



# *Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary*

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

~ Author Unknown

*Woody, enjoying a snowstorm, is healing at Happy Trails.*

## letter from the director

### Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

**2013 is going to be a very exciting year for Happy Trails!**

There are some really unique don't-miss fundraisers on the horizon (see pages 5 and 18); we have expansion and improvement projects in the works; more television appearances are being requested; the level of care that the rescued animals receive continues to be constantly upgraded and fine-tuned; and I see more and more people finding their own creative way to get involved with animal rescue and making a difference for the sanctuary. With everyone working together, Happy Trails really *is* able to provide a great service to those in need.

I've heard a lot of people say that they want to do *something* to help out, but are concerned that they don't have the time. I encourage folks to be creative and come up with a plan that will fit your lifestyle and allow you to be involved, and then call us and talk to us about your ideas.

Maybe you don't have time to help clean stalls at the sanctuary, but you might be willing to set out a container to collect aluminum cans in the lunch room where you work. You might not have enough horse experience to groom horses, but you could take one hour every month and help us distribute newsletters to locations in your area. It may not be realistic for you to haul larger animals to vet appointments because you don't own a trailer, but you may be interested in

being on our list of volunteers with smaller vehicles who don't mind transporting a small duck or baby pig in a pet porter to a vet office. If you're attached to a 4-H group, you could host a contest to see who collects the most change in a tail bag and then use the funds collected to sponsor a medical bill for a rescued horse. (Check out page 6 to take the pledge to get involved in 2013.) The sense of being part of something for the greater good is a feeling worth having!

Thirteen years later, Happy Trails continues to be an organization made up of people who care not only about the animals themselves, but also about the impact that animal

Why should you get involved in animal rescue? Consider the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr...



***"The ultimate tragedy is not the brutality of the bad people, but the silence of the good people."***

Martin Luther King, Jr.

abuse has on our communities as well. Join an organization who is truly making a difference and spreading kindness and compassion in a big, big way. Be pro-active and be a part of the solution, not a part of the



problem! I've included in my letter, two of my favorite quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — his words truly do put everything in perspective.

I would like to express my appreciation to our enormous following of people who not only read our newsletters, but also share them with others. I am both humbled and honored to know that there is such an interest in the work of Happy Trails. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you for taking the time to read and share this!

*With kindness and compassion for all animals,*

Annette Fisher  
Executive Director

***"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."***

Martin Luther King, Jr.



# “Diamond” Really Could Be A Girl’s Best Friend!

We were sitting in the stands at the Mid Ohio Draft Horse Auction in Mt. Hope back in October when a beautiful team of matching white Percherons, decked out in full plowing harnesses, were driven into the auction ring. The announcer claimed that they were a great team. One was a mare. The other was a gelding. Both were older, over 20 years old. We guessed that the two had been friends for quite a long time, having worked side-by-side for most of their lives. Their harnesses jingled as they were line-driven back and forth in front of the crowd. Bidding began. We watched the fate of these horses unfold as a private individual won the bid. And as always, when a pair of horses are presented, the auctioneer asked the big question. “*Times two?*” he barked. The buyer shook his head. *Nope.* He just wanted the gelding.

The poor mare was unhitched from her friend and the gelding was lead away. Back across the ring she was driven and the bidding began again. She had a rear leg that was swollen to three times the size it should have been, but she didn’t even limp. Now by herself, with an obvious deformity, her destiny did not look promising. No one wanted her. No one, that is, except a meat buyer. Her reward for having worked hard as a plow horse her entire life was to have her life-long friend taken from her side and then to be stuffed into an overcrowded trailer for a long, stressful, horrific ride to an unregulated horse slaughter house in Mexico. We couldn’t let that happen. We jumped in on the bidding. The gavel came down with a loud “**SOLD!**” We saved her life for a whole \$175.

This precious mare is so full of life. So sweet. So kind and loving. Yet she would have been killed — just another unwanted horse at a meat auction.



*“Can you overlook my big back leg and find a place for me in your heart? I’m an old soul, and I’m pretty inside as well as out! I hope someone will reach out to me.”*

The white draft mare glowed like a brilliant white light. Her personality came through, and she was indeed ready to live, not ready to die. She needed a name that would describe her shining energy. We named her Diamond.

Diamond was examined by the area’s best equine “leg man” - Dr. Ronald Genovese. Dr. Genovese of Cleveland Equine Hospital is well-respected for his experience and expertise with equine leg issues. Her condition did not surprise him as it is quite common with many draft breeds. He has seen this condition often, especially in the rear right leg. It is a circulatory condition that is not easily reversible, but does not seem to cause Diamond daily pain at this time. To help with poor circulation, she gets

regular legs massages, which she simply adores!

She was given the ok to do light riding or driving just for fun — nothing too strenuous. We can’t fix the sadness she experienced having her life-long friend taken away from her at the auction. But we can try to make up for it by finding her a caring family who will love her for simply being the sweet, gentle horse with the big back leg. Funny — isn’t that what we all want? To be accepted for who we are and what we look like? I’m willing to bet that a lot of folks can relate to Diamond.

Diamond could really be a girl’s (or a guy’s) best friend. For adoption information, or to help sponsor the cost of her care until we find a home for her, please call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



**'S NEEDED!**

**Yes, you figured it out!**

**Pig blankets needed!**

As winter drags on, we are running out of the thick comforters, old sleeping bags, and really thick blankets that we use to help keep the piggies warm.

If you have any of these three items, please drop them off at Happy Trails in the donation box in front of the office at 5623 New Milford Rd.,

Ravenna, Ohio 44266. (Sorry, but we can **NOT** use sheets or pillows.)



**GET INVOLVED!**

**Help Us Promote**



**ART**



**BARN**

**Please help us**

**spread the word that "Art Barn" is going to be *the* place to be on Saturday, March 9th!**

*And just how can you do that? It's easy!*

- Go to our website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org) and print out an Art Barn flier to hang it up where you work.

- Print out several more copies (*or call or stop by Happy Trails to pick up multiple copies*) and display them in busy places such as your doctor's office, school, mechanics or even your favorite night club. Or pass them out at your next meeting for your special interest group such as 4-H, rotary, veterans, horse club, etc.

- Ask people you know if they have an item appropriate to donate to Art Barn!

