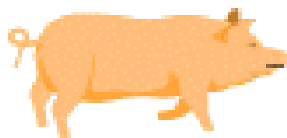


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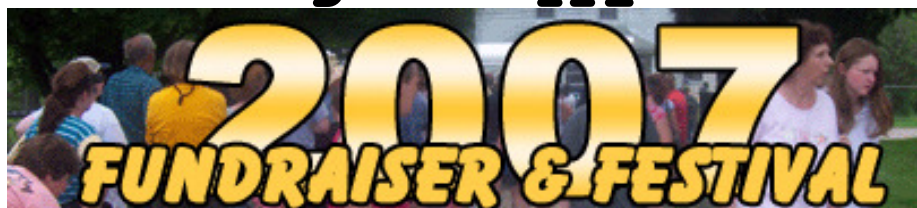
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Newsletter



Here Montel the farm pig takes his first steps onto California soil (well, ok, onto a California bale of straw) on Thursday, May 24, in the great "Pigs Across America!" venture. What a fantastic trip, and the piggies loved their new sanctuary! Update on page 7.

It's Bigger and Better Than Ever!!!
Announcing The Happy Trails



GET THE SCOOP HERE!!!

So many of you have supported the farm animal rescue work of Happy Trails and attended our Summer Fundraisers in the past — last year for example we had over 1,100 (yes, you read that right!) visitors on the day of our festival!

We want you all to know that every year we are striving to change and update the itinerary, to make the event more interesting and exciting, to make it more educational, to bring back the headliners that you demand, and to make you eager to visit and bond with the rescued animals that you help to support!

If you have any questions when you're done reading this, call us at (330) 296-5914.

What Is The Happy Trails 2007 Fundraiser & Festival?

This most important event is

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WHAT
 Happy Trails Summer Fundraiser & Festival

WHEN

Sunday, June 24th
 11:00am —5:00pm

WHERE

Held At Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary
 5623 New Milford Rd.
 Ravenna, Ohio 44266

ADMISSION

\$1 donation per person

SHUTTLE PARKING

This year TWO shuttle buses will be running for your convenience — no more waiting - yay!!! We are sorry but there is NO parking available at Happy Trails. Due to limited space, ALL cars and motorcycles must park at the county parking lot (approximately four minutes away from the sanctuary) on Chestnut Street.

Directions to parking lot are inside the newsletter and on the website.

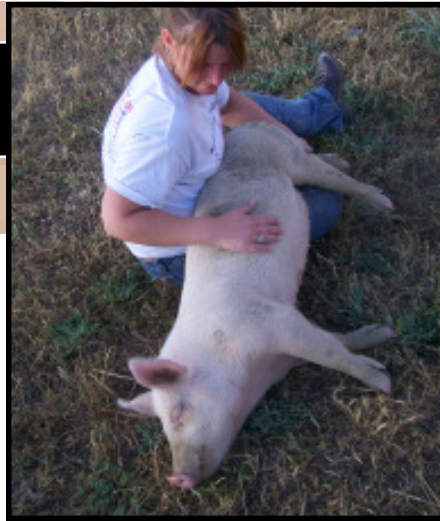
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letter from the director



Since the last newsletter, life at the sanctuary has been...well, it's been educational, hectic, amazing, and full speed ahead!

I just spent a most incredible week in May traveling with the Happy Trails venture of "Pigs Across America", relocating ten of our rescued pot belly pigs and farm pigs to a much larger sanctuary in California. It was the most inspiring week I could ever imagine, and the entire concept of people working together for the good of the animals was brought to fruition through this simply amazing trip.

Happy Trails tour of compassion went world-wide over every imaginable website you could think of, and then some. Volunteers, animal-lovers, other rescue organizations and well-wishers working together made the entire relocation possible.

I came back to a whirlwind of activity of preparing for probably what will be our largest Summer Fundraiser & Festival ever. Happy Trails will be opening the sanctuary gates on Sunday, June 24th, to welcome everyone to join in our festival of compassion and humane treatment for all animals..

