

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary **JULY 2011**



Be Your Own Turkey!



You don't have to follow the crowd!

This issue will help you find your very own way to get involved!

letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

Sometimes our work is frustrating. Sometimes our work is rewarding. No matter what the emotion that comes with farm animal rescue work, I firmly believe that we are doing what we are supposed to be doing. We have found our niche, we are traveling on the right path. Now we just have to fine-tune things.

Happy Trails seems to be ever-evolving, never static, always improving, continually growing, trying to be accommodating, and still reaching for the stars.

Many people often ask, "How do you do it?" Well, we can't do anything alone. Those of us who represent the sanctuary can only make a difference with **your** help. **YOU are Happy Trails!**

Homer, the turkey on the front cover, decided that he didn't have to follow the norm. He decided that, as a turkey, he wanted to stand in a swimming pool, even though he is not a duck. So he followed his heart and enjoyed his decision — and, his feet got cooled off on a very hot day in July.

Give some thought to how you would best fit in with Happy Trails. You don't have to simply volunteer to shovel poo (though we do a lot of that!). You can write your own ticket — tell us how you can make a difference with your particular skills, experience, interests and time schedule.



I am hoping that this issue might spark an idea for

you on what your role could be with Happy Trails. Not sure what you want to do? Try out a few different things and then decide. Reach outside the box. Be your own turkey!

To talk to someone about all the ways that you can get involved, give us a call at 330-296-5914. We'd love to hear from you!

With kindness and compassion for all animals,

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~

You're Sure To Find Something In This Issue That Calls Out To You To Make A Difference!

What role do *you* want to play in animal rescue?

Choose the area that interests you the most, and come up with a way that you would enjoy being involved in animal rescue!

Tired of the same ol' same ol'? Get started in a new direction. Choose from a current volunteer opportunity or come up with your own ideas on how you'd like to make a difference!

Be a greeter to visitors and volunteers on Sundays. • Help load and unload hay. • Put your carpentry or masonry skills to good use. • Volunteer to shovel snow in the winter. • Donate funds toward a specific project. • Volunteer at the sanctuary. • Help give school presentations. • Become an assistant feeder. • Adopt. • Give a gift sponsorship. • Collect aluminum cans. • Or make up a way that you can help!



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www.happytrailsfarm.org

DONATE TO A SPECIAL NEED

First, A Rescue Story: Sheep, Chickens and Pot Belly Pigs

Happy Trails assisted the Medina County SPCA in May by taking in many of the farm animals that were removed from a neglect situation in Medina County.

There were nearly 100 animals removed from this location, with most of them being dogs. Three sheep and a lamb, 19 chickens, and two pot belly pigs were signed over to Happy Trails. The animals are all on the road to recovery, but since this is an on-going court case, we'll refrain from commenting on the details at this time.

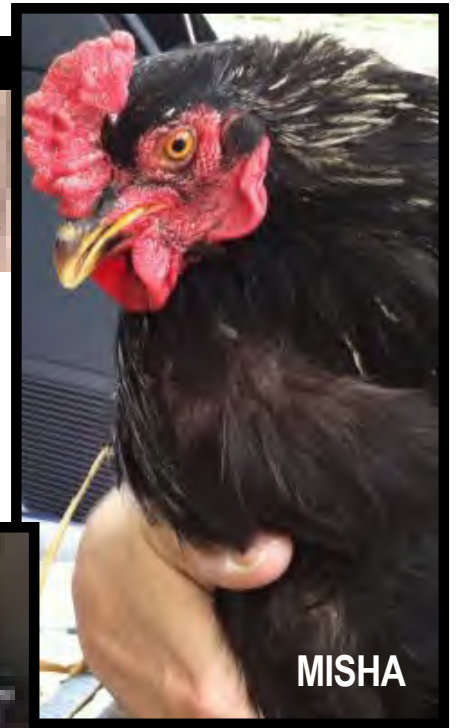
The sheep have been sheared and treated for an assortment of health issues; the pot belly pigs have had their hooves trimmed and were vaccinated and dewormed; and the chickens are growing their feathers back and some ailments have been addressed.

