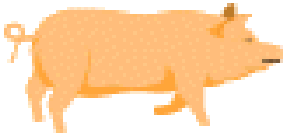


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary **DECEMBER 2009**

Newsletter



**WSOM
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Check out "Animal Talk",
Happy Trail's new radio
program on WSOM-AM600!
Can't catch us in your area?
Catch us streaming on-line!
Check out the details
on page 5.

The Great Emu Rescue.... *A First For Happy Trails!*



Cap'n Butler

Cute as a button, he
was found abandoned
on the Towpath Trail
in Canal Fulton

letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

One of my very favorite things every winter is to look out across the sanctuary when it's completely covered in snow and to see the soft red glow of the heat lamps that comes from the various animal shelters. It looks very homey, very comfy and very cozy, and what that red glow means to me is that all the animals at the sanctuary are safe, warm and fed. They no longer suffer from abuse or neglect, and on a bitter cold winter night, they have the opportunity to snuggle up with other creatures of their kind and to feel that they are safe, are loved and are cared for.

My Christmas wish is that all animals could be so lucky.

I personally know of one very lucky emu this Christmas! After having fled his home in fear of nearby logging activities, Ramsey the emu had escaped from his pasture, was rescued by Happy Trails, and soon reunited with his worried family. His story had a happy ending.

All the animals that come through the gates of Happy Trails have a very special story to tell — a story of having been abandoned, starved, injured, and mis-



treated. We try our very best to change the direction that their stories would have taken,

and try to write an ending that says "...and they lived happily ever after." Though that's not realistic for every single animal, we do our very best. We try.


And when I say "we", I truly mean everyone working together. I continue to be amazed at the incredible amount of rescue work that is accomplished through networking, through the sheer dedication of our volunteers, and through the kind and generous donations of folks who truly believe that all animals should be treated with kindness and compassion.

So under the calming red glow of the heat lamps rest animals who are now safe and comfortable because we have worked together to better their lives.


With kindness and compassion for all animals,

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

Annette Fisher
Executive Director



May all of your choices this holiday season reflect choices of kindness and compassion regarding the clothes you wear, the products you purchase and the foods you choose.




"The closed mind, if closed long enough, can be opened by nothing short of dynamite."

Gerald White Johnson
(1890–1980)

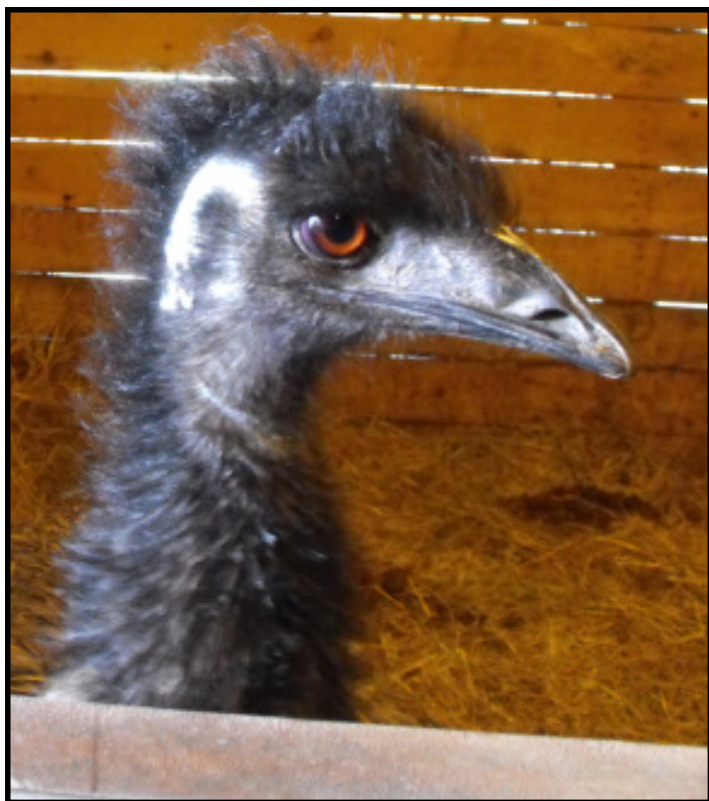
journalist, editor, essayist, historian, biographer, and novelist.



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



Fuzzy-headed Ramsey the emu had a concerned look as he peered over the top of the horse stall gate at Happy Trails. I'm wondering if he knew just how lucky he was!



scene, the concerned property owner was chatting with the sheriff. They had lost sight of the giant bird.

However, after walking for only a few minutes, Kevin spotted a long black neck outlined against the brown soybeans in the distance. Then we heard a gunshot. "We'd better hurry!" We hoped that someone wasn't shooting at the handsome bird that looked like it was a long way away. The neck and head seemed to float effortlessly about the soybeans, and would change direction every so often. We all giggled nervously. How would we catch this beast? "I think we should call it Nessie", I blurted out. Kevin and Jen were on the same wave length with me. "Because it looks like the lock ness monster from here, huh?" someone threw out there. More nervous giggling.

Armed with a bucket of grain, lead ropes and a lariat, we slowly worked our way about a quarter mile into the soybean field toward the mound of feathers that continued to loom larger the

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The Great Emu Rescue...

