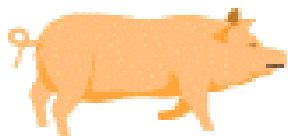


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

MARCH/APRIL 2008

Newsletter



SOPHIE



Beautiful Sophie needs a home!
This 15 year old gorgeous bay Standardbred mare is seeking a new home — read more about her story on page 18!

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(330) 296-5914

Farm Animals Find Love and Families!

More And More Folks Are Adopting Farm Animals and Older Rescued Horses As Pets!

There is a truly an inspirational number of compassionate and kind-hearted folks out there who are and adopting farm animals as pets and discovering the love they have to offer their new human families! Ask any one of our proud adoptive parents about who is the best farm pet in the world, and they will be quick to tell you about their undying love for their pet sheep, goat, duck, pig, chicken, or cow!

Yes, people still adopt cute little puppies, kittens, dogs and cats — and well they should! However, the growing trend of folks who have the facilities to do so, is to welcome into their homes the woolly, furry, fuzzy and feathered farm animals as personal pets and make them an integral part of their human family!

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After being adopted into a wonderful home, Huckleberry accidentally injured his front leg. Concerned mama, Lori Stenger, called her vet immediately, and a cast was put on Huck's leg.

letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

Here I sit at OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital) in Columbus, holding a young goat who was born with only half of his back legs — they never finished forming below his knees. Baby Radar, left to fend for himself in a very large, very cramped herd of much bigger goats, rams and cows, was sure to be trampled to death. Instead of this becoming his fate in the hands of an uncaring livestock trader, he instead was rescued, treated for pneumonia and worm infestation, was later given a clean bill of health, and then adopted by a family who loves him to pieces. Radar gets along great and has adopted to life with the shorter stumps that make up his back legs. He obviously loves to give kisses and thrives on attention.

His is a "happy ending" story. I wish we were able to make that a reality for *all* the animals we come in contact with. Some of the animals that are brought to Happy Trails are fortunate enough to be able to travel the road to recovery — a road filled with love, kindness, soft blankets, belly rubs, heat lamps, comforting words, warm straw and delicious treats. Others, however, have been abused or neglected past the point of recovery, and through our tears we give them the compassion of a humane death and the dignity of a respectful burial in the Pet Cemetery.



The sanctuary stands as a beacon of hope, education and compassion, as more and more folks become aware of the horrific abuses in-

flicted on our furry, feathered and fuzzy animal friends on many, many levels.

Happy Trails continues to operate on an all-volunteer staff, private donations, and the inspiration that we are making a difference in this world to spread kindness and compassion.

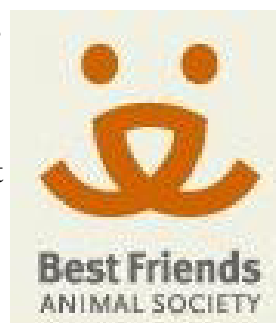
On behalf of all of the animals here at Happy Trails, Ohio's largest and fastest growing farm animal and equine sanctuary, I'd like to extend a very sincere thank-you to everyone who supports our animal rescue efforts and educational programs. It is only with you that our work is possible. And it is only through your participation as a volunteer, donor, supporter and through your encouragement, that animals like Radar get a chance to enjoy the life that they were meant to have, and in turn, bring happiness and joy to those who have the opportunity to be blessed with their companionship.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette Fisher".

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Best Friends Community Spotlight Highlights Happy Trails!

Best Friends
Animal
Society, one
of the largest
animal
sanctuaries
in the United
States



located in Kanab, Utah, has been a true mentor and excellent role model for Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary! They chose to feature Happy Trails as the January spotlight organization for the Best Friends Network Ohio Community! Check it out at <http://network.bestfriends.org/ohio/news/21870.html>.

Thanks, Best Friends, for being such an inspiration to us here at Happy Trails! Make sure to visit their website at www.bestfriends.org!

Don't forget to check
your shampoo, lotion and
make-up containers for the
all-important disclaimer:

**"Not Tested
On Animals"**

Who In The World Would Want A Rooster As A Pet? **Mary highly recommends it!**

Mary Bittance, Happy Trails Board Member and true-blue animal-lover, is totally in love with Dorito, her pet rooster that she adopted from Happy Trails. This interview with Mary gives you a sneak-peak at the wonders of having a pet rooster as part of your feathered family!

How did Dorito arrive at your farm in the first place?

I was volunteering at Happy Trails when I first met Dorito. He was very nice to some people but decided others were not to be trusted, so he would peck at them. He also didn't want any competition from other chickens so he would fight them off. Annette decided I'd be the perfect rooster mom since he liked me and we had already bonded. So, Dorito came home with me one night—much to my husband's surprise! (But, not to worry, Dorito decided my husband was *the best*, and the rooster follows him around like a puppy. Now they're best buds.)



