

# Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary



## "HAPPY TALES"

### Animal Stories and Updates

SPRING 2004 Newsletter



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## HAPPY TRAILS 4th ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC/FUNDRAISER: *make plans now to attend!*

We weren't able to have a Fall Festival this past season due to the incredible amount of work we have had here at the sanctuary, the overwhelming number of animals needing care, and not enough volunteers to organize an event of this magnitude properly. We made the difficult decision at the time to cancel the Fall Festival. So we will be making up for this by having the biggest and best ever Happy Trails Annual Summer Picnic/Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2004.

We are in the midst of planning the festivities, and would like you

public. We enjoy having all the people who support our rescue work visit the sanctuary, spend time with the animals, and see the progress we are making with the facility.

#### VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH THE PICNIC:

Fun activities are being planned for the day, and as always we will need volunteers to help coordinate and arrange everything from pre-picnic special promotions and signage to helping out the day of the picnic by helping staff booths for crafts, sales of t-shirts and baseball hats, informational tables, refreshments and

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**PICNIC** to be a part of this annual, fun-filled day when Happy Trails opens it's gates to the



(left) *What a great group!!! These college students from Hiram College chose to help out at Happy Trails as their community service project. These were some of the most hard-working, fun-loving, eager-to-help group of students that came our way. They cleaned out pig shelters, chicken coups, moved heavy straw bales, and hauled manure into the field. Many thanks to them and to Hiram College for continuing to choose Happy Trails on a regular basis for their community service projects.*

## Nancy Conring Receives Girl Scouts Hidden Heroine Award!

Congratulations to Happy Trail's very own Nancy Conring for being chosen to receive the Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve Hidden Heroine Award!

At a recognition dinner held on March 11 at the Akron Women's City Club,

Nancy was recognized for her nonstop work concerning the care and well-being of animals everywhere.



Nancy proudly holds one of her rescued chickens.

Not only does

Nancy hold the important position of Treasurer on the Happy Trails Board of Directors, she works a full time job, donates time every weekend to the care of the farm animals residing at the sanctuary, makes time throughout the week to haul pigs to the vet, returns an amazing number of phone calls, organizes hay deliveries, transports goats to their new homes, helps plan fund-raisers, schedules volunteer times at Happy Trails community events booths, and

watches over and cares for any needy dogs, cats and other assorted animals in her own neighborhood. Whew!

Whenever anyone calls Nancy, her husband, Chuck, will often say, "Nancy's out feeding something somewhere."

Nancy daily sets a shining example of how people should put forth that extra effort to care for our furry and feathered friends who rely on us for their well being and comfort.

When Nancy first started helping out at Happy Trails, she had her own animal family consisting of an assortment of lucky dogs and cats. She has since opened her heart and home to a variety of chickens, ducks and rabbits, and added them to her growing outdoor family. Chuck always has the concern with Nancy that the outdoor family will become his indoor family!

Congratulations, Nancy, for receiving well-deserved recognition for all the work you do on behalf of abused, abandoned and neglected animals! Happy Trails is very proud to have Nancy on our team. The animals are the lucky recipients of her love and care, and we think the world of her!

## Rachel Salzer Accepts Awards For Volunteer Work With Happy Trails

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary has received recognition based on the work of our dedicated volunteer and current Happy Trails President, Rachel Salzer. Make A Difference Day activities of food and supply collections ranked Happy Trails in the top 40 projects in the state.

Also, word has been received that Rachel's work at Happy Trails will be included in stories of community service in an upcoming book. Empowered Girls: A Girl's Guide to Positive Activism, Volunteering and Philanthropy will be released in May. Within it's pages can be found the story of Happy Trails and Rachel's work on behalf of the animals. The book is affiliated with Duke University.

## Equine Programs of Happy Trails Acknowledged in Upcoming Horse Rescue Book

Annette Fisher, Executive Director of Happy Trails was more than happy to participate in an interview for a book concerning horses rescued from the track due to her personal passion for taking in Standardbreds. Bill Heller, author and writer for the Thoroughbred Times of New York is working on a book entitled "After the Finish Line." This book will take an in-depth look at the lives of track horses once their career is over, and how rescue groups play an important role in their destiny.

In a chapter about Standardbreds, the race horses that pull the carts, Happy Trails will be given recognition for our work with this wonderful breed of equine. Happy Trails has successfully rescued and found loving homes for a good deal of ex-race horses and ex-buggy horses from the Amish community. Look for this informative book by Bill Heller to be coming out at the end of the year.

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## letter from the director

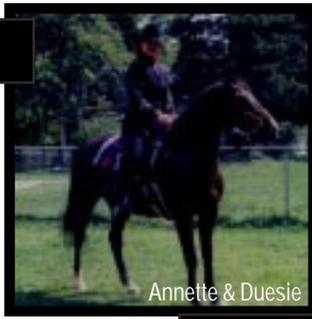
*Dear Friend of Happy Trails,*

*I really didn't want to go see the movie "Seabiscuit". Any movie that could be remotely sad in any way I try to steer clear of — there's always enough drama here at the sanctuary that I really don't need to go in search of more. However, I was talked into seeing the movie about the Thoroughbred racehorse named Seabiscuit, and I'm glad that I did. I found an answer to a question that I have been asked many times and was never quite sure what to say.*

*I have been questioned from time to time about why we try to save some of the horses that are not rideable. There are some people who have reasoned it out that we should pick and choose only those that we are sure will be "fixable" enough to ride and work again. "Well you know", they often point out, "you can't save them all." As though we are delusional enough to pretend that we can!*

*How do you explain to someone that when you are called to a neglect situation to provide help, that you simply cannot look the sad, pathetic, half-starved horse in his kind eyes and then walk away because he is simply not worth saving? How do you explain to the horse that is left to suffer that maybe we shouldn't try to "fix him" because he will be of no use to anybody? I often have a difficult time trying to explain how I feel about the lame and injured horses being given a decent quality of life and a chance to know that they are loved and cared for by someone. They can often make another horse a great pasture mate or a great teacher for a yearling.*

*Getting back to the movie...as the movie went along, a trainer was chosen for Seabiscuit. This man was compassionate toward horses and came upon a situation where a*



*beautiful mare had a leg injury and was going to be of no use to her owner. The owner of the injured horse pulled out a gun and prepared to shoot the horse as others stood by and some even helped to hold her down. Seabiscuit's trainer stepped in and offered to "take the horse off his hands". The owner couldn't understand what anyone would want with a lame horse, but after a moment of disbelief, put away his gun and handed the horse over.*

*The trainer wrapped the horse's leg and used a special root under the wrapping. To make a long story short, the rescued horse became the best friend of Seabiscuit and traveled everywhere with him as his constant companion.*

*But to backtrack: after the trainer had wrapped the leg and the horse was munching grass contentedly, the trainer was sitting on the ground near the horse. Seabiscuit's owner came up to the trainer and asked him basically the same question that I am never quite sure how to answer. "Why did you bother to fix her up?"*

*The old trainer quietly thought about it for a moment, and looked up at Seabiscuit's owner and simply replied, "Because I can..."*

*If you haven't seen the movie yet, watch it just so you can catch this heartwarming scene, which gave me the answer I needed to be able to give to others.*

*Sincerely,*

*Annette Fisher  
Executive Director*

*Many of us have  
lost a beloved  
equine friend —  
here's a tribute  
to all of our  
horses who have  
crossed the  
Rainbow Bridge*

*Don't cry for the horses  
That life has set free  
A million white horses  
forever to be*

*Don't cry for the horses  
Now in God's hands  
As they dance and they prance  
To a heavenly band*

*They were ours as a gift  
But never to keep  
As they close their eyes  
Forever in sleep*

*Their spirits unbound  
On silver wings they fly  
A million white horses  
Against a blue sky*

*Look up into heaven  
You'll see them above  
The horses we lost  
The horses we loved*

*Manes and tails flowing  
They gallop through time  
They were never yours  
They were never mine*

*Don't cry for the horses  
They will be back someday  
When our time has come  
They will show us the way*

*Do you hear that soft nicker  
Close to your ear?  
Don't cry for the horses  
Love the ones that are here.*

*Author unknown*



# HAPPY TRAILS 4th ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC/FUNDRAISER

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children's activities.

We will be doing our very best during the weeks before the picnic to make preparations for the big event, and as always can use volunteers to help clean stalls, mow grass, do basic yard work, rake out the piggy pens, and general clean-up preparations. Please remember that you must be at least 16 years old to volunteer. If you would like to be a part of our Summer Picnic Committee, give us a call at (330) 296-5914.

## MAKING RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND

Though there is no admission charge to attend the picnic, we do require that anyone planning to attend RSVP and make reservations due to our limited space. Reservations can now be made online at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org) or by calling Nancy or Chuck Conring at (330) 733-1478. Guests may sign up to attend in two hour increments so that we may welcome the largest number of guests possible. Times to sign up are from 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, or 3pm-5pm.

## WHERE TO PARK



Thanks to the kind folks at PARTA,

Happy Trails is able to welcome even more guests this year due to the convenience of shuttle parking for the picnic. The shuttle is also handicapped accessible.

Parking will be at Havre Woods Park as well as across the street from the park at both Accordino & Butch Chiropractic Center as well as at Young Friends Childcare Center. These parking facilities are a whole three minutes down the street from Happy Trails. They are located immediately across Rt. 5 on New Milford Road as you head North. The addresses are: Accordino & Butch Chiropractic Center 5940 New Milford Road, and Young Friends Childcare Center 5968 New Milford Road.

