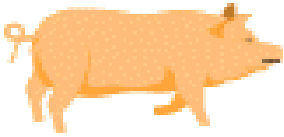




# Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary HOLIDAY EDITION 2006

## Newsletter



### Make A Difference!

**This issue offers some fantastic opportunities for you to get involved with the farm animal rescue programs at Happy Trails!**

Have very little spare time but want to do something to help animals? Need some physical work-outs to keep in shape over winter? Don't miss even one informative article that encourages you to set an example and spread compassion for all animals!

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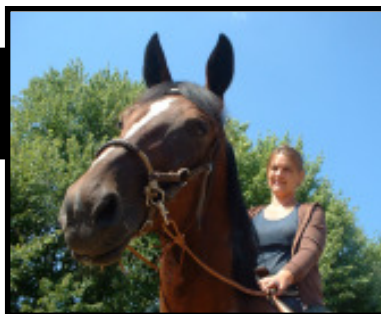
### *Don't Be Shy About Expressing Your Love And Compassion For Animals!!!*



Well, I guess we're not really telling you to go out and lick up a pig's nose, but we do have a few suggestions to offer on how you can make an incredible difference in the lives of rescued and abused animals during this compassionate holiday season!

This holiday issue of the Happy Trails Newsletter not only gives you uplifting updates of the sanctuary, but strives to make you a part of our success in spreading compassion and kindness throughout our communities.

The Happy Trails Board of Directors and our all-volunteer staff, have already dedicated ourselves to making the world a better place by teaching kindness and encouraging humane treatment for all animals. Won't you consider dedicating your heart to the animals also, and choose a way to get involved — whether it's on a small scale or a grand scale, the rescued animals rely on you and us together to make sure they are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve! For a joyful newsletter, read on!



*With the holiday season once again upon us, I look back in awe at the year that we are about to let go and am eagerly looking forward to the wonderful things that I am sure are in store for Happy Trails in 2007.*

*Annette Fisher*



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**Due to your already busy schedule you can only help out once in a while — how you can help as your time permits?**



**BE A PART OF OUR VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY CREW!**

*You have a million and one things to do. Family responsibilities, an unpredictable work schedule, home repairs, vehicle issues, dog and cat vet appointments —*

pretty important job because we are always working within time deadlines and it does have to be done accurately. However, it's not rocket science, so don't worry about

taxing your brain either!



(from left) Olivia Kenyon, Chris Cook, Nancy Conring, and Joanne Quesenberry prepare newsletters for bulk mailing.

*all these and much more crowd your daily routine. But still there's something in you that wants to get involved in some small way and to give a bit of your precious free time to making a difference for the rescued animals. Here's a few ways you can get involved as your time permits.*



### **Fold Newsletters or help with bulk mail projects!**

Four times a year Happy Trails sends out our quarterly newsletters. They simply need folded and labeled, and it's a job where you can sit down at a table and not worry about stressing out your already over-taxed and tired self. Nancy Conring, our treasurer and direct-mail supervisor, patiently explains how the folding and labeling is to be done so that we keep the kind folks at the post office happy and content! This is a

all projects that can be done in the comfort of your own home.



### **Like to be outdoors in the Springtime? How about helping with planting or weeding the numerous flower beds?**

This is seasonal of course, and it's not something that needs done daily. If you have a love for getting on your hands and knees and digging around in some fresh dirt, this may be a way you can help the animals at Happy Trails welcome their guests! Brightly colored flowers and well-manicured beds help to keep everyone's spirits up and put that finishing touch on the sanctuary when Winter's bitter cold is finally over.

**To volunteer for an occasional project, call (330) 296-5914.**



### **Volunteer for one of our many computer projects!**

Computer geniuses are always needed to help oversee our internet auctions, help with website updates, make fliers, handle research or assist with networking —

Happy Trails receives calls from frantic humane societies regularly, requesting immediate assistance with a farm animal removal from a neglect situation. Since we do not have a paid staff nor are we an "emergency rescue" team, we do our best to help out however we can. It's then when tried and true dedicated volunteers spring into action.

Check out the following ways you can be a part of the Happy Trails All-Volunteer Emergency Rescue Crew.

- ☐ I can help make phone calls to find out who is available in this particular emergency and help to organize volunteers (Phone help is extremely important to us!)
- ☐ I own a truck with a hitch package and can haul trailers or supplies.
- ☐ My truck is heavy-duty and capable of hauling draft horses.
- ☐ I can provide an emergency shelter and quarantine an abused horse (quarantines must be able to keep the horse 30 feet away from other horses for a period of thirty days for communicable diseases).
- ☐ I can provide shelter for a horse in an emergency but cannot quarantine an animal.
- ☐ I can provide shelter for other farm animals in an emergency (let us know what types)

For more info on our all-volunteer emergency crew, check out our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org). If you would like to join the Happy Trails Emergency Rescue Crew, call us for an emergency crew volunteer application — 330-296-5914.





# Want A Project You Can Do As A Family Or With Your School or Business?

**Help the rescued animals and get involved with Happy Trails by collecting the following items:**

## **Aluminum Cans** **Acme Receipts** **Ink Cartridges**

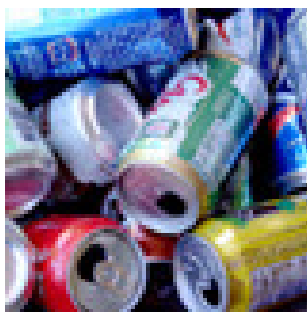
These "collection" type of projects are great fund-raisers for the rescued animals and easy to organize! After permission is obtained from the business or school, simply place a large trash can that is clearly labeled at a convenient location. We will be happy to provide Happy Trails literature to accompany the display.

