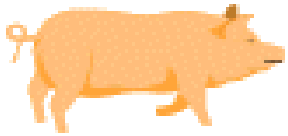


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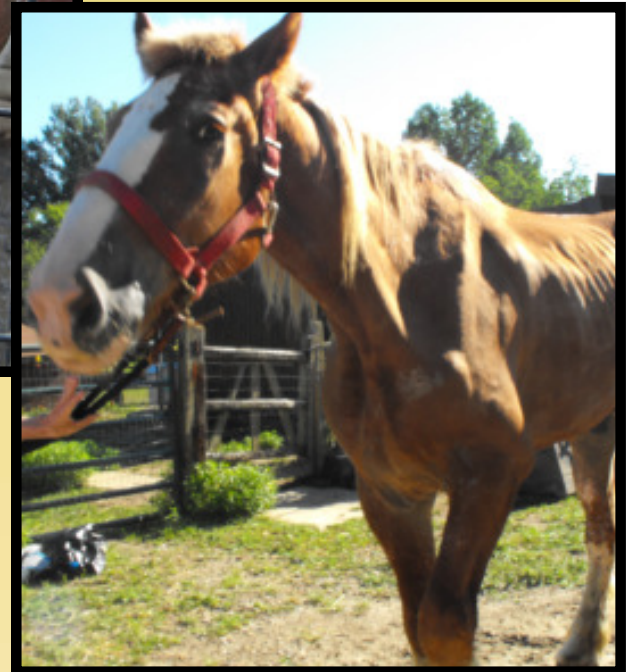
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A Voice For Those Who Cannot Speak For Themselves

by Annette Fisher, Happy Trails Founder and Director

I'd love for you to get to know us better!

A lot of folks have heard of Happy Trails, but often aren't sure exactly what our organization does. Some people think that it's wonderful that we rescue animals, but they mistakenly think it stops there. The work of Happy Trails goes way beyond rescuing animals, so I'd like to take this opportunity to explain in detail what we're all about and the services we provide.

Happy Trails is a 501c3 non-profit organization that was originally created to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home abused, abandoned and neglected farm animals and horses that come to us from cruelty cases across Ohio, but we have

never turned down requests for help from any state. Happy Trails sanctuary is located in Northeast Ohio in Ravenna Township, in Portage County.

Our intake criteria is that the animals have to come into our program through a county humane officer, sheriff's department, or other law enforcement official, and that cruelty charges have to be filed against an owner or a caretaker.

Why, you ask? Otherwise we would be part of the problem and enable owners to continue a cycle of abuse. Otherwise we would be rewarding bad behavior by removing all responsibility from a person who should be held accountable for the suffering they have inflicted on a helpless animal.

Happy Trails participates in the prosecution of farm animal and horse abuse cases and prepares reports, gathers evidence, documents all veterinary care and medical procedures, provides photos of the animal before, during and after their recovery, appears at arraignments, pre-trials, trials, and sentencing hearings, gives testimony and serves as a witness during the trial, and provides as much information as possible to assist with the



I personally adopted Barney, a Standardbred gelding who came to Happy Trails through our Amish Horse Retirement Program. A rescued animal has so much love to give. If only we could find an adoptive family for every single rescued animal that comes to Happy Trails!

prosecution of the case. **When the court cases are finished and the animal is signed over to the sanctuary, he or she is then available for adoption as a pet.** If the animal has been treated badly



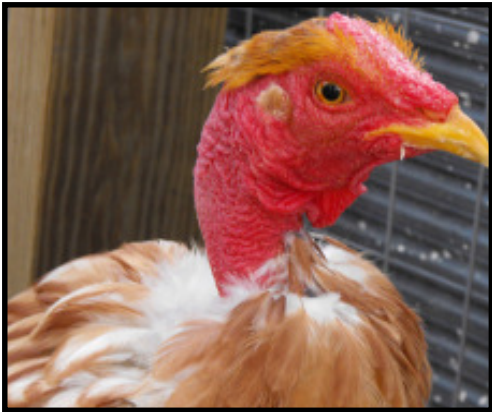
Veterinarian Dr. Randy Alger shows us how to properly give a bottle of milk replacer to a ten day old calf who arrived from a situation of neglect.



