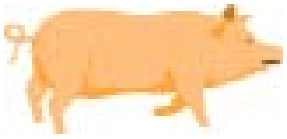


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary **SEPTEMBER 2009**

Newsletter



**Kachina, A Baby
Mini Horse,
Arrived At
Happy Trails
In Need Of
New Hooves**

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letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

And I truly mean it when I say the word "friends"! We have been extraordinarily blessed with the friendship and support of our community and folks from not only here in Ohio but from other states as well. People are taking a stand against all types of animal abuse and are no longer looking the other way. Instead they are reporting abuses and becoming a voice for those who cannot speak out for themselves.

Daily I see the tide turning where more and more counties in Ohio are requesting the assistance of Happy Trails regarding farm animal and horse abuse and neglect cases. Someone recently asked me why it seems that all of a sudden there are more animal abuse cases out there. There are not more animal abuse cases. It's just that animal abuse is finally being recognized for the crime that it is and people are taking it more seriously. Instead of overlooking animal abuse or making excuses for the abusers, people are stepping forward and bringing animal suffering to light. I applaud all those who make the effort to report suspected animal abuse to their county humane societies.

I continue to be amazed daily at the wonderful adoptions that take place, at the number of people who attend



our volunteer orientations, at the support which arrives just in the nick of time, and

with the public interest in the animal rescue work that we handle.

As we continue to grow, we are now looking into the future with dreams for a much larger tract of land which would enable us to handle the sheer number of calls that we are bombarded with regularly. We are at the point where we are now outgrowing the facilities of Happy Trails, and are beginning plans for growth and expansion over the next several years.

I am positive that all will fall into place with the continued encouragement, support and inspiration from you, our friends, for that is what friendships are all about — encouraging, supporting and inspiring each other to do good! The circle of compassion continues to grow, and together we are making a difference! I'd like to say a very sincere thank you to all of you, our friends, who make our rescue and rehabilitation work possible!

With compassion for all animals,

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Funny But True

This falls into the category of "Things you would only hear at Happy Trails".

Allow me to set the stage first...

Mary Bittance, Happy Trails Board President, adopted a beautiful, gigantic rooster named Dorito a few years ago. Dorito is brought into her warm basement when bitter winter temperatures dip down into the single digits. Keep in mind that Dorito is known for his feisty personality and his no-nonsense outlook on life and the people he allows in his inner circle.

While working at the sanctuary one cold winter day, Mary's phone rang, and I heard her saying, "Yes, that's ok," and she hung up. Turning to me, she said with all seriousness, "So who else has a husband who would call and ask if it's okay to put the chicken outside so it won't attack the satellite TV guy?"



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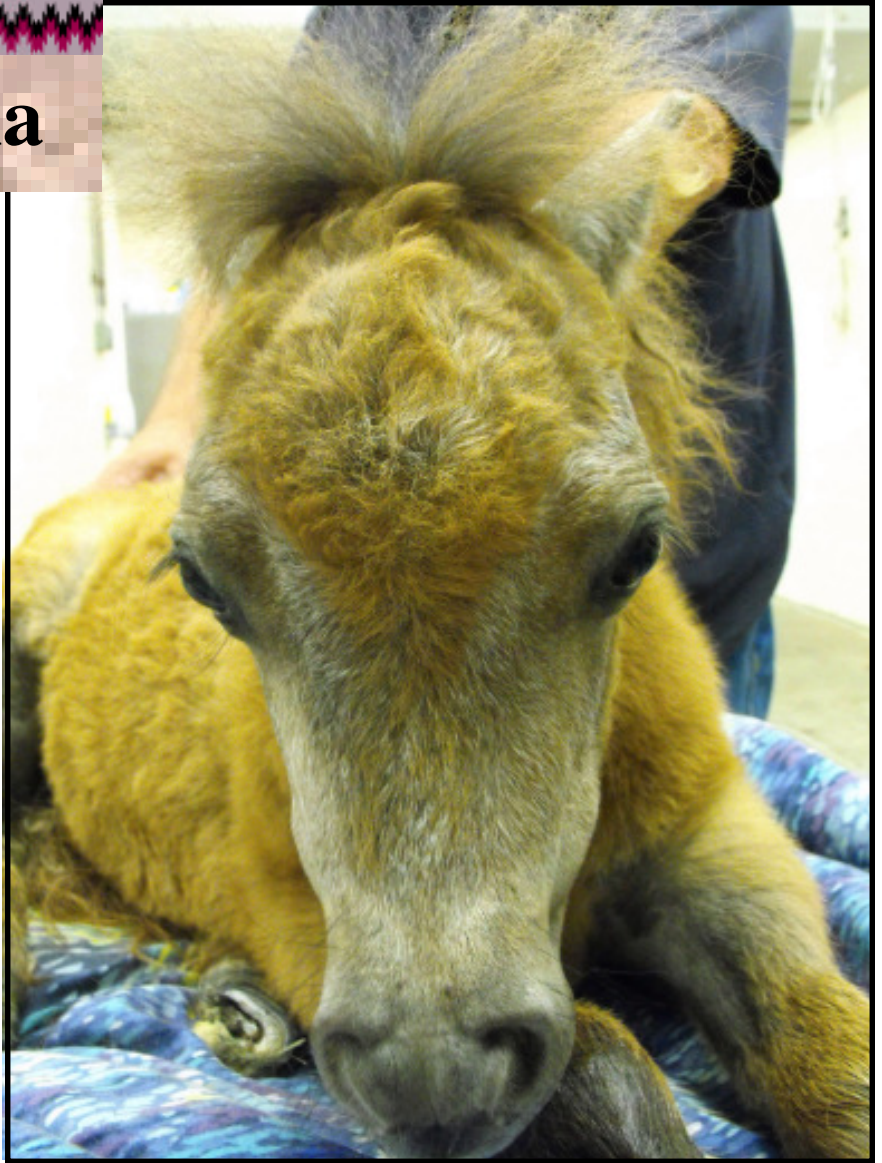
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Story Of Kachina

A call came in from an Amish farmer on Tuesday, June 23. He had heard about Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program, and was wondering if we would be interested in accepting his 10 week old mini horse that was crippled. This mini has now officially set a record for Happy Trails as being the youngest horse ever to enter our Amish Horse Retirement Program!