We will even provide a sign that lets participants know they are helping the rescued farm animals of Happy Trails by their kind donation.

### **ALUMINUM CANS**

Happy Trails gathers aluminum cans and turns them in for recycling, and in this way is able to fund many of the sanctuary projects with this simple but effective fund-raiser.

Great places to set up a collection area for aluminum



cans are office lunch areas, restaurants, and local nightclubs (yes beer cans do count!).

This is an ongoing project, and is a great way for you to get your place of employment, local school, or favorite hang-out to get involved and help promote compassion for animals.

**DROP OFF TIMES:** Bags of cans can be dropped off at the sanctuary on Sunday's between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. To make other arrangements, or if you have questions about can collection, call Sharon Barnard at (330) 928-3623.

### **ACME RECEIPTS**

Please help the sanctuary collect Acme receipts dated from September 17th, 2006 to April 7, 2007. This year Acme



has amended it's fund-raiser program for non-profit organizations. Acme will now donate 5% of each *Acme brand item purchased* — not the total of the receipts as was the policy in past years.

Happy Trails will be glad to provide you with a cardboard box, colorfully wrapped and labeled, and again provide Happy Trails literature to accompany the display. Ask all your friends who shop at Acme to ask all *their* friends, to help us collect receipts to make this a successful Acme-receipt season! Great places to set out boxes include your local churches, dry cleaners, auto repair shops and librar-

ies (receipts are quiet things to collect!).

Acme receipts can be collected and mailed to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary (attn: Chris) at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Questions? Contact Chris Cook at (330) 256-8011.

### **INK CARTRIDGES — A NEW COLLECTABLE FOR HAPPY TRAILS!**

A new on-going fund-raiser is now taking place for Happy

Trails! We are now collecting and recycling printer ink cartridges (so far Epson is the only cartridge we are not able to recycle).

Work places, universities, businesses — all of these are wonderful locations to set out a trash can labeled specifically for spent ink cartridges.

Help us start out this new program with an overwhelming amount of ink cartridges to turn in! Bags of ink cartridges can be dropped off at the sanctuary on Sunday's from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, or other arrangements can be made by calling Sharon Barnard at (330) 928-3623.



***Remember to always check your shampoo, conditioner, soaps and make-up packages for the important disclaimer:  
Not Tested On Animals!***

# All New Pledge Program — Pledge A Service That You Can Provide For The Sanctuary

*Sanctuary expansion projects are ongoing, and often our growth as a rescue facility exceeds our budget (which always meets the basic medical, shelter and nutritional needs of the rescued animals first).*

*We need to acknowledge some very specific needs of the sanctuary — not items that we hope to get someday, but rather projects that we have to accomplish in order for us to continue to serve the good folks and the rescued animals of Ohio.*

# 1

## Finishing the Happy Trails office area.

Why do we need office space? If you would like to adopt an animal and are meeting with an adoption counselor and of course it's pouring down rain, somewhere to sit that is dry would be a nice touch. Also, a place is needed where we can store and have animal medical records handy. And when our volunteers our frozen in the Winter, we should have a warm, dry place where we can at least thaw them out occasionally. This office will service many purposes and get put to excellent use.

We already have the building on the property and have already renovated the outside of the old barn. The next step is to finish the inside of the small structure, which consists of:

- Pouring a concrete floor for a 18' x 24' square foot area. If you or someone you know pours concrete and can help frame in the flooring and set a date for Spring 2007 to get concrete donated, delivered and poured, this is a tax-deductible donation.

- After the floor is secured, we will also need the time and talents of people skilled in hanging and finishing drywall.

# 2

## Gravel, sand, dirt, and more gravel, sand and dirt

Sanctuary projects requiring the above items are:

- Finishing the truck turn around in front of the horse barn will require approximately 20 tons of pea gravel. This will be much easier on the horses feet when they exit the barn than the larger rocks that are there now, and it will help alleviate the areas that are still somewhat muddy.

- Addressing some difficult areas of the paths that we use when feeding the farm hogs and walking the rescued horses out to the pastures. After the paths are scraped flat and the mud is removed, we will be putting down a layer of locking limestone and then a layer of pea gravel in the worst areas.

- Filling in the appropriate amount of dirt for the horse stalls and installing the (already-donated) mats. We need approximately 35 tons of bank run and sand to bring the 34'x84' horse barn floor up to the proper level.

Gravel or sand donated for any of these projects is tax deductible.

# 3

## Fencing in the back property of the sanctuary.

Happy Trails needs to have another area where the larger farm animals can be turned out for exercise as well as have the safety of a perimeter fence to keep in any of the rescued animals who may get out from their specific areas. This will make sure that Happy Trails continues to be a good neighbor as well as making sure that the animals are kept safely contained on the sanctuary property.

After researching fence safety, the best possible containment for the majority of the animals at Happy Trails will be a split rail fence with field fence attached onto the split rail so that the smaller and medium sized animals cannot escape from under the rails.

The perimeter of the property still needing fenced is approximately 1,800'. All supply donations are tax-deductible.



