

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

SPRING 2006

Newsletter



**Happy Trails
Summer Festival**
Sunday, June 25th
11am - 5pm
Free Admission
Shuttle Parking, Demonstrations,
Clinics, Western Riding and
Training Shows, Dunking Booth,
Kid's Bouncy House, Snow
Cones, Llama Obstacle Course
See Inside For Details!

*Happy Trails Summer Festival will
be bigger and more fun than ever!
Plan to meet Doris Straka, Animal
Communicator, and other special guests!*



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***You definitely won't want to
miss this year's bigger-and-
better-than-ever Happy Trails
Summer Festival!***

*Help us celebrate kindness to
animals and have fun with your
family and friends by joining us
at the sanctuary for a festive and
educational day of activities and
entertainment!*

*Among our many animal-
friendly guests, someone you*

*should be sure to meet is Doris
Straka, well-known Animal
Communicator.*

*And, you can enjoy today's
hottest country music as K105FM
broadcasts live from the Happy
Trails Summer Festival!*

*To find out more exciting
details, the day's itinerary, the
scoop on our special guests, and
what's all going on, check out
pages four through seven!*



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letter from the director

This letter to you, our dear friends and supporters, is a mish-mash of my thoughts as they spill out faster than I can type. There are so many updates that I want to share and exciting things happening for Happy Trails, that it's difficult to narrow them down to a simple article on a page.

It's now almost midnight as I finally get to sit down at my computer and try to come up with something profound to share about Happy Trails with our readers. I'll bet many of you find yourselves in this same predicament from time to time — not that you have a deadline to write a newsletter article, but you come in late from the barn with a list of “have-to's” that still need your undivided attention.

Like me, you've been out checking on your animals — maybe to make sure the heat lamps are on because it's going below 40 degrees yet another night and it's already the middle of May. Or maybe you were sitting in the barn much of the evening with a pet duck that just had surgery on it's crippled foot, or perhaps you decided to hang out late in a stall with a horse who had symptoms of colic earlier in the day. You finally get in the house, tired and weary, and you have a million things that weren't done that day because you spent your time caring for your pets who may have been sick, injured, new to the family, or simply “not acting quite right”.

Here at Happy Trails, the animal's care is always our top priority. As an all-volunteer organization, that often takes it's toll on the dedicated and hard-working volunteers and board members who generously give of their time to feed, water, clean shelters, dress wounds, dispense medications, and make sure the rescued animal's daily needs are met.

This is why a top priority at Happy Trails is to find a way to create a paid staff — which is our

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next step in the re-structuring of the organization that is taking place this year. We want to be able to give consistent, quality care daily to the rescued farm animals.

The re-organization of Happy Trails simply couldn't be going better. Multitudes of kind, generous, outgoing animal-lovers have stepped up to the plate to make great things happen for Happy Trails!

It is truly heart-warming to see the kindness and compassion in people who want to see Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary not just survive, but to thrive, grow and prosper here in Ohio!

I am hoping that by spreading compassion and kindness to animals, we can help make the world a better place for all of us.

Please join us in doing just that at our upcoming fund-raiser, the Happy Trails Summer Festival! You can teach others compassion by your shining example of support of the sanctuary; you can educate friends about the need for such a unique non-profit organization here in Ohio; and you can plan on spending a fun-filled and educational day with the fantastic and friendly (yes, I'm slightly biased) Happy Trails staff, our welcoming and attentive volunteers, and the funny, furry and lovable rescued farm animals.

There will be updates in this and future newsletters to keep you informed as to the wonderful changes and improvements that are being made to the Happy Trails facility. Many thanks to all of you who have chosen to support our re-structuring efforts! And I hope to see and meet each and everyone of you at the Summer Festival!

Sincerely,

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

NEW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Thanks to Happy Trails board member, Chris Cook, our newly structured volunteer program is on it's way to being up and running! Chris has agreed to take on the enormous responsibility of completely revamping the Happy Trails volunteer system, and is our new Volunteer Program Director!

We have been fortunate that so many kind area non-profit organizations have stepped forward to guide us and direct us and offer words of wisdom concerning organizing a major volunteer program. Special thanks go out to Laura Lindauer at Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, and Phyllis Lemon at Pegasus Therapeutic Equestrian Center.

