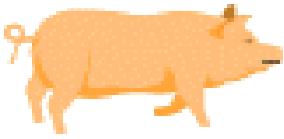


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

APRIL 2010

Newsletter



Join Us For Happy Trails 10th Anniversary Farm Tour

**Sunday June 27th, 2010
12:00pm - 5:00pm**



Natasha can't wait to see ya!

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Glen The Crippled Duck And His Two Girlfriends Need A Safe Home!

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letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

Here are the major things are on my mind these days:

1. The big Happy Trails 10th Anniversary Farm Tour is coming up quickly, and we are all very busy making plans and getting things ready. It's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun, and I truly hope to see many of you here on Sunday, June 27th to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with us. This event is SO important to me personally that I dedicated several pages of this newsletter to our Farm Tour! Please join us!

2. You can tell Spring is here because of the phenomenal amount of animals being adopted to wonderful homes!

3. You can tell Easter is over because there is also a phenomenal amount of young ducks being dumped everywhere that people can think of to dump them.

4. I am having a blast with being the host of Animal Talk, the Happy Trails radio show, and I have been blessed with some really fun and really interesting guests!

5. I simply can't thank everyone enough for your kindness, support and words of encouragement for the animal rescue and animal educational work



that we do here at Happy Trails — we continue to be

blessed with your input, your dedication and your participation. Together, we truly are making a difference!

Annette Fisher

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

PS Below is a quote that I discovered recently. I know that it definitely applies to me personally. I'm willing to bet that it applies to many of you folks too!

"In the end, whether or not we are eternal is irrelevant to the course of our lives. If the earth is a better place because I walked upon it, that's enough for me. I will be eternal if my presence here enriches life in a way that continues on beyond my physical existence."

~I.M. Trunk~

Two Questions

1) Do you like reading the Happy Trails newsletters? *If you said yes...*

2) ...do you have \$2 or \$3 to spare?

The cost of printing our newsletters certainly adds up, and the demand for the newsletters is increasing. Even if you are not in a position to donate to the care of the rescued animals, but you do enjoy reading our newsletters, maybe you would drop two or three dollars in an envelope to help us cover the cost of printing our newsletters. Every little bit helps!

Many thanks to the folks who sent in a few bucks to help us pay for printing of the newsletters — we really and truly appreciate it!

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



5623 New Milford Rd.
Ravenna, Oh 44266
(330) 296-5914

It's Happy Trails 10th Year Anniversary!



Join Us For Happy Trails 10th Anniversary

Farm Tour

Sunday, June 27th, 12pm - 5pm



Check out our progress over the last ten years, and tour our facilities that have expanded and improved!

Tour

Take a relaxing and educational self-guided tour (map provided!) of the sanctuary. Visit the rescued animals and learn about the services and programs of Happy Trails. Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, to help you meet and pet the rescued animals, and to help your sanctuary experience be rewarding and enjoyable!

Parking

Happy Trails has **no parking** available at the sanctuary. Parking will be available in Portage County public parking lots near downtown Ravenna at the corner of S.

Chestnut and W. Harris Ave. A map to these lots will be provided on the website at happytrailsfarm.org. Complimentary shuttle buses will run continuously from the parking area to the sanctuary — about a six minute ride.



Kachina says, "Please come visit me at the Happy Trails Farm Tour on Sunday, June 27th!"



Cheri Rider and Natasha look forward to seeing you!

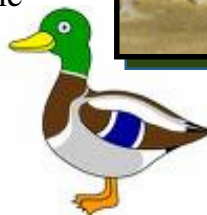
Admission

\$10 per person;
\$5 for kids ages 6 to 12;
ages 5 and under are free

Sorry but Happy Trails does not accept credit cards

Displays/Literature

See great displays of photos from our humble beginnings and see what the facilities looked like before Happy Trails evolved. Animal education and informational displays will be available.



Animal-Friendly Anniversary Snacks

Compassionate vegan anniversary snacks and beverages are included in admission price.



**For The Safety Of The Farm Animals, We Have A
NO PETS POLICY**
Please DO NOT bring your pet.

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Farm Tour Sponsorship Information

2010 is a *big* year and quite the milestone for the sanctuary!

It's our 10th Anniversary as a non-profit organization and we have been faithfully serving the abused and neglected farm animals and horses of Ohio for the past ten years!

We invite you to become a Happy Trails 10th Anniversary Farm Tour Sponsor to help us celebrate in a big way!

We expect over 2,000 guests to visit the sanctuary and meet the rescued animals!