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the California trip and the upcoming sanctuary festival, our intake of rescued farm animals has not slowed down. New arrivals included two pot belly pigs who had become homeless, a four month old Holstein calf that had been critically attacked by stray dogs, a two-day-old baby goat that had been found abandoned on the side of the road, and a family of three sheep that had been left behind when their owner was incarcerated, to name just a few.

You can certainly tell that summer is here too, by the amount of wonderful adoptions that have been taking place. We said our good-byes to chickens, ducks, sheep, goats, pot belly pigs, and several horses.

Every single day brings reminders of why Ohio so desperately needs the farm animal rescue services provided by Happy Trails. Though the work we handle is indeed difficult, the rewards in our hearts are great.

The above photo is my very last memory at the Suwanna Ranch in California. Anastasia, the baby farm pig that had recently come to Happy Trails after being abandoned by some cruel teenagers in a local high school, and I, had grown quite close during her short stay at Happy Trails. Hers was the last yard area I had to walk by as we left the piggies at their new sanctuary in California. I sat down on the ground and called to her, and in typical Anastasia form, she happily jogged quickly over to me and threw her butt in my lap for one last belly rub and leg scratching. Though it was incredibly sad for me knowing that I was leaving her and that if I ever did see her again she would be all grown up, it was most rewarding to know that we were giving her the very best life and care that a pig could possibly have. For me, that photo sums up what it's all about - not just the "Pigs Across America" trip, but about everything. Do the best you can to bring about compassion in

Hear our humble prayer,
O God,
for our friends the animals,
especially for animals
who are suffering;
for animals that are
overworked,
underfed and cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures
in captivity
that beat their wings
against bars;
for any that are hunted
or lost or deserted
or frightened or hungry;
for all that must be put death.
We entreat for them all
Thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal
with them
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and
kindly words.
Make us, ourselves, to be
true friends to animals,
and so to share the
blessings of the merciful.

Author - Albert Schweitzer

this world, and enjoy the peace in your heart that you did the right thing.

Annelle Fisher



What's New and What's Happening?

some absolutely awesome animals, we are respectfully asking for your financial support of the rescue, rehab and adoption programs and our compassionate educational outreach here at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

Is There An Admission Fee?

We do ask for \$1 donation per person, which will be collected at the shuttle bus boarding area.

What Activities Will There Be?

There will be both free entertainment as well as activities that will require tickets. Tickets will be for sale on the grounds at \$1 per ticket. Free activities include the Treasure Hunt, horse demonstrations, meeting Thor — a 19.3 hands Belgian draft horse, pot belly pig and chicken /duck educational talks, meeting other animal rescue groups, and visiting all the rescued farm animals.

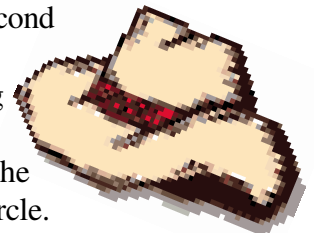
Special paid activities include carnival games, face painting, kid's crafts, a visit with Doris Straka, Animal Communicator, and photos on a draft horse.

What Are The Kid's Crafts?

This year there are many entertaining things to keep the kids in your family busy.

A Kid's Crafts Tent boasts six different types of crafts ranging in

cost from one tickets to five tickets (\$1 to \$5). Decorating their very own cardboard show pony will get your favorite little cowboy or cowgirl a place in the Lil' Stuff Horse Show to be held in the outdoor riding arena, where the kids can show off their colorfully decorated mounts. Ribbons will be awarded to all contestants, along with first, second and third place getting to share the spotlight in the Winner's Circle.

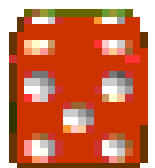


Other crafts include decorating your very own cowboy hat, painting a piggy bank if they love pigs, a coloring contest where your little artist will have his or her work displayed during the festival, decorating a tote to carry all their prizes in, and creating a mini-farm



with pre-fabricated cut-outs. Face painting is always a must, and this fun and frivolous activity will be available for the young and the young-at-heart for only one ticket. A colorful creature can adorn your arm, leg, or face, but be sure to wear it proudly where we can all appreciate the colorful cartoon of your choice!

