



Roosters Are *Flyin'* Out Of Happy Trails!

Thanks to a lot of local folks and fellow organizations spreading the word, Happy Trails has been truly blessed with a ton of amazing private/individual homes adopting the roosters who were rescued from three recent cockfighting raids. This past weekend along we said good-bye to ten more of them!

So as of Monday, June 17th, we are now down to 61 roosters available for adoption!

Here are a few photos of just a few of the wonderful people who stepped forward to give a great home to a rescued rooster!

Katie Costello of the Learning Dog Training and Enrichment Center in Hubbard, Ohio, holds Ivan (formerly known as Grady), her newest family member adopted from Happy Trails. (*Be sure to check out The Learning Dog's website at www.thelearningdog.com.*) Katie and her family added Ivan to her growing list of furry (and now feathered) farm animal family members, which also include farm pigs Jebbe Boye and Anselmo. (And God bless her girl



Tadita, the farm piggy who passed away last year.) With Katie specializing in animal behavior training and her husband Sam (right), a veterinarian, Ivan couldn't possibly have asked to be adopted into a better home! Many thanks to Katie, Sam and Anastia for opting to adopt!

Joe Risi arrived at Happy Trails with his all-boy crew (his family has five boys!) to pick out a new family member to make it a crew of six boys! Charles the rooster quickly became a favorite among the brothers, and he also became **Sir** Charles before he even left the Happy Trails office. Sir Charles is a big, solid, friendly guy who enjoys being held and pet. Joe carried the rooster as we all walked from the rooster barn back up to the office. His new little buddy talked to him the entire time and made contented clucking noises as if to



say, "Thanks for picking me out, *Dad!*"

Though the Risi boys (three of the brothers are shown at left) brought a crate with them to carry their new rooster back home, the crate went into the back of the vehicle and Sir



Charles got to ride up front, just like a new family member should.

After arriving home, Sir Charles got to meet his new chickens friends, a herd of beautiful hens (top right), who he quickly became enamored with. He now has the freedom to peck in the grass, take sun baths, and do all the things that roosters love to do. He waited a long time to get to this point in his life, and now he has been rewarded with an entire flock of girls. What a great adoption! Thanks to the Risi family for adopting **Sir** Charles!



Tom Seckler and **Kim Evans** are probably the sweetest people we've ever met. They have a truly wonderful, safe set up for their feathered pets, which currently consist of ducks and geese. "Hens will most likely arrive next year," Tom said. For now, they heard about Happy Trails mass amount of roosters, and they wanted to help out by picking out a rooster to adopt. Tom and Kim carefully looked over the roosters which came in all shapes and sizes and colors. I suggested taking a look at one of the friendliest roosters I had worked with the day before — his cage number was #6A and he didn't have a name yet. #6A loved

to be held, was friendly, curious, inquisitive, and seemed OK with whatever was going on around hi. He had arrived with the group of chickens from the most recent cockfighting raid in the city of Cleveland, and by his number, he was the 6th rooster to be removed from the



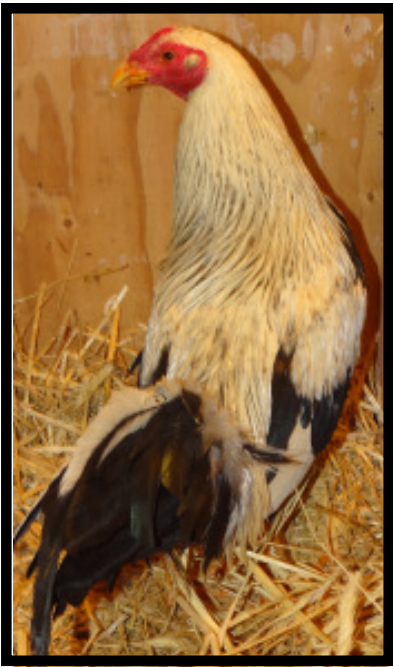
garage that held the cockfighting ring itself. The birds in this garage had been prepared and

were already in training for fighting. His comb and waddles had been cut off and his stomach and legs had been shaved. Though he had went through this torture, he did not hold any hard feelings toward his new human friends. He was willing to give them a chance to be his new family. This handsome fellow was named Roger before his new family even walked back to the office. "His



name will be Roger the rescued rooster," said Kim (pictured above). (Below) Here is Roger hanging out with his new duck friend. He was very happy to be chosen and to have the opportunity to live life as a





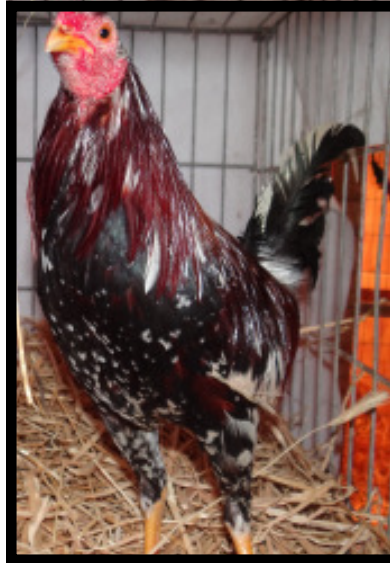
free rooster and not have been stuck living in a cage.

Many thanks to **EVERYONE** who has adopted roosters from Happy Trails. Let's keep the adoption momentum going and please help us

continue to spread the word!

Here are a few photos of some of the guys still waiting to be adopted!

Call 330-296-5914 for adoption information!



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