We are currently seeking Sunday and work-day volunteers.



Projects include cleaning horse stalls, raking piggy pens, yard clean-up, construction projects, and heavy-duty sanctuary maintenance. This type of work requires a person to be physically fit and able to handle often-taxing physical jobs.

For information about volunteering and to see what opportunities await you at Happy Trails, give Chris a call at (330) 256-8011. Just a reminder that at this time we still have an 18 and over age limit for volunteers.

Get To Know The People Who Provide Direction and Guidance for Happy Trails

We would like all of you to get to know all of us — the Happy Trails Board of Directors! In this issue we'd like to feature and introduce you to Happy Trails Vice-President, Becky Albright.

Let's find out a little bit about Becky...

How did you first hear about Happy Trails, and what made you want to get involved?

I met Annette at the Randolph Heritage Festival, and volunteered to haul a horse if needed. I got involved because I have seen the need for such an organization in the area.

Besides serving on the Happy Trails Board, what other work do you do?

I work part-time on a horse farm and I also board horses and sell organic eggs. And, we grow our own hay for our horses and goats.

Is there a type of farm animal that you find yourself attracted to the most, and if so, which kind?

I have all kinds of animals, from horses down to Old World Chameleons. From the sanctuary I have: Tootie, a half-Percheron, half-Standardbred filly, now a yearling. She was born with a deformed front leg and saved from going to auction. She is a real clown, loves attention, and can shake hands with help using her bad leg. Then there's Gimpy and Casey, two goats from the rescue last year. Gimpy is a Neubian wether, and Casey is a Cashmere buck. And there's Hank and Hootie — Hank is a white Pekin duck and Hootie is an Indian Runner. These two are great to watch take over the yard each day. My cat Lizzie loves her daily back massages from Hank. I also took in numerous chickens, from Silkies to older laying hens that still sometimes lay.

What is your favorite memorable experience with a farm animal at

Happy Trails?

We had to put down Memphis Bell (a 23 year old black Percheron mare) last August. She and Norma Jean (her Percheron mare friend) were together over twenty years working in the fields. I went over to Happy Trails to offer support on that day and walked Norma Jean around, close to her friend but out



of the way. After the first tranquilizer shot went into Memphis Bell, Norma Jean pulled me gently but firmly — we were going over to see her friend who was leaving us. Norma Jean walked up to her old friend, put her nose on Bell's nose, and quietly said good-bye. It was only for a few seconds. Then

Norma Jean turned and led me away. Afterwards, Annette asked me if I had walked Norma Jean over and I said, "No, she just wanted to go up to her friend on her own." Later we had realized what she really had done was say "Goodbye old friend."

What words of wisdom concerning farm animal care would you like to share?

Don't forget to take a few minutes each day and observe your animals. Pay attention to their water and food intake, and slow down and enjoy them!

If you could encourage someone to adopt one of the rescued farm

animals, who would it be and why?

Joy the cow! She's been at the sanctuary since she was a calf. She's a big pet and would make a great lawn mower!

In your opinion, what is one of the most important aspects or programs of Happy Trails?

I think the Amish Horse Retirement Program is my favorite aspect. I like helping place their horses, whether it's a buggy horse or a draft, since these horses have worked *hard* their entire life. We've had one road down in Amish country where three families sent horses to us. They were so happy to surrender them to us and not send them to auction (which would mean to slaughter). One mare had pulled their buggy for almost twenty years. She retired and got to live in a great retirement home for almost two years.

Has the sanctuary grown and changed since you've been involved, and if so, how?

Yes, it has grown from a backyard rescue to a nationally awarded sanctuary with a great crew of volunteers!

What is something unique about you that you bring to the sanctuary?

'That I like all kinds of animals and appreciate their quirks and differences. Also, I have a realistic view on things, which sometimes in an emotional case is not an easy thing to do. Also, I would like to think that I treat an older animal with respect, because remember — we all will get old one day and I would hope that we just won't get thrown away like some of the animals that are rescued.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of you for all your support!

