Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

OCTOBER 2012



Newsletter

Yes, Ellen DeGeneres' personal trainer, John Pierre,



will be our special guest at the Happy Trails Compassionate Thanksgiving on Sat., Nov. 3rd!

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Unique gift-ideas just in time for the holidays!



Plates designed by Zeber-Martell Clay Studio benefit Happy Trails! pages 6 & 7

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Dulce (and over 20 other pot belly pigs) is available for adoption!

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letter from the <u>director</u>

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

This issue is somewhat unique in that we are presenting the financial obstacles Happy Trails faces daily and an assortment of ways that you can help make a difference for the rescued animals at Happy Trails.

Contrary to what you may assume, Happy Trails gets no government funding and most grants that we receive are normally for a very specific project.

This leaves an extraordinary amount of expenses that we have to cover ourselves — critical expenses such as grain, hay and straw for the animals (their food and bedding); medical and veterinary expenses for sick, injured or emaciated animals, as well as daily medications for many of the animals to treat the lingering effects of abuse: and a small staff to handle their daily care and medical treatment. And then there are our daily operating costs, costs that are "boring" but required for the sanctuary to survive and operate regularly - costs such as new tires for the skid steer, the purchase of heat lamps and bulbs for many of the shelters for winter; repairing old, wind-damaged fencing that is currently held up by metal stakes; or making our monthly payments on farm equipment.

I encourage you to read this newsletter in the spirit of finding a way to become a part of the solution to addressing the difficult topic of animal abuse and to find a way to help Happy Trails not only achieve our goals, but to survive daily in our mission.

How to start helping? Maybe you and your co-workers would take up a collection for a specific need from our wish list. Perhaps your 4-H club, rotary club, horseman's group or special interest organization would like to choose a need and gather donations. How about getting your favorite bar or restaurant involved in saving aluminum cans for our recycle program? Or maybe vour class at school would like to sponsor a rescued animal and have a Happy Trails representative come to your class to talk to you about that animal and the rescue work and outreach programs of Happy Trails.

Being able to pay for all of the needs of Happy Trails, along with providing top notch care for the animals, is at the top of our list of importance.

This invaluable service that Happy Trails provides to our communities does not cost your county or state anything. We do this because many counties cannot, or would choose not to, use the rescue, rehab and adoption services of Happy

"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~



Trails if they were to be yet another expense on their already overtaxed county budgets.

We truly do rely on everyone to work together to keep this organization going. We can't do this alone.

Read through this issue — find something that draws your interest, and take action to show your support of our work. We very much appreciate it and the animals also appreciate it.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Compassionate Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 3rd. It's going to be even bigger and better than last year, so get your tickets early. We expect to sell out and I don't want you to miss this event! Check out the details on the next page for ordering your tickets.

With kindness and compassion for all animals,

Annette Fisher Executive Director

Start Your Holidays Off With A **Compassionate Thanksgiving**

Hosted By Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

Acker-Moore Memorial Post/American Legion Hall 3733 Fishcreek Rd., Stow



Sat., Nov. 3rd Dinner at 1:00pm • Doors open at noon.

Come early to enjoy appetizers, meet rescued animals, and participate in our raffles and silent auction!

Special Guest John Pierre!

Enjoy an inspiring presentation by John Pierre, personal trainer to Ellen Degeneres and "Trainer To The Stars"

John Pierre is a nutrition and fitness con-

sultant who has devoted more than a guarter century to improving the lives of others through his expertise in the areas of geriatrics, nutrition, fitness, women's empowerment, green living, and cognitive strength and improvement.

John works with people of all ages promoting the benefits of a plant-based diet, stress reduction, physical fitness, and the importance of compassion in life.

Check out his website at www.johnpierre.com

Y TICKETS NOW

Tickets: \$22 Advanced purchase required. (kids 5 and under are free)

Seating is limited. Event sells out quickly. Sorry, no tickets sold at the door.

Tickets can be purchased by phone at 330-296-5914; on-line via PayPal at happytrailsfarm.org or send a check to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Oh 44266

(Please indicate number of reservations needed.)