Before you worked with Dorito, had you ever considered having a rooster as a pet?

Before I worked with Dorito I never considered a rooster *at all*!! I didn't know roosters until I started volunteering at Happy Trails.

I know you have a variety of other pets. Does Dorito get along with the other animals at your farm, or does he have to stay caged up?

He definitely does not have to stay caged. Dorito rules the roost. The horses couldn't care less and the dogs and cats give him a lot of space. Dorito struts when he wants to establish that he's the boss. It's very funny. Once he starts strutting they all clear out. He doesn't have to do anything else. Except, he's best friends with our smallest barn cat. They sleep on the same pillow together. If the big barn cat starts to give the little one a hard time, Dorito struts over and the big cat backs off.

Most people think of roosters as being very mean and aggressive. Does Dorito let you hold him and pet him?

I hold and pet Dorito every day, several times a day. He makes a soft cooing sound when I do and if I'm cleaning in the barn and don't give him enough attention, then he comes over and gently pulls at my jeans until I pick him up. Or, if he's feeling a little more assertive, he pecks lightly on my shoes until I pet him.

Can you share a funny story with us about Dorito?

There are so many—let me think. Once shortly after the big barn cat was dumped on us, Dorito was pecking around just looking for bugs and came close to the cat. The cat arched his back and swatted at Dorito. Wrong move—first rule of the barn is “don't mess with the rooster.” Dorito flew at the cat, who was taken aback and tore up the hayloft stairs. They're fine now as long as the cat keeps his distance.

Dorito also likes to play “mad cuckoo clock.” We have a small opening under the back porch where he likes to hide and roost. Then when visitors come over he flies out and rushes at them. It always gets a startled response which sets Dorito into a crowing mode as if to say, “I am the man.”

One day my husband called me at work and said he thought Dorito had been killed by a predator. He had found a pile of Dorito's feathers by our bank barn and no sign of the rooster. We searched and searched for two days and found nothing. I was broken hearted—I love that boy. Then very early one morning, while I was playing with my dogs, I heard a faint crow. I dismissed it because I just figured I'd imagined it since I so wanted to find Dorito. A few minutes later I heard it again. I looked

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Votes Are In For The Summit County Historical Society Holiday Room Contest

guests had the chance to vote for their favorite room.

Robin Brechbuhler, incredibly talented interior designer and owner of Brechbuhler Interior Design LTD, had compassionately chosen Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary as her charity of choice! Many thanks, Robin!

The Christmas interior design contest and exhibit "Home for The Holidays" at the Summit County Historical Society was held at the Perkins Stone Mansion and the Wash House. It featured richly decorated rooms by talented designers, each representing a non-profit organization. Happy Trails was honored to have been chosen by designer Robin Brechbuhler. Visitors voted for their favorite room, and the winner would receive 10% of the event proceeds.

A truly designer holiday event!

Most adults today can remember a time when a trip to see elaborately decorated department store windows was a family tradition. Summit County Historical Society also remembers that time, and brought back that tradition with a twist.

This family event returned to Summit County Historical Society for its second year, and invited visitors into the historic Perkins family home which was richly decorated in the latest design themes for the holidays.

Held at the grounds of the Summit County Historical Society,

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every room of the Perkins Stone Mansion and Wash House was transformed for the holidays by local professionals of historic and contemporary interior design. This provided an excellent opportunity to see the latest styles in holiday design, and to discover some unique and distinctive ideas to use in your own home.

How did this involve Happy Trails?

To add to the holiday merriment, each interior designed decorated their room on behalf of a local charitable organization. After touring the home,

website at <http://www.brechbuhlerinteriordesign.com/>

Many thanks to everyone who visited the Summit County Historical Society and made sure to vote for Robin's room and for Happy Trails!

You can visit the Summit County Historical Society on the web at www.summithistory.org.



Mercy For Animals Welcomes Happy Trails To Cleveland And Columbus

On Wednesday, February 27th, Mercy For Animals welcomed a Happy Trails presentation at their monthly meeting in Columbus, and again on Thursday, February 28th, at their monthly vegetarian dinner in Cleveland. What an incredible opportunity!

Thanks to the computer wizardry of Happy Trails board member, Rob Willard, a truly inspirational presentation was created which included an introduction to the sanctuary and the facilities, a review of the fun, comical and amusing antics and behaviors of the many farm animals who have entered the gates of the sanctuary,

an in-depth look at their abusive situations and what led them to the gates of Happy Trails in the first place, and examples of how folks can get involved with the sanctuary.

Happy Trails Executive

Director,

Annette Fisher, talked about the precious and heart-warming stories of the joy and companionship that the farm animals have brought to all who have the opportunity to interact with them, as well as details of some of the undercover investigations that have taken place.