## HAPPY TRAILS SPECIAL PROJECT PLEDGE PROGRAM

*I want to be a part of Happy Trails and help with the rescued farm animals at the sanctuary. I am making a pledge to help Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary with the special project listed below.*

**I pledge that I will donate**

**to assist the project of**

**I will supply the pledged items by**  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2007  
(month)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return pledge to**

Happy Trails  
Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc.  
Attn: Pledge Project Committee  
5623 New Milford Rd.  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266



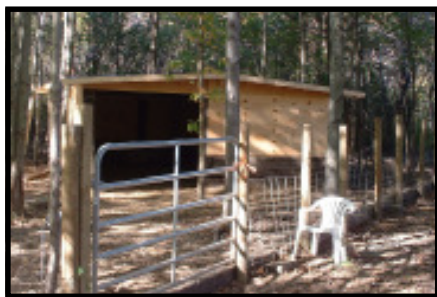


# HAPPY TRAILS NEWS AND UPDATES!

## HAPPY TRAILS SAYS GOOD-BY TO THE OLD HOG SHELTER....

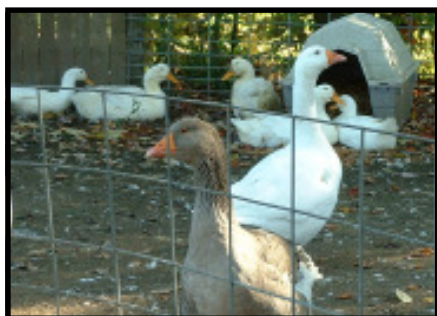


## ...AND WELCOMES THE SPACIOUS AND STURDY NEW HOG SHELTER!



Built from a foundation of railroad ties and just needing a coat of paint yet, this wonderful new hog shelter in the new hog area in the woods is a piggy mansion for the three lucky hogs who inhabit the new shelter! An all-volunteer construction crew designed this 17'x17' hog palace, nestled in the midst of towering shade trees. The roof was even constructed in such a way that the edges of the roof was built around the trees so that the trees did not have to be cut down!

## ADOPTED!!! ALL OF THE RESCUED PEKIN



## DUCKS WERE ADOPTED TOGETHER! YAY FOR THEM!

Five beautiful white Pekin ducks and their all-white Muscovy buddy were adopted to a wonderful home where they now have a safely fenced in pond to leisurely enjoy their day!

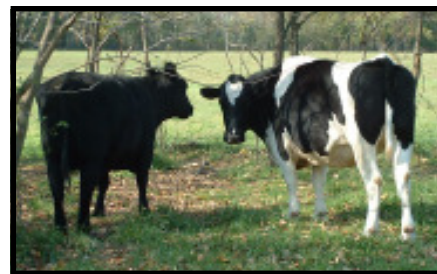
## WHAT? A COW LOOSE ON THE TURNPIKE?

Happy Trails was contacted late one evening by the State Highway Patrol — a cow was loose on the turnpike! Braving dangerous fog, speeding cars, heavy semi-trucks, and the dark of night, Rob Willard, volunteer, and Annette



Fisher, executive director, headed out to see how they could help. After loading the incredibly scared young heifer into the sanctuary horse trailer, she was hauled to safety. Many turnpike drivers were saved that night from certain danger and possibly life-threatening accidents that could have been created by the abandoned cow.

No-one attempted to claim responsibility for "Bobbi Ann" as she was named, and she was eventually adopted by Dr. Gast,



DVM, of Virginia, the same new proud owner of Joy the Cow. When delivering Bobbi Ann to her new home, Rob and Annette also got to visit with Joy the cow, who seemed incredibly happy and introduced us to her new special Black Angus friend (above). The photo (left/center) shows Rob offering Bobbi Ann some fresh water on her way to Virginia!

## 800 BROILER CHICKENS WERE REMOVED FROM A GARAGE IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK — HAPPY TRAILS TOOK IN 17 OF THESE BEAUTIES!

Funny, comical, chubby and inquisitive, all describe the happy hens who now roam the grounds of the sanctuary. Sanctuaries from all over the country stepped up to the plate to help take in whatever



number of chickens that they could comfortably house — the girls are adorable and we are thrilled that the SPCA in New York City was able to offer sanctuary to the birds who survived the deplorable conditions.



Keep current on all the latest news from Happy Trails through our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org)



# HAPPY TRAILS NEWS AND UPDATES!

## MEET JASON, ONE OF HAPPY TRAILS NEWEST RESIDENTS!

That's "Mister" Jason to you, he gobbles!



To regress for a moment, Ginny, a beautiful blue slate turkey, has been a sanctuary resident and personal rescued pet of Annette Fisher, our organization's director, for the past year. Ginny had been born partially blind, and was being picked on by the other turkey's where she was raised. Annette agreed to personally adopt Ginny and let her live out her life in peace and happiness at Happy Trails.

Ginny has become best friends with Apollo the rooster, and is also quite fond of the many little broiler chickens running about. She nests in the middle of them at night under the warm and cozy heat lamps of the poultry enclosure.

The only thing missing in Ginny's life is that special someone who is like her — a kindred soul also in the turkey category. After giving up on personal ads, computer websites, and meet-your-dream-turkey chatrooms, Ginny's ship has finally come in!

Enter Jason the turkey!!! Jason was originally "won" in a raffle, and was being fattened up to be slaughtered for Thanksgiving. A compassionate family member rallied on behalf of Jason, and it was agreed that Jason could continue to enjoy living his life. Even though he was not being killed after all, he still had to go.