So now, as usual, comes the daunting task of finding homes for these wonderful creatures.

If you are interested in adopting some truly wonderful



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farm pets, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 for more information and ask to speak to an adoption counselor!

Please consider giving a rescued animal a loving home!



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Hey! We Can ALWAYS Use Donations Of Hay (Or Straw!!)

Here hard-working volunteer and near-by Happy Trails neighbor, Dave Robinson, loads up the new deck-over trailer (*see next page!*). Dave helped to stack 185 bales on this particular load!

With about 150 animals in our rescue program at any given time, to say that we go

through a lot of hay is definitely an understatement.

Your donation of hay or straw is tax-deductible. We are thrilled to receive donations of hay or straw that is not over a year old and has not been rained on or stored outdoors. The rescued animals need a decent quality of nutritious hay to gain weight and to get healthy.

If you have either round

or square bales of hay (or straw) to donate, please call and leave a message for volunteer hay coordinator, Bentley (Buzz) Hudson at 330-296-5914.

We can also use donations of ratchet straps and tie downs to haul our loads, and gas cards to help get us to our destinations!

Your donation of hay or straw is tax deductible.

DONATE TO A SPECIAL NEED

A Deck-Over Trailer Was Needed To Pick Up Hay, Straw, Machinery, Equipment & Supplies!



Donations can also be made through PayPal at www.happytrailsfarm.org!

Many caring people have been wanting to donate hay and straw to the sanctuary, but our challenge has been the fact that we have had *no way to haul it!*

So instead of paying for hay (we normally pay \$4 per bale), we decided to purchase a deck-over trailer to haul all the donated hay. The trailer will also come in handy when we pick up supplies, move farm equipment or machinery, or pick up donations of larger items such as fencing or gates.

After much research and many days of looking at used trailers, we wisely made a choice based on safety and value, and opted to go with a new trailer that came with a guarantee from Appalachian

Trailers (*the very best buy we could find!*).

The trailer itself cost \$4,787, add a \$75 pintle/ball hitch and \$100 worth of tie-down ratchet straps for a grand total of \$4,962.

We would have about spent this amount in hay over a period of about twelve weeks.

We appreciate your help toward our trailer and our hay/straw fund! Every little bit will help pay off the trailer and in turn will help us keep the horses and other rescued farm animals in hay and straw!

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today!

I want to help Happy Trails with the purchase of the trailer to provide hay for the rescued animals!

Please use this donation of \$_____ toward the purchase of the trailer needed to haul hay, straw, supplies, farm machinery and other equipment.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Make check payable to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, or make a payment through PayPal at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

ATTEND AN EVENT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



BLOCK PARTY FUNDRAISER

Sun. July 31st — 12:00 to 5pm

Downtown Akron's Historic
District on Maiden Lane
17 N. High St., Akron 44308

Reggae Music • Artists • Animals
Food • Lots Of Family Fun

Hosted together with Pawsibility
Greater Akron Humane Society

Many Thanks To Event Sponsors: We Gallery,
Mocha Maiden, Rubber City Clothing, Noto,
Musica, UnCorked Win Bar



Happy Trails is honored to be a guest at the

CROOKED RIVER ALL NATIONS POW WOW



Sat. & Sun., Sept. 10th & 11th

Keyser Park in Cuyahoga Falls

www.crookedriverpowwow.com

Head Drum White Horse, Mountain, Chicago

Guest Drum: Red Bird Singers, Akron

COMPASSIONATE THANKSGIVING

Saturday Nov. 5th

Stow American Legion Hall
Post 175 at 3733 Fishcreek Rd., Stow

A Traditional Yet Animal-
Friendly (vegan) Dinner
Great Auction Items
Special
Presentations



Monthly Animal Ethics & Education Series

Hosted By Wild4Ever &
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary!

