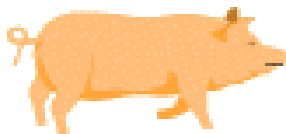


# Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

## DECEMBER 2012



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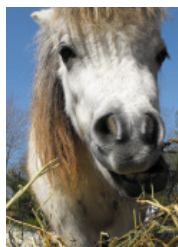
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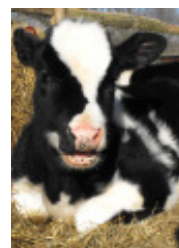
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**Wishing For Peace On  
Earth For Animals  
As Well As People**



## letter from the director

### Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

I find it very interesting this time of year to hear the lists of things that people want for Christmas. Usually their "wants" are not "needs". They might not "need" that new designer coat, but sometimes they want something so badly they feel as though they need it.

Have you given much thought to those creatures who cannot fully express their wants to us? It's a shame, because their "wants" are usually their "needs". It's very humbling to consider what the rescued animals might "want" for Christmas.

If you ask someone what they think the animals would want, you usually get things like cinnamon horse treats or a fancy new halter. After working with rescued animals for going on 14 years now, I have come to realize that what most people list as an animal's "need" is really what that person "wants" them to have.

Thinking of it from the animals' perspective, you get Sadie's list on the front cover.

Sadie is one of the seven horses we rescued from the meat buyers at the Mt. Hope Auction recently. Her right eye was punctured and sticking out of her head in such a way that it was difficult to look at. The pain had to be unbearable. Yet, she was taken to the auction and forced to stand tied to a wall, with no access to water, until it was her turn to be forced to run through the auction pit and be sold to the meat buyers. It was truly heartbreaking.

One of the things that I frequently talk about is the lessons that the animals teach us. I tried to put myself in Sadie's shoes, to think about what would be important to her in her world. I tried to come up with what her priorities would be. They didn't include anything like commercially made treats or shiny new halters. I believe Sadie would come up with the basics.

So during this holiday season, when the spirit of giving touches your hearts, take time to consider what that less fortunate person or animal might "want" this year. It just might be something that instead they really "need".

As we bring 2012 to a close, I'd like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone for your support and encouragement, and for spreading kindness and compassion throughout our world for all animals

*Wishing all of you a blessed holiday season,*



Annette Fisher  
Executive Director

**"I always wondered  
why somebody didn't  
do something  
about that.**

**Then I realized.**

**I am somebody."**

*- Author Unknown*



**"Never be afraid to do what's right,  
especially if the well-being of a  
person or an animal is at stake.  
Society's punishments are small  
compared to the wounds we inflict on  
our soul when we look the other way."**

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**"It takes nothing away from a  
human to be kind to an animal."**

*- Joaquin Phoenix*

**"The question is not, "Can they  
reason?" nor, "Can they talk?"  
but "Can they suffer?"**

*- Jeremy Bentham*

**"Every animal knows far  
more than you do"**

*- Nez Perce*

**"If you talk to the animals they will  
talk with you and you will know each  
other. If you do not talk to them  
you will not know them, and  
what you do not know you will fear.  
What one fears one destroys."**

*- Chief Dan George*



# Recent Rescues - No Two Alike

## Three Alpacas Attacked By Dogs



At the beginning of December, Happy Trails received a call from the Portage APL requesting our help with several alpacas who had been viscously attacked by dogs at a location where the owner was not home. Arriving on the scene, two had severe injuries and bloody puncture wounds. Alpacas are the most gentle of all creatures, and they were cooperative as our rescue workers rolled them on to a stretcher, belted them safely in place, and carried them up a muddy slope to the front of the property where they were carefully loaded into the Happy Trails horse trailer. The third alpaca was able to walk on his own. Thankfully we were able to get in contact with veterinarian Dr. Anthony Stachowski, who allowed us to bring the trauma

## Five Turkeys And Fourteen Chickens Dumped Under Bridge

Under a dangerous highway bridge in Cleveland is not the place you would normally expect to see a group of chickens and turkeys living. The Cleveland APL called Happy Trails for assistance with a group of feathered friends that had been apparently dumped



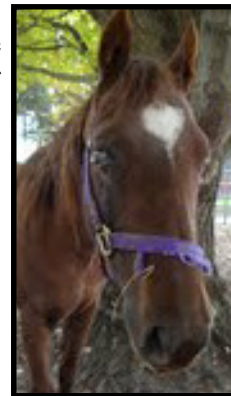
during the night and were discovered the next morning. All the birds were extremely underweight, and you could easily feel their breastbones beneath their soft feathers. Rescue workers settled them in under heat lamps to help warm up the ones who were shaking. The turkeys' tail feathers were caked with mud, and they had a generally unkempt and un-cared for appearance. They are all now safe at Happy Trails, enjoying their freedom and safety in the various

## Two Abandoned Goats



Akron Animal Control recently contacted Happy Trails for assistance with two abandoned goats who were wandering around loose. Upon their arrival at the sanctuary, they were quarantined, vet checked, vaccinated, dewormed, and tested for CAE, a debilitating goat disease that is contagious to other goats and potentially fatal. (If you have pet goats, always test for this disease before bringing other goats home to your pet, and be sure to have your own pet tested also.) Fortunately both of the goats tested negative.