Happy Trails has many typical event expenses, *and this is where we are turning to you for help!* **Examples of our expenses are:** tent rental (\$380); two shuttle buses (\$800); volunteer name badges (\$17); printing costs (\$575); additional logo apparel (\$1,325); professional displays with photos spanning ten years (\$725); new signage for animal shelters (\$350); Port-O-Jons (\$200); and our list of expenses continues to grow in spite of our efforts to keep our costs down and create our Farm Tour fund-raiser on a very minimal budget.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

The Golden Goose \$1,000 Sponsorship Level

\$1,000 event sponsors receive a 2'x8' banner displayed proudly near the sanctuary entrance; four thirty-second commercial announcements to be read on Animal Talk (Happy Trails radio program) by host Annette Fisher; 6 complimentary admission tickets to the 10th Anniversary Farm Tour; a listing in the Happy Trails newsletter; a listing of event sponsors on the Happy Trails website; a quarter page ad in the Farm Tour Program; and 2 complimentary Happy Trails t-shirts.

The Silver Stallion \$500 Sponsorship Level

\$500 sponsors receive two thirty-second commercial announcements to be read on Animal Talk (Happy Trails radio program) by host Annette Fisher; 4 complimentary admission tickets to the 10th Anniversary Farm Tour; a listing in the Happy Trails newsletter; a listing of event sponsors on the Happy Trails website; a business-card size ad in the Farm Tour Program; and 2 complimentary Happy Trails t-shirts.

The Bronze Belgian \$250 Sponsorship Level

\$250 sponsors receive one thirty-second commercial announcement to be read on Animal Talk (Happy Trails radio program) by host Annette Fisher; 2 complimentary admission tickets to the 10th Anniversary Farm Tour; a listing in the Happy Trails newsletter; a listing of event sponsors on the Happy Trails website; a listing in the Farm Tour Program; and 1 complimentary Happy Trails t-shirt.

The Pewter Piggy \$125 Sponsorship Level

\$125 sponsors receive 2 complimentary admission tickets to the 10th Anniversary Farm Tour; a listing in the Happy Trails newsletter; a listing in the Farm Tour Program; and a listing of event sponsors on the Happy Trails website.

The Rescued Rooster \$75 Sponsorship Level

\$75 sponsors receive 1 complimentary admission ticket to the 10th Anniversary Farm Tour; a listing in the Happy Trails newsletter; a listing in the Farm Tour Program; and a listing of Happy Trails event sponsors on the Happy Trails website.



*Joan Rivers the hen says,
"On behalf of all the
rescued animals, thank
you for becoming an
event sponsor!"*

Thank you for bettering your community and for supporting the animal rescue work and the educational and outreach programs of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

It is only through your kindness and compassion that our work is possible!

Farm Tour Sponsorship Information

☐ Yes, Annette, I want to become a 10th Anniversary Farm Tour event sponsor and help Happy Trails celebrate your first decade of serving our Ohio community!

☐ **The Golden Goose**
\$1,000 Sponsorship Level

☐ **The Silver Stallion**
\$500 Sponsorship Level

☐ **The Bronze Belgian**
\$250 Sponsorship Level

☐ **The Pewter Piggy**
\$125 Sponsorship Level

☐ **The Rescued Rooster**
\$75 Sponsorship Level

☐ **Other Donation** _____



Over the past ten years, Happy Trails' facilities have grown and expanded in leaps and bounds!

☐ I choose to not receive any of the thank-you services provided to the event sponsors, but I would still like to personally celebrate and support Happy Trails 10th Anniversary Farm Tour Fund-raiser. Enclosed is my tax-deductible check, made payable to Happy Trails.

Please check one below:

- ☐ Business/School/
Organization Sponsorship
- ☐ Personal Sponsorship

Individual or Contact Information

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State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
Phone (Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Information For Company/Business/School/Organization Sponsorship

Business/Organization _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Website _____ Email _____

*Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is a non-profit charitable organization which receives no public funds.
Your kind and generous sponsorship is gratefully accepted.*

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We will contact you with your thank-you package after receiving your event sponsorship information!

Two Calves Went To Their New Homes In Virginia!

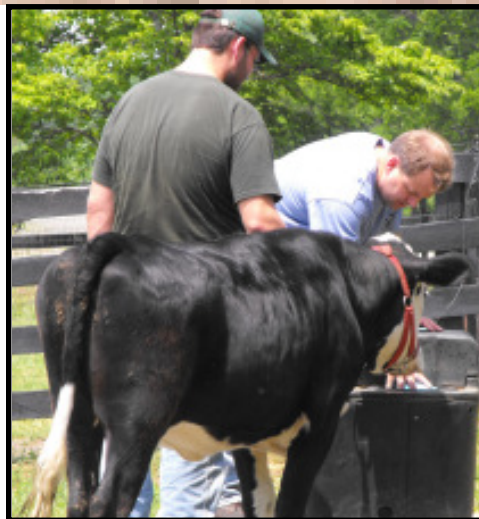
On Friday, May 14th, hauler Rob Willard and myself loaded up two absolutely adorable calves and headed off to Virginia — both youngsters were being adopted by two different homes.

Thelma, an incredibly beautiful black and white Holstein heifer, won her freedom in court during an animal abuse trial, and was signed over to Happy Trails. While in foster care, this lovable baby learned to walk politely on a lead rope and went for daily walks with her foster mom on trails through the woods. She was extremely friendly and personable.