FREE: AUGUST SEMINAR

PUPPY MILLS IN OHIO

A Disgrace To Our State

Guest Speaker — Mary Shaver-O'Connor

WHERE: Akron Public Library, 60 S. High St.

WHEN: Wed., August 10th at 6:30pm



Presented with www.banohiosdogauctions.com
and www.columbustopdogs.com

2011 Annual Happy Trails GALA

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

You may purchase tickets online at www.happytrailsfarm.org, or fill out the form here and mail a check. Be sure to enter the quantity of tickets and the names of each individual attending.

A Dream of **Being Free**

We're Counting The Minutes To The
2011 Annual Happy Trails Gala!

WHEN: Saturday, August 20th
- 6pm to 10pm

WHERE: St. George's Party
Center 3204 Ridgewood Road,
Akron, Ohio 44333

EVENING EVENTS: Animal-friendly
dinner; pictures with animals; silent/
live auction; 50/50 raffle; live music

TICKET PRICE: \$75 per person (\$55
is tax deductible); \$150 VIP ticket

SPECIAL NOTE: Every ticket holder
is entered into a drawing to WIN A
VINTAGE DIAMOND NECKLACE
donated by Jason Adams. Timeless
and intricate workmanship make this
necklace an heirloom to treasure.

UNABLE TO ATTEND? Please
consider sending a tax-deductible
contribution to make "A Dream Of
Being Free" a dream come true for our
animals. Donations may be sent to
Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd.,
Ravenna, Ohio 44266, or you may
make a donation online.

QUESTIONS? Call Jason Adams at
330-865-7673

2011 2nd Annual Happy Trails **GALA** *A Dream Of Being Free*

I WILL ATTEND!

_____ Number of tickets @ \$75 per person

_____ Number of VIP tickets @ \$150 per person

Please enclose a check made payable to Happy Trails Farm Animal
Sanctuary for the quantity of attendees indicated above, and print
their names clearly below.

I will definitely be there, but need to pay at the door. There will be
_____ attendees in my party. Please print their names above.

Tickets at the door will be \$85.

I CAN HELP!

I cannot attend this year, but would like to make a donation to help the
animals. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____ made
out to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary.

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GO GREEN! RECYCLE FOR THE ANIMALS!



Happy Trails recycles and earns money through our collection of aluminum cans and used ink cartridges.

You can help the sanctuary raise money by

collecting cans or ink cartridges in your area. Ask for the help of local schools, businesses, night clubs, restaurants, bowling alleys, entertainment venues and offices.

You can either a) turn in the cans that you collect to the recycle center nearest to you and send a check for the amount received to

Happy Trails, or b) drop off your

bags of cans or ink cartridges at any time and leave them at the office of Happy Trails located at 5623 New Milford Rd. in Ravenna.



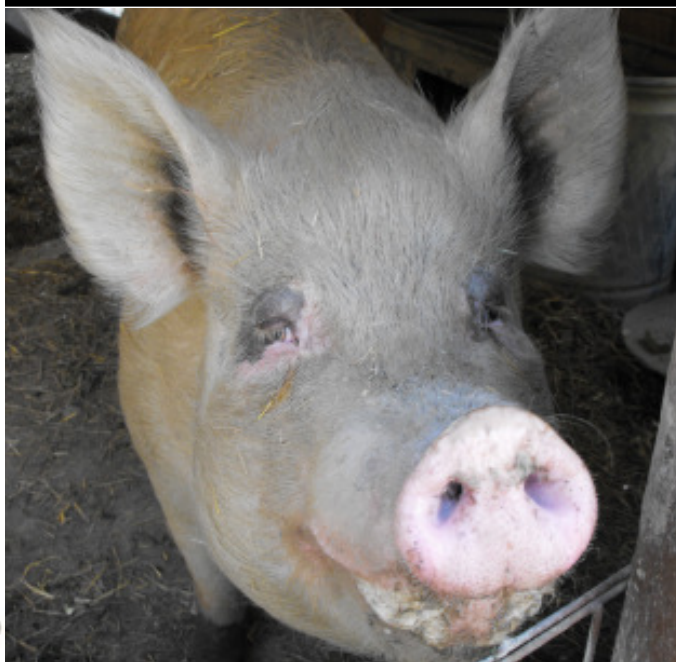
DO THE CRUSH DANCE!!