The male goat (shown in the photo above) has now also been neutered and made a great recov



## Seven Horses Going To Slaughter

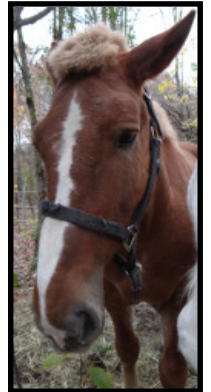
On Friday, October 12th, Happy Trails rescued seven horses who were being purchased by the meat buyers at the Mt. Hope Auction in Holmes County. You can see the complete and more detailed story on the Happy Trails website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org).

I am happy to report

that all seven horses survived (several were iffy at first), and all are in the process of making great recoveries. It's amazing to watch their daily progress.

**Thank you to everyone who has sponsored or donated toward their care.**

**Sadie**, shown here and on the front cover, is making an amazing recovery after having to have her ruptured eye surgically removed. **Amitola**, a big Belgian gelding, had nothing wrong with him other than the fact that he was starving to death. He has gained back about 100 lbs. so far. **Woody** had an injured back hoof and has visited two equine hospitals now and has undergone a variety



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# DON DRUMM COLLECTORS SERIES

*This special collectors series honoring the elegant horse was created exclusively for Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary by talented and well-known artisan, Don Drumm. It is now available with all proceeds benefiting the rescued animals at Happy Trails.*

## STATUES



### Rescued Herd

This beautiful 10¼" wide x 7¾" high free-standing pewter statue is not only a unique Don Drumm creation, but also serves as a reminder of the multitude of rescued horses that find safety, comfort and peace through the horse rescue programs at Happy Trails.....\$156



### Healing Horse

Full of hope, this healing horse standing at 7¾" wide x 8½" high, is ready to give actual rescued horses a second chance at life through the proceeds of its sales. This detailed,

polished pewter statue stands freely and elegantly as it anticipates only good things to come....\$104

*All pieces are imprinted with the Don Drumm signature stamp.*

## ORNAMENTS

(Can also be worn as a pendant or used as a keychain!)

*Great Gift Ideas!*



### Angel Watching Over

Ready to protect, this angel promises to watch over the horse in her care. 2" wide x 2¾" high, this horse and angel pendant will remind you that you are a true

angel to the rescued horses by supporting their daily care through this purchase...\$25



### Standing Hopeful

Waiting patiently for someone to welcome him into their family, this gentle horse stands alone at

the sanctuary with hope that someone will adopt him. Wear this rescued horse as a necklace, place him on your key chain, or hang it as an ornament....\$25

*Necklace chains, key chains or ornament hangers not included. Item arrives with a ribbon.*



# DON DRUMM COLLECTORS SERIES

## PINS

This special collection series not available anywhere else!



### Love You With All My Heart

Wearing his heart on his sleeve, or rather, on his left shoulder, this horse is all about spreading kindness, compassion and love for all animals. He

loves the fact that rescued horses are being helped with the sales of his pin.....\$22



### A Wing And A Prayer

The angel protecting this horse knows that often animal rescue groups operate on a wing and a prayer. As you wear her proudly on your sweater or jacket, she will remind you that at Happy Trails we treat the

body, mind and spirit...\$22



### Together We Stand

Each horse here represents the hundreds of horses that have been rescued

through Happy Trails, and also the hundreds that are still to come. With your purchase of this pin, like the herd of horses, together we stand strong. Your purchase provides funds to help the next group of horses in need....\$22



*You may call your orders in to 330-296-5914 with a charge card. Most items also available at Happy Trails new "mini-store". Call for in-stock information. 330-296-5914.*

ITEM	Qty	Price	Total
Rescued Herd Statue		\$156	
Healing Horse Statue		\$104	
Standing Hopeful		\$25	
Angel Watching Over		\$25	
Together We Stand		\$22	
A Wing And A Prayer		\$22	
Love You		\$22	
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Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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# Meet Our New Facilities Manager

So who's on the property keeping everyone safe and making sure everything is running smoothly? Who is repairing our broken fences and will be clearing away the snow this winter and putting the busted stall gate back on its hinges? None other than our new facilities manager, Greg Carr! Greg and his wife, Hannah, both animal lovers, are now living at Happy Trails and providing that extra sense of security needed to make sure that all is safe 24/7.