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JOIN US FOR THE BIGGER-AND-BETTER-THAN-EVER HAPPY TRAILS SUMMER FESTIVAL

Help us celebrate kindness to animals and enjoy a fun-filled day with your family and friends by visiting Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary for a festival of educational activities and entertainment!

Why should you attend the Happy Trails Summer Festival???

- Are you an animal-lover?
- Have you ever wondered what your ornery (challenging?) pet was thinking, and considered asking an animal communicator about his or her special "issues"?
- Did your child ever have the chance to pet a draft horse?
- When's the last time you visited



Tony, member of the Happy Trails Belgian Hitch Team

a pig up close and personal?

- Trying to find a way to spend some quality time with your family or friends?
- Want to meet some interesting people and experience some amazing guests???

You can do all of these things and SO much more when you visit Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and participate in promoting kindness to animals at our Summer Festival!

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HERE'S THE SCOOP!

ADMISSION

Admission is free — bring a friend and a smile!

The Happy Trails Summer Festival is a fund-raiser to help raise money for the care of the abused, abandoned and neglected farm animals that come into the sanctuary's rescue programs from county humane societies and animal protective leagues across Ohio. Your kind donations at the festival help pay for the care, feed, shelter, and medical needs of the rescued farm animals.

ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

- **The Bouncy House...**
... always fun for the kids!
- **The Wet-and-Wild Dunking Machine...**
...test your aim and throwing abilities, and dunk a soggy victim for charity!
- **Face Painting...**
...for kids of all ages from 1 to 100 years old!
- **Llama Obstacle Course...**
...team up and test your talents with a friendly llama
- **Flavored Snow Cones...**
...will refresh and delight you
- **Vegetarian Concessions...**
...available all day
- **Special Raffles and Door Prizes...**
- **Animal-themed souvenirs...**
...and Western hats

Happy Trails Summer Festival!

Sunday, June 25th

11am - 5pm

5623 New Milford Rd.
Ravenna

shuttle parking available

PARKING

A shuttle service will be provided for your convenience.

Parking for large crowds is not possible at the sanctuary itself.

Approximately three minutes down the road from Happy Trails are ample parking lots, and signs and attendants will direct you to parking and to the shuttle buses. There will be *no* parking available at the sanctuary.

DIRECTIONS

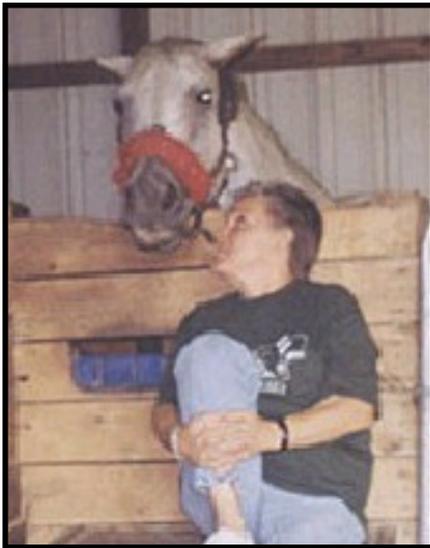
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is located at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 (Portage County).

You can receive personal directions through our website at happytrailsfarm.org. Signs will direct you to the nearby designated parking lots.

SPECIAL GUESTS

• Doris Straka, Animal Communicator

Meet our very special guest, Doris Straka, Animal Communicator, and learn more about her special gift of communicating with animals at the Happy Trails Summer Festival!



Doris has generously donated her entire day to visit with guests at the Happy Trails Summer Festival, and to help raise money for the rescued animals. Bring your favorite photo of your beloved furry or feathered friend, and find out what might be causing his or her “challenging” behaviors, or simply communicate with them on their level and unlock the secrets of what they are thinking. A minimum \$25 donation to Happy Trails for Doris’s time will help you to better understand your furry or feathered friend. The photo you bring can be of a current pet, or may be of a pet that has crossed the Rainbow Bridge and you would like validation and communication with that special fuzzy creature.

• Ken Aberegg, Professional Equine Trainer, Riding Instructor and former Show Judge

Meet and direct your horse related questions to “horse trainer of the year” (in Happy Trails book anyway!), Ken Aberegg. Learn how to work with your horse safely and correctly from a proven professional equine trainer, riding instructor and former show judge.