Over 70 guests attended the Columbus dinner, and over 90 guests attended the Cleveland dinner. Mercy For Animals hosts a free vegetarian dinner which is open to the public at several



Mercy For Animals (MFA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal advocacy organization that believes non-human animals are irreplaceable individuals who have morally significant interests and hence rights, including the right to live free of unnecessary suffering. MFA is dedicated to promoting nonviolence towards all sentient beings through public education campaigns and demonstrations, undercover investigations, and open rescues.

www.mercyforanimals.org



Annette Fisher, Happy Trails Executive Director and Freeman Wicklund, Director Of Campaigns for Mercy For Animals at the Columbus dinner.

Ohio locations (as well as other states) each month, including the local libraries in Cleveland and Columbus. Guests are treated to a wonderful, delicious and totally free vegan (no meat, egg or dairy products) buffet, and a special guest speaker is welcomed at each dinner.

Mercy For Animals helps provide education regarding animal issues, and has a wonderful and informative website at www.mercyforanimals.org. They also have free vegetarian starter kits for those who are interested in exploring more information about adopting a vegan diet.

How Can You Become One Of The Happy Trails Servants???

Amy Waldorf carries hay to the pot belly pigs barn.



Russ Fisher hugs Oliver the farm pig.



Call Lauren Carroll, Volunteer Coordinator, at (330) 867-2836 to sign up to volunteer!

Rob Willard hauls BobbyAnn the cow to her new home in Virginia.



Carolyn Hayes keeps the baby lamb warm.



Caitlin Doherty holds Katrina at the Equine Specialty Hospital.



Dave Waldorf works to remove a mountain of old bedding.



Adam Buttermore turns Red out for some exercise.



Join a special committee or help to plan a fundraiser.

President, Sharon Barnard, gives clean water to the pot belly pigs.



Happy Trails all-volunteer crew is top notch — the best that there is!

Cheri Rider puts a chicken into it's newly cleaned cage.



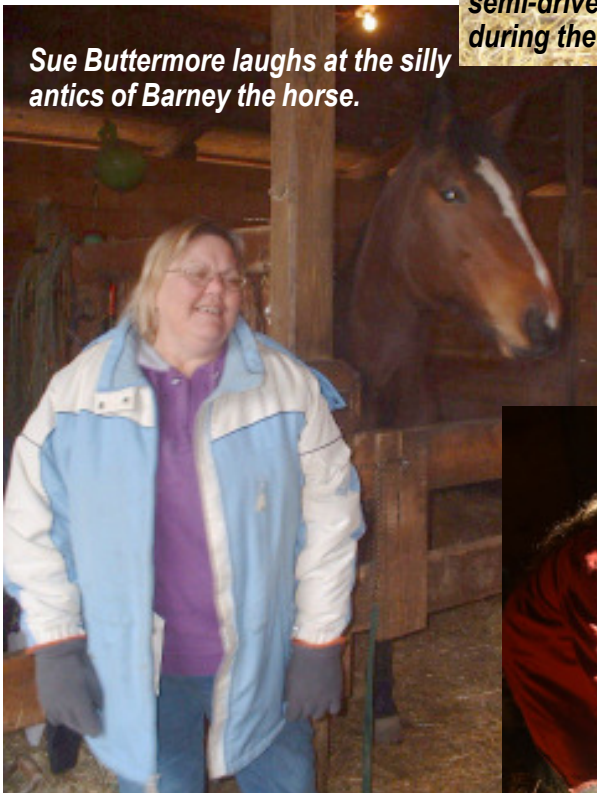
Helping the animals is good for the soul!



Jim Shekleton, volunteer semi-driver, hugs Rusty the farm pig during the Pigs Across America trip.

A volunteer orientation will acquaint you with safety rules and the policies of the sanctuary.

Sue Buttermore laughs at the silly antics of Barney the horse.



To volunteer at the sanctuary itself you must be at least 18 years old! Ask about special kid's volunteer days.

Becky Albright checks on a piggy coming out of anes-thesia.



Hand out newsletters at community events.



Tracy McIvor shovels manure (and lots of it!).

In Memory Of Sophie the pig...



and Pigcasso...



Beautiful...they were both simply beautiful!

An investigation into horrific animal neglect and cruelty at an Ohio livestock farm recently resulted in the rescue of two precious, 8-week old piglets. Sophie (pronounced with a short "o"), had large masses over her legs and over her left eye. Surgery at OSU (Ohio State Veterinary Teaching Hospital) resulted in the discovery of systemic arthritis at this early age. Her shoulder joint no longer existed, and the damage done to the inflamed leg joints were beyond repair. Soon walking would be a thing of the past, as her painful masses were growing quickly and would ultimately cause her to lose the use of her legs. The kindest and most humane thing to do for our precious little Sophie was to help her cross the Rainbow Bridge.