No tickets will be mailed. Your name will be on an RSVP list at the door.

Raffle Baskets • 50/50 Raffle • Auction Items • Door Prizes Holiday Cooking Demo • Free Holiday Vegan Recipes

You don't have to be vegan to enjoy and appreciate this incredibly delicious animal-friendly menu!

> **Sponsor This Event!** Call For Details 330-296-5194

Enjoy A Cooking Demo By

The Incredible **Chef Scot Jones!**

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We're Storing Up For Winter, Too!

Sure! C'mon in! We can help you out here at Happy Trails!

(But we're trying to 'stuff the barn', not our cheeks!)





winter, or so we've heard, from many reliable sources. This spring and summer the weather played

and summer the weather played havoc with hay and straw crops this year, and the rumors are flying that both feed and bedding are going to be hard to find. Prices are

expected to go through the roof.

With this expected shortage v

With this expected shortage, we are anticipating a busy winter ahead with many animal cruelty and neglect cases. To prepare, we are storing up enough hay and straw to get Happy Trails through winter and into next spring. We would love to be in the position to also be able to reach out to others who will struggling. But we need your help.

Our goal is to "stuff" a storage barn to the top with hay and straw, so that we can not only feed and provide bedding for the rescued animals at Happy Trails this winter, but also prevent potential cases of neglect by being a source for people in need when they have no other options.

Please consider helping us feed the rescued farm animals throughout the cold weather and help us provide them with warm, dry bedding.

The average price of a square bale of hay or straw is currently about \$4. Choose how many bales you want to "stuff" in the barn, and we'll be happy to do the shopping (and lifting!) for you. Food and dry bedding are necessities, not luxuries. Thank you for helping us provide the basics!

- EVERY BALE COUNTS!

Hey, I want to donate hay (and straw!) @ \$4 per bale.

Dear Happy Trails,

Go"Stuff That Barn"!

Please purchase _____ bales of hay or straw @ \$4 per bale for a total of \$____ to help the rescued farm animals get through the cold winter ahead.

I want to make sure that with the upcoming shortage of hay and straw, the rescued animals are fed and warm!

Sincerely,

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But wait, there's more!

Here's a new twist to the idea of a Wish List!

Signature

Happy Trails is always in need of a wide variety of items to make the sanctuary run - things we can't ignore, can't avoid replacing or repairing, or simply can't go without. Items like a new Bobcat tire to replace the one that recently got punctured. No tire...no Bobcat. No Bobcat...no stall cleaning. It's probably not realistic that you are going to be able to run out and purchase that tire. However, you may be willing to sponsor a new tire, and we'll be happy to be the ones to handle the purchase and make arrangements to have it mounted on the rim.

What do they need? What kind do I buy? How many?

By furnishing a list of critical needs for the sanctuary and making the purchases for you, Happy Trails hopes to make it easier for folks to donate some of these items.

Join together with your family and friends to help provide one or more of these items that keep Happy Trails running smoothly. See something you'd like to sponsor? Consider taking up a collection at work, school or your favorite gathering place. Band together - let everyone know your book club sponsored the demolition of a building! The family that vacations together....buys a load of sand together!

Send in a donation of \$50 or more and receive a laminated "thank you" photo of a rescued animal ready to hang up, plus two new Happy Trails bookmarks - one to keep, one to share!

Donors contributing \$100 or more will receive a special invitation for you and three guests to visit the sanctuary and meet the current rescued animals up close and personal. Enjoy things like grooming Sono Libero the pony, giving Houdini the pig a belly rub, and offering carrots to Natasha and Odessa the goats!

Thank you for supporting the work of Happy Trails!