There will be plenty of signs

pointing the way to help direct you to the parking lots. Many thanks to the City of Ravenna Parks Department, Dr. Accordino and Dr. Butch, and the kind folks at Young Friends Childcare Center for allowing Happy Trails access to their parking lots!

## WHAT TO WEAR

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is exactly that — a FARM ANIMAL Sanctuary. The words FARM and ANIMAL are the equivalents of dirt and mud and uneven ground that can be sloppy with rain or sprinkled with gravel and stones — we suggest that you dress appropriately: in comfortable walking shoes or boots; in clothes that can easily wash off fur or feathers or horse slobber (in other words, not your Sunday best); and bring a rain coat in case of rain — the picnic is always a rain or shine deal.



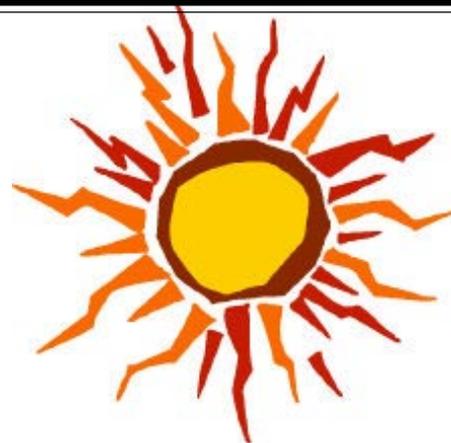
## VEGETARIAN PICNIC LUNCH

A complimentary vegetarian lunch and refreshments will be provided for our guests. Many animals will be saved the day of the picnic by everyone enjoying a healthy, meatless meal. In this way we honor the farm animals that have been rescued from situations of abuse and neglect, and do not promote further inhumane conditions of the many cruel slaughterhouses. A vegetarian lunch is a compassionate lunch!



## KIDS ACTIVITIES

Getting a prize from the duck pond is sure to bring a smile to the face of all kids from ages 1 to 100. Or try your luck at the farm animal bean bag toss! And at the kids crafts table children can



make their very own farm animal to take home or color a page from a farm coloring book.

## INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS

Interested in adopting a farm animal or a horse from one of our equine rescue programs? Other adoptive moms and dads will be on hand to talk to you about the adoption process and their experience with adopting a rescued animal. Not enough room at your place to actually adopt? Then get some information about our monthly sponsorship program. Have extra time and want to get more involved as a volunteer? Pick up a volunteer application and talk to friendly folks who are already regular volunteers for Happy Trails.

Want to learn more about pot belly pigs? Visit the pot belly pig information table and give a lucky pig a belly rub! Want to find out what kind of safe shelter is needed to keep your ducks and chickens safe from predators? Visit the information table at the duck and chicken enclosure.

## PET CEMETERY SERVICE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A special memorial service will be held at the back of the property at Heaven's Trail, the pet cemetery where some of the rescued animals have been laid to rest. Reverend John Fisk from The Church In



The Valley will be blessing the cemetery in a unique ceremony celebrating Native American Indian traditions at 3:30p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring a photo to hold during the ceremony

of a beloved pet who has passed away, and announce their pet's name during the ceremony so that they may all be remembered in love and peace. We will also have a special blessing earlier in the day of the animals who have been rescued and are currently being cared for at the sanctuary.

#### BEING A PICNIC SPONSOR

Businesses and corporations (as well as individuals) are welcome to support the rescue work at Happy Trails by becoming a sponsor for the day of the picnic. You may wish to sponsor a horse stall in the new barn, a pot belly piggy shelter, the duck's pond, the pet cemetery, etc. Sponsors will be acknowledged with special signage at their specific area of the sanctuary, listed in the Summer Picnic Program, talked about in the next "Happy Tales" newsletter, and receive recognition on the Happy Trails website. For more details about the opportunity to become a picnic sponsor, please call (330) 296-5914.

#### EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

It's a fun day with the opportunity to meet not only the rescued animals, but to be in the wonderful company of other people like yourself who truly care about the humane treatment of our furry and feathered friends. Hope to see you (if not shoveling poop and cleaning with us the week before) on the day of the picnic!

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks ahead of time to Jan Sponsler, host of the Wadsworth-based cable television program Animal Crackers. Jan plans on taping yet another segment of her show here at Happy Trails at the Summer picnic. Congratulations to Jan and her crew for winning the coveted Clapper Award for one of the segments of Happy Trails taped last year!

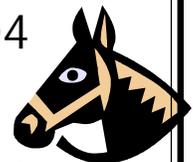
Thanks ahead of time also to Dick Goddard for helping to promote the Happy Trails Summer picnic through Fox 8 and for spreading the word about our rescue efforts concerning farm animals. Dick is a true friend of the animals, and they are all very lucky to have him supporting the many animal rescue groups in the Northeast Ohio area.



## 4th ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC & FUNDRAISER

Sunday, June 27, 2004

11a.m. to 5 p.m.



*Though there is no admission fee,  
reservations are required.*

*Please RSVP on-line at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org)  
or call Nancy or Chuck Conring  
at (330) 733-1478 to attend  
during one of the following times:*

*11a.m.—1p.m.; 1p.m.—3p.m.; 3p.m.—5p.m.*

*Shuttle Parking by PARTA available at Havre  
Woods Park, Accordino & Butch Chiropractic  
Center and Young Friends Childcare Center  
located on New Milford Rd. just North of Rt. 5*

Raffles • Kid's Games & Activities

Complimentary Vegetarian Lunch

Meet the rescued farm animals

Craft Booths • Kids Tattoos & Face Painting

Information tables about volunteering,  
adopting & fostering

Happy Trails T-shirts & all new  
Tank tops available



Glamour shots with Joy the cow

Native American Traditional Blessing  
of the pet Cemetery, Heaven's Trail

Blessing of the Rescued Animals

Special Guests • And More Fun Stuff!!!

PLEASE CUT AND POST AT A LOCAL BUSINESS OR IN YOUR OFFICE!

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# JOINING THE HAPPY TRAILS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Happy Trails is growing in leaps and bounds, and is now at the point where we are in need of committees to help guide and direct our out-reach efforts.

The sanctuary is in the newer stages of organizing a Development Committee to plan and orchestrate the fundraisers and community events for the year. Everyone who feels they would like to participate in animal rescue more on the administrative end of things (as opposed to working directly with the animals or other labor-intensive volunteer work), is welcome to join the committee and put your organizational skills and business contacts to work for the good of the rescued farm

animals.

There is much time and effort that goes into planning any event, and we are hoping for the support of our community in our endeavors. We are asked to participate in far more community events than what we currently have volunteers available to staff booths.

There are many ways you can become a part of Happy Trails as your time and personal schedules allow, and you can pick and choose what projects you would like to be involved with. For more information and to find out the time and location of our next meeting, please contact Joy Wagner at (330) 484-9537.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

• **May 15: The Double D Ranch Fun Show** — Happy Trails will have a table set up at the Open Fun Show to be held at Double D. Ranch on the corner of Rt. 224 and Rt. 43 in Mogadore. We will be passing out information about our equine programs and selling t-shirts and other Happy Trails logo apparel. Gates open at 10a.m. and two show rings will start contests at 12noon; barn dance and hay rides at 8pm; for more info call Kim at (330) 322-0614 or (330) 628-5373.

• **June 27: Happy Trails Summer Picnic & Fundraiser** — See details in picnic article beginning on the front page of the newsletter!

• **August 24-29: Portage County Fair** — Happy Trails will have a booth set up the entire week of the Portage County Fair (held at the Randolph Fairgrounds), and pass out information about our farm animal rescue programs. We will have Happy Trails logo merchandise available to purchase as well as animal-theme gift items. Volunteers are needed to help staff the booth from 9am to 10pm each day. Call us at (330) 296-5914 if you would like to volunteer at the fair.

## Later in the Year:

(more info on these events in the Summer newsletter)

September: Randolph Heritage Festival

October: Happy Trails Fall Festival

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## QUICKIE VEGETARIAN LUNCHES

If you're not a vegetarian, how about giving the animals a break one day a week for lunch or for an easy-to-make supper by coming up with a meatless meal? Here's a couple fast and easy ideas for a delicious and healthy change of pace, but nothing too complicated to put together.

### CHEESE DOGS

(One of Russ Fisher's favorites)

Pick up some:

- hot dog buns
- Veggie dogs (available at most grocery stores in the meatless frozen foods - made from soy products and vegetables)
- A package of soy-based (nondairy) cheese slices

Toast the hot dog buns in a toaster oven or a conventional oven. Slice the hot dog lengthwise and insert the slices

of cheese (tore up into thin strips). Heat the dogs with the cheese in them (microwave or conventional oven is fine). Put the dogs in the buns; top dress with your favorite condiments, and voila! you have a healthy and something-simple but different sandwich!

### TRADITIONAL LUNCH-MEAT SANDWICHES

Just FYI; in the meatless section of your grocers refrigerator, you can find lunch meat that tastes just like the real thing. You can choose from (soy-based) turkey, ham, and bologna lunch meats for heart-healthy sandwiches. Be creative with various types of breads, buns and add your favorite pickles or condiments.

In the next newsletter we'll add more creative dishes for your weekly meatless meals!