Gallagher, a quite-handsome young Jersey steer, also recently won his abuse case in court, and became available for adoption.

Dr. Michael Gast of Blue Ridge

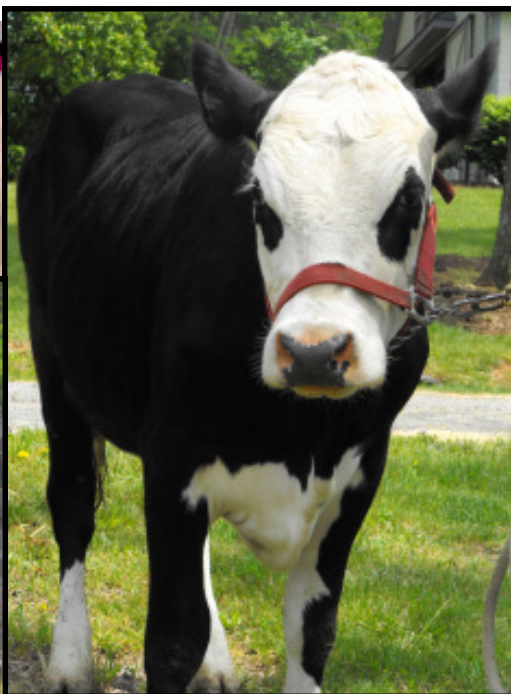
Veterinary Associates in Purcellville, Virginia, had



Rob Willard (left) holds Thelma while Dr. Gast explains to her how the automatic waterers work. She caught on very quickly!

already adopted several cows as pets from Happy Trails. When we called to ask him if he would like to add Thelma and Gallagher to his herd, he was enthusiastic! However, he acknowledged that one of his clients had two pet cows, and one of their cows recently died. They needed a friend for lonely Ernie.

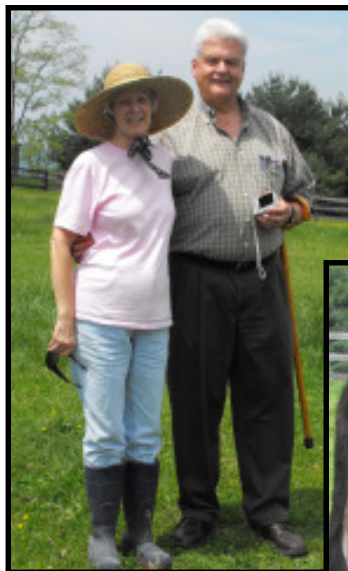
Arriving at the beautiful home of John and Mary Burger, Gallagher stepped off the trailer and thought



"I consider myself a very lucky cow. I was very neglected, was rescued, and now I have a state-of-the-art facility as my new home with a vet as my new human companion — what more could a girl ask for?"

he was looking in a mirror! Ernie was nearly his identical twin! The two boys became instant friends and were thrilled with their new friendship!

Next we stopped to deliver Thelma to her new home, where Dr. Gast explained to her how to use the automatic waters (she had never seen such luxury before in her life!). She looked around at her long-horned neighbors, completely inspected her new luscious field and shelter, and gave us her approval.



John and Mary Burger of Lovettsville, Virginia, both vegans, consider their cows as part of their family!



See more photos and actual video of the cows arriving at their new homes, and check out the longer version of this story on our website at happytailsfarm.org

Tadita The Miracle Pig...

A frantic call came in from a good samaritan who had arrived at a small factory farm for pigs. She witnessed a small pig being cannibalized by other pigs, and without giving it a moment's thought, jumped into the pen to save the injured creature. The farm feeds their pigs a liquid waste for their nutrition. It was a sad situation indeed.

The youngster eventually arrived at Happy Trails, but her wounds were extensive. (We'll not show you the graphic photos of her hideous wounds.) Her tail had been chewed off, a large gaping hole surrounded her vulva, the end of one ear was missing, her back right leg would not work at all, and she had a huge abscess on her spine.

The results were several trips to OSU, and high doses of medication to help clear the infection that had settled into her hip socket and was working its way to her spinal chord. The Reike group worked on her constantly.

We often give the animals a



TADITA — a Native American Indian Omaha name meaning "one who runs"

name that will help inspire them and that will declare what they will be able to do. We gave this lovable, curious and sensitive pig the Native American name of Tadita, which means, "one who runs". We wanted her to be able to run someday, though the chances of that looked unrealistic.

The vet staff at OSU in Colum-

bus highly suggested euthanasia, and they were reluctant to have us take her back to the sanctuary. As they gave their recommendation, Tadita struggled to her feet and on her bad leg, turned around and stared defiantly at the vet. *Have you ever had a gut feeling that you just had to go with?* We do that pretty often here at Happy Trails. In the case of Tadita, we were thrilled that we did, for in the long run, **she made a complete and miraculous recovery!** Her paralyzed, infected leg started to heal and started working again, and now she has lived up to her name of "one who runs". Any time she sees her human friends, she runs like crazy up to you and encourages you to come in and give her a belly rub!