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· — — — — — - <mark>Please go shop</mark>							
I have checked the boxes below next to items that I wish to sponsor.							
□ Bobcat Tires\$180 ea. (Need four new tires for the skid steer. Replacing all four would total \$720.)	have fallen over. The entire section of fencing needs replaced.)						
□ Pay off the Bobcat\$900	☐ Snow Blower\$535						
(Monthly payment is \$85) (Please make month(s) payment for a total of \$)	□ Paint\$35/gal (Several animal shelters need painted before winter. We need approximately 12 gallons.) (Please purchase gallons.)						
☐ Hay ring/basket\$385	□ Wood Stain\$850						
□ Load of gravel\$200	(Horse barn needs stained before winter)						
□ Load of sand\$185	Rolled wire fencing \$85/roll (Need five roles to replace old, rusted fence						
☐ Horse hoof trim\$25 per horse (Each horse gets its hooves trimmed every six weeks)	for a total of \$425.) (Please purchase rolls of fencing.)						
☐ Tube of dewormer\$8 (Please purchase tubes)	☐ Demolition\$1,900 (The old storage barn needs torn down and debris hauled away.)						
☐ Coggins Test (per horse)\$40 (Yearly contagious-disease test for horses)	□ Pre-fab supply building \$4,900 (Our old supply building will be removed to make way for the new restroom. We need a place to store the supplies from this old						
☐ Heated Water Bucket\$40							
☐ Heat Lamp\$15 (Please purchase heat lamps.)	building.) ☐ Gift Certificates\$ Any Amount						
☐ Heat Lamp Bulb\$9 (Please purchase bulbs.)	(FOR: Pettigrew Feed & Hardware in Edinburg; Carter Lumber in Ravenna; Home Depot; Tractor Supply or Lowe's — to help purchase items for facility repairs, hardware, lumber, tools, muck tubs, grain, and other supplies) (Please purchase a gift certificate for \$at)						
☐ Privacy Fencing\$1,100 (The bottom of the posts securing the privacy fencing that contains poultry and pot belly pigs are rotting, causing the fence to							
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Choose From Two Beautiful Collectors Items

From

ZEBER MARTELL

Created Exclusively To Benefit Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary



Just in time for holiday gift giving!

Claudia Zeber-Martel and Michael Martell are talented, skilled artisans. They are also animal lovers and humanitarians, and they wholeheartedly believe in the animal rescue work and programs of Happy Trails. This successful, talented duo has created two very stylized, special edition pieces to benefit the sanctuary. This first of a series, the horse edition, is entitled *Free To Roam*. Either piece can be functional as well as decorative. These collector's editions are great for holiday giving as well as treating yourself to something special to show your support of Happy Trails!

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Claudia Zeber-Martell began as a painter, and surface decoration is a dominant element in her work, with images balanced between internal visualization and external stimuli. "My focus often combines forms, colors and dimensions found in nature, from the organic and geometric to the whimsical, and I concentrate on developing positive images that enrich the environment and create harmony."

Michael Martell's pottery has evolved over two decades from traditional salt-glazed and wood-fired stoneware to expressive graceful pieces with contemporary form. "Form is so much a part of our everyday lives, and I've been fortunate to explore it through clay; the slightest movement of the hands creates subtle changes in the shape of the pot. That is constantly amazing to me."

Collaboration can be an enriching process for two artists, and by challenging each other a balance is achieved, and the contribution of each person's particular skills has here resulted in a product that surpasses what each could achieve alone. "We enjoy the daily overlapping of our personal and professional lives, and we believe it enhances our individual creativity."

Now Accepting Orders On "Free To Roam" Horse Collector's Edition



This 8½"x 21" beautifully glazed ceramic masterpiece is a creation of horses galloping free and manes flying in the wind, designed in subtle earth-tones. Use as eye-catching decor or surprise your guests by serving bread on this elegant plate.

Bread Plate\$178

(Display stand - \$12)



Signature

Collectors Editions

This beautifully stylized horse gazing out from the gently curved 8"x8" serving dish seems to say, "Thanks for rescuing me!" This decorative piece can honor your compassion for animals by gracing your wall or can be used as a functional dish at your table.

Serving Dish\$89

(Display stand - \$12)



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Meet Angela Rahn — Staff Member, Equine Massage Therapist, Animal Lover, Reike Master

Angela Rahn is an exceptional horse person, dedicated worker, and is very compassionate in her care of the rescued animals at Happy Trails.