Thanks to Frank Seiden and TSC (Tractor Supply Company) of Chardon for inviting Happy Trails to set up a booth for a weekend at the store, and for the warm welcome extended to our volunteers by Frank and his staff! We talked to TSC customers about the farm animals needing adopted through the Happy Trails rescue program.

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Don't forget to always check your cosmetic and soap labels for the important disclaimer: **NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS**

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# MANY, MANY THANKS...

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a quickly growing sanctuary operating on a small budget. We do our very best to ensure that your donations are used for the best interest of the animals. We believe that we've been doing a very good job of providing the rescued farm animals with appropriate shelter and a safe environment while providing any needed medical attention at a minimal cost. Thank you for your support and allowing us to help the animals!

There is never enough room to thank the multitude of kind souls who donated toward the care of the animals, but we will highlight as many as we can in the space provided here. Many many thanks to everyone who has supported the rescue efforts of Happy Trails!

Thanks to:

- Dave's Fireside Restaurant in Rootstown for providing Happy Trails with the use of a large room for our monthly and special events meetings
- Joy Wagner, David Spencer, Jeff Amsden, Ron Frey and Jason Cotrell for their help with digging post holes and constructing the fencing for the four acre horse pasture
- All the people willing to trailer horses in emergencies and who have waited patiently with us for rescues to happen: Nora Stanton, Nicki Milano, Sims Campbell, Shannon Alexander, Kim Painter, Becky Albright, Anne & John Keres, Cathy, Gwen & Cara Alger, Phyllis & Jake Leonhardt; Dave Rosen; and to Cheryl & Keith Livensperger & Don Whitmer for the use of their horse trailers; and the DeCranes and Mary Alice Cowen for the use of their trucks
- TSC (Tractor Supply Company) of Ravenna for donating the many horse fly masks, heat lamps, post hole diggers, yard tools, and trash can
- TSC (Tractor Supply Company) of Chardon for donating almost 15,000 lbs. (yes you read that right) of feed
- Everyone who helped load and unload the 15,000 lbs. of feed: Joni Clague, Kim & Frank Longar, Joyce, Maggie, & Olen Godfrey & Tyler Grafton, and Russ & Annette Fisher; and to Jim & Joni Clague for paying for the rental of the moving truck
- The Ravenna United Fund for awarding Happy Trails a grant to assist with our sanctuary projects — we so appreciate the support of our local community!
- Mary Alice Cowen for our monthly gift certificates to Western Reserve to help with our enormous feed bills
- Western Reserve Farm Co-op and Eleanor Richards for inviting Happy Trails to set up a booth at the Trumbull County Equine Symposium held on Saturday, March 13 —

we met some wonderful "horse" people

- Everyone who has brought warm, old sleeping bags for the cripple and arthritic pot belly pigs for the Winter — mucho gracias from the toasty piggies. (And keep collecting the old sleeping bags for next year!)
- Frank and Candi Steigh for their time and efforts in digging a trench near the barn to help drain our excess water to get the horse paddock dried out
- To the Sunshine Kids 4-H Group of Lake County and Shirley Latimer for inviting Happy Trails to give a presentation at their monthly meeting — what a warm welcome we received!
- The Salzer family for all their hard work in updating and caring for Heaven's Trail, the pet cemetery
- Judge Mary Spicer for supplying Happy Trails with plenty of nutritious cat food every month for the barn cats (four adopted feral cats from Hearts & Paws and two of Dr. Odian's barn cats, who now run the barn)
- To Debbie Kohery and the staff at Donzell's Garden Center for inviting Happy Trails to participate in their Spring Festival Weekend in April
- To our faithful Sunday farm volunteers: Alex Hale, Dick Zampini, Sharon Bernard, Chris Cook, Diane Sotnak, Rob Willard, Sara and Tim Linden, Liz and Rick from Hiram College, Nancy and Chuck Conring
- Eleanor Richards, the Equine Nutrition Specialist at Western Reserve Farm Coop for helping to evaluate the nutritional needs of our rescued equine friends
- To our much-needed weekday volunteers: Carolyn Hayes, Diane and Eric Sotnak, Abby Robinson and Karissa Shomo
- Our new hard-working Sunday volunteers, Judy Lander and Brad
- Nancy Sidwell for providing our Sunday volunteers with healthy, vegetarian lunches
- Bill Poloski for his generous donation toward constructing the outdoor exercise arena for the rescued horses
- To ADM Alliance for the hundreds of bags of feed that they have donated to the rescued animals at Happy Trails
- Giant Eagle of Cuyahoga Falls for all their donations of kitty litter, dog and cat food, and other supplies
- Sara Linden and Maggie Godfrey for operating the bingo concessions at Access To Independence every Friday as an ongoing fundraiser for Happy Trails
- Rosemary Krasovic for putting together scrapbooks of Happy Trails cards, letters and memorabilia
- The Northeastern Ohio Arabian Horse Association for inviting Happy Trails to their April meeting and to set up a booth at their tack auction at the Geauga Co. Fairgrounds
- Doris Strakka, Pet Communicator, for

taking time to visit the rescued animals

- The Godfrey family for always being there to help in an emergency and to Arlene Godfrey for handling the Acme receipts

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CURRENT FOSTER HOMES:

- Becky Albright (Atwater)
- Mary Verhoff of Lone Pine Farm Tack Shop (Alliance)
- Beth Wilbur of Ashwood Farm & Rachel Whitehawk of Whitehawk Ranch (Wadsworth)
- Joy Wagner (Canton)
- Cheryl Livensperger (Alliance)
- Kathleen Varga and Deb Shears (Peninsula)
- George Hoy of The Inn at Brandywine (Peninsula)
- Kim Denham of Double D Ranch (Mogadore)
- Don Whitmer in (Doylestown)
- Char Scroggins (Spencer)
- Trinity Koontz (Deerfield)
- Joyce Godfrey (Ravenna)
- Nancy and Chuck Conring (Springfield)

## RECOGNIZING OUR EXTRA SPECIAL HARD-WORKING VOLUNTEERS

Every Sunday since the beginning of time (or so it seems — for at least the last two years), Alex Hale and Dick Zampini have been spending their Sunday's helping to update the Happy Trails facilities and helping to care for the rescued farm animals.

Dick Zampini is not just a Sunday-kind-of-guy though. During the weeks he hauls hay, picks up supplies and helps to handle any other crises that may arise. Dick has helped pick up a baby lamb, hauled horse trailers, helped round up farm hogs, mended fencing, worked at the Browns football games fundraisers, ordered building materials and mended more fences.

Alex Hale also has helped to pick up a baby lamb, picked up and hauled hay and feed, regularly picks up donations from the Cuyahoga Falls Giant Eagle, and helped out faithfully at the Browns football games fundraisers.

On Sunday, these two go-getters do everything from major construction to shoveling out horse stalls, mending even more fences, moving sand and gravel, fixing shelters, unloading hay and straw, fixing stall gates, and they are always game for anything else that comes along! Their Sunday morning coffee and donuts at the farm are their fuel to get them started, and both the people and the animals at Happy Trails truly appreciate all their hard work and dedication!

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# What to expect if you're looking to adopt a horse from Happy Trails:

I am amazed at many of the phone calls we get from people wanting to adopt a horse. Surely they can't be "horse people"!

When someone calls to inquire about adopting a horse, we will ask, "What exactly are you looking for?"

It is inconceivable the amount of people who call a rescue group and make the following request: I'd like a trail-safe horse — one that's good with kids or is good for beginners; one that is well-trained, traffic safe, and is healthy and sound (don't want to deal with any health issues); no vices; don't want a cribber; don't want to have to work on loading —has to load well; has to be up-to-date on all shots and vet checked. And oh, I don't want to spend hardly anything or pay very much for the horse — I just want a cheap horse. Ha!

Though many people like the idea of adopting a "rescued" horse, they inquire about adoption for the wrong reasons. I politely explain that you have just called a RESCUE group. In order for any animal to come into the Happy Trails rescue programs, including horses, they have to have been either abused, abandoned or neglected. In a few cases they were bound for slaughter or picked up from an auction where they would have went to the meat buyers. They have not been treated kindly and they have not been well cared for. In some circumstances we will take in an owner surrender, which is a topic covered in a neighboring article.

We are very honest with people about our rescued equines. If a horse is healthy, well-cared for, well-trained, beginner safe, traffic safe, and has no bad habits, chances are good that it is not in need of being rescued and that we will not be seeing it at Happy Trails.

Let me give you an idea of what's been wrong with some of the horses that have been fortunate enough to come through the Happy Trails rescue program.

Health issues have included: broken hips and a broken pelvis, blown tendons, the neurological disease called EPM, the lack-of-

muscle-tone disease in drafts called EPSM, hoof walls separated from the hoof itself, severe starvation, blindness caused from rocks coming up from driving in the streets as well as a blindness due to Uveitis, severe swaybacks from being ridden too young or from carrying too heavy of a person, severe lower articular ringbone (a degenerative bone disease), painful arthritis, major knee injuries, heaves, anemia, and proud flesh covering major wounds. Be willing to know the rescued horse for its physical limitations — many can be wonderful walk/trot prospects after recovery if you don't need to go galloping wildly down the trails.

Behavior problems have included: not being able to load, aggressiveness with other horses, and biting and kicking to name a few. Be willing to work around behavior flaws — many can be corrected with time and patience.