Pigcasso will always be known for having the softest fur of any pig anywhere...ever! He was a kind and gentle soul, who through the neglect of humans, was starving to death. Instead of providing him with the proper veterinary care that he required early on, his condition was left untreated, and the results were intestinal damage that was beyond repair. After two different visits to OSU to try to save this precious baby, the last visit resulted in a grim prognosis. Pigcasso was continuing

to rapidly lose weight, and after all possible medical treatments, tests, diets and remedies were applied, Pigcasso still had become so weak he could no longer stand and he then developed pneumonia. After



exhausting all medical measures possible, it was time to let him go run across the green fields of piggy heaven with his pig friend, Sophie, who I am positive was there to greet him when he arrived.

The abuse and neglect of animals in the food industry is truly heartbreaking. These sweet, gentle creatures have brought much love and joy to the volunteers at Happy Trails who have the awesome opportunity to work with and around them, though often their time with us is short and bittersweet. The piglets showed their affection for us with peaceful grunts, oinks and nose-nudges of affection and gratitude.

May the lives of Sophie and Pigcasso inspire you to make compassionate decisions in the foods that you choose, the products that you buy, and the clothes that you wear. Together, we can spread kindness, compassion and humane treatment for all animals!

Dorito, Mary's Favorite Rooster

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all over in the field from where the sound seemed to be coming but found nothing. I ran upstairs to tell my husband and he ran down too, so we could search. Then we both heard it and figured out the direction. There was my boy across the road in the neighbor's field. I ran across Rt. 422 in my nightshirt and jeans, swooped up Dorito and stood at the corner of a very busy intersection bawling my eyes out I was so happy. I'm sure the commuters that morning are still trying to figure out what that was all about. Except for missing some feathers, he was fine; but I bet there's a blind fox out there somewhere!! (This is why we now have a secure day pen for him when we're not home.)

There isn't a day that goes by that Dorito doesn't make me laugh.

Why should people consider adopting a rooster as a pet? And what should they know about the proper care and shelter for a pet chicken?

Dorito has more personality than most people I know. He's fun to be around and I love all the sounds he makes. When he's content (like when he roosts in the cat carrier or is following my husband helping to fix fences) he has this sound like a leaking balloon; it's great to listen to.

You do need a safe, secure place for him at night and during the day if you aren't out watching him. There are lots of predators in the rural areas just waiting to get their paws or claws on a chicken. At night, Dorito goes into our

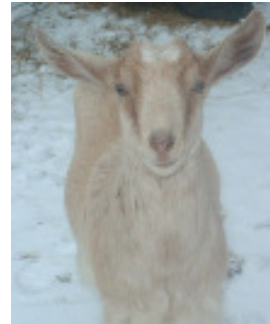


tack room which is now secured with chicken wire and we built a day pen for him for days when we aren't home. When we're home he can "free range." Also, he needs to be kept warm if the temperature drops below 20. You can do that by getting heat lamps. We keep him warm by bringing him into the cellar, but not everyone thinks it's a hoot to wake up to crowing coming from just below your feet.

Can folks contact you if they are considering adopting a rooster?

Absolutely! I love talking about Dorito. He's been a wonderful spokesrooster to help me learn how wonderful these animals are. I now can't imagine life without Dorito. Call me at (440) 834-0233, and I can help you adopt a wonderful pet rooster!

Featured Animals In Need Of A Loving Home...



Penelope, a five-month old female goat, seeks a home as an only goat due to being a carrier

of CAE (a goat arthritis).

Sweet Pea the goose had one eye removed due to trauma.

She prefers to be with calmer and non-aggressive ducks or geese.



Chevaz, a retired Amish Standardbred buggy horse, is sound, healthy and very polite.



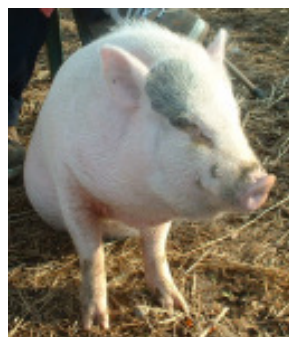
For additional information on these and other wonderful animals

available for adoption, check the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org, or call us at (330) 296-5914.

How Can I Become A Monthly Sponsor For A Rescued Animal?

First, take a moment and choose the type of farm animal that you wish to sponsor. Are you drawn to the rowdy roosters, the pudgy pot belly pigs, the galloping goats, or the mammoth-sized draft horses?

Monthly sponsors are extremely important because they help provide the food, shelter, veterinary care and any special needs of each of the rescued farm animals and horses. There are always new animals



coming into the sanctuary, each with special needs of their own. Select the type of animal that you would like to help, and we'll choose a special animal for you from that group who is in need of a monthly sponsor. Simply fill out the sponsorship form and return it to Happy Trails along with your first monthly sponsorship fee.

