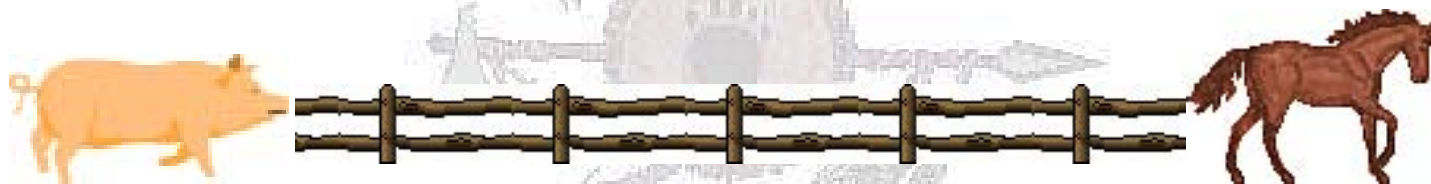
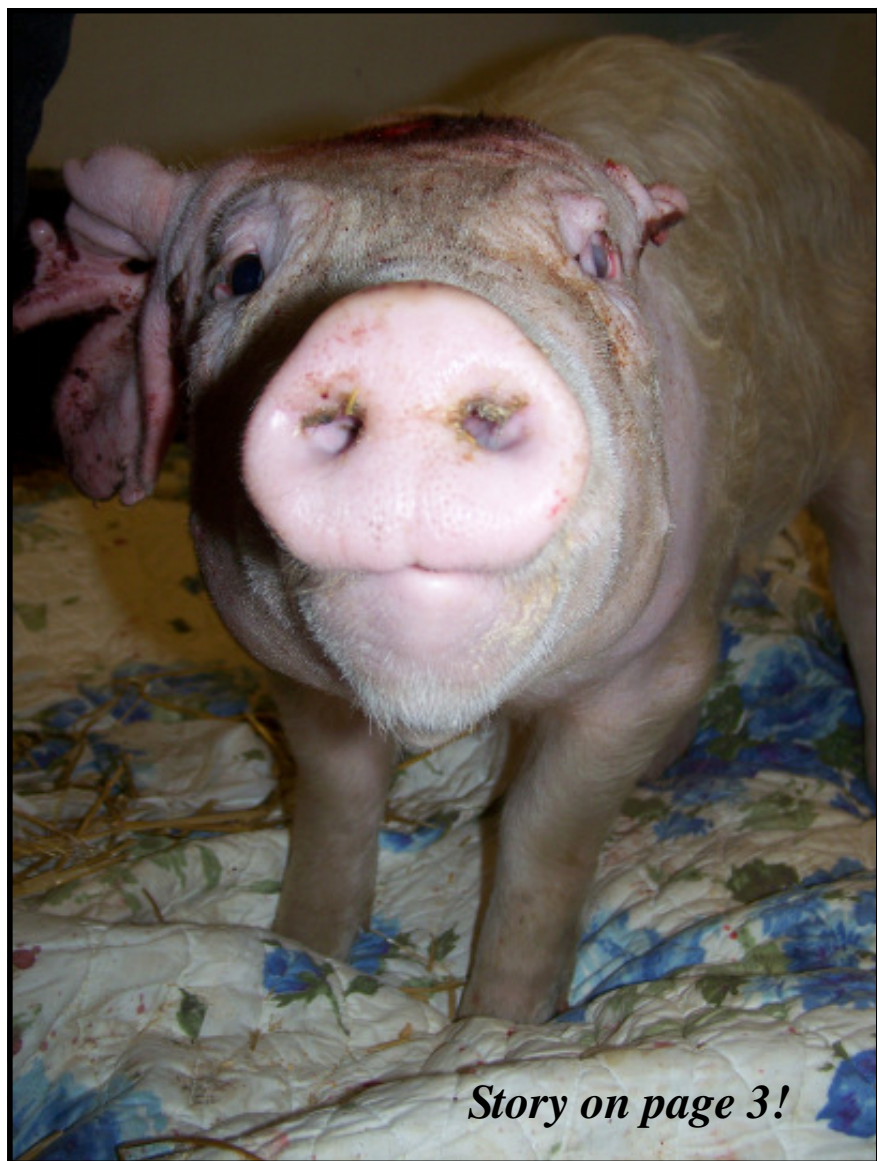


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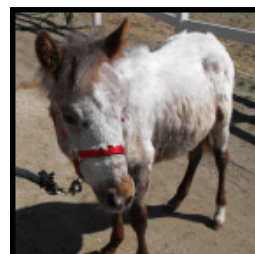
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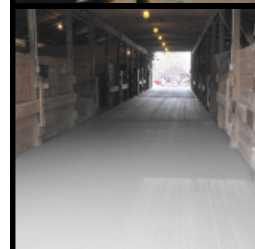


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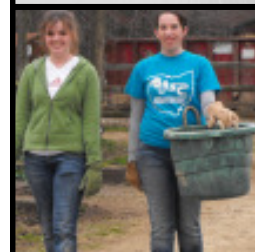
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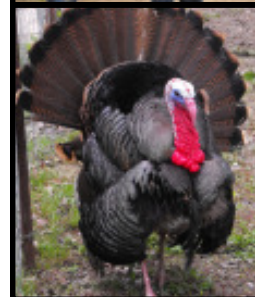
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letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

To say that we have been extra busy with animal rescue, abuse and neglect situations would be an understatement. I'd like to extend my sincere apologies for not having published Spring newsletters. We have concentrated all of our time caring for the animals in need, and we are hoping to get back on track with this issue!

Along with being busy, I feel as though I have stumbled through the last several months in amazement and awe. When faced with multiple major animal rescue situations, Happy Trails has truly been blessed with the outpouring of compassion, concern and support from many communities. Caring foster homes have arisen and were approved in emergency situations. Many farmers contacted Happy Trails to make generous donations of hay. Feed mills sent grain. Individuals made donations toward our extraordinary vet expenses. Volunteers took days off work and dedicated their vacation days to help with rescued animals. Folks have opened their hearts and homes to adopt rescued animals. Friends have given animals sponsorships as birthday, graduation or special occasion gifts for friends and relatives. It has been absolutely incredible, and to watch entire communities come together for a common good has been nothing short of amazing.

And who made it all happen? The animals themselves who were in the abuse and neglect situations. Sometimes folks involved in animal rescue often gauge their success by the amount of animals that they help. I prefer to gauge Happy Trail's successes by the amount of people that are brought together and the number of good deeds that



happen thanks to the animals that are rescued. If this would be any indication of success, than I believe we have not only suc-

ceeded, but have also surpassed anyone's expectations.

