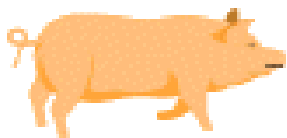


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

AUGUST 2008

Newsletter



SUSIE PONY

"I LOVE KIDS, and will make a great family pet!"

Susie Pony is a very sweet foundered pony who can't be ridden — read more about her story and adoption information on page 19!

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(330) 296-5914

Horses offered a second chance at life!

Happy Trails Equine Programs Provide Rehab, Recovery And Adoption Opportunities!



"Alpha-Bette", a gorgeous Percheron mare was one of the many draft horses rescued at the Sugarcreek auction on Friday, May 9th, where most horses are normally purchased by the meat buyers and sent to equine slaughterhouses in Mexico or Canada.

Happy Trails intake criteria of any animal, including horses, is that they have been abused, abandoned or neglected, and were removed from their current situation by a humane officer or other law enforcement official.

As I write this article, Happy Trails is currently responsible for over 40 horses in our various equine rescue programs.

How do they come into our program?

- ❖ Some horses are involved in court cases with animal cruelty charges filed by the removing officer
- ❖ Buggy and plow horses arrive through the Amish Horse Retirement Program
- ❖ Auction horses have been occasionally pur-

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letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

Just a quick reminder, that if you don't want to have to wait to receive the printed editions of our newsletters, you are welcome to sign up to receive our email updates online at www.happytrailsfarm.org. Usually once a week we'll send out the latest farm news, let you know where we'll be in the community, tell you what animals are available for adoption, and keep you in the loop of sanctuary happenings.

My apologies for the late newsletter this summer — we have been busy watching TV and eating bon-bons since our May newsletter...

OK, no, not really. We have been busy with more animal cruelty calls and abandonment cases than you can imagine! We are currently responsible for over 40 horses, seven farm pigs, twelve pot belly pigs, 30+ roosters, and an always-changing number of chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, goats, sheep, and most recently, a beautiful peacock.

What keeps us busy? Vet appointments, buying and hauling grain and hay, unloading straw deliveries, making community appearances and setting up booths, handling adoptions and approving new homes, updating the website, settling new animals into their new surroundings at Happy Trails, meeting with the blacksmith to have what feels like a millions hooves trimmed, meeting with the equine dentist to get the horse's teeth



*floated,
dispensing
medications,
mucking stalls,
cleaning out
piggy shelters,
sanitizing
rooster cages,
and repairing
everything that
breaks weekly.*

*Operating the sanctuary and
keeping up with everything defi-
nitely keeps us on our toes!*

*And we'd like to keep you on
yours! Check out the article on the
next page from Sue Buttermore,
our volunteer Program Coordinator,
that covers information about our
volunteer programs. There's never a
dull moment at the sanctuary, and
there's always work to be done!*

*I'd like to take a second to give
a personal and heart-felt thank-you
to everyone who made the May 9th
Sugarcreek horse rescue possible
— 25 beautiful horses were saved
from the hands of the meat-buyers.
Many of these horses have already
been adopted to their forever
homes.*

*Our rescue and rehabilitation
work, placement programs, and all
the good works that we are able to
carry out are made possible be-
cause of your support, kindness,
involvement, willingness to speak
out on behalf of those without a
voice, and a true desire to make a
difference. Many many thanks!*

Annette Fisher

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

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

**“Not Tested
On Animals”**

Volunteer Program Coordinator, Sue Buttermore, Invites You To Get Involved!

Lauren Carroll, Happy Trails previous Volunteer Program Coordinator, has recently accepted the position of board member and treasurer for Happy Trails (many thanks, Lauren!). So in turn, Lauren has graciously handed the reins of our Volunteer Program Coordinator position over to Sue Buttermore, who's friendly and outgoing personality has made her a natural for being in charge of our volunteer program!

Special projects, new orientation material, and updated safety policies are all being implemented thanks to Sue's dedication to the sanctuary and to the rescued animals! All improvements to the volunteer program are being made with the safety of both the animals as well as the new volunteers in mind. The care, comfort and safety of the animals are *always* top priority at the sanctuary!

A Message From Sue

"We have had an overwhelming response to our new volunteer program, and have had the most wonderful folks coming through our volunteer orientation sessions — at times there has been more volunteers signing up than we can even accommodate at the sanctuary!

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who have filled out a

volunteer application and who have attended an orientation! The sanctuary could not function without the support and caring of our wonderful volunteer staff.

Part of our new program allows new volunteers to be mentored for longer periods of time, to assure their safety as well as the safety of the rescued animals.

Though we are staffed fairly well at the sanctuary (of course we always welcome new faces), we are in need of several special volunteer positions to be filled.

They are:

► A greeter at the front gate on Sunday mornings between 10am and 1pm, and then Sunday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm. Many folks often drop off cans or other donations during these times, or arrive for a scheduled tour or to meet with an adoption counselor to adopt an animal, etc. We are hoping to



Sue Buttermore explains to Big Red why he wasn't allowed in the barn yet. Since he didn't agree, he stood guard by the door until it was time to eat supper!

schedule volunteer greeters for one Sunday per month. If you love meeting new people, are outgoing and love animals, give us a call to sign up as a volunteer Sunday greeter!

► **Haulers!** Happy Trails is always transporting animals somewhere — to the sanctuary from a rescue sight; to their new adoptive home; to the Equine Specialty Hospital; to a vet's office; to Ohio State University, etc. If you own a reliable truck and/or trailer and would like to be a part of our hauling crew, definitely step right up!

► **Tour guides** are now being

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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 owns. 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 Days" 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.

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.

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

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.

DONATION INFORMATION

I'd like to send a 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.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

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 and register to receive farm news!