- Plan to join us and show your support — buy a ticket for yourself and a friend. (*See page 5 for tickets!*)



## Happy Trails Featured On 'The List' TV Program

The List reporter, Mike Brookbank, spent some time at the sanctuary and put together a great piece on Happy Trails which aired Wednesday, January 16th. You can view our portion of the episode through the Happy Trails website or by going directly to <http://www.thelistshow.tv/the-list/localist/cleveland-localist/local-farm-rescues-animals-celebrate-prohibition-at-a-local-speakeasy>. Thanks to Kimberlee Roher, Segment Producer, Mike Brookbank, and everyone at The List for considering the work of Happy Trails newsworthy!

### About "The List" from [www.thelistshow.tv](http://www.thelistshow.tv)

*The List* is a television news magazine that finds the intersection between the news of the day and pop culture on a nightly basis. The show is founded around something we all use to stay on track — lists — to look at daily consumer issues and the hottest news trends.

The show's Emmy-award-winning hosts include Jan Jeffcoat, Teresa Strasser, Matt Gallant and Conor Knighton.

The List Show is managed under the direction of Executive Producer Rick Joyce, who spent 10 years as News Director at Entertainment Tonight.

"We're engaging the viewer in a nightly conversation that drills down on the stories

everyone is talking about. It's a conversation they likely started earlier in the day in their workplace, with their family or on their smart phone through social media," said Joyce.

"The List" was developed by E. W. Scripps after two years of intensive research. It launched in six television markets on September 17, 2012. The markets include: KNXV (ABC) Phoenix; WFTS (ABC) Tampa; WMAR (ABC) Baltimore; WCPO (ABC) Cincinnati; **WEWS (ABC) Cleveland**; and KJRH (NBC) Tulsa, Okla.

Everyone loves a list and they love to have a little bit of fun. The List combines these together while giving viewers what they need to know with a unique attitude and style.

**Art Barn will also feature beautiful harp music by harpist, Nancy Patterson, who is with the Canton Symphony.**





# What is ART BARN?

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary is creating 'Art Barn', a special event/fundraiser featuring fine art, collectibles, jewelry, antiques and home decor for sale, with *all* proceeds going directly to benefit the rescued animals.

These items are being donated from artists, craftsmen and collectors from across the country.

## What items will be available?

- Fine art including paintings, ceramics/pottery and sculpture
- Photography • Jewelry • Antiques • Collectible items
- Signed CD's from musical artists
- Signed books from well-known authors

## Is this a silent auction?

**No**, this event is more like an art gallery, where the items will be available for sale. Find something that draws your attention and purchase it right then and there, knowing that every dollar collected goes towards the care of the rescued animals at Happy Trails!

## I'd like to donate items. Who should I contact?

To donate fine art, jewelry, photography, signed books or cd's, collectibles or antiques, please contact Laurie Jackson at LaurieJ@happytrailsfarm.org, or call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. All donations are tax deductible.

# ART BARN

Sat. March 9<sup>th</sup> — 4pm to 8pm

\$20 per person

Wine & (Vegan) Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Acker-Moore Memorial Post Banquet Hall  
3733 Fishcreek Rd., Stow

## HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- **MAIL** — Send a check or money order for \$20 per person to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Write "Art Barn" in the memo.
- **PHONE** — Call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 to purchase tickets by phone with a Visa, MC or Am Ex.
- **WEBSITE** — Tickets can be purchased via PayPal at happytrailsfarm.org.

Tickets  
will be  
mailed  
to you.



330-296-5914

Unique Art!

Stunning  
Jewelry!

Antiques!

Creative  
Photography!

Signed  
CD's!

Collectibles!

Signed  
Books!



Arrive early for best selection!

Beautiful harp music by Canton Symphony harpist, Nancy Patterson.



## Odessa The Goat's Suggestions For Inspiring New Year's Resolutions

- Make an effort to look for the "Not Tested On Animals" disclaimer on the labels of shampoos, deodorants, lotions, cleaning supplies and other cosmetics and household products.
- Visit your local humane society or animal shelter to find out if and/or how they handle farm animal cruelty cases for your county.
- If you are a meat-eater, pledge one day a week to choose meals that do not contain meat or dairy.
- Purchase clothing that is animal-friendly: fur-free, non-leather, non-wool.
- Volunteer four hours of your time a month (*not much time at all*) doing something that really matters for an animal organization near you.
- Skip the breeders and save a life by adopting your next family pet from an animal rescue group.
- Learn where your state representatives stand on animal welfare issues before it's time to vote.
- Donate to an animal rescue organization. Anywhere.
- Learn more about animals in today's food production. Ignorance is not bliss.
- Make kind and compassionate choices.
- Take a moment to look at situations from the eyes of an animal. How would you feel under the same circumstances?
- Report situations that you think are abuse or neglect of any animal to your local humane society or law enforcement.

**Vow to make a difference and to make  
2013 a more compassionate year!**

## Volunteer Opportunities — Take A Pledge!

As we look forward to spring and warmer weather, we are already planning to accomplish great things at the sanctuary with your help! **Pledge your time and talents as a volunteer for one of the spring projects listed below by simply giving us a call at 330-296-5914.** (Volunteers must be age 18 or older.)

### Looking-Forward-To-Spring Projects

#### • *Have a green thumb?*

Sign up ahead of time to be the caretaker of one of the many flower beds at Happy Trails when spring arrives. Help beautify the sanctuary!

#### • *Like to paint?*

Pledge to put a fresh coat of stain on the horse barn or a beautiful new coat of paint on one of the animal shelters.

#### • *Honor those animals who have passed.*

Make a pledge to help us tidy up Heaven's Trail, the Happy Trails pet cemetery, which is in need of some TLC every spring. This includes raking leaves, picking up limbs and branches, propping up markers, planting flowers, etc.

#### • *Back to nature.*

Pledge to help clean up the woods as we cut down dead trees and put the branches in piles.

### Current Volunteer Opportunities

- Sign up to help with stall and shelter cleaning on Saturdays, or with misc. jobs during the week!
- Join our special events crew and make the unique and exciting fundraisers that we are planning for this coming year happen!
- Share your special talent or skilled trade with the sanctuary — i.e. carpentry, vehicle maintenance, brick layer, lawn care, painter, plumber, etc.

**Pledge To Handle A Spring Project Or  
Volunteer Now By Calling 330-296-5914.**

# Happy Trails Goals And Vision Going Into 2013

We've come a long way since our humble beginnings back in 1999 when I rescued a very special, crippled pot belly pig named Janice. At that time, there were no real barns or shelters here, only trees, many of them dead. No fencing, driveways, water pumps, or electricity. We had no farm machinery or equipment - not even tools. The solitary old barn on the property should probably have been torn down even back then, but instead we patched it together. After nursing it along for the past 14 years, we are now ready to tear it down this spring and construct a new storage building in its place.