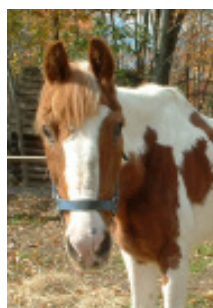
You will receive a full-color photo and fun-facts about the rescued farm animal.



An information sheet is also included with the sponsorship packet and outlines how your kind donation is used toward the animal's care. It details items such as feed, bedding, shelter, medical, and any other costs associated with the special needs of that particular animal. Sponsors are personally invited to the sanctuary to attend special "Sponsor's Day" at various times during the year to visit his or her sponsored animal, and to meet in person the adorable creature that you are helping to care for.

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For more details, call Sharon Barnard at (330) 329-9727.

FARM ANIMAL MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP

☐ I.... ☐ My family.... ☐ My business.... ☐ My school....

....would like to become a monthly sponsor for a rescued animal!

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

I would like to become a monthly sponsor for the following type of animal(s). Please send me their name, story, information sheet, and a special invitation to visit them!

☐ Draft Horse: \$75

☐ Sheep: \$25

☐ Retired Amish Horse: \$50

☐ Goose: \$10

☐ Horse (general category): \$50

☐ Turkey: \$10

☐ Farm Pig: \$25

☐ Duck: \$10

☐ Pot Belly Pig: \$25

☐ Chicken: \$10 *Please circle either Hen or Rooster*

☐ Goat: \$25

Please return sponsor form and donation to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc.
5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Envelopes will be mailed to you.

Need A Weird Birthday Gift For A Friend, Relative Or Co-Worker??? Give Them A Pig!

OK, no, not really.....

But how about the gift of a sponsorship for a pig or for one of the other rescued farm animals at Happy Trails?

Farm animal sponsorships can be a fun way of giving something very

unique to that special or hard-to-buy-for someone when birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or other special occasions roll around. Tell the world that you are an animal-lover with the gift of a one-time

sponsorship of a rescued animal!

This thoughtful gift will express your willingness to spread compassion and caring for the furry, fuzzy and feathered creatures of our world!

Select the type of animal that you would like to "give as a gift", and simply fill out the gift sponsorship form, and return it to Happy Trails along with your one-time sponsorship fee. *Please allow plenty of time for the gift sponsorship package to arrive in time for the special occasion!*

The gift-recipient will receive a gift-sponsorship package, including a full-color photo and fun-facts about the rescued farm animal, and an information sheet outlining the animal's care. It details items such as feed, bedding, shelter, medical, and other costs associated with the special needs of that particular animal.

Both you and your gift-recipient will be personally invited to the

sanctuary to attend a special "Sponsor's Day" at to visit your sponsored animal, and to meet in person the adorable creature that you are helping to care for.

For more details, call Sharon Barnard at (330) 928-3623.



FARM ANIMAL ONE-TIME GIFT SPONSORSHIP

My Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

I would like to sponsor a rescued animal as a special gift for:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

email address _____

(Gift recipient will receive a gift card from you along with their sponsorship packet.)

I would like to send a gift sponsorship for the following type of animal(s). Please send their name, story, information sheet, and a special invitation to visit them to the person above!

☐ Draft Horse: \$75

☐ Sheep: \$25

☐ Retired Amish Horse: \$50

☐ Goose: \$10

☐ Horse (general category): \$50

☐ Turkey: \$10

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Rob Willard Organizes Happy Trails All-Volunteer Animal Emergency Crew

Happy Trails has been in the process of organizing and establishing an all-volunteer emergency crew for quite some time now. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the

and law enforcement officials when they find themselves in a situation of removing a farm animal or horse from a situation of abuse, abandonment or neglect, we are often called upon at the very last moment to provide assistance. Being an all-volunteer organization, this can truly be a challenge.

Folks who have (and are continuing to) sign up to participate in our all-volunteer emergency crew, are nothing but the best! All it takes is you being willing to allow us to call you and ask for your assistance when an emergency arises — if you are available, you are welcome to help, and if you are not available, we will catch up with you when the next emergency call comes in.

Emergency volunteers help in quite a variety of ways.

Folks with trucks and trailers are *always* needed to help haul rescued animals to safety. A variety of trailers are always beneficial, since you never know what we are picking up. It can be an assortment of fifty chickens,

turkeys, geese and ducks in cages as in one instance; it could be sixteen horses in another instance; it could be a single pot belly pig as in one case; it could be forty four cockfighting roosters as in another case; or it could be two hundred and twenty goats as in a previous situation — you never know. Folks with capabilities to haul large

animals, especially draft horses, are like gold to our emergency crew!

People are always needed to help with dispatch. This includes calling volunteers with trailers to see who is available to haul, calling foster homes to see who has an open stall, calling the appropriate vet who will be seeing this particular group of animals, and keeping touch with the authorities at the scene. Dispatch folks will be trained on how to handle these calls.