Training issues have included: horses that have been buggy or track horses but have never been actually ridden under saddle, horses that have been trained improperly, and horses that are green broke or have never been handled at all. Consider working with a certified trainer to get the rescued horse to your skill level (not Uncle Bob's cousin's friend's sister who used to have a pony she trained when she was nine). It's *always* worth it to have a *professional* horse trainer work with you and your horse. Your personal safety is worth every penny you put into the solid training of your new equine friend. It's safer and it sure beats any hospital bills and injuries you may receive trying the do-it-yourself method when you feel you know way more about horses than what you really do.

And please don't "bargain shop" or "make offers" to a rescue group! The money we receive for a horse adoption simply goes toward helping the next horse that's in need of a home. Happy Trails sometimes spends thousands of dollars on the care of each of the rescued horses. If you feel you need to "bargain" with a sanctuary for the minimal \$250 to \$900



adoption fees for a horse, then you are trying to adopt one for all the wrong reasons.

When exploring adoption through a rescue group, look at all the horses available and then be realistic.

Be willing to work at some issues with your new equine friend. Be willing to take some time to build a relationship of trust.

Happy Trails does not pretend to be a training facility. We are a RESCUE group in the truest sense of the word. We help them to heal physically, and at the same time work on healing any broken hearts and hurt feelings that our equine companions may have toward us humans. It's up to the new adoptive family to continue that work, and to provide the love and care and training they need.

The rescued horses at Happy Trails are *all* perfect in our eyes because they are survivors! If your dream of a perfect horse is what was originally described at the beginning of this article, consider buying a statue.

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## Does Happy Trails take in owner surrenders?

Many times unforeseen circumstances happen which cause horse owners to become unable to care for their equine companions or their other farm animals.

Happy Trails tries to reserve space in foster care for true emergencies, such as the death of a pet owner, sudden loss of job or income due to divorce or accidents, or the failing health of an animal caretaker or elderly owner.

We can counsel a pet owner who simply wants to give up their pet for personal reasons by offering suggestions on how to screen prospective homes, where to put up flyers and how to write ads for the newspapers. It is the responsibility of an owner to find their own pet a good, caring home. Happy Trails does our very best to help out in emergency situations concerning owner surrenders.

We also have a "Want-A-Pet" file to help people get in contact with each other who need help to place a farm animal or are looking to adopt a farm animal.

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# Senior Citizen Horses

Do you have a senior citizen horse that you have allowed to retire with you? Then bless your heart for being a caring, responsible pet owner who is seeing to the well-being of a retired equine friend!

Often situations arise where a horse owner cannot continue to care for their senior citizen horse, one that they have ridden and enjoyed spending time with for many years gone by. Retired horses, while not affording us the fun of riding or driving, often cost even more to care for than a younger, healthier horse that we can be-bopp with down the trail. It is also very difficult to watch our horse sweetie grow old, feeble, struggle to stand up in the mornings due to arthritis, and get slower with life in general.

If you're like me, you look at your horse with a tear in your eye and reminisce about the times you went to this Metro park or on that trail ride, and would give anything to be able to do it all over again with your buddy. But you know in your heart that he or she doesn't have it in them any more. They can't see quite as well, their steps aren't as sure-footed, their once-straight back has started to sway, and their walk is much slower. But do we love them any less? If anything, we love them even more, because we know that the time and bonds between us and our senior citizen horse companion is something special — something that will always be there.

Many of us wouldn't even consider allowing our older horse to retire at another home — after all, no-one could possibly care for them as good as we can! We know their likes and dislikes and funny quirks and eating habits. And besides, they deserve the extra care and attention since they worked so hard for us for as long as we owned them. But who's kidding who — did we ever own them, or did we own each other?

We often get calls from individuals wanting help to place their older horse in another home so that they can replace them with a younger, fun, rideable horse. Sometimes these callers threaten to take their horses to auctions if Happy Trails cannot help. 99% of the old horses that are run through the auctions

will surely end up with the meat buyers, and that is simply not fair to a horse that has worked so hard during its life and has done so much for an ungrateful owner. We truly wish we could help each and every older horse that we are called about find a good home — is this realistic? Most likely not. Look at the Happy Trails list of the Pasture Pals needing homes at any given time, and you'll see what I mean. Horses that are not rideable are much more difficult to place than horses that can "work" — their chances at a peaceful retirement with a caring family are slim at best.

Animals are not items to be thrown away or discarded when you are simply done "using" them. It makes me incredibly sad when we receive these calls from uncaring people simply wanting to "dump" their older horse and its health problems on someone else because they are such an inconvenience and not useful to them any longer.

Let's together change this mentality, and encourage our friends and neighbors to continue to take care of their senior citizen animal friends. They have worked hard all their lives for us, and deserve to have a happy, peaceful retirement when the time comes. If they could talk directly to you, they would let you know that they are more than appreciative for that Bute tablet on the mornings that they are stiff and sore; and that they're grateful for that extra flake of straw to snooze on during the colder weather; and how they are happy when you soak their feed with warm water to make chewing easier since they can't get dentures; and for giving them that extra pat and hug at bedtime and telling them that you love them. They are sure that they gave you 110% of their all while they could. Let's give back to them the 110% that they have given us!

And when it is their time to go, let them go peacefully and kindly, and not have to experience the stress and confusion of being run through an auction and then suffer the unspeakable cruelty of being sent through a slaughter house.

Here is a list of caring horse owners who will love their old horses to the end, to give us all hope that not everyone has the "throw it away" mentality that we often see. We give a standing ovation to the following individuals who are continuing to care for their senior citizen equine companions during their twilight years:

- Abby and Deb Robinson: "Chance", a 26 year old Quarter horse gelding
- Joy Wagner: "Danny", a 24 year old Arabian gelding
- Phyllis and Jake Leonhardt: "Mr. Bill", 33 year old Standardbred gelding
- Pam Catlin: "Pony", a 29 year old Spotted Appy
- Susie Wiley: "Camry", a 25 year old Quarter horse mare
- Bob and Lynn Matson: "Dixie and Festus", a 24 year old Quarter horse mare and a 20 year old full-of-himself Shetland pony
- Char Scroggins: "Rocky", a 25 year old Quarter horse gelding
- Maureen Frederick: "Silver Baska", a 28 year old Arabian mare; "Athena" & "Darna", two 19 year old Arabian sisters
- Kathleen Varga: "Yngve", a 20 year old Fjord gelding
- Luanne and Don DeCrane: "Bonnie and Clyde", a 20 and 24 year old pair of Quarter horses
- Anne and John Keres: "Blondie", a 26 year old Palamino Quarter horse mare
- Angie Shaffer: "Rogue", a 25 year old Saddlebred gelding
- Annalise Spetrino: "Kelly", 34 year old Quarter horse gelding
- Candi Bowan: "Dreyfuss", a 30-something Haflinger gelding

Unfortunately, due to limited space we were not able to list everyone who requested to be a part of our senior list — our apologies.

If your name is not on our list and you plan to allow your horse to retire in your care when it's time comes, give yourself a pat on the back and a round of applause, and go hug your horse and tell him or her just how lucky they are to have you for their guardian. Good for you for caring!

# Welcome to Corona, the Amish Buggy Horse

Occasionally Happy Trails will receive a call from an Amish family requesting help to relocate a buggy horse that needs to retire. The Amish buggy horses are hard workers. They trot many many miles every day to carry their families to town, to the blacksmiths, to go to the store, to visit a friend, and to go to church. Many Amish communities are located in beautiful scenic areas, but are situated in rather hilly terrain. The family buggy horses are their vehicles to get around, so just like the postman, the horses are out working daily in rain, sleet, snow and hot Summer sun.

Happy Trails recently accepted Corona, a 15 year old Standardbred mare into our Pasture Pal Program. She was being retired from being an Amish buggy horse after having been with her family for ten years. She was not able to trot the required distance needed any longer to keep her service valuable. Her red blood count was low and she was anemic. Corona is the sweetest, most lovable mare! She has been resting quietly as she regains her strength. She was a great deal underweight, had thrush, and is recovering from terrible ear infections. She was double-blanketed at Happy Trails to keep her warm and toasty — though her coat was long and shaggy, her undercoat had not properly grown in and being anemic hadn't helped matters either.

These hard working equine who are often purchased by Amish families are ex-race horses. Most of the horses are Standardbreds — the breed used for racing by pulling a cart, so they are very well broke to the harness.

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary hopes to work more with the Amish community to give these horses the retirement homes they should have. After serving a family well for many years of it's life, pulling heavy weight up and down steep hills, pounding the pavement in the extreme temperatures of both Summer and Winter, the faithful horse's reward when it can no longer serve it's owner to it's fullest capacity should not be to be sent through a local auction to end up in the hands of the meat buyers for a slaughterhouse.



This scenario is normally what happens to the horses, and they are replaced with another horse from off the track. When the old horse is sold at an auction and is purchased by a meat dealer, they get to stand in the killer pens for the day until the sale is over, along with other horse who may be aggressive toward them and cause them further injuries. They are then loaded into very large stock trailers and shipped off to the slaughterhouse. One of the major horse slaughterhouses is located in Texas, and the unfortunate horses are shipped on the two to three day journey without food or water in the overcrowded trailers. Amazingly enough, this is legal! And though it isn't a pretty picture to paint, it is honest and accurate.

Happy Trails does not buy these horses from their Amish owners, but we do agree to accept the horse into our rescue program and find it a home if the owner will allow us to help out.

Thanks to the Amish folks who have willingly surrendered their horses to allow them to live out their lives resting peacefully at a caring, loving home, and may God bless the people who have agreed to adopt these tired, hard working horses.