Geauga County Humane Officer, Sarah Westman, was contacted and began to help find Jason the perfect home. Sarah then thought of Happy Trails since the two organizations had worked together in the past.

What a perfect match it turned out to be when it was discovered that Ginny the blind turkey had no turkey companions at the sanctuary.

So here at Happy Trails we are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of Jason. Keep checking our website to watch as this love story unfolds!

## EXERCISING THE DRAFTS



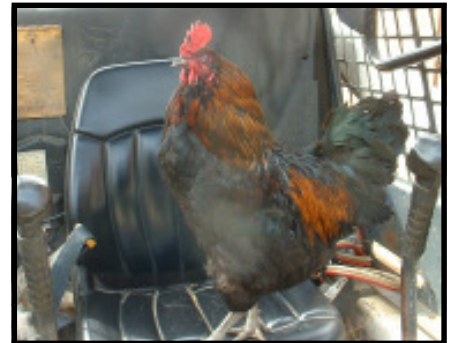
This photo was captured one freezing cold morning, as Kevin



Bragg (left) and Rob Willard (right) get back to the sanctuary after an incredibly early morning trail ride. These two die-hard volunteers help ride and exercise the draft horses regularly at Happy Trails. The horses enjoying their morning outing here are Shelby (with Kevin) and Red (with Rob).

## IN CHARGE OF THE SKID STEER IS THE ONE AND ONLY...

...Dorito the rooster! Dorito LOVES his skid steer so much, that he even sleeps in it at night (of course making it a little messy for those of us who need to use it the following morning). When we



are done using the Bob Cat for the day, Dorito has to hop up in it as soon as we are finished to make sure we didn't hurt his precious baby. It's the first place we find the funny rooster in the morning, and the last place we see him at night!

## MEET HORACE, HAPPY TRAILS MOST RECENT POT BELLY PIG RESCUE!

Horace is currently in foster



care, and waiting patiently to find a loving, caring home! He has been neutered, up to date on vaccines, wormed, and ready to find his "home for the holidays"!



# Need A Gift for Someone Who Has Everything? Get Them A Pig For A Present! (Well, At Least Sponsor One for Them!)

*Farm animal sponsorships can be a fun way of giving something very unique to that special or hard-to-buy-for someone in your life!*

You could get them a rowdy rooster, a darling duck, a friendly farm hog, a pudgy pot belly pig, a mammoth-sized draft horse, a Pasture Pal horse, or a chubby chicken.

## **How does a sponsorship work and what makes a holiday sponsorship special?**

Check out the list of animals in need of sponsors, and choose one (or more) that catches your eye. Fill out the sponsorship form and return it to Happy Trails along with the sponsorship fee.

You (or your gift recipient) will receive a full-color photo and fun-facts about the rescued farm animal.

An information sheet is also included with the sponsorship packet and outlines how your kind donation is used toward the animal's care, and will detail items such as feed, bedding, shelter, medical, and any other costs associated with the special needs of that particular animal.

**The holiday sponsor will be personally invited to the sanctuary to attend one of our Holiday Sponsor Days to visit his or her sponsored animal and to meet in person the adorable creature that you are helping to care for.**

For more details, call the sanctuary at (330) 296-5914.



## **FARM ANIMAL HOLIDAY SPONSORSHIP**



- ☐ I would personally like to sponsor a rescued animal for the holidays.
- ☐ I would like to sponsor a rescued animal for the holidays as a gift for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*(Gift recipient will receive a gift card from you)*

### **DONOR INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home/cell) \_\_\_\_\_

For additional sponsorships, please simply add your gift-recipient names and sponsored animal requests on a separate sheet of paper.

***Please let the following animals know that they have been chosen to have a holiday sponsor!***

- ☐ Draft Horse: \$75 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Senior Citizen Horse: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Retired Amish Horse: \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Horse (general category): \$50 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Farm Hog: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Pot Belly Pig: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Turkey: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Goose: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Duck: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Chickens/Roosters: \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**You may specify a name, or leave the name blank and Happy Trails will choose an animal in need for you!**



Please return sponsor form and donation to  
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc.  
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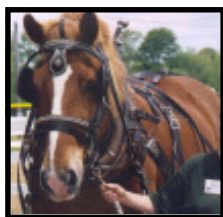


# Who Is In Need Of A Sponsor???

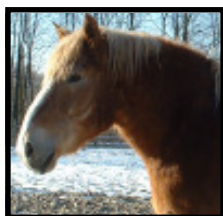
## These are just a few examples to pick from!



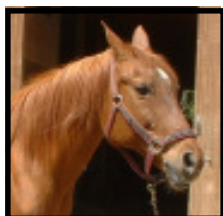
### HAPPY HORSES



**RED —**  
Feisty 20 year old Belgian gelding with an attitude, represents Happy Trails at community events and represents the Amish Horse Retirement Program



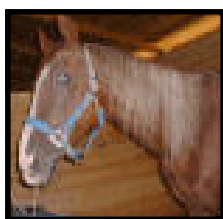
**TONY —**  
Extremely handsome 20 year old Belgian gelding, represents Happy Trails at community events and represents the Amish Horse Retirement Program



**CALLIE —**  
Sweet, funny, drama queen — 15 year old chestnut Arabian mare



**POLLY —**  
Great-grandma horse but still full of energy and spunky at 27 years old



**TOKEN —**  
Half blind, loves to be spoiled, thoroughly enjoys having his winter blankie on

*Many more horses available!*

### DARLING DUCKS



**FRED ASTAIRE —**  
Does some fancy footwork, even with two webbed feet!

*Other ducks to choose from: Sir Henry and Count Chocula*

### FRIENDLY FARM HOGS



**OLIVER —**  
Friendly, funny, a pig comedian, always opinionated with lots to say!



**CHLOE —**  
Laid back and casual, takes life one day at a time. Sweet and petite at 975lbs.!



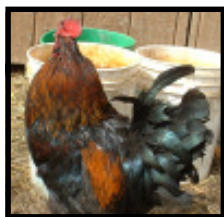
**MONTEL —**  
Outgoing, always on top of things, thinks the new hog fencing makes a great snack!