For a detailed story with more photos and a very happy ending, check out the story of Tadita at www.happytrailsfarm.org



Happy Trails volunteer, Pam Kavali, comforts Tadita during her stressful visit to OSU (Ohio State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital).



Happy Trails Website Fundraiser — Donate \$1 Per Visit!

This may sound like a silly idea, but...

Happy Trails gets over 300,000 hits on our website monthly (*yes, you read that right!*). If even only *half* of the folks who check out our website would donate \$1 to help the rescued animals whenever they visit us on the web, it would help tremendously with feed, grain and veterinary costs for most of the year!

Would you consider playing along?

No, you don't have to donate \$1 every time you visit our site, but if even half of the folks who visit the Happy Trails website monthly would donate a single dollar when you check us out, we would raise \$150,000!

Yes, the sheer number of hits we receive each month boggles our mind too — we average 300,000 visits to the Happy Trails website every month! No joke!

Our veterinary medical expenses are very impressive, our feed and hay bills are up there in the clouds, and the sheer cost that it takes to accept and respond to the hundreds of requests for help with farm animal and horse cruelty cases is amazing.

So if each time someone visited our website and donated a very important dollar, with over 300,000 hits, we would have over \$300,000 to help with rehabilitation of the horses, to promote the farm animals who are available for adoption, to host more educational opportunities and to take our message of kindness and compassion for all animals into even more schools and universities, and to make an even bigger impact on our communities.



Is this realistic for everyone person to donate \$1?

Probably not, but it's a great example of how each dollar counts, and counts in a big way!

If you want to play along, that's great! If not, please keep visiting the Happy Trails website for more great stories, rescue updates, special events, and sanctuary happenings!

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 ~

Check Out Happy Trails New Video
Compliments of Kent State University Students!



For the Spring 2010 semester at Kent

State University,

Happy Trails was one of five non-profit organizations chosen to take part in a video class aimed at bringing the university, the students and the community together.

Thanks to talented Kent State University students, Katherine Dillon, Kayla Landolph and Marcus Gerrett, and an innovative class program created by Kent State faculty, Happy Trails now has a wonderful new promotional video to share - check it out on the internet at http://happytrailsfarm.org/video_page.php?Happy-Trails-Promotional-Video-by-Kent-State-University ! (Or simply go to happytrailsfarm.org.)

The videos the students produced will impact countless lives. Many thanks to the students for doing a simply incredible job!

I'm sure there is a bright future for each of these talented students, and we are proud and grateful to have them as part of the Happy Trails team!

Animal Talk - Happy Trails Radio Program on WSOM-AM600



Minton of HSUS, March 6 & 7

• Humane Society Of Columbiana County with Jenny Pike, April 17 & 18

• Communicating With Animals with Doris Straka, May 1 & 2

SPONSOR A SHOW!

You can sponsor a segment of "Animal Talk" (\$50 per show) and your company or organization will receive commercial time. Details on the website at happytrailsfarm.org.

Thanks to all of our fun and interesting hosts, and many thanks to all our listeners!

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK!

Let us know that you listen to the show — give us a quick call at 330-296-5914, or drop me a line at annette@happytrailsfarm.org!

Which show was your favorite?



Here's just a few of the archived shows that you might want to check out:

• Chiropractic Treatments For Horses with Dr. Holly Troche, May 15 & 16

• An Alternative Healing - The Benefits Of Reike For Animals, May 22 & 23

• Pig Placement Network with Helen Morrison,

March 20 & 21

• Southeast Llama Rescue with Helen Carpenter, March 27 & 28

• Buckeye Horse Park with Kimberly Walter and Sally Kish, May 8 & 9

• Sanders Wildlife Center with Nick Morris, Feb. 13 & 14

• Animal Behavior Specialist, Ken McCourt, Dec. 27

• Wild 4-Ever with Dr. Gary Riggs, Feb 7

• How Happy Trails Got Started, Feb. 20 & 21

• Master Chef Scot Jones on Cooking With Compassion, Dec. 12 & 13, 2009

• Viewing Animals Through The Eyes Of Christianity With Mother Julie Fisher of Christ Episcopal Church, March 13 & 14

• Ohio's New Animal Friendly Ballot Initiative With Karen

On "Animal Talk", I have the opportunity to discuss *all kinds* of animal-related topics, and they are truly all over the board! My guests have been everything from funny to serious to entertaining to educational. And the more people I run into, the more people I meet who tell me they listen to the show — and I am *thrilled* to hear that!

You can do two things:

1. Listen every weekend to the new weekly shows on Saturdays at 9:30am and on Sundays at 10am. either on WSOM-600AM, or streaming worldwide through the Happy Trails website at happytrailsfarm.org, and...