Corona is now available for adoption to an approved home, and she has already gained a good deal of weight. Proper nutrition has the anemia under control. Though she has never been ridden, she is doing excellent with her ground work and we believe should be a wonderful trail horse prospect.

If you are interested in adopting a "Pasture Pal" (non-rideable) horse that needs a loving retirement home, please call us at (330) 296-5914.

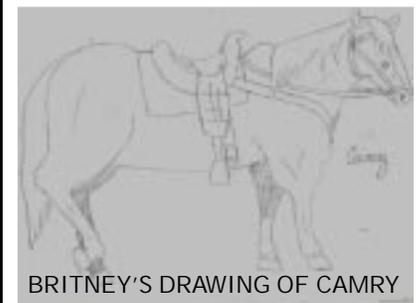
## BRITNEY'S COLUMN



*Britney Shafer, young neighbor and hard-working volunteer at Happy Trails, shares her views with our readers. She can ride, handle the horses, feed, water, hay, and turnout the crew better than most adults we know. She has a determination to learn and do things correctly and safely with the horses.*

Camry, the now 25 year old Quarter horse mare was the first horse I've ever ridden at Happy Trails. I don't really have a favorite horse because I like them all, but if I had to choose, it would be Camry. She's good for me when I groom her, ride her, and walk her. Camry can be groomed without being tied up. She can be a funny mare at times too, especially at dinner time when she rocks back and forth in her stall and whinnies at you as you pass by with food!

Dancer is a beautiful brown and white Paint mare. She's one of Camry's friends at Happy trails. Even though Dancer isn't rideable, I still like to groom her in the barn or even out in the paddock. She's usually good when she's being groomed. Dancer is a pretty good horse to work with in the stable. She's one of thee best pasture pals, I think. But I have to admit that she's not very cautious when she's walked and doesn't watch her hooves, so I have to make sure she doesn't step on my feet.



BRITNEY'S DRAWING OF CAMRY

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# AWESOME ADOPTIONS!!!

I know we don't have the space to mention all the wonderful adoptions that have taken place recently, but we would like to highlight at least some of their stories.



Hercules, a gentle giant Percheron draft gelding, won the hearts of Lisa and Jim Lambrakis.

He is settled in comfortably at his new home and has other horses for his companions!

Arabella, a sweet, Hackney mare, had been returned to the Happy Trails rescue program, and is now enjoying her second adoptive home with Victoria Carani where she has retired as a pasture buddy for another horse.



Zeus, the Percheron gelding, is in the process of being adopted and will be moving to his new home where he'll have a large pasture and Isis the Standardbred for a friend! Dick Salzer fell head-over-heels for the big, lovable draft!

Hootie, a greyish male duck, is now the new companion for Hank, another duck rescued through Happy Trails. Both have been adopted by Becky Albright, volunteer and board member, and both ducks enjoy the multitude of creatures wandering about on Becky's farm.



Camry, Annette Fisher's senior citizen Quarter horse mare, is now happily living in Pennsylvania along with Baby Bopp (for those who remember the sweet, giant Belgian mare) at Susie Wiley's. The two horses used to be best friends here at Happy Trails, and now have a chance at retirement together.



Dutchess, an adorable Standard-

bred mare, found her permanent home with Joy Wagner. Dutchess is completely blind, but comfortable enough with her new mom to continue to ride! See the whole story on Dutchess on Page 12.



Duesie, (Royal Duesenburg) a handsome Standardbred gelding, found the love of his life when he met Cathy Allison. The two are now inseparable and go riding almost every day!

Joyce Godfrey was kind enough to adopt an assortment of chickens and ducks who were in need of lots of TLC. After a large rescue of 41 chickens, all have found wonderful homes! Thanks too to Donna Iacoboni of Medina who also adopted a good number of the chickens, ducks and also some geese.



Cassie, a sweet little black Cyuga female duck was adopted by Margo Bellar as friend for her lonely duck. The two have made a great match!



Spot, a four day old lamb, came through the gates of Happy Trails. He was lucky enough to get adopted by Holly Ferrara of Ravenna! He is an absolute sweetheart!



Benny, a West African male Pygmy goat has now made himself quite at home with his new mama, Trinity Coontz. Lucky little Benny was adopted through Happy Trails thanks to the kind folks who cared about him at the Akron Zoo.



Many thanks to everyone who has adopted a rescued farm animal from Happy Trails! For a list of the animals that are available for adoption as of this printing (our list changes daily!) please see the adoption list on page 13 or visit our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org). for a more updated listing.

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## Visiting Happy Trails

Twice a year Happy Trails opens it's doors for the public to visit the rescued animals and attend our semiannual fundraisers: in June for the Summer Picnic and in October for the Fall Festival.



If there is anyone interested in adopting a farm animal, you would make an appointment with an adoption counselor to meet you at the sanctuary or at one of our foster homes.

We respectfully request that people do not simply "drop by" to visit and here's why: Happy Trails does not have a staff that is here at the sanctuary at certain times, so therefore we do not have regular "business" hours. Everyone involved with Happy Trails is strictly a volunteer — we do not have paid help that is always at the facility and available to give tours at all times. We are normally feeding, watering, turning out horses, mucking stalls, or caring for a sick or injured animal when we do have help. Our gates are always locked for the safety of the rescued animals and the safety of our volunteers and guests. So when people show up at Happy Trails and honk their horn in the driveway as though they've just pulled up to the drive-through at McDonalds, it does a disservice to the animals, our volunteers, and our kind neighbors who support the sanctuary.

Our main goal as we grow is to make sure that the animals we have taken in at the sanctuary are cared for properly and that they are our number one priority. If we have just finally been able to pick up the hoof of a horse that is uncooperative, have just calmed down a stressed-out pig, are trying to administer medication to a sick chicken, or are leading an arthritic horse from one paddock to another, the volunteers cannot quickly drop the task at hand to greet the honking horn and give a tour to a passerby who decided they wanted to drop by to visit. We appreciate everyone's understanding of our limited staff resources, and hope that everyone will see the importance of making an appointment if you wish to visit on a day other than Sunday.

Sunday's are always our volunteer days (volunteers must be at least 16 years old), and we welcome volunteers who would like to help clean out pig pens, rake horse stalls, wash water buckets, help with general yard clean up and repairs, or are willing to pitch in with whatever special project happens to be going on that day. Times to stop by and volunteer on Sunday's are normally between 10am and 5pm. Always wear boots (Happy Trails is a working farm - plenty of mud in the Spring), dress in layers and always bring work gloves. For more information or a volunteer application call (330) 296-5914.

# Behind The Scenes...



Here you see Joy the cow at one of her "glamour fittings". Sharon Barnard (the one *not* wearing the veil) and Chris Cook (hiding out of camera range) began to gather glamorous outfits for Joy the cow who will be featured in "Glamour Shots With Joy The Cow" at the Happy Trails Summer Picnic & Fund-raiser. Here Joy models one of her many glamorous outfits that she could dress up in for your special glamour shot! Many people think of glamour shots as making themselves glamorous and beautiful. This whimsical twist on glamour shots allows you to choose a special outfit for the cow so that she can look glamorous, and you get your photo taken with this bodacious bovine! You will be able to choose different themes: the wedding veil (shown above); the tropical cow with a large, flowery Hawian lei; the Bahama beach cow, with scuba goggles and a snorkel; the beauty pageant cow, with a glittering tiara and a "Miss Happy Trails" sash; the 70's cow; and, well, let your imagination wonder what other outfits there is for our glamorous cow! (Below) Alex Hale (the one *not* wearing the scuba gear) hugs Joy the cow as she happily licks up her nose for the camera, modeling the latest snorkel equipment!



Janice the pig, founder of Happy Trails, enjoys the summer sunshine, the fresh green grass, and her thick, soft comforter. Janice is crippled and cannot walk due to muscles that have atrophied, but it doesn't keep her from enjoying life at the sanctuary! She kept an eye on all the volunteers on Sunday to make sure they were getting their chores done just right!



Alex Hale (above left) and Dick Zampini (above right) begin to tear apart the old barn at Happy Trails. They have chosen this structure as their Spring remodeling project! Thanks, guys! And don't forget you can help out as a volunteer on Sunday's, too! Bring your tools and a smile and spend the day helping Alex and Dick renovate the old barn!



On Wednesday, May 5th, K105FM's very own remote disc jockey, "K-Man" (Andy Sitko), visited Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and hung out with our volunteers and rescued animals from 6am to 9am. As he talked on air to morning DJ's, Maryann Graff and Doug James, K-Man tried to get the rooster to crow, the pig to oink, and the goose to honk...on cue! Ya right, they all said! The animals would wait until he was off the air to give their very best crows, oinks and honks! Pictured above (left to right) Dick Zampini, Shelby the Belgian draft horse, Abby Robinson, Zeus the goose being held by Annette Fisher, Maggie Godfrey and Samantha the dog, Andy Sitko "K-Man" from K105, and Jen and Rachel Salzer. Many thanks to K105 for not only the remote broadcast, but for including Happy Trails as part of their Sunday morning Forum Program, which features nonprofit organizations from 7am to 7:30am. Happy Trails appreciates your support — you guys are great!



Can you believe that both K-Man and the horse posed for this photo?