Emergency foster homes are homes who are willing to take on the care of and provide shelter for an animal in an emergency situation. The foster home may choose to foster the animal for a short period of time until a more permanent foster home can be located, or they may choose to foster an animal throughout an entire trial. Foster homes with the ability to quarantine are worth their weight in gold also. Normally, equine quarantines are 30' away from other horses for a period of 30 days. The feed, hay, bedding and medical expenses of an animal is normally paid for by either the humane society or animal protective league that is responsible in that county, or by Happy Trails, depending on each individual circumstance and how and why the animals are being removed from a situation.

If you have any questions that you need answered or would like to talk about participating in the Happy Trails All-Volunteer Emergency Animal Rescue Crew, give Emergency Crew Director, Rob Willard, a call at (330) 592-2763.



**Rob Willard and his
19.3 hands tall
Belgian gelding, Thor.**

many horse-haulers, dispatch folks, sanctuary helpers and emergency foster homes who have stepped forward to offer assistance in many emergency situations over this past year.

Since Happy Trails is a support organization for Ohio county humane societies, animal protective leagues

Happy Trails All-Volunteer Emergency Crew Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL _____

Please check all areas that you are willing to help with in an emergency, and fill in information that will help us determine which situations will be appropriate for your skills and equipment.

☐ HAULING/TRANSPORT

I have a truck and can help with hauling.

Type of truck? _____

Able to pull a trailer? _____

Hauling capabilities? _____

Truck cap available for shelter for smaller animals in cages? _____

I have a horse trailer and can help with hauling.

Type of trailer — stock or other? _____

Please describe: _____

Ramp or step-up? _____

Tall enough for drafts/height of trailer? _____

How far are you willing to travel? _____

Will you need re-imbursed for gas expenses? _____

My trailer

☐ is ☐ is not
located on my property.

☐ TELEPHONE DISPATCH

I am available during the following times/days to help with dispatch of trailers and contacting emergency foster homes:

I understand that I will need to use my own phone.

☐ ANIMAL EMERGENCY SANCTUARY WELCOMING CREW

I would like to join the emergency crew at the sanctuary that helps get things prepared for emergency animals and welcomes and settles in the new arrivals. This crew does things like prepare stalls, fill water buckets, puts bedding in cages, sets out hay and straw, and makes other preparations for the comfort and safety of the incoming animals. I live about _____ miles away from the sanctuary and can be there in _____ minutes/hours (circle one).

☐ EMERGENCY ANIMAL FOSTER HOMES

I have facilities to help house the following animals in an emergency (please specify number of each animal):

☐ horses _____

☐ ponies _____

☐ donkeys _____

☐ cows _____

☐ goats _____

☐ sheep _____

☐ feathered animals _____

☐ farm pigs _____

☐ pot belly pigs _____

I am willing to foster for (please specify an amount of time):

☐ I am unable to quarantine an animal.

☐ I am able to quarantine an animal 30' away from other animals for a period of 30 days.

Please return form to:

Rob Willard
Emergency Crew Director

Happy Trails
Farm Animal Sanctuary
5623 New Milford Road
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

*All applications will receive
a follow-up phone call.*

QUESTIONS?

Call

**Emergency Crew Director
Rob Willard,
at (330) 592-2763.**

More Folks Are Adopting Farm Animals and Older Rescued Horses As Pets!

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Lori Stenger, proud adoptive parent of **Huckleberry the sheep**, can't say enough nice things about her chubby boy! "I just love him," is a phrase that we hear from Lori regularly when she shares stories about Huck. Before his leg injury, Huckleberry would go on trail rides with Lori and Cheyenne, her Standardbred mare. They would make quite a sight in their neighborhood as the trio would take long walks and enjoy their quality time together as only a horse, it's rider and their favorite sheep could!

Debbie Marshal adores her farm pets — especially **Tinkerbelle the goat**. Tinkerbelle came to Happy



Trails as a starvation case, and when Debbie adopted

her, Tinkerbelle still needed to gain some weight. Debbie took *great* measures to assure that Tinkerbelle was comfortable, safe, and happy as she continued her recovery. Debbie had already adopted four other goats from Happy Trails. "Tinkerbelle is just the sweetest out of all my goats! She always greets me and says good morning when I open the barn doors. My farm pets are the reason I get up in the morning because I know they need me. When your children grow up, your animals give you a purpose in

life!" Debbie declared happily. "Tinkerbelle is just the best goat!"

Becky Albright sings the praises of **Hank and Hootie, two pet ducks** that she adopted from Happy Trails. Becky couldn't



imagine life without them! "They are funny, comical, and quite the little pair of comedians. The ducks make great back scratchers for the cats — they're the kitty back rubbers. Lizzy the cat walks right up to Hank in the morning for her daily back scratch because Hank's the best at it. Hank is partially cripple, but Hootie will not leave him behind if Hank is having a slow day."