*Other farm hogs to choose from: Rusty and Maria*

### ROWDY ROOSTERS



**LEO —**  
Thinks rather highly of himself, hangs out with the ducks



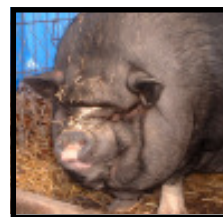
**DORITO —**  
Faster than a speeding bullet, does a wild "wing dance", steals your heart easily!



**APOLLO —**  
A big heart in a little package — he's cute as a button and oh-so-sweet!

*Chubby chickens (broiler hens) to choose from include Betty Boop, Ginger Rogers, Queen Elizabeth, Marilyn Munroe, Greta Garbo, Elizabeth Taylor, Pink, Pat Benetar, Jewel, Grace Kelly, Princess Leia and Demi Moore*

### PUDGY PIGGIES



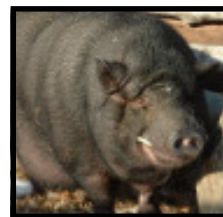
**ASBURY —**  
A major presence in the barn yard — fully in charge but loves belly rubs!



**MADONNA —**  
Loves to shred blankets and dubbed "the material girl, hence the name..."



**JANICE —**  
Founder of Happy Trails, gentle and kind, a most important pig!



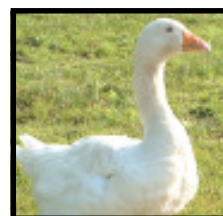
**GEORGE —**  
Wanders the barn yard and takes stories back to his friend Janice.



**WILLIS —**  
Handsome, dashing, good-looking, and did we mention, handsome???

*Other pudgy pot bellies to choose from: Janice, George Java., Milton, Mario, Kinko, Morris, Wilbur, Magnolia, Mr. Bojangles, Hogan, Zinger, Peaches, Rosie, Dennis*

### FEATHERED FRIENDS



**ZEUS THE GOOSE —**  
A permanent resident of the sanctuary and official greeter

*Other feathered friends needing a sponsor: Quincy (gray goose), Ginny (blind turkey), Jason (white turkey)*



## Happy Trails Logo Items Available To Purchase!



### Happy Trails Hooded Sweatshirts



**\$25.00**

Features 50% cotton, 50% polyester 9.3 oz. fabric. Double lined hood with draw cord, ribbed cuffs and waistband, and

muff-style front pocket. Bright yellow with a dark green logo or dark forest green with a yellow logo. SIZES: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X

### Happy Trails Short Sleeve T-shirts



**\$14.00**

Features 50% cotton, 50% polyester heavy-weight fabric, seamless collarette, shoulder to shoulder tape, and

double-needle sleeve and hem. Bright yellow with a dark green logo, or dark forest green with a yellow logo. SIZES: S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X

### Happy Trails Baseball Caps



**\$13.00**

Quality baseball style cap with embroidered Happy Trails logo. Available in forest green only. One size fits all with

velcro adjustment strap.

### Happy Trails Baseball Caps



**\$13.00**

Quality baseball style cap with embroidered Happy Trails logo. Available in Black with yellow logo only. One size fits

all with adjustable strap.

To order items over the internet, log onto our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org).

**SHIPPING:** For shipping options/costs or to arrange pick-up or local delivery, please call Nancy Conring at (330) 733-1478.

**Send order form and payment to:**

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc.  
5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, OH 44266

### Happy Trails Baseball Shirts



**\$10.00**

¾ length dark green sleeves with gray body and dark green logo. Limited selection available. Sizes: S or M only.

### Happy Trails Tote Bags



**\$5.00**

Handy dandy totes are great for carrying anything from books to crafts to school items. Beige tote with dark green logo.

### Happy Trails Horse Head



### Keychains

**\$3.00**

Shiny metallic green with Happy Trails engraved on the side. Great as a stocking stuffer!

### HAPPY TRAILS LOGO ITEMS ORDER FORM

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

**Size Color Amount**

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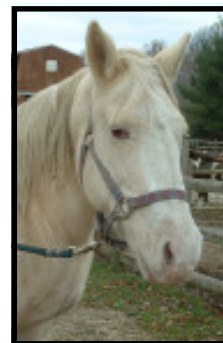
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## HAPPY TRAILS WELCOMES TWO NEW ARRIVALS



Just in time to get their photos in the newsletter at the



last minute, Goldie and Buttercup arrived at Happy Trails at the beginning of November. Both mares respond well to love and attention, and are now available for

adoption. Goldie (above left) is a 25 year old Tennessee Walker, and Buttercup (below right) is a 26 year old Quarter horse.

