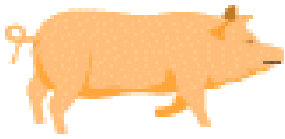


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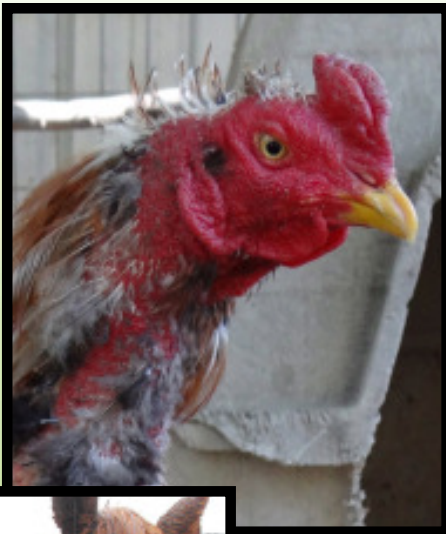


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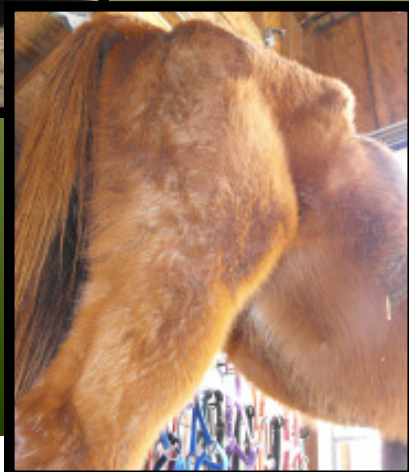
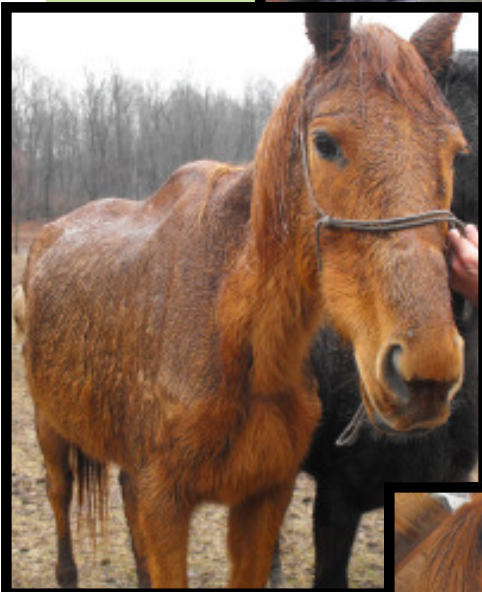
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## letter from the director

### Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

There are SO many great things happening for Happy Trails that it's crazy! Crazy good that is!

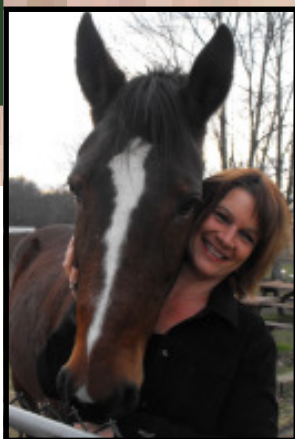
Change is inevitable, and growth often accompanies great change. This year especially!

Living on the property at Happy Trails creates its own unique set of challenges for me, so while I will be continuing in my current role as the founder/director of Happy Trails, I will be moving off the property! This move will take me a whole mile away, the equivalent of a one minute drive, or about ten minutes if I hop on my horse and he happens to be in the mood to run through the woods.

I believe I will be even more effective in my role with the sanctuary with fewer interruptions and more time to concentrate on admin 'stuff'.

Of course you make any major changes in your life with mixed emotions, even if the changes are all good and positive. This move for me means a lot of things — it means that the sanctuary is growing and developing the way it should; it means that we now have a staff capable of handling things that I don't need to meddle in any more; it means that the organization is becoming self sufficient and has taken steps toward long-term sustainability; and it means that we have truly been blessed with amazing donors, dedicated volunteers, the support of the community, and with some incredible animal adoptions.

As I move I will, of course, be taking with me Truffles my house pig, Bronson my dog, my two horses Barney and Shelby, and an old icon at Happy Trails who is a 26 year old Belgian draft horse named Red. We



animal  
rescuers  
simply can't  
exist without  
our pets in our  
life. It's that  
idea that we

always have to be caring for something or someone.

I have a feeling that the time I will now be spending at the sanctuary will be more quality time. I wanted to make sure that I shared this with all of you since we are all pretty much like family, and I just wanted to reassure everyone that my role with the sanctuary will continue to be the same...only better!