Looking back at the past 14 years in a nutshell, we have now rescued nearly 4,000 farm animals; assisted with prosecution and testified in countless animal abuse trials; created a retirement option for the buggy and plow horses of Ohio's Amish community; developed a program to take rescued farm animals into nursing homes for visits simply to bring smiles to the faces of the elderly; carefully adopted animals out all over the United States (we have animals in at least 18 states); broadened our rescue assistance to *any* state requesting our help; and have grown to the point of having to figure out how to fund a small, but not-very-generously paid, staff; and, by working closely with veterinarians and animal experts, have established care protocol for the rescued farm animals that is second to none.

## **So where do we go from here?**

Onward and upward as they say!

Because Happy Trails exists only through the support of caring and compassionate people who want to see everyone working together for the good of the animals as well as the safety of our communities (yes, animal abuse is tied in closely with other violent crimes), we would like to share

with you our vision for the future.

First of all, Happy Trails will always keep our current facility as a triage unit.

Happy Trails has outgrown our current facility with regards to the number of animal abuse cases we can realistically handle. The need for the services we provide is great, with more humane societies and law enforcement agencies seeking the assistance of Happy Trails to remove abused farm animals and to prosecute these cases than ever before. **As we continue to expand our services and our outreach programs, we need to expand our facility as well.** Happy Trails will

continue to keep our current facility to function as a triage unit. Though there are still some improvements to be made (an enclosed riding arena, upgraded fencing, more storage areas, etc.), we are currently set up perfectly to handle animal emergency situations. We have the ability to quarantine; easy access to all shelters for vets to examine new arrivals; the u-shaped driveway for ease of horse trailers to load and unload precious cargo; water pumps close to nearly every shelter; electricity now in all animal shelters with the exception of two smaller/older shelters; and housing for a live-in caretaker for the safety of the animals 24 hours a day.

Our vision includes several levels

of expansion:

1) The immediate goal is to secure, hopefully via a donation from a compassionate person, over 100 acres to provide a larger facility to house rescued animals. We currently operate on only 9.09 acres of land. I know, *crazy isn't it?* A larger tract of land will enable us to provide pastures for the horses, cows, sheep and goats, and much larger areas for both farm and pot belly pigs. A pond could be provided for the ducks and geese, and



1999: This is my brother, Lenny Krasovic, and my first horse, Lexy, and pony, Chocolate Chip. Behind them is the original old barn/shed thing that should have been demolished. Instead we patched it together numerous times over the past 14 years, painted it, sided it, built new doors, added layers of roof, and re-enforced it every way possible. It has housed everything from rescued animals to tools and supplies. This spring, it finally gets demolished and replaced with a new building, thanks in part to a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

bigger yards for the chickens and turkeys. Incoming animals would be taken to the original facility on New Milford Road (the triage center), and once they have recovered, they would then graduate to the main sanctuary where they would be available for adoption.

2) Create an educational center on the new property to host a wide variety of community-related programs such as animal care and education seminars and classes to help encourage and inspire other animal organizations to grow and prosper. The opportunities that this educational center would provide for both Happy Trails and our communities would be limitless.

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# **We Cordially Invite You To Help Us Care For The Animals During A Blizzard...**

**...or freezing  
winter rain...**



**Carry heavy  
bales of hay to  
the animals' shelters.**



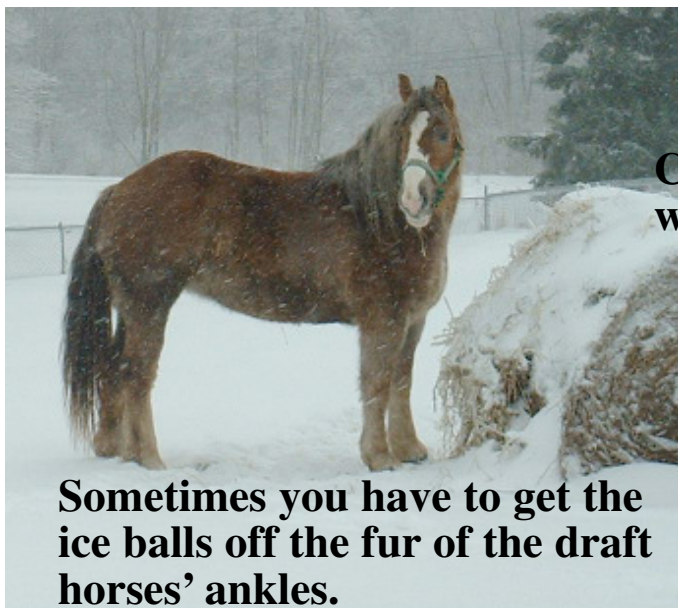
**Fill water buckets to take to the  
piggy shelters, and break the ice  
in the buckets that are frozen.**



**And don't  
spill the  
bucket on  
the pig who  
is helping  
you.**



**Careful not to smash your frozen fingers  
with the hammer when breaking the ice!**



**Sometimes you have to get the  
ice balls off the fur of the draft  
horses' ankles.**



**The wagon  
works only  
if the snow  
isn't too deep!**



# Not your cup of



Don't care to get soaked to the skin during dropping temperatures, with fingers so numb you can't feel the feed scoops you are holding? Not really excited about wading through snow deeper than your boots...carrying heavy water buckets? Slipping and falling on the ice with those same water buckets that splash the arctic water all down your leg and inside your boots?

If you truly want to help with feeding this winter, call us at 330-296-5914 to make arrangements to help. Dress warm. Wear layers. Have anti-inflammatories ready for when you get home.

However, if you don't want to work outside and care for the rescued animals, remember someone has to! **Maybe you would consider sponsoring an hour or more of animal care this winter?**

Farm animals live outside. That's all there is to it.

Our Animal Care Giver staff doesn't have a choice other than to suck it up and get prepared every day to battle bitter winds, icy conditions, and deep snow, all while juggling water buckets, feed containers, medications, and bales of hay and straw.

**To help us care for the animals this winter, a whole \$10 will cover the salary of an Animal Care Giver for one hour.**

It normally takes four hours per shift to get everyone fed, watered, medicated, turned-out or brought in, and piggy blankets swapped out as needed. **There's about 100 to 150 rescued farm animals at Happy Trails at any given time.**

**Just as \$10 will sponsor an Animal Care Giver for one hour, \$40 will sponsor an entire feeding shift.**

As much as we wish the rescued animals lived indoors where it's heated and comfortable, they don't.