2. Listen to past shows through our radio archives section of the website at happytrailsfarm.org !



Here Rosemary Donatel (left) and Joan Leppla, members of the Happy Trails Reike Group, enjoy taking a break between recordings!

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Dr. Troche provides chiropractic evaluations and treatments for the rescued horses of Happy Trails. Here she works on Marquis, one of our newest residents. This 20 year old Standardbred, a former buggy horse, recently arrived through our Amish Horse Retirement Program.

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All New Electric And Lighting In The Horse Barn!

Thanks to volunteer electricians and donations from the International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers Local Union #306, NECA (Northeastern Ohio Contractors Association) and LMCC (Labor Management Cooperative Committee)!

You know that song where the lyrics start out with the words, “I believe there are angels among us...”?

Well, let me introduce you to some angels who descended upon Happy Trails and left us with an entirely new electrical system, all new lighting, and some other electrical perks in the horse barn. Angel-In-Charge, Bently Hudson, coordinated this massive undertaking, and put in *countless* hours on this job.

Supplies and volunteer hours were donated by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union #306, of Akron, and supplies were also donated thanks to NECA (Northeastern Ohio Contractors Association) and LMCC (Labor Management Cooperative Committee). Over \$3,500 in supplies were donated!

Bently's angel-volunteer-crew consisted of hard workers who were all certified electricians (who also had a good sense of humor as several horses attempted to “help” them with their work): Lou Torcasio, David Bedard, Jim Betz and Mike Bischoff.

Happy Trails is now blessed



(left to right) Bently Hudson (coordinated the volunteer project), and his volunteer crew also included Jim Betz, David Bedard, Lou Torcasio, and Mike Bischoff. Red, the big Belgian draft horse, supervised the entire thing.

with enough brilliant outdoor lighting to handle unloading animals during night rescues and to handle any sanctuary emergencies around the barn or in the woods, and plenty of intense indoor lighting to treat wounds and tend to sick horses or other large animals.

We have enough light now to unload or fetch hay from the upstairs loft safely after daylight hours, and a fan in the top of the barn is even on a timer to promote air flow throughout the barn on those horrifically hot summer days.

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to Bently, to all the folks on the electrical volunteer crew, and to the generous businesses who made this project possible. We are sincerely grateful and honored to have been the recipients of their sense of community spirit and their kindness and caring.

Make sure that you don't miss visiting the horse barn when you join us for our big 10th Anniversary Farm Tour on Sunday, June 27th!

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please help us thank the good folks at these two businesses, and take a quick second if you would to drop them a note of thanks for their generous contribution to help the rescued animals!

International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers

Local Union #306

2650 S. Main St.,

Akron, Oh 44319

Mike Kammer, President

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49 North Moreland Ave.

Munroe Falls, Oh 44262

Larry Thompson, Chairman

Alger Vet Clinic



Dr. Randy Alger examines one of Happy Trail's rescued sheep. Doc Alger has been our field service vet for many years and had treated literally hundreds of rescued farm animals for us both in emergencies and during routine visits.

Randy Alger, DVM • 330-274-3463

FIELD SERVICES...

...focus on farm animals, including cows, goats, sheep and horses.

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**Listen to Dr. Randy Alger's interview
(goats, sheep and cows)
on Animal Talk**

(from May 29th and 30th)

**through the Happy Trails website
radio archives at**

http://happytrailsfarm.org/show_archive.php



Many thanks to all you kind folks who sent in your Acme receipts! For the Acme Cash Back Program for non-profit organizations, Happy Trails received a total of \$469.02!

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**OHIOANS FOR
HUMANE FARMS**

HSUS (*Humane Society Of The United States*) Promotes New Ballot Initiative Against Animal Abuse In Ohio

Ohioans for Humane Farms is spearheading a new, citizen-backed ballot initiative to prevent some of the cruelest factory farming practices in Ohio. The measure will require the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board to adopt certain minimum standards that will prevent animal cruelty, improve health and food safety, support family farms and safeguard the environment throughout the state of Ohio.

To help eliminate animal abuse in Ohio, to learn more about this ballot initiative, and to find the closest location to sign the petition, go to www.ohiohumane.com

Endorsed By The United Farm Workers

"The United Farm Workers believe that farm workers and farm animals deserve humane treatment. Farm workers don't want to be forced to commit inhumane acts towards animals simply because the law allows it. We are proud to support this measure and ask everyone who stands for justice to do the same."

Continuing To Improve The Sanctuary — Opportunities To Help Purchase Fencing And Cement!

We realized when we started taking photos of the mangled fencing that now holds in our goats and sheep, that trying to show the damage to the fence was nearly impossible since thin wire fence doesn't show up great in pictures. So please allow us to explain our latest improvements and upgrades that we are attempting to address here at Happy Trails.



Project #1 — Safer Fence For Goat/Sheep Yards

The fence that was set up around the goat/sheep barn was originally installed as only a temporary fence. Well, you know how that goes! Time goes by, temporary becomes permanent, and you never quite get to fix things the way you had envisioned. Well, the sheep with their itchy winter wool and the goats with their shedding fur, did quite a number on the flimsy fencing that was originally temporary fencing. It is now bent in all sorts of directions, and when the animals lean against it, it gives way and pulls apart from the metal stakes.