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.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE
WITH HAPPY TRAILS
LATEST NEWS AT
www.happytrailsfarm.org

**Be sure to check out
our two major Fall
events on page 9!**

**Keep saving your
aluminum cans! How much
money was raised
with "can money"?
See page 13!**

**Remember to make
compassionate choices
with the foods, clothing
and household products
that you choose!**

Horses, horses and more horses....*Continued from front page*

chased to bring awareness to the horse slaughter issues, such as the highly publicized May 9th rescue at the Sugarcreek Auction (details further along in this article).

Information regarding the horse slaughter issue can be found at

- http://www.hsus.org/press_and_publications/press_releases/congress_introduces_new_horse_slaughter_legislation_072508.html
- <http://www.equineprotectionnetwork.com/saveamericashorses/faqs.htm>, or
- <http://www.equineadvocates.com/mhsbin.html>.

MEDICAL CARE/RECOVERY

All rescued horses are immediately vet-checked and placed on a sound nutritional and rehab program. Horses are not released into the adoption program until they are as healthy as they are going to become.

During their residence at Happy Trails or at an approved foster home, they are wormed every eight weeks, have their hooves trimmed every six weeks, will have their teeth floated

if necessary, and are vaccinated. Everyone receives a lameness evaluation.

After their period of recovery, the two categories in which the horses are placed are:

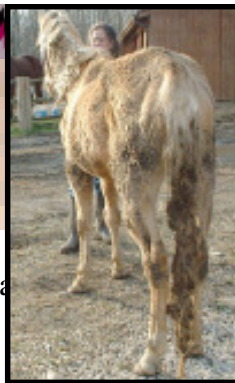
• The Pasture Pal Program

These are horses that because of mistreatment by people or the onset of old age and health issues, are no longer rideable but still maintain a good quality of life. Due to physical defects resulting from over-use and abuse from humans or senior horse health issues, many horses are no longer able to work. These are placed in our Pasture Pal Program, where they can be adopted to a caring family who loves them for the wonderful animals that they are, and they can live a happy life as a buddy for another horse — but they will never be able to ride or drive again. These Pasture Pals have fantastic personalities and bring great joy to their owners. However, the horses in this category are the hardest to place, as most folks haven't thought of a horse simply as a pet. Many people have been programmed to think that a horse needs to be "useful" to them in order to keep a horse as part of their family. Together we can turn this out-dated thinking around!

• The Ridable Program

Horses that have recovered are given a lameness exam by a vet, and it is determined if they can ride or work. Many can still work, though they are often given limitations. Being considered "ridable"

21 year old Migisi, suffering from starvation and neglect, had a mane and tail as heavy as concrete, laden with burrs. He recovered and now has the muscles to prove it!



does not measure any level of training. Because these horses have come into our rescue program from neglect and abuse situations, they may take additional love, time and care to turn them into the riding horse that you desire. Rarely do we run across horses that are beginner friendly or child-safe to ride. Though we may see one here and there on occasion, most of the wonderful furry creatures need some additional training and patience on the part of their family. We give a very honest evaluation of their temperament and level of trust in people. It is always well-worth the love and training that you dedicate to them in the long run.

ADOPTION CRITERIA

Happy Trails looks for a permanent home when making a rescued horse available for adoption. We look for safe fencing (no barbed wire is ever approved), and the new adoptive family must be able to house the horse at their own home. Horses are herd animals, and we do not place horses in a situation where it is alone — a companion horse (or sometimes a goat) is always needed for company.

If you are interested in adopting a rescued horse, call us (330) 296-



Koda, a severe starvation case, is continuing to recover amazingly well!

5914, or check out the animal available for adoption on our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org. An adoption counselor will help make the adoption process a breeze, as they provide you with an application and also a home visit to answer any questions you may have.

SUGARCREEK RESCUE ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND — A HUGE SUCCESS!

Happy Trails always tries to promote animal rescues working together and cooperating on joint efforts on behalf of our animal friends.

On Friday, May 9th, Happy Trails worked hand-in-hand with Frog Pond Draft Horse Rescue in Cambridge, Ohio, to purchase 25 horses bound for slaughter. We focused on rescuing the draft breeds since they are often overlooked. This mass rescue brought attention to the sad issue of horse slaughter in the United States. The Sugarcreek auction in Ohio is the second largest meat-buyers sale on the East Coast, where every Friday between two and three *HUNDRED* horses are purchased by meat buyers. They are then hauled either to Mexican or Canadian slaughterhouses, where they are butchered and shipped overseas for human consumption.

Lisa Gordon, president of Frog Pond Draft Horse Rescue, took all the rescued Belgians to her facility. Happy Trails brought two big Percheron mares, two donkeys, a Standardbred and a Quarter horse back to the sanctuary. We are

happy to report that the two Percherons have been adopted together into a wonderful home, and the two donkeys have also been adopted together to a doting new mother.

Here's the really sad news. The one donkey is pregnant (*she is due sometime in September*). And the Quarter horse was pregnant (*she just had her baby on July 17th*). Two beautiful, gentle mother's would have been loaded into meat trucks to be sent to slaughter. Incredible...Here is...

...THE STORY OF KAI

Kai was purchased in the mass rescue that took place on Friday, May 9th, at the Sugarcreek Auction in Ohio. Kai was obviously pregnant, and was run through the auction with the other



Safe from the clutches of the meat buyers, Kai has settled comfortably into her Happy Trails foster home. Now with baby safely by her side, she is actively seeking her "forever family"!

horses available for sale that day. Bidding went rather high, and in the end, a meat buyer purchased her. While the auction was still going on, a person approached us on behalf of the meat buyer. If we wanted to buy the pregnant mare, he'd sell her to us. The price was still too high, and we had to refuse the offer. A bit later, we were again ap-



Cute as a button, Baby Hurley gains his balance against Mama Kai as he tests out his long legs! He found that sticking his tongue out helps tremendously!

proached. Would we purchase her for \$250? Yes we would.