The baby was born the day after Easter and was walking on her pasterns (ankles). Her back was hunched up and she could not put any weight on her hind legs. Her ankles flopped inward, and her hooves had grown into a curve. When she walked, she put all the weight of her frail little body completely onto her front limbs, and held her back legs up in the air like a trained dog in a circus. Her nose nearly hit the ground when she attempted to walk.

After a phone consultation with our vet friends at OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Columbus), we followed their advice one step at a time. We made arrangements to immediately pick up the ten week old baby, though it was normally too soon to wean a baby horse. This was going to be her only chance at



treatment and recovery, and we had to act fast before further or permanent damage would be caused to her limbs and possibly her spine.

She was precious. Absolutely precious. She immediately stole the hearts of everyone who met her. It was obvious that she had a great deal of difficulty walking. If she were laying down, she could not stand up on her own. I decided that she needed a very special name — a name that would dictate what she would be able to do someday. I turned to my Native American names to see if anything fit. That's when I discovered the name...Kachina. It is from the Hopi language, and it means "Sacred Dancer". It was perfect — we wanted her to not only be able to walk, but we wanted her to



Who loves ya baby? If that question was asked of Kachina, the answer would be, everybody! Here volunteer Kevin Bragg reassures the baby horse while she waits patiently on the examination table at OSU.

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The Death Of A Friend, Oliver The Pig

Oliver was about 1,000lbs. of pure love for his human caretakers.

He arrived at the sanctuary as a baby, abandoned one cold winter night in the outdoor dog kennels of the Wayne County Humane Society about seven years ago. Like many farm animals who end up at local humane societies, Oliver the pig found his way to Happy Trails. His tail was already docked and his ear was already notched. However, he was sweet and friendly and due to the cold weather, had to stay in the house for a bit until spring arrived.

Oliver was always a gentle soul, and was kind and considerate and affectionate with his servants at Happy Trails. He endeared himself to everyone who worked with him.

He was best known for his interior decorating abilities. Unknowingly, several volunteers would helpfully

Oliver was the best motivator to become vegetarian. It was impossible to spend time playing with this fun, quirky pig and watch him decorate his shelter and then go home and eat meat.!

Mary Bittance

remove the big twigs and branches from inside his shelter when they were cleaning and providing him with fresh straw. Oliver shared his shelter with his two 1,000 lb. farm piggy friends, Mrs. Beasley and Maria Pig. Irritated at the rudeness of the volunteers, Oliver would have to get up, go outside, find more

branches with leaves on them, and bring them back into his shelter. He would then set the branch down carefully, stand back and eyeball it. If it were not placed in quite the right spot, he would carefully pick up the branch and then move it to a new location. He might have to

I was honored to have known Oliver and to have had him as a friend. His sweet kind spirit touched so many during his lifetime and because of that he will live on in the hearts of so many people. His heart was bigger than he was and that's a big big heart. Enjoy piggy heaven dear Oliver you were so dearly loved and will be missed so very much.

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do this four or five times until it looked just right. He had quite the eye for interior design, and we all admired this quality about this very special pig.

Over the last few years, Oliver

He was my favorite big piggy. Once I got over being afraid of them I realized he was nothing but a big "overgrown" puppy. My best memory of him is when Mary gave him that canalope. There sat Oliver like a dog just chomping away on this 1/2 of a canalope, mouth wide open, orange canalope drooling down the sides of his mouth and he just looked sooooo happy! Munch, mummm, munch, mmmmmmm, slopppppp...May he enjoy his new life (pain free) and we will see him again!

Cheri Rider



developed arthritis in his hind quarters. He began having a really difficult time getting up from his naps. On Sunday morning, August 2nd, I went out to feed the big pigs as usual. However, Oliver wasn't in his shelter with his friends. A quick

He seemed to dislike getting up in the morning as much as I do, and when I fed that group it always made me smile.

Theda Schwing

glance around confirmed that Oliver was in his very favorite ucky mud waller, but it was immediately obvious that he had passed away during the night. My heart fell.

We are guessing that Oliver may have died from a heart attack.

Russ, Rob and Alex immediately stopped their Sunday projects and helped get Oliver moved back to Heaven's Trail, Happy Trails Pet Cemetery. When it was time to bury Oliver, all his faithful servants gathered around and tossed branches down

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Bingo The Wild Child

Bingo, a 10 year old mini horse gelding, arrived at Happy Trails in need of having an injured and receding eye removed. Thanks to the kindness of Happy Trails compassionate supporters, this was made possible. The little trooper was scheduled for eye removal surgery on August 5th at OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital) in Columbus. One of our goals at Happy Trails is to give each and every rescued animal the very best quality of life possible, and to address any health issues that might cause them pain or discomfort. For Bingo, this health issue dealt with his badly injured blind left eye. It would occasionally drain and had several infections. Leaving the socket open to debris, flies and other foreign objects was simply asking for a major infection that could become life-threatening, and not to mention incredibly painful.

After surgery, this little pistol recovered nicely and is FULL of energy and loves life! He would stand for hours for anyone interested in brushing and grooming his bad self.

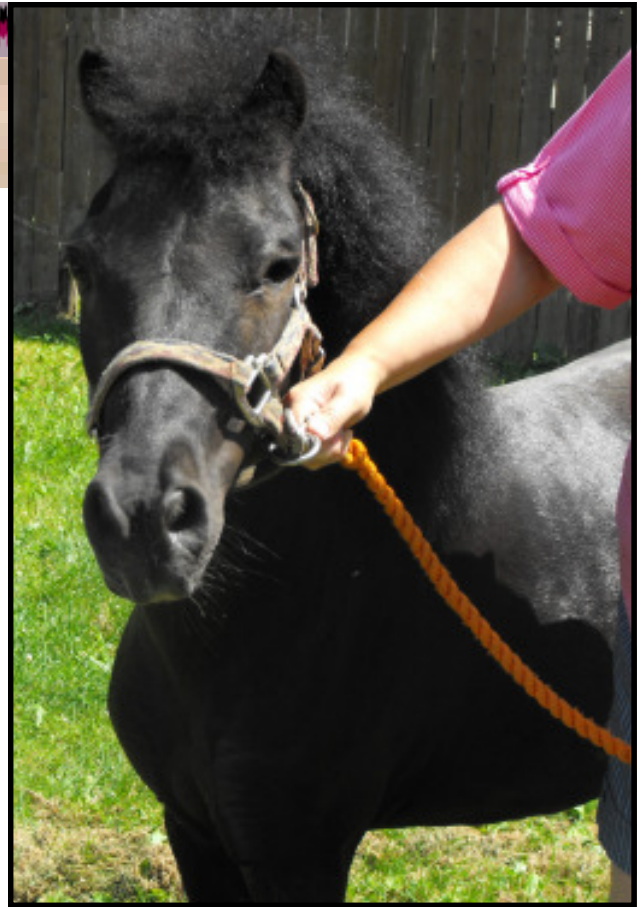
Bingo, as hyper as he could be, had won over all the volunteers at Happy Trails and was spoiled rotten by all of his servants.