With a great deal of gratitude to all of our incredible sponsors and donors, I am happy to report that the majority of our major sanctuary repair projects are either completed or are currently underway. Details are available in the article on page 5. Right after Happy Trails temporarily closed down for what was to be a period of six weeks to handle our major renovations, the overwhelming horse neglect case from Deerfield surfaced, and all of our time and attention was diverted to the care and all-important first few weeks of rehab for the 15 rescued horses. Though this was a necessary task, it did indeed put us weeks behind in our time line for accomplishing our renovation and repair projects at the sanctuary.

Please know how very much we appreciate your support, your letters of inspiration, your kindness, your prayers, and your willingness to speak out against animal abuse of all forms in your communities. Many thanks to everyone who participates in some way with Happy Trails and gets involve in animal rescue! Together we are making a huge difference!

With compassion for all animals,

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

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Our Beautiful New Lawn Mower...



...was adopted all too quickly!

Tatiana, the beautiful sheep, graced the yards at Happy Trails for only a short time before she was adopted by a fellow animal rescue worker who loves her simply for being the wonderful companion that she is! While Tatiana was at Happy Trails, she did an awesome job of mowing the grass, and we will sincerely miss our lawn mower! After being treated at Happy Trails for severe hoof rot, lice infestation, the sheep version of the herpes virus, upper respiratory infection, and a high fever, Tatiana recovered and was adopted into a life of luxury. Her best friend now is a big and happy goat who adores her every move. We are thrilled that Tatiana has such a wonderful home!

Make sure to keep up with
all the latest Happy Trails
stories and happenings
on our website at
www.happytrailsfarm.org

On Jebbi Boye's Road To Recovery He Sets A Good Example

Back in February, a humane society in Kentucky found a young farm pig that appeared to be suffering from exposure, malnutrition, *and* it was painfully apparent that he had been attacked in some horrific way. His ears were torn and bloody, his head and face was lacerated and his left eye was severely damaged. There is simply no pleasant way to describe this poor guy's injuries.

After being treated by their local vet in Kentucky and given the OK to travel, the piggy's bags were packed and arrangements were made for him to arrive at our half-way point in Cincinnati on Thursday, February 19th. During the course of making our plans to bring piggy to Happy Trails, I received the sad news that his left ear had fallen off due to the trauma. How sad, and how painful that must have been. This little guy had been through a lot in his young life, and I

couldn't wait to get him to Happy Trails so he could begin to heal, both physically and mentally.

Rob Willard, Happy Trails board member and transport person, picked up piggy in Cincinnati and took him to OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. It was determined that piggy needed his wounds cleaned out thoroughly, and surgery was required to repair his horrific injuries. The trauma had apparently occurred several weeks prior to his rescue by the local Kentucky humane society.

When I first arrived at OSU to meet our newest resident, I could have cried. He was the most precious thing I had ever seen. He was soundly sleeping on a blanket splattered with blood from his massive ear injuries. I quietly crawled over to him and started to talk softly and gently pet his neck. He slowly picked his head up and tried to look at me with his good eye. "We have a name to try out for you to see if you like it!" I told him.

A cab driver had shared with us words from his native country of Ethiopia. "The word for small is jebbi," the cab driver told us. "It is pronounced 'ghe-bee' with the accent on the 'bee'. And boye (boy-ay) means pig." And hence the name Jebbi Boye came into being.



The pig seemed to like it, and grunted his approval when he heard the phrase.

Jebbi slowly warmed up to me when he figured out that all I wanted to do was to visit with him. I had this urge to want to protect him from anything bad in his life and to make sure that he would never be harmed again. He rested his



head on my arm, and then he snuggled up against my sweatshirt. He also slobbered on my hand, my leg and my face. He was just happy to have kind and gentle human contact. A belly rub sealed our friendship, and I explained to him

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Radar The Goat — Inspiring Us To Rise Above Our Disabilities

out in his own special way and touched the life of Jason Wolboldt, a dedicated and hard-working Happy Trails volunteer. In fact, Jason was so

Radar the goat arrived at Happy Trails two years ago as a baby whose bottom half of his back legs had never completely formed. He had been discovered at a livestock farm where he was struggling to survive in the midst of overcrowded conditions where he was always one step away from being trampled by larger bull calves, rams and other more aggressive animals. Radar was eventually adopted into a wonderful family, but unfortunately his health issues continued to get more complicated, and he returned to Happy Trails. Skin lesions refused to completely heal, and a trip to OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital) in Columbus and an extended stay resulted in the diagnosis of Auto Immune Disease.

Nothing seems to phase this happy-to-be-alive goat however. In his mind, he can run as fast as the other goats who have all four legs. He always makes sure to check visitors for possible treats, so he is always hopeful. During the time it took to get his skin condition under control, he had to be quite uncomfortable. But not once did he lay down, depressed, anxious, upset, or unhappy. He simply dealt with the hand he was given, and seemed



thankful for the good that was in his life at the time. He was especially thankful for his long and strong horns that could reach all the itchy spots. He was thankful that he had goat

friends around him to play with, and he was always instigating some friendly head-butting games. His front legs became stronger to make up for his weaker back legs, and in *his* mind, Radar is a very big and powerful goat. We added two small baby goats to his yard, and he made sure to let them know that he was the big man on campus.

It's sometimes hard to not let the courage and the incredibly positive attitude of an animal reach into our very soul. And Radar reached

struck by the kindness, sincerity and honest personality of Radar, that after recently purchasing a house with some land, set about first and foremost putting up new fencing and creating a beautiful area for Radar and his goat friends to live

If we permit them, animals have a way of teaching us lessons in life...*if we only are open to what they have to say*. Radar doesn't dwell on his disability, but rather seems to focus on enjoying life and appreciating what each day brings - especially if it brings Ginger Snap cookies and apples. He appreciates his friendships with the servants at Happy Trails and the extra attention he gets from Jason. We have been very blessed to have Radar in our life, and we wish him all the best as he prepares to leave us for his new home!



As Jason takes a break with his goat buddy, Radar shows him just how handy horns are when you need your back scratched!

You Made Sanctuary Repairs And Renovations Possible!

A lot of repairs, updates and renovations are getting accomplished thanks to all the kind folks who have so generously donated this spring to our barn and facility repair fund!

We ended up being a bit behind schedule due to some unexpected animal rescue cases, but we are making great progress! After a long, cold winter, Happy Trails was left with quite a variety of much-needed repairs at the sanctuary, one of the

most important and overwhelming one being the flooring, stalls and roof of the large animal barn. We also needed to finish the interior of the new Happy Trails office, new driveway, fencing repairs and a host of other projects as well.