So it was agreed upon that the meat-buyer would transfer over ownership in the office. At the end of the day, Happy Trails and Frog Pond went into the office to collectively pay for 24 horses that we purchased for rehabilitation and placement. The pregnant mare was not on our list, the meat buyer was no-where to be found, and it was time to leave. We couldn't even locate the pregnant mare. Thinking that the meat-buyer changed his mind, we loaded up the other 24 horses and concentrated on getting them safely to both sanctuaries.

The following day we received a call. *The pregnant mare was still at the auction*, and the meat buyer finally alerted the office of his intentions to turn the mare over to Happy Trails. We were asked if we still wanted her. *How do you say no to that, knowing that a pregnant mother horse was about to be stuffed into an already overcrowded trailer for a horrific journey out of the country to an equine slaughterhouse?*

If she were to go into labor in the trailer, surely both her and her baby would not even survive the trip, and if they did, their life would be over at the end of the journey.

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The next day, we arrived back at Sugarcreek to pick up the beautiful Quarter horse mare. She was very thin, her ribs obviously showing, but her belly was low and protruded with baby. We assured her that she was going some place safe, and we prayed that she was not going to come down with Strangles like so many other horses that get sent through the auction.

Some things are just meant to be. After having lost her in the auction bid, after not having possession of her at the end of the day, and then having received a call after we were sure she was already moved on in a slaughter-house-bound trailer, this young mother was rescued. She survived and *thrived* at her new foster home.

We named this survivor, Kai, a Navaho Indian word that means survivor.

It was determined that Kai was only ten years old. She was vet checked, put on a sound nutrition program, and she



Whew! That was a lot of work being born! Time for baby's first nap!

held onto her beautiful baby until Thursday, July 17th. She brought a wonderful, handsome baby boy into this world, with no fuss nor muss. She handled it by herself beautifully, and even while giving birth, was contentedly

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munching her hay. She was very relaxed and at-home in her new surroundings. A host of well-wishers and anxious equine folks were on

hand in the event Kai needed some servants handy.

She did not need the servants after all, but she graciously allowed her people to handle the new baby. Proud foster mama, Cindy, named the new baby Hurley! Thanks to Cindy Sedivy for taking such great care of our precious mother horse and her new little bundle of joy!

Cindy can't say enough nice things about Kai and Hurley. They are going to make a wonderful addition to some lucky family! If you feel that you are the special family we are seeking, and are interested in adopting Kai and Baby Hurley, the adoption fee is \$550 for mare and baby together. Contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

AMISH HORSE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Amish Standardbred buggy horses and draft plow horses are hard workers. When they can no longer serve their families, they often are taken to local horse auction where their fate is more often than not sealed by the presence of the meat buyers.

Happy Trails created an innovative program to give these horses an alternative and a peaceful retirement. Our Amish Horse Retirement Program accepts donated Amish horses that need to retire from their present jobs. Some retire healthy enough to be ridden as a leisurely trail horse. Others retire as a companion horse, their working days long behind them.

Hurricane Jenny is one example. She is a sweet, gentle mare



Hurricane Jenny is calm, sweet, gentle and such a love to work with! She is sure that she will soon find her forever home!

and can be ridden at a walk.

Anything too strenuous may irritate an old hip injury, but a nice, quiet walk has been ok'd for her. This beauty is ready to be adopted, and we will be happy to waive her adoption fee to the right family! For more information, contact Happy Trails at (330) 296-5914.

Happy Trails receives calls and requests for assistance regularly from Ohio's county humane societies and animal protective leagues. Home foreclosures, job loss, the death of an owner, and basic lack of caring bring many starved, abused and neglected horses and other farm animals to the gates of the sanctuary. The cost for rehabilitating these wonderful horses can be astronomical when you get into the sheer numbers of animals that we have been working with. Your kind donation alone is what keeps us going, and it has been painfully apparent that Ohio desperately needs the rescue services provided by Happy Trails.

Thank you for your support of our equine rescue programs, and for helping us care for our furry friends who rely on us to show them compassion!

Community Events

Operating a sanctuary on an all-volunteer staff can be tricky, especially when we don't want to miss any opportunities or invitations to participate in various community events. We do our very best to attend as many events as our limited volunteer staff permits.

Thanks to the following places who so graciously welcomed Happy Trails at their various community functions:

- **Stan Hywet in Akron** — This beautiful, historic setting welcomed Happy Trails animals for their annual antique car show.
- **Giant Eagle**, several locations have welcomed us at their Family Fun Safety Days
- **Cuyahoga County Fair** — Spreading the word to the great folks of Cuyahoga County
- **Summit County Fair** — wow, what a lot of people stopped by to chat about the rescued animals!
- **Tractor Supply in Ravenna** — at their Tractor Display event
- **Deerfield Raceway** — after two rain-outs, the third time *was* a charm!
- **Irish Scottish Festival** — presented by the Celtic Club at the Stark County Fairgrounds
- **Hartville Market Pet Adopt-A-Thon** — rain didn't keep away pet lovers from everywhere!
- **Inner Harmony Festival** — what a beautiful event and what wonderful people we met!

Major Fall Happenings — Mark Your Calenders Now!!!

September 20 & 21, 2008

Pet Expo 2008 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea

Sponsored by Clear Channel Radio

Happy Trails will have not only a booth at the Pet Expo area, but we will also have the entire Cow Palace filled with farm animals, displays, educational material, and there will be a wide variety of Happy Trails demonstrations and presentations going on in the Cow Palace arena!

It should be loads of fun, so plan to come out that weekend and join the festivities, and help us celebrate compassion for ALL animals! Watch the Happy Trails website for additional information as the date gets closer!

Also, we are inviting all the folks who have adopted a farm pet from Happy Trails to bring them to the Pet Expo, and to talk to potential adopters why adopting a rescued animal is so rewarding! Call us at (330) 296-5914 if you and your Happy Trails farm pet would like to participate!