Abby Robinson sings the praises of **Grandpa Walton, a very old Quarter horse** that



worked his way into the hearts of the entire Robinson family. Abby has patiently taken the time needed to build a trust between Grandpa and herself, a bond that is strengthened each day as he learns that many humans are kind and gentle. "I don't have to ride him in order to enjoy his companionship!"

Abby states.

Sherwood Forrest Gump, a chubby little pink pig left us for his forever-home where he has a mirror-image of himself



as his new companion. **Robyn Hammond Fearon** LOVES her pigs! "Pigs are incredibly smart, clean and very charming! They are the best pets I've ever had!"

The Flinstones, a family of three sheep that turned into four sheep when it was discovered that mama sheep was already pregnant,



have brought much joy to **Brenda Gorsuch**. "The kids simply adore the sheep!" said Brenda.

Ed and

Timi Sullivan both have hearts of gold. "We want to adopt whoever is the most un-adoptable of the horses and give them a retirement home!" Ed and Timi generously gave of their time and their facilities to allow **two senior equine** enjoy their last years here on this earth knowing love, comfort and caring.



Adoptions

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"These horses have enriched our lives so very much - they make up best part of my day ! I look forward to doing stalls. My husband and I have gotten much more out of this adoption than even than the horses have. We would encourage everyone to experience the joy of caring for a retired horse simply to have that opportunity to get to know the horse on such a comfortable and personal level. We don't ride — we're 'horse-petters'!" laughs Timi.

Sarah Aitken adopted **two pet geese** from Happy Trails. She claims that her dad is completely 100% obsessed with the geese. "Who'd have thought you could be



so smitten by two geese and their 7:30am wake up calls for their morning breakfast? The geese go right up on the porch in the

mornings to the sliding glass doors to get their morning treats. They totally have personalities! Geese can be entertaining as well as therapeutic and relaxing!" said Sarah.

A Happy Trails adoption counselor can help answer questions about farm animal and senior horse adoptions, help with ideas for proper facilities and safe fencing, and provide education regarding care of a particular type of farm animal. **Call us at (330) 296-5914 for more adoption information!**



TRY A DELICIOUS CRUELTY-FREE DINNER THIS WEEK!

(Highly recommended by Very Boof the chicken; recipe compliments of Lauren Carroll)

Spinach Casserole

This recipe came from a book titled Veganomicon, written by Isa Chandra Moskowitz & Terry Hope Romero. It is delicious cruelty-free comfort food that Popeye would approve of!

3 cups uncooked campanelle noodles, or any short, cut ribbon noodles, or broken-up lasagne noodles

3 10-oz pkgs frozen chopped spinach, thawed

1 1/4 cups matzo meal (can be unsalted) or plain bread crumbs

1 small onion, finely chopped (about a cup)

12 oz extra-firm silken tofu - the vacuum-packed kind

1 cup vegetable broth

2 tbsp olive oil

1/4 cup lightly-packed chopped fresh dill

2 tbsp lemon juice

3/4 tsp. salt (use 1/2 tsp if matzo meal is salted)

1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Boil a pot of water & cook noodles per package directions. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place thawed spinach in colander in sink & drain. In blender or food processor, mix together vegetable broth, oil, and tofu & puree until smooth. Put mixture in large mixing bowl. Add matzo meal.

Press spinach in colander to get out as much water as possible, then add to large mixing bowl. By this time, the pasta should be done; drain it, run under cold water, then add to the large bowl.

Add the remaining ingredients (except cooking spray) to the large bowl & mix very well. You will likely need to use your hands, so don't pet your cat at this point.

Coat a 9x13" glass casserole dish w/cooking spray. Press the kugel into the dish. Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven & let sit for 5-10 minutes before slicing.

Want to share your favorite vegan recipes? Send them to Happy Trails at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266, and we'll try to include a new recipe in each newsletter!

Deciding to choose more compassionate and heart-healthy foods?

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<http://www.pcrm.org/health/veginfo/>

www.vegforlife.com

www.goveg.com

Did You Know That...

...there are animal issues, current articles of legislation, and animal-related topics that truly affect the world in which you live? We encourage folks to be educated, be informed, and be aware! The following list of websites host a wealth of information on many animal-related topics. Please be sure to check them out, and share this list with your friends!

EXCELLENT EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES FOR ANIMAL ISSUES, LEGISLATION AND RELATED ANIMAL TOPICS

Be educated, be informed, be aware!