Many Happy Trails supporters already know that I moved off the property this year (I live a whole mile away so I'm still close by for anything that comes up.) But we still had the need for a live-in caretaker and facilities manager. Greg's love for animals (especially horses) and his extensive background of managing a warehouse and overseeing special projects made him an ideal candidate for the job.

I think it's important for our supporters to know who is taking care of 'your' animals and keeping them safe daily!

If you happen to stop by the sanctuary to drop off supplies or a donation, be sure to say hi to



*While on vacation in Hawaii, Greg and Hannah took time to show off their Happy Trails logo apparel. Nice going guys!*

Greg and Hannah and help us give them a warm Happy Trails welcome!

Greg has graciously lent a helping hand in many instances other than just caring for the facility. He has been there to help with a horse that was colicking, help with loading and unloading animals, assist with several rescues, drive animals to and from vet hospitals and new adoptive homes, and everything in between. We are extremely grateful for Greg and Hannah and we appreciate the fact that they chose to be a part of Happy Trails in a really big way. They are making an incredible difference in this growth phase of the sanctuary, and we are looking forward to working with them as we head into a new and exciting year!

(P.S. I would be amiss if I didn't also welcome Beau, their handsome six month old boxer!)

## Happy Trails Internship Program



**OSU Animal Science major, Ashley Ehmann, joined Happy Trails as an intern for the Fall semester.** Ashley helps with a variety of hands-on work including animal care, participating in animal rescues, handling animal adoptions, counseling animal owners on how to find homes for their pets, distributing medications, treating wounds, making vet appointments and meeting with veterinarians and blacksmiths, and a long list of other animal-related tasks. Ashley has also become a part-time Animal Care Giver staff member. Ashley will be returning to Ohio State University in January to complete her degree. Her plan is to graduate in May and join the Happy Trails staff full-time, coordinating our emergency rescue program and working with animal adoptions. Ashley has gone above and beyond the call of duty and has been willing to help out in every situation that arises. We are thrilled to have her as our intern, an animal care giver, and hopefully as a full-time staff member soon. Thanks, Ashley, for choosing Happy Trails for your internship program!

**If you are interested in scheduling your college internship at Happy Trails, call us at 330-296-9514.**

# 2012 Giving Tree Program Underway At Four Stores!

## *Grab A Happy Trails Ornament Off The Tree And Take It Home!*

### **What is the "Giving Tree Program" you might ask.**

This year four stores signed up to participate in the Happy Trails Giving Tree program.

**A Happy Trails Christmas tree is displayed in each of these stores,** and hanging from the trees are laminated ornaments featuring photos of a rescued animal. On the backs of these ornaments, a special need is written that would help care for the animals.

### **It's easy to participate!**

Shoppers select an ornament from the tree, and they

purchase the item that is written on the back of the ornament while they are in the store. The donor then leaves the item they just purchased at the counter to be included in the donations that will be delivered to the sanctuary once a week throughout the holiday season. **Shoppers participating in the Giving Tree Program are encouraged to take their ornament home with them and proudly hang it on their tree,** reminding them that they helped save a life during this holiday season.

Items listed on the orna-

ments include everything from grain and feed, joint supplements for older and arthritic animals, wound care products, heated water buckets, salt blocks and paste de-wormers to hoof picks, lead ropes, de-lousing powders and much more.

### **Can't make it in to any of the stores but would like to participate?**

Simply choose one of the stores and call them with your

charge card information, and ask them to put the amount of your donation toward a gift certificate for Happy Trails. We can then shop for the care items most needed at the sanctuary. You will receive a written thank you and tax receipt in the mail, so please remember to leave your mailing address.



## **GIVING TREE STORES**

### **Pettigrew Feed & Hardware**

6773 Tallmadge Rd  
Ravenna, OH 44266

**330-325-1500**

#### **STORE HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8-6  
Sat: 8-5 Sun 10-2

### **Western Reserve Farm Co-Op in Ravenna**

467 Cleveland Rd  
Ravenna, OH 44266

**330-296-3424**

#### **STORE HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8-7  
Sat: 8-4 Sun: 10-3

### **Geauga Feed And Grain Supply**

11030 Kinsman Road (Rt. 87)  
Newbury, OH 44065

**440-564-5000**

#### **STORE HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8-6  
Sat: 8-3

### **Western Reserve Farm Co-Op in Chardon**

12285 Ravenna Rd  
(State Route 44)  
Chardon, OH 44024

**440-285-3143**

#### **STORE HOURS**

Mon-Fri: 8-7  
Sat: 8-4 Sun: 10-3





**Can you IMAGINE how much 100 ton of asphalt grindings look like?** Well, that is the amount of material that has been donated to Happy Trails by Shelly Company of Twinsburg, with many thanks going out to Steve Alex. One load in our dump truck will hold about 15 tons safely. That's about seven loads! Happy Trails is going to use the asphalt grindings to fill in low and muddy areas, and will be able to upgrade some of our walkways and driveways. This is