As a well-known and widely respected equine trainer, Ken has dedicated this special day to answering your training and riding questions to help bring attention to and raise funds for the rescued horses of Happy Trails! Meet Ken in person and bring along your list of training and riding questions, and learn how to solve the challenges that your horse presents for you! A Western Riding and Training Show will help demonstrate techniques you can use to enhance

the bond between you and your horse. Ken helps to train (and re-train in some cases) the rescued horses who come through the Happy Trails rescue programs. He has worked with many draft horses who may only been trained to pull originally, and teaches them how to be safe trail horses.

• Mary Ann Graff, Morning DJ and Forum Program Host from K105FM, Country Music Station of the Year

Happy Trails welcomes Mary Ann Graff as she broadcasts some of today’s hottest country hits, live from the Happy Trails Summer Festival from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm!



Country music-lovers should be sure to introduce yourself to Mary Ann as an animal-lover and as a Happy Trails supporter, and let her know how much we appreciate the recognition of K105FM as they regularly highlight Happy Trails on their Sunday morning Forum Program featuring non-profit organizations! Listen to K105 on Sunday mornings from 7:00am to 7:30am to hear great interviews with Happy Trails and other non-profit organizations!

FESTIVAL ITINERARY

11:00am — 11:30am

Amish Belgian Plow Horse Hitch Demonstration

Have fun watching the big boyz!

Representing the draft horses in the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program are Red and Tony, retired Amish Belgian plow horses, will be demonstrating hitching, line-driving, and pulling a forecart. These awesome, majestic creatures flaunt the sheer power encased in a 2,300lb. draft horse! Meet them up close and personal!



Alex Hale exercises Tony and Red by line driving the team.

11:45am — 12:15pm

Doris Straka, Animal Communicator Session I

A gift like no other, Doris talks to the rescued farm animals at Happy Trails!

Blessed with the amazing ability to communicate with animals, Doris talks in detail about this special gift, her heart-warming experiences, and visits with several Happy Trails farm animals. Learn what secrets the rescued animals are willing to share with you and find out what types of homes they are looking for!



Though Doris works with all types of pets, Doris works a great deal with many, many horse lovers who need to communicate with their furry friends, and even helps horses at the track.

UPDATED FESTIVAL INFORMATION

is available on line at happytrailsfarm.org, or you can call (330) 296-5914.

12:30pm — 1:00pm

Ken Aberegg, Professional Equine Trainer, Riding Instructor and former Show Judge Session I

Western Riding And Training Demonstration

Enjoy a colorful demonstration of what the Happy Trails rideable horses have accomplished, and learn how to better your own horse's performance at this

special Western Riding and Training Demonstration. Happy Trails volunteers who are experienced in horsemanship will be dressed in their finest show attire to help Ken present an educational and informative clinic.



Ken works with rescued Happy Trails horse, Grandpa Walton and volunteer, Amanda, in the outdoor riding arena while testing Grandpa's riding skills.

1:15pm — 1:45pm

Fun With Pot Belly Pigs with Joni Clague

Funny, Informative and Educational Presentation

Are you a "pig person"? Find out with a light-hearted look at pigs as pets as Joni talks about the joys, frustration, and silliness of being the proud owner of pudgy piggies. Did you know that petting a pot belly pig feels similar to petting a paint brush?

Can your pig easily train you to give it belly rubs whenever it lays down on it's side? Find out the answers to these questions and more at the educational and fun piggy clinic with Joni Clague!



Willis is all smiles at the thought of you coming to the Piggy Clinic — he is such a precious boy!

2:00pm — 2:30pm

Steve Hebrock, Certified Natural Hoof Care Practitioner

Live Demonstration of Natural Hoof Trimming Using Happy Trails Rescued Horses

Can your horse actually perform better without shoes? Why is Natural Hoof Trimming important to foundered horses? What is the difference between a trim your blacksmith normally provides and the way Natural Hoof Trimming teaches based on the model hoof of the wild horse? Watch an actual trimming demonstration as Steve explains the benefits of natural hoof trimming. Steve is certified through the American Association of Natural Hoof Care Practitioners.



Hoof problems? Learn with Steve Hebrock how natural hoof care can enhance your horse's quality of life.