I do hope to see many of you at the sanctuary. Tours are being booked up every Sunday, so if you want to come out, call us at 330-296-5914.

With kindness and compassion  
for all animals.

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

Annette Fisher  
Executive Director

*"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~

## Hungry As A Horse

Just a quick thank you to everyone who responded to our "Hungry As A Horse" campaign, as we raised funds to pay for bags of grains for the rescued horses. We are extremely grateful for your support and appreciate your generous donations!

## New Website On Its Way To You!

The new and improved Happy Trails website is *almost* here, thanks to Darin Spindler, and his tech crew lead by James Guildan and Jonathan Schummer. We simply can't

WAIT for you to see it! This is yet another change taking place for the sanctuary, a user friendly website that will be current with rescues, sanctuary news, important stories, ways to get involved, animals available for adoption, and much more!

## Hey, We Need Hay!

**What does any horse or farm animal rescue organization always need?** Yep, you guessed it!

Hay! With this year's crop getting first cutting, folks often have last year's hay left over or maybe not enough room for this year's hay. If you'd like to donate hay to help us feed the animals, call us at 330-296-5914 and leave a message for Bentley Hudson,

volunteer extraordinaire, who is handling our hay and straw donations! He promises to call you back asap!



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# Meet Pearl (Paninah) — *Are We Looking At The Same Horse?*

One year and four months later after we rescued Pearl the horse (renamed Paninah, meaning “Pearl” in Hebrew), she doesn’t even look remotely close to the bag of bones

that wet blanket for most of the winter, and her skin condition turned into a nightmare to treat.

During her first two months in our recovery program Paninah gained back 250 lbs. The incredibly bony mare started to fill out and prosper.

On Wednesday, June 6th, in the courtroom of Judge Marvin Shapiro, a Portage County jury found Paninah’s caretaker, Amy Foster, guilty of animal abuse. Sentencing has not taken place as of yet.

I was personally on the witness stand for over two hours, being grilled about the recovery program and the care of the horse. The folks on the jury deserve a lot of credit — the pictures of Paninah were horrific to have to look at and the video of us having to stand her up with a series of ropes and slings using

a skidsteer was painful to watch. It was even more painful to relive as I remembered the many times that Paninah would lay down and because of being so weak could not stand back up.

The situation was that a first-time horse owner who didn’t know anything about horses and couldn’t really afford one in the first place, placed this horse in a “boarding” situation, where she could pay a cheap monthly fee for her horse to live on a property with no stalls, no shelter, poor quality hay and a small scummy, dirty pond for a water

source. We need a new “friends don’t let friends” saying - how about “Friends don’t let friends who can’t really afford a horse buy one and put it somewhere cheap so it can be neglected.”

Paninah cannot be ridden, but she will make a great companion for another horse or a big family pet! Please consider adopting this sweet mare — for adoption information, call us at 330-296-5914.

To help with her care until we can find her a permanent home, we welcome sponsors to assist with her expenses. Tax deductible donations of any amount can be made and sent in her honor to: Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266. Or you can donate on-line via PayPal at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org) and just note the name Paninah (or Pearl) in the memo!

We’ll keep everyone posted as to what sentence the caretaker receives.



that walked off the trailer on that bitter cold, freezing rainy day of March 2011. Amazing what food and shelter does for an older horse. But then, is 22 old, considering that many horses live well into their late twenties and even over 30 these days? And let’s not forget not leaving a soggy wet blanket on the horse all winter long when it has no shelter to get under to dry off. Funny how neglect takes its toll.

I was able to take a closed fist and knock on her hip bones, resulting in a hollow wooden sound. Yikes. Her skin eventually began to rot off



# Meet Goliath!

## So *THAT'S* What A Bait Animal Looks Like!

Toward the end of May 2012, Happy Trails received a call from the Greater Akron Humane Society. A very pathetic rooster was found in the city of Akron — *could we take him in by any chance?*

We made room for the poor guy and made arrangements to pick him up. There is no way of knowing for sure what his story is, but often, from our past experience with animal fighting cases, we can piece together what has happened to an animal.

The rooster was big. No, not just big. He was huge! A big tall fellow. He was found with duct tape around his feet and across his spurs. *What does that mean?* It usually means that he was used as “bait”. Bait animals are animals used to train other animals for fighting, and if their sharp nails or spurs are taped up, it's done so that they cannot hurt the other bird or fight back against another animal. They are basically attacked regularly and used time and time again for this horrific practice.