**Shelly Co. 8920 Canyon Falls Blvd. Ste 120  
Twinsburg, OH 44087**

a huge, amazing donation to Happy Trails, and we are very grateful to Steve Alex and Shelly Company for their thoughtful and generous donation. The photo above shows Happy Trails' dump truck getting its first load of the gold...well, OK, it's *like* gold to us!



## Compassionate Kids

Quinlan Martin's number one favorite trip this summer was to Happy Trails. "I have always had a love for animals, especially pigs," said Quinlan. "This past summer, I asked my parents to take me to Happy Trails. When I went to Happy Trails and heard about and saw the abuse and neglect that the animals there had experienced in their life, it made me sad. I decided I wanted to give back, so when it was time for my birthday, I asked my friends for donations to Happy Trails instead of birthday gifts for me. It made me feel good because I know I am helping animals that need help." Thanks to mom, Mary Martin, for fostering this spirit of community and giving for Quinlan. He is sure to grow up to be someone who makes this world a better place for everyone!



Quinlan Martin, with Happy Trails Director, Annette Fisher, holds his special photo of Willow the pig. Instead of birthday gifts, Quinlan asked for donations to be given to Happy Trails!

**A** very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, looked over our last wish list, and surprised the sanctuary by filling multiple needs with a donation of \$11,000. We are truly grateful for the funds which covered paying off the Bobcat and new tires for this piece of equipment; demolition of the old garage to make way for the new rest room; a new storage building which will be constructed in the spring as soon as warm weather appears; a heated water bucket; a load of gravel; hoof trims for eight horses; a Coggins test for one of the new Amish horses; privacy fencing to replace the fence that was damaged in the windstorms this past year; 100 bales of hay; fat additive to use in the grain of underweight horses; and funds toward the purchase of snow removal equipment for the Bobcat. It is very humbling to know that our supporters watch our work, meet our needs, and make our work possible. **We are beyond grateful. Many thanks!**



## Dear Santa...

...Here at Happy Trails we rescue animals from bad situations. Really bad. We do our best to take care of them with what we have. Sometimes things break. Sometimes we run out of supplies. Sometimes we just make do with what we have.

We are grateful for anything you bring us. And

Santa, don't forget to feed and take care of your reindeer. We consider them farm animals, and well, we're watching you....

Love, Happy Trails



**Want to purchase an item but aren't sure what to buy or where to buy it?**

**Let us shop for you!** Check off a need from the wish list, and we'll do the leg work. By furnishing a list of critical needs for the sanctuary and making the purchases for you, we hope to make it easier for folks to donate some of these items. The things we ask for may not sound exciting or glamorous, but they are either basic needs or things that make the care of the rescued animals easier and more efficient. We're asking for things that help us save lives. **Thanks for supporting the work of Happy Trails!**

## Happy Trails Holiday Wish List

**Please go shopping for me!**

I have checked the boxes below next to items that I wish to sponsor.

☐ **Hay Basket \$385** (This structure keeps the hay off the ground and keeps the horse area cleaner.)

☐ **Sinker Heaters....\$85** (These heaters will keep the larger water troughs from freezing during cold weather.)

☐ **Baseboard Heater .....\$155** (The heater in the feed room/med room died. We need to replace it asap.)

☐ **Repairs For The Horse Trailer ..\$475** (Brakes and electrical work needs done to make it safe. Stopping is good.)

☐ **Oil Changes .....\$250** (The old supply truck, logo truck, our dump truck, and the skidsteer, are all in need of oil changes. The cost estimated here would cover all vehicles for an oil change.)

☐ **Used Stock Trailer ....\$6,500** (Happy Trails has an older 2-horse trailer, but it is not appropriate for hauling a load of farm animals. A stock trailer would be safer and we wouldn't have to keep taking the heavy divider out of the horse trailer when we haul multiple animals such as sheep, goats, alpacas or ponies. A large

open area would be much safer for many smaller animals.)

☐ **New Rest Room.....\$2,957** (Keeping with building and health codes, permits, providing additional architectural drawings needed for approval by EPA, and meeting handicapped requirements, we are a bit over budget on the new rest room. You would think we were building the Taj Mahal!)

