



GUEST SPEAKERS



Timy Sullivan

Timy is a leader in the world of animal rescue. She is the former Director of Geauga Humane Society’s Rescue Village; the founder of PetFix Northeast Ohio; on the Board of Directors for Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah; and is currently volunteering for Cleveland Animal Care and Control helping to increase adoptions for pit bulls.

Over the years Timy and her husband, Ed, have been strong supporters of and believers in the work of Happy Trails. They adopted a variety of horses who would have been considered difficult to place, but residing with Timy they found love, care, attention, and a life of comfort, safety and peace. It didn’t matter that they were not “ridable” — they were lives worth saving and these horses had a lot of love to give in return.

In 2007, Timy and Ed were key to the success of Happy Trails venture, Pigs Across America, when we transported a double-decker trailer filled with rescued pot belly and farm pigs to a beautiful and spacious sanctuary in California to make “room at the inn” so Happy Trails could assist with more pig rescues.

Timy is also a writer for the Chagrin Valley Times.



Mary Jane Brigger

Mary Jane is a Reiki Master and Reiki teacher and has a tremendous love for both people and animals. She is the owner of Soul Care Experience; a certified Body Story expert; a Primus Heart Healing Practitioner; an intuitive; provides hospice Reiki; assists with end of life issues and grief guidance; and is a former board member of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Mary Jane taught the Animal Care Giver staff at Happy Trails how to work with energy healing to help the rescued animals. Her prior experience was 25 years in the dental community that included clinical, academic and dental practice management, and is a published author in dental journals with awards for dental presentations.



Katie Costello

Katie is a RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician); CPDT-KA (Certified Professional Dog Trainer - Knowledge Assessed); Delta Society Evaluator and Team Training Course Instructor and owner of The Learning Dog Training and Enrichment Center in Hubbard; and Founder of K-9's for Compassion, a Delta Society Pet Partner therapy dog program. Katie enjoys all things animal, behavior, and helping any animal in need. Her latest venture is training service animals for people with disabilities. Katie's heart was stolen by Happy Trails very own Jebbe Boye, a rather handsome pink farm pig, and there was no looking back. She adopted Jebbe Boye, Anselmo, and Tadita, and about a year later, Rosebud. She also has adopted one rooster and three hens from Happy Trails. She currently has four dogs and five cats. Her husband, Sam, is a veterinarian and they have a daughter, Anastiya. Katie is very active in dog rescue in Ohio.



Ken Aberegg

Ken is a professional horse trainer, show judge and riding instructor. He has been connected to Happy Trails for the last ten years, helping to evaluate many of the rescued horses and provide training to help them become more adoptable. Not only is Ken great at training horses, but he excels at training people as well. An ever-patient teacher, Ken helps people understand the language of the horses and helps the owners connect with them on a level that both people and horses can understand. Ken's talent lies in not only being an amazing horse trainer, but his personable and humorous way of instructing makes the lessons fun, light-hearted and stress-free. Ken has been a big advocate of encouraging people to adopt rescued horses, and see the benefits of giving these amazing equine a second chance to shine.



Annette Fisher

Annette is the founder and director of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Her dream as a young girl was to grow up and own a horse. Now, over 350 horses later, Annette has rescued, rehabilitated and placed in adoptive homes more horses than she would ever imagined would have touched her life. Happy Trails has rescued nearly 5,000 animals since its inception in 1999. Annette enjoys helping visitors connect in a very personal way with all farm animals, especially those who have never had the opportunity to experience farm animals up close. Many people learn to experience the same connection with farm animals that they have with their dogs and cats. Annette believes that the kindness and compassion that is extended to *all* animals helps create safer communities. Her favorite quote is by Ghandi, who stated, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals."