Goliath appears to have been

used as such a bait animal for quite some time. He is missing about 75% of his feathers. He has a great deal of scar tissue over and around his left eye, most likely from past injuries. A good portion of his comb and his waddles have been cut off, another hideous practice common to the world of cockfighting. This is a procedure done without the use of anesthesia or

pain killers. A procedure done at the hands of cruel people using a knife or a razor blade.

*Is Goliath now fearful and mean and dangerous from all he's been through?* Far from it! Goliath seems to have already forgiven the miserable human beings who did this to him, and he genuinely seems to like people. Crazy, huh? He allows us to hold him and hug him, though we all do this very carefully because we don't want to hurt his tender skin. He doesn't seem to have an aggressive bone in his body.

As he recovers, he will slowly start to grow his feathers back and he should also gain weight. When you pick him up you can feel every bone in his body. Recovery will take some time considering the amount of damage that's been done to this gentle creature.

For now, Goliath is friends with Harvey the duck. They seem to have an understanding and they stay out of each others way. They have a mutual respect for each other, and Goliath has been the perfect gentleman around the duck.

The scars around Goliath's eyes and head are painfully visible. The scars in his mind and on his heart are ones that have the potential to leave him angry at the world for the hand that life dealt to him. However, once again, the animals are teaching us life lessons if we choose to listen to Goliath, the teacher. He seems to have chosen to forgive the human population in general for the sins of a group of idiots who caused him a great deal of pain. He is choosing to be kind to us and is making choices every day that makes it easier for us to care for him. Goliath is most likely extremely physically uncomfortable at best. However, he is not taking it out on any of us here at Happy Trails. He seems grateful for his new home, for his new situation, and is welcoming a new lease on life. If only people could learn these impor-



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**Goliath will be available for adoption to a kind, loving and safe home. For adoption information, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.**



tant lessons that Goliath has to teach. They are definitely ours if we choose to open our eyes to his example. I'll bet you never thought that a rooster could be a great role model! So instead of asking you to think outside the box, let's just get rid of the box, and see if we just can't learn something from the animals in our lives!

## COCKFIGHTING FACTS

◆ Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states and a felony offense in 35 states and the District of Columbia. The possession of birds for fighting purposes is prohibited in 34 states and the District of Columbia. (ASPCA)

◆ Cockfighting and dog fighting is found in every county in Ohio.

◆ Cockfighting should be taken seriously not only because of the animal abuse, but because it *always* involves other crimes such as:

- illegal firearms
- underage drinking
- illegal drugs
- illegal gambling
- acts of violence

◆ They (*the roosters*) are also given various legal and illegal drugs such as strychnine, caffeine, amphetamines, and epinephrine to make them more aggressive, increase their endurance and clot the blood that will flow during the fight. (from IDA *In Defense Of Animals*)

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*"To me, it's an animal cruelty issue. It's barbaric and gruesome. It's an illegal and unethical practice."*

State Senator Mary Jane Garcia  
of New Mexico.

## COCKFIGHTING: A blood sport for roosters

Although it is illegal in all 50 states, cockfighting is a tradition that dates back several centuries and spans several cultures. Thus it is difficult to stamp out. Like other illegal animal fights, cockfights take place surreptitiously.

### **What is Cockfighting?**

Cockfighting is an organized fight between two roosters who are placed in a pit to fight each other. The roosters have been trained to severely injure and/or kill one another. These birds, which are raised for the purpose of fighting, are tormented to make them aggressive. They are also given various legal and illegal drugs such as strychnine, caffeine, amphetamines, and epinephrine to make them more aggressive, increase their endurance and clot the blood that will flow during the fight.

The natural spurs of the roosters are sawed off and replaced by razor sharp steel blades or curved implements called gaffs which measure from one to three inches long. During the fight, from which neither rooster can escape, the birds peck and maim one another with their beaks and weapons. The long, sharp gaffs stab deep into the flesh often requiring handlers to physically pull the animals apart. Although they have been bred to fight, the animals often become tired, incapable and suffer severe injuries. The fight only ends when one rooster is dead or is too weak to fight. The loser then gets thrown in the trash, sometimes while still alive. For the winner, there is no guarantee that he will survive his injuries and often ends up with the same fate as the losing bird.

Cockfights are held before an arena of cheering spectators who often wager large sums of money on the outcome of the contest. **Children are often present at the fights**, leading to concern that they are being desensitized to the suffering of others and they are being encouraged to use violence.