To begin this enormous project, during the week of April 13th we began sending out the majority of the rescued horses who currently resided at Happy Trails to approved, temporary foster homes. Our plan was to basically keep our day-to-day routine going, but to shut down major operations so that we could concentrate on our many repairs and facility projects. The week after we began our extensive project, the mass horse rescue in Deerfield took place, and our all-volunteer staff spent every waking minute for the following two weeks at the Portage County Fairgrounds dealing with the special needs of the 15 rescued horses. This took up a great deal of our time and attention, putting our

repairs a few weeks behind schedule.

To date, we have successfully had a concrete aisleway poured in the 84' long horse barn aisle, as well as cements pads created at the front and

back of the barn.



Massive amounts of dirt and gravel were trucked in to fill in the stalls and the aisle way.

Tons upon tons of dirt and gravel were hauled in, and giant piles of each created some interesting landscaping in front of the big barn while our project was in the works. The stall floors, which had sunk down (in some cases way below the bottom of the barn walls) were filled with bank run and topped off



Even the heavy, massive barn doors had to be removed and recut since the floor would now be at least 4" higher than it was before.

with crushed gravel to bring them up to the level of the new cement.

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(Top) The barn aisle was being prepared for the new concrete, and we had to add tons and tons of dirt and gravel to fill in all the low, sunken areas. (Bottom) The 84' long barn aisle is now more easily manageable with the beautiful new concrete floor, thanks to the concrete skills of Jack Lynch and his crew!

Do Horses Have A Tooth Fairy?

Meet Equine Dentist Dr. Gian Gargiulo

Many horse owners don't realize the import role that their horse's teeth play in the overall health of their favorite equine companion. At Happy Trails, rescued horses get a dental check-up regularly and get their teeth floated (filed) as needed.

Our equine "tooth fairy", as many horsey people refer to their equine dentist, is Dr. Gian Gargiulo of Valley Equine Dentistry.

Dr. Gargiulo is truly wonderful about explaining to us horse-caregivers exactly what is going on with a horse's mouth and what he can do to help the situation.

A horse can get sharp points on the sides of it's teeth for a variety of

reasons, including general wear and tear and even the normal chewing motion of the horse. Sometimes these sharp edges can cause painful ulcers in the mouth. An older horse might lose a tooth, allowing the opposite tooth to grow too long, and grow into the roof of the mouth or into the jaw bone. Young horses need to have their teeth examined before being introduced to a bit.

If you are having a difficult time keeping weight on your horse but you already worm it regularly and give it plenty of good nutrition, consider having it's teeth checked. If a horse cannot chew or grind it's food properly, it is not getting the most out of the grain and hay that it should. If your horse is starting to

leave chew-wads of soggy mouthfuls of hay on the ground as it eats, it's teeth may need examined.

I think most of us have experienced the pain of an abscessed or infected tooth at one time or another. We were able to tell someone how badly our tooth hurt and were able to make an appointment to get it fixed.

Unfortunately for many horses, their owners do not pick up on the signals that their horse is sending to them, trying to alert them of a painful tooth or potential problem that is just beginning. Regular routine maintenance of your horse's teeth can prevent a great deal of pain and keep him in top form.

Who do we recommend that you call? Dr. Gian Gargiulo of Valley Equine Dentistry of course! Valley Equine Dentistry is a veterinary practice devoted exclusively to equine dental health, and uses state of the art equipment and incorporates the latest techniques to offer your horse the best dental care possible. So yes, there definitely is a horse tooth fairy!

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Deerfield Horse Rescue — 15 Horses Removed From A Deerfield Residence

On Monday, April 20, Portage Animal Protective League asked Happy Trails to assist in the removal of a large group of horses from a severe neglect situation in Deerfield. A total of 15 horses that were in various stages of neglect were removed that night, and placed in the protective care of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

The kind and caring folks at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds generously stepped up to the plate and donated space for their immediate care, and the horses were under constant supervision and medical attention at the fairgrounds for a period of two weeks until they could be placed in private and approved foster homes. The people on the fair board were incredible,

supportive, and aware of how



Ruby On The Mend...

Ruby's back hooves were horrifically long (top left), and her recovery is rather slow due to the damage done to her rear tendons and ankles.

important it is for a community to come together in times of crisis.

Multiple counts of animal cruelty were filed, and the court case is still pending. However, at a pre-trial scheduled on Wednesday, June 3, the owner of the horses agreed to sign over ownership of the horses to the Portage APL, who in turn, signed the horses over to Happy Trails.

Of course the conditions of the horses were extremely sad, some with hooves overgrown as much as 8" long and several horses were as

As an all-volunteer organization that operates on private donations, for Happy Trails to take on the responsibility of 15 terribly debilitated horses all at once was a bit overwhelming.

much as 300 lbs. underweight. Many of the horses had very little contact with people since most had been standing in their stalls for excessively long periods of time, and some had severe health issues with muscle atrophy from lack of exercise.

However, as disturbing and heartbreaking as the neglect is to deal with, I would like to concentrate the focus of this article on the good things that came out of a bad situation and the challenging task that now lies in front of us.

Bringing A Community Together

We simply have to acknowledge with a great deal of gratitude the people, businesses, and other organi-

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Is it the same horse?

A six year old stallion named Bogey had hooves that grew out to obscene lengths. Professional farrier, Craig Lindauer, along with the assistance of his wife, Laura, generously donated his time and skills to begin the re-shaping of Bogey's mangled hooves.