The dedication that it takes for care givers to arrive at the sanctuary every day, braving the single-digit temperatures while they work thru their shifts with uplifting attitudes and friendly smiles for all the animals, is amazing. They do a great job for all of us.

Happy Trails is at the point where we cannot function without a paid staff. Without them we couldn't help as many animals as we do, we couldn't provide the top quality care and rehabilitation that they now receive and we couldn't save as many lives. Yet, grant funding for staff is non-existent.

**Thanks for considering sponsoring the care of the animals.** Our overall staff is minimal, yet, the cost to have help sure does add up. Especially for a smaller organization like Happy Trails. **And don't forget - if you'd like to experience feeding times, bundle up and call us at 330-296-5914.**



☐ **Yes, I would like to sponsor the care of the rescued animals!**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to sponsor one hour of animal care for \$10.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am choosing to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ hours of animal care @ \$10 per hour for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed

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**ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**MAIL DONATION TO:**

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

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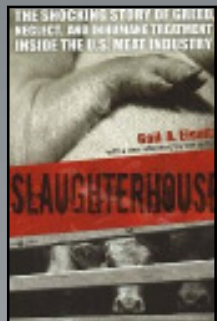


# Highly Recommended Reading

## 8 Must-Read Books For 2013

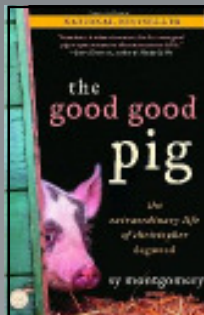
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by Gail  
Eisnitz



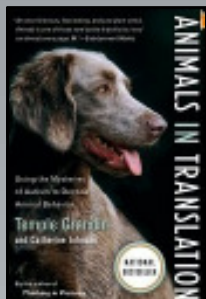
### 5. THE GOOD GOOD

PIG  
by Sy  
Montgomery



### 2. ANIMALS IN TRANSLATION

by Temple  
Grandin



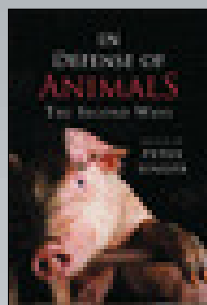
### 6. WHERE THE BLIND HORSE

SINGS  
by Kathy  
Stevens



### 3. IN DEFENSE OF

ANIMALS  
by Peter  
Singer



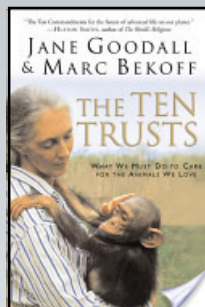
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WONDER  
DOG  
by Dick  
Houston



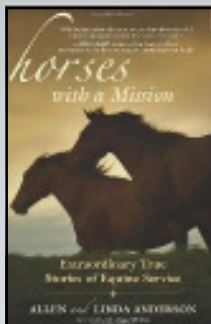
### 4. THE TEN TRUSTS

by Jane  
Goodall  
and Marc  
Bekoff



### 8. HORSES WITH A

MISSION  
by Allen  
and Linda  
Anderson



## SANDRADEE is now ready to be adopted!

This beautiful Thoroughbred mare has recovered from a situation of severe neglect and starvation, has been receiving professional training through Ken Aberegg since October 2011, and is now ready to be adopted! Sandradee is 16 hands high, has some trailing riding experience and would also do well in other disciplines. She is now in excellent physical condition (*thanks to her wonderful foster home*) and is very athletic. She walks, trots, and canters using voice or leg commands and she ground ties. Sandradee needs an intermediate-level rider and would not be suitable for a beginner.







# When You Wish Upon A Star...



**This issue's Wish List outlines expenses coming up this spring for the sanctuary, expenses that are not glamorous or pretty but are things we need to somehow pay for. This list includes:**

## ANIMAL HEALTH

☐ **Spring Vaccinations For Horses** are \$85 each. At this time we have 25 horses in our program, for a grand total of \$2,125. You may wish to sponsor vaccinations for \_\_\_\_\_ horses @ \$85 each.

☐ **Deworming For The Horses**  
Quest, a de-wormer paste, is \$12 per tube. Larger draft horses require two tubes of paste dewormer. We need to purchase a total of 30 tubes based on weight of the horses. You may wish to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ tubes @ \$12 each.

☐ **Pot Belly Pig Spring Health Checks are \$250 per pig.**  
This includes putting them under anesthetic for trimming and dremeling their hooves and tusks, deworming, spring vaccinations, cleaning their eyes and ear canals, and a yearly examination and evaluation while under sedation. We currently have 23 pot belly pigs, for a total of \$5,750. You may wish to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ pig(s) @ \$250 each.

☐ **Vet Visit \$50**  
Each time a vet visits, our field service call is a minimum of \$50, plus any medications or special veterinary procedures on top of this. I'd like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ vet calls @ \$50 per visit.

☐ **Medicines - Any Amount**  
We try to keep basic medication on hand for emergencies, medicine to treat colic in horses, provide pain relief such as anti-inflammatories,

wound care products, bandage material, etc. I would like to purchase \$\_\_\_\_\_ worth of medications and medical supplies for the rescue animals.

☐ **Joint supplements for the horses — \$85/container** (Or gift cards to Big D's, Carl's Tack, Pettigrew Feed, Western Reserve or Geauga Feed so we can purchase joint supplements.)

☐ **Smaller Mineral Blocks** for horses, sheep and goats. \$6/block. Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ mineral blocks at \$6 each.

## MISC. STUFF

☐ **Ten Quality Flashlights (with batteries) are \$20 each.**  
I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ flashlights @ \$20 each.

☐ **Five Dusting Tools @ \$25 each.**  
To de-cobweb the barns for fire safety, we are seeking light-weight dust brooms with poofy ends and telescoping handles that reach about

eight feet. These would be ideal for cleaning the rafters. (Just how do you describe these things? :) )  
I'd like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ dusting tools @ \$25 each.

☐ **Lunge Line — \$35**  
To use for training and exercising the horses.