Amelia is one 11 farm pigs residing at Happy Trails. Amelia came in from a research facility that was not going to be able to use her. As opposed to euthanizing her, she was granted her freedom.

enough to find its way to Happy Trails, it now has a ticket to a kind,

caring and compassionate life and will not be placed back into food production. We assist with all aspects of court proceedings to support our counties in seeking justice for the abused and neglected



Sebastian is one of many cockfighting roosters to be rescued through Happy Trails. They arrive with their combs cut off, their chests shaved, and their spurs removed.

animals. Happy Trails never seeks re-imbursement for expenses from the county or the organizations we support. We work together in the spirit of community.

We address farm animal and horse abuse issues ranging from hoarding to cockfighting to starvation and severe neglect to factory farming to the transport



Who better to brighten the day at nursing homes than the rescued Happy Trails farm animals like Odessa the goat, handled by eight-year veteran volunteer, Sharon Barnard.



Many Amish folks donate their Standardbreds like Cindy Lou Who (or their draft horses) when they can no longer keep them and don't want to have to send them to the local meat auction.

industry to foreclosures and everything in between.

The sanctuary also provides community outreach, educational programs, and is proud of an extensive volunteer program.

Happy Trails gives back to our community through our Farm Animal Visitation Program, which takes rescued farm animals into nursing homes and handicapped facilities so that residents and rescued animals can safely enjoy a visit with each other. We also bring senior and handicapped residents in wheelchairs to the sanctuary to visit the animals on warm-weather days.

The Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program provides an alternative to the Amish community horse-meat auctions when a buggy or plow horse can no longer serve its Amish family. When an Amish family donates the buggy or plow horse to the sanctuary, we rehabilitate the horse and then secure an adoptive home where it can enjoy the remainder of its life.

Happy Trails is very similar to a humane society but focuses on the neglect and abuse of farm animals and horses because the facilities at most humane societies and animal protective leagues are set up to handle smaller domestic animals such as dogs and cats.

Happy Trails is not a retirement home or an animal placement service, nor are we an animal broker for uncaring owners who



Nine-year veteran volunteer, Alex Hale, organizes the tool shelves at Happy Trails. Alex is currently one of approximately 70 volunteers.

simply seek a convenient place to relinquish their unwanted pet. We do provide guidance to those who

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A Wide Variety Of Abuse...



The food animal transport system itself can be incredibly cruel when hauling farm animals such as Scarlett the pig, with the animals being overcrowded in unsafe conditions. Scarlet miraculously survived her traumatic experience of falling onto the highway from the meat truck and has been adopted into a safe and loving home. Her vet cost was minimal at only \$279.

Witnesses watched in horror as Scarlett the pig fell off an overcrowded meat truck traveling 60 miles per hour on a highway in Trumbull County.

Mac, a big Clydesdale draft horse, was 500 lbs underweight and so weak he could barely hold his head up. Natasha the goat was discovered abandoned on the side of a road in Summit County when she was only a day and half old. Five goats were removed from the basement of a drug house in the city of Cleveland. Forty-four cock-fighting roosters were rescued during an animal fighting raid in Lorain County. Two ten-day-old baby calves suffering from malnutrition were not expected to survive the night. Rachel the pot belly pig had acid burns over 85% of her back and sides.



Odessa the goat was only one of about 75 animals removed from a neglect situation in Medina County during a two-year investigation. The owner was finally convicted of animal cruelty. This sweet goat had an un-treated eye disease and her left eye had to be surgically removed at OSU (Ohio State University) in Columbus. At this livestock

farm we witnessed many animals that were extremely sick and injured and in need of veterinary care. The cost to treat and rehabilitate Odessa was \$647.

What do these animals and about 3,000 more have in common?

Over the past 12 years they have all been rescued and brought to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary for rehabilitation and recovery.

The abuses that we deal with are many and varied. The following are examples of abuse, neglect and abandonment, and the medical cost associated with mending broken bodies. **These figures do not cover the basics of hay, grain and bedding**, and they also do not take into account the toll that is taken on broken spirits nor the emotional toll that is experienced by the people who work with these animals...



Paninah was emaciated, suffering from starvation, and shivering and hypothermic in the freezing rain. She had no shelter or food. Her court case is still active a year later. Paninah has gained back over 250 lbs. and Happy Trails has finally been awarded custody of this sweet mare. The vet and medical expenses alone to rehabilitate her cost over \$3,500.