Busy Bingo was recently (and thankfully!) adopted (*and that's an entire story in itself - see the next newsletter!*) But before he left us to go to his perfect forever home, Bingo's best friend was Houston, an older Arabian gelding. Houston is always a great baby-sitter, and he kept watch over his little charge. The very first day that we turned Houston and Bingo out in the far back paddocks together, Houston pretended to ignore the mini. That was until Bingo figured out that the gate on top of the hill was open and that it lead into a big three-acre wooded area where he could run around and scream all he wanted to!

Off went Bingo up the hill at top speed and through the gate. He disappeared into the woods. Houston's head jerked up. He quickly spun his head around and looked this way and that way for the little so-and-so. No mini in sight. Houston whinnied loudly. I swear that the Arab looked at me and rolled his eyes. "Good grief," he seemed to say. "I lost the kid!" Whirling around, Houston took off at a gallop up the hill and through the gate. He seemed determined to find his new little buddy, but it

wasn't to be. Moments later, Bingo came flying back down the hill, alone, through the open gate. He was having a blast, and didn't care who was concerned about his whereabouts! Feeling badly for Houston, we searched the woods until we found him still running around frantically looking for the little horse and calling at the top of this lungs. "Houston, Bingo's back in the paddock again!" Houston seemed to understand, and quickly worked his way through the woods and into the lower paddock. He sternly berated the mini with irritated neighs as an older brother would yell at a defiant younger sibling. Bingo didn't care. He was busy running about, back and forth around the paddock, as only Bingo could do, without a care in the world. Houston finally settled back under his favorite tree to rest, but he kept a wary eye on little Bingo!

Many thanks to everyone who made Bingo's special medical care and surgery possible!



Happy Trails Board Member, Cheri Rider, creates a miracle as she gets hyper Bingo to stand still for more than three seconds.

Big Tough Guy Page...

Big Tough Guys Love Animals Too!

Meet Happy Trails big tough guy vegans and vegetarians.
We love our men who love the animals!!!



Meet Justin Schlosser, server at VegiTerranean, Chrissie Hynde's popular vegan restaurant in Akron, and big fan of Happy Trails. Justin's Septemeber wedding will feature, of course, delicious vegan cousine!

If you were to see any one of these "big tough guys" on the street, would the first thing that entered your mind be something like, "I'll bet that guy's a vegetarian!"???



Meet Russ Fisher, Happy Trails Co-Founder, Mr. I-Can-Fix-Anything repair man, animal lover, former U.S. Marine, and all-around good guy in general. This "big tough guy" is a softie when it comes to the animals, and you can always find him hugging and petting a rescued animal!

Meet Matt Kucern, musician, college student, vegan, vegan, vegan, Happy Trails hard-workin' volunteer, and someone who is really out there making a difference for the animals. We're proud to have Matt as part of the Happy Trails volunteer crew!



(right) Meet Seth Klimas, proud parent/guardian of Peppe Le Pu, Paris, and Louie Louie, three rescued Happy Trails pot belly pigs, as well as three Happy Trails rescued goats, sports an impressive tattoo of the word “VEGAN” on his arm, and is probably one of the nicest people you’ll ever meet! We are thrilled to know and work with Seth!



(left) Meet Jason Wolbolt, die hard vegan, Happy Trails completely dedicated volunteer, and animal

lover extraordinaire. Jason just adopted a boatload of Happy Trails goats (who he simply adores) after recently purchasing a house with some land. He’s a very hard worker!



Meet Shawn Tusko, foster dad to two beautiful, comical farm pigs, crazy about horses, all around sweet-heart, and an incredible volunteer carpenter before a back injury put his volunteer work on hold recently. We are rootin’ for Shawn to feel better soon — we need him!

Meet Rob Willard, Happy Trails board member, animal transport guy, and animal emergency crew worker. He is great at loading unruly horses into trailers!



Meet Kids Who Care

“Car Washes For A Penny!”

On a warm sunny day this summer, three young friends from Kent decided to wash cars in their neighborhood for something fun to do. Not knowing what they should charge, they told their neighbors they would wash their cars for a penny. They were pleasantly surprised when

most people paid a great deal more than that, and as the money started to add up, conversation turned to what to do with all of that cash.

Jackson Tankersley came up with the idea of donating the money to Happy Trails and his idea was quickly seconded by



Amazing, compassionate kids (left to right) Carter, Jackson and Bailey.

Bailey McWilliams-Woods and Carter Hale. Jackson is a proud sponsor of Natasha the goat and he and Bailey had made a visit to the farm last winter. So, when all the cars were washed and the money was counted, there was a total of \$60.65 donated to the animals of Happy Trails. On August 17, all three took a tour to meet and greet some old friends and some new ones, and to see first hand some of the ways their money was being put to use. Cairo, the new baby goose, welcomed them first and showed them just how good he/she could walk in and out of the wading pool. The adorable baby potbelly pigs scampered around them trying tasty bits of apple and allowing a few ear scratches and one belly rub. Then it was on to goats, roosters, big pigs and horses. Little baby Kachina was the hit of the horse barn and she got up and walked for them just to prove how much stronger she was becoming. Of course it was all under the watchful eye of Houston, her official baby sitter who gave all three kids a nod of approval.

Jackson, Bailey and Carter are hoping that they can inspire other kids to be kind and caring and compassionate to animals, and Happy Trails is proud to have them as our good will ambassadors. **Great job kids and thanks from all of the animals at Happy Trails!**

“Who’s Your Favorite Animal?”