### **Don't these birds fight naturally?**

Although these birds in a flock will often fight to establish a "pecking order", these battles rarely result in injury. Wild roosters conduct ritual showdowns that, as with wolves and many other animals, substitute for, and deflect from, actual physical combat. Only birds that have been bred and provoked to fight will inflict the serious injuries seen in cockfighting. Also, unlike birds in the wild, these animals cannot escape. They are placed in an enclosed pit and forced to fight until one quits, is severely injured, or dies.

### **Isn't cockfighting a cultural tradition?**

While cockfighting may be a tradition in some cultures, not all traditions are good ones that deserve to continue. Cesar Chavez, who condemned the practice of cockfighting, once wrote: *"Kindness and compassion toward all living things is a mark of a civilized society. Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals, is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people."* In a statewide survey conducted in Arizona, 95% of Hispanic voters said they felt that cockfighting was "cruel and inhumane."

This article is from IDA (In Defense Of Animals) —  
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# Granting A Wish — A Tribute To Dale Butterfield

by Annette Fisher

A call came in around the first week of May from a humane officer who I work with, saying that he was asked if he knew anyone with a pig who could do a home visit for a man who was terminal with cancer. My very own house pig, Truffles, seemed like a good candidate, though she had never traveled to anyone else's home. She is friendly and social and potties outside. I immediately offered to make the visit, and asked to get some details of where and when. I used to belong to the Delta Society way back when, and would take my giant Alaskan Malamute to the Acute Care Units of various hospitals in the program and visit with cancer patients. I knew just how important animals are to people. Before the humane officer could get back to me, I also received an email from Holly Butterfield with the same request. It was her dad, Dale Butterfield, who was asking to see a pig, and Holly wanted to grant him this very special wish.

"I sponsored a calf and a farm pig for my parents as Christmas gifts. My dad is terminally ill with lung cancer and was never well enough to make it to a visitor day. I'm now trying to find someone with a pig who could do a home therapy visit to lift his spirits," said Holly. At the time of our conversation, Dale was given from 4 to 12 weeks to live. "I can't even tell you how excited we all are about the prospect of meeting you guys!" Holly wrote. "We can shoot for any day next week except Monday, because his hospice

nurse will be visiting that day...He's been so down about his situation, and we'll go to the ends of the earth to find any little thing to make him feel a little better." We made arrangements to visit him on Wednesday, May 23, at the family's home in Fairport Harbor.

I asked Holly if it would be OK to bring the other visiting animals as well. Happy Trails Farm Animal Visitation Program takes several rescued farm animals into nursing homes and handicapped facilities for special visits, and the animals include two goats, a mini horse, and ex-cockfighting roosters who now loves to be petted and held. We agreed on one goat, the mini horse and one rooster, in addition to Truff.

But we weren't quite ready for the big welcome we received when we arrived at the Butterfield home. A very large family group of sons and daughters and aunts and uncles and cousins and brothers and sisters were waiting for us on the lawn, and we waved as we passed by the house and had to park a little ways down the street. As we unloaded our precious cargo from the back of the trailer, the family was filming the entire event. Happy Trails volunteers helped out with the menagerie of animals — Lori Luisi was escorted with her favorite mini horse,

Kachina, by her side, and Lissy Kuhn had Natasha the goat, an old hat at going to community events, as her date for the big day. We made quite a spectacle in the otherwise quiet neighborhood as we walked noisy Natasha and the cute-as-a-button Kachina, down the sidewalk. Gershwin the rooster joined in with joyous crowing as we set his wire cage on the lawn, and little Miss Truffles



***Dale got to feel the soft fur of a pig right in his very own living room! Truffles the pig was happy to oblige as I helped the wiggly little pig hold still.***

was carried like royalty in her pet porter. And we soon discovered there were as many people inside the house as there were outside - it was truly an incredible gathering for the entire family to celebrate the visit of the humble pig.

It was an honor to meet Dale and the rest of the Butterfield family. I went in first to make absolutely certain that everyone was OK with us bringing in some grunting, squealing, oinking, baa-ing, cockadoodledoing and neighing happiness and joy into the house. Dale sat in a big brown recliner, and we talked about bringing "his" pig in first! Truff cautiously backed out of her pet porter, not sure what was expected of her during the visit. She stayed close to Dale's chair, making it easier for him to reach out and pet her soft hair. She was bribed with apples and carrots to wander into the center of the living room. I kept thinking, "Thank God they have hard wood floors!" But like the clean and polite house pig that she is, Truffles did not even consider going potty indoors, no matter how self conscious she was with all the attention. We agreed that Truff would stay in the house during the entire visit, and that the other animals would be brought in one at a time.