The big question that I get most often when I share this story is, "What's an emu?" Let's start there — an emu is a big bird that resembles an ostrich, only smaller. They have powerful legs and talons, and if frightened, can do a lot of damage with their strong limbs. They are a flightless bird, and have very tiny wing appendages in relation to their enormous body. And boy are they fast!

The call came in from the sheriff's department on Monday, November 2nd. Could Happy Trails help capture a stray emu that took up residence in a soybean field in Rootstown?

You would think we would be used to strange calls by now. We're close, but not quite there. I put in a call to our county humane officer, Jennifer Sanderson, who agreed to help out. The next call went to neighbor, Kevin

Bragg. We knew nothing about this emu. Would he be friendly or would he try to kill us? We'd better have some additional back-up. "Kevin, can you grab your lariat and help us lasso an emu?" "Be right there," came the reply.

When we arrived at the



Cap'n Butler Was Left To Die In The Woods



Sharon Barnard holds Cap'n Butler, who truly loved to be held when he wasn't feeling well!

This three week old baby farm pig was discovered by folks who were hiking along the Towpath Trail in Canal Fulton.

What's that pink thing in the tall weeds? Is it a bag?

The hikers stopped to investigate. They discovered that the small "pink thing" was indeed not a bag, but rather a very small pig in dire straits. He was suffering from exposure and extremely dehydrated. Miles from nowhere, the baby had to have been dumped in the woods. It wasn't realistic that such a tiny baby would have wandered many miles away from its mother and it's home. After contacting

Happy Trails, the baby was rushed to the vet.

When he was released, a special recovery suite was made ready for him at the sanctuary, and he rested under the warm heat lamps. The poor little guy was so infested with worms that we couldn't believe he was still alive!

The little cutie-pie quickly stole the hearts of all the volunteers,

and his fan club grew daily. He needed a name. Pam Kavali, Happy Trails volunteer, had named the pig who had fallen off the meat-truck in Trumbull County, Scarlet. We again turned to Pam for a name. She stayed with the Gone With The Wind theme, much to our amusement. "His name is Cap'n Butler," she told us.

As the Cap'n recovered, we had to address what we thought was an umbilical hernia. A trip to OSU diagnosed it instead as an infected cyst, which was technically attached by a stem to another infected cyst. Major surgery

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Happy Trails All New Radio Program "Animal Talk"

We are very excited to announce that Happy Trails now hosts our very own radio program twice a week, which began on Saturday, Nov. 7th!

Our topics cover a wide variety of animal-related issues and include everything from stories about Happy Trails animal rescues, educational programs, proper care for your farm animals and horses, animal cruelty issues, and adopting animals, to Ohio's animal cruelty laws and how people can get involved in their own communities to help identify and prevent animal abuse. We are very excited about our new radio show, and want to thank WSOM-AM600 (K-105's sister station) for helping us get our program up and running!

Tune-In To:

WSOM AM-600 (K105's AM sister station) out of Boardman.

Streaming:

Not in the listening area? Internet streaming makes Animal Talk available to listeners **WORLDWIDE!** Catch us streaming on-line through our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org!

When:

Saturdays 9:30am to 10:00am
Sundays 10:00am to 10:30am

About The Station:

- WSOM reaches over 45,000 listeners/consumers per week
- WSOM reaches 4 counties, and serves the greater Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull and Stark county markets

Show Host:

With yours truly as the talk show host, I will be welcoming special guests such as veterinarians, animal rescue workers, individuals who have adopted and fostered rescued animals, humane officers and other folks involved with Happy Trails.

Sponsors:

Happy Trails welcomes sponsors for our program. Individuals or businesses can be sponsors.
\$50 - per single show
\$100 - for a weekend - 2 shows
\$400 - for a month - 8 shows
Business sponsors receive a 60 second commercial during the show, will be listed on our website, in our bi-monthly newsletters, and thanked on-air. ***Your kind sponsorship donation will help us reach an audience and provide an outreach and networking system for over 45,000 people who will now receive the message of kindness and com-***



passion for all animals through the new Happy Trails radio programs.

To sponsor one or more shows, simply send your donation, along with your business or company information, to:

Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

For more information, call 330-296-5914.

Even if you are not in the listening area, we appreciate your support! There are many areas of Ohio that need to hear a message of hope and encouragement to spread care and compassion for the farm animals and horses in our communities. Education and opportunity is key to bringing everyone together for the good of the animals! ***Thanks for listening!***

The Life Story Of A Woman

An inspirational woman by the name of Lydia Sally has written a beautiful and soul-baring book, sharing her wisdom and reflective thoughts on her life and the world around us.

How is Lydia connected to Happy Trails? Well, you will be reading



more about Lydia in a upcoming special edition newsletter about Premarin. Lydia is inspiring because she is a survivor after having suffered a debilitating stroke from the side affects of the horse-based estrogen-replacement drug Premarin. Living daily with constant pain, Lydia finds time to reach out to others and to encourage them in their path in life. I am personally blessed to be counted as one of those people who are fortunate enough to call Lydia both a friend and a mentor. She inspires me in many ways.

My personal rescued horse, Shelby, was a 3 month old young filly who was a by-product of the cruel Premarin industry when I

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adopted her from another rescue group eight years ago. Shels was rescued from a slaughterhouse auction in Canada where thousands upon thousands of baby horses go every year.

