

## Dear Caring Happy Trails Supporters,

I just wanted to say a personal thank you to everyone who has followed the story of the hens rescued from the factory farm in California, and especially to those of you who have named some of these sweet girls and sent donations to help us pay for our trip to bring them to Happy Trails.

We have truly met the nicest, most compassionate people, and we have approved adoptive homes that are *crazy good* to their feathered friends. A bunch of the girls left us yesterday already for their new forever homes, but there are still a lot at Happy Trails – probably about 180 of them – who will be lovingly cared for until they can be placed also. You and Happy Trails, together, are making tremendous strides in creating awareness of farm animal abuse, and we appreciate the opportunity to work together with you on such an important mission.

It was an emotional day as each adoptive family showed up to collect their newest family members. One beautiful soul, Pam, drove all the way from Pennsylvania to pick up her two new precious hens. There were tears on many faces as people saw firsthand the condition of the chickens who lived their entire lives in wire battery cages, never to have their feet touch the soft earth until now. Everyone, including all of us at Happy Trails, are grateful to be a part of this rescue.

When people ask, "What's so wrong with eating eggs?", these hens can help educate folks about the hellish conditions that chickens are kept in on factory farms and simply with their presence they can become teachers of many.

With kindness and compassion for all animals and much gratitude for your support,

Annette