Pet Expo Admission: \$5, with children 12 and under free

October 4, 2008 (Saturday)

Back To Nature Walk Quail Hollow State Park in Hartville

Special Fall fundraiser to benefit Happy Trails

Get out yer walkin' shoes!!!

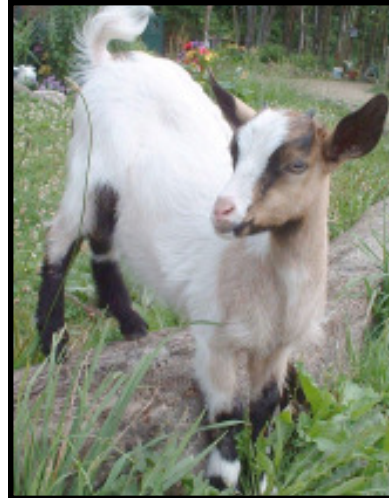
Enjoy a beautiful fall day on the peaceful, easy trails of Quail Hollow State Park, and help spread compassion for all animals while helping raise funds for Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary! Various trails will be available for different skill levels.

Get your friends, family and co-workers involved in a truly worthy cause, and enjoy some time in the great outdoors! In scenic Quail Hollow State Park, you can walk at your own pace and enjoy the peaceful, quiet setting of the woods.

Collect sponsorships for your walk, with great prizes going to those who collect the most donations.

Plans are still in the works, so watch our website for the latest details. Pre-registration

is required, and you can sign up individually or as a group. Various times during the day will be available to sign up to walk. To get your registration forms as a compassionate walker, give Abby Robinson a call at (330) 623-7270.



"I'll be at both of these events, so make sure to visit me!" says Natasha the famous Happy Trails goat representative.

Animals Head Home

Some absolutely wonderful adoptions have been taking place, and I know we never have space to mention them all, but we would like to mention at least few!

♥ **Ruby Benson and Alpha-Bette**, the two beautiful Percheron mares rescued at Sugarcreek on May 9th, have found their forever with a wonderful family in Wadsworth!

♥ **Jane and Janice Bond, the two donkey "Bond Girls"** who arrived at Happy Trails with a "007" auction tag on their hind quarters, have moved to their forever home in Minerva!

♥ **Pembroke the goat and Armani the sheep** are now the love of their life for their new family!

♥ **Keebler, Cartright and Dora**, all three adorable Pygmy goats, happily left us to go to their new home with a great new family. Our sincere condolences go out to the family in the loss of one of the boys due to a sudden and unexpected illness.

♥ **Many Happy Trails hens** are now happily clucking as they joined Cheri's group of feathered ladies who are her adored pets. She does have a big fluffy rooster to help keep watch over his babes!

♥ **Several pot belly piggies** now reside between the sanctuary and Columbus, thanks to a caring vet and a vet student who made a home for some of our rescued piggies!

♥ **Four ducks that we called "the home boyz"** have made their way into the heart of their new mama, and are being spoiled rotten!

Thanks to EVERYONE who has adopted a rescued animal from Happy Trails and made them a part of their family!

House Bill 415 passed!

Cockfighting has been only a misdemeanor crime in the state of Ohio.

House Bill 415 would make animal fighting a felony in the state of Ohio. This would raise cockfighting from a misdemeanor to a class four felony, punishable by a maximum \$5,000 fine and/or six to 18 months imprisonment. *The current class four misdemeanor penalties for cockfighting in Ohio were no greater than those of a speeding ticket.*

This past spring, Annette Fisher, Happy Trails Executive Director, was one of several people invited to give proponent testimony for House Bill 415 before Ohio's House Criminal Justice Committee, due to our direct involvement in the rescue and care of the 44 roosters taken in the Lorain County cockfighting case in 2007.

"Forcing animals to mutilate each other for the sake of gambling money and a sick sense of entertainment is animal cruelty at its worst," said Dean Vickers, Ohio state director for The Humane Society of the United States. "It's time for Ohio law to assign meaningful punishment to these criminals."

In May, H.B. 415 was approved unanimously by House Criminal Justice Committee. The bill will now be sent to the House Rules Committee, and HSUS is calling for its swift passage. Ohio has one of the weakest anti-cockfighting laws in the nation, and has become a magnet for cockfighters who view such penalties as simply the cost of doing business.

You can read the entire bill online at http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=127_HB_415

The revised bill now reads:

"(I) Whoever violates section 959.15 of the Revised Code is guilty of a felony of the

fourth degree for a first offense and a felony of the third degree on each subsequent offense. If any equipment, devices, or other items involved in such an offense are confiscated, forfeited, and sold or if any cash is confiscated and forfeited, the proceeds from the sale and the cash that is confiscated and forfeited, if any, shall be used to pay the costs incurred by the impounding animal shelter in caring for or euthanizing a rooster involved in the offense. The court shall order any proceeds and any cash that remain after those costs are paid to be used for educational purposes designed to eliminate cockfighting."

Sad Facts About Cockfighting



► Tens of thousands of people are involved in cockfighting nationwide.

► Law enforcement raids across the country have revealed that cockfights, **which are frequently attended by children**, involve illegal gambling. As a result of the large amount of cash present, firearms and other weapons are also often present.

► Common cockfighting practices include cutting the combs and rear spurs (toes) off the birds with no anesthesia, shaving their feathers off from the chest down, breeding birds for viciousness, drugging them to heighten aggression, and fitting their legs with razor-sharp knives resembling ice picks.

► Law enforcement officials have documented a strong connection between cockfighting and the distribution of illegal drugs.

► The illegal transport of fighting birds can spread deadly diseases to people and poultry.

Lorain Cockfighting Trial Outcome: The Wheels Of Un-justice Turn Once Again — *Politics At It's Best*

In August, 2007, the Lorain County Sheriff's Department asked Happy Trails to help care for the 44 roosters that were removed from the cockfighting case in Lorain County involving Felix Rosario.

Happy Trails stepped up to the plate to provide assistance when no other organization or agency was willing to do so, and provided care, vet services, shelter, proper nutrition and routine handling for the 44 birds in question.