☐ **Health EZ Hay Feeders - \$38 each**  
These are the safer plastic suitcase-type hay bags for the horse stalls. We have 12 horse stalls and would like to include 2 for the horse trailer. Please purchase \_\_\_\_\_ EZ hay feeders for a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

☐ **Supplies to help with the completion of the new rest room,** such as plumbing supplies, drywall, tile, etc.. (Or gift cards to Home Depot, Lowes, or Carter Lumber) Any amount will be appreciated. If you want to donate the actual supplies, please call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



☐ Enclosed is a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used toward the items I have checked off on the wish list.

☐ Please accept \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be used where needed

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ AmEx

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL DONATION TO:

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



# Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

Though we will never have enough newsletter pages available to thank everyone who donates and supports the work of Happy Trails, we always like to highlight at least a few folks. **We truly appreciate each and every donation, supply, pig blanket, hand written note of encouragement, kind thought and prayer, and hug that comes through our door.** If you have enhanced the care of the animals, helped Happy Trails grow in the amount of services we can provide, helped make our communities a safer place by supporting the prosecution of animal abuse of *all* animals, or lent a helping hand in some way, big or small, **we are grateful and blessed with your support.**

## Giving Tree Program

A big thank you goes out to the stores who participated in our annual holiday Giving Tree Program and the extremely kind and generous folks who purchased an item from the tree and took an ornament home. Thanks to Pettigrew Feed & Hardware in Edinburg, Western Reserve Farm Co-op Ravenna and Chardon locations, and Geauga Feed & Grain.

## Here's A Shout Out To Kent B.P.O. Elks #1377!

Thanks to all the good folks at the Kent B.P.O. Elks #1377 for continuing to choose Happy Trails as the non-profit organization of choice to be the beneficiary of funds from their instant bingo proceeds. **We're thrilled and honored to receive your support!** Thanks to our correspondent and Elks Secretary, Rich Aber, and all the kind and compassionate folks at the Kent Elks. **We hope to see all of you guys at Happy Trails when the weather gets nicer so you can meet the rescued animals in person!**



## Don Drumm Fans

We'd like to thank not only incredibly talented artist Don Drumm for creating such an amazing collectible series of horse ornaments, pins and statues for Happy Trails to sell as a fundraiser, but also his multitude of fans for your purchases (and your patience)! To everyone who bought a Don Drumm ornament, pin or statue, *we are grateful!* Over the holidays we sold *tons* of Don Drumm collectibles, with all proceeds going directly to benefit the rescued animals. We do still have a few of them available. You may still purchase the equine series through the Happy Trails store.

**Call us at 330-296-5914 for more information.**

## Way To Go Thompson Electric — You Light Up Our Life!

Larry Thompson, owner of Thompson Electric, has been extremely supportive of the work of Happy Trails. Thompson Electric has donated the electrical supplies on our neverending list in order for us to run electricity out to the newer barns. He has also supplied the electrical engineering and help for the new rest room, as well as helping us purchase electrical supplies at a huge discount for this project.

Many thanks also to the  
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# COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETIES

## What Types Of Animals Does *Your* Humane Society Help?

*Are you aware that many county humane societies are set up to help only domestic animals?* Animals like dogs and cat, puppies and kittens. Several of the more progressive humane societies and animal protective leagues do indeed have limited facilities to house larger animals, but there are only a small number of agencies equipped to do so.

Before I share with you some comments I've heard from a random sampling of Ohio's humane societies, **let me emphasize that we work with some really great, effective, caring and progressive humane societies and APL's.** However, Ohio does have some counties that leave something to be desired.

So what does *your* county humane agency do when they encounter an abandoned goat, a group of emaciated horses, a farm where pigs are being abused, or flocks of chickens with no shelter?

When we asked these questions, the answers we received were discouraging. The following are the responses we encountered:

- We don't take in those kinds of animals.
- We have no-where to put them so we don't remove them.
- I'm not allowed to remove farm animals (This is from humane officers. Several specifically used the word "horses").
- We don't have any way to transport them.
- We don't prosecute here in this county because we don't have a humane officer.
- We don't *ever* remove horses. We just try to get the owners to take care of them.
- Our prosecutors don't like to handle animal abuse cases.
- We don't have the money to take care of them.
- There's nothing we can do.

Are these responses disturbing? *You betcha!* Are they more common than we would like to think? *Most definitely.*

I would encourage you to contact your local county humane society or animal protective league to find out how they handle farm animal abuse cases. Do you feel their answers are honest and accurate? If you feel they could use some help, guidance or assistance, encourage them to learn about the services that Happy Trails offers.

Happy Trails was created to assist law enforcement and humane officers when encountering a situation of abuse, neglect or abandonment of farm animals. When our assistance is requested, we can visit the facility in question with the officers involved and offer a realistic assessment of the care and condition of the animals; discuss charges to be filed

(and review if there are grounds to actually file charges or remove animals); arrange for transportation; bring in a veterinarian to examine the animals; provide follow up care; design a rehabilitation and recovery program; provide documentation and assist with the prosecution of the owners or caretakers; and testify as witnesses in court. When the animals are legally signed over to Happy Trails, we are then



*So how do you help this one.....but not this one.....or this one....?*

able to make them available for adoption. Our services are provided free of charge to humane societies, animal protective leagues and law enforcement agencies.

So back to the question, *how does your county humane society or animal protective league handle animal cruelty cases when they involve something other than dogs or cats, puppies or kittens?* You should find out before you find yourself in the situation where you need to report a suspected case of cruelty against a horse or farm animal. I encourage you to contact your local county humane society to question them concerning how they handle farm animal abuse cases. Do you feel that their answers are honest and accurate? If you feel they could use some help, guidance or assistance, encourage them to learn about the services Happy Trails offers. We get complaints regularly from frustrated citizens wanting to report cruelty and neglect cases to Happy Trails that their county seems to be ignoring.

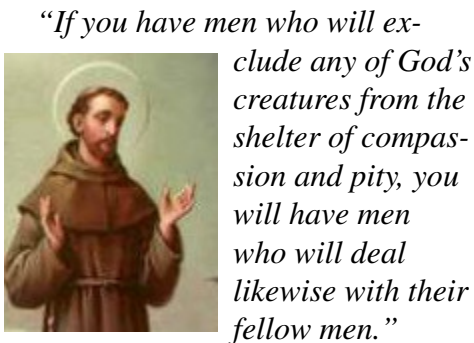
Humane societies are not normally governed by anyone other than themselves. No one, that is, other than the people who donate and support them. While we encourage everyone to support their local animal shelters because they truly need your support and provide a crucial service for dogs and cats, be sure to look further into how they would handle other animals who are suffering as well. We'll be happy to support any county humane society, animal protective league, sheriff's department, or other law enforcement agency who requests our services. Feel free to pass Happy Trails contact information along!