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www.hsus.org

Humane Farming Association

www.hfa.org

ARC (Animal Rights Coalition) NEWS

http://www.animalrightscoalition.com/doc/news_summer_2007.pdf

Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine

www.pcrm.org

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www.mercyforanimals.org

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www.farmsanctuary.org

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www.peta.org

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www.care2.com

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www.animalplace.org

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www.awionline.org

***And don't forget to keep up with Happy Trails news at
www.happytrailsfarm.org!***

Crossed The Rainbow Bridge

Along with Piggasso and Sophie, we'd like to fondly remember the following rescued animals who have recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge and are now in greener pastures:

Rachel the Pig

Her burns that had covered nearly 85% of her back had healed up nicely, though she succumbed to another disease called Glassers Disease. Rachel spent her last week at OSU as they tried their very best to save the little piggy.

Paisley The Horse

This beautiful Standardbred mare had retired from an Amish farm where she worked as a buggy horse her entire life. Her spine had fused and she had a host of other medical issues. After having a stroke in her stall at feeding time late one evening, the vet humanely euthanized her as we all held and comforted her as she left this world to experience her true retirement home — a place of peace and happiness.

We have also lost several chickens who were very sweet and funny. May all these animals now experience a world free from pain!

**For up-to-date sanctuary information, check out our website at
www.happytrailsfarm.org**

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.

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 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 sending a donation to help spread compassion and the save the life of a neglected, abused or abandoned farm animal today.

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WISH LIST

- Lime or Stall Dry for the horse stalls
- Hay and straw (not more than a year old, not moldy)
- Several loads of sand and dirt to fix the horse stalls, the barn aisle
- Bottled water for our hard working volunteers
- Horse paste wormers such as Quest, Strongid, Ivermectin or Panacur
- A concrete aisleway for our barn. Aisle is 10' x 84'.
- Outdoor kennels, large pet porters, crates or cages in good condition
- Tools: pitch forks, stall forks, leaf rakes, muck tubs
- Drywall and insulation to finish the inside of the new Happy Trails office
- Extension cords — all sizes
- With spring coming, a riding lawn mower that works
- Still hoping for a one-ton truck capable of hauling our horse trailer and the heavy rescued draft horses that we put in it. Thanks to the volunteers who still continue to haul for us!

The Horse's Prayer

To thee, my master, I offer my prayer. Feed me, water and care for me, and when the day's work is done, provide me with shelter, a clean, dry bed, and stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort.

Always be kind to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins. Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you. Do not jerk the reins, and do not whip me when going uphill. Never strike, beat, or kick me when I do not understand you. Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is not wrong with my harness or feet.

Do not check me so that I cannot have free use of my head. If you insist that I wear blinkers, so that I cannot see behind me as it was intended I should, I pray you be careful that the blinders stand well out of my eyes. Do not overload me, or hitch me where water will drip on me. Keep me well shod.

Examine my teeth when I do not eat, I may have an ulcerated tooth, and that, you know, is very painful. Do not tie my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defense against flies and mosquitoes by cutting off my tail.

I cannot tell you when I am thirsty, so give me clean, cool water often. Save me, by all means in your power from that fatal disease - the glanders. I cannot tell you in words when I am sick, so watch me, that by signs you may know my condition. Give me all possible shelter from the hot sun, and put a blanket on me, not when I am working, but when I am standing in the cold. Never put a frosty bit in my mouth, first warm it by holding it a moment in your hands.

I try to carry you and your burden without a murmur, and wait patiently for you long hours of the day or night. Without the power to choose my shoes or path, I sometimes fall on hard pavement which I have often prayed might not be of wood but of such a nature as to give me safe and sure footing. Remember that I must be ready at any moment to lose my life in your service.

And finally, OH MY MASTER, when my useful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel owner, to be slowly tortured and starved to death, but do thou, My Master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable. AMEN

Author Unknown

Sophie



Sophie is a gorgeous 15 year old bay Standardbred mare who had been recently returned to our program due to the death of her devoted owner and our beloved friend, Diane Pajk. Sophie has been treated like a queen during the last five years during her adoption, and we hope to find someone who will continue to love her, ride her and spend quality time with the beautiful mare. Sophie has had a great deal of Pat Parelli ground training thanks to Diane, and can be ridden with just a halter by an advanced beginner. She is great with kids and loves to go on trails. Due to a thick right-rear ankle, Sophie has some suspensory/ligament issues and needs an average-sized rider. When Happy Trails originally purchased Sophie from a slaughterhouse auction, she arrived with a fractured hip. Though she had recovered completely, her limitations are that she cannot handle constant work or excessive riding.

Adoption Fee: \$450.00

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Recently our assistance was requested in the well-publicized and extremely sad case of suspected horse neglect in Brimfield, Ohio. A total of 21 horses have now been removed from the situation.

We would like to thank every-

one who helped in some way, whether it was trailering, fostering, or donating to help with the medical, feed and shelter expenses associated with this large number of horses.

This is currently an active investigation, so information will be kept as updated as possible on the Happy Trails website at www.happytrailsfarm.org as we are permitted to do so. A list of trial

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