During warmer months, the roosters were kept separated in large dog cages outdoors so they could still enjoy the fresh air and yet not be able to fight with each other. As winter approached and the case was still not resolved, a new barn was built to house them humanely and to help care for them properly.



Deputy Mark Bungard's report said he asked Rosario if he fights his animals. "Well, you know, we like to have a little fun," Rosario replied.

Their cages needed cleaned regularly, their health issues needed addressed routinely, and the amount of volunteer hours spent caring for this overwhelmingly large number of birds was astounding.

The trial dragged on into spring of 2008, and finally, a verdict was reached.

Judge Mark Mihok determined that Mr. Rosario did not have to do any community service hours, do any time served, and the fine of \$6,000 that he was ordered to pay would be split between the Lorain County Dog Pound and the Lorain County rescue group called Love A Stray! Happy Trails was no-where in the original ruling — nearly a year of dedication and providing medical care and paying for all the expenses for a large group of terribly abused birds was not even acknowledged by the courts. The proverbial slap in the face to Happy Trails resounded across Ohio's rescue workers.

After upset animal-friendly folks spoke up on behalf of the sanctuary, the ruling was *slightly* altered to split the fine three ways, of which Happy Trails was to receive \$2,000. This was a mere fraction of the amount of money Happy Trails spent on obtaining cages, constructing a new barn, veterinary costs, feed and grain, bedding, and daily and routine care. Making his constituents happy, Judge Mihok made sure to keep the fine in Lorain County, though no Lorain County organizations were willing to assist with this large amount of abused birds.

You can read about the details of the trial at:

<http://blog.cleveland.com/pdextra/>



All roosters shown on this page came from the Lorain County cockfighting trial.

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[cockfighting_in_lorain_county.html](http://happytrailsfarm.org/artman/publish/article_179.shtml)

In this article mentioned above, Captain Resendez of the Lorain County Sheriff's Department stated, "We want to get the word out that animal cruelty won't be tolerated here." It's a shame that this particular judge in Lorain County doesn't want to support that line of thinking for Ohio, and had to be convinced that Happy Trails was even deserving of a small fraction of the minuscule fine.

Also check out details at http://happytrailsfarm.org/artman/publish/article_179.shtml

You can get information about the blood sport of cockfighting at: http://www.helpinganimals.com/oi_cockfighting.asp.

Sadly, this is an example of yet another slap on the hand for an animal abuser in Ohio...



Carolyn Hayes adopted lucky Tennessee. He is now loved and cared for, and will never have to fight for his life again.

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Happy Trails Representatives Attended American Humane Emergency Rescue Seminar To Become Certified For National Disasters

Happy Trails current all-volunteer Animal Emergency Rescue Crew responds to law enforcement calls all over the state of Ohio when animals are removed from a situation of abuse or neglect.

To expand our helpfulness in times of disaster, Happy Trails Emergency Rescue Crew Director, Rob Willard, and Happy Trails

Executive Director, Annette Fisher, joined Jennifer Sanderson from the Portage Animal Protective League, and attended the American Humane Animals In Disaster Emergency Training at the Capital Area Humane Society near Columbus.

This two-day course was part of a certification process which will make the individuals taking the

course certified to accompany American Humane into national disaster areas during times of crisis. Rob Willard and Annette Fisher will be certified and represent Happy Trails in order to help with farm animal rescue.



(left to right) Happy Trails Board Member, Rob Willard, Happy Trails Executive Director, Annette Fisher, and Portage Animal Protective League Humane Officer, Jennifer Sanderson, attended the American Humane Animal Emergency Rescue Seminar

Anyone wishing to join the Happy Trails Animal Emergency Rescue Crew for Ohio is welcome to contact Rob at 330-592-2763, or go on-line at <http://happytrailsfarm.org/news/PDF/March2008Newsletter.pdf> and go to page 12.



The beautiful facilities of the Capital Area Humane Society near Columbus was the host location for the animal emergency training.

TRIBUTE TO CHEVAZ

We recently said good-bye to Chevez, a handsome, black, Standardbred gelding, due to colic. Chevez had retired with Happy Trails through our Amish Horse Retirement Program, and was being cared for at a truly wonderful foster

home. Sadly he did not recover as well as expected after surgery, and it was time to help him cross the Rainbow Bridge. This handsome creature stole the hearts of his foster family, and is sadly missed by everyone. We hope he is now enjoying the lush green pastures that were waiting for him when it was his time to move on.



Happy Trails Wish List

• GAS/FUEL GIFT CARDS

(We are constantly having to transport animals and supplies.)

• **PHONE CARDS** *(Just about all the calls we make are long distance.)*

FEED

- DUCK PELLETS
- CHICKEN SCRATCH
- GRIT
- SWEET FEED
- SENIOR HORSE PELLETS
- MAZURI POT BELLY PIG PELLETS
- FARM PIG PELLETS
- TIMOTHY HAY CUBES
- HAY (Round or square bales, not more than a year old, cannot be moldy)

FOR STALLS

- STRAW, LIME

ACCEPTABLE SNACKS

- APPLES
- CARROTS
- LETTUCE
- GINGER SNAP COOKIES

BARN SUPPLIES

- X-LARGE BARN FANS
- WATER HOSES (All lengths)
- HOSE NOZZLES
- LEAD ROPES
- HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORDS

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- STAMPS
- PENS, 8½X11 PAPER

HORSE TACK

Happy Trails collects good condition horse tack and related equine supplies. We sort through items and keep supplies that will be useful at the sanctuary. Other items are taken to local auctions and sold. These items greatly fund the Happy Trails equine rescue programs, so if it's time to go through your horse paraphernalia and get you some new "stuff", please keep Happy Trails "Gently Used" tack program in mind! Here are some items we collect:

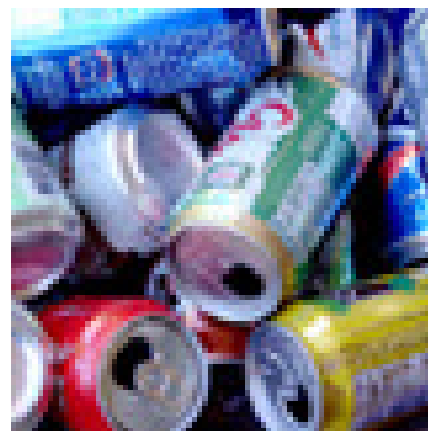
- SADDLES — ENGLISH OR WESTERN
- BRIDLES, FLY MASKS
- HALTERS, LEADS
- SADDLE PADS
- WINTER BLANKETS
- GROOMING SUPPLIES
- BUCKETS, HAY RACKS
- SHOW CLOTHES
- TRAINING BOOKS/CD'S
- OLD HORSE SHOES
- TAPADAROS
- STIRRUPS, GIRTHS
- HOOF PICKS
- MEDICATIONS
- SALT BLOCKS

FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

- BOTTLED WATER
- WORK GLOVES
- SODA OR SOFT DRINKS SUCH AS TEA, LEMONADE OR GATORADE

RECYCLED PRODUCTS THAT WE COLLECT

- ALUMINUM CANS & ALUMINUM HORSE SHOES
- INK CARTRIDGES
- WINE CORKS (not plastic)



Our aluminum can recycle program funds many special projects here at Happy Trails. This year to date, we have raised over \$1,000 in can money! Bags of aluminum cans can be dropped off the sanctuary on Sundays between 1pm and 4pm. If you have questions about the recyclables, call Sharon at (330) 329-9727.

Many, many thanks go out to all the kind folks who go out of their way to save cans for us, and who take the time to drop them off. The aluminum can project is a huge part of Happy Trails, and you folks are the ones who are making it so successful!

Please consider getting your work place, school, business, club, bowling league, favorite bar, or other group into supporting Happy Trails by putting out a bin to help us collect aluminum cans! Every can counts!



HERE'S A VERY EASY & FAST ANIMAL-FRIENDLY DINNER!

(Highly recommended by Maria Pigget...)

One Pot Pasta

1 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic — minced
2 cups zucchini — sliced in thin rounds, rounds cut in quarters
8 oz mushrooms — thinly sliced (optional)
1 28-ounce can tomatoes — undrained, puréed in blender
1 3/4 cups water
1/2 cup TVP — dry
1 Tb Italian herb seasoning
1/4 tsp red pepper flakes
1/4 tsp fennel seed — crushed (optional)
2 cups macaroni — or shell pasta

Sauté the onion, garlic, zucchini and mushrooms in a nonstick skillet until they are barely tender. (Add enough water to prevent sticking.)

Add the tomatoes, water, TVP, Italian herbs, red pepper flakes, fennel seed and pasta. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to medium low and cover. Simmer for about 10 minutes, until pasta is tender and the liquid has been absorbed.

Yield: 8 servings — Serving size: 1 cup

Source: <http://www.soyfoods.com/SimplySoy/>

Per serving: 151 Calories (kcal); 1g Total Fat; (5% calories from fat); 8g Protein; 30g Carbohydrate; 0mg Cholesterol; 15mg Sodium

Food Exchanges: 1 1/2 Grain (Starch); 0 Lean Meat; 1 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 0 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates

NOTES : There's no need to pre-cook the pasta in this easy recipe!

Deciding to choose more compassionate and heart-healthy foods?

Be sure to check out:

<http://www.veganconnection.com/recipes/index.htm>

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

www.vegforlife.com

www.goveg.com

Excellent Recipes!

How about trying a meal or two this week that is animal-friendly and cruelty-free? The scrumptious dinner on the left is completely free of any animal products (they call a meal like this “vegan”).

If you have any vegan recipes that you'd like to share, send them to us at Happy Trails 5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266, or email them to us through our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org. We'll do our best to feature at least one animal-friendly recipe in each newsletter!

No Summer Festival For 2008

Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming amount of time it takes to organize and successfully coordinate our summer festivals, we were not able to have a summer festival this past June for 2008. Our all-volunteer staff has been spending their time caring for an overabundance of abuse and neglect cases. Watch for information on our website about new sanctuary tours coming up for this fall in place of our Summer Festival!



Thank You's

Many acts of kindness are bestowed upon Happy Trails regularly, and we always wish we had room in our newsletters to thank everyone who supports our rescue work. Here's just a few of thank you's that we'd like to acknowledge:

♦ **Bakeless Bake Sale Donors**

— This past spring you made our Bakeless Bake Sale a huge success! We are truly grateful for everyone who sent in their donation for our “pretend pies, cakes and sugary treats”! We received the cutest notes and cards, with many folks indicating what they would have bought, and everyone got in the spirit of the bake sale! Thank you so very much!

♦ **Dr. Holly Troche, DVM**, who helps Happy Trails assess some of our health issues with the rescued horses that benefit from chiropractic work

♦ **All the 4-H Clubs**, who have chosen Happy Trails as their community service projects and have held fund-raisers to benefit the sanctuary — we appreciate your hard work and dedication!

♦ **Frog Pond Draft Horse Rescue**, whose idea to rescue horses from the Sugarcreek Auction brought together people from all over the world on behalf of horses who were otherwise destined for slaughter — our hats are off to Lisa Gordon and her entire family for their dedication to the rescue of draft horses!

♦ **Portage Aggregate & Supply of Shalersville** for their kind donation of sand for several Happy Trails special projects

♦ **Tom Ward**, who donated his time to haul gravel for Happy Trails.

♦ **Our emergency foster homes**, who we have kept working overtime this year with all the emergency abuse and neglect cases.

♦ **The adoptive families**, who have chosen to take a rescued farm animal into their families and love them and care for them. God bless for having such compassion for animals!