Goldie will be a great trail horse for some light walk/trot rides, but can't do any heavy-duty work due to a weak suspensory tendon. Buttercup still needs to gain about 175 lbs., but the vet believes she will be fine for smaller kids to ride around the yard. Buttercup is on medication as needed for heaves.



Both young ladies are now up-to-date on worming, had their teeth floated, are current on vaccines, and had their hooves trimmed.

For more details about adopting one of these sweet, precious mares, check out our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org), or give us a call at (330) 296-5914. Even at their age, they still have a lot of love to give, are healthy, and both have wonderful spirits. They thrive on attention from people, and are both excited about finding a home where they will be loved and cared for!







## Local Talented Artist , Sue Steiner, Hosts An Internet Art Auction To Benefit Happy Trails

Help the rescued farm animals of Happy Trails and snag a fantastic holiday present for someone special (that someone special could even be yourself!) by bidding on beautiful Amish-themed and farm animal paintings, prints, and greeting cards.

Sue Steiner, talented local artist, recently accepted a retired Amish Standardbred gelding into her home, a connection made possible through the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program. She has now combined her passion for animals, her passion for painting and her interest in the Amish culture, and is hosting an internet art auction to benefit the rescued farm animals at



Happy Trails.

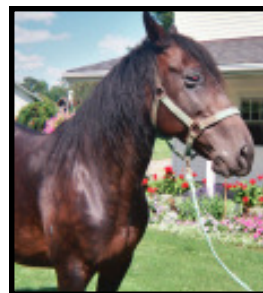
The happy cow above is just a sample of the wonderful farm animal art created by Sue.

You can get sneak pre-views of Sue's beautiful Amish landscapes, horses, pot belly pigs, and other art work on her website at [www.suesteiner.com](http://www.suesteiner.com). You can also watch the Happy Trails website for details about the art auction at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org).



## Cindy Lou Who's Eye Surgery Made Possible By The Following Kind-Hearted Folks!

A pretty 15 year old Standardbred mare, a recent arrival who is now a resident of the sanctuary through the Happy Trails Amish



Horse Retirement Program, needed immediate surgery to remove a mass under her eye. Your support has enabled Happy Trails to provide the surgery for this wonderful mare who is currently in recovery.

Thanks to the following individuals for making Cindy Lou Who's much-needed eye surgery possible: Lynn Baxter, Mary Bittance, Anna Davis, Nancy Geideman, Christina Heasley, Jerry & Angie Hoover, Tracy McIvor, Paula Moran, Mrs. Lincoln Rickenbacker, Eileen & Bob Roloff, Anne Romito, Judge Mary Spicer, Diane & Eric Sotnak, Valerie Stephens, Mary Verhoff, Joann Wingfield, Rick & Nancy Winrod.

Updates on Cindy Lou's progress will be detailed in the next newsletter as her recovery continues!

## PLAN AHEAD TO VISIT HAPPY TRAILS!

Mark your calendars early and plan on attending the constantly-growing-and-changing **HAPPY TRAILS SUMMER FESTIVAL** to be held at the sanctuary on Sunday, June 24th, 2007, from 11am-5pm. Watch for festival details in upcoming newsletters and see what new features and attractions will be added!

## PET GRAVE MARKERS

Carolyn Hayes, long time volunteer and equine adoptive mom, is the creator of the beautiful routed and painted hand-crafted signs that grace the sanctuary. These include the serene grave markers which remember each animal that now rests in Heaven's Trail, the sanctuary's pet cemetery. Carolyn will take special orders for your pet's grave marker, and donates 20% of the proceeds to Happy Trails. For more information and pricing, call Carolyn at (440) 344-1169.



*Wishing you a blessed,  
happy and compassionate  
holiday season!*

*From your furry and feathered  
friends at Happy Trails*

## Volunteering!

Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to contact Chris Cook, Happy Trails Volunteer Program Director at (330) 256-8011 for details about volunteer opportunities. Groups and organizations are welcome to volunteer as a team, and we are currently scheduling now for Spring 2007 sanctuary clean-up days. Winter volunteers for Sunday sanctuary duty are always welcome!

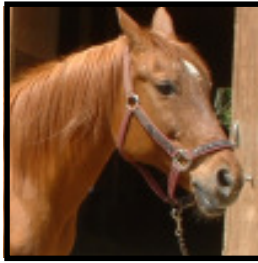
# WHO NEEDS A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Happy Trails is very realistic about the amount of space at the sanctuary and the limited funding on which we operate. The amount of cruelty and abuse calls that come in far exceed our resources and space limitations. In order for us to take in new cases and help more animals, it is always our goal to find approved, safe and appropriate homes for our farm animals residents who are recovered and ready to be adopted by a loving family.

Please consider adopting a farm pet and adding them to your furry or feathered outdoor family to help Happy Trails make room for others who are in desperate need of being rescued. If your farm too is full, please help us to spread the word that we are at a critical time during the bitter cold weather months. In order for us to continue to help those in need, we have to be able to place those animals who are now available for adoption.

We'd like to highlight a few of those most in need of permanent, loving homes. What a better way to celebrate the holidays than to add a new rescued farm pet to your family! Please consider opening your heart and home to help provide a safe haven for a farm pet in need.

For a complete list you can always check our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org).



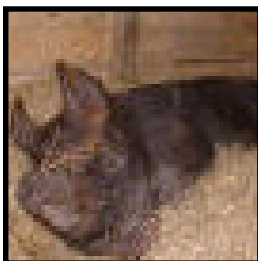
## Callie Needs A Home!