Carnival games will be available for kids of ALL ages. Try your luck at the Bean Bag Toss or Spin The



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the major fundraiser of the year for Happy Trails. It is what helps us to buy feed for the rescued animals and to pay for their medical expenses and veterinary care. It pays for gas to transport them when needed, and pays to repair their shelters and fix their damaged fences. It pays for facility improvements, such as the recently-installed water lines that now provide easy-access water at the farm pig areas. It helps pay for all the necessary stuff that it takes to run a sanctuary, like the weekly trash dumpster, the monthly manure disposal, cleaning of the outhouse, printing costs for fliers, newsletters and envelopes, ink cartridges for our printers, electricity for smaller animal heat-lamps in the winter and cooling fans in the summer, the upkeep and maintenance of the farm equipment and machinery, and an ever impressive long-distance phone bill.

So while enjoying a fun-filled day with your family and friends and taking some time to bond with



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Wheel games, or win big at the Casino Farm Animal Races dice game. \$1 and \$2 tickets will make you a contestant.

Panning for Gold

In the old west at Happy Trails, discovering a gold nugget in the sand will snag you a prize! One ticket is all you need to get down and dirty and get some sand in yer britches!

Educational “Stuff”

Several animal-care seminars are free and available to everyone.

Basic animal care educational talks will be held regarding pot belly pigs as pets and will cover some interesting information about piggies and the incredible, funny and intelligent creatures that they are. A seminar for our feathered friends will cover basic care as well as breeds of ducks, chickens and turkeys.

A Treasure Hunt: Fun For The Whole Family



This family-fun game will keep you on your toes! Free and

open to everyone who wishes to participate, this Treasure Hunt game will ask you questions that will send you running off to pet a pig, or to find the horse barn staff, or maybe to inquire about the name of the newest farm animal resident. At the end of your visit, simply drop your filled-out treasure hunt game in the treasure chest at the exit. The winner will be randomly selected from all correct entries. The grand prize is a vacation-day package for a family of four (two adults and two children) to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway.

Horse-Related “Stuff”

SPECIAL GUEST:
KEN ABEREGG, Professional Equine Trainer, Riding Instructor and Former Show judge

You are welcome to ask horse questions that you “always wanted



to know but were afraid to ask” of Ken Aberegg, the horse-world’s own funny man and highly respected horse trainer, riding

instructor and former show judge. Ken’s equine training sessions are always quite enlightening, and several horse demonstration sessions with Ken are sure to be entertaining!

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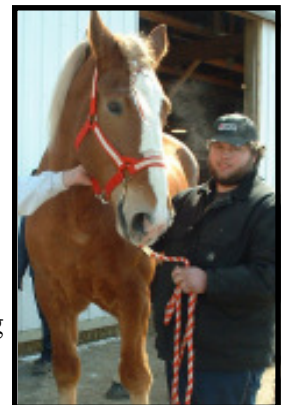
If you like to ride and wish to achieve perfect balance, this is a fun session with yoga instructor

and equine massage therapist, Lisa Deckert. Learn how to get your balance for the comfort of your horse, to save his back, and to keep you from flying through the air at inappropriate times.

Don’t forget To Meet Thor!

Exactly what is a “Thor”? Well, it’s not what, but who!

Possibly a candidate for the world’s tallest horse, Thor, a seven year old Belgian draft gelding will be visiting



Happy Trails, compliments of his owner and Happy Trails Board Member, Rob Willard.

How tall is tall? Well, Thor is 19.3 hands tall. For you non-horse people, this standard way to measure the height of a horse gives you the measurement at his withers (the part of the horse where his back meets his neck). One hand measures four inches. You do the math, and no, it doesn’t matter how tall you are, you cannot see over his back.

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Have Your Photo Taken Sitting On a One-Ton- Plus Draft Horse!

Enter Big Red and Tony,
Happy Trails Belgian Draft Hitch



Team, representing our Amish
Horse Retirement Program.