♦ **Our die-hard volunteers**, who are here religiously and faithfully every weekend, and who dedicate their time to the service of the animals at Happy Trails — we couldn't do it without you!

♦ **All the domestic animal rescue groups** who came together to donate toward saving and caring for the horses from Sugarcreek, including Friends of Pets and Paws With Pride!

♦ **The folks with horse trailers** who have been on call for emergencies, who help trailer the animals to and from vet appointments, and who have helped out with the massive Sugarcreek rescue.

♦ **All the folks who are monthly sponsors of the animals at Happy Trails** and help provide for their care

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

Many compassionate donations to help the rescued animals have been made in the memory of loved ones who have passed on.

Limited space allows us to list only several families, however, we wish

to thank the *many* families who have made kind donations in memory of their loved ones. Several of the memorials received have included:

⌘ In memory of **Kathryn and Dave Lohmyer**, a generous donation was made from their children

⌘ Donations were directed to Happy Trails in lieu of flowers by the family of **Mrs. Dorothy Buttermore** in her memory

⌘ Many kind donations were sent to Happy Trails from friends and family in memory of **Ray Foldi** who recently passed away

⌘ A generous collection in memory of **Ralph Lund** from his team mates at The Fishel Company, was in turn donated in his honor from his family — his sister Norma Linder and his parents Norman and Shirley Lund

*Hear our prayer ...
for animals that are
overworked, underfed, and
cruelly treated;
for all wistful creatures in
captivity that
beat their wings against
bars; for any that are
hunted or lost or
deserted or frightened
or hungry; for all
that must be
put to death.... And for
those who deal with them
we ask a heart of compas-
sion and
gentle hands and
kindly words.*

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

Working Hand-In-Hand With...

Happy Trails does not handle domestic animals, but we love to help promote our friends in rescue who do!

Paws With Pride

Happy Trails is happy to help promote the following dogs available for adoption through Paws With Pride!

You can contact Paws With Pride through their website at www.pawswithpride.org or by email janicelee92003@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in adopting one of these precious dogs, complete their online adoption form. Paws With Pride does not adopt out of the state of Ohio. Adoption fees are \$150.00 which includes, spay, microchip, rabies, flea treatment, worming, heartworm tested and rabies vaccine.

HEIDI

She is a very high energy dog who will be perfect for a family that has

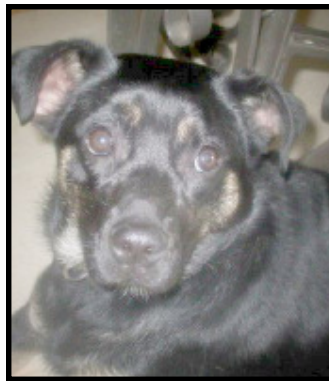


lots of acreage and a fenced yard. She is absolutely beautiful and very loving. Heidi needs another dog her size to keep her company. She can be a bully to other dogs but once she learns that she is not The Boss she will back down. She is *not* aggressive in any manner — just

very opinionated. She likes to chase cats and loves humans. She weighs about 35 pounds and is fully grown.

HALEY

Haley was rescued from a dog pound when she was 10 weeks old, and was adopted to a family that



ended up not having any time for her — so she was returned. She is 1 1/2 years old and weighs about 30 pounds fully grown. Haley is somewhat shy and has a fear of men, but loves women and another dog to play with. The ideal family for her would be a home with all females. She gets along great with other dogs and likes to chase cats but will not hurt them. She does require a fenced yard. It will take her a short time to adjust but she is a very loving, wonderful girl.

SIERRA

Sierra is a beautiful 1 1/2 year old



Yellow Lab Rodesian Ridgeback Mix and weighs about 30 pounds fully grown. She was rescued by the Akron Fire Department from a burning house with her 5 puppies. All of her pups have found forever homes and now it is her turn. She is house-trained and is extremely sweet. She loves other dogs and needs another dog to play with, does okay with cats, and is VERY people friendly. This girl is very well behaved. She really needs a home with lots of land because she likes to explore. She loves long walks. Sierra is a fence jumper — she can go over a six foot fence with ease but you must still have a fenced yard to be considered to adopt her.

LOLLY

Lolly was rescued from a local dog pound. She was scared of everything — even a leash! It

was apparent that she had been abused. But she has blossomed! She is overly loving, sweet, and still a little shy. It will take time for



her to warm up to you but she will be a wonderful girl if given the chance. This is a dog that wants to love someone so badly — it will take patience and lots of love for her to come around. *She will be worth all the work!* She requires a fenced yard and possibly another dog for her to play with.

SEEKING SPONSORS FOR OUR NEWSLETTERS

The Happy Trails quarterly newsletters have grown in leaps and bounds, along with the number of supporters requesting to be added to our mailing list.

Our goal is to be able to get the newsletter out every other month.

We are seeking sponsors to help us defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters, and would like to welcome you or your place of business as a sponsor! Check out the Newsletter Sponsorship details, and give us a call if you have any questions. We'll be happy to even create the artwork for your ad at no extra cost.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

All newsletter sponsorships include a listing on the Happy Trails website at www.happytrailsfarm.org, an ad in the website newsletter edition, and an ad placed in the hard-copy of the newsletter itself.

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Just as our answering machine states, "Happy Trails does NOT handle domestic animals such as dogs, cats or rabbits, and we are also NOT a licensed wildlife facility."

Well then, who do most people turn to when they have questions about wildlife or have found an



orphaned wild animal? Why, Fran Kitchen and Operation Orphan, of course!

Fran's dedication to the rehabilitation of wild animals has made her an icon of sorts in the Northeast Ohio area.

Operation Orphan, a 501c3 non-profit organization, relies strictly on private donations to make things happen. During the course of a year, operation Orphan takes in over 800 animals.