If you have a can crusher attached to your wall, then it's easy to crush the cans to get more in your bag! If not, just roll 'em upright with your toe and wearing your sturdiest shoes, give the can a good stomp! You'll get more in your bag that way, and we'll save space when hauling them to the recycle location!



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SIGN UP FOR A TOUR!



MEET MONA LISA AND SEE HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE IN PERSON!

- **Sundays:** tours at 11am, 12:30am, 2pm and 3:30pm. (May through Oct.)

MUST PRE-REGISTER!

- Weekdays by appointment if a volunteer tour guide is available.

Tour groups may have up to 6 people maximum per tour guide. Larger groups will be divided up into groups of 6 persons each but may schedule at the same time.

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

Guided/educational tours last about 1½ hours.

Schedule a guided tour of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and meet nearly 100 rescued farm animal friends up close and personal!

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

GET INVOLVED! PICK A PROJECT!

**Put your professional skills to good use for a special cause
or donate toward a specific project!**

RESTROOM FACILITY

Happy Trails currently operates with a Port-O-Jon outhouse, and would LOVE to upgrade to having a real restroom for our visitors. We need a project manager to help coordinate the project, which is estimated at about \$17,000. Consider adding your name to the professionals who have offered to donate their services to make this project a reality. We can use the help of masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, drywall experts and painters.

4-H groups, senior citizen groups, special interest organizations, college fraternities and social circles all come out for a tour and to see the rescued animals in person. It would be lovely to have regular restroom facilities provided for our guests!



There are many facility improvement projects that you can get involved with at Happy Trails. There are so many ways that your time, talent, and donations can make a huge difference in the life of a rescued animal and in the growth of the sanctuary. We welcome your ideas on how you would like to get involved! To donate to a specific project, please indicate that project in the memo line of a check made payable to Happy Trails and send your tax deductible donation to 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

NEW FEATHERED FRIENDS BARN

The current very tiny brown shelter (shown at right) that we have for the elderly geese and ducks will not suffice for winter considering the



amount of feathered friends that were accepted into our rescue program this past year. We hope to install a 16'x28' prefab barn that matches our goat barn and rooster barn that will serve as a feathered friends winter shelter as well have enough room to use for storage. The total cost on this project including the gravel for the foundation pad is \$8,200.

Alpine Structures constructed both of our previous barns at the same time, and had both



barns up in less than a day! This is a photo of the rooster barn as soon as it was completed! The feathered friends barn will look similar to this, only shorter.

Sponsor A Rescued Animal!



Monthly Sponsorship

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

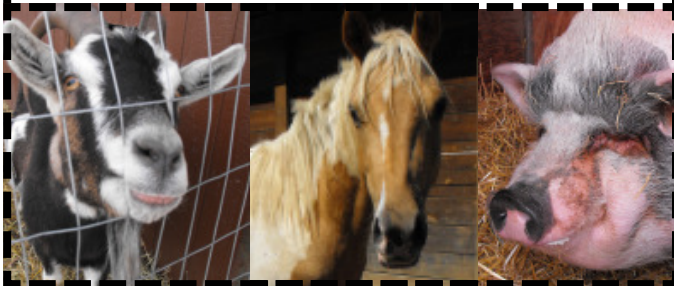
Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

Yes, I would like to become a monthly sponsor for the following type of animal(s). As a monthly sponsor I will receive an introductory sponsorship packet which includes their name, history and rescue story, information sheet, and a special invitation to visit them in person! I will then receive a monthly update about their health, adoption status and daily activities!