The compassionate kids shown here in this picture surprised their mom, Mindy Tusko, when she brought them out to the sanctuary for a visit. They wanted to donate their birthday money to help the animals. Mindy, a Happy Trails volunteer, gave her three children a tour, introducing them to all the animals and explaining their rescue stories. Afterward, Mindy asked each of the kids which animal was their favorite. Michael, 12 years old, liked Barney, a big fat Standardbred. Natasha, 8 years old, immediately stated that Oliver was her favorite. *(Natasha just had the opportunity to meet Oliver the farm pig the day before he passed away. He must have known he was needed here to touch several more lives on his last day with all the tours that were going through the sanctuary. I’m sure he would have loved to have known that he was chosen as this little girl’s favorite animal!)* Then Dylan, 9 years old, pondered the

question for a moment, and then matter-of-factly stated, “Well the pigs in the back are my second favorite. My favorite is Janice.” Mindy looked at Dylan, puzzled. Keep in mind that Janice is the all important pig who founded Happy Trails in the first place. She crossed the Rainbow Bridge two years ago in September, but the kids had the opportunity to visit her grave site. “You didn’t even meet or pet Janice. Why is she your favorite?” Mindy asked. Dylan looked at her



Natasha, 8, and Dylan, 9, sit with the metal angel pig that marks Janice The Pig’s grave.

and smiled, and as he looked around Happy Trails at all the animals, told her, “Because of Janice, all these animals have a safe place to live now. They don’t have to

worry about being killed. Without her where would they be?” Natasha had to agree, and chimed in that Janice The Pig brought peace to this world. *Wow! How do you top that?*

If only an 8 and 9 year old could teach adults to see the animals and this world as they do! I am willing to bet they both grow up to have careers where they too will help spread kindness, caring and compassion for animals and people, and they will make a big difference in the world in which they live.

When it comes to understanding animals and the concept of compassion, we have discovered that many kids are more connected than adults.

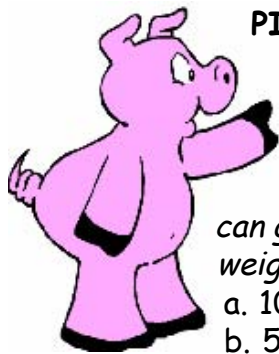


ALL NEW KID'S PAGE

Fun Farm Animal Facts — Test Your Knowledge!

HORSE FACTS:

1. Horses need to have their hooves trimmed:
 - a. once a week
 - b. every six weeks
 - c. never
2. When a horse dentist "floats" a horse's teeth, that means to:
 - a. clean them with water
 - b. pull their teeth out
 - c. file the sharp edges off their teeth



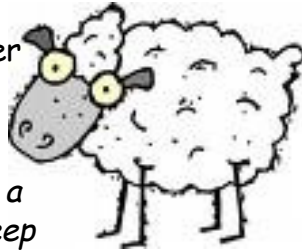
PIG FACTS

3. As a full-grown adult, a farm pig can grow up to weigh around:
 - a. 100 lbs.
 - b. 500 lbs.
 - c. 1,000 lbs.
4. A typical pot belly pig usually grows up to weigh between:
 - a. 20 to 30lbs.
 - b. 100 to 200 lbs.
 - c. 500 to 600 lbs.



SHEEP FACTS

5. A female sheep is called a:
 - a. whether
 - b. doe
 - c. ewe



6. Twice a year, sheep should be:
 - a. sheared
 - b. tested for glasses
 - c. given a bath

CHICKEN FACTS

7. A male chicken is called a
 - a. hen
 - b. rooster
 - c. pullet
8. The red "hat" on top of a rooster's head is called a
 - a. waddle
 - b. brush
 - c. comb



COW FACTS

9. Black and white spotted cows are a breed called:
 - a. Holstein
 - b. Jersey
 - c. Black Angus
10. Cows have how many stomachs?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. four

GOAT FACTS

11. Baby goats are called:
 - a. calves
 - b. kids
 - c. lambs
12. Which breed of goat does not naturally have ears?
 - a. Lamoncha
 - b. Neubian
 - c. Alpine



DUCK FACTS

13. In many breeds of ducks, you can tell the girls from the boys by:
 - a. the sound of their quack
 - b. a single tail feather
 - c. both a and c
14. Name a breed of duck that does not normally enjoy the water:
 - a. Pekin
 - b. Muscovy
 - c. Mallard



ANSWERS:
 1. b.; 2. c.; 3. c.; 4. b.; 5. c.;
 6. a.; 7. a.; 8. c.; 9. a.; 10. c.;
 11. b.; 12. a.; 13. c.; 14. b.

Ohio Horse License Plates

Time to renew your license plates?



How about supporting Ohio's horse rescue organizations through a new set of plates?

Contact The Ohio Coalition for Animals by going to www.horseplate.org for details.

The Ohio Coalition for Animals is a nonprofit organization that will

use the money generated by the sale of the Ohio's Horse license plate to fund educational, charitable and other statewide equine programs.

The Ohio's horse license plate is now available for purchase at the BMV, www.oplates.com <<http://www.oplates.com>>, costing the owner of a car, truck or trailer an additional \$30 annually. The Ohio Coalition for Animals will receive \$20 from every plate sold.

Funds will be dispersed throughout the state to assist with the challenges rescue groups face in Ohio. More horses and fewer donors challenge equine groups. No government funding exists for horse rescue and adoption groups who depend solely on the public's support.

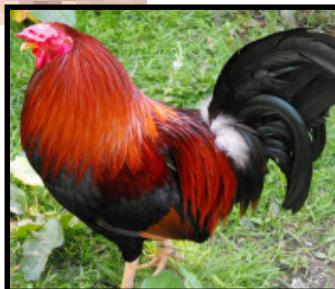
Quickest Adoption Ever!

On Friday, July 3rd, a beautiful little hen was brought to Happy Trails through our friends at Sanders Wildlife Center. She was found as a stray animal in the city of Norton. Due to the holiday weekend, we of course named her Betsy Ross!