Premarin is made from the urine of pregnant mares, and the shortened life of a Premarin mare consists of tie-stalls, catheters, limited water intake, uterine infections and swollen legs.

Lydia and her husband, Dr. Jon Sally, sponsor Shelby, and encourage us to continue to spread the word about the animal cruelty and human dangers involved with Premarin.

In her infinite wisdom, Lydia has put together a book on her life entitled "Woman Inside Out". It's a book of personal reflections and observations about the world in which we live that will take you through a range of emotions, that will allow you to often see your own reflection, that will encourage you, and will show you the world through the window that is uniquely hers.

All proceeds from the sales of her book will be donated to Happy Trails.

(Lydia is very adamant about that!)

Cost is \$20.

You can order her book by calling Lydia at 330-678-9415.

Dr. Jon Sally and Lydia now sponsor two horses in our rescue program. Many thanks to Dr. Jon Sally and Lydia for their continued support and for encouraging us to provide the education that women need to make intelligent and safe choices concerning the medications that might be prescribed to them.

Volunteers Who Feed — Want To Join Them?



Our week-night volunteer feeding crew is like gold

to us! These are the

folks who come out in the evening to help feed, water and bed down the animals for the evening. They have their routines and certain animal areas that they specialize in. Evening feeding times are normally between 5:00pm and 7pm. If you would like to join us and commit to one night a week to help us feed the animals, give us a call at 330-296-5914! Our regular volunteers would love to help

teach you the ropes and welcome you to the rewarding world of animal rescue! Many thanks to our dedicated and die-hard week-night volunteers, Cheri, Pam, Kelly, Chandler, Mindy and Jen. They are just like the mailmen — showing up through the sun, rain, snow and sleet, to make sure that the animals are well cared for!

A New (Used) Dump Truck Is The Latest Addition To Our Work Crew!



Why in the world would a farm animal sanctuary need a dump truck?

1. The price was right.
2. There are a million things that we handle weekly which require a dump truck, so having one of our own will save us a ton of money.
3. We didn't have enough yard ornaments and needed something to sit and look pretty near the horse barn.

OK, so maybe only numbers one and two apply, but here's the serious side of how the truck will help us save money.

First of all, we paid a mere \$3,300 for the beast. It runs great, has really good tires, is an automatic, and absolutely everything works on it. We purchased it from a county

auction on Saturday, Oct. 10th, where older vehicles belonging to the county were made available for sale. I have to admit that it was a little scary purchasing such a large and ominous vehicle, but it was exciting and nerve-racking all at the same time. It is now listed as one of our farm vehicles, so a CDL is not required to drive said Beast.

How will it save Happy Trails money?

- We can now dump our own manure. We used to place our manure in a large commercial dumpster which was emptied about every four to six weeks, and cost us \$225 every time it got dumped. We spent roughly about \$2,200 per year on simply having poop hauled away. Several area farmers expressed an interest in having us deliver our precious cargo of straw mixed with

poop, so this will now cost us only several gallons of gas to empty. If you would like a load of manure dumped at your farm and live within a ten mile radius of the sanctuary, give us a call at 330-296-5914.

- We can now haul our own gravel and sand, of which we order billions of tons regularly. Happy Trails is constantly in a state of upgrade, of making improvements, fixing areas and installing driveways. Over the last year alone we purchased over 400 ton of gravel and sand. If we were to have hauled this amount of aggregate ourselves, we would have saved about \$1,600. Plus, we can spread the gravel now also.

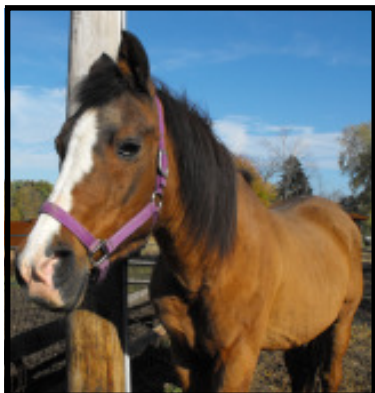
- We can use the truck to pick up supplies, lumber, and fencing, all of which make their way into the sanctuary on a regular basis. AND, we don't have to worry about there ever being enough room to haul the lumber or fencing that we just bought — you could fit an entire house inside the bed of the dump truck (*or at least it feels like we could!*).

So all in all this was a wise and important investment for Happy Trails. We are hoping to secure a tarp for the top of the bed and to make a few very minor repairs. If we come across some generous soul who is talented with sanding and painting, we would love to paint it a dark green and put our usual yellow Happy Trails logos on the side doors. *We love our new dump truck!*

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

“Not Tested On Animals”

A Look At Happy Trails Through The Eyes Of 12 Year Old Jett Sanderson



Jett Sanderson has visited Happy Trails numerous times due to his love for animals. Here's a look at the rescued animals of Happy Trails through the eyes of this gifted 12 year old, who takes pictures for us as though he were already a professional photographer! You will be seeing more of Jett's work regularly in our upcoming newsletters and on our website! *Thanks, Jett, for sharing your photographs with us!*



Promoting Our Friends In Rescue — Medina Raptor Center & Sanders Wildlife Center

Happy Trails definitely does not handle wildlife rescue, but we have some great friends who do!