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Horse \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse or Mini \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pot Belly Pig \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Pig \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goose or Duck \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens \$20 |

Mail to: Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary,
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▶▶▶ A Great Way To Help ▶▶▶

***Use Animal
Gift Sponsorships As
A Creative And Caring
Unique Gift Idea!***

Gift Sponsorship

My Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

email address _____

I would like to sponsor a rescued animal as a gift for:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Special Occasion _____ Date _____

email address _____

Yes, I would like to send a gift sponsorship for the following type of animal(s). Please send the animal's name, history and rescue story, information sheet, a gift card, and a special invitation to visit them to the VIP person above!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Horse \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goat \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horse or Mini \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pot Belly Pig \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Pig \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Goose or Duck \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens \$20 |

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Be sure to send in your gift request in plenty time for your gift-recipient to receive their sponsorship package!



*“Hey Honey, Did you like that pig
I got you for your birthday?”*



*“He’s a cutie! Do you think we should we get your
sister a turkey for
her anniversary?”*



**Gift
sponsorships...**

**What a great way to
say you care....**

VOLUNTEER AT THE SANCTUARY...



**Cut up
wood.**

Paint!



Get dirty.

**Mend
fences.**

Have fun!

Scrub buckets.

**Carry around
heavy pigs... *(just kidding.)***



**Shovel
poo...
*(not kidding.)***

**Hug
barn
cats.**



...OR SIMPLY TELL US WHAT *YOU'D* LIKE TO DO!

- Greet visitors.
- Visit nursing homes.
- Transport animals.
- Take charge of a project.



Give school presentations!

(Ilona Urban, retired school teacher, helps kids meet Gershwin, a former cockfighting rooster.)



Attend community events.

(Here Phyllis and Jake Leonhardt hold Odessa, left, and Natasha, right, at the Wild4Ever Walk Fundraiser. See Jake bounce off the sign as the goat tows him down the path on our YouTube video at http://happytrailsfarm.org/video_listing.php - top video - it's great fun! Well, maybe not for Jake!)

- Use your professional or trade skills.
- Pick something not listed!

Print the volunteer application off our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org and mail it in! When we receive it, we'll call you to sign up for a volunteer orientation!



Work in the office.

(Treasurer Jonathan Regan argues with the calculator.)



CHOOSE AN ITEM FROM OUR WISH LISTS



**It can be small,
or it can be big!**



“Stuff” We Need

Vegetable Oil
Gas Cards
Pocket Knives/
Scissors
Bottled Water
Small Brooms
Hay and Straw
Emergency Road Kit
Sweet Feed (goats)
Sheep Grain
Grown-N-Win pellets
Equine Hoof Nippers
Safe Choice Grain
Black Markers
Horse Tack
Goat Hoof Trimmers
Laminating Sheets
AA Batteries For The
Cameras
GPS-type System
Triple A Membership
for Happy Trails trucks

Metal Trash Cans With
Lids
Weed Eaters That
Work
Fly Control Items
Oil Change Gift Certifi-
cates
Water/Pop/Vegan
Snacks For Our
Volunteers
Gift Certificates To
Pettigrew or Western
Reserve Feed Stores
Postage Stamps
Fresh Produce Such
As Apples, Carrots,
Celery, Pears, Cucum-
bers (cannot be moldy
or rotten)
Pitch Forks
Stall Picks
Cans Of Dark Green
Spray Paint
Large Tarps
Gas/Fuel Containers
Outdoor Benches
Picnic Tables

“Pie In the Sky”