Skip to Sunday, August 2nd, when Vicki Clause was back at Happy Trails for a second adoption of feathered friends. xxx and her family love their farm pets, and they oohed and ahhed over Betsy Ross. While they were picking out their new family members, a Cleveland Animal Protective League representative arrived at the sanctuary with yet another chicken that was

discovered as a stray animal in the yard of a rather nice

Cleveland development. The new chicken didn't even have time to get settled in, when Vicki fell in love with the beautiful little hen also. Within 20 minutes of her arrival at Happy Trails, she was adopted and on her way to her new home with hens Betsy Ross and Amelia Airhart, and Red II the rooster. That truly had to be the quickest time ever for a new arrival to be placed in a loving and caring home!



Meet Cairo

A fuzzy-wuzzy domestic gray gosling was found abandoned at a lake in Barberton. Thanks to



Sanders Wildlife Center, the friendly little fellow ended up at the gates of Happy Trails. Every year in the months following the Easter holiday, far too many domestic ducks and geese are conveniently dumped near public ponds and lakes after they were inappropriately purchased as Easter pets. Un-thinking folks who live in the city often get the unfortunate animal victims as pets, and when the novelty wears off, the animal is abandoned. Placing domestic feathered friends on open ponds is pretty much like providing feed for your local wildlife, such as coyotes, mink, raccoons and other predators. Cairo was one of the lucky ones, and limped his way into the hearts of the volunteers at Happy Trails. He loves to be hugged and held, and did not even realize he was a goose until he spent some time with the resident geese elders at the sanctuary. Be sure to visit Cairo when you come to Happy Trails!

New Arrivals

Pippy Longstocking (right) showed up at a private home in Tallmadge and refused to leave. After four days of mass yard destruction, the owners of the property had had enough and called Happy Trails for help. The active pink piggy was apprehended and taken to Happy Trails. After her owner was found, he agreed to relinquish her to the care of the sanctuary. **Pumba Pig** arrived at the doorstep of an unsuspecting home owner in central Ohio, and



PIPPY LONGSTOCKING

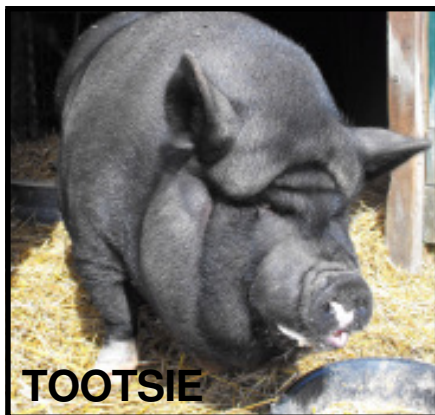
sanctuary's yards, arrived compliments of the Ohio SPCA, who's facility was simply not set up to properly handle a pot belly piggy and all her needs. Happy Trails encourages rescue groups to work together for the good of the animals, and was happy to help out with this big girl. She too is now available for adoption! **Kenard** was found by some good samaritans in Geauga County and was an abandoned goat. Again, working hand-in-hand with our friends in other counties, we agreed to help Geauga County's Rescue Village and brought Kenard to Happy Trails. He has since been adopted into the most wonderful home a goat could ever ask for! We also recently welcomed two new chickens (hens), three new ducks, several new horses, are waiting the arrival of five sheep, and a partridge in a pear tree (*ok, just kidding about the partridge!*)



PUMBA

also decided not to leave. The home owner agreed to take the busy and hormonal boy to OSU for neutering, and afterward he journeyed to Happy Trails for a thirty day quarantine. The little guy is now happily living in Piggerton Estates, and is available for adoption!

Tootsie, possibly the largest pot belly pig to ever grace the

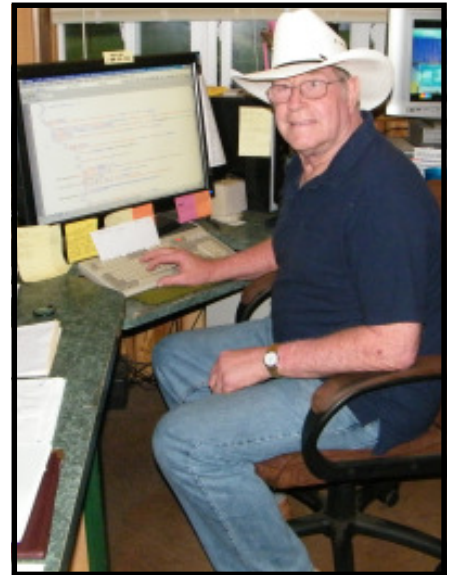


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KENARD

Behind The Scenes With Chuck Conring



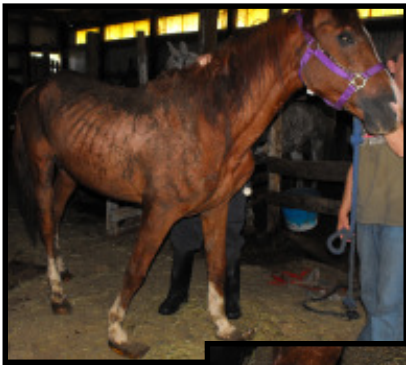
Happy Trails volunteer webmaster genius, Chuck Conring, grew up on a ranch in Texas, roping cows (we've forgiven him) and riding crazy horses. If you would have told him way back then that he would be volunteering to create and oversee the website of a farm animal sanctuary that rescues farm animals instead of eating them, he may have very well told you that you were crazy! But now he's the crazy one — crazy about Happy Trails that is! Chuck is our computer guru, and about 99.9% of our computer work could not be done without him. You will rarely see Chuck or his wife, Nancy (who handles our ever-growing mailing lists) at the sanctuary, but the work that they do on behalf of the rescued animals *behind the scenes* is invaluable and quite impressive.

Thanks to both Chuck and Nancy for having been with us about 100 years....ok, well, maybe not that many, but it sure seems like it, probably for both them and for us! *And thanks a million guys, for the billions of hours that you dedicate to the animals!!*

If you need a real professional to help with web development or custom software, call Chuck at 330-733-1478.

Working Hand-In-Hand With Trumbull County Humane Society

Happy Trails assists Ohio's humane societies, animal protective leagues, and law enforcement officials when farm animals and horses are removed from situations of horrific abuse and neglect. On Wednesday, August 19th, Happy Trails worked



hand-in-hand with the Trumbull County Humane Officer to assist in the removal of seven horses and five goats from a situation of severe neglect. Several of the horses were in stalls that were actually nailed shut, indicating that they hadn't been let out of their



swampy stalls in quite a while. One horse's hooves were so long that we suspect permanent tendon

damage. Two of the horse's skin was so severely infected that it had begun to rot.