Incredibly handsome and big
as all outdoors, Red and Tony are
inviting their visitors to sit on them
for a photo opportunity. Quiet and
gentle giants, these massive boys
can still ride and pull with the best
of them! A \$6 donation gets an
immediate photo and lets you feel
what it's like to be sitting on over
two thousand, two hundred pounds
of sheer strength.

Meet Doris Straka, Animal Communicator

Her gift for communicating
with animals has caused a demand
for Doris's time and talent nation-
wide.

Make sure to bring along a
photo of your favorite furry or

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feathered or scaly family member!
For a \$25 donation, Doris will



spend one-on-one time with you
personally discussing any ques-
tions you may have regarding your
pet, whether you would like
assistance with behavioral issues,
medical frustrations, or would
simply like to know what your pet
is thinking and feeling.

Joining Forces To Promote Animal Adoptions

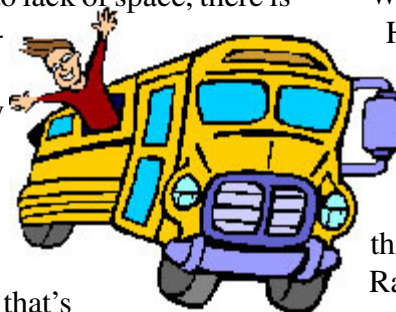
Get to know other animal
rescue groups who will have
displays at the festival. If you're
not in a position to adopt a farm
animal because you live in the
city, please consider adopting a
cuddly kitten, a precious pup, or a
furry ferret!

Where Do We Park To Ride The Shuttle Bus???

Good question!

Due to lack of space, there is
NO park-
ing at the
sanctuary
itself.

This
year we
will have
two (yes, that's



right - two!) shuttle buses running
non-stop for your convenience,
eliminating any long waits.

Parking is conveniently
located approximately four min-
utes from Happy Trails, at a
county parking lot on Chestnut
Street between Harris and Riddle
Streets in Ravenna.

Directions To Shuttle Parking

From The West:

Take 76 East to the Rt. 44
North exit (exit B). The exit will
loop you back under the highway
bridge. Go straight and the road
will turn into Prospect Street — do
NOT continue to follow the Rt.
44/Rt. 5 signs. Go left onto Lake
Street at the red light. Turn right at
the first street which is Chestnut.
Within several blocks you will see
Happy Trails parking clearly
marked on your left hand side.

From The East:

Take 76 West to the Rt. 44
North exit. Turn right onto Rt. 44.
Then proceed straight and the road
will turn into Prospect Street — do
NOT continue to follow the Rt.
44/Rt. 5 signs. Go left onto Lake
Street at the red light. Turn right at
the first street which is Chestnut.
Within several blocks you will see
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side.

From The North:

Take Rt. 44 South. Follow
this straight into the town of
Ravenna. Pass Main Street. Turn



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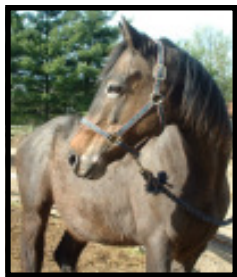
EXTRA SPECIAL FESTIVAL EVENT: THE ALL-NEW SILENT ART AUCTION

right onto Lake Street. Turn right onto Chestnut. Within several blocks you will see the Happy Trails parking lot on your left hand side.

From The South:

Take Rt. 44 North. Cross underneath the I-76 bridge. Continue to go straight, and the road will turn into Prospect Street — do NOT follow the Rt. 44/Rt. 5 signs. Go left onto Lake Street at the red light. Turn right at the first street which is Chestnut. Within several blocks you will see Happy Trails parking clearly marked on your left hand side.

Looking To Adopt?



Adding a farm animal pet to your family can be quite rewarding. Adoption counselors will be happy to take down your information and set up a time to chat with you about the Happy Trails adoption process. Choose from rescued ducks, chickens, turkeys, horses, pot belly pigs, farm pigs, cows, goats, and sheep.