...And The Cost It Takes To Heal the Broken....



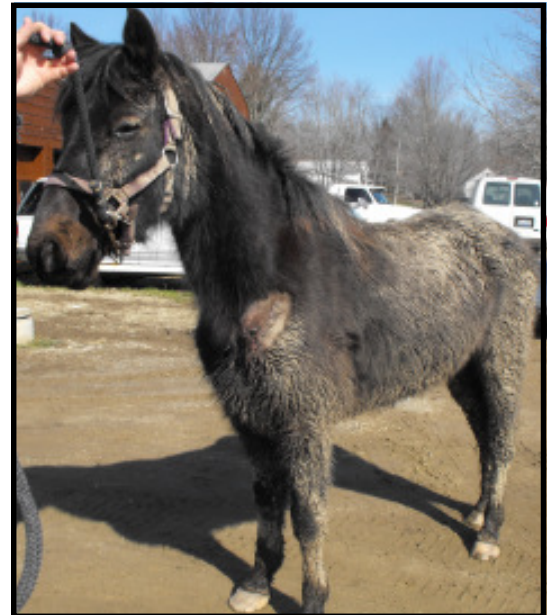
Lady Baa Baa, suffering from pneumonia and severe neglect, was removed from a livestock farm along with five other sheep, two calves, four piglets and 28 cockfighting roosters. One of the sheep died of pneumonia. Lady Baa Baa was treated at Happy Trails as well as was taken to OSU (Ohio State University) Veterinary Medical Center in Columbus to have her painful eye infections treated. With special care she has recovered very nicely. Veterinary costs amounted to \$385 just for her.

Bogie was removed from a hoarding situation along with 14 other Appaloosas. All had severe health and hoof problems along with behavioral issues from having been left standing in their stalls for several years. In the long run, two of the horses had to be euthanized. The cost to treat this herd amounted to \$23,000. Though the courts originally awarded Happy Trails restitution, so far we have received approximately \$2,000 over a three year period, with very minimal hope of seeing the remainder of the funds.



Many of the rescued animals have special needs, such as the few gentle souls highlighted on this page. **These are just a very small handful of the incredible number of abused and neglected animals that come through the gates of Happy Trails.** We are realistic about our expenditures for the rehabilitation of these animals, while at the same time searching every avenue possible to give them a chance to know peace, comfort, love and healing in their lives. **Your support means a lot to us and these animals. It means the difference between life and death in many cases.**

Thank you for joining Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in our mission to address animal abuse!



Sono Libero was tied to a tree for about a year and a half and was extremely thin. He had been attacked twice by one of his owner's pit bulls, tearing off part of his left eyelid and ripping open his left shoulder. After eye and shoulder surgery, the small black pony made a complete recovery through the Happy Trails rescue and rehab program. His owner was prosecuted and the pony won his freedom in court. His surgery and vet care amounted to \$1,093.



Ten day old Freedom wasn't expected to make it through the night. He was extremely weak and needed to be bottle fed a special formula at regular intervals to survive. His owner pleaded guilty in court to animal abuse. Medical costs for Freedom and his sister, Destiny, were a total of \$549.

Keep in mind that these are only seven examples of the thousands of animal abuse, neglect and abandonment cases that we've had here at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Sadly, there are many more to come.

Don't Blink! Sharing With You A Few Of Our Accomplishments and Achievements...

Definitely don't blink!

Our growth throughout the last 12 years has been nothing short of amazing.

♥ MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT!

2011 year end brought about one of the biggest changes in the history of the sanctuary. We reached an incredible milestone in our growth thanks to your support and thanks to our good friend and mentor, Dan Kennedy (nationally known marketing expert — be sure to check him out at www.dankennedy.com). Our matching-funds campaign to help Happy Trails purchase the property where we currently operate was hugely successful. Dan Kennedy offered to match incoming donations up to \$30,000 - *absolutely incredible!* Instead of reaching our goal of raising \$26,000 for a down payment, Happy Trails raised \$108,000! Considering the purchase price was \$128,000, our land security campaign was a huge success!

♥ FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

This past Fall alone there were major improvements made to the facilities.