Three of the horses were brought to Happy Trails for rehabilitation, and we helped to place one of the horses in an approved foster home. The other horses and goats were placed in foster care through the Trumbull County Humane Society.

Happy Trails is very thankful to see Ohio's county humane societies and authorities removing farm animals and horses from abusive situations and holding animal owners accountable for their actions.

As usual, the rescued horses in this situation have a long and difficult road to recovery in front of them. As this is an active cruelty case, we will plan to share details of the situation at a later time

Happy Trails is constantly promoting the collective efforts of all rescue organizations working together for the good of the animals, and ultimately the good of our communities. **We are grateful to have the chance to work with the good folks in Trumbull County who**

are choosing not to allow animal abuse in their community.



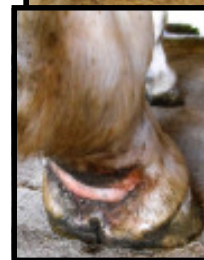
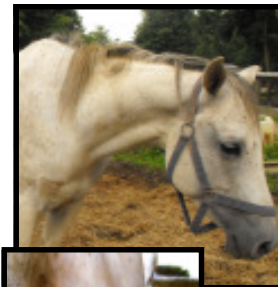
Assisting Copley Township Police With Stray Horses



Dr. Randy Alger examines a mini mare who we named Suvali, meaning "full of grace".

On Friday, July 31, Copley Township Police requested Happy Trails assistance to pick up three stray horses, two mini's and one full-sized horse. The

older mini suffered from lack of calcium due to severe malnutrition, thrush (a hoof disease), and



Ten year old Appaloosa mare Blanca Dulce had raw open sores behind her ankles and lacerations down her back legs.



has neurological issues. All three were diagnosed with severe worm infestation. The owner was located, and due to previous animal abuse charges and a court order that prevented him from owning animals, the three horses were signed over to

Copley Township Stray Horses *(Continued)*

the local Summit County Humane Society, who in turn, signed them over to Happy Trails. They are recovering in the protective custody of Happy Trails.

The small black and white mini horse has been adopted by a wonderful family. Sitting in the barn and admiring the little filly that barely came up to her knees, Yahzi's new mom wondered out loud, "Do you think it would be all right to take her home in my mini van?" With the help of a willing teenager, we agreed to

try. Into the back of the van we sent the kid and some grain. We positioned a bale of straw on the ground at the back of the van, and lead little Yahzi up to the bale.

"Look Yahzi, food!" She was all about that! With a little encouragement, Yahzi put her front hooves on the bale of straw and jumped up next to her teenage guardian. Down went the back door and away they went. I have now concluded that that's why they call them... 'mini' vans... :)

Suvali, the special-needs mini, and Blanca Dulce, the beautiful flea-bitten grey ten year old mare who is sweet as pie, are both now available for adoption. Call 330-296-5914 for more information.



Yahzi, a mini yearling, was recently adopted to a truly wonderful home!

***The thinking person must
oppose all cruel customs
no matter how
deeply rooted in tradition
and surrounded by a halo.***

***When we have a choice,
we must avoid bringing torment
and injury into the life of another***

Albert Schweitzer

Great Recipe!

Lemon Corn Waffles With Blueberry Sauce

"Here is one of my favorite breakfast recipes," says Tara Vante, a Happy Trails volunteer. It is taken from Isa Chandra Moskowitz's *Vegan With a Vengeance* cookbook.

- 1 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup corn meal
- 1/4 cup corn oil (vegetable or canola oil will do)
- 2 cups soy milk
- 1/4 cup soy yogurt (plain or vanilla) juice from 2 lemons
- 1/4 cup sugar

Preheat waffle iron. Sift together all of the dry ingredients. In another bowl, mix together all of the wet ingredients until well combined.

Finally, combine all of the ingredients into the larger of the two bowls and mix until just combined. Spray your waffle iron with a non-stick spray, and you are ready to pour!

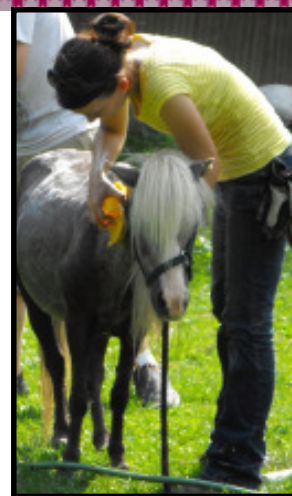
Excellent Recipes!

How about trying a meal or two this week that is animal-friendly, cruelty-free and heart-healthy? The scrumptious breakfast recipe above is completely free of any animal products (they call a meal like this "vegan"). We'll do our best to feature at least one animal-friendly recipe in each newsletter!



This recipe is highly recommended by one very handsome white broiler rooster named Hotshot. He enjoys endorsing delicious animal-friendly and cruelty-free recipes.

Tara Vante gives a bath to Suvali, a mini mare, on a warm summer day.



For the blueberry sauce:

- 1 1/2 tbsp arrowroot powder
- 1 pound frozen blueberries, partially thawed
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

In a small saucepan, off the heat, toss the arrowroot with the blueberries until it is mostly dissolved. This takes about 5 minutes; mix occasionally over medium heat, cook until the moisture is released and the blueberries are warm. Add the remaining ingredients. Simmer for about 5 more minutes, until the sauce thickens a bit.

These are delicious!

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A Boy's Best Friend

Happy Trails has witnessed some incredible animal adoptions recently. I truly wish we had room in our newsletters to highlight them all. One of the horses who recently went to her forever home is Ariel. She is making a dream come true for 4 year old Luc Thompson. His mom, Lynn, is simply thrilled with this new addition to their family. "Ariel loves being groomed and bathed and fussed over! She is the most patient riding teacher to my four year old son. He has begged me each night since we got her to take him back out to the barn with his sleeping bag and flashlight to sleep with her 'in case she gets lonely'." *How's that for a happy ending story?*



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A Few Baby Pigs Available For Adoption



Several baby pigs are still available for adoption. Cute as a button and quick as lightening, they are funny, comical, inquisitive, and ornery! For adoption information, call adoption counselor Sharon Barnard at 330-573-1450.