*"If you don't like seeing pictures of violence toward animals being posted, you need to help stop the violence, not the pictures."*

Author Unknown

***"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~



~St. Francis of Assisi



***"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."***

***I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man."***

Mahatma Gandhi  
(1869 - 1948)



***"Do not go where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."***

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Quotes That Help Us Put It All In Perspective

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

Anonymous



*"I ask people why they have deer heads on their walls. They always say because it's such a beautiful animal. There you go. I think my mother is attractive, but I have photographs of her."*

~Ellen DeGeneres

*"We must fight against the spirit of unconscious cruelty with which we treat the animals."*

*Animals suffer as much as we do. True humanity does not allow us to impose such sufferings on them.*

*It is our duty to make the whole world recognize it. Until we extend our circle of compassion to all living things, humanity will not find peace."*

~Albert Schweitzer,  
The Philosophy of Civilization

*"If you love animals called pets, why do you eat animals called dinner?"*  
~As seen on a shirt at [veganstore.com](http://veganstore.com)

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

Gerald White Johnson

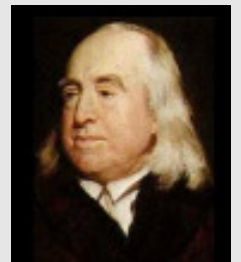


***"The thinking person must oppose all cruel customs no matter how deeply rooted in tradition and surrounded by a halo. When we have a choice, we must avoid bringing torment and injury into the life of another."***

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

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

~Jeremy Bentham



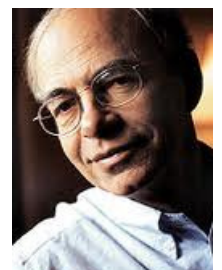
*"Why should man expect his prayer for mercy to be heard by What is above him when he shows no mercy to what is under him?"*

~Pierre Troubetzkoy

*"Forests and meat animals compete for the same land. The prodigious appetite of the affluent nations for meat means that agribusiness can pay more than those who want to preserve or restore the forest. We are, quite literally, gambling with the future*

*of our planet – for the sake of hamburgers."*

Peter Singer,  
Animal Liberation



*"Cruelty is one fashion statement we can all do without."*  
~Rue McClanahan

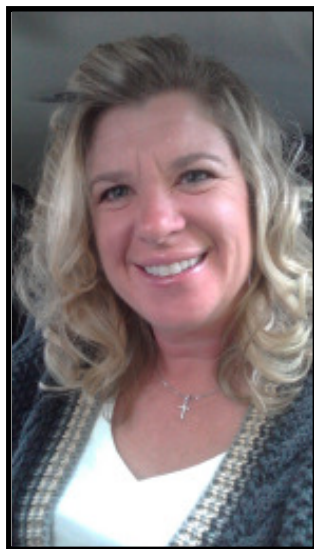


## Welcome To New Staff Member, Laurie Jackson!

Co-manager of Moxie Stables in Mogadore and a long-time member of the Happy Trails emergency rescue crew, **Laurie Jackson** has now joined our staff as a **Special Projects Coordinator**. Laurie brings a great deal of experience to the table, and she is currently helping us work on an assortment of fundraiser projects for the sanctuary. To start with, Laurie is coordinating our donation box locations, is instrumental in incorporating our new software program of GiftWorks, and is helping to create our newest event, Art Barn!

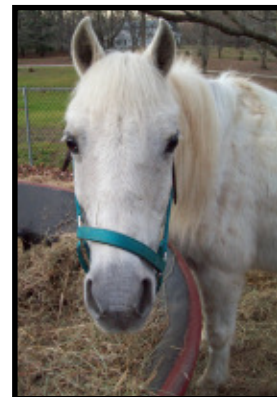
Ask Laurie about her two favorite men in her life, and she'll mention both her husband, Kerry, and her handsome horse, Phix!

If you'd like to help us welcome Laurie to our staff or contact her regarding donating items for our fundraisers, email her at [LaurieJ@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:LaurieJ@happytrailsfarm.org).



## Who Found A Home Over The Holidays?

**To be chosen by a family who wanted to welcome them into their home in time for Christmas was the most precious gift some of the rescued animals could have been given.** During the month of December, Santa delivered the following animals to some really wonderful adoptive homes: Picwick and Frolic, two silly goats; Fleury, the older white mare who is in foal; Sono Libero, the black pony who had been attacked by a pit bull; Amity, a big Belgian gelding; and several large groups of feathered friends, too numerous to list by name! May Creator bless everyone who opens their homes and their hearts to taking in a rescued farm animal. **Considering adopting or fostering? Call us at 330-296-5914 for more information!**



Follow the heartwarming story of Fleury the pony on the Happy Trails website as she continues to progress in her pregnancy. Fleury was rescued from a slaughterhouse auction in October, where she had her baby cruelly taken from her. A vet exam confirmed that she came through the auction, once again pregnant. Fleury has now been adopted by a wonderful family who intends to let her keep her baby. Watch as this



## KEEP COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS!

You're doing **FANTASTIC!**  
Please keep collecting those cans!  
We receive funds for recycling them. Drop off cans at any time at the Happy Trails office!

*It has been rumored that the animals run Happy Trails. Here is proof that it's true. Before leaving for an adoptive home, Napoleon the goat would often be seen at the desk in the office answering phones while we were out on other animal rescues. We sure do miss his help. Hopefully we can find someone to take his place.*

# Your Right To Know!

## As consumers, we have the right to know information about the products we are choosing.

When we purchase an item, we have a right to know where it was manufactured and the moral/ethical ramifications attached to that product.

### Ignorance truly is not bliss.

Educating ourselves about the products we consume so that we can make more compassionate choices is the first step to making a difference in this world. **Money talks.** If enough people vote against a certain product by not purchasing it, the company producing that product will either eliminate the thing that offends consumers, or go out of business. Those are pretty much the options.

When purchasing groceries or ordering at a restaurant, many people choose to include meat in their diet. **You have a right to know, and you should demand to know,** how those animals were treated before they made it to your refrigerator or to your plate.

## Here are some things that you *most certainly* have the right to know:

- Slaughterhouses associated with the USDA often butcher animals while they are still alive and fully conscious. *Slaughterhouse* by Gail Eistnitz

- Farm animals are routinely dismembered while still fully conscious in U.S. slaughter plants.