*Don't forget:  
Always check your shampoo  
and cosmetic products for  
the important disclaimer:  
NOT TESTED ON ANIMALS!*

## New Faces...



"Junebug", a sweet little girl piggy went into Happy Trails foster care program with her new foster parents, Nancy and Chuck Conring. How could you foster such a sweet little pig and not adopt her? Nancy and Chuck couldn't figure that one out either, so yep (you guessed it), Nancy and Chuck are now the proud new parents of a precious little pot belly pig!



### Just passin' through...



This little guy, along with two of his buddies, was in foster care a whole two weeks before they found their permanent home! Thanks to Nancy and Chuck Conring, again, for fostering the goat family!



Clyde, a lovable old Quarter horse gelding, had been starved for the second time in his life. The vet suggested that Clyde needed to gain about 200 lbs. when we accepted him into our equine rescue program. Thanks to Mary Verhoff of Lone Pine Farm Tack in Alliance for being such a wonderful foster mama for our boy Clyde. If you are interested in adopting Clyde, he is between 22-25 years old, deals with arthritis, and is slowly recovering from malnutrition. He may be rideable for kids as he continues to gain weight and regain his strength.



Rocky, a large Percheron colt yearling, is a big baby according to his foster mom, Joy Wagner. Rocky is going to make someone a wonderful backyard pet, and has potential to be a great walk/trot backyard trail kind-of-guy! He is great with other horses and loves attention! Are there any Percheron lovers out there interested in adopting a big baby?

## Don't try this at home...



Hogan the pig was a good sport about allowing us to set a tiny, "mini" saddle on his back for a photo opportunity. Though the saddle was almost too small for a Barbie doll, Hogan wore his new apparel proudly! He also likes the Western look on himself as opposed to the English saddles!

## Spring is here!



The warm, breezy Spring day was just perfect for these three piggy friends who were rooting around the yard at the sanctuary. The pink pig (shown back near the duck and chicken enclosure) is Dennis, in the center is Mr. Bojangles, and on the right is Hogan. In front of them all is part of a flower garden with our animal statue of St. Francis.

## Good-bye to snow!



One thing we won't miss this Summer — all the snow and ice we got to trudge through during the long Winter! Shelby never seemed to mind it as much as we did!

# The Story of Dutchess

Dutchess, a completely blind Standardbred mare, was turned down for help from Happy Trails three times before being accepted into our equine rescue program. Someone had purchased the horse at the Sugarcreek Auction where Dutchess was being bid on by the meat buyers. This kind soul purchased Dutchess, but then didn't know what to do with her. Happy Trails was overflowing with horse rescues at the time, and no foster homes were available. We sadly said that we couldn't help, but gave them the name of someone who might.

Dutchess ended up with Shannon and Scott Alexander of Cuyahoga Falls. Though the Alexander's were planning on moving out of state, they were determined to try very hard to find a home for Dutchess before they left. No caring home surfaced for the sweet, lovable, blind horse. Could we possibly take her for them? Still Happy Trails was full — we were very sorry but we still could not help.

Time quickly came for them to move, and Shannon again asked if Happy Trails could take the horse. Again we had to decline help but tried to offer suggestions. Shannon wouldn't give up trying to find Dutchess a home, and excitedly let me know one day that she thought she had



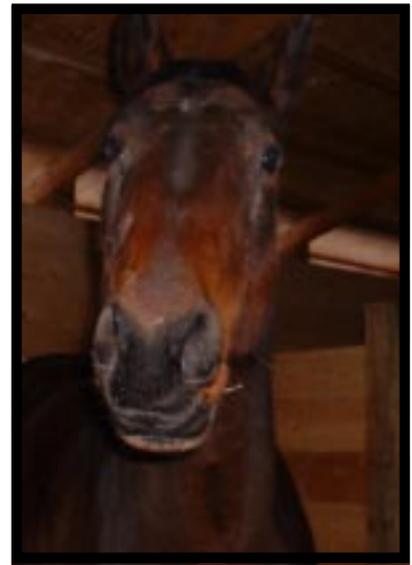
found the horse a home. Sadly once again Shannon called Happy Trails — her “good home” for Dutchess was not as it appeared, and Shannon learned that the horse might be once again sent to the slaughterhouse auction. Could we help?

Happy Trails still didn't have room, so we did what we always do...we made room. Dutchess was brought to Happy Trails one very cold Winter day, and was an absolute love to work with.

Her blindness (in both eyes) is caused by Uveitis, a degenerative eye disease that causes complete blindness and also causes the eye to recede back into the hollow of the eye socket. This can create unsanitary conditions and attract flies, debris, and can result in painful eye infections.

Dr. Tuckerman of Aurora Equine Specialty Hospital, recommended having both of Dutchess' eyes removed to prevent further pain and complication. Dutchess was such a trooper! She trusted us enough to load calmly into the horse trailer for the ride up to the hospital, where she stayed for five days, then back to Happy Trails for recovery. Only one eye, the worst one, was removed at this time. She wore a racing mask with protective eye shields to prevent further trauma as her eye healed. The surgery on the first eye alone cost Happy Trails \$1,600, but it was something that was needed to enhance her quality of life in the long run.

As Dutchess was recovering from surgery, a kind and caring person began to bond with her and fell head over heels for this trusting, personable blind horse. Joy Wagner, a special advisor to Happy Trails, began to work with Dutchess here at the sanctuary, and like the rest of us, fell in love



with this beautiful creature. Joy waited until Dutchess healed completely, then took her home to be a part of her family. Dutchess got her dream — to be adopted by someone who would love her in spite of her handicap and not send her back through the meat auction!

Today Dutchess is riding again! Dutchess rides Western and is very confident with her blindness. She both walks and trots, and has learned to maneuver her way around her new property. Joy and Dutchess are learning together the special needs of a blind horse. Dutchess is also thoroughly enjoying the fact that Joy is a Certified Equine Massage Therapist — how lucky can a horse get?

It always amazes me the wonderful homes that we often find for the rescued horses. Their lives can completely turn around with one phone call or one visit! Everyone who has met Dutchess is very glad that she became a part of Happy Trails! To read a more detailed story of Dutchess, check out the Beacon Journal article by Connie Bloom on our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org).

If you need the services of a Certified Equine Massage Therapist, give Joy a call at (330) 484-9537.

## ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

### Horses Needing Homes



**RIDEABLE PROGRAM:** Horses placed in our "Rideable Program" are physically able to ride within its listed limitation. We explain their condition and any medical concerns. Though a horse may be in our "Rideable Program", it does not necessarily mean they are trained for your particular needs. Happy Trails is not a training facility — we are a rescue group.

We do our best to assess the temperament and talents of each horse.

- Shana Frost: 21 year old light bay Thoroughbred mare — 16.1 hands; sweet and lovable; 150lb. rider weight limit; still thin — needs to gain weight; great trail horse for a walk/trot intermediate rider; gets along well with other horses; \$400 Adoption Fee
- Corona 15 year old bay Standardbred mare — 15.1 hands; very pretty, 150lb. rider weight limit per vet while she continues to recover from malnutrition and anemia; has been a buggy horse for the past ten years; has not been ridden but is doing great with ground work; rideable, sound and healthy now; great ground manners; loves attention and loves to be groomed; \$600 Adoption Fee
- Sequoia: 7 year old bay Standardbred mare — 16 hands; gorgeous; driveable; blind in her right eye; has been treated for EPM, a neurological disease; recovered 80%; is trained to pull and can pull a cart but cannot be ridden; gets along well with other horses; calm; awesome ground manners; wonderful pasture mate; \$250 Adoption Fee
- Rocky: 1 year old black Percheron colt — going to be a big boy; recovered from a neglect/malnutrition situation; lots of potential for a great backyard/fun trail horse; excellent to work with; gets along great with other horses; \$650 Adoption Fee

**PASTURE PAL PROGRAM:** Horses in our "Pasture Pal Program" have permanent injuries, illnesses or old age. These are the hardest-to-place horses, but they make wonderful pets. All horses in the Pasture Pal Program have a \$250 Adoption Fee each.

- Clyde: 22-25 year old chestnut Quarter horse gelding — 16 hands; handsome old gentleman; recovering from starvation for the second time in his life; severe arthritis; is an absolute sweetheart; loves attention; will make a great buddy horse
- Dancer: 17 year old brown and white Paint mare — 14.2 hands; gorgeous; solid and stocky; not rideable due to a number of leg issues: lower articular ringbone, a previous leg injury resulting in scar tissue in the deep flexor tendon on the front left leg, has arthritis
- Max & Erma: 10 and 20 year old mini horses — Max, brown & white paint gelding, being treated for severe founder; Erma, butterscotch mare, has a previous udder injury resulting in permanent swelling. Must be adopted together. \$250 Adoption Fee each.

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that rescues, rehabilitates and adopts out abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, pigs, hogs, chickens, ducks, geese, sheep, goats, and cows. We help to heal not only their health issues, but help to heal their spirits as well.

The animals come to Happy Trails from humane societies and animal protective leagues across Ohio, and some of the horses have been picked up from slaughterhouse auctions.

*We politely ask that you please do not just drop by to visit.*

Anyone wishing to meet a rescued farm animal you would like to consider adopting should call Happy Trails to set up an appointment with an adoption counselor.

We are not a public facility and at this time do not have a staff to have open public hours.

Not all animals listed are currently housed at the sanctuary. We use foster homes when needed and can help you to visit the animal at their foster home.

### ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

To adopt a farm animal from Happy Trails, you would first fill out an adoption application. An adoption counselor then visits the new home to assure a safe environment, proper shelter, and an exercise area is provided for the farm animal being adopted. Each animal has their own set of adoption requirements and must be adopted as a pet — the rescued animals are not allowed to be used as food production or for breeding purposes. Barbed wire fencing is never approved. All animals go to their new home with complete medical records and are up to date on vaccinations, worming, and are spayed or neutered when appropriate. For more information, call Happy Trails at (330) 296-5914.

#### FEATHERED FRIENDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

- Colonel: black and white Barred Rock rooster, very friendly and sweet
  - Earl: white Leghorn rooster, needs to be the only rooster; aggressive
  - Two white geese: would like to be adopted together as buddies
  - Three grey geese: prefer to keep the family together, very pretty!
- \$8 Adoption Fee per duck or goose,  
\$5 Adoption fee per chicken

#### COWS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

- Joy: 2½ year old Holstein Heifer; very friendly; loves attention; needs to be adopted as a pet; very people oriented; \$150 Adoption Fee

#### GROUPS OF POT BELLY PIGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

- Madonna, Rosie & Ellie Mae
  - Hogan & Mr. Bojangles
  - Milton & Mario
  - Willis & Magnolia
  - Wilbur & Cleopatra
  - Morris, Kinko & Sergai
  - Dennis, Java & Seraphina
- \$50 Adoption Fee per pot belly pig

#### FARM HOGS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

- Oliver: 2 year old rust-colored male pig; overly friendly; \$50 Adoption Fee
- Montel, Chloe & Rusty: keeping together a family of three hogs; Montel is a black and white male; Chloe is a white female with black spots; Rusty is a rust-colored male; \$150 Adoption Fee for the three together

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## Many Chickens And Ducks Came To Happy Trails After A Fire At A Residence In Ravenna

A total of 41 chickens and 12 ducks were displaced after a fire at the home of their owner in Ravenna. The lucky chickens have all been placed in caring homes, but there are still a few ducks needing a loving family. If



you have room in your heart and home for a pretty pair of Muscovies, a beautiful pair of Blue Swedish, or a white mixed breed female with a red mask, give us a call at (330) 296-5914.

Requirements to adopt a duck include that they have a predator-safe shelter at night and can be free-range in the yard much of the day or else have a large exercise area. Also, they are not allowed to be dumped out on an open pond — unfortunately all this does is feed the local wildlife, such as fox, raccoons, mink, and coyotes. The ducks would prefer that they are not used as feed, and so would we!

Ducks need to feed a commercial duck pellet to assure that they will receive the proper vitamins and nutrients needed for our feathered friends, and being a duck, they prefer to have a small pond or pool to play in. Always make sure to pick up your duck and chicken eggs so you're not making even more ducks and chickens that will need to find homes or overcrowd your current fowl population! Be assured that we always have plenty of chickens, ducks and geese in need of homes to go around for everybody, so there's no need to make more of them!

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## MEMORIALS

A special thank you goes out to everyone who sent in donations honoring a friend or relative who has passed away, and to the families who have so kindly requested that donations be made to Happy Trails in memory of their loved one.

Many thanks also to those who have sent memorials honoring a pet who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge. What better way to remember your pet or a friend's pet than by helping another animal in need in their memory!

Memorials are very much appreciated and Happy Trails is honored to have the rescued animals helped in this way. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families who have lost someone close.

## Heaven's Trail: Pet Cemetery Update

Happy Trails has always attended to the needs of the souls entrusted to people who dedicate their labors to the welfare of the abused, neglected or abandoned animals at the sanctuary. This includes the living and those that have passed through the grounds of the sanctuary and on to Heaven's Trail.

Last Fall after the Salzer family undertook the cleaning and design of the pet cemetery located toward the back of the sanctuary property, a solemn ceremony of dedication of the site and those that rest there (as well as others who rest elsewhere yet dwell in our hearts and memories) was held. As Fall turned to Winter and Christmas arrived, the cemetery was bedecked with floral tributes, ribbons, and even Christmas trees. Snowfall only added to the visual beauty and a spirit of peaceful rest greeted those who wandered into the woods on a snowy evening.

But the snow and cold has given way to Spring. And with it the Salzers again have returned to the site. Spring flowers and Easter decor decorate the grounds. These will remain until mid-April. Then the old section of Heaven's Trail will be cleared for Summer flowers and general care. As this goes on the main project for the Salzers is the establishment of phase two of Heaven's Trail. Due to the need for an area dedicated for the rest of larger animals, more space must be cleared. The projected work is to clear more land, allow for a roadway into this section, and placement of more floral tributes. Also the Salzers plan to establish a prayer-meditation garden. In it Dick Salzer will create a memorial wall featuring pictures of animals that do not rest within Heaven's Trail but will always be a part of Happy Trails. And the family plans to create a memorial stone for this section as well.

It is the hope of the Salzers that the weather will cooperate and allow the work to be completed by Memorial Day. In any event the site will be decked out and ready to go on June 27th for the Summer picnic at Happy Trails. On this day a rededication of the old section and a dedication of the new phase will be held. Reverend John Fisk will conduct a Native American service sure to bring tears to your eyes and joy to your heart. Plan to join us for this very special and moving experience at 3:30p.m. the day of the picnic.

So if you visit the sanctuary to work, pet, support or just say hello, take the few minutes it takes to walk back to Heaven's Trail. The walk will do your body good. But the stop and visit experience within Heaven's Trail will do your heart and spirit good.

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 non-profit group that relies on the generosity of kind folks who believe in our animal rescue efforts.

Please consider making a difference by becoming a member or by making a donation to help the save the life of a neglected, abused or abandoned farm animal today.

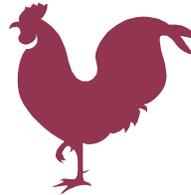
I would like to become a member

\_\_\_ \$15 \* \_\_\_ \$20 \* \_\_\_ \$35 \* \_\_\_ \$50 \*\* \_\_\_ \$100 \*\* \_\_\_ \$250\*\* and above

\* You will receive a membership card.

\*\* Receive a membership card and a Happy Trails t-shirt.

Thank You!!!



### DONATION INFORMATION

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Use this donation where it is needed the most

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I'd like my donation to be in memory of my beloved pet \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of animal).

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

# Happy Trails Sweatshirts, T-shirts & Baseball Hats

Happy Trails has hooded sweatshirts available for \$24.95 in either bright yellow with a dark green logo, or dark green with a yellow logo.

T-shirts are also available in the same colors at \$13.95.

Embroidered baseball hats (which look great, by the way) are now available for \$12.95. The hats are dark green with yellow embroidery.

To order any shirts or hats over the internet, log onto our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org), or fill out the coupon below and mail it along with your check made payable to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

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## Happy Trails Wish List

- For Our Volunteers: Bottled water, work gloves or garden gloves; goodies on Sundays
- Apples, carrots, horse snacks
- ¾ or 1 ton truck to haul our horse trailers
- Old sleeping bags, blankets or comforters for the pot belly pigs
- Hay, Straw & Sawdust
- Lime or stall deodorizer
- Feed: Horse sweet feed, hog pellets, Equine Senior feed, duck/goose pellets, chicken laying mash, (any brands)
- A round pen
- Avon Skin-So-Soft (used as a fly/mosquito repellent), or any non-chemical fly spray
- Paste wormers such as Quest, Strongid, Zimectrin, Panacur, etc.
- Office supplies needed are stamps, 8½x11 color or white copy paper
- Gas cards or long distance phone cards
- More foster homes
- Sand • A Bobcat
- Heated Water Buckets
- Lead Ropes & New Horse Halters

## The Story of Isis...by Isis

(As told to her new mom, Rachel Salzer)

Dear Readers of "Happy Tales",

Everybody deserves a second chance. I got mine two years ago at the Mount Hope horse auctions. I was destined to be sold to the meat buyers for slaughter. It's not that I was a bad horse, old or ill. And I certainly did not deserve to die. But I was an injured cart-racing horse that was no longer making money for my former owners. It was more profitable for them to sell me for meat than to keep me going and let me live out my life.

Lucky for me Happy Trails had decided to travel to the auctions that weekend. They were out to bid against the meat buyers and save as many horses as they could. Happy Trails had obtained sponsors (my girl was one of them) to pay for the cost of the bids. They had trailers waiting. And then the auctions began. I was paraded through the auction block, and the bidding commenced.

Happy Trails bid for me, and won! They saved my life. I began my journey to a new and happier adventure with a brand new name, Isis. I was named after the ancient Egyptian goddess of love, home, and joy. My girl picked my new name. I traveled to a foster home that helped Happy Trails give me the care that I needed. I was seen by a vet, received proper feed and all the hay I could eat (and trust me that's a lot of hay). They even worked on healing my badly torn up legs. At the auction my legs were so raw they actually bled. But with proper care and medicine they began to heal.

When my foster home could no longer care for me I returned to the sanctuary. I joined several other horses that had also been saved that weekend. My care continued, all the while I was building strength. That summer I began giving rides to volunteers to grow stronger and work my legs. I had several inquires into adopting me. All of the people were nice, although I was not always so nice in return. I usually pinned my ears or tried to bite them, sometimes both. It's just me — it's how I act toward almost everyone (except my girl).

Then Winter came, and horse adoptions slow down with the cold months. I prepared to spend my first winter with Happy Trails. The good food and hay continued, as well as the

exercise rides as my legs were still in the process of healing. Spring came and I marked one year since my rescue at Mount Hope.