Angela brings many levels of animal care and healing to her work at the sanctuary, including her skills as a certified massage therapist as well as working at the master level in Usui/Tibetan Reiki, which is energy healing.

We are honored to have Angela as a staff member, and are looking forward to working together with her to offer future clinics and seminars to help you have a stronger communication with your horse and to teach the importance and healing benefits of massage therapy.

Is your horse stiff or sore, with an ouchy back or shoulder? Is he healing from an injury? Has his behavior changed? Does something seem to be a little different under saddle and you just can't pinpoint the issue? Do you want to learn how to bond closer with your best horsey friend?

Give the healing combination of equine massage and Reike a try!



Angela Rahn bonds with her handsome gelding, Gunner.

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Angela can help evaluate your horse's health needs and teach the benefits of regular massage for maximum comfort and healing.

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SUPPORTERS OF HAPPY TRAILS!

Many Thanks to Rivers Garage & Body Shop

A special thanks goes out to Rivers Jones, Kenny Swift, and the good folks over at Rivers Garage & Body Shop in Ravenna for donating their services of replacing the brakes and rotors on the Happy Trails logo truck! We very much appreciate the support of businesses and skilled laborers who lend a helping hand to the sanctuary. Please support them in return, and tell them that Happy Trails sent ya!

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Marketing Member,
Chris Wisbar, and the
staff at the **Rejoice**Lutheran Church located on Stow Road in
Hudson for hosting the
wonderful event featuring Happy Trails on
Thursday, Sept. 13th. We
very much
appreciate your support!

\$10 will help care for the animals for an hour;

A \$40 donation will care for the rescued animals for an entire shift!

The Happy Trails Animal Care Giver staff consists of dedicated, knowledgeable people who work outdoors in all sorts of weather and who go above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that the rescued animals are well cared for at Happy Trails.

During our miserably hot summer days, our Animal Care Givers would arrive in our office to sign out, shirts completely soaked with sweat, dirt, mud, feathers, fur, and a few other unmentionable things.

When thunderstorms hit with lightening and pelting rain, you can find our Care Givers scurrying from shelter to shelter to make sure the animals are safe, fed and recovering well.

And as the quickly dropping fall temperatures will soon be leading into single-digit numbers as winter works its way into Northeast Ohio, we will see only the eyes of our Care Givers as they peer out between layers and layers of scarves. They will be squinting through the icy, blinding snow to haul water buckets and food to animals recovering from abuse and neglect situations.

It currently takes about four hours, twice a day, to provide the proper feed, grain and hay; to give clean, fresh water; to turn out or put away horses; to provide medications and dress wounds, and to attend to any other basic care needs of the rescued animals.

A donation of \$10 will provide an hour's worth of care for the animals. A donation of \$40 will provide an entire shift,

four hours, of complete care for the animals.

Our Animal Care Giver staff does not have the luxury of working in an air-conditioned office in the summer or a heated shelter in winter. Soon frozen fingers from digging ice out of water buckets and frozen toes from spilling water down their boots will be a daily occurrence.

However, be assured that though our Care Givers may be cold and uncomfortable, they are determined to keep the rescued animals safe, warm, dry, well fed and comfortable.

Please consider helping us fund our dedicated, hard working Animal Care Givers to ensure top quality care for animals who arrive at Happy Trails suffering from abuse, neglect and abandonment situations.

If you'd like to see how challenging farm animal care can be during the weather and temperature extremes, we encourage you to sign up to "shadow" a staff member during a four hours feeding shift. We're serious about this. Hearing about their work is one thing — to experience it in person during extreme weather is quite another.

If you'd like to help us care for the animals in person during an icy rainstorm or a blizzard dropping eight inches of snow on the ground, please call us at 330-296-5914.

If, instead, you'd like to donate \$10 to help us fund an hour of care and let someone else's toes and fingers go numb, fill out the form on the right. We, and all the animals, will be forever grateful for your support!