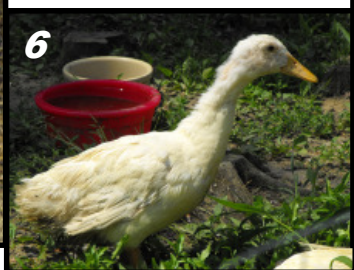
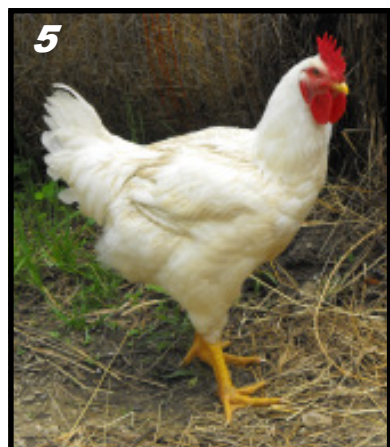
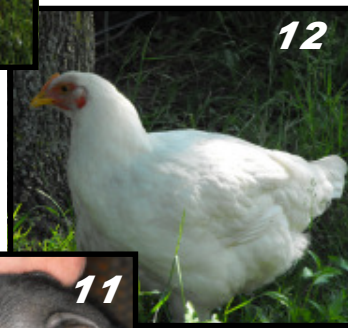
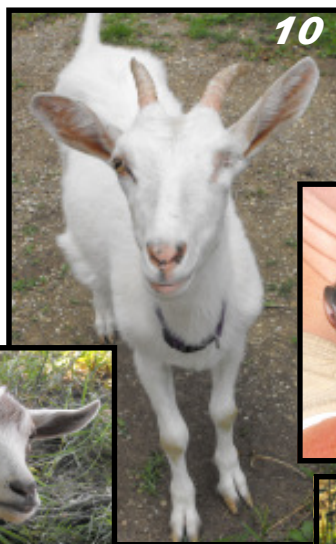
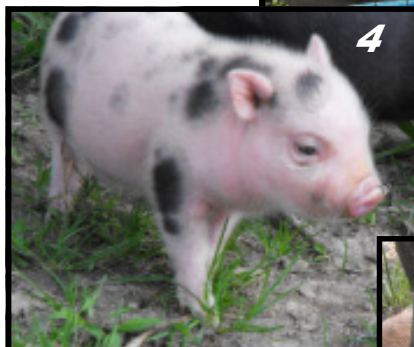
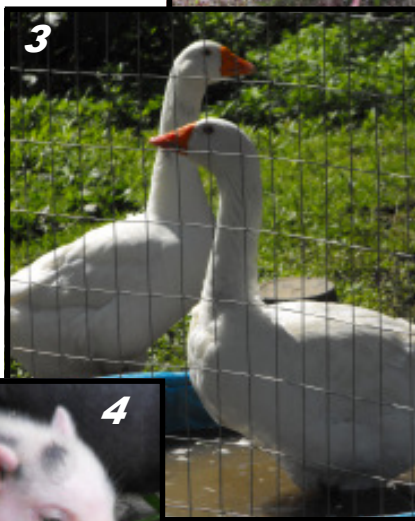
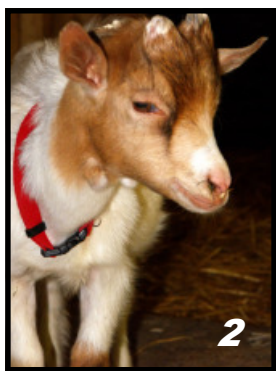
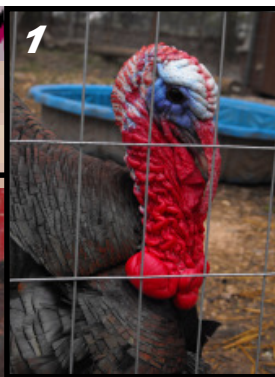
(Top) Bogey, encrusted with cement-like chunks of dried manure on his tired and lifeless coat balanced on his crippled feet for the farrier.

(Center) Craig used a hacksaw to remove the excessive length of hooves.

(Bottom) Bogey is learning to walk again, though we are still not certain that permanent tendon damage is not an issue. Here he exercises at his foster home in a soft, sand paddock. His coat took many days of work to clean up.

Meet Wild Bill...

The number of rescued animals that come and go at Happy Trails daily sometimes boggle the mind! Some animals are here longer than others if they are more difficult to adopt, and some are here a very short time. Meet a few of the animals that have come through our rescue programs over the past several months.



Meet Wild Bill And Friends...

(See photos on page 8)

1. Wild Bill, a very handsome turkey, though truly not "wild" other than in his cocky attitude. Wild Bill was adopted and now has a wonderful new home!

2. Vito, a four month old baby goat, is best friends with Pedro (#9). They would like to be adopted together.

3. Kyle and Kingsley, two white male domestic geese, had been abandoned. Can you provide them with a permanent home?

4. A baby pot belly pig that was recently born at Happy Trails, a little pink and black fuzzy female. There are six babies that need homes!

5. Hotshot, a handsome and getting bigger by the day broiler rooster.

6. Tatum, a neurologic white Pekin female duck who is doing much better since her arrival at Happy Trails. She arrived with Tyra, another white Pekin duck friend.

7. Jamaica, a little brown hen that was adopted along with nine of her hen friends.

8. Kachina, a 10 week old baby mini horse that had been born with very weak and somewhat crippled legs. A trip to OSU resulted in her getting hoof extensions made and steroid injections in her knees. She is doing much better and can now stand up by herself and walks very, very well!

9. Pedro is a three and a half month old baby goat who is best friends with Vito, #2. They really should be adopted together.

10. Odessa, a true survivor! She arrived with a horribly infected eye that needed to be removed. She has proven herself as quite the Happy Trails representative at community events and has been helping out with our Farm Animal Visitation Program. She has made several appearances at nursing homes recently!

11. Another baby pot belly pig. One of Capri's incredibly cute and adorable babies.

12. Holly, soul mate of Hotshot, #5. They simply adore each other.

13. Waipua and 'Aumakua, two baby ducks. Boy they sure do grow up fast!

14. Bingo! His name fits him! Being blind in one eye and partially blind in the other doesn't stop him from being handsome and debonair! Bingo will be having eye-removal surgery soon, and then will be available for adoption!

15. Capri arrived at Happy Trails as a very pregnant pot belly pig. After several weeks of keeping us all in suspense, she finally had her beautiful family of sweet, precious babies.

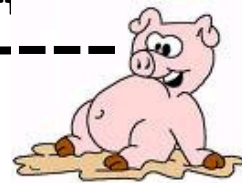
Need A Unique Gift? How About An Animal Sponsorship?

What better way to celebrate a special occasion than to give the gift of life! To honor a birthday, wedding, graduation, retirement, anniversary, or other special occasion, give that special someone a farm animal gift sponsorship! The

gift recipient will receive the animal's photo, story, information, and a special invitation to visit the animal that is being sponsored in their honor! **Celebrate your love for animals with a unique and compassionate gift!**



FARM ANIMAL GIFT SPONSORSHIP



Name _____
Business/Organization _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone (home/cell) _____
email address _____

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

Name/Phone _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
email address _____

Special Occasion _____

(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 photo, story, information, and a special invitation to visit them to the person above!