Spring turned to Summer, and again several more people showed an interest in adopting me. But every time, something would happen and I would end up staying at the sanctuary. It was ok, I liked it there. But I was ready to call someone my own, and I had someone in mind, my girl. I wanted to have a new barn to live in, and someone to ride me every day. As summer turned into fall once again, I prepared myself for another long Winter at Happy Trails. My wish was still unanswered.

Then I got my miracle. The girl that originally sponsored my auction bid decided to make me hers. I was very happy because I would finally have a new place I could call home, and a new field to graze in, and more treats than I would know what to do with. She said she would spoil me to no end. Her family supported the decision, even to the point of relocating so I would have plenty of pasture to call my own.

Two years after being a survivor, I am saying farewell to the grounds of Happy Trails and hello to my new barn and family. My legs are almost completely healed, although they still do gather proud flesh around the wounds. (Proud flesh is a thick, tough skin that must be peeled away.) I don't like having this done, but I try to be good (most of the time). I am glad to have had the chance to have called Happy Trails my home for the past two years.

But at my new home my girl will take me on rides through the woods, and brush me, and do all the fun things that horses like. I will be living in a new barn, designed with a goddess in mind. And the treats will never end.

Thanks to Happy Trails for my second chance at life. And as a story about a goddess is close to a story about a princess, this goddess will live happily ever after.

One lucky horse, ISIS...



Laverne & Annette at Donzell's Garden Center in Akron

## Sadly Missed...

A sad tragedy happened at Happy Trails recently when two stray dogs entered the sanctuary through the back woods and managed to get into the fenced in areas which housed the feathered residents. Lucy, Annette's pet Pekin duck, was killed instantly. Taz, a white Muscovy mix was badly injured but after a week long stay at the vet, is continuing to recover. When we found Laverne, Annette's pet turkey and ambassador for Happy Trails, she was still alive although horribly injured. Laverne was rushed to the vet, but was euthanized due to her extreme injuries. The two sweetest, most gentle creatures, Laverne and Lucy, are missed terribly here at Happy Trails.

Laverne had just spent the weekend "working the crowd" at Donzell's Garden Center's Spring Festival—she did so love to socialize! Holiday, Laverne's friend turkey, misses her terribly also. Extra fencing has been installed to prevent any further stray dogs from entering the property.

Edward the amputee duck, died recently at his adoptive home. He was doing very well, had other ducks for friends, and his own small pool to play in. His death was sadly unexpected.

Happy Trails horses that have crossed the Rainbow Bridge since our last newsletter: Lightfoot, a 24 year old Government Mustang adopted by Rachel Whitehawk and Beth Wilbur, and Ms. Esmerelda, a 24 year old Standardbred mare, also adopted by Beth Wilbur. These two horses were lucky to have retired at a wonderful home where they were cared for and loved and allowed to live out their lives in peace — our sympathies on their passing.

And lastly, many Happy Trails volunteers are missing Bandit who recently died of cancer. Bandit was a friendly, happy dog who was a personal rescued pet of Annette and Russ Fisher. His constantly wagging tail is missed by everyone.

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## The Name Game

Though Happy Trails assigns each farm animal that is accepted into our rescue program an animal intake number, we provide them with a name that seems best suited for them also. We try to think of something unique; something that will make a prospective pet owner fall in love with that particular animal because their name is just soooooo cute or different!

Though some animals come with names already, we offer the farm animal a new lease on life — a second chance to find peace, happiness, care and love. So why not give them a new name to go with their new beginning?

However, after rescuing what feels like a million animals, sometimes our thinking caps concerning attractive and cutesy names runs out of steam.

May we borrow some of the unique and funny names that you have named your pets? Write to us or email us and let us know of the one-of-a-kind names you've given your own pets, so that we have some interesting ideas to name any new animal faces that will be coming to Happy Trails. We'll try to publish some of the funnier or more original ones in the next newsletter.

We're not doing too badly ourselves coming up with adorable names. Not too many people have a beautiful 900 lb. farm hog named Mrs. Beasley, a wicked wicked Leghorn rooster named Earl, a gorgeous dark bay Standardbred mare named Sequoia, a chubby pot belly pig named Cleopatra, or a baby lamb named Shakespear.

## How did Madonna Get Her Name?

When Happy Trails handled a rescue concerning the neglect of a female pot belly, we discovered a star! We arrived to find a severely overweight piggy with hooves so long that they had curled up and twisted — her hooves measured eight inches long. Every time she attempted to walk the misshapen appendages would cruelly poke her in the face, barely missing her eyes.

We coaxed her into the middle of a large comforter, and four of us gently picked her up and set her into the van. We placed her on a mound of soft blankets, pillows, sheets and comforters. This made her deliriously happy, and for the entire ride back to the sanctuary, she excitedly shredded all the brightly colored materials. She loved the blankets and comforters and was quite fascinated with them. She would rip the sheets and other material into shreds, then attempt to make herself a nest in the van.

So enamored with all the material was she, that we felt it was only fitting to name her Madonna — after all, she was quite the "material" girl!!!

Madonna is still available for adoption (along with her friend Rosie Pig). Madonna is on an antiinflammatory due to her arthritis, and she has difficulty walking. She had been fed dog food instead of the proper diet of commercial pot belly food needed to satisfy the nutritional needs of a pot belly pig, and she had become severely overweight. She is an absolute sweetheart and loves to be petted and hugged and have her belly rubbed! If you could help to give Madonna and Rosie (her black and white pot belly pig friend rescued from a starvation situation), or any of the other piggys a proper home, or would like to know the housing requirements for a pot belly pig, please give us a call at (330) 296-5914.

The photo shown here of Madonna, fast asleep with her little piggy stuffed animal friend in the background, was taken compliments of Marcinda Franks of Marcinda's Magical Moments Photography. Marcinda has been kind enough to photograph many of the rescued farm animals here at Happy Trails. She will be using their photos as greeting cards that can be purchased at the Summer picnic in June with proceeds benefitting Happy Trails. The photos can then be removed from the cards and framed! For all your family or commercial photography needs, including pet photography and photographs taken on location, make sure to give Marcinda a call at (330) 699-1623. Thanks Marcinda, for caring enough about the rescued animals to help out Happy Trails!



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## Follow Up



Remember Tundra, the big five year old Belgian gelding that Happy Trails picked up from the Mid-Ohio Draft Horse Auction in Mt. Hope, Ohio? He was going to the meat buyers late in the day on a Friday two years ago, and that weekend Happy Trails purchased nine horses that would have otherwise ended up at the slaughterhouse. Thanks to Josephine Wardle who sponsored an auction bid for a very lucky horse. Tundra was purchased and saved from the kill pen. While Tundra was in foster care, he had a severe colic and was sent to Ohio State Veterinary University for emergency surgery. Tundra amazingly enough came through with flying colors, was adopted by his foster family, Shannon and Scott Alexander, and has since moved to a beautiful pasture in West Virginia this past January. Here are some photos of a fat and happy Tundra at his new home!



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## Website Links Worth Checking Out!

- Premarin Horses Needing Homes: [www.pmurescue.org](http://www.pmurescue.org)
- Dog Rescue Group: [www.animaladvocates.com](http://www.animaladvocates.com)
- Defending Farm Animals: [www.DefendingFarmAnimals.org](http://www.DefendingFarmAnimals.org)
- Newspaper for people who care about animals: [www.animalpeoplenews.org](http://www.animalpeoplenews.org)
- Animal Rights 2004 National Conference: [www.AR2004.org](http://www.AR2004.org)
- Humane Educator, Michelle A. Rivera: [www.Animals101.com](http://www.Animals101.com)
- SHARK's Tiger video trucks tape animal abuse across the country: [www.sharkonline.org](http://www.sharkonline.org)
- Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah and the No More Homeless Pets Conference: [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)
- Looking for a special pet? Check out [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com).

## MISC. TIDBITS

- [HAPPYTRAILSFARM.ORG](http://HAPPYTRAILSFARM.ORG)  
Don't forget to check out Happy Trails website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org). ! It's continually growing and filled with lots of information and updates. Thanks to Chuck Conring for all his hard work on the website and for handling all of the Happy Trails computer mishaps! We don't know what we'd do without him!
- Thanks to the new Development Committee volunteers: Sandra Wolf, Nancy Conring, Diane Sotnak, Leona Griffiths, Cathy Bondurant, Rob Willard, Cheryl Livernsperger, Luanne & Don DeCrane, Josephine Wardle, Annette Fisher, Maggie Godfrey, Carolyn Hayes, and our Committee Chairperson, Joy Wagner
- A special thank you goes out to Lynn Baxter, CPA, who has been a tremendous help to Happy Trails by donating her time and volunteering to help out with all of our paperwork and accounting needs.

## Hearts & Paws Rescue Group Needs Foster Homes For Dogs & Cats

Hearts & Paws is a wonderful dog and cat rescue group that has worked hand in hand with Happy Trails for quite a while. They are always in need of loving, caring foster homes for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. If you do not have the facilities to foster a farm animal for Happy Trails, maybe you would consider opening your heart and your home as a foster parent for a homeless dog or an abandoned kitten until it can be placed with a permanent family. It will do your spirit good to have played such an important role in the life of a rescued animal, and dogs and cats are admittedly easier to foster than a horse, cow or farm hog — here at Happy Trails we understand that! For more information on either adopting a cat or dog or being a foster parent, call (330) 665-9941.