A new poultry barn was constructed to provide an additional winter shelter for our ever-growing population of feathered friends such as the turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens. The barn also unexpectedly became a temporary villa for two small calves and served as a sick-bay area for a sheep or two.

Three different areas of the sanctuary now have **cement floors**. That might not sound like a big deal to you, but it



The new poultry barn will be attached to an outdoor "fly-cage", where the feathered friends can enjoy the great outdoors safely even on those days when chicken hawks and other predators lurk in the overhead skies.

sure is to us! Our tack room in the horse barn is much easier to keep clean than the damp dirt floor that made supplies mold on occasion. We poured a cement floor in the small, front pot belly pig enclosure to prevent erosion of the floor, and we put down really thick mats to keep the piggies on a softer surface. And the third place that got a cement floor is our "blanket room" where we store all the blankets, sleeping bags and comforters for the arthritic pigs. We *love* our newly cemented areas.

Bill the Belgian draft horse and Sonyador, a Percheron-Standardbred mix, both have hoof and leg issues, and are required to be on soft footing. The

only area of the sanctuary left that had soft footing was the grassy area near the house. We ran some new fencing and installed a metal gate and voila, we had yet **another grassy paddock** area for recovering equine.

Two mares came into our rescue program who needed to be quarantined. We were "full at the inn", so we created **a new quarantine area** for horses between the goat/sheep barn and the cockfighting rooster barn. We put up a temporary car port for shelter and used round pen panels for fencing. It worked, kept everyone safe and is the perfect quarantine area.

For their environmental enrichment, the **goats and sheep received a new multi-level "play-ground"**, complete with ramps, decks, and sun-roof, created by an aspiring Eagle Scout who performed his service project at Happy Trails!



Odessa the goat peaks out from a platform of the new goat/sheep playground. This extensive "gym" provides hours of enjoyment and exercise.

To address the issue of predators and rodents, we had to **renovate the rooster barn**, attaching additional screen material to the ground and under the fencing as well as to the pens themselves, thereby re-inforcing the safety of the structure. This building is now close to being Fort Knox.



Bill the Belgian draft horse stands at 19 hands tall. He had been found cast upside down in a tie stall at his Amish farm. Bill entered into the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program and after leg surgery at OSU and a good nutritional program, he is making an amazing recovery.

Farm pigs, Paco and Priscilla received **new fencing to replace the mangled hog panels** that outlined their area of the world. The new fencing included all new wooden posts, a new gate, and new, sturdy fence panels to keep them safely in their yard.

♥ AWARDS

Over the years Happy Trails has won many awards for our work in animal rescue, including:

- ♦ the Rio Vista Award, being chosen from a large group of organizations

from across the USA and Canada

- ♦ the Humanitarian of the Year award from Geauga County's Rescue Village
- ♦ the Jon D. Rhodes Award from the Portage Animal Protective League
- ♦ the Red Cross Hero's Award
- ♦ and the Human Values Award in association with the Akron Peace Project.

♥ MEDIA

NEWSPAPERS

Happy Trails has been featured in articles in many newspapers including the Cleveland Plain Dealer, the Akron Beacon Journal, the Woman's Journal, Draft Horse Journal, the Alliance Review, the West Side Leader, the Garrettsville Gazette, the Record Courier, and many more.

TELEVISION

Happy Trails was featured on several television shows: the Robin Swoboda Show; Western Reserve Broadcasting PBS mini-documentary; the Forum 360 with host Leslie Ungar; and Animal Crackers. We have been featured in news stories on Fox 8, Channels 33/35, and Channels 3 and 5.

RADIO

Happy Trails hosted *Animal Talk*, an educational radio program through WSOM - 600AM and streamed live through our website in 2010. (We would like to do this again if a sponsor emerges at \$400 per month!); Happy Trails is regularly featured on The Forum Program with host Mary Ann Graff on the Cumulus Broadcasting Stations including K105, Hot101, Y103, Rock104, 600AM; and we were guests on WAKR and WGAR.

♥ VEHICLES

Happy Trails gradually expanded our vehicle fleet and farm machinery to include a ¾ ton pick-up truck, a utility pick-up truck, a dump truck, a flat bed deck-over trailer, a double decker livestock semi-trailer, and a Bobcat.