At this year's festival, Happy Trails is proud to present a wonderful, creative and unique silent art auction!

Talented artisans from across the United States as well as many local artists have donated special items to help raise money for the rescued farm animals that arrive at the gates of Happy Trails daily.

Come prepared to shop!!!

What treasures will you find?

Framed paintings, illustrations, fine jewelry, ceramics, watercolors, prints, and photography. Several of the artists will be on hand to meet and greet you in person, and talk about their commissioned works and why they believe in supporting Happy Trails.

Meet Jim Shekleton, Volunteer Professional Semi-Driver For "Pigs Across America", And Check Out His Viking Transport Rig!



Jim's the one on the left in the photo in the previous column incase you were wondering. Rusty Pig is the one on the right.

That's right, if you have never seen the inside of a semi before, here is your chance!



Hero of Happy Trails "Pigs Across America" venture, Jim has graciously agreed to bring the now-famous semi tractor to Happy Trails Summer Fundraiser for everyone to check out! CD's featuring never-before-seen exclusive video and photographs of the trip, as well as newspaper articles and other media promotions, will be available for "Pigs Across America" fans. Jim will be happy to share his stories, his fond memories, and talk about the friendships he formed with the pudgy piggies that were his traveling companions and responsibility for five very important days in May.

Talented syndicated cartoonist of "Flo & Friends" and creator of our adorable "Pigs Across America" t-shirts, Jenny Campbell, will also be at the "Pigs Across America" display to draw up some cutesy pig illustrations for



visitors.

Some limited edition "Pigs Across America" t-shirts are still available — make sure to pick one up at the festival!

Whew! That's quite a line-up of "stuff" going on for the Happy Trails Summer Fundraiser & Festival!

The rescued farm animal residents and our Happy Trails staff would love to see you on Sunday, June 24th! Please please plan on bringing your family and friends to visit the rescued farm animal residents and to proudly show that you believe in humane treatment and in showing kindness and compassion for all animals.

If I can stop one heart from breaking
 I shall not live in vain
 If I can ease one life the aching
 Or cool one pain
 Or help one fainting Robin
 Unto his nest again
 I shall not live in vain
 —Emily Dickinson

“Pigs Across America” Update



By now, pretty much the entire world has heard about Happy Trails "Pigs Across America" venture.

Incase you are not up-to-date on "Pigs Across America",, here is the venture in a nutshell:

Happy Trails has been operating at (and often over) capacity for quite a while.

The sanctuary serves all counties in Ohio, and we do our very best to help out with cases of cruelty, abuse and neglect concerning farm animals that have been removed from a sad situation by a licenced humane officer.

We had been searching for quite a while to find another larger and more established sanctuary to help us out by taking some of the harder to place animals, which would in turn open up "room at the inn" so that Happy Trails could help out with more Ohio farm animal abuse cases.

All nearby sanctuaries were either full or were not willing to take on more pigs, especially any of the big guys.

Enter Humane Farming Association's Suwanna Ranch, located in Elk Creek, California. Graciously they agreed to take five of our pot bellies and five of

our big farm pigs into their beautiful and spacious 4,000 acre sanctuary.

So, Happy Trails packed up ten pigs, their camping gear, two sanctuary representatives and a volunteer semi-driver, to get the pigs safely to their destination. Animal-lovers and Happy Trails

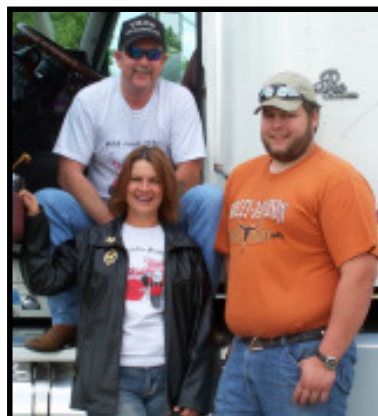
supporters from everywhere stepped forward to make this trip happen.

And happen it did, with flying colors! The pigs are safe and sound, the crew has returned in one piece, and we are now in the process of compiling a very special newsletter edition that

will detail nothing but the "Pigs Across America" saga.