Eight Deerfield Horses Still Need Homes



After having signed over the 15 horses in the Deerfield neglect case, the owner pled guilty to charges of animal cruelty. Seven of the horses have now been adopted to the most wonderful homes they could ever



ask for. There are still eight horses remaining in the care of Happy Trails that are desperately in need of adoptive homes. By finding them a forever home, we will then in turn have the space available to help more animal abuse calls that continue to come in. Horses available include Brandy, a now-gorgeous red roan, and Sage, an absolutely beautiful Appaloosa mare. For a complete list of horses available for adoption, please call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

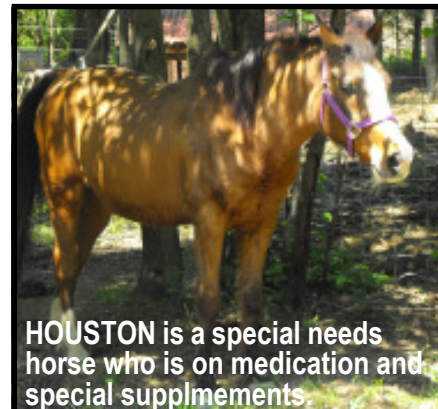
Yearling Now Available

Quarter horse Baby Hurley was born while in the custody of Happy Trails. Baby Hurley, now slightly over a year old, is lookin' good and has been gelded! He is filling out and becoming quite the handsome young gentleman. To learn more about this cutie-pie, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



Donations

With winter right around the corner and predictions for a bitterly cold season, we are anticipating a record number of cruelty cases this year.



HOUSTON is a special needs horse who is on medication and special supplmements.

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More and more counties in Ohio are requesting our animal rescue services than ever before. Happy Trails relies on private donations to provide the animals with emergency vet care, proper nutrition such as grain and hay, routine health care such as hoof trimmings and vaccinations, and safe and appropriate shelters and fencing. Please help support the rescued animals already in our programs as well as helping us to prepare for the animal emergency situations right around the corner. A donation form is located on the inside back page of this newsletter. Your kindness and support is enabling Happy Trails to become the organization that all counties in Ohio turn to when farm animal and equine cruelty are brought to light. ***We are extremely grateful to you!***

Baby Kachina *(continued)*

be able to trot — to dance across a field someday. I recognized that my dream for her might not fit the reality of the situation, but, I decided, that was to be our goal.

After a weekend of getting settled in at Happy Trails, we prepared for the vet visit. We set Kachina in the back of volunteer Kevin Bragg's car for a trip to OSU in Columbus on Monday, June 29th. We didn't



Dr. Elce (right) and another OSU vet examine the cooperative baby.

get more than a block down the street when I turned around to see that the baby had rolled over upside down. Good grief. "Kevin, pull over!" I crawled in the back to try to right the baby. She didn't have a good sense of balance, and it appeared that I would have to balance on the folded down seats and hold onto her for the two hour journey. How fun and uncomfortable this was going to be...

We tried to stay positive, though we both knew that there was a chance that nothing could be done to repair the damage to the baby's legs. We concentrated on the fact that she

could someday dance her way down the barn aisle and across the yard.

The vets at OSU are always very patient, kind, and explain things in such a way that we can all understand the circumstances. After a lengthy examination and a series of radiographs, Dr. Elce declared that Kachina's prognosis would be "guarded". I decided that I would call her prognosis "hopeful"! Kachina needed some hoof extenders. From using only her front legs to walk and holding her back legs up in the air, her hooves turned dramatically inward and gave her no solid platform to push from when she would try to take a step. Kachina was the best horse patient of all time. She allowed us to lay her down on her side with no anesthesia, and she actually laid there very quietly and calmly. It was as though she instinctively knew that we were trying to help her. Dr. Elce mixed up

a bondo-like substance and began to form hoof extensions on Kachina's back feet. The new hooves, a dirty yellow color, were extended to the outside of her legs. We were supposed to keep the baby calm until the new hooves dried. Would she lay still that long? There was still one more procedure to do. Steroid injections of cortisone needed to be inserted into her stifle (knee) area, where they



Kachina grazes next to her herdmate, Houston, who always keeps a watchful eye on his little buddy.

seemed to be inflamed and painful. She took the injections like a champ, showing complete trust and faith in her human caretakers.

The new hooves hardened in a short amount of time, and we stood her up so she could try them out. In mere seconds, she took off down the corridor as though she had places to go. We had to laugh as she practiced walking. She was now able to actually put weight on her back legs — something she could not do before. The new hoof additions were a success!

Once back at Happy Trails, we began massage therapy with Kachina, massaging her spine, her



Kachina has many fans at OSU, and upon her arrival was instantly greeted and surrounded by a team of eleven medical staff members. What a little celebrity!

Kachina *(continued)*

legs and her neck. Good blood flow and healthy circulation always seems to help promote healing. Every day Kachina walks better, further, steadier, and more confidently. She is developing quite an extraordinary personality, and is a



Kachina likes to graze with the other bigger horses on the safe side of the fence. Here Barney the Standardbred checks her out.

young lady who knows exactly what she wants and when she wants it. Kachina will walk right up to us and demand our full attention. Of course she gets it from anyone in sight!

We are now taking one day at a time. Her ankles are still somewhat weak, but she can now jump up from a laying down position and spring into action. She can hold her neck up higher as her back continues to get stronger.

In Kachina's mind she is a big horse. She wants so badly to be around the much larger horse residents at Happy Trails, and doesn't understand the consequences of her tiny, frail size if she were to be in with a herd. While the bigger horses look down at her over top of the other side of the

fence, we did allow her to make friends with Houston, an older Arabian gelding, who loves and keeps a wary eye on his little charge at all times. She grazes next to him in the morning sunshine, and lays down underneath him when it's afternoon nap time. She simply adores her big horse friend.

We have since made yet another journey to OSU, where Kachina had new radiographs taken to monitor her progress. Original x-rays of her spine showed that there were edges that had not completely finished forming, and the same with

her knee joints. Dr. Elce was hopeful that the bones would continue to develop as time went on and Kachina was provided with good, healthy nutrition. Her newly formed hoof extensions were also reworked.