Kate was one of two horses who arrived at Happy Trails in the middle of winter and needed to be quarantined for a possible contagious illness. We created a temporary new quarantine area very quickly.

We could fill an entire newsletter with what we feel are our successes, so keep an eye on Happy Trails because our accomplishments and achievements truly continue to happen in the blink of an eye!



Happy Trails board member, Gabrielle Nickel, secures mesh fencing on the outdoor yards of the rooster barn during safety renovations.

Looking Ahead! Short-Term And Long-Term Goals For Happy Trails...

Still don't blink! You won't want to miss any of the amazing changes that are taking place at (and for) the sanctuary!

THIS YEARS PROJECTS

Two facility projects have been donated and are already in the works for 2012:

♥ NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

We are getting ready to install a security system with cameras in or near every shelter on the property. Camera locations have been determined; all necessary equipment has been chosen; volunteer licensed electricians are ready to put it all together...we are simply waiting for the equipment to arrive. This will enable us to monitor a sick animal from the office, watch for signs of distress or discomfort in the animals during times of extreme heat or bitter cold, and we can better monitor the happenings of the facility.

♥ NEW AND IMPROVED USER-FRIENDLY WEBSITE

In the works and behind the scenes, a new and exciting website for Happy Trails is emerging! Our projected goal is to have it up and running by the beginning of summer. You will want to visit us on-line at least once a day!

PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGES

♥ CONCRETE DRIVEWAYS AND WALKWAYS

One important goal this year is to concrete all the driveways and walkways throughout the sanctuary. We often host visitors in wheel chairs and the mud and gravel is often a challenge

even for those who are able to physically walk on the tour. The rain turns the driveways to mud soup, making feeding and caring for the animals more difficult. It is hard to maneuver wheelbarrows across the sloppy terrain.

♥ ROOF ON THE OUTDOOR RIDING ARENA

Our outdoor riding arena would be multi-functional if it were covered. A covered arena would offer relief from the hot summer sun for horses turned out in this area. It would provide a year round opportunity for horses in recovery needing limited exercise. The cover would also protect the quality of the sand in the arena and would prevent the rains washing away the sand base.



Shelby and Red stand in the outdoor riding arena that we propose to cover this year. The footing will be upgraded and a roof will make this area usable all year round, even during the cold November sleet and rain.

♥ PLUMBED BATHROOM

We are continuing to plan for the installation of a plumbed outdoor rest room to replace the outhouse. We would like the bathroom to be wheelchair accessible and to be heated. Our volunteers currently freeze their dupas off using the outhouse during the winter.

♥ STAFFING

One goal that is not a facility project is that we are searching for ways to add to our paid staff. We are in need of an office manager and a facilities manager, and we are in the process of figuring out how to reach this goal of additional paid help.

♥ BECOMING ECO-FRIENDLY

Going green only makes sense, and Happy Trails is hoping to install solar fans in the animal's shelters, automatic waterers in the horse barn, and also looking into the possibility of using rain barrels to conserve water.

♥ FENCING IN THE ENTIRE PROPERTY

Though most of the 9.09 acres of property at Happy Trails is fenced in one way or another, our goal is to fence in the remaining acreage and utilize the last several acres that are currently not fenced. By encasing the entire property with fencing that will be safe for a wide variety of animals, we will be sure to keep the rescued animals safe while keep predators out.



♥ DRAINAGE

Here in Northeast Ohio our soil is mostly clay, which is not conducive to great drainage on the property. We are currently planning how to install a drainage system to address standing water and muddy areas to provide a better and drier environment for the rescued animals. This is a major



Though the baby pigs, Fifer and Fiddler, came down from their dry hill to play in the mud, the muddy areas at Happy Trails, however, are not always appreciated. Too much mud in too many places can be tricky to navigate after heavy rains for volunteers, visitors and other animals. Drainage definitely needs addressed.

project for the sanctuary, and in addition to many miles of drainage pipe, it will most likely also include the installation of gutters on the animal shelters.

♥ AWNING STRUCTURES TO PROVIDE SHADE

Several animal areas are in need of a sun-block, awning, overhang, or open structure with just a roof to provide shade during the hot summer months in the yards. Several animal areas in need of this type of structure include the pot belly pig barn called Piggerton



Roof-only shelters such as the example shown here would be ideal to provide shade during the hot summer months in several animal areas.

