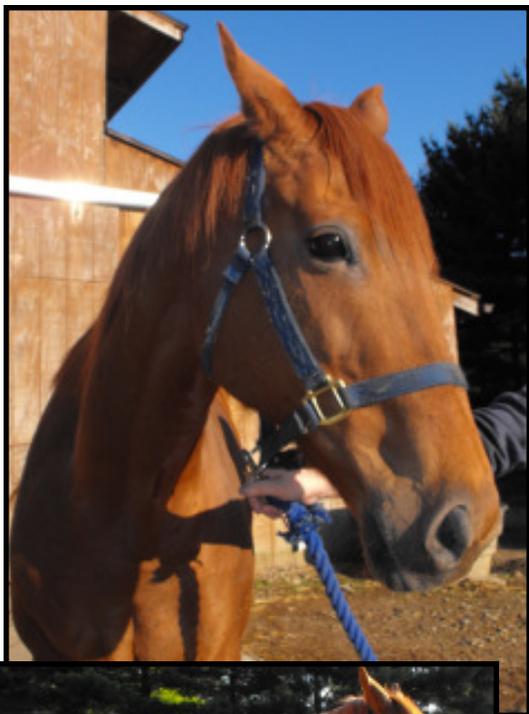


Happy Trails Animal Updates



Saying Good-Bye To Paninah...

Paninah, a beautiful Appendix mare had been through a lot. She was originally rescued back in March of 2011 from a horrible situation of neglect. I'll never forget that day when I first got a glimpse of her with the humane officer from Portage County. It was cold, pouring down rain, and overcast. Paninah had no shelter, no food, and no water. She was soaked to the bone, shaking with hypothermia, and looked like a walking skeleton.

It often bothers me that people don't have to pass a test to own an animal — a test to show that you know how to properly take care of them. More than a year after her rescue, the caretaker was found guilty of animal cruelty in Portage County court. I was on the witness stand for over two hours. The owner supported the caretaker, make extremely intelligent statements, such as, "She's an 'outdoor horse' so she doesn't need shelter." It was a struggle, but in the end, justice prevailed.

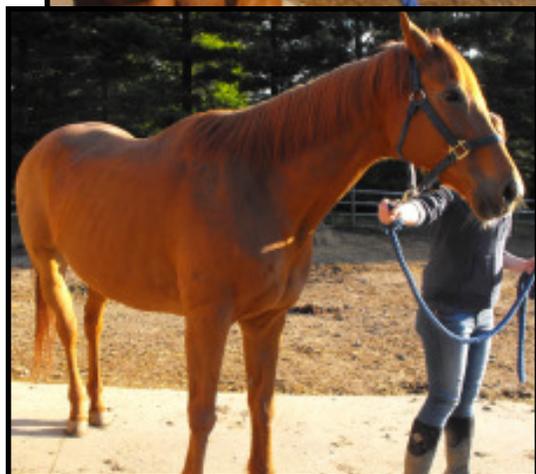
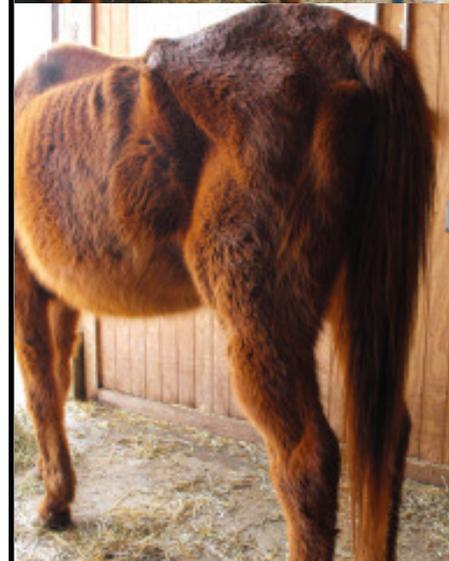
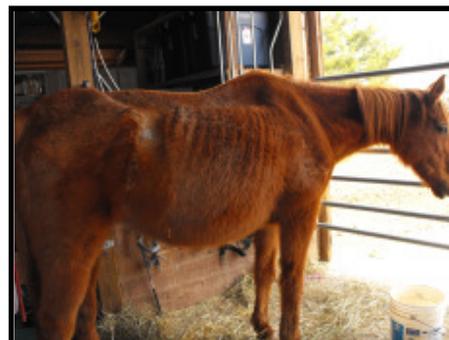
During that year, Paninah gained back about 300 lbs., but her hip did not sit correctly in the socket. When we first rescued her, she would lay down and then need assistance to stand up. This was done by a team of rescue workers, sometimes in combination with webbing attached to the skidsteer.

Paninah did not have anyone interested in adopting her, but she was loved and

cared for by the staff and volunteers at Happy Trails. Everyone did the best they could to make her feel as though she had a family of her own — the Happy Trails family.

Paninah had been doing very well with her hip issue. However, Friday night (March 2nd), she laid down in her stall and once again could not get back up. Try as we might, a crew of nine people could not get her to stand. She had given up trying, and laid flat out in her stall. Dr. Randy Alger came out late that evening and agreed that it was time to help Paninah cross the Rainbow Bridge. It was the last act of kindness we could offer her.

Good-bye dear, sweet horse. May you now be able to run freely across big green meadows and stand in a warm, comforting rain just for fun. May you be able to roll on the ground and jump back up with gusto and reckless abandon. What we couldn't do for you here on this earth, may your Creator heal for you in the world of the Spirit. *Thank you for touching our lives.*



"Tonight we lost a dear friend and a wonderful horse...Paninah was a very sweet horse, and despite all she had been through in the past, was able to trust us, and allow happy trails and all of its staff to give her the best possible ending. Paninah passed with many friends in her company, and I am certain she will not be forgotten, along with all of the life lessons she had taught us all."

Marley Michl, HappyTrails Animal Care Giver Staff Member

DONATIONS

Donations to offset her vet expenses or a donation in her honor to help the other rescued animals may be sent to: Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, or via PayPal on the website. Write "Paninah" in the memo.

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 Vet Call \$175
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