2:45pm — 3:15pm

Lisa Deckert, Certified Equine Massage Therapist & Reike (Energy Healing) Practitioner

Talented, skilled, a true professional, and a must for Happy Trails, Lisa is loved by horses everywhere!

How can you tell if your horse has sore muscles, and where are they? How can an equine massage help it to relax and heal quicker? How does muscle soreness affect your horse's performance and behavior? Meet Lisa Deckert and learn how equine massage therapy can improve the quality of life for your special horse companion. Lisa demonstrates massage techniques on a rescued Happy Trails horse and talks about the importance of healthy and stress-free muscles. Lisa also discusses Reike, and how energy healing can benefit not only your horse but your other pets as well.



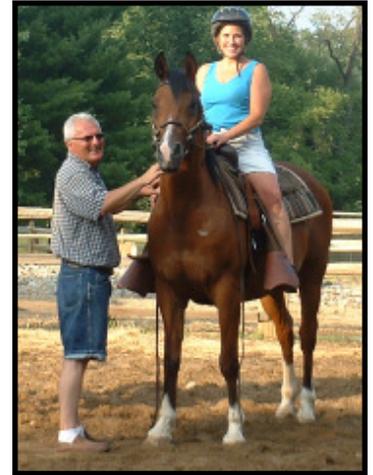
Houston, a Happy Trails rescued horse diagnosed with Cushings Disease, receives a much-appreciated massage and Reike treatment from Lisa!

3:30pm — 4:00pm

Ken Aberegg, Professional Equine Trainer, Riding Instructor and former Show Judge **Session II**

Western Riding And Training Demonstration

More training tips to add to the earlier session held at 12:30pm. Enjoy more of the same — a colorful demonstration of what the Happy Trails rideable horses have accomplished, and learn how to better your own horse's performance at this special Western Training Demonstration. Happy Trails volunteers who are experienced in horsemanship will once again be dressed in their finest show attire to help Ken present an educational and informative Western Riding and Training Session



Ken works with rescued Happy Trails Arabian gelding, Dallas, and volunteer, Nancy Geideman.

4:15pm — 4:45pm

Doris Straka, Animal Communicator **Session II**

A gift like no other, Doris talks to the rescued farm animals at Happy Trails!

For our late afternoon crowd, Doris gives a second presentation and talks in detail about her special gift and amazing ability to communicate with the animals. She shares her heart-warming experiences, and will visit with several Happy Trails farm animals. It's fun to find out what secrets the rescued animals are willing to share with their guests, and learn what types of homes they are hoping to find!



No animal is too big or too small for a visit with Doris — here Doris talks with the elephants and their handler.

VISITING BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY IN KANAB, UTAH

In April 2006, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary located in Angel Canyon in Kanab, Utah, gave a warm welcome to a Happy Trails group of visitors.

with great success, we have been seeking mentoring from the much larger and more established sanctuaries and non-profit organizations.



Some horse paddocks were surrounded by beautiful white vinyl fencing, which really stood out against the desert sand.



Annette Fisher and Rob Willard upon arriving at Best Friends Sanctuary, next to their welcome sign!

And Best Friends definitely is all that and more! Nestled in 3,000 acres of the most beautiful scenery on the planet, Best Friends is home to approximately 1,500 animals on any given day. They have 270 paid employees, and state-of-the-art facilities for almost 600 cats and dogs. One building called Feathered Friends houses an

amazing number of rather loud parrots! And there is also a wonderful wildlife rehabilitation center.

Annette Fisher, Executive Director of Happy Trails, Rob Willard, Happy Trails volunteer, and Sarah Aitken of the Greater Akron Humane Society, planned this trip to Best Friends to learn

The lessons we brought back with us far exceed the expected administrative policies and day to

day rules and regulations. We learned the value of teaching by example; of doing everything that concerns the sanctuary out of pure love; of what dedication, hard work, and commitment can accomplish; and to never give up.

With our new information, encouragement, a renewed energy, and filled with inspiration, we are excited with the confirmation that we are definitely on the right path.