☐ **Rolled wire fencing..\$85/roll** (Need five rolls to replace old, rusted fence for a total of \$425.) (Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ rolls of fencing.)

☐ **Joint Supplements..\$85/gal.** (Many older or arthritic animals receive pain relief through joint supplements. One gallon will serve one horse about two to three months depending on the dosage.)

☐ **Emergency Repairs.....any \$ amount** (You never know what breaks or what we'll need to buy. Hinges. Screws. Metal tracks for a horse stall. 2x4's. Any donation toward our emergency repairs will be very much appreciated.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed

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**MAIL DONATION TO:**

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

# New Riding Arena Project Scheduled For Spring 2013

## Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust Grant Kicks Off Campaign

Happy Trails is planning to turn our uncovered outdoor arena into a covered indoor arena this next spring, similar to the ones shown in these photos. After a great deal of re-search, we decided on a small (65' x 115') practical style wooden structure.

The opportunities this new addition will present to the sanctuary, the animals and the people we serve is incredible to say the least. Lame or injured horses can then be turned out throughout the year in any type



The entire project is going to cost approximately \$51,000.

**The Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust has kicked off this campaign with a generous donation of \$12,000!** We are very grateful to be awarded this sum to begin our project!

**Our official “outdoor-to-indoor” arena campaign will be jump-started after the holidays, but if you are considering donating toward this project and would like more information ahead of time about the new construction, please contact me personally at 330-296-5914, and ask for Annette.**

Continuing to improve and upgrade the services we provide, making use of the time

of our staff and volunteers more efficiently, and expanding our animal care and educational programs, will be part of our long-term goals.

The area we now use as our outdoor arena is subject to searing hot sun in the summer, icy patches which are particularly dangerous to horses in the winter, and cannot be used during freezing rain or lightning storms due to no overhead cover. We simply *cannot wait* to make better use of this arena in so many more ways! *Watch for more details after the holidays!*



of weather, be protected from the elements and have safe footing; training to help the rescued horses become more adoptable will also be able to continue through bad weather; individuals wanting to adopt an animal can visit with them under the cover of a protective roof warding off hot sun, freezing rain and blankets of snow; we will be able then to host animal health seminars and educational programs; and so very much more. This is going to be yet another major milestone for the sanctuary!



## Fence Posts

A special thank you goes out to Kurt Fuetter for his kind donation of wooden fence posts to upgrade an entire section of fencing to make it safer for the animals. Metal stakes cause hazards and injuries both to people as well as the animals — *unfortunately we have witnessed both*. Happy Trails has an on-going fence project to eventually replace all the dangerous metal stakes on the property with wooden posts. This donation will cover an entire area around the farm pig shelter.



## The Price Of Hay Is Going Up... And Up...And Up....

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated toward our “hay fund”. The shortage of hay this year due to poor weather conditions has now skyrocketed. When we recently began our requests for donations toward the purchase of enough hay to last us through winter, it was at \$4 per bale. We just had a rude awakening when the least expensive hay we could find to purchase is now at \$7 per bale. Having a massive amount of hay trucked in from out of the area was the best deal we could find. We ended up purchasing 63 large square bales (3'x3'x7', each the equivalent of about 14 smaller bales) at \$80 per bale plus hauling. To make sure we were able to feed the rescued animals throughout winter, we purchased about \$5,000 worth of this hay. We are continuing to replenish the hay fund which has now been depleted. **If you would like to help us pay for the hay we just purchased at \$7 per bale, fill in the donation coupon on the inside back cover of the newsletter.** On behalf of a lot of hungry animals, thank you for helping us provide them with hay!



## Restroom Project Update

**Yes, the restroom project is still scheduled to be completed soon!** We are in the process of installing a restroom to replace our lovely brown outhouse currently used at our facility.

You would think that we were attempting to construct a skyscraper with all the drawings that need approval,



people that need to be involved, schedules that need to be coordinated, and permits that need to be pulled.

It's a restroom with two stalls. Plain and simple. We are in the final stages of presenting the architectural drawings that were redrawn (again) and revised. I believe we may just need to name the bathroom the 'Taj Mahal' when it's completed!

Regardless, due to some unexpected expenses that arose, we are running about \$3,000 over budget.

Our volunteer project manager, Jason Wolboldt, and/or his project assistant, Greg Carr, can answer questions about specific needs regarding supplies, fixtures, plumbing and electrical needs, flooring, the propane heater, etc.

You can contact either of these gentlemen by leaving a message for them in the office at 330-296-5914.