Hopefully you will be able to make it to the Happy Trails Summer Festival, where cd's will be available that will contain special footage of the trip, all the newspaper articles, the website updates, and about a billion exclusive photos that were taken during the week-long journey.

The story will remain on our website at happytrailsfarm.org for you to check out in the meantime!



Happy Trails "Pigs Across America" road crew, Jim Shekleton (top), Annette Fisher and Rob Willard.

More “Pig” Stuff

Look For Your Copy Of “Pigs Across America” Special Edition Newsletter

This Summer you will be receiving a Happy Trails special edition newsletter that will detail the entire “Pigs Across America” trip. We would like to be able to



Here Jose, a sanctuary helper, immediately produced a well-washed apple for baby Anastasia upon her arrival - it met her approval...

share news and details of the trip with you, but there simply isn't enough room in our regular newsletters to do so.

So for now, we wish to send out a very sincere “thank you” to EVERYONE who in some way supported the relocation of the rescued piggies. Many thanks to all of you who chose a piggy to sponsor, to everyone who showed up at the Tractor Supply parking lot in Ravenna to wish us well, to the kind folks who made the purchase of the livestock trailer possible, to the loading-the-piggies crew, to the ladies who washed and cleaned the livestock trailer, to our volunteer semi-driver, Jim Shekleton, who made the entire

trip possible, to the talented artists - Jenny Campbell and Heidi Wormser - who made the “Pigs Across America” t-shirts possible, to AP photographer, Amy Sancetta, to Beacon Journal reporter and animal-lover, Connie Bloom, to Ohio.com, to Plain Dealer reporter, Donna Miller, and a big thank-you to Chuck Conring, Happy Trails very own computer geek squad, who kept our website as updated as possible for us throughout the entire event.

There are many many people who need special thank you's — please know that if you helped in some way, your efforts and support are very much appreciated!!!

Lehman's Hardware Farm Animal Mural Painted By Talented Artist and Happy Trails Supporter, Sue Steiner

Using photos of rescued animals at Happy Trails, Sue



Happy Trails animal models include baby Anastasia, Rusty the farm pig, and our recently-born baby sheep.

Steiner created a masterpiece on the wall of the local Lehman's

Hardware store in Kidron, Ohio. Capturing Amish-themed art as well as beautiful equine and pet portraits, landscape and florals, Sue brings them to life through her watercolor paintings and prints. Sue is also one of the artists donating work for the Summer Fundraiser & Festival's Silent Art Auction. Check out her work at her website at www.suesteiner.com.

Any pet commissioned work that Sue receives, she will donate 15% of the sale to Happy Trails in your pet's honor.

And, when you visit Amish country, be sure to stop in at Lehman's Hardware and check out the Happy Trails rescued farm animals now proudly painted on their wall!

Make Sure To Check Out The Happy Trails Website For Sanctuary Updates, Events, And Happenings
www.happytrailsfarm.org



The morning preparation crew takes a break before the “Pigs Across America” semi pulls out of the driveway.

Never be afraid to do in our hearts what we feel to be right especially if the well being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.

*Kathie Sullivan-Parkes,
East Corinth/Topsham, VT.*

Year Of The Pig Update

As you may remember reading in the last newsletter, amazing



The pig sculptures arrived looking carbon-copied and naked. The artists would soon change this!

artist and Happy Trails volunteer, Beth Gregerson, submitted two entries for the pig sculpture contest celebrating 2007 as The Year Of



Meet "Spirited George", as handsome as the real pig of course! With vibrant colors he is energetic and determined. You will definitely want to check out our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org to get the full color effect.

The Pig. This contest, hosted by the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation, was flooded with 143 design proposals. Only 45 individual artists were chosen to proceed with their artwork. Beth had presented two proposals, and both were, of course, selected!

The really really cool thing is that Beth named both of her creations after two of the pigs at Happy Trails. And not just any pigs.



Janice is stunning! A thing of beauty, this gorgeous and creative pig does her real-life piggy-counterpart justice! The fiery red pig is adorned in a metallic gold tiara and colorful cloak. Her gold hooves are just the finishing touch needed to properly pay homage to such a wonderful pig!