Yes, I would like to sponsor the care of the rescued animals!					
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LATEST ANIMAL RESCUES

Welcome to
Covington, a beautiful
female pot belly pig who
arrived from a neglect
situation in Kentucky; to
Houdini, a handsome
male pot belly who was
rescued as a stray piggy;
to Willow, a very pink,
young female farm pig
who was abandoned in
Concord; to Polyanna, a
beautiful while turkey



who was thought to be dead, laying in a ditch in

Atwater; to **Malabar**, a very sweet Standardbred gelding who arrived through our Amish Horse Retirement Program (who is also on our "recently adopted" list!). We also assisted the Portage County Sheriff's Department with the rescue of two stray cows from Rt. 225 in Palmyra. They

were caught and brought to safety until their owners could be found, keeping motorists safe as well.

GREAT ADOPTIONS!

There have been some phenomenal adoptions taking place recently! We recently waved goodbye to: Berkley and Malabar, both retired Amish buggy horses; Napolean, the cute-as-a-button baby goat; Avia, a beautiful dark chestnut mare; Buckeye, an amazing



Malabar the retired Amish buggy horse.

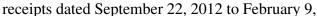
black Standardbred gelding; Bill, the big Belgian draft horse, and Austin, a comical chestnut gelding.

UPCOMING ARTICLES

In our next issue, look for a tribute to Sonyador the Percheron mare and the lives she touched through her wonderful foster family and an update on the accomplishments of Sasha, the Belgian mare.

STUFF TO SAVE

The Acme Community Cash Back Receipt Program is once again underway. Save your Acme





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2013. Please help by sending them to us throughout the program. Mail to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Also **save your Nutrena Feed tags** from your bags of grain and mail them to us and we turn them into cash for Happy Trails.

Happy Trails recycles all aluminum, such as pop (and beer!) cans. We also collect used ink

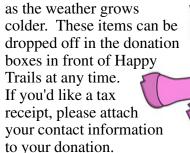
cartridges for recycling. One man's trash helps Happy Trails take care of its rescued animals. Plus its good for the environment. Drop-off for recyclables is located behind our office, any time, any day.

RESTROOM UPDATE

We have been given the approval from the powers that be to proceed with installing a restroom at Happy Trails. It's amazing the number of entities and authorities who are involved with approving the installation of a free-standing two-stall restroom at an animal sanctuary. But we have finally received the blessing of the EPA, the health department, and are now in the process of having the engineer design the structure. We do plan for it to be completed before winter.

PIG BLANKETS

In addition to their heat lamps, donated comforters, sleeping bags and heavy blankets will start appearing in piggy shelters to help keep them warm





Available For Adoption...



Handsome Avis and two of his friends are a family of sheep who would like to be adopted together.



Dulce is a sweet pot belly pig who would like to be adopted along with her long-time friend, Jolie. Dulce has some arthritis, but she happy and friendly. (There are 20+ piggys in need of a home.)



7 year old Sono Libero, a black pony, is great with kids and giving lead-line rides. Bad habits? Likes to nip! (Why? He's a pony!)

For Adoption Info, Call 330-296-5194

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Donate on-line through PayPal at happytrailsfarm.org

Donations are tax-deductible.

Many thanks for your support!

Happy Trails is a 501c3 non-profit organization.



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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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Meet Sgt. Pepper



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Abandoned in a parking lot...

He's all personality! This little man was abandoned in the busy, dangerous parking lot of a grocery store and left to fend for himself. Alone. Scared. Hungry. Confused.

The number of abandoned animal calls that we receive are disturbing.

Sgt. Pepper was rescued by local authorities and brought to Happy Trails. He has been neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, and now, even housebroken! (Yes he is a great indoor pig!) *And* he is now ready to be adopted! Sgt. Pepper would do best in a household with no dogs, and where someone is home most of the time. Sgt. Pepper is just one of many pot belly pigs at Happy Trails in need of a permanent home. *Can't adopt?* Donate towards the care of the rescued animals — see inside back cover for details.

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 surrounding states, 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.