Callie is a real sweetheart, and is a 15 year old pretty chestnut mare in the Happy Trails Pasture Pal Program. Her past carries a very sad story, and we are trying our very best to find a family who will love her and treat her with the compassion and love that she responds so well to. Due to an old injury Callie's front knee has fused, making her unable to bear the weight of a rider.



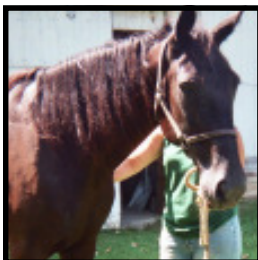
## Leo Needs A Home!

Funny, feisty, and full of himself, this quite handsome rooster named Leo is looking for the right home that will appreciate his loud and untimely crowing ability! Not blessed with the ability to tell time, Leo announces to the world that he is happy and healthy on a regular basis, and he wants to share his joy with his family and neighbors! If you have a heart of gold and are willing to give precious Leo a safe home, please give us a call!



## Oliver Needs A Home!

Oliver is a 1,000 lb. lap-pig who likes to be hugged.....just kidding about the lap-pig part, but he is extremely affectionate and always has LOTS to say! Whenever you approach Oliver, he grunts and oinks his message in hopes that you will understand. Usually, he is just inquiring about what time supper will be....if you have a heart as big as this pig and would like to welcome him as your new farm pet, let us know!



## Dixie Needs A Home!

Darlin' Dixie lives up to her name! A statue-like 16 hands black Standardbred mare, she is quite a beauty and such a sweet darlin'! Dixie came to Happy Trails through the Amish Horse Retirement Program, and is not rideable due to bowed tendons. She will make some lucky horse a great companion, and is an absolute love to work around. Please help us to find her a home for the holidays and for the rest of her happy retirement!

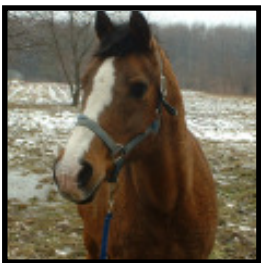




## Bojangles Needs A Home!



Mr. Bojangles is a real character. He is completely awesome with people and truly loves attention, but he is rather pushy and arrogant around other pigs. He is friendly and outgoing, and will allow you to rub his belly just to make you happy! He's a little chubby, but he is working on the diet thing. Healthy vegetables should be a nutritious part of a pigs diet, and he's willing to eat just about anything, including his vegetables!



## Houston Needs A Home!



If you love Arabians, Houston is the horse for you! At 19 years young, Houston is a quite handsome Arabian gelding who is only 14.2 hands. He's almost beginner safe, and would be great for older kids or a smaller adult. He takes medication daily for heaves, but to him it's no big deal — he's used to it! Houston wanted to make sure that we told everyone that he is quite intelligent, witty, and handsome, handsome and handsome!!!



## Wilbur Needs A Home!



Wilbur is just about as cute as a bug-in-a-rug! He would be best in a home with all adults who understand that he can sometimes be a little temperamental. He does have a lot of love to give, and just needs to learn to trust his human companions. He has been waiting for quite a long time for just that right home to come along, and would LOVE to have a home for the holidays! He even offered to wear a red bow on his tail to show his happiness!



## Count Chocula Needs A Home!



Count Chocula has a regal and debonair air about him. His ideal home will have other ducks for companions, and shelter at night where he can be safe from predators. He's a pretty big boy, and he believes he quite attractive! If you would like a good-looking lawn ornament, then Count Chocula is the duck for you!



## For Animals Featured Here, Adoption Fees Will Be Waived For Holiday Adoptions

Yep, that's right. Instead of requiring a set adoption fee, Happy Trails staff will be thrilled if we can find these precious pets approved and safe homes for the holidays! Instead of an adoption fee, a donation of your choosing in honor of your new pet would be greatly appreciated!

To chat with an adoption counselor about adopting a farm pet in time for the holidays, give us a call at (330) 296-5914. Chances are you will get an answering machine since we have no paid staff and no-one to personally answer phone calls. Please be patient, as one of our trained adoption counselors will return your call.

Need to know what type of fencing you will need for your new pet pig? Want to find out what is the best type of feed for your new pet duck? Curious about proper nutrition and routine care of your new equine pal? Adoption counselors will answer all these questions and more to help you make sure you are prepared for your new family member!



# HAPPY TRAILS HOLIDAY WISH LIST

Bags of lime or stall deodorizer

- Paste wormers such as Ivermectin, Quest, Strongid, Zimectrin, Panacur

- Office supplies (stamps, 8½"x11" color or white copy paper)

- Printer cartridges (black or color) for an Epson Stylus CX4800.

Fly control items such as fly sprays, strips, jars, bug zappers, etc.