One day when I was watching Kachina eat the grassy clover in the yard at Happy Trails, she suddenly raised her head and spun around. She decided it was time to head back to the barn for whatever reason. She began walking very quickly. I held my breath — would she fall? Not even close! Her quick walk suddenly turned into a trot! She was pushing off using her back legs and going as fast as her little

body could go! I felt the tears. It had been over a week since the visit to OSU, and it's been as if we've been watching a miracle happen right before our eyes. Kachina was making progress daily, and we were blessed to be allowed to witness her recovery.

Kachina then made her debut with a group of senior citizens who arrived for a visit at Happy Trails from Pebble Creek Nursing Home. Kachina politely stood in the middle of a group of wheelchairs and was pleased as punch to have everyone reach out to pet her.



Lori Luisis, Happy Trails volunteer, helps transport the baby for her second trip to OSU.

Kachina does not allow her daily handicaps to hold her back, and if we allow ourselves to see our own reflection in this young mini horse, she truly has a lot to teach us. Kachina may be small in stature,

but she is a giant in mind and in confidence! Make sure to meet Kachina when you visit Happy Trails. Donations toward her medical and veterinary expenses will be very much appreciated. Tax deductible donations can be sent to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. We will post updates about Kachina's progress!

Oliver

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Happy Trails co-founder Russ Fisher hugs muddy Oliver the pig.

into his grave so that he could be buried with a few of his very favorite things in this world. Each branch symbolized the love each person had for this monstrous pig, for their love for the pig was as big as the animal himself.

I believe that Oliver is now napping comfortably in the biggest and goofiest mud waller that heaven has to

Oliver was such a love bug. I'm glad my children had the opportunity to love on him and feed him treats before he left us for the Rainbow Bridge. Just know that he is happy and running around just like a baby pig would. Oliver showed love and compassion to everyone he met and I know I will personally miss him.

Mindy Tusko

offer, and he spends his days, free from pain and is now able to walk without difficulty. He decorates his new shelter with beautiful, big branches with bright green leaves on them from the cool forest around him.

May you enjoy life across the Rainbow Bridge dear Oliver — we send you much love, from all your dedicated and caring people friends at Happy Trails!

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Volunteering

Happy Trails operates as an *all-volunteer* organization and has no paid staff members. If you are at least 18 years old and are interested in learning more about the *many* volunteer opportunities with Happy Trails, call Sue Buttermore, Happy Trails Volunteer Coordinator, at 330-388-2106.



Volunteer Matt Kucern walks Yahzi the mini horse out to the yard.

“What is man without the beasts?

If all the beasts were gone, men would die from great loneliness of spirit.

For whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man.

All things are connected.”

**Chief Seattle
American Indian
Duwamish Tribe**

Thank You's

Happy Trails has been blessed with many opportunities and the support of kind and compassionate individuals and organizations alike. Though we don't have the space to list every act of kindness, we certainly enjoy getting to highlight a few!

Many thanks to **Mercy For Animals** for inviting Happy Trails to be the featured guest at their February dinner at the Beachwood Library. Well over 100 people attended the vegan buffet and viewed Happy Trails new power point presentation that reviewed several case studies of our animal rescues.

A special thank-you goes out to the kids involved with **Dance Image** who organized a creative dance presentation with proceeds benefiting Happy Trails.

The 4-Wheel Off Road Club held a road rally which began at the **fire department** with proceeds going to both Harvest For Hunger and Happy Trails.

To everyone who has donated **aluminum cans and ink cartridges** for our recycle programs, *thank you, thank you, thank you!* Please keep saving both items — drop-off days are on Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-4pm.

To every 4-H group who has donated a work day to the sanctuary; to all the churches, rotary clubs and other organizations who have requested a Happy Trails presentation; to the kids and special interest groups who have held fundraisers to help the animals; and to everyone who has contributed in some way to the success of Happy Trails, we *thank you from the bottom of our hooves!*

Fall Wish List

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

- Bottled water or soft drinks for our hard working volunteers
- Bags of stall dry
- Hay and straw (and lots of both!) not more than a year old and cannot be moldy
- Snow shovels
- Gas & fuel cards for diesel and gasoline
- Draft-size horse halters
- A post-hole digger attachment for our Bob Cat
- Large pet porters in good condition.
- Postage 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.



shelter

- A large storage shed to house tools, equipment and animal supplies or to serve as an animal shelter
- 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, etc.)



- 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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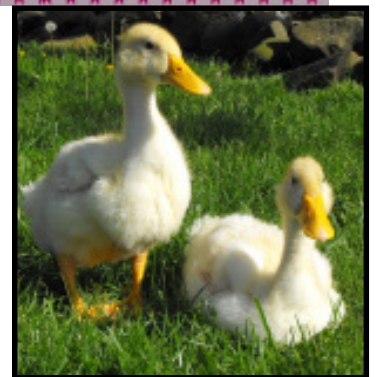
Many thanks for your support and kindness!

How Your Donation Helps

The biggest expenses at Happy Trails are the medical and veterinary care of the rescued animals, and coming in at a close second are 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. We are completely

dependent upon your compassion, caring and willingness to

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How You Can Visit Happy Trails!

The rescued animals sure do enjoy having visitors!

However, Happy Trails does not have a paid staff, and therefore does not have hours where the sanctuary can be open to the public on a regular basis.

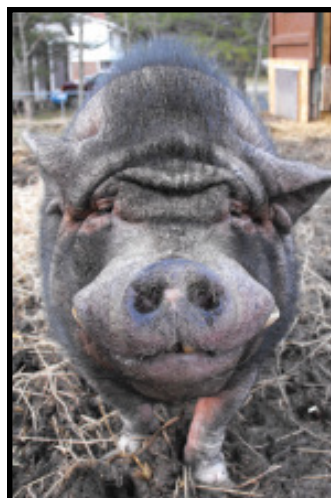
We do appreciate everyone's understanding that the care of the animals comes first as our top priority with our limited volunteer time. ALL visitors *must* have an appointment.

How To Schedule A Visit

We will be hosting fall group tours on Saturdays and Sunday during October and November and reservations are required. Please call ahead to see what times are

available — 330-296-5914.

Though there is not a set tour fee, we do respectfully request a monetary donation on behalf of the rescued animals since their care depends solely on the generosity of our supporters and the volunteers who take their time away from the care of the animals to host tours. We promise to do our very best to accommodate as many visitors as possible!



Willis the pig is currently recruiting winter volunteers.

*Don't be left out in the cold!
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in taking care of the rescued
animals this winter!*

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