Fran said, "The high gasoline prices hurt us for donations. Many of the people who brought animals could not give anything toward their care. These animals are expensive to care for and we have to rely on the public for the programs to support this work. Last year I conducted sixty-three wildlife programs, two oral presentations and ten domesticated animal programs. Education is crucial."

OPERATION ORPHAN POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of our intervention is to save an orphan animal which would otherwise face certain death. While in our temporary care the animals will be treated with the respect it deserves as one of God's creatures. The animal is not a pet, but a wild animal being prepared to be returned to it's natural environment.

Education is one of our main objectives. Mankind needs to learn that if we do not appreciate the beauty around us, it will some day be gone. Mankind must learn to co-exist with the wildlife around him and education is the only answer.

OPERATION ORPHAN WISH LIST

Cracked Corn	Terry Cloth
Pine Chips	Towels
Fresh Produce	Coffee Filters
Nuts	(make GREAT baby bird nests!)
Crock Food	Birdseed
Dishes	Sunflower Seeds
Laundry	Rodent Block
Detergent	(feed for rats and mice)
Bleach	
Paper Towels	

The wild animals that Fran takes in may require medical supplies, specialized diets, and/or hourly feedings. Operation Orphan does not receive any monies from the Ohio Division Of Wildlife or any other government source for this care. Fran relies solely on donations and funds generated from speaking engagements, educational programs and memberships.

Donations can be sent to:

Operation Orphan
Wildlife Rehabilitation, Inc.,
PO Box 15042, Akron, Ohio 44314.

Contact Fran at 330-745-2947.

Volunteering

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trained! Fall tours will be scheduled to bring folks through the sanctuary so they can meet the rescued animals that they are helping to care for! Trained volunteer tour guides take visitors throughout the sanctuary, talk about the animals, their care, their backgrounds, and provide important information about the sanctuary.

Special Group Project Days allow folks to sign up for a one-day only volunteer experience at the sanctuary. These special project days cover work that is best and most efficiently done as a group. It's a fun, social event for adults 18 and over! I will post group volunteer days on the website.

A new teen program is in the works — anyone interested in signing up kids 14 to 17 years old can contact me and get their teens involved in volunteering at the sanctuary.

I truly love being the new Volunteer Program Coordinator for Happy Trails! I have met the nicest people and feel confident in the new programs that are slowly being implemented at the sanctuary — I hope to get everyone involved in some way. Your volunteer time doesn't have to be all manual labor at the sanctuary — there are plenty of other ways to volunteer. If you want to get involved, give me a call!"

Thanks, Sue, for doing such a wonderful job!

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, find your favorites, and share this list with your friends!

Be educated, be informed, be aware!

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

Physicians Committee For Responsible Medicine
www.pcrm.org

Humane Farming Association
www.hfa.org

Mercy For Animals
www.mercyforanimals.org

ARC (Animal Rights Coalition) NEWS
http://www.animalrightscoalition.com/doc/news_summer_2007.pdf

Humane Society Of The United States
www.hsus.org

Farm Sanctuary
www.farmsanctuary.org

PETA (People For The Ethical Treatment Of Animals)
www.peta.org

Care 2 Make A Difference
www.care2.com

Animal Place Sanctuary
www.animalplace.org

Animal Welfare Institute
www.awionline.org

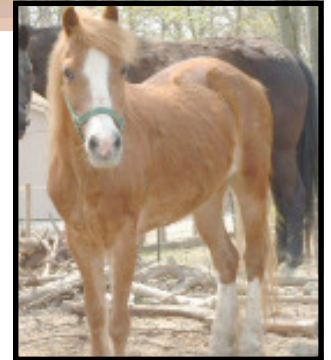
And don't forget to keep up with Happy Trails news at www.happytrailsfarm.org!

Featured Animals In Need Of A Loving Home...

SUSIE PONY

is a 20 year old pony who was found abandoned and sadly neglected in Crawford County, is waiting for her new family to discover her and tell her that "she's coming home!" Susie is fantastic with kids, thrives on attention, and has an energetic spirit!

Susie Pony was diagnosed with Cushings Disease and had foundered because of this. She still runs and plays with the other horses, and gets around just fine! Susie is seeking a home with someone who has a REALLY big heart and loves ponies! \$250 Adoption Fee.



TUSCANY is a three year old gaited filly who was on her way to slaughter with a local meat buyer. A deal was made, and Tuscany earned her freedom after the auction was over! This sweet, gentle mare is learning to once again trust people and enjoy attention from her human companions. She still needs to gain a great deal of weight, but is almost ready to learn to ride — we believe she will make a fantastic trail horse!



For additional adoption information on these and other wonderful animals, check the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org. Or call (330) 296-5914.

TRIBUTE TO SERAPHINA & WILBUR, THE PIGS



Two Happy Trails pot belly piggies recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge. It's always hard to lose such a precious little creature, but we know in our hearts that they now enjoy a life of leisure and happiness across the Rainbow Bridge. Seraphina and Wilbur will be forever in our hearts, and we hope we made their lives more comfortable and more rewarding here at Happy Trails during the time they were with us!



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Not yet ready to retire

*Wanting to play
right down to the wire*

*Juliette is strong and
healthy and sound*

*Just waiting for the right
home to come around*

*And sweep her off her
horsy feet*

*She lively and fun and
oh-so-sweet!*

***She's looking forward
to trail rides***

*Whizzing past tall trees
and scenic hill sides.*

*She has a lot of spirit yet
to share*

***With the right person
who shows her
love and care...***

20 year old Standardbred mare, Juliette, is a retired Amish buggy horse. She managed to retire sound and healthy, and is hoping for a person she can call her very own! Her dream is to be a trail horse, where you and her can ride down trails together and enjoy the scenery! We have discovered that with a little re-training from pulling a buggy to riding, the Standardbreds make awesome trail horses, usually with very little effort.

Adoption Fee: \$350

If you are considering adopting a rescued horse and would like to meet this big (16 hands tall) gorgeous black mare in person, call the sanctuary at (330) 296-5914!