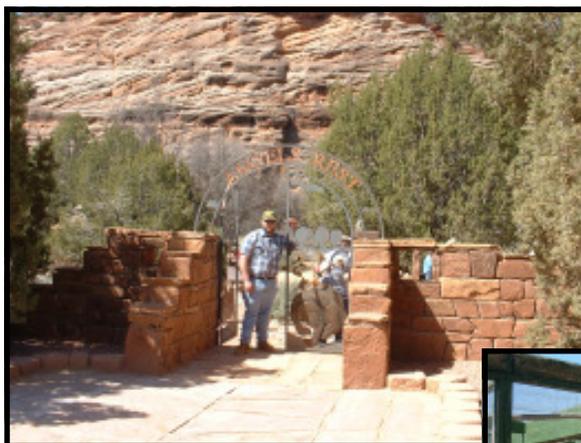
The restructuring of our organization and our goals are coming to pass one day at a time. In the past six years Happy Trails has grown in leaps and bounds — just imagine what the next six years will hold for us!



The buildings which housed the dogs, cats and birds were state-of-the-art, and all the grounds were very nicely manicured..

about operating a non-profit animal rescue organization from the biggest and the best!

As Happy Trails year of restructuring our organization is well underway and sailing along



(ABOVE) Rob Willard stands at the gate to Angel's Rest, the peaceful Best Friends pet cemetery, where wind chimes can be heard echoing throughout the day.



(RIGHT) The Best Friends chicken enclosure looks almost identical to the one built here at Happy Trails!

THE NEW POT BELLY PIG BARN TO BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE SUMMER FESTIVAL!

Eleven of the pudgy piggy residents of Happy Trails now reside in a brand new piggy barn designed for their comfort!



Hard at work, David Stutzman, talented Happy Trails volunteer carpenter, helps put the finishing touches on the beams of the roof of the all new pot belly pig shelter!

A spacious yard offers plenty of exercise room, and cute little stall gates (built to resemble the stall gates in the horse barn), keep them in the right place during feeding times.

Otherwise, the gates are open and the silly, social creatures roam around at their leisure, napping with friends and enjoy exchanging oinks and grunts and squeals.

Built by all volunteers, the new pot belly pig barn is a beauty!



Russ Fisher (on roof) and Dick Zampini (right) level boards for the roof of the barn.

After we put the finishing touches on the barn and get a coat of paint on it, we'll put a final photo of it in the next newsletter. Or, better yet, see the new pot belly pig barn in person at the Summer Festival!

THE MANE EVENT 2006

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th, to attend The Mane Event, an everything-horse-related day to benefit the rescued animals at Happy Trails.

This special day will be once again held at the Randolph Fairgrounds in Portage County, and you will be able to breathe in everything to do with horses. Add into the mix equine riding and training demonstrations, equine



health clinics, medical and educational seminars, and horse nutrition classes. There will special equine-related raffle items, tack sales, door prizes, and booths of interesting things to see and do. Thanks to all the fine and outstanding people in Ohio's horse community, who have so graciously stepped behind Happy Trails, and encourage us to continue with our equine rescue and adoption programs here at the farm animal sanctuary.

More details to come about The Mane Event in the next newsletter and on our website at happytrailsfarm.org.

SPECIAL THANK-YOU'S

So many kind souls do something special for Happy Trails on a regular basis or on a super-sized scale. Special thank-you's go out to:

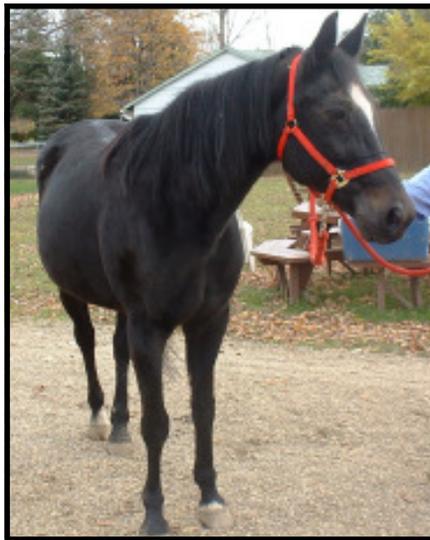
- RCA Rubber Company of Akron for the very generous donation of rubber mats for the horse stalls!
- The Norfolk Southern Railroad for donating a generous amount of old railroad ties to be used to secure the new fencing in the new farm hog area.
- The Robinson family for having hauled and delivered our weekly feed orders of 1,200 lbs. or more, happily and without complaint, for a very long time. Now that the Happy Trails van is repaired, we are able to give them a break!
- And speaking of the Happy Trails van, a very special thank you goes out to Eileen and Bob Roloff and Eileen's brother, Duane Nealen, for handling the van repairs and donating the majority of the costs to get it fixed. We LOVE having the van safe and accessible!
- Sharon Center Vet Clinic and Dr. Faust for dedicating an entire day here at the sanctuary to anesthetize, provide vaccines, worm, trim hooves and tusks, and treat the entire pot belly pig population! By the end of the day, their staff look quite like us, quite muddy, dirty and covered in pig memorabilia.
- Kevin and Debbie Bragg for going above and beyond the call of duty by hauling large loads of you-name-it in their new dump truck — mulch, plastic, fencing, equipment, round hay bales, etc!
- Lynn Baxter, CPA, for keeping all of our tax records and paperwork in proper order — what a task! Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Lynn!

AWESOME ADOPTIONS

Three horse adoptions happened in May alone! Three “perfect” horses got adopted into the most wonderful families. Ask the new horse owners how their new horse is, and they’ll tell you...”Perfect!”

How do you get a perfect horse, you ask? You adopt the horse for what it is, and accept it for all its shortcomings, health issues, and provide it with unconditional love. There are many more “perfectly adoptable” horses still at Happy Trails!

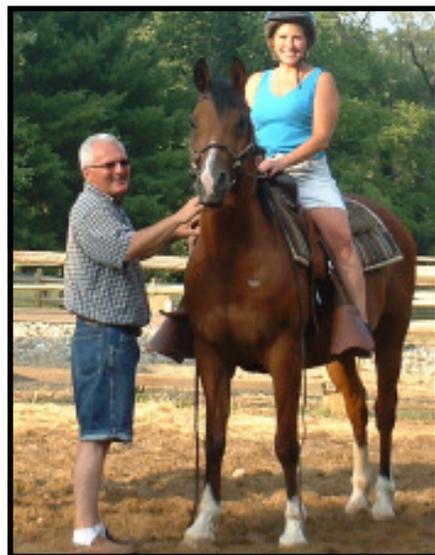
First, Dallas, an extremely handsome, 18 year old bay Arabian



water on hot, sunny days. Grandpa also found a family willing to soak his hay cubes, feed him special grain, and tend to his every need. So in our opinion, a most wonderful miracle has occurred for Happy Trails and for Grandpa Walton, which gives us hope and inspiration that there will be miracles to follow for the other special needs horses at Happy Trails!

Many thanks to all the kind folks who have opened their hearts and their homes to welcome a rescued Happy Trails animal!

FEATURED HORSE



What a lucky horse!

And finally, our “miracle” adoption — Grandpa Walton, a 30 something year old Appendix gelding with very few teeth, was chosen as the horse of choice to be a buddy for another thirty year old



ADOPT ME!

Norma Jean is a beautiful, sweet, gentle, loving, 17.1hands, 23 year old, Percheron mare.

Talk about the perfect horse! Norma Jean came to Happy Trails through our Amish Horse Retirement Program. She gets along well with other horses, leads and ties very well, LOVES to be groomed, enjoys trail riding and likes to be the lead horse, and due to some arthritis, is looking for a medium sized rider (about 150lbs.).

Norma Jean has a lot of love to give, and we believe she’s going to pick out the family she wants to go home with. To meet Norma Jean, inquire about her adoption and learn more about her, call Eileen Roloff, Happy Trails adoption counselor, at (330) 467-0385.

gelding, left Happy Trails to settle in with his new family, which includes three enthusiastic teenagers in Garrettsville, Ohio. Dallas now thrives on attention and love and has an entire family that he can call his own!

Madison, a petite, drop-dead gorgeous black Standardbred mare, found her perfect home with Amy Haag in Copley, Ohio! Madison is now the apple of Amy’s eye, and Amy is the proud new owner of a “perfect” horse! “I just love her!” said Amy. Madison settled in quite nicely, and her new best friend is a gelding that she gets to boss around!



gelding. Grandpa Walton was lovingly adopted by Abby Robinson and the Robinson family of Rootstown.