Our goal is to replace the metal stakes with much safer wooden

posts (we already have some of these), replace the thin wire with approved goat/sheep fencing, install easy-access gates, and cement the corner posts in place. There are currently three goat/sheep sections that will need replaced.

The labor is being graciously donated by Happy Trails volunteers, and they anticipate that the project will take three days to complete. The total cost for supplies is just shy of \$1,500. This cost includes the rolls of fencing, some of the gates (we have a few already), the corner brackets and corner posts, bags of cement, and rental of an auger.



Project #2 — Installing Two Cement Pads

We haul our manure away using our dump truck. Next to the ramp that leads up to the truck bed, there is an area where manure or old bedding can be dumped until the skidsteer is free to use. This area needs to be cemented in order to stop scraping up the dirt under the piles of manure and to eliminate the nasty mud hole that won't go away otherwise.

The other area that needs cemented is the area under the pavilion and next to it. The area under the pavilion houses picnic tables where visitors can rest in the shade or out of the rain, and it also

shelters the skidsteer when it's parked for the day. This area often becomes soggy and muddy, and



driving the skidsteer into the area for parking always stirs up the ground. A cement pad would be the ideal solution to solve this problem.

Strangely enough, after measuring the sizes of both areas that need cemented, this second project also comes to approximately \$1,500. The labor in this case will be donated also, and the cost covers the delivery of the cement itself, supplies for the mold, and any needed equipment.

We strive to continue to improve the sanctuary, to make the environment as safe as possible for the rescued animals, to make their care efficient and effective, and to make their guests feel as welcomed and as comfortable as possible. We hope to raise \$3,000 to accomplish both projects. To help support our latest sanctuary improvements with a tax-deductible donations, donations can either be made through PayPal at happytrailsfarm.org, or you may wish to send a check to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Thank you for your support!

Sanders Wildlife Center Donation Swap



We appreciate all the kind folks who generously donated items for

Sanders Wildlife Center in our "donation swap"! Working together with other organizations for the higher good is what it's all about!

We'll continue to collect items from their wish list and deliver their donations regularly! Check out their wish list and their website at

www.starkparks.org
330-477-0448

Skid Steer Update

Many thanks to all the folks who responded to our request and helped us out with our unexpected expense of having to purchase a newer skidsteer to handle the sanctuary chores when our old skidsteer worked past it's ability to be repaired reasonably.

As of March 7th, our beginning loan balance was \$9,650.

Our kind and generous supporters helped us out with \$5,440.48 worth of loan payments!

As of May 24, our loan balance is now \$4,209.54.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who helped us handle this necessary but unfortunate expense.

The skidsteer is an integral part of daily

chores and farm activities, such as cleaning horse stalls, moving hay bales, distributing bags of grain to various animal shelters, and moving countless heavy loads of supplies throughout the sanctuary.

Our monthly payments are \$290.75.

You can help us out with this unex-

pected but necessary expense, even if you can't make a full payment. We can add any additional amount to our monthly payment. Every little bit reduces the interest we pay on the

loan, stretching our money even further! Your tax-deductible donation can be made on-line through Pay-Pal, or mailed to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.



South Russell Vet Hospital

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To Pat O'Brien Chevrolet and Cheryl Keller for the enormous donation of food, animal supplies and goodies that arrived as well as the fantastic brand-new and beautifully embroidered horse blankets!



From left: Pat O'Brien Chevrolet's very own Cheryl Keller (thanks for all your hard work of collecting all the donations, Cheryl!); Annette Fisher, Happy Trails Executive Director; Cheri Rider, Happy Trails Board Member/Secretary; and Sharon Barnard (Happy Trails Board Member) and Gypsy the cat, permanent resident

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Thank You To Our Foster Homes!

Due to respecting their privacy and for the protection of our animal foster homes, we usually do not publicly acknowledge their individual names. However, we want to thank (from the bottom of our hearts!) all the folks who foster abused and neglected animals for Happy Trails. *Your commitment of time and love and shelter is incredible!*

"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)**

Plain Dealer Reporter Donna Miller Writes Animal Column

Often people are quick to complain when they're not happy with something regarding life in general.

We have something to be happy about and to be grateful for, and we are asking you to help us



Donna Miller

say thank you to the Plain Dealer Newspaper for keeping an animal-information column in vogue through reporter, Donna Miller. If it deals with animals, she'll write about it!

Kudos to the Plain Dealer and to Donna herself for hosting such a unique animal column which covers some really diverse issues.

And on behalf of all of the animal-oriented organizations who have benefitted from even a quick mention in Donna's very-well-read column and blog, I'd like to say a big thank-you to the Plain Dealer for keeping animals in the news and for feeding the public's interest in animal-related topics!