Next came Kachina. She actually clumped up the steep front porch steps in her custom made hooves from OSU in Columbus and walked confidently into the living room. She stood near Dale and he was



***Happy Trails volunteer, Lissy Kuhn, held Natasha the goat while she visited with Dale. Natasha was thrilled to receive bits of apple that Holly, Dale's daughter, cut up for her.***

able to pet her fuzzy little head and mane. Then being the diva that she is, she made her rounds visiting the folks sitting in the living room. After a bit, she wandered back down the porch steps (with a little assistance) and in came Natasha.

The goat, very used to crowds, made herself quite at home by deciding to chew on Dale's blanket. He was able to feel her horns and her curious, wet little nose. When she exited the living room I breathed a sight of relief — no accidents so far!



*Kachina the mini horse stood politely while Dale petted her on her little head! Volunteer Lori Luisi (back right) had helped Kachina up the front porch steps and into the living room.*

Next came Gershwin the rooster, who I balanced on the edge of Dale's recliner. Gershwin sat there very politely for quite a while, and Dale had the chance to pet Gershwin's soft feathers and to feel his feet. I am willing to bet that Dale never thought he'd have a rooster balanced on the edge of his chair inside his house in his wildest dreams! When it was time for the rooster to go back into his cage, Truff became the center of attention once more. She spent the entire visit either standing next to Dale's chair or right in front of his chair. She was a little concerned, this being her first big adventure away from home.

It was heartwarming to see the smiles that the animals brought to so many faces that day, and to see Dale smile at finally getting to see a pig in his house. Good byes were said and I offered to bring back Truffles as many times as he would like over the next so-many weeks. I gently shook Dale's frail hand and held it for a minute and thanked him for the visit.

I was hoping to bring the now famous Truffles the pig back for yet another visit. But only five days after our visit, we got the news from Holly. "I wanted to let you know that my father passed away on the 28th at Hospice House in Cleveland. The one thing I keep hearing is that people are so glad he had the day with the farm animals to relax and feel good with his friends and family. You guys came right in the nick of time and it's a wonderful memory we all will cherish. Thank you again, so much, for reaching out in our time of need."

I asked Holly if I could write a tribute to Dale, and she agreed. "He was such a great guy, so compassionate, and loved animals, especially pigs! He was really pleased and honored that you guys were willing to come so far and visit so long. It really brought a smile to his face, which we hadn't seen too often anymore. You guys gave us a great memory, which is a gift we'll treasure always."

Actually this worked both ways, Holly! Lissy, Lori and I received a great memory as well, of being welcomed by a family during a very challenging and private time in their lives. We are truly the ones who are honored to have been a small part of this time and to have had the opportunity to meet Dale and the entire Butterfield family. Truffles may never fully understand what an important pig she was on that day!

*Gershwin, an ex-cockfighting rooster, was happy to let Dale pet him. Gershwin ended up sitting comfortably on the edge of Dale's recliner for quite a while!*



**Dale K. Butterfield, age 61, passed away May 28, 2012, at Hospice House of Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland.**

Dale was born Jan. 1, 1951, in Painesville to the late Joseph and Jane (Cramer) Butterfield. Dale grew up in Fairport Harbor and moved to Texas in 1971, where he met and married his beloved wife, Gwendolyn Butterfield, Aug. 29, 1975. Dale enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserves in 1982, and proudly served his country for eight years. He was an avid Cleveland Browns fan and enjoyed playing pool and guitar. Dale was a skilled electronics technician and was employed by defense contractor Raytheon (E-Systems) for several years in Dallas, Texas. He returned to northeast Ohio in 1993, and last worked for Rockwell Automation in Twinsburg.

**His insight, intellect, and wit touched so many and he will be dearly missed.**

## Happy Trails Safe And Secure Thanks to Dan Kennedy And Safety Technologies!

Happy Trails has recently received the last components of a new security system that has been arriving weekly, with the entire system now here and complete with all the pieces/parts that we need!

Thanks to our mentor, good friend, supporter, and marketing guru, Dan Kennedy, Happy Trails is now in the midst of installing a new state-of-the-art security system throughout the facility.

Dan graciously purchased this high tech \$17,000 security system which arrived from the good folks at Safety Technologies, located in Florida.

The new system will enhance the functionality and efficiency of the sanctuary. With cameras being installed in all the animal shelters, we will be able to monitor sick or injured animals and tell if something or someone appears to be out of place. We will be able to tell with a click of a computer key if the barn doors are shut, if heat lamps were turned on, if a stray dog got onto the property, if the farm pigs got loose, or if someone is trespassing. This will be a huge factor in more efficiently directing our time and human resources (which is still a mostly volunteer staff) and hopefully eliminate some unnecessary trips around the ten acre facility. This system will also allow volunteers to know that help is just a phone call away, and that a staff member can look at the camera where a volunteer is working to help answer questions. We are hoping to show at least one live video-cam through the Happy Trails website allowing the general public to view the rescued animals.