**Any monetary donation or supply that you can help provide will help us stay within the funding that was set aside for this important project.**

With freezing weather just around the corner, we really want to provide a warm, sanitary restroom for our visitors, animal care giver staff and volunteers.

## Have You Ever Had To Make Repairs On An Old House?

**If so, how long did it take you to find out that there was not a square corner in any room and that the ten million people that lived in the house previously all did some type of do-it-yourself home repair that just made matters worse?**

In order to move Greg and Hannah, our new caretakers into the house at Happy Trails, we had to address some renovations that weren't a luxury — they were necessities.

You could put a marble on end of the kitchen floor and it quickly rolled to the far side in the blink of an eye. The floor needed to be leveled and an adjust-a-post needed to be installed in the basement. Steps going to the second floor were starting to groan and



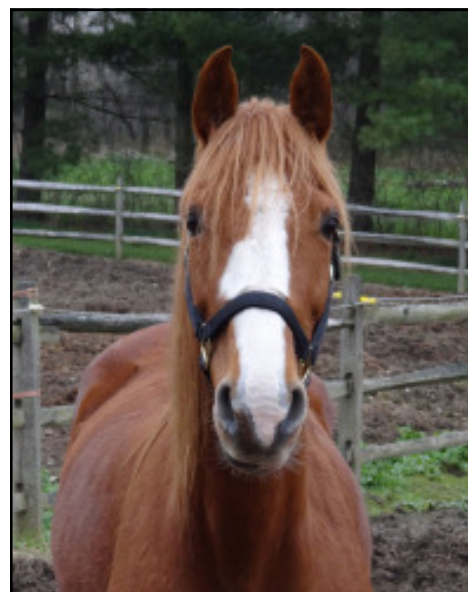
*OK, well, maybe it wasn't quite this bad....but there really are no 90 degree angles on a 108 year old house*

heave and needed replaced. Drywall needed patched and electrical work needed upgraded and made safer. Old peeling wall paper needed removed and windows actually still need replaced.

To date we have spent approximately \$6,500 in necessary improvements.

There will still be other repairs needed, but they are less urgent.

**If you are interested in helping us to replenish the funds for the repair of the caretakers house, please indicate your wishes on the donation coupon on the inside back page of the newsletter.**



## What's A "Pasture Pal"?

**Kate, a 20+ year old mare, is in the category of what we consider a "Pasture Pal" at Happy Trails.**

Kate came from a meat-buyers' truck this past year, severely underweight and her front right shoulder protruded (and it still does and always will). And she's blown several abscesses out of her hoof. But she's sweet. She's fun to play with. She gets along great with other horses. She adores attention and has a lot of love to give. She's been around the block. Worked hard. Neglected. Thrown away in her old age. Callously sent to the meat auction without a second thought.

These "Pasture Pal" horses cannot be ridden due to old age or health reasons. Often they cannot safely carry the weight of a rider. But they can indeed be a great companion for another horse or make a great family pet. Sadly, there are many throw away horses in our rescue program — horses who will teach you a lot about getting to really know a horse. **To learn more about our Pasture Pals adoption program, call us at 330-296-5914** to speak with Angela Rahn, our equine adoption counselor.

**Can't adopt a horse right now? Please consider sponsoring a Pasture Pal horse.** They need someone to care about them, too. **For sponsorship information, call us at 330-296-5914 or go to our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org).**

# 2012 Compassionate Thanksgiving Was Well Attended!

## Plans Underway For A Bigger Venue For Next Year!



Over 300 guests joined us for the 2012 Compassionate Thanksgiving event this year! You guys are amazing!

I'd like to extend a very personal thank you to everyone who attended. All of our guests remind me that there are incredible people out there who want to make a difference and who are proud to support the animal rescue efforts and educational programs of Happy Trails.

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes out to:

• **Chef Scot Jones, our good friend and chef extraordinaire**, for once again gracing us with the best in a traditional

Thanksgiving buffet in animal-friendly (vegan) style!

• **John Pierre, trainer to the stars**, for his inspirational presentation encouraging us to make healthy as well as compassionate choices in our lives.

• **Ilona Urban, our event planner**, and **all of the Happy Trails volunteers** who made the day so very special.

• **Carla Kennedy** for being so talented and creative with our beautiful table centerpieces

• To everyone who donated baskets for our raffles - we had some wonderful baskets come in even during the event!

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# New Baby On The Way — There's A “Fleury” Of Activity To Find Mama A Home

Fleury is one of the seven horses that Happy Trails rescued recently from the meat buyers at the Mt. Hope Auction.

She is a 22 year old white Welsh pony, and she had been run through the auction with a five month old baby colt by her side.

During the bidding, a private individual purchased her baby, but did not want the old, sway-backed mare. With her baby cruelly taken from her side, she was sent back through the auction again, this time to be sold alone.