- Bags of Sawdust

- Bags of grass seed

- Gas cards or long distance phone cards

- Draft size horse halters

Heat lamps and heat lamp bulbs

For our hard working volunteers: bottled water, work gloves or garden gloves; bags of snacks

Old sleeping bags, blankets or comforters for the pot belly pigs

Avon Skin-So-Soft (used as a fly/mosquito repellent for the pigs)

Medical supplies such as Bute, Coppertux, Banamine, large-animal sized needles and syringes

- Gift certificates for gas and diesel

Apples or Carrots

Ginger Snap Cookies (often found in the "Everything For \$1 Stores) - ginger is good for sour stomachs for all the animals)

Bales of Straw (no mold)

Bales of Hay (hay must be good quality and not over a year old, no mold, no straight alfalfa)

- Gift Certificates to local feed or tack stores

- Set of forks for the Bobcat

- Sweet Feed

- Purina Equine Senior Grown-N-Win

Nature's Blend Pelleted Beet Pulp

Vegetable Oil (We buy it in bulk from Sam's club - used as a top dressing. It adds calories to a thin horse, promotes healthy coats, aids digestive tracts, and helps prevent EPSM, the lack of muscle-tone disease)

Hog Pellets (mixed with...)

Horse sweet feed (for taste)

Mazzuri brand Elder Pig

Dry or canned cat food for barn cats

- Big 4 Duck/Goose pellets Scratch or laying mash Grit and oyster shells

## HAPPY TRAILS IS "REGISTERED" FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT:

Often people "register" for items that they really need for occasions such as weddings and baby showers. Some cooperative stores were kind enough to allow Happy Trails to register for items and supplies used regularly by the sanctuary. If you are interested in purchasing helpful items for the holidays for the sanctuary, check out our website for a list of participating stores or give Happy Trails a call at (330) 296-5914 — our list is still being compiled as our newsletter now goes to print and hopefully the list will soon be completed!

## DROP-OFF DAYS FOR DONATIONS

Open drop-off days for donations are on Sunday's between 1pm and 4pm. We kindly request that you do not "drop by" the sanctuary on other days since we do not have a paid staff and often we do not have any extra volunteers to greet visitors. To make drop-off arrangements other than Sundays, call (330) 296-5914.





## Gifts, Bequests and Planned Giving

A bequest to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc. will ensure the gift of life for abused, abandoned and neglected animals. Please consider including the work of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc. in your will.

There are many options for planned giving. They can provide you with tax benefits while they help the animals. Through a planned gift, you may be able to increase your current income or provide additional retirement income, while reducing income tax and estate taxes. Some types of gifts virtually eliminate estate taxes, while others greatly reduce the amount of tax you are responsible for during your lifetime. It is important to explore your options so that both you and the animals receive the full benefit of any considered gift. We will be happy to discuss opportunities with you at your convenience.

### Some options include:

- **Bequests through your will**
- **Charitable Gift Annuities:** May provide numerous tax benefits to you, and you are guaranteed income for the rest of your life
- **Life Insurance Gifts:** Make Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc. the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- **Retirement Plans:** Donate your interest in an IRA or other qualified savings plan

If you are considering a gift or would like more information, please e-mail us through [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org), or call us at 330-296-5914.

*Note: Happy Trails representatives would be happy to discuss your planned giving and bequests, and work with your attorney or other financial expert of your choosing.*

**Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a 501c3 non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of kind folks who believe in our animal rescue efforts.**

**Please consider making a difference by making a donation to help save the life of a neglected, abused or abandoned farm animal today.**

## DONATION INFORMATION

I'd like to send a holiday donation at this time of

☐ \$25   ☐ \$35   ☐ \$55   ☐ \$75   ☐ \$125   ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ other

☐ Please use this donation where it is needed the most.

☐ I'd like my donation to be in memory of my beloved pet \_\_\_\_\_ (name), a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of animal), who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge

☐ Please keep me on your mailing list.

☐ Please take my name off your mailing list.

☐ Please send me a tax-deductible receipt for my donation.

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Return to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc., 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266

You can sign up to receive occasional sanctuary news updates through e-mail. Log onto our website at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org) and register to receive farm news!

## PLAN AHEAD TO ATTEND "THE MANE EVENT 2007"

For a fun-filled horsey day, mark your calendars early to attend "The Mane Event" to be held on Saturday, October 4th, 2007, at the Portage County Fairgrounds. This will be an everything-horse-related day to benefit the rescued equine of Happy Trails. Watch for details in future newsletters and on our website!



## UPDATING OUR MAILING LIST

Happy Trails operates primarily on private donations, and we want to make sure that our funds are helping the rescued animals in the best way possible.

We will continue to send out newsletters to everyone on our mailing list throughout the end of this year. At the end of December, we will cutting back on the expense of bulk mailing, and only current donors (people who have made donations in the past year) will continue to receive our quarterly newsletter and occasional updates. Though we would like to include everyone in our mailing who simply enjoy receiving the newsletter, it is not financially possible to continue to do so. We appreciate and thank everyone who supports the sanctuary and our rescue efforts!



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the amazing organization that it is today. It is incredible how a dream can turn into a reality with dedication and determination. Our dream at Happy Trails of spreading compassion and humane treatment for all animals is being made possible by everyone who has chosen to become involved with the sanctuary — we are all making this world a better place by the examples we set.

During this holiday season we want to make sure our heart-felt gratitude is expressed to everyone whose life has in some way been touched by the rescued animals at Happy Trails. On behalf of the rescued farm animals, we sincerely thank you for your support, your time, your compassion, and for the examples you set by being involved and spreading kindness throughout your communities! Happy holidays!

To our community, our supporters, our sponsors, our neighbors, our families and friends, to our hard-working volunteers, to God for the blessings that have been sent down upon this sanctuary, and for the encouragement that we have

received over this past year to continue our often challenging work of caring for the abused, abandoned and neglected farm animals... we are extremely grateful that Happy Trails has been able to grow and prosper and develop into