you provide for us to serve others!**

What makes us unique is that we rescue, we rehabilitate, we recover, we prosecute, we adopt, we educate, we reach out, we participate, we give back, and then we educate some more.

Thank you for being part of this amazing organiza-

Networking

We're all about it. Here at Happy Trails we believe in organizations working together, and we are here to offer support to any animal rescue organization, humane agency, humane officer, sheriffs department, police department, or other law enforcement agency requesting our assistance.

We have worked together on animal rescues with the Portage Animal Protective League, Portage County Sheriff's Department, Brimfield Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Cleveland Animal Control, Cleveland Animal Protective League, Humane Society Of Columbiana County, Mahoning County Humane Society, Medina County Humane Society, Ashtabula County Humane Society, Greater Akron Humane Society, Capital Area Humane Society of Columbus, Medina SPCA, Loraine County Humane Society, Ross County Humane Society, Tuscarawas County Humane Society, Guernsey County Humane Society, Ohio SPCA, Frog Pond Draft Horse Rescue, and



The sign that says without words, "We're here for you."

nationally we have worked with Animal Place in California, Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glenn, New York, Vine Sanctuary in Vermont, Horsenet Horse Rescue in Maryland, Catskill Animal Sanctuary in New York, the Humane Society Of The United States, Humane Farming Association and Suwanna Ranch in Elk Creek, California, The Pig Preserve in Tennessee, and Miracle Horse Rescue in Pahrump, Nevada, to name a few.

Shout Outs!

•Welcome to Kerry Jackson, Amy Wagar-Cinch, and Walter Shields, our newest board members.

• Thanks to Dr. Gary Riggs and Wild4Ever for including Happy Trails in their recent fundraiser which was held at the Cleveland Aquarium. Awesome event, great people, tons of networking!

• To our friends at Dachshund Delights located in Garrettsville for your continued support and the donation of the store displays and other items.



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Important Correction

In the last issue we listed the names that were bestowed on the rescued hens and gave credit to the people who named them. We have a correction to share and a heartwarming story to go with it. Thanks to Kyra Kester for sharing this beautiful tribute to Ruth Coleman with us, and thank you for allowing us to make this correction.

"I was so happy to see all the names for the hens in the October newsletter :-), but I do have a correction...I made a donation for six names (Genevieve, Gertrude, Stella, Vivian, Claudette and Esther) and wanted to name them in memory of my dear friend, Ruth Coleman, who passed away last October. I saw my names listed, but it incorrectly shows Pat P. as the donor. It was very important to me to do this in memory of Ruth, because we had a dream of someday owning backyard chickens and we actually thought of the names we would give them! So when I first saw your "donation name drive", I smiled, knowing Ruth would have LOVED this! I had actually kept the list of names we came up with, so that's where they came from!" Thank you, Kyra Kester

Recent Animal Rescues

Grant and Benjamin Button, two handsome horses, came to Happy Trails through the Guernsey County Humane



Society. After they had been rescued from a situation of severe neglect, the foster home where they were placed once again neglected them and they lost weight a second time. These two boys are in pretty rough shape and we're going to do everything we can to make them comfortable.

Pan came to Happy Trails through the Amish Horse Retirement Program. He is a sweet, lovable Standardbred gelding who retired at the young age of 15 years old. We expect him to make a complete recovery and be able to be ridden by a smaller rider.



As this newsletter goes to press, Happy Trails is getting ready to assist the Ashtabula County Humane Society and bring in a load of rescued farm animals to the sanctuary tomorrow. These animals were removed from a situation of horrible neglect, and we will be welcoming a calf, two goats, an assortment of ducks, and about 70+ chickens. Some animals on the property were already deceased, and the owner is a repeat offender. We'll provide updates as their conditions and progress on the website and in our next newsletter.

Please make a tax-deductible donation today, or you can support our work all year round by setting up a monthly gift to help the rescued animals. Together we are saving many lives, changing mindsets, and opening hearts. On behalf of the rescued animals, thank you for your support!

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

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Return to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary
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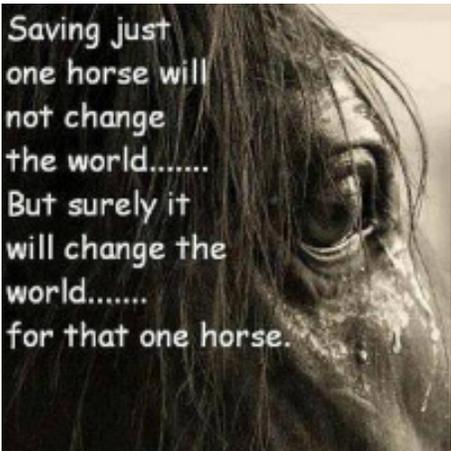
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Our Mission

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.