**It was so incredibly sad.** No one wanted her. No one, that is, except a meat buyer. Her life wasn't worth much. Bidding was low. We just couldn't let this sweet, old, mother horse who just had her baby taken away get loaded onto a crowded meat truck with the bigger horses. She could have easily gone down in the trailer on the long ride to the kill pens in Mexico, and she surely would have bene trampled to death. **We began bidding for the pony's life, and we won her bid. Her life was worth a whole \$85.**

At Happy Trails she settled in as a friend to Sadie, a young mare who had to have her damaged eye surgically removed. The two girls became fast friends after their ride in the rescue trailer from the auction to the sanctuary.

Fleury is an older pony and horribly sway backed. Often horses or ponies become this way from being used as brood mares for their entire life. She already had a baby by her side at the auction. We suspected that she could be pregnant again. **A field service vet confirmed our worst fears. Yes, the pony was definitely pregnant.**

So, **Fleury**, along with a Happy Trails crew to accompany her, **took a trip to OSU for an extensive examination** to determine what was in the best interest of this fragile mother. *Would she be able to survive childbirth at her age? Were there any other signs of health issues? Would it be safer for her own health to abort?* These were all considerations that the vets discussed.

It ends up that Fleury is five and a half months along with her pregnancy already. Horses carry their babies for a total of eleven months. The vets determined that it would be in the pony's best interest to

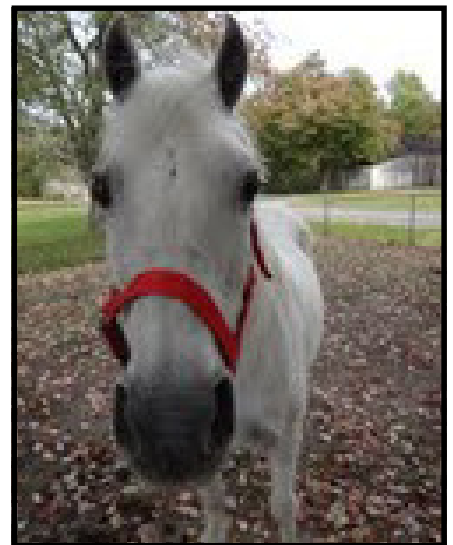
let her complete her pregnancy at this point.

During the auction, Fleury was promoted as being traffic safe, knowing how to drive and hitch both single and double, and that she was broke to ride.

Since she's been at Happy Trails, her main focus is on healing from severe malnutrition and now staying healthy enough to have a baby at her older age. We don't know if the information being provided was true, but we do know that she is sweet and there is something about her that makes you want to protect her and love her.

**Our goal is to find Fleury the perfect, permanent, adoptive home as soon as possible so she can settle in over the winter and get ready to have her baby pony in May.**

We would indeed expect her adoptive home to keep the baby. **If you would like to be considered as an adoptive home for this gentle pony and her new baby, call us at 330-296-5914.** This time we have assured her that she won't have to watch her baby being taken away from her at an auction.



# Recent Rescues - No Two Alike (continued from page 1)

## Three Alpacas...

tized animals into his clinic in Mantua, where they were thoroughly examined and sewn back together. They were all about a year old, all males, and the vet wasn't sure if the one with the most severe injuries would recover. We decided to leave them at the clinic for several days to make sure they began their rehabilitation under the watchful eye of Dr. Stachowski and his staff during this critical period. They needed additional medication, wound cleansing and treatments throughout the day. This was yet another first for Happy Trails, as we have never assisted with the rescue of alpacas before. All three are now doing well. **Many thanks to our volunteer haulers, Phyllis and Jake Leonhardt, who transported the boys to their new recovery home with Chris Adams, an adoption coordinator for Southeast Llama Rescue in Ohio.** Chris is located in Clarksburg, about four hours South of us. A thank you also goes out to Helen Carpenter for helping us make this connection.

Dr. Anthony Stachowski was very kind and provided us with a generous discount. Before the boys left the clinic, all three were able to be neutered also. **Vet costs came to a total of \$857.** We appreciate any donations toward this medical expense, which will enable us to then replenish our funds to help the next animal in crisis. The alpacas are also available for adoption. Call Chris Adams at 740-497-0372.