Golf Cart
Overhead Roof For
The Riding Arena
Plumbed Restroom
Facilities
12' x 12' Concrete Pad
for Manure Clean-Up
And A Cement Floor
(for the storage barn,
the attached pavilion
and the garage
Several large storage
sheds to house all the
equipment, supplies
and farm machinery.
Stock Trailer
Second Skid Steer
Multiple Loads Of
Gravel For Special
Projects
A donated tract of
land of 100+ acres to
expand our facilities
into a much larger
rescue/rehab/educa-
tional facility with a
nursing home at-
tached to the sanctu-
ary

Tracks For Skidsteer
Wooden Posts For Pig
Fencing
3-Hole Split Rail Fenc-
ing: Perimeter fencing
for the borders of the
sanctuary to keep all
the animals safe from
harm and to keep
predators out.
Sand For The Riding
Arena
A New Small Copier
To have the walkways
and driveways at
Happy Trails either
blacktopped or con-
creted for ease of
wheelchair visitors and
the elderly on walkers
Shingled Horse Barn
Roof
Drainage Tile/Drain-
age Ditch Planned
And Installed



Think About Donating Your

(Fill in the blank with an item from the list below!)

To Cars 4 Causes On Behalf Of Happy Trails!

Cars 4 Causes Accepts Much More Than Cars!

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|----------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| • Cars | • Trailers | • Motorcycles |
| • Trucks | • Gadgets | • Motorhomes |
| • Vans | • RVs | • Heavy Equipment |
| • SUVs | • Snowmobiles | • Personal Consumer Electronics |
| • Boats | • Jet Skis | |

Cars 4 Causes® is a 501c3 non-profit organization, and has become America's most trusted and recognized choice for turning your tax deductible vehicle donation into cash for your favorite charity.

Happy Trails is signed on with Cars 4 Causes® as a preferred charity — check out their preferred charity list at <http://www.cars4causes.net/supported-charities>.

The non-profit corporation currently moves about 1,500 vehicle donations per month.

Some are recycled off the roads, some go to wholesale auctioneers, and many classic or luxury cars are sold to the highest bidders on eBay worldwide.

The non-profit firm's Clean Air Program takes care of unusable

cars that people wanted to donate. Through the program, Cars 4 Causes® recycles cars that are uneconomical to repair, cannot meet smog requirements, or just cannot be upgraded into affordable transportation. These are taken off the road, removing their pollution potential.

It has also become a one-stop shop for car donors. **Its experts walk donors quickly and easily through the paperwork and process of giving a car to benefit their charity of choice.**

Please consider choosing Happy

Trails as your preferred charity when donating your vehicle, boat, motorcycle or RV to Cars 4 Causes®!

Why Choose Cars 4 Causes®?

- They're fast, experienced and trustworthy (over 150,000 donations).
- They work smarter to get the largest tax deduction value for your donation.

Speaking of vehicles, consider donating gas cards to Happy Trails!

Happy Trails is always filling up the tank of something — the big logo truck to go pick up hay, the utility truck to go buy feed, the skidsteer to load manure, the big blue dump

truck to haul away manure, the riding lawn mower to mow the yards, the chain saws when we cut up downed trees, and for our haulers who volunteer to haul for us but may

need a tank filled.

Gas cards for any gas station in any denomination can be sent to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. *page 15*





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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DONATION INFORMATION

I'd like to send a donation at this time of

☐\$25 ☐\$35 ☐\$55 ☐\$75 ☐\$125 ☐\$_____other

- ☐ Please use this donation where it is needed the most.
- ☐ My donation is in memory of my beloved pet _____ (name),
a _____ (type of animal), who has crossed the Rainbow Bridge

☐ Please add me to your mailing list. ☐ Please send me a tax-deductible receipt.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

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You can sign up to receive occasional sanctuary news updates through e-mail!

Log onto www.happytrailsfarm.org to register !

**Spread caring and compassion for *all* animals
with your kind donation, and help us save the life
of a neglected, abused or abandoned farm animal today!**

Save A Life, Spread Compassion!

Happy Trails rescue programs
are funded by your thoughtful
and generous donations.

***Many thanks for your
support and kindness!***



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