Estates, the farm pig area, the horse barn paddock, and the front sheep yard. During the summer months we often have to turn-out horses in the barn paddock during the evening hours because we currently have no overhead shelter in

this area. An overhang extending from the North side of the horse barn would allow the horses to seek shelter from hot sun or to stay warm and dry on a cold rainy day.

♥ RELOCATION OF ANIMAL SHELTERS

As the sanctuary continues to improve our facilities, we discovered the need to relocate several shelters and re-design several animal areas. For example, a duck/chicken fly cage near the horse barn is in an area that is difficult to work with, and we plan to move that structure to a more accessible section of the property.

5 YEAR GOALS

In the next five years we plan to expand the sanctuary to reside on 100+ acres of land, keeping our current facility as a triage unit. We are beginning to spread the word in hopes that a tract of land might be donated for this use. At the larger sanctuary we would construct an animal educational center in addition to the sanctuary itself.

10 YEAR GOALS

At the same location of the larger sanctuary, our goal is to create a nursing home on the property that would mesh with the sanctuary. Those residents who are physically able to interact with the sanctuary would be welcome to be involved in some small way, and residents restricted to wheel-chairs would receive daily visits with various animals.

As our outreach programs expand, we plan to initiate more school and animal education programs.

Adding a staff to address Ohio's lax animal cruelty law is a part of our ten year plan.

So when we dream, we do dream big. I am positive that we will continue to achieve all our goals, and we hope that you will want to join us in reaching them. Choose a way to be involved! We will welcome and appreciate your time, talents and support!

Thank you for being Happy Trails and for being the change you wish to see in the world!



Happy Trails was created thanks to a pot belly pig named Janice. She inspired us to help the thousands of animals that have come through the gates of the sanctuary. In her honor we continue to strive for greatness. Her gentle soul crossed the Rainbow Bridge in September 2007.

Share Your Professional Talent Or Donate Your Business Services!

Don't think for a minute that donating your professional skills or the services of your business wouldn't make a huge difference to the sanctuary.

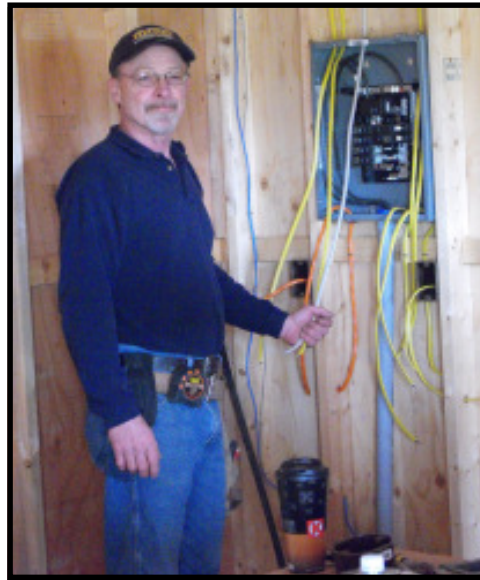
There are so many projects in the works, so many plans, so many dreams and goals, that your particular skill, talent or trade could greatly contribute to the success of Happy Trails.

The sanctuary currently has to pay for many services, so if you see yourself or your business in the list below, or think that you have a professional talent that you would be willing to apply to help the rescued animals, please contact us at 330-296-5914.

Professional services donated to the sanctuary help extend our budget to care for the animals. Services that would greatly benefit Happy Trails include:

◆ **Auto Maintenance** (The two sanctuary pick-up trucks, the dump truck and the skid steer regularly require oil changes, tire rotation, windshield washer fluid, front end alignments, and other minor repairs.)

◆ **Painters** (Many animal shelters will be due for a coat of paint this spring, and the large horse barn will need a coat of stain.)



Licensed electrician, Tom Doolittle, handled all the wiring for the Happy Trails office and donated his time and skills to make sure the office was safe, well-lit, and heated!

◆ **Landscaping** (We would like to put our best foot forward with some upgraded landscaping near the office as well as the sites of several flower beds. We are open to ideas and suggestions, and would love improve our landscape.)

◆ **Carpenters/ Roofers** (The roofs of two storage barns as well as several animal shelters are in need of repair. It would be extremely helpful to place several storage sheds constructed near the shelters to store things like rakes and shovels, emergency sup-

plies, and grain; and one of the feathered friends fly cages needs to be moved on the property to a different location.)