Any time the sanctuary can place a thirty-plus year old horse with no teeth to the perfect home — now THAT’S a miracle!

Grandpa Walton is now completely spoiled rotten, has his own absolutely huge stall, has in/out privileges of his barn, has a new best friend horse as old as him named Chance, and gets rinsed with cool

TRIBUTES

Recently Happy Trails said good-bye to a number of our furry and feathered friends. We'd like to remember:

STIMPY...one of the dogs who lived at the sanctuary and was pretty well known by most of the Happy Trails regulars. Stimp was the personal pet of Russ and Annette Fisher, founders of Happy Trails. She lived her entire 15 years with them, and on Thursday, June 1st, peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge with her human and dog friends sitting around her. Since she was Annette's first dog (ever!), as well being as the first dog that Russ and Annette adopted together after they were married, she will be missed terribly! Even in a house so full of dogs, losing just one makes a world of difference. Stimp will be remembered and loved by everyone!

ELLIE MAE...the cutest little black female pot belly pig. On Monday, June 5th, Ellie Mae quietly crossed the Rainbow Bridge at Barberton Veterinary Clinic. Sadly, irreversible damage from kidney failure took our beloved piggy from us. Though she was never adopted into a permanent home of her home, she proudly called Happy Trails home, where she lived in peace and comfort during the past five years, along with her two piggy friends who came to the Happy Trails along with her. We'll miss you Ellie Mae!



Lamont...one of the Happy Trails feral barn cats that was adopted through a local rescue group when Happy Trails originally became an organization.

Dagwood... a white Muscovy male duck, spent his last hours enjoying splashing in a warm tub of water before taking a turn for the worse. We know he thoroughly enjoyed his last swim here with us at the sanctuary!



Donation Information

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 making a donation to help the save the life of a neglected, abused or abandoned farm animal today.



GENERAL DONATION INFORMATION

I'd like to send a general donation at this time of

\$15 \$25 \$35 \$55 \$75 \$____other

Please use this donation where it is needed the most.

I'd like my donation to be in memory of my beloved pet _____ (name), a _____ (type of animal), who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge

MONTHLY DONATION INFORMATION

I'd like my monthly donation of \$_____ to help pay for _____. Please send me a set of monthly donation envelopes and a tax deductible receipt.

I'd like my monthly donation to be in memory of my beloved pet _____ (name), a _____ (type of animal), who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge

Please keep me on your mailing list. Please take my name off your mailing list.

Please send me a tax-deductible receipt for my donation.

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Yes, I would like to sponsor a rescued animal!

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Sheep	\$20	\$240
Pot Belly Pig	\$25	\$300
Farm Hog	\$25	\$300
Cow	\$50	\$600
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George the pot belly pig asks, "Wouldn't you like to be a sponsor?"



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

“My name is Sir Henry....



...and I'm one of the duck residents at Happy Trails.”

You might say I'm one “lucky duck!”

After I was removed from a neglect situation, I found myself sitting under a nice warm heat

lamp last Winter that I only had to share with Gypsy the barn cat, when she decides to cuddle up with me.

If I owned a car, my bumper sticker would say “I'm proud to be a Muscovy”, since that's my breed. I do believe I'm a rather handsome creature.

The other ducks were picking on me because I'm older and a little handicapped

(bad leg, you know). So I pretty much just hang with the blind turkey, Ginny, the little abandoned rooster, Apollo, and the resident barn cat, Gypsy.

I think I'm rather friendly though truly a little shy. I let

people pet me sometimes. I realize that not a lot of people want to adopt an older duck who limps a little, but I'm always hopeful that I'll find someone who will love me for who I am. I have a lot of love to give.

I like my name. It makes me feel important and regal.

I occasionally pecked the cat in the head when she took up too much space under my heat lamp, but I don't mean it mean. She just needs to learn to share. Even on a warm day I love my heat lamp — it sure is nice to snuggle up underneath it and relax. I don't waddle too far — my legs aren't up to long walks. Thanks, Happy Trails, for rescuing me and taking such great care of me!

Love,
Sir Henry