☐ Draft Horse: \$75

☐ Goat: \$30

☐ Retired Amish Horse: \$50

☐ Goose: \$20

☐ Rescued Horse: \$50

☐ Turkey: \$20

☐ Farm Pig: \$30

☐ Duck: \$20

☐ Pot Belly Pig: \$30

☐ Chicken: \$20

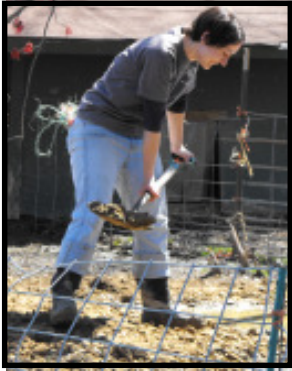
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To sponsor an animal for an entire year and to give your gift recipient visitation rights to the sanctuary once a month for twelve months, multiply the sponsor amount times twelve.

Please return sponsor form and check or money order payable to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, Inc., 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Animal sponsorships greatly help offset the costs of rehab and care for each rescued animal! page 9

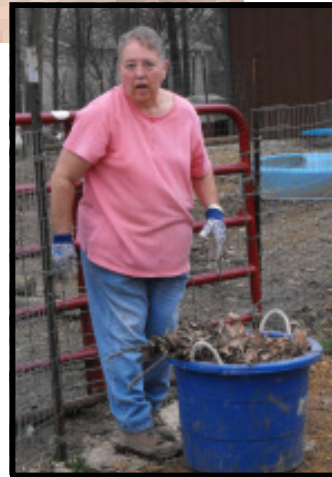
Volunteer With The Best — The Servants Of Happy Trails



(Above) Theda Schwing, regular weekday feeder, shovels gravel.



(Above) Ilona Urban reasons with George the pig regarding his request for more snacks.



(Above) Lydia Beck contemplates getting the heavy muck bucket through the gate.



(Above) Mary Bittance, President, shares her break with a rooster.



(Above) Russ Fisher, Co-founder of Happy Trails, cuts lumber for the new feed room.



(Left) Yasmin Aral holds out a hen for a nursing home resident to feel the softness of her feathers.



(Above) Shawn Tusko visits with Big Red, a draft horse.



(Above) Rob Willard, Board Member, straightens up volunteers who don't listen. However Leah Franchi fights back!

(Right) Janet Cobb helps kids pet a former cockfighting rooster at the Wilson Feed Mill fundraiser.



(Above) Pam Kavali slips treats to Queenie and Peaches the pot belly pigs.



(Right) Cheri Rider, Board Member, holds Tatiana the sheep still as Dr. Randy Alger works on her hooves.



(Right) Sharon Barnard, Board Member, helps a nursing home resident pet Odessa the goat.

Sign Up To Volunteer!



(Above) Sue Buttermore, (far left) Volunteer Coordinator, takes an orientation group on a tour of the sanctuary.

If you are interested in learning more about the many volunteer opportunities with Happy Trails, call Sue Buttermore, Happy Trails Volunteer Coordinator, at 330-388-2106.

Happy Trails is an all-volunteer organization, so if you are at least 18 years old or older and are able to work as a team player to follow directions safely and efficiently, the sanctuary volunteer program is a rewarding way to get involved in animal rescue.

We welcome retirees and seniors who are social and outgoing!

Tour guides and gate greeters are needed on Saturdays and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. If you are a senior who enjoys socializing and being around animals, becoming a tour guide might just be the right volunteer opportunity for you!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Manual labor such as cleaning shelters, mucking stalls, mending fences, shelter and facility repairs, special construction projects
- Staffing our booth and displays at community events, handing out

literature and information, talking about the animals available for adoption

- Transport/hauling — If you have a truck and horse trailer, livestock trailer or flatbed trailer, you can get involved by helping to haul animals to safety, to vet appointments, or help pick up grain, hay or supplies.
- Adoption counselors are trained to help prospective adoptive homes learn about the animal they are interested in adopting and orchestrate a home visit to approve the facilities.
- Our follow-up program needs volunteers who are able to help us keep in touch with adoptive families and make home visits to check on animals that have been adopted.
- Computer savvy folks are needed to help us network and keep in close contact with other rescue organizations, and even to do research for us.
- If you enjoy yard work, the sanctuary is always grateful for volunteers who can use a weed-eater, who have a green thumb for our flower gardens, and who can use paint brush.
- If you have a special skill or talent to offer, there's a fantastic chance that we will be thrilled to find the right volunteer project for you!

**Your Kindness And Caring
Make Our Animal
Rescue Efforts Possible**

**Thank You For
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**Donation Form On
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BINGO the mini horse needs to have an eye removed at OSU.

Great Recipe!

The Best Vegan Chocolate Cake Ever

Recipe compliments of Mindy Tusko and highly recommended by Jebbie Boye the farm pig

- 1 1/2 c. unbleached white flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 c. sugar in the raw
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 1 cup cold water
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp. vinegar (I used white)

Preheat oven to 375; mix dry ingredients, mix all liquid ingredients together EXCEPT THE VINEGAR. Add combined liquids to dry ingredients. Mix until smooth, no lumps, add vinegar, stir quickly. Place in an ungreased pan, either 8" square, or 9" round. Recipe can be doubled to make a 13x9 cake. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. If you bake cupcakes, make it 15 minutes.



Mindy and Jebbie Boye are sure you'll like this cake recipe!

Thrown Out Of A Truck, Piggy Lands On His Head

On Monday, January 19th, a Bristolville resident and her daughter watched in the distance as a dark object appeared to be launched from a truck. Concerned that they might find an injured dog, they hurried to the location, only to find a small pig. Local authorities and Happy Trails were called, and the piggy was brought to the sanctuary.

He apparently hit the pavement head first. The open wound on his shoulder where he skid was open and bloody. The skin on his ear was torn off and shredded. An auction tag was imbedded painfully in his little ear. I can only image what body parts were sore and painful from landing on the road. His little

front legs were covered with cuts and abrasions.

And as I sat looking at this fragile little creature, I wondered once again what evil possesses people to inflict such cruelty on helpless animals. Did those people get pleasure from tossing him out of their truck? Did they find joy in their actions? Many folks tend to ignore the crucial link between animal abuse and domestic violence and criminal behavior — what were these people like to other members of their families? Have they ever been arrested for other incidents?