From HFA website @ [conschttp://www.hfa.org/slaughterhouse.html](http://conschttp://www.hfa.org/slaughterhouse.html)

- Slaughterhouse workers admit to deliberately beating, strangling, boiling, or dismembering animals alive. Today's slaughter line does not stop for anything: Not for injured workers, not for contaminated meat, and least of all, not for sick or disabled animals. <http://hfa.org/slaughterhouse.html>

- Many states specifically exclude livestock or any "common" agricultural practices from their cruelty laws, and even when good laws exist, it can sometimes be difficult to convince law enforcement to make an arrest and/or to seize livestock who are being neglected or abused.

From HSUS Animal Cruelty Facts & Statistics @ [http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse\\_neglect/facts/animal\\_cruelty\\_facts\\_statistics.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/abuse_neglect/facts/animal_cruelty_facts_statistics.html)

- An Ohio study revealed that 67 percent of water taken near poultry farms and 31 percent of water near swine farms contained antibiotics. <http://www.gracelinks.org/267/water-quality>

And from the USDA website comes direct quotes from the Farm

### Animal Welfare Fact Sheet Summer 2011

- The data indicate that in all species, castration is a painful procedure, regardless of age... castration is a painful procedure that is a concern of both producers and animal welfare groups. Currently, *alternatives to this practice are limited.*

#### Issues Related to Castration:

Depending on the species, a number of different castration methods are available. Swine, because of their anatomy, are castrated using a surgical castration technique, characterized by surgical removal of the testes following scrotal incision. In sheep and cattle, other methods are also commonly used such as crushing the blood and nerve supply using clamps, rubber rings or latex bands. The degree of pain experienced by the animal depends on the method used and the animal's age. In swine, castration is usually conducted within the first few days of life. In cattle and

sheep, the age and methods of castration are more variable depending on rearing systems such as intensive or extensive conditions.

**Usually, castration is performed without anaesthesia or post-operative analgesia, but their use could reduce the degree of pain experienced.** To be effective, both in adoption by the industry and in maximal pain relief for the animal, analgesics must be developed that combine an easy and safe route of administration with an efficacy that ideally covers the duration over which pain is likely to be experienced. **However, it is important to consider that the use of analgesics generates an additional cost to the producer.**

From the USDA website @ <http://www.ars.usda.gov/SP2UserFiles/Place/36022000/Castration%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

- Beak trimming, removal of 1/3 to 1/2 of the beak, is a routine husbandry procedure practiced in the poultry industry to prevent feather pecking and cannibalism.

...a chicken's beak is a complex, functional organ with an extensive nerve supply. Following beak trimming, several anatomical, physiological, and biochemical changes occur in cut peripheral nerves and damaged tissues. There is a considerable body of ...research demonstrating the emergence of several markers of acute and chronic pain (e.g., persistent lethargy and guarding behaviors,



***"If slaughterhouses had glass walls, everyone would be a vegetarian."***

Paul McCartney



reduced feed intake, and development of neuromas) as a result of trimming. There are several methods used for beak trimming in the United States but *the most popular method is hot-blade beak trimming*. It employs a heated (650-750°C), 'guillotine'-type, blade that both cuts and cauterizes the beak tissue when birds are 5 to 10 days old.

From the USDA website @ <http://www.ars.usda.gov/SP2UserFiles/Place/36022000/Beak%20Trimming%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

## From Experts On Waste Pollution And The Environment

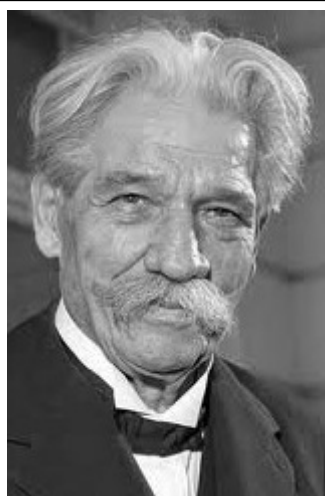
- The USDA reports that animals in the US meat industry produce 61 million tons of waste each year, which is 130 times the volume of human waste - or five tons for every US citizen.
- According to the Environmental Protection Agency, hog, chicken and cattle waste has polluted 35,000 miles of rivers in 22 states and contaminated groundwater in 17 states.
- Since 1995, an additional one billion fish have been killed from manure runoff in estuaries and coastal areas in North Carolina, and the Maryland and Virginia tributaries leading into the Chesapeake Bay. These deaths can be directly related to the 10 million hogs currently being raised in North Carolina and the 620 million chickens on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay.
- The pollution from animal waste causes respiratory problems, skin infections, nausea, depression and even death for people who live near factory farms. Livestock waste has been linked to six miscarriages in women living near a hog factory in Indiana.
- In Virginia, state guidelines indicate that a safe level of fecal coliform bacteria is 200 colonies per 100 milliliters of water. In 1997, some streams had levels as high as 424,000 per 100 milliliters.

Waste pollution excerpts from:  
- Horrigan, Leo, Lawrence, Robert S.,

Walker, Polly, "How Sustainable Agriculture Can Address the Environmental and Human Health Harms of Industrial Agriculture," Johns Hopkins University's Center for a Livable Future, July 9, 1999  
- Chris Bedford, "How Our food is Produced Matters!", AWI Quarterly, Summer 1999  
- Zakin, Susan. "Nonpoint Pollution: The Quiet Killer," Field & Stream, August 1999, p.86

## And From Grace Communications...

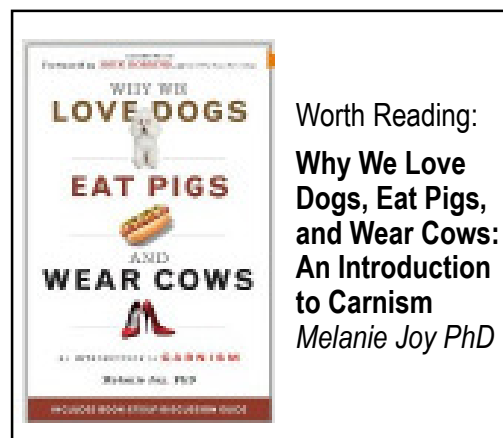
- Industrial agriculture is among the leading causes of water pollution in the United States today.
- Most water pollution from industrial



*"Think occasionally of the suffering of which you spare yourself the sight."*

~Albert Schweitzer

farms results from the storage and disposal of animal waste. Industrial livestock farms store manure and other farm wastes in gigantic tanks known as "lagoons" which can hold millions of gallons of manure and urine. Unfortunately, these lagoons often leak and—during large storms—



Worth Reading:  
**Why We Love Dogs, Eat Pigs, and Wear Cows: An Introduction to Carnism**  
Melanie Joy PhD

they may rupture or simply overflow. When this happens, the environmental damage can be devastating, as raw manure is up to 160 times more toxic than raw municipal sewage. Leaking lagoons also release antibiotic residues and harmful bacteria that can leach into water supplies.