The pig of honor that the first sculpture was named for is "Janice", the founder of Happy Trails, the pig who started the sanctuary and is directly responsible for enabling over a thousand farm animals over the past seven years to receive refuge from abuse, cruelty and neglect.

The second pig of honor was named for a Happy Trails pig who takes his job as Janice's companion very seriously, and that would be George the pig! George travels the farm yard looking for bits

of news to take back to Janice, and he makes sure to pull her blankets off her if she gets too warm. (Well, OK, he pulls the blankets off of her if he feels like it, but the first

thing sounded much better.) Beth appropriately named her second pig sculpture "Spirited George"!

An opening reception pre-empted the public display of the beautiful pigs, and Janice now proudly stands at her place of honor at her summer home in the St. Clair Superior business district. She stands boldly inside the Asia Plaza right outside the Li Wah restaurant, representing a most important pig from Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary!

All pig sculptures will remain on public display throughout the St. Clair Superior neighborhood until the week before Labor Day.

Keep your fingers crossed that



Janice the pig's sculpture proudly declares that she is representing Janice the pig from Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

Janice the pigs' sculpture may be allowed to visit Happy Trails for our summer festival! And thanks, Beth, for doing such a fantastic job!

News Pieces & Tidbits

Short Newsletter This Month!

Due to trying to meet deadlines and trying get you all the details about the upcoming Summer Fundraiser & Festival in a timely fashion, we are presenting you with a short version of our usually much-larger newsletter.

We will resume our regular-sized newsletters this Summer in August.

Tribute To Rosie The Pig



After experiencing health issues over the past year that progressively worsened in spite of treatments, we helped Rosie the pot belly pig cross the Rainbow Bridge in May. She was gently laid to rest in Heaven's Trail, Happy Trail's pet cemetery. May she be playing in a big mud puddle of her liking and enjoying a nap in some sweet, cool clover until we see her again some day!

Volunteering For Happy Trails

Happy Trails has been blessed with some wonderful new volunteers!

You too can join our Summer

fitness program (read: shoveling manure, raking yards, weeding flower beds, scrubbing buckets, etc.)

Volunteers at the sanctuary itself are required to be at least 18 years old.

Children under 18 are welcome to participate in other volunteer activities.

For more details about our volunteer program and to sign up for a volunteer orientation, call Volunteer Program Director, Chris Cook, at (330) 256-8011.

The Acme Receipts Program Is Finished For This Season

Many many thanks to everyone who saved and sent in their Acme receipts!

This season's receipt program ended on April 7, 2007, and we were required to turn in the Acme receipts already.

We will definitely keep everyone posted as to when to start collecting Acme receipts for the next season, which should begin again sometime in the fall of 2007.

Aluminum Cans & Ink Cartridges Collection Continues

Whatever you do, don't stop collecting your aluminum cans!



(Above) Mary Bittance, volunteer and board member, obligingly scratches George the pig's belly upon demand.

And now, you can add to those, printer ink cartridges!

You would be amazed at the projects that Happy Trails is able to fund thanks to the aluminum cans that you save and turn in!

And our all-new ink-cartridge recycle program is getting underway also.

Sanctuary drop-off times are on Sunday's from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, or to make other arrangements call Sharon Barnard at (330) 928-3623.

Should We Still Collect Blankets and Sleeping Bags for The Piggies?

Yes, please! All year round we continually collect old sleeping bags, comforters and blankets for any arthritic or cripple animals, such as the older pot belly pigs.

We can also use any old hand towels for cleaning cages and bowls, and any bath towels for lining crates for transporting animals to and from the vet's offices.

Please remember to buy products with the all-important disclaimer that states:
Not Tested On Animals

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A Well-Known Poem That Sums Up Why We Do What We Do

The vast number of animals that are abused daily can be overwhelming. It can be heart-breaking at times knowing that we cannot realistically help every single animal that is being experiencing cruelty. There are people who simply don't understand the importance of treating all animals with compassion, and they are often quick to point out to us that "you can't save them all".