Monday night, the piglet was cold and shaking. We settled him into some warm straw underneath a heat lamp and a big pile of donated blankies. As he calmed down and went to sleep, his shaking stopped. Four of us, Cheri, Russ, Rob and myself, watched him like he was a television. Would he be alright? Could there be injuries



that would manifest themselves later? He simply appeared exhausted. We left him with Natasha the goat watching guard over her newest barn resident, since she was, of course, in charge of the pig barn. Later in the evening I went out to check on the little guy. I watched him soundly sleeping in the silence of the barn until he awakened with a violent jerk. I was wondering if maybe he was reliving the earlier events of the day, and was remembering hitting the hard pavement. I gave him a re-assuring belly rub and back to sleep he went. *A kiss on his little piggy head and a softly whispered "good night" was the last thing he experienced on what would hopefully be the worst day of his entire life.*

The next morning I woke up the sleeping baby to a breakfast of warm Cinnamon and Brown Sugar oatmeal, mixed with some pot belly pig pellets. He sleepily sat up and discovered the good smell, and happily slurped his way through the entire bowl. Body functions appeared to be in working order — he peed and pooped to start his day, and then he began to oink. And



oink he did...he hurried around his suite, loudly oinking to all the other pigs and goats in the barn. "I arrived last night incase you didn't know," he seemed to be saying. Greetings were returned. "Calm down — you're safe now," is what I am guessing he was told, because in a short amount of time he quieted down and crawled back under his heat lamp and blankies for morning nap time.

What in the world would we name this cutie? After searching the internet for unique names in different nationalities, we happened upon a name that was strangely appropriate. We try to give names to the animals that have meaning or that fit their personality.

The new piggy received the unique name of "Anselmo", which is both an Italian and a Spanish name (the German version of this name is Anselm). **Believe it or not, it means "Divine Helmet", which is exactly what we decided the little guy had to be wearing when he was cruelly thrown out of the pick-up truck, for he had landed on his head!** Anselmo's "divine helmet" saved his life, and for that, we are truly grateful to Creator for having placed that on the little piggy's head!

On Tuesday, February 3rd, Anselmo had his first vet visit. He received an overall medical check-up, was neutered, had his sharp tusks trimmed, and received his baby pig vaccinations.

Once back at the sanctuary after his day at the vet, Russ and Rob carefully lifted the pet porter out of the back of the van and set it down at the gate of Piggerton Estates. Anselmo cautiously exited the carrier and immediately made his way down the snow-covered path and into the warmth of the piggy barn. He promptly dove head first between two of his favorite pig friends who were napping, snuggled up to them and went to sleep.



With equally good looks and a great personality, Anselmo has it all!

Anselmo made it back the sanctuary safe and sound — *all to the tune of \$406.*

Anselmo is now busy growing up to be the big handsome pig that he was meant to be, and he shares a summer yard with his good friend, Jebbi Boye. Anselmo sure could use a few sponsors to help offset the cost of his daily care. If this piggy has touched your heart, call us at 330-296-5914 for more information about sponsoring Anselmo either personally or by giving the gift of life for a special occasion!



Anselmo (right) compares notes with his friend, Cisco Pig, through the fence of their yards.

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BABY APRIL
needed hernia
surgery.

SPECIAL THANKS!

A very special thank you goes out to everyone who has faithfully saved and turned in aluminum cans!

Sharon Barnard, who handles the can collection for Happy Trails, turned in an astronomical load of aluminum cans on Earth Day — in fact, 1,108 lbs. worth! You brought in this amount of cans from December to April — amazing! Extra kudos goes out to all those who go the extra step and crush the cans before you bring them, saving



our volunteers more time to spend caring for the animals. The funds from our aluminum can recycle program help to support many special projects at Happy Trails.

Please keeping saving those cans! Drop off times are Saturdays and Sundays at the sanctuary from 1pm - 4pm. You guys are the BEST can savers ever! Together, let's keep up the good work!

For questions about saving and recycling aluminum cans for Happy Trails, call Sharon at 330-573-1450.

You Made Sanctuary Repairs And Rennovations Possible!

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Caitlin Doherty ran the tamper while Leah Franchi, Jason Wolbolt and several other volunteers raked the stall floors as smooth as possible. Then the new base of each horse stall was covered with black heavy-duty horse mats. We got a really good deal on these at Cashman's in Columbus. Happy Trails volunteers cut the mats so that they fit together perfectly in our 12x12 stalls.

The old stall gates were replaced with new metal-frame gates with solid wood bottoms, and they easily slide on a channel high above the stalls. The metal frames were specially fabricated by Rob Willard and

Russ Fisher. Each stall has two new water buckets and a new corner feeder bucket, thanks to a very generous donation from Horseman's Pride!

The roofing material that had partially blown off the horse barn in the bitter winter winds was repaired thanks to long-time die-hard Happy Trails volunteer, Alex Hale.

An old park bench that was donated to the sanctuary was in need of new boards and a face-lift. Alex also jumped in and took the bench home for rehabilitation and recovery. The bench he brought back

didn't look like the same piece of furniture. It now proudly sets in the midst of the grassy yard, awaiting some tired soul to plop down and enjoy the sights and sounds of animals around it! In his spare time, Alex also repaired the barn roof where the angry winter winds rudely

removed some of our roofing.

The feed room is now enclosed thanks to Rob Willard and Russ Fisher. Our goal is have the feed room temperature controlled to help with the

storage of animal medications and to keep grain and nutritional supplements fresh and away from predators and rodents.

The area behind the horse barn was cleared of the dead trees, and Jebbi Boye and Anselmo the farm pigs promptly moved in as soon as hog



Alex Hale takes a break on the bench that he renovated for Happy Trails.

Many thanks to Jack Lynch for the most excellent price and the best concrete job ever!

Please help us thank Jack by calling him for any concrete work you may need done!

**Jack Lynch
330-673-6944**



Jason Wolboldt waves his approval to the driver of the motorized wheelbarrow that hauled the new dirt into the stalls.

panels were put in place. A small shelter will do for their summer cottage. There is a lovely little swampy area that the pigs absolutely adore, so we'd better not even think of filling it in simply for being an eye sore. We have to remember that what is one man's trash is another pig's treasure! The two rapidly growing farm pigs now have a summer yard, complete with downed trees to push around, the



Certified electrician, Tom Doolittle, volunteers his time to help wire the new Happy Trails office!

giant mud waller that we jokingly refer to as "the swamp", and tons of mounds of dirt to dig through and move all over creation. It's truly a pig paradise, though it may not look

very appealing to folks who enjoy wearing clean clothes and not having mud splashed in their hair!

The Happy Trails office had a shell, but that was it! The interior was desperately in need of new electrical wiring and finishing. Enter Tom Doolittle, volunteer extraordinaire, who volunteered his time as a licensed electrician to install the wiring for the new office. I can't tell you how thrilled we were when Tom and his son, Charlie, offered to help out with this project! The drywall is now in the process of being installed thanks to our hard-working professional volunteer painter and drywall guy, Eli Benshoff and his helper, Larry Ohman. Great job, guys!