Many thanks to the key volunteers in charge of the installation of our new security system: Bentley Hudson, a retired licensed commercial electrician, is handling the installation of the wiring and the cameras. Scott Silcox and Kevin Kossick, our technical consultants, are handling the computer end of things. Both men are custom technology integrators at Digital DNA, a company owned by Kevin. Scott and Kevin came out for an initial visit to look over the products and to get a feel for the extent of the project. Scott was quoted as calling the system "one of the most advanced security systems that money can buy." Kevin and Scott were both impressed by such a generous donation of equipment of this quality.

Now that all the pieces/parts have arrived, it will take us a little time to get it all installed properly. We are all extremely excited and will keep everyone up-to-date as we make progress with the installation!

Many thanks to Dan Kennedy for this incredible donation, to Michael Gravetee, owner of Safety Technologies and to Safety Technologies rep, John Hite, for making sure that we have the appropriate equipment for the type of security we need for the expanse of the facility, and to Bentley, Scott, and Kevin for donating their time, skills and talent to making this security system happen!



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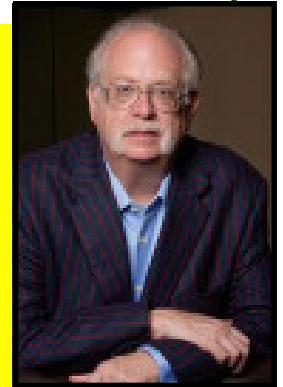
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## Who Is Dan Kennedy Anyway?

Over the past several years you have read about special projects and matching funds thanks to a generous benefactor by the name of Dan Kennedy. Last year Dan matched \$30,000 in donations when Happy Trails conducted our land security campaign. He has two special animal organizations that are near and dear to his heart — New Vocations (a wonderful non-profit organization that finds homes for retiring race horses) and Happy Trails.

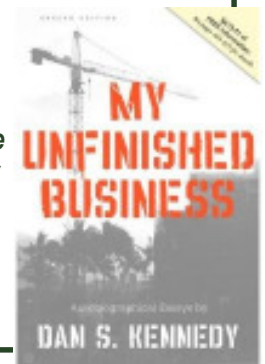
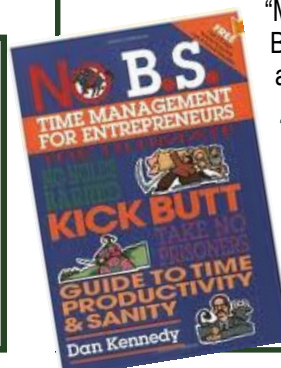
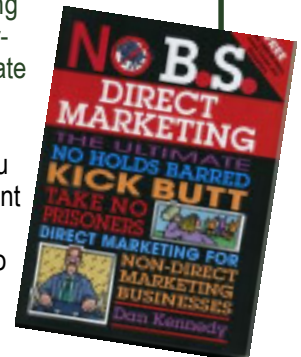
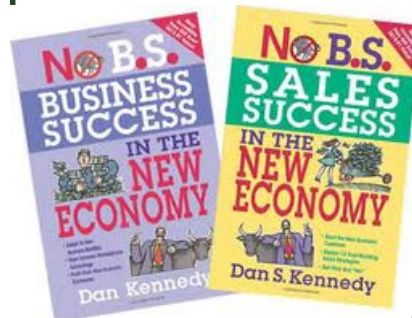


To say that Dan is well respected in the arena of marketing and direct mail would be to minimize his influence. **He is an icon.** Dan has made a career out of teaching business owners how to become incredibly successful beyond their wildest dreams. Dan is an author, a business entrepreneur, copy writer,

direct mail genius, and a key figure in the GKIC (Glazer-Kennedy Insiders Circle) Marketing Group.