◆ **Lumber Companies** (We are always repairing either fencing or shelters or are in the process of a construction project at the sanctuary, and we have to purchase quite a bit of lumber. Lumber donated for a specific project would simply be heaven-sent!)

◆ **Legal Counsel** (The sanctuary often needs legal guidance regarding forms, contracts, agreements, policies and procedures, as well as occasional representation in a cruelty case.)

◆ **Equine Trainers** (Many horses that come through our rescue program are in need of additional



Professional commercial driver and equine transporter, Debbie McCourt, makes sure to donate some of her travel time every year to haul horses for Happy Trails. Here she just brought Buckeye back to Happy Trails from Columbus after he spent four months in the equine hospital at OSU.



Professional farrier, Craig Lindauer, has donated his farrier skills and his un-ending patience when we have received extreme cases of equine neglect and horses with hideously overgrown hooves.

training to help them become safer, more adoptable and more user-friendly for the typical horse owner. With an average of over 30 horses regularly in our rescue program, it's not realistic for us to pay for each horse to receive professional

◆ Office Admin Services

(Happy Trails would greatly benefit from an office "organizer", a person who specialized in looking at our current procedures and streamlining our system to make processes more efficient and more effective.)

◆ Fence/Drain Installation

(As we repair our current fences, continue to install fencing in different areas of the property, and begin to address our poor drainage issues,

experts with experience in the installation of fencing or drainage who have time to donate would save the sanctuary a great deal of money.)

◆ Fire Protection

(Our existing fire extinguishers need to be refilled and we need to install more of them as new shelters pop up.)

◆ Photographer

(Professional photography on a regular basis would help document new arrivals as well as provide photos that tell a story to accompany our many articles

You may have a

service, skill, talent or trade that may not even be mentioned here, but yet would be beneficial to the sanctuary. We are open to ideas and suggestions, and hope to work with many of you

for the good of our communities *and* for the good of the animals.

Thank you for considering



Licensed commercial electrician, Bentley (Buzz) Hudson (far left), and four of his licensed electrician buddies, donated their time and talents to completely re-wire the horse barn. (from left to right) Jim Betz, David Bedard, Lou Torcasio and Mike Bischoff. Red, the Belgian draft horse, supervised the entire project.

donating your time, product or service, and for wanting to get involved! Contact us at 330-296-5914 with thoughts on how we can work together!



Well-known and extremely talented professional musician and singer, Zach Freidhof, donated his time and talent to entertain our guests at the 2011 Gala to benefit Happy Trails.

training (a 30 day training session is approximately \$660). An equine trainer who works with humane training or natural horsemanship and who is willing to donate their time and services to even one horse at a time would be an incredible gift to the sanctuary.



Happy Trails paid for the concrete aisleway that now enhances the cleanliness of the horse barn. However, there are multiple areas of the sanctuary that need to be cemented also. Any time, skills and products donated toward pouring cement will be a great blessing to Happy Trails!

GAS CARDS

Did you know that hauling two horses to OSU vet hospital in Columbus in a two-horse trailer that is being pulled by the Happy Trails $\frac{3}{4}$ ton pick up truck takes approximately \$105 in gas round trip?



Happy Trails has to purchase fuel on a regular basis for vehicles and farm equipment.

Our main transport vehicle, which is the pick-up truck mentioned above, is used to carry supplies, haul the horse trailer for animal rescues and vet appointments, pull the flat-bed hay trailer,

transport

animals in pet
porters, and it is ALWAYS

on the go! We also have what we call our utility truck, which is a 1/2 ton pick up truck that we use to purchase and haul about 1,500 lbs. of grain every Saturday. We also use it around the sanctuary to move supplies and fencing. We have a ginormous blue dump truck (*that volunteer Bentley Hudson affectionately named Big Bertha*) which we use to haul our manure to local farms which permit us to dump on their property. Though we don't travel farther than five miles one way to dump manure, Big Bertha is still a gas hog. She also allows us to haul our own gravel, sand and rock, which is a huge savings for the sanctuary. We also go through several cans of fuel per week for our Bobcat, which is used to take manure from the various shelters and