The outside of the new office, as well as several of the other animal shelters, were sealed with a coat of Happy Trails green and brown,

happy and willing to help out, Eli worked very diligently painting until every last drop was in just the right place. Many thanks to Elizabeth Benshoff, Eli's daughter, who is a shining example of a teen interested



Caitlin Doherty, board member, runs the tamper to tamp the new dirt and rock flat inside the horse stalls.

in bettering her community. Elizabeth not only coordinates projects for Happy Trails, but she gets her family, friends and school involved too!

Still To Come: We still need to cut up and remove the dead trees that are now downed and pushed into a pile behind the horse barn, and we still have plenty of landscaping to work on around the barn itself. There is also some fencing that needs replaced, and some other repairs that need addressed that are minor in comparison to what we have already accomplished.

Checking Out Our Progress

To get a sneak-peek at what we have accomplished so far and to view our progress, schedule a visit to tour the sanctuary! Call Sharon at 330-573-1450 and plan to meet the animals that benefit from your kind and generous donations!



Eli Benshoff, professional painter, helps coat the Happy Trails barns, shelters and new office in "Wild Horse" brown!

Many Many Thanks!

We can't say it enough — thank you to everyone who donated or contributed their time and talents to make the sanctuary repairs and renovations possible. We simply cannot do our work and touch the numbers of lives that we do without your support and confidence in Happy Trails!

Many thanks to the following professionals who made the sanctuary renovations possible.

Please help us thank them by using their services!

Eli Benshoff (Benshoff Paper and Paint) 330-325-9086

Jack Lynch (concrete work) 330-673-6944

Tony Hood (trucking, hauling dirt, sand and gravel) 330-274-2739

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www.horsemenspride.com



Russ Fisher (left) and Rob Willard (right) nail trim in the newly renovated feed room.

again thanks to the skills of professional painter and Happy Trails volunteer, Eli Benshoff. Always

Deerfield Horse Rescue *Continued from page 7*

zations that came together to help the healing process begin for this mass number of animals. Beginning with the night of the rescue, our volunteer haulers donated their time, trucks, trailers and fuel, as they



Carrie Shuster (left) 4-H leader and a fantastic group of 4-H kids who want to make a difference in the lives of abused animals arrived at the fairgrounds to help wash and clean the layers of manure off the horses.

waited patiently to be loaded and then haul their precious cargo to the safety zone of the fairgrounds. Our transport volunteers consisted of folks in law enforcement from several counties, retirees, several horse owners who professionally show their horses, and other horse owners who simply enjoy, appreciate and love their own equine companions.

Many counties in Ohio call on Happy Trails for help with farm animal and horse rescue on a daily basis, and we see the cooperation of county agencies and fairgrounds on a regular basis. **We were thrilled to have worked hand-in-hand with the kind and compassionate folks at the Portage County Randolph Fairgrounds, and admire them for their sense of community and their spirit of compassion.** If it weren't for the

participation and cooperation of the Portage County Fairgrounds and the fairgrounds Board Of Directors who choose to not accept animal abuse in their county, this rescue would not have been possible. Doggone tired and mentally exhausted, many of the die-hard volunteers for Happy Trails had dedicated a great deal of time to the care and monitoring of the rescued horses. Volunteers stayed overnight at the fairgrounds to keep watch over these precious lives and to make sure that their grain, hay and medications stayed on a rigid schedule as we started them on the road to recovery. People from all over volunteered their time to help out with the monumental tasks associ-

ated with caring for the rescued horses. I personally witnessed more than one foster person standing at the gate of a stall, with big, silent tears streaming down their faces as they gazed in at the malnourished bodies and mangled feet. **Caring and compassionate kids from 4-H groups made themselves**



Volunteer Debbie McCort walks a very thin horse named Newt on a lead line.



Yearling April, who at the time of the rescue appeared to be a four month old, recently underwent hernia surgery at OSU. She came through with flying colors.

available to help with anything that needed done. The Happy Trails phone rang off the hook with more phone calls than we could realistically return in a lifetime.

Foster homes appeared and we were able to visit and approve more homes than were actually needed! The incredible dedication that it takes to be a foster home is beyond admirable. A foster parent of a rescued animal accepts the responsibility of 24 hours a day care. They agree to follow a slow recovery program to the "T", and keep a log of that horse's recovery progress. The foster parents accept the rescued animal for what it is, and

agree to deal with their fears, behavioral issues and lack of human contact and training. A horse that has been left unhandled in it's stall for excessive periods of time can lack the manners needed to be safe to work around. **Foster homes go above and beyond the call of duty when working rehab for Happy Trails, and we are grateful for the foster homes who have agreed to so many conditions in this rescue case.** They work closely with the

veterinarians and farriers for the ultimate care these rescued horses can receive.

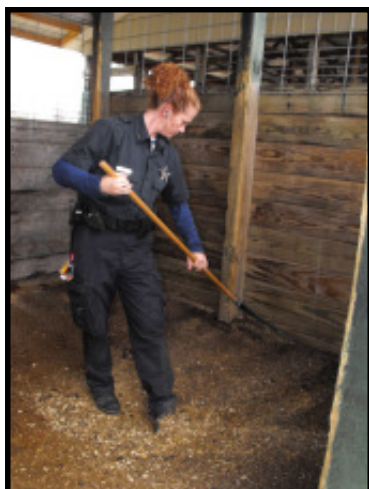
The concern and caring of people who followed this story was nothing short of incredible, and even

It is unrealistic for the burden of a rescue of this size to be placed on any one organization. There is not one entity that is equipped to handle a mass animal removal and rescue, but when everyone's strengths and skills are brought together and everyone works together for a common good, everything is possible!

today, I still am in awe of how many people stepped forward to help out in some way — to show their concern for the animals in need and to show their support for the rescue work of the sanctuary. **We simply cannot express our gratitude enough for the outpouring of compassion, support and kindness that was extended throughout this rescue.**

Now What?

Rehabilitation and recovery will be a long road for most of these wonderful creatures. Since they have now been officially signed over to Happy Trails, we can begin to seek appropriate and approved adoptive homes for them. They continue to receive the very best of veterinary and medical care, farrier expertise for their over-



Jennifer Sanderson, Portage APL Humane Officer, helps rake the stalls clean at the fairgrounds.

grown hooves, proper nutrition, and plenty of attention from our concerned and experienced volunteers and foster homes.