Dan often talks about Happy Trails and our work during

his marketing seminars, and he encourages people to support us. We appreciate that like you wouldn't believe! To get to know Dan a little better, check out his website at [www.dankennedy.com](http://www.dankennedy.com). If you happen to be a business owner and want to increase your profits, check out his line of "No BS" books on his website. To name just a few, there is the "No BS Business Success In The New Economy"; "No BS Direct Marketing"; "No BS Time Management for Entrepreneurs"; "No BS Sales Success In the New Economy", and a whole lot more. To know the man behind the machine, check out



"My Unfinished Business", Dan's autobiography. **If you order any materials, be sure to tell him Happy Trails sent you and help us say "thanks" for his support!**

## Happy Trails And Solid Rock Therapeutic Riding Center Working Together!

There's often an unspoken bond between a child who has been abused and an animal who has been abused. If we allow them to touch our very souls, animals have a way of connecting with us to calm our fears, to understand our worries, and to melt our hearts. Rescued animals have the opportunity to do this for the people involved in the therapeutic programs at Solid Rock Therapeutic Riding Center located in Hartville.

I have known founder and director, Nicki Von Gunten, for about four years now. When she and Brad Byler first started the transformation of the old dairy barn into a horse barn and therapy center, Happy Trails adopted several rescued horses to their program. I have watched in awe as the center developed and unfolded before our very

eyes. Lush pastures, an indoor riding/turn out arena, extra large stalls and a wash rack are part of the facility. Initial programs of therapeutic riding and working with physically and mentally abused children now includes programs

for veterans and care for the elderly. I am one of Nicki Von Gunten's biggest fans. The number of lives touched and enhanced by her programs is phenomenal.

Happy Trails often places horses that are in need of adoption with Solid Rock because of the exposure they get at the center, horses like crazy Austin, a playful nine year old Quarter horse gelding who, because of leg issues, can be a big family pet or handle only very light riding, or Chico, a four year old white Quarter-mix gelding with blue eyes who is now in his third month of training to ride.



And then there's Buckeye. Many of you may remember Buckeye, a black Standardbred that was starved and left to die.



After four months at OSU and leg surgery, Buckeye made a complete recovery at Happy Trails and is now in a trial period at Solid Rock. He has the potential to be the buggy horse for the veteran's driving program, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that he works out.

And Lo Sono Libero, the little black pony who had been attacked by the family's fighting dog, has been giving therapy rides to small children.

Our thanks goes out to Nicki and Brad for rescuing horses and rescuing people as well. Please show them your support, and be sure to check them out on their website at [www.solidrocktrc.com](http://www.solidrocktrc.com) or check them out on Facebook!



### Trotting Off To New Homes

In addition to the horses that have been recently adopted by Solid Rock Therapeutic Riding Center, some truly wonderful adoptions have taken place recently! We've said fond good by's to a number of animals: Beauty the horse; Destiny and Freedom, two young calves; Lady Baa Baa the sheep; an entire herd of Jacob sheep; an assortment of



**Chico is in training at Solid Rock Therapeutic Riding Center and may be able to join the therapy program!**

chickens, ducks and roosters; Eisenhower and Chairio Egypt the geese; Madonna and Nigel the pig; Hurricane Jenny the horse; and there are quite a few yet adoptions currently on the horizon! Please join hundreds of other caring people and consider adopting a rescued farm animal. For adoption information, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

## Upcoming Events

### JULY

**July 7th — Animal Walk At Mosquito Lake Park — 10am-2pm**  
(Warren) Safe at Last Dog Rescue and TNR of Warren are hosting this first ever annual event, and Happy Trails will participate with a booth and display.

**July 28th — "Passionate About Your Pets" At Western Reserve Farm Co-op 8am-4pm**  
(467 Cleveland Road, Ravenna)  
Happy Trails will participate at the Ravenna location by setting up a tent and bringing animals who are available for adoption. Other pet vendors to visit include 'Rick O'Shay', Geauga Sheriff's Department's mini horse, Rose's Rescue, People Care Pet Pantry, Crias Del Dielo Alpaca Farm, Paws And Claws Academy, and more!

### AUGUST

**August 11th — Cuyahoga Falls Centennial Parade!** Happy Trails will be participating in this parade and driving the Happy Trails logo truck which will be pulling our big flatbed trailer (won't be able to miss us!) complete with animals and volunteers!.

**August 25th — "Touching The Community And Changing Lives" at Marantha Ministries (Alliance)**  
1:00pm - 7:00pm  
This is the theme for this 1,500 visitor event sponsored by Marantha Ministries. Happy Trails will give a half hour presentation on stage to talk about the sanctuary and our work. Rescued animals will be on hand to meet and greet our visitors! There will be two bands playing, rides for kids and a jet plane show.

### NOVEMBER

**November 3rd — 2012 Compassionate Thanksgiving** to be held at the Acker-Moore Memorial Post at 3733 Fishcreek Road in Stow, Ohio 44224. Doors open at noon, dinner at 1:00. Vegan menu by Chef Scott Jones! Be sure to save the date!