## Five Turkeys...

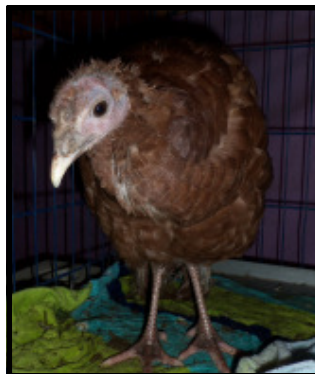
yards and pecking all day at treasures in the dirt, treasures that only they



*This sweet little hen had been de-beaked, a cruel practice commonly used on factory farms. The ends of the beaks are cut off with a hot blade.*

know about. Unfortunately some of them are also pecking at each other, as birds with varying personalities often do. I am happy to report that they are all settling in, eating well, and enjoying the attention from their caregivers. **They are all friendly and love to be pet and hugged, turkeys and chickens both!**

Anyone from this group will make a great family pet. For adoption information about our new feathered friends, please contact Ashley Ehmann, our feathered friends adoption counselor, at 330-296-5914 and leave a message for her. She's usually out and about caring for the animals.



## Two Goats...

ery. Both goats are young. The female is about a year old and the male is under a year old. They are friendly, funny, inquisitive, and in to absolutely everything. They like to jump over the lower fences and into the pot belly pigs yards simply because they can and well, because they are goats.

A fundraiser benefit-



ting Happy Trails is scheduled at Pickwick & Frolic in Cleveland (it will have passed before this newsletter comes out). At Happy Trails, we are always trying to come up with creative names for the rescued animals...you can probably guess where this is going. The boy is now named Pickwick, and the girl is named Frolic. And they really are just too cute together.

**They are available for adoption to a loving home who will adopt them together.** Yes, they do both have horns. And no, you can't dehorn them. For adoption information, contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 and leave a message for Ashley.

## Seven Horses...

of treatments. We feel that within the year his hoof should be well on its way back to being normal.

**Billionaire** (shown at left) was shaking so badly at the auction he could barely walk. He also has now been to two different vet hospitals and we



have had him tested for every neurological disease you could think of at this point. He is continuing to gain weight and shake less. We are guessing that the severe shaking has to do with fear, and that he was probably beaten pretty severely at some point.

**Fleury**, a small white pony, has her own article on page 13.

**Editon** is a 22 year old Standard-bred gelding that



*Editon relaxed and napping in the sun at his foster home.*

doesn't seem to have any major health issues. He was just old and unwanted. And **Diamond** has a swollen rear leg that the vet said will be a permanent part of her life. **Their medical and vet expenses and daily care needs continue to add up, and we truly appreciate your continued support of this group of wonderful horses.** Some are now available for adoption. **Call us for more details at 330-296-5914** or check out progress reports on the web.



## Sponsorships....

There are several ways to participate in sponsorships.

### GIFTS:

You may wish to sponsor an animal as a gift for the holidays or for a special occasion for a friend, family member or co-worker.

### PERSONAL:

An animal sponsorship can be something very personal. You might want to provide a one-time sponsorship for an animal that you are drawn to — one that speaks to your heart. Perhaps your one-time donation helps with a medical cost or a special need of a newly rescued animal.


### MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP:

You might be interested in sponsoring an animal monthly and watch its progress as it goes through rehabilitation. With the good luck and positive energy that you provide with your sponsorship, hopefully we will be then be able to find it a permanent home.

To learn more about sponsoring an animal, I invite you to call us at 330-296-5914 and ask to speak with Ashley, or visit our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org)



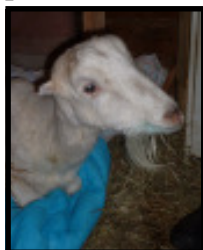
Pollyanna is a good example of a rescued animal in need of sponsors. She continues her recovery after being brutally attacked by something unknown. She was discovered by a good samaritan who found her lying in a ditch near death. Pollyanna still needs occasional vet visits for her "bad" leg and anti-inflammatory medication. She is incredibly sweet and happy.

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## Ornery Goose Needs A Home....

**Like pets with a little spunk?**

***Then Francis is the pet for you!***

Francis came to Happy Trails from a neglect situation, and due to a condition called “angel wings”, he had to have the very ends of his wings amputated.

Francis made a great recovery, but he is very territorial about his yard. His favorite thing is knowing where to pinch you right above the tops of your boots.

Francis doesn't do great with other geese or turkeys, but seems to be content around the chickens and the ducks.

***Not into “bitey” pets? Call us for a run-down on *all* the farm animals who are seeking kind and loving homes (or for information about adopting Francis!). 330-296-5914.***

## Our Mission

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and provides an adoption program for abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, potbelly pigs, farm pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats, and cows. Happy Trails serves the entire state of Ohio and any other state requesting our help, and works in cooperation with county humane societies, animal protective leagues, and local and state law enforcement officers. Animals in our program must have been removed from a situation of abuse, neglect or abandonment by law officials, and cruelty charges must be filed against the person(s) responsible for the crime.