- Antibiotics and artificial growth hormones are commonly used on industrial farms, either injected directly into the livestock or added to their feed. Large amounts of both substances end up being excreted by animals and can thus pollute water along with everything else in livestock waste.

From Grace Communications Foundation  
<http://www.gracelinks.org/267/water-quality>

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## Mark Your Calendars!

*What's coming up?*

### A PSYCHIC AFFAIR

May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Plan to join us for a **A Psychic Affair** to be held at Happy Trails!

Throughout this weekend, gifted psychic guests will be visiting Happy Trails to give you a personal reading. They are all *donating* their time and services to benefit the rescued animals.

**One of our special guests will be psychic Sandy Smith, who will be flying in from California to show her support of Happy Trails.** Sandy intends to be available all three days. Communicate with a pet (you're welcome to bring a photo of your pet who may be living or who may have passed); receive validation about a loved one; receive guidance or confirmation regarding life's challenges. Pre-scheduled appointments will be required. Watch the website for more information concerning cost and availability of times. *This weekend is sure to be enlightening, healing, and inspiring!*



*Sandy Smith is a third generation psychic, medium and healer. Visit Sandy's website at [www.sandysmith.info](http://www.sandysmith.info)*

### AKRON AEROS HAPPY TRAILS GAME DAY

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Attention all sports fans!

Support Happy Trails and enjoy a really fun and exciting game day at the Akron Aeros stadium! Happy Trails will be the featured community partner on this day, and rescued animals will be on-hand at the stadium to meet and greet baseball fans! There will be a lot of fun things going on to promote the sanctuary, and baseball's number one fan and Happy Trails Board President,



Pete "Pete The Printer" Lillo, will be on hand to throw out the first pitch!

Watch the website for more details. Tickets are \$9 each and are on sale now by calling the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914.



## 2013 Goals

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3) After the sanctuary and educational center is firmly in place, our next goal would be to set up a nursing home on the outskirts of the property. Here, residents could have daily interaction with the animals. Programs designed for the residents would incorporate daily activities where they could help in some way or simply enjoy the presence of the animals in their lives. Our elderly population seems to have a lot in common with the rescued farm animals. Our current Farm Animal Visitation Program that allows us to take rescued farm animals into nursing homes has been a shining example of what a great match these two groups are for each other. And what great companions they could be if given the chance on a regular basis.

**Nothing like this has ever been done to our knowledge.** Our vision is unique. Creative. Innovative. Cutting edge. Educational. Compassionate. Animal-related as well as humanitarian.

If you or anyone you know would like to be a part of this vision, this expansion, the future of Happy Trails, please contact me. Happy Trails alone doesn't make things happen. The universe truly has a way of bringing people together for a higher good. I am hoping that many of us will be brought together to make this vision a reality for everyone. Call us at 330-296-5914 or email me at [annette@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:annette@happytrailsfarm.org).

## FOSTER HOMES NEEDED...

**...for indoor pot belly pigs. Call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 for more information!**

**Ideal foster candidates are home most of the time, don't have aggressive or territorial dogs or other house pets, and are able to take the pig outdoors to go potty in the safety of a fenced-in yard.**





# How Your Donation Helps!

Happy Trails mainly operates on all private donations, though we are occasionally blessed to receive a grant toward a very specific purpose. **It's your support and kind donations that enable us to offer the animal rescue, rehabilitation and adoption services as well as educational and outreach programs that we provide.** Your thoughtful donations go toward a variety of expenses, some more intriguing than others, some mundane, some not-usually-thought-of, but all vital and absolutely necessary to the success of the sanctuary. Here's a short list of things we pay for, but by no means does this summarize *all* the expenses we incur daily.

**OK, so here are some of the things we HAVE to pay for...**

- Vet and medical costs
- Food: grain and hay
- Bedding (straw)
- Hoof trims for the horses
- Spring vaccinations for nearly every type of animal
- Yearly teeth floating (filing) which is crucial for the horses
- Coggins test (legally required for any horse crossing state lines)
- Payroll for our small paid staff
- Dumpster pick up
- Insurance (yee gads is this expensive)
- Gas and fuel for the trucks and farm machinery
- Maintenance upkeep
- Electric (heat lamps keep our electric bill way up there)
- Facility repairs (broken gates, busted fence rails, damaged roofs, etc.)
- Office supplies; ink cartridges
- Monthly mortgage payment
- Printing for the newsletters
- CPA costs; property taxes
- Joint supplements
- Facility supplies such as tarps, gate hinges, replacing heated water buckets, heat lamps, heat lamp bulbs



## DONATION INFORMATION

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### OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- Donate on-line through PayPal at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org)
- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

**Donations are tax-deductible.**

**Many thanks for your support!**

Happy Trails is a 501c3 non-profit organization.



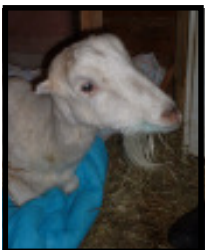
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## Want to become a monthly donor?

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.**



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## Everyone Needs A *Super Hero* In Their Life!

**He's rideable. He's sweet. He's a retired Amish horse. And, he's ready to be your *Super Hero*!**

He came to Happy Trails with the name "Hero", which was part of his registered name. Our staff added "Super" to his name because it seemed to fit him. He's ready to leap tall buildings, conquer evil, save the world, and fly to your rescue in his Super Hero Horse Cape!

OK, in reality, he's ready to let you bury your face in his mane and cry when you've had a bad day. He's ready to stand politely and not criticize you when you put his saddle on backwards. He promises that he won't even roll his eyes. He's ready to lend a friendly ear to listen to your exciting news but crosses his heart that he will not share it with others. He's the companion you've always dreamed about. So, with that said, I guess he truly is a Super Hero. *Please* give this handsome Standardbred gelding a good home.

**For adoption information, call Happy Trails at 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.