Please take just a quick second and send a polite thank-you note to the Plain Dealer for providing such a great opportunity for us to keep up on all the latest animal-related issues!

Letters should be addressed to Susan Goldberg, Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Ave., 44114.



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Promoting Our Friends In Animal Rescue —

Wild4Ever “Walk On The Wild Side” Fundraiser

Join us for a fun nature walk to benefit wildlife conservation. Wild4Ever® is a non-profit wildlife conservation foundation dedicating 100% of generated funds to the preservation of wild animals. Habitat preservation, in-the-field studies, endangered species conservation and creating conservation oriented education programs are our focus.

Event will take place rain or shine.

WHEN: Saturday, June 12th, 2010

Registration: 9:30am - 10:00am

Walk Begins: 10:00am - 11:00am

11:00a.m.–Noon: Food, Raffles, and Exhibits

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per person, \$20 per family.

WHERE: Silver Creek Park, Chippewa Trail, 5000 Hometown Rd, Norton, Oh 44203

A wildly fun time for the whole family (and your dog too!). Join us for a fun nature walk to benefit wildlife conservation.

For more information go to www.wild4ever.org or call 330.825.2434.

Get up close and personal to native wildlife and talk to wildlife experts including staff and animals from Metro Parks Serving Summit County, Stark Parks, Medina Raptor, and Project Orphan.

Directions

Silver Creek Metro Park is located off of Hametown Rd or Medina Line Road, west of State Route 21 and north of State Route 585, in Norton. From I-76/US Route. 224 Travel west to State Rt. 21 and go south approximately 3 miles to State Rt. 585. Take State Route 585 south and immediately exit at Hametown Rd. Turn left (north) on Hametown Rd. and travel to the park

EVERYDAY HEROES SIDE NOTE

In typical Happy Trails fashion, only minutes before the awards ceremony began, we received a call that a pig that was returning to Happy Trails from the vet's office escaped from his pet porter and also escaped from the sanctuary. Thanks to the Happy Trails volunteers, Rob Willard, Kevin Bragg and Jason Wolboldt, who chose to miss out on the festivities and instead joined in the tracking and capture of the very fast-moving pot belly pig. The three guys and the pig covered quite a bit of territory that night, and in the end, Rockwell the pig ended up safely back at Happy Trails and was settled in comfortably for the night. The three hot, tired and out-of-breath guys that were covered in mud and goo were just happy to have helped! Another happy ending!

Every Day Heroes Recognized!

On Friday, May 7th, Happy Trails hosted our first-ever volunteer recognition evening, and gave special awards to our every-day heroes, the dedicated and hard-working volunteers who give generously of their time and talents. We also recognized every-day heroes in the Northeast Ohio community who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of animals.

This special event was a “just desserts” night, and plenty of scrumptious animal-friendly (vegan) desserts were on hand. Some volunteers brought special delicacies to share, but most of the tempting desserts were provided thanks to talented volunteer, Olivia Schlosser-Hogue.

The volunteer award categories included: animal transportation, foster homes, sanctuary workers, behind-the-scenes volunteers, the Reike group, the Board Of Directors, and

the feeding program.

Special recognition went to every-day heroes: Dr. Randy Alger (Outstanding Veterinary Services); Ken Aberegg (Professional Equine Trainer); Brimfield Police Department (for their major role in the Brimfield horse abuse case); Jennifer Weber (reporting severe animal cruelty); Lisa Novak (initiating a major investigation into farm animal abuse); Mother Julie Fisher (addressing animals in religion, Christ Episcopal Church); Julie Smeiles and Karen Kirsch (caring and compassionate reporters); and Greg Ellsworth and Ed Goldner from The Bison Ranch (the great buffalo rescuers).

One of the highest honors went to Humane Officer, **Jennifer Sanderson**, who received “Humanitarian Of The Year” award for constantly going above and beyond the call of duty when addressing animal abuse in Portage County.

Happy Trails Board

Member and long-time volunteer, **Sharon Barnard**, had the honor of receiving the most coveted “Janice Award”. This new and now-annual award is in honor of our animal founder, Janice the pig, and to acknowledge a truly outstanding person who is dedicated to the welfare of the rescued animals and to the mission and outreach programs of Happy Trails. We are very honored to have her with us.

Many thanks to everyone who attended!

Happy Trails continues to rely on our all-volunteer staff. It is only through the precious gift of their time and talents that makes our work possible. Even for the awards night, the volunteers still pitched in and worked to bring it all together.

Acknowledging the selflessness of these volunteers is a very small, yet very sincere



Sharon Barnard received the most honored “Janice Award”, in honor of our founder, Janice the Pig.

gesture from the heart. We continue to be truly grateful and also truly blessed!



Jennifer Sanderson, Humane Officer of Portage County, received an award for her dedication to the abused and neglected animals of Portage County, and for her overwhelming care and compassion.



