

# 14 Hens & 5 Turkeys Abandoned Under A Bridge In Cleveland

Several weeks ago, Happy Trails received a call from the Cleveland APL (Animal Protective League). It appeared that overnight someone dumped a flock of chickens and turkeys under a highway bridge near the humane society. Rescue workers gathered up the feathered friends and contacted Happy Trails for assistance.

14 Cornish hens and five domestic turkey's arrived at Happy Trails. Upon examination, all birds were suffering from severe malnutrition, with their breast bones protruding

must have gone without proper nutrition for quite some time.

The group of weary travelers seemed happy to settle in at the rooster barn at

Happy Trails, which was set up with heat lamps and thickly bedded straw for their comfort.

Each bird appeared friendlier than the next. They were dirty and muddy, yet sweet and lovable. Their tail feathers were ragged and coated with dirt. One beautiful little hen had been "de-beaked", meaning

that the ends of the beaks of the chickens are cut short with a hot knife to keep them from

pecking each other. This is a common practice on factory farms and for chickens kept confined in any type of food production.

These gentle creatures are now safe and on the road to recovery. They are receiving a healthy diet of commercial poultry pellets, with added grit to aid with digestion. They have warm, dry beds of straw and heat lamps to snuggle under should they feel cold.

When our staff goes into the barn to care for them, they come right up to 'their' people, eager for food, attention and good conversation. They seem to enjoy being talked to and pet,



prominently.

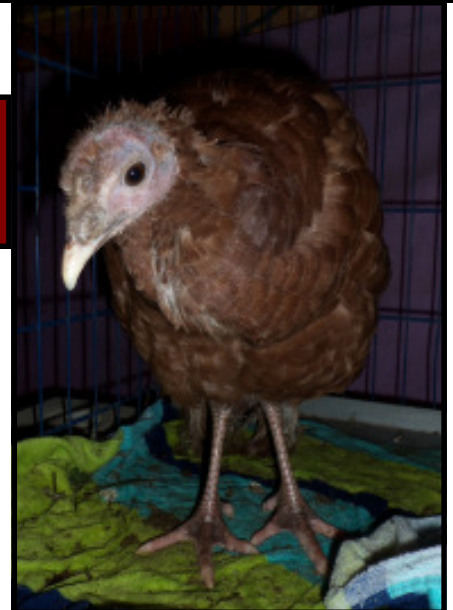
It's difficult to get a domestic turkey to be thin, so they

and some are more than happy to sit on your lap.

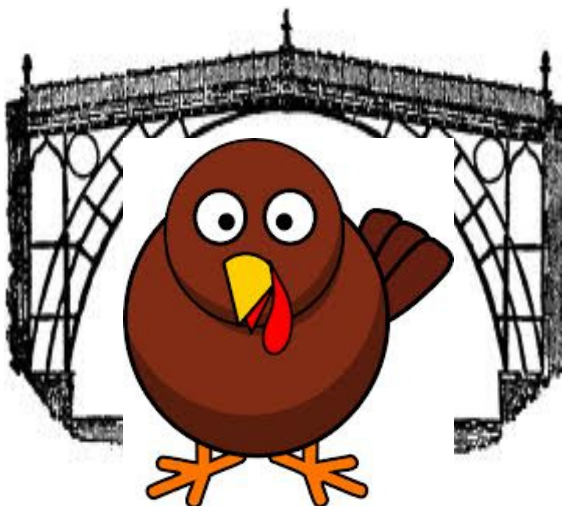
Imagine being abandoned, with no source of food and no-one to help assure your safety; no-where warm to sleep; nowhere to turn.

To help with the expense of the daily care, grain, bedding, and medical/veterinary needs of the 19 birds, Happy Trails is hosting an “Under The Bridge” fundraiser to support their rehabilitation. The first 19 people who donate toward their care receive naming rights for one of the hens or turkeys. Every animal at Happy Trails gets a name, not a number. The rescued animals are all individuals, are all unique, and all are deserving of a creative and meaningful name.

Please consider helping with their care. Updates will be posted throughout their rehabilitation process. Also, as they recover, gain weight and get stronger, they will be available for adoption to loving, caring homes.



## DONATION INFORMATION



**RESCUED FROM  
UNDER THE BRIDGE**

**Be one of the first 19 people to donate toward the care of the rescued chickens and turkeys, and get the opportunity to name one of the rescued feathered friends!**

**Donations are tax deductible and can be made:**

- **Via PayPal on the website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org)** (simply write in the memo “Under The Bridge” and include the name you would like us to use if you’re one of the first 19 people to donate toward their care)
- **By sending a check to Happy Trails**, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, and write “Under The Bridge” in the memo.
- **By calling the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914 with your credit card information** and the amount you would like to donate, and mention it’s for the animals found “Under The Bridge”.



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Abandoned animals are a daily occurrence in our communities. **Abandoning an animal, any animal, is a crime.** If these were children instead of chickens, would our communities be more concerned? Animal abuse and animal neglect is a serious red

flag, an indicator that an individual is capable of other and often more serious crimes.

*Please support the work of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary today.*

Donations are tax deductible.

*Thank you for making a difference in the fight against animal abuse.*