The process to find adoptive homes, though, can be difficult to say the least. Some of the horses will be on the road to recovery for quite a while yet, so we won't know if some of them will be able to ride or work in any capacity until more progress is made with their rehabilitation. Some of them may end up being pasture pals, horses that have a good quality of life, but due to their previous neglect, are not able to carry the weight of a rider or work in any capacity. They still will be in desperate need of kind, loving and compassionate homes.

During the waiting game while we are actively searching out adoptive homes, Happy

Trails continues to be solely responsible for providing proper nutrition, health care, safe shelter, professional hoof rehabilitation, vaccinations, and all other care associated with responsible horse rehabilitation and recovery. Right now, our goal is to give each and every one of these 15 horses a fighting chance — a chance to live a life free from the pain of mangled hooves and overstretched tendons, a chance to have full and



Apprentice farrier Jarred Oats (left) and farrier Craig Lindauer (right) team up for our first attempt at getting the horse's hooves slowly back into shape.

satisfied bellies on a regular basis, and a chance to lay down every single night on a thick, dry, soft bed.

So though the initial rescue of

the horses is over, we are now moving on to yet another difficult part of the journey for all of us — the continued rehabilitation and recovery of each horse. We are confident, however, that folks will continue to watch the horse's progress and continue to work hand-in-

hand with Happy Trails for the good of the animals and of our community. These horses have truly touched the lives of hundreds of people and have brought together a community that does not wish to allow animal abuse to exist.

We are grateful to each and every one you who chose to become involved in this rescue in some way, and we are honored to have so many people involved who truly care!



A veterinarian determined that Sage needed to gain between 250 and 300 lbs. to be at a healthy weight. In this photos she had already started to gain her weight back!

Jebbi Boye

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that he had love, care and servants waiting for him at Happy Trails.

“If you want to come home with us later this week, you need to eat and drink to get strong!” Before we left, he had buried his nose deep into the food bucket and politely ate...and ate...and ate...

A series of surgeries repaired his right ear to bring the pieces-parts together to create as much of a functional and usable ear as possible. Eyelid surgery made it so that he can successfully close his left eye to keep the eye properly lubricated.

Throughout Jebbi Boye’s ordeal, he constantly kept the most pleasant personality. He was always kind even when we were certain he was in a lot of pain. He was always happy to see company, and seemed to want to welcome us into his

world. He made us feel good about what we were doing to help him. He was a fighter,

never giving up, even when the pain of his injuries could have been simply too much to bear. He was never a quitter, and he loved life. He made the most of his situation, and kept himself entertained and happy. Not once did he appear to be depressed or sad. He looked at each day as though it were an opportunity to make his human caretakers laugh at his antics, and he seemed wise beyond his years. Talk about living life to the fullest, having the best outlook you could possibly have and cherishing each day — Jebbi did all that and more! He is the perfect example of someone who has a fantastic attitude and who doesn’t let life get



them down.

Some people miss a lot of the lessons that the animals in our lives have to teach us, and sometimes folks fail to see themselves reflected in the their actions. Or, is it that some people are afraid of the reflection that they see?

Without judging others, Jebbi continues to set his good example daily and lives his life in such a way as to inspire everyone. He doesn’t shove lessons down your throat or



Jebbie Boye’s favorite thing is mud puddles.

force you listen. He simply lives his life and is a shining example for us to observe, to learn from, and to take to heart...*if* we choose to do so. If anyone had a right to be defensive, to be angry, to be bitter or to be stand-offish, it would be Jebbi Boye. But he is not, and he apparently has no plans to ever be anything other than kind, polite, happy, welcoming, and simply thrilled to have yet another day to bring joy to those around him. Let’s not miss his gentle lesson or ignore his example of his appreciation for life. If you visit Happy Trails, make sure to say hi to Jebbi Boye and offer him a pat on his fuzzy little head, and thank him for being such a wonderful role model for the rest of us. When we can’t always find the right people as role models in our lives, it sure doesn’t hurt to turn to our animal friends to teach us some important life lessons!



Jebbie Boye (center), who is now completely healed, and his pig friend, Anselmo (left) dig the dirt away from fencing to do their part to help the bigger pigs escape.

Wish List

Here are items, both big and small, that would be helpful!

- Bottled water or soft drinks for our hard working volunteers
- Lime or stall deoderizer
- Hay and straw (and lots of both!) not more than a year old and cannot be moldy
- Yard care supplies such as leaf rakes, mulch, garden rakes, pruners and trimmers
- Gas & fuel cards for diesel and gasoline
- Draft-size horse halters
- A post-hole digger attachment for our Bob Cat
- Sleeping bags, comforters and blankets for the arthritic or injured animals
- Large pet porters, crates or cages in good condition.
- Dog kennels
- Office supplies (stamps, 8½"x11" color or white copy paper)
- Printer cartridges for our Epson CX4800 printer
- Feed: Hog pellets, duck/goose pellets, chicken laying mash or scratch (any brands)
- Paste wormers such as Quest, Strongid, Zimectrin, Panacur, etc.
- A large storage shed to organize and protect tools, equipment and animal supplies
- A reliable 1-ton truck (to pull the horse trailer and transport animals, to haul feed, to take pet porters full of pot belly pigs to and from the vet)
- Horse tack — new or used. Items that we cannot use at the sanctuary are taken to auction, and all proceeds benefit our equine rescue programs

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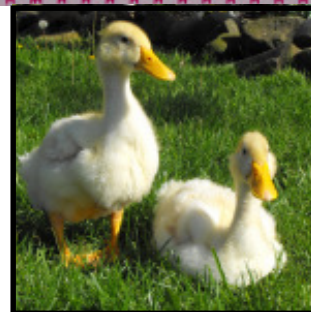
The biggest expenses at Happy Trails are the medical and veterinary care of the rescued animals, and coming in at a close second is the feed, grain, hay, supplements and nutritional needs required to promote healing and recovery. Shelter needs, barn and shelter repairs, fencing and daily care come in third.

Happy Trails operates on an all-

volunteer staff and has no paid employees.

If there is a type of

animal that touches your heart, or if there is a specific shelter, fencing or other project that you would like your donation to go toward, we will be more than happy to honor your request.





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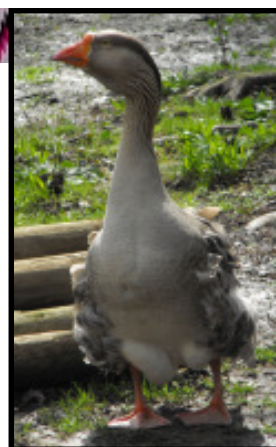
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Students in the University Of Akron Social Problems class handle a former cockfighting rooster.