This is the Hauling/Transportation Crew: in attendance were - Lori Luisi, Debbie McCort, Phyllis & Jake Leonhardt, Ilona Urban, Debbie Bragg, Joyce Vasko, Jodi Roof, Cheri Rider, Sharon Barnard, Debbie Robinson

A Great Video Of What Adopting A Rescued Animal Is All About!



Q: Who Adopts Rescued Horses?

A: People With Big Hearts And Lots Of Love!

People like 4 year old Luc Thompson! Well, OK, Luc adopted Ariel, a 19 year old Arabian mare, with a *little* help from his mom, Lynn. *Details!* Luc's mom shared a video with us that clearly shows the joy that a rescued horse brings to a little boy with a big heart who loves her! Check out Luc winning his ribbon at

http://happytrailsfarm.org/artman/publish/video_rescued_horse_4_year_old_boy.shtml

Happy Trails New Website Look

Thanks to Happy Trails webmaster, our great computer guru Chuck Conring, you will begin seeing a new design to the sanctuary's website!

Our changes may be slow and steady, but they're already in the works and will be user-friendly!

With all the sanctuary events, animal stories, volunteer opportunities, and information that we have to share, it's time to upgrade and improve. So as time permits, Chuck and sanctuary assistant, Rob Willard, will be making changes and improvements to the already-popular Happy Trails website!

Thanks For Joining Us For Our Mother's Day Tea!

On Sunday, May 9th, sponsored animals waited in anticipation to visit with the mom's who were honored with an animal sponsorship! Flowery bows were tied into beautifully combed manes and piggies rolled over on fresh straw for mom's to give them belly rubs! Thanks to all the families who participated in our Mother's Day Tea — you made a huge difference in the life of a rescued animal!

Congratulations To Grace Erb, Winner Of Saddle Raffle



Many thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and participated in our fundraiser, and a very special thank you goes out to Mary Verhoff at Lone Pine Farm Tack for such a kind and generous raffle donation!

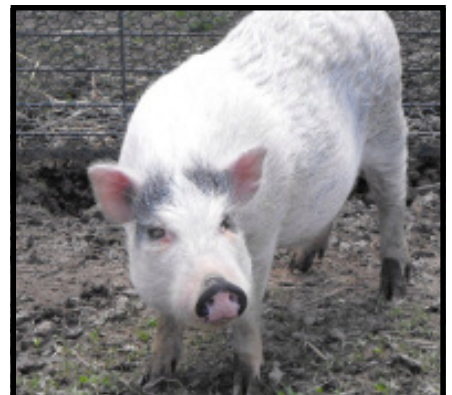
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'Tis The Time For Dumping Easter Ducks

To all the people who purchased ducklings at Easter because it was funny and cute and now want to dump them somewhere, *shame on you!*

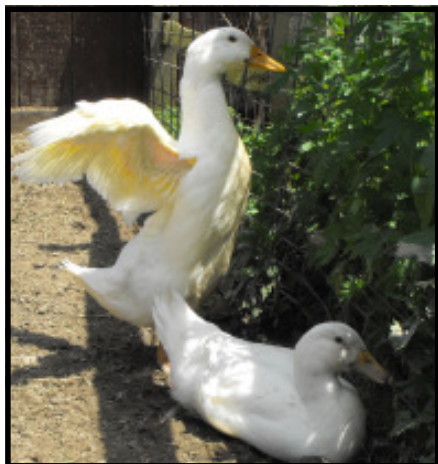
As usual, now that Easter has come and gone, Happy Trails has been inundated with calls regarding ducks that have been cruelly dumped in a variety of locations.

"Someone left two ducks at the entrance to our allotment!"

"I propped open the doors to my store this morning and in walked these two friendly ducks!" (And no, that's not the beginning of a bad joke!)

"There's a domestic duck in the middle of the parking lot where I work!" And the list of quotes goes on forever.

The rescued ducks that are



coming in are all young, and all would have been babies around Easter time. Sadly this happens every year. Some of them still don't have all their adult feathers. They're coming in all shapes and sizes and colors.

When ducks are dumped near open ponds, they are basically being presented as snacks for predators. The local wildlife, such as fox, coyotes, mink, weasels, and raccoons, all *love* when they come across a small, young domestic duck that can't fly away from his attackers. When the ponds freeze over in winter, predators can run quickly across the ice to grab their meal.

Featured Animal Marquis Needs A Home!



Recently retired from working as an Amish buggy horse, this handsome 20 year old Standardbred gelding is healthy and sound and ready for some light backyard or trail riding! Adoption Fee: \$350

For adoption information, call 330-296-5914.

Glen The Crippled Pekin Duck Needs A Home...

...where he can live in peace, comfort and safety along with his two Pekin girlfriend ducks!

(Glen has a bad foot - it's as healed as it can be.)

Adoption Fee: \$15
for all three ducks

**For adoption information
about feathered friends
(ducks, geese and chickens)
call us at 330-296-5914.**



**Happy Trails now has nearly 30
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