Perhaps not, but we can certainly do our part to educate the un-educated, to instill compassion in people's hearts one person at a time, and to ease the suffering of a furry or feathered creature by offering love, compassion and care one animal at a time. This well-known poem sums it up for us...

A small boy lived by the ocean.
He loved the creatures of the sea,
especially the starfish, and spent
much of his time exploring the
seashore. One day he learned
there would be a minus tide that
would leave the starfish stranded
on the sand. The day of the tide
he went down to the beach and
began picking up stranded starfish
and tossing them back into the sea.

An elderly man who lived next door
came down to the beach to see what
he was doing. "I'm saving the
starfish," the boy proudly declared.
When the neighbor saw all the
stranded starfish, he shook his
head and said, "I'm sorry to disap-
point you, young man, but if you
look down the beach one way, there
are stranded starfish as far as the
eye can see. And if you look down
the beach the other way, it's the
same. One little boy like you isn't
going to make much of a differ-
ence."

The boy thought about this for a
moment. Then he reached
his small hand down into the sand,
picked up a starfish,
tossed it into the ocean and said,
*"I sure made a difference for that
one!"*

**Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3
non-profit organization 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.**

DONATION INFORMATION

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

\$25 \$35 \$55 \$75 \$125 \$_____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

- 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.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

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

*You can sign up to receive occasional sanctuary news updates through e-mail.
Log onto our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org and register to receive farm news!*

Collecting Used Horse Tack In Good Condition For The Mane Event

Plan ahead to attend the every-
thing-horse-related day, The Mane
Event, to be held at the Portage
County Fairgrounds, on Saturday,
October 6, from 10:00am to
3:00pm. This special day will be a
fundraiser for Happy Trails Farm
Animal Sanctuary, and a \$10
donation at the door will get you a
horse-lovers dream day, filled with
horse health seminars, training
demonstrations, workshops, vendors,
and the Happy Trails rescued horses
in need of adoptive homes will be
there to meet and greet visitors.

Part of this horsey-day will be a
nice, big used tack sale. Happy
Trails is now accepting donations of

good-condition used horse tack to
be included in our fundraiser. Items
being accepted include saddles,
bridles, halters, lead ropes, blankets,
buckets, hay racks, and any other
horse-related item that would be
appropriate to include in our tack
sale. We politely request that
donated items be cleaned and in
good condition. To make drop-off
arrangements, call Happy Trails at
(330) 296-5914.

A Special "Thank You" Goes Out...

...to the Sunday volunteer "Lunch
Ladies" who ever so kindly bring a
nutritious vegetarian lunch every
Sunday for our hard-working
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Barb Stiebeling, Helen Carpenter,
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

“Peaches The Pot Belly Pig” Needs A Home....



Sweet and lovable describes Peaches, a slightly plus-sized pot belly piggy who is seeking a family of her own. She has a very special piggy friend at Happy Trails that she would appreciate being adopted out with.

Peaches has a lot of love to give to the right family. Here’s the scoop:

AGE: Never ask a lady her age...well, OK, she’s almost four years old

WEIGHT: Never EVER ask a lady her weight..period.

HOBBIES: Napping, exploring her world, rooting in the soft dirt

FAVORITE THINGS: Let’s see, Peaches has many things that make her happy. Cooling off in a mud bath in a pig spa is probably her absolute

favorite. Napping is a close second, and belly rubs from her favorite humans ranks pretty high up there too.

BEST FRIENDS: Peaches is rather social and has several buddies that would she would like to

“I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.”

- Sir Winston Churchill

be adopted out together with. Her favorite friend, however, seems to be Zinger, who is her close companion. He’s a four year old neutered male who is equally as huggy and sweet as Miss Peaches.

Peaches is but one of about 20 rescued pot belly pigs who reside at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Pot belly pigs make fantastic pets, and given proper care and love and attention, will reward you with much of the same.

For more information about pot belly pig adoptions, call Happy Trails at (330) 296-5914.