Medina Raptor Center

Laura Jordon runs a most impressive non-profit organization that is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned or injured birds such as song-birds, water fowl, and specializes in birds of prey.



*So, just how are they tied in with Happy Trails? Why, Laura's daughter, Missy Jordon, fosters horses for Happy Trails of course! Missy's latest foster horse, a yearling named Baby Hurley, had *thee best* foster home a baby horse could ever ask for! He was worked with daily, taught manners, and thanks to Missy's dedication and labor of love, he is now well on his way to becoming a polite and well-adjusted young gelding. Hurley recently left*

Happy Trails rescue program to move on to a training facility where he will begin riding training after he turns two years old.

Missy gave us a tour of the Medina Raptor Center when we dropped Hurley off at her facility, and it was truly fantastic! Established in 1990, the Medina Raptor Center is now one of Ohio's leading raptor rehabilitation facilities. Make sure to check them out at www.medinaraptorcenter.com.

Like Happy Trails, they depend solely on the generosity of their contributors. Donations may be sent to: Medina Raptor Center, PO Box 74, Medina, Ohio 44275.

We are honored to work with such wonderful folks who truly love the animals in their care! *And thanks, Missy, for being such a great horse foster mom!*

Sanders Wildlife Center

Located in Stark County, Sanders Wildlife Center is dedicated fully to wildlife rehabilitation services and cares for over 1,500 injured and orphaned native wild animals each year. The Sanders Center staff releases over 55% of the animals they care for, and also houses non-releasable live wildlife used as educational program ambassadors.

And they are tied in with Happy Trails how? Sometimes the rescue calls they get at Sanders



involve domestic animals, so networking together for the good of the animals is obvious to us!

Chairo, an abandoned grey gosling, arrived safely at Happy Trails thanks to the good folks at Sanders. They too rely on the kind donations of the public to support their rescue efforts. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to Sanders Wildlife Center, 800 Genoa Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44646. *Thanks, guys, for working hand-in-hand with Happy Trails!* Be sure to check out Sanders Wildlife Center at www.starkparks.com.

Check them out!

Both facilities are a 501c3 non-profit organization!

Medina Raptor Center

www.medinaraptorcenter.com
330-667-2386

Sanders Wildlife Center

www.starkparks.com
330-477-0448

VegiTerranean Invaded By Farm Animals Halloween Night!

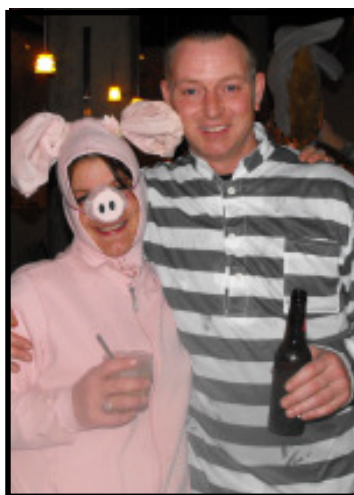
After thoroughly enjoying a truly delightful and innovative four-course dinner at the Happy Trails fundraiser held at VegiTerranean on Halloween night, many folks stayed and donned costumes to help celebrate! Farm animals seemed to invade VegiTerranean, probably because they felt very comfortable there! Hope you enjoy these photos that we have to share! On behalf of all the rescued animals at Happy Trails, *many thanks to everyone who attended this fun event!*



Just a couple of cows — Holstein heifers Cheri Rider and Sharon Barnard!



(right) Just another pudgy pig, Annette Fisher. And convict, Rob Lutz, a server at VegiTerranean, was in charge of escaped animals!



(above) Every farm needs a farmer and his wife...Since Alex Hale dressed as the farmer, I am guessing Rob Willard is the farmer's wife!

(below) The animals all wore signs that said, "If found, return to Happy Trails!"

(right) The donkey, Russ Fisher, was apparently a Denver bronco's fan, and the fluffy sheep, Sarah Aitken, could blend in with any of the sheep who actually live at Happy Trails!



Holiday Recipe!

Compliments of Chef Scot Jones!

Linguine With Portobello-Mushroom Ragu

- 3 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 sweet onion, minced
- 2 medium portobello mushrooms, destemmed and sliced into 1/4-inch-thick strips
- 1/2 tsp. minced fresh rosemary
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 1/2 cups canned whole tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 1 lb. whole-wheat linguine
- Vegan Parmesan, to taste

• Heat the olive oil in a skillet. Add the garlic and onions and sauté over medium heat until the onions are translucent. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are tender and have released their liquid. Stir in the rosemary, salt, and pepper and cook for 30 seconds.

• Add the wine and simmer until reduced by half, about 3 minutes. Add the tomatoes and simmer until the sauce is thickened, about 5 to 8 minutes. Adjust the seasonings.

• Meanwhile, cook the linguine according to the package directions.

• Toss the linguine with the mushroom sauce. Serve immediately with vegan Parmesan.

Makes 4 servings

***VegiTerranean's Motto:
World Peace Begins
In The Kitchen***

Highly Recommended Book

“The Conscious Cook”



Happy Trails has a great friendship with the good folks at VegiTerranean, rocker Chrissie Hynde’s vegan restaurant located in Akron. And we are deeply indebted to talented Chef Scot Jones, who created a superb four-course masterpiece for a fundraiser dinner for Happy Trails on Saturday, October 31. A Culinary Institute of America alumnus, Scot has been in the culinary business for 23 years, focusing on regional Italian, French influences, and continental accents. Not surprisingly, *Bon Appétit* magazine rated his restaurant the best in the Midwest!

Scot’s secret weapons for wowing even the most ardent meat-lovers with

his entirely plant-derived dishes? Fresh herbs, lemon and lime juice, and love!

Scot has gained a great deal of notoriety for creating masterpieces for VegiTerranean, helping to develop recipes for Oprah’s cleanse diet, and for co-authoring the new vegan cookbook, *The Conscious Cook*, with Tal Ronnen.

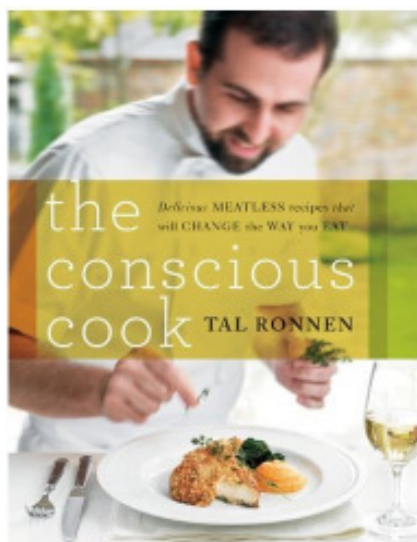
The recently-released book features recipes from Scot like Split Pea Soup With Tempe Bacon and Chipotle Cream.

Happy Trails is indeed fortunate to know and work with Scot and his VegiTerranean staff.

If you have a chance to treat yourself this holiday season, make sure you do two things:

1. Experience the unique, incredible menu at VegiTerranean, and tell Scot that Happy Trails sent you there! You will be simply and pleasantly amazed at the variety of dishes you can choose from that are created from absolutely no animal-based products.

2. Pick up a copy of *The Conscious Cook*, and ask Scot to sign your book while you’re at the restaurant!



Many thanks, Scot, for your support of Happy Trails — we are thrilled to be working with you!



VegiTerranean is a unique, welcoming and stylish blend of restaurant - bar - coffee house - bakery with an incredible mouth-watering menu. It is an upscale restaurant that creates amazing cuisine with no meat or other animal-related products. At VegiTerranean, no meat is served at all, and substitutes such as soy, tofu, and gardein (a garden protein made out of soy and wheat) are used creatively and with an Italian twist.

VegiTerranean is both a vegan and a kosher restaurant.

What can you expect from their incredible menu? Appetizers; soups; salads; pasta dishes; pizzas; scrumptious entrees such as Gardein chicken picatta, and Mediterranean stuffed tomatoes with grilled vegetables; to-die-for desserts such as giant chocolate/raspberry cupcakes; and don’t forget there’s a full bar of beer, wine and mixed drinks.

**For reservations call
(330) 374-5550**

www.thevegiterranean.com

**VegiTerranean is located at
21 Furnace Street, Akron**

**In the Northside Lofts,
Just North of downtown Akron**

New Happy Trails Logo Apparel!

A) BRIMMED HAT — \$12

- Khaki green brimmed hat with yellow embroidered logo on front..
- Hat sizes small, medium, large

B) LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT — \$15*

- Available in dark green with a yellow/gold Happy Trails logo on front left chest.

Sizes

Youth: Small

Adults: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X

*(sizes 2X and 3X add \$2)

C) ZIP-FRONT HOODED JACKET — \$35*

- With front pockets, available in gray with a dark green Happy Trails logo on front left chest.

Sizes

Youth: Small

Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X

*(sizes 2X and 3X add \$3)

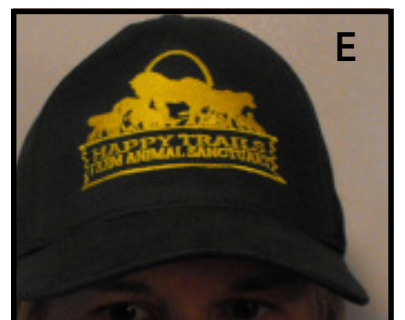
D) WINTER STOCKING HAT — \$16

Available in two color choices

- Green hat with a yellow/gold Happy Trails logo on front
- Gray hat with a dark green Happy Trails logo on front

E) BASEBALL HAT — \$20

- Dark green with a yellow/gold Happy Trails logo on front



Or stop by the
sanctuary on Sundays
from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm
to purchase these
items in person!

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

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Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Item	Color	Size	Quantity	Price	Total

Mail order form and check : Happy Trails
5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Subtotal: _____

Tax 6.75%: _____

Shipping (Economy 2-7 days \$6.50; Priority 2-3 days \$15; Next Day \$24): _____

Total: _____

2010 Brings Happy Trails 10th Anniversary!

We are all eagerly looking forward to the new year, to 2010, when Happy Trails will celebrate our 10th year as a 501c3 non-profit organization serving the abused, neglected and abandoned farm animals of Ohio. This is a huge milestone for Happy Trails, and we plan to celebrate in a big way! As plans get underway, we will post a list of activities, community events, seminars, presentations, and unique educational opportunities for each month on the Happy Trails website and in our newsletters.

Want to get involved and help with the planning committee?

Give us a call to sign up, and we'll let you know when the next planning meeting is scheduled!

Our goal is to have more outreach programs, educational opportunities, and public contact more than ever before, and to show our

appreciation in a very big way to all the folks who support our animal rescue efforts!

Though many fledgling organizations do not survive to celebrate a ten year anniversary, Happy Trails has not only survived, we have thrived! And we have all of *you* to thank for making our work possible! Animal rescue is often heartbreaking and difficult work. We would like to make sure that we make time to celebrate our victories and to recognize that being around for ten years is no small thing. ***Let's plan to celebrate together in 2010!***



Working With Fellow Rescue Groups

Happy Trails is a big proponent of animal rescue groups working together for the good of the animals, and ultimately, the good of each other.

Recently Happy Trails was asked to help out with several horse rescue situations in Ohio that involved a great number of horses. In order to accommodate the requests for help, we turned to our fellow equine rescue organizations, other 501c3 non-profit groups, who have the same mission and adoption criteria that we do. These groups stepped forward and allowed us to send horses to them that have been through the rehabilitation process, and who are ready to begin professional training which will help make them more adoptable. Happy Trails brought them back to health, addressed their medical issues, and updated their vaccinations, teeth floating, and hoof care. Now, what a perfect compliment to send the horses to another rescue group who is able to provide them with the training that they need to help them become more adoptable!

Many thanks to *Serenity Horse Rescue* in Dayton and to *Wyandot County Equine Rescue* in Upper Sandusky!

We truly appreciate the helping hand!



Spa Time!

On a sunny fall day, a whole group of volunteers give Big Red gets the best bath ever!

Seeking Haulers And Transport Volunteers



Ever stuff a mini horse in the back of your station wagon? What about a turkey in your van, or bales of hay in your horse trailer? Happy Trails rescued animals are always heading off to one veterinarian or

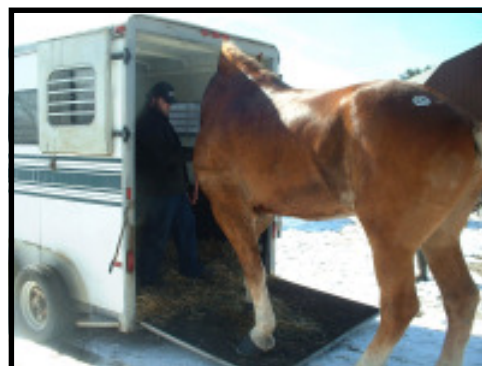
another. We always have donated items to pick up, feed to purchase, supplies to move, and animals to transport to their new homes or to bring back to the sanctuary from a county humane society. We would love to add you as a hauler to our transport crew. If you have a truck, horse trailer, stock trailer, van, station wagon, or even a vehicle large enough to carry a pet porter in the back, and would like to volunteer with

Happy Trails by transporting animals and supplies, please call Shawn Tusko at 330-612-5652. He will be more than happy to sign you up and get you involved in the world of animal rescue!



What Type Of Transport Is Needed?

Trucks (with or without caps) • Vans
• Station Wagons • SUV's • Horse Trailers • Flat Bed Trailers • Vehicles large enough to move a pet porter



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www.happytrailsfarm.org

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 make a difference! *Many thanks for showing that you care!*

Ravenna High School Presentation

In October, Mr. Doug Senseman, long time supporter of Happy Trails and teacher at Ravenna High School, invited Happy Trails to give a presentation to students. Happy Trails Volunteer Ilona Urban took Chesney, a cockfighting rooster, to talk to the kids about the rescue work of Happy Trails and animal cruelty issues. *Thanks to Mr. Senseman and Ravenna High School for such a wonderful opportunity!*

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man."

***Mahatma Gandhi
(1869 - 1948)***

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 not more than a year old and cannot be moldy
- Gas & fuel cards for diesel or gasoline
- 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.
- A large storage shed to house tools, equipment and animal supplies or to serve as an animal shelter
- Horse trailers, stock trailers, flatbeds

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Akron Vegetarian Group Hosted A Compassionate Thanksgiving To Benefit Happy Trails



Many thanks to the Akron Vegetarian Group, the Vegan Center in Akron, and to everyone who attended a Compassionate Thanksgiving celebration on Saturday, November 21. The Akron Vegetarian group hosted this wonderful dinner, with proceeds going to benefit the rescued animals of Happy Trails. There was plenty of wonderful vegan food, a great group of upbeat and friendly folks, positive energy, and lots of holiday spirit! It was the perfect time and place to celebrate Thanksgiving in a cruelty-free way!



Keep Collecting Aluminum Cans!

You can now drop them off in the wooden boxes in front of the new Happy Trails office at any time as long as they are in bags!

In Memory Of Rozin

Dr. Beiber of South Russell Veterinary Clinic recently lost her beloved older paint mare named Rozin. Rozin was born on March 4, 1979. In honor of her furry friend, Dr. Beiber donated all the meds and supplies that were used for Rozin to Happy Trails, so that many, many more horses can be helped in honor of Rozin! Often folks donate meds and supplies from their special equine companions who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge. We are always honored to receive their supplies and to help other rescued animals in the memory of these very special furry companions. ***Our hearts go out to Dr. Beiber and to everyone who has lost a very special animal friend this year.***

Rootstown SOS Group

Led by Elizabeth Benshoff, a group of Rootstown High School students have dedicated their time to help the rescued animals of Happy Trails. On Saturday, Sept. 5, these hard-working teens organized a special fundraiser walk in Kent. The students have many more projects in mind this year to promote the sanctuary, so you will surely hear more about their efforts! Many thanks to Elizabeth and all the students who put a lot of effort into making a difference in their community!

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

Kachina Update



Kachina cooperated fully as she finally received some very special shoes on both of her back feet.

The little, now six month old, baby mini horse, Kachina, is still a regular at OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital) in Columbus. She had received a very special new shoe (looked like an acrylic candy dish) that helped stabilize her crippled ankle. Her one back hoof had taken more time to get to the point where we could actually put a special shoe on because of an abscess. But now,



The little hoof sets down inside the acrylic shoe, and it gives her a wide base to help steady her weak ankles.

Kachina not only proudly wears her special shoes on both of her back hooves, she can run away from us and play crazy horse as she flies around the yard wildly, testing out her new-found freedom. We are especially thrilled for her when it's time to catch her to put her in the barn at night. We're glad that she can now run like the wind...sort of...

The Volunteer Fall Bonfire Was A Huge Hit!



Board Member Sharon Barnard (left) holds onto Red while volunteer, Leah Franchi, climbs aboard for a photo opp!

A soggy evening of rain did not dampen the spirits of the nearly 50 volunteers who attended the Happy Trails annual Fall Volunteer Bonfire. The party got moved into the horse barn for a while, where volunteers played with the draft horses and took advantage of photo opportunities. Teams were formed and into the rainy night they ran to follow the clues listed on their treasure hunt game. And of course there was a lot of hugging and smooching the animals as usual. The hay ride was wet, cold, and a blast! Thanks to everyone who braved the weather and made the evening a lot of fun!

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

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

Got Some Cute Photos From Your Visit To Happy Trails?

If you have some wonderful,
cute, funny, or heartwarming
photos that you would like to



share with everyone from one of
your visits to Happy Trails, you
can either mail a copy of the
photo to Happy Trails, 5623 New
Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio
44266, or you can email your
favorite photo to
news@happytrailsfarm.org. We'll
start to compile a group of fun
Happy Trails animal photos for
our website, and yours may even
be chosen for the next newsletter!

KENT STATE SOS GROUP SURVIVES THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY!



On Saturday, November 7, 2009,
twelve students from the Kent State
University Students of Scholarship
(SOS) organization donated their
time to Happy Trails. SOS is a
student organization where students
volunteer their time around the Kent
area to show their appreciation for
scholarships they have been given.
The group project for that day was to
rake leaves around the farm. Julie
Lanz, Co-President of SOS, and
Audrey Sisui jumped right in with the
rescued ducks and geese. Other
students choose to work in the area
with the rescued sheep, while others
worked along the fence lines, petting
a few pigs and horses along the way.
The students learned the back-
ground of the rescued animals, and
many were shocked to find out the
truth about factory farming when they
encountered Scarlett the pig. The
group plans to return in the Spring
and lend a helping hand again.

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Community Cash Back program!
Mail receipts to Happy Trails, 5623
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February 20, 2010.

Many Adoptions Have Taken Place!

Many animals have left us recently to go home to their new adop-
tive families — we have said a few bittersweet (happy for them, hard
to let go) good-bys to: **HORSES** - Juliette, Luke, Newt, Ruby, April,
Bogey and Pal **PIGS** - Scarlett, Pippy Longstocking, and more of the
baby pot belly pigs. **DUCKS**: a little black male duck **GOATS** -
Mr. Goat, Radar, Kenard, Vito, Pedro and Aalwyn **SHEEP** - Aiden

*“You put a baby in a crib with
an apple and a rabbit. If it eats
the rabbit and plays with the
apple, I’ll buy you a new car.”*

Harvey Diamond

BNY Mellon Group

On Wednesday, October 14th, nine hard-working volunteers from BNY Mellon arrived at 9am, ready for a long but fun day of helping with chores at the sanctuary. Their team leader helped them choose Happy Trails as their community service project, and with enthusiasm, they all agreed!

It was a pretty chilly day, and our good sports showed up dressed appropriately, in lots of layers, complete with gloves, boots and hats! We were thrilled right away to see folks who got the dress code right — *good job guys!*

We had this big group of volunteers



First the folks got to meet and greet the rescued animals at the sanctuary and hear some of their stories of how they came to be rescued.

These hard-workers then lugged everything from little twigs to giant logs over to the fires, and cleaned up some rather big areas for the sanctuary. The entire day seemed enjoyable and everyone survived a day of hard work and life with the rescued animals at the sanctuary.

Rumor has it they would even like to come back! And you know what? We'd welcome them in a heartbeat! What a great group to work with — we can't say enough nice things about the caring and compassionate folks at

BNY Mellon. Many thanks to the employees at BNY Mellon for all your help and for spending your volunteer day with Happy Trails — *you guys are great!*

If you need their services, check them out — here's their info:

BNY Mellon Wealth Management
William G. Caster, Regional President; 30195 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 350W Cleveland, Ohio 44124.
216-464-4244 Ext. 105

CAP'N BUTLER

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followed. Throughout all of his painful ordeals, the gentle little creature stayed happy and hopeful, and always greeted his servants with an inquisitive and welcoming grunt. He wanted nothing more than to love and to be loved.

Cap'n Butler is now truly on the road to recovery, and we expect him to grow up to be a great teacher and to touch many lives. He represents the multitude of animals who are cruelly dumped and left to fend for themselves in an environment where they stand no chance of survival.

Many thanks to the hikers who did the right thing, and took responsibility to get a helpless animal the help it needed. And many thanks to Pam for making us say "Cap'n Butler" with a straight face when having to call the emergency number at OSU in the middle of the night! His name couldn't be more appropriate, as the little guy now demands your attention and your respect!

To help Happy Trails with Cap'n's vet bills for his treatments and surgery, donations can be sent to: Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, with a note for Cap'n Butler. Donations are tax-deductible.



here for the entire day, from 9am to 3pm, and we wanted to make the most of their time. Happy Trails has been clearing brush and cutting up dead trees that have fallen down and piling up downed limbs that come crashing down in the woods during windy and rainy weather. Our goal for the day was to burn the massive amounts of brush, twigs, and limbs and get some of the debris out of our way.

***Saving one animal will
not change the world,
but it will change
the world for
that one animal.***

EMU RESCUE

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closer we got. We made jokes and tried to make light of the situation, wondering which one of us it would kick first.

Nessie set his sights on Jen. He walked toward her with purpose. “What do I do? Oh crap...” “Grab him!” I suggested. “Ya right,” Came the reply. I could read between the lines. That meant “no way”. I reached out to the bird with the grain bucket, fearing the worst. He was very interested in the grain! Good deal! Kevin worked his way over to us and slowly inched the lariat over the birdie’s head and down to its barrel. Giant birdie didn’t care. “Now what do we do?”

“Let’s all pick a side and try to walk him out of the field,” I offered. I got some funny looks. I put my arms around Nessie’s neck and stomach. Kevin held the lariat and stood on the other side of the bird, and Jen brought up the rear. “Thanks for helping us, Kevin,” I mentioned gratefully.

“What, are you kidding? I wouldn’t have missed this for the world!” Every time I go on a Happy Trails rescue, there’s always a good story involved!” came the reply. Great.

Ten steps later Nessie had to sit down and rest. In the distance we could see the neighbor with her binoculars. I’m sure this truly wasn’t a site that you would see daily in your neighborhood. So that was our pattern — walk so many steps, then stop and rest. Calm, soothing voices. **“Good emu! It’s OK, Nessie!”** The distance to the car looked like a long, long way away. We were

told that there was a barn that we could corral the emu in until we could bring a trailer. After what seemed like forever, we arrived in the grassy yard of the person who reported the stray bird. “Which building are you talking about?” we asked, as we looked around but not focusing on a barn. She pointed a ways down the street. We had just already walked the emu about a quarter mile. “Heck no,” Kevin said. OK, he said a lot more than that, but that basically covered it. There was no way we could walk another half-mile escorting the unpredictable emu, let alone across a creek. Good grief, now what would we do with it?

“Open the hatch back,” Kevin told Jen.

“What? No way!”

“Seriously, open the hatchback.” Hatchback opened, and we walked Nessie over to the vehicle. He was more concerned about the texture and color of the black top we were standing on. It was scary. **As Nessie inspected the station wagon, Kevin picked the emu up and helped him into the back of the car.**

The hatch came down quickly, and Kevin jumped into the back seat of the vehicle to help keep Nessie in place. Whoosh! A large, dangerous foot with sharp claws came whizzing past his head. He grabbed the foot and put it back where it belonged. Thank you’s were exchanged with the sheriff and we all hopped in and Jen took off.

Driving down the street we created quite the spectacle. The back windows were partially down for the comfort of the emu. The giant bird took up most of

the cargo area, and his fuzzy head looked straight at the people either behind or beside us.

Once back at Happy Trails, we unloaded our precious cargo and settled Nessie in to a horse stall. All was well and he was safe. He was friendly (thank God) and very polite. He didn’t try to harm anyone!

Several days later we received a call from some folks who we already knew — a great family who truly loved and cared for their family pets — and they had lost Nessie. It ends up that Nessie’s name was Ramsey.

Some logging activity on a neighboring property frightened the big bird, and he broke through his fencing without his family realizing at first what happened. They were frantic with worry, as he was their sole surviving emu. Earlier in the year, neighborhood dogs had attacked and fatally injured Ramsey’s other emu and rhea friends. Ramsey meant the world to his family!

The broken fencing was repaired, and Ramsey is now back home with his family who loves him.

There could have been a lot more drama to this story, and we are grateful that there wasn’t. We were relieved that no-one shot the gentle, inquisitive emu.

We’d like to thank Ramsey Nessie for teaching us how to work with an emu. We’d like to thank the folks who discovered him and called for help. And we’d also like to thank Matt Bellar and his family, Ramsey’s family, for caring so very much for the animals in their lives! *Ramsey Nessie is one lucky emu!*



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