## Wish List

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

#### Gift Cards

- Pettigrew Feed & Supply in Edinburg 330-325-1500
- Home Depot - Staples
- Any gas stations
- Big D's Tack 330-626-5000

- Fly spray
- Avon Skin So Soft (we call it Pig So Soft - great for keeping flies away)
- 6 Metal trash cans with lids
- Several loads of rock and gravel
- Split rails to repair our fence
- A push lawn mower that works
- 100' of privacy fence to repair the fencing damaged by a storm
- A big sturdy wheelbarrow
- Bottled water for our volunteers
- Four water hose reels
- Four industrial-size barn fans
- Stamps, copy paper - 8½x11 white and/or color

### DONATE VEGETABLE OIL

Several vets taught us about the vegetable oil trick. Vegetable oil does several things: it adds calories to a skinny horse needing groceries; it promotes a healthy coat; it helps food move along in the intestines; it helps prevent the draft horse lack-of-muscle -tone condition of EPSM (not to be confused with EPM). We were taught to use 1 cup per 1,000 lbs. of horse to top-dress their feed. With all the starvation cases that we work with, we go through it by the gallon. Containers of vegetable oil can be dropped off at any time in the donation bins in front of the office. Attach your contact information and we'll send you a tax-receipt!



### SKILLS NEEDED

• **Sewing!** Folks needed to help us sew tablecloths for the tables for our community events

• **Painters!** We are giving the animal shelters and supply buildings a fresh coat of paint.

• **Carpenters!** We have several animal shelters in need of repairs.

• **Fencing!** We are replacing our metal-stake fencing with wooden-post fencing, and it takes a special skill to get the fencing straight and solid.

• **Concrete!** We have several areas where we need to pour a concrete pad, so if you have any skills to help pour and spread concrete, let us know!

Happy Trails relies on our volunteers who help with our facility improvements and upkeep. If you have a special skill that would benefit the sanctuary, please consider donating some of your time to help us complete a special project. To learn more about getting involved, call us at 330-296-5914.

### Your Donations Help Pay For Animal Expenses

- Veterinary examinations (no, they don't get donated)
- Medicines (no, they don't get donated either)
- Arthritis supplements (Just like people, older horse and senior pigs need a little help sometime getting around)
- Hoof trimming every six weeks
- Vaccinations twice a year
- Shearing the sheep twice a year
- Delicing animals who have lice
- Transportation of the animals (Nope, they don't walk here by themselves from all over Ohio!)
- Feed additives such as weight builder and vegetable oil





*"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."*  
Anonymous



*"If you talk to the animals, they will talk to 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



*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## DONATION INFORMATION

☐ Please accept this general donation to be used where needed  
☐\$35 ☐\$55 ☐\$75 ☐\$125 ☐\$250 ☐\$\_\_\_\_\_other

☐ My donation is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (name), my \_\_\_\_\_ (friend, parent, etc.), who has crossed into the world of the spirit.

☐ My donation is in memory of my beloved pet \_\_\_\_\_ (name), a \_\_\_\_\_ (type of animal), who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge

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Donate on-line through PayPal at  
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**Many thanks for your support!**



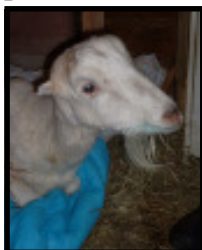
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**Return to: Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary,**  
 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266

## Want to become a monthly sponsor?

Simply fill out the donation form above and include this coupon!

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to support the work of  
 Happy Trails on a monthly basis.



☐ Please charge my credit card each month with the amount I have indicated above.

☐ Please send me pre-addressed envelopes so I can send in a monthly check.



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Schedule a guided tour of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and meet Jolie, the beautiful pink pot belly pig, and nearly 100 of her rescued farm animal friends up close and personal!

**Sundays:** Tours at 11am, 12:30am, 2pm and 3:30pm.  
(May thru Oct.)

### MUST PRE-REGISTER!

**Tour Fees:** \$7 Adults;  
\$5 kids ages 6 to 12;  
ages 5 and under free

Guided/educational tours last about 1 hour and fifteen minutes.

**To Schedule A Tour  
Call 330-296-5914**

## Visit The Sanctuary

Clearly Angelina Jolie has nothing on *our* beautiful “Jolie” who resides at Happy Trails! Her beauty is breath-taking and she is all personality. Jolie, like each animal at Happy Trails, has come from an abuse, neglect or abandonment situation.



Support the work of Happy Trails by scheduling a tour to visit the facility and meet the rescued animals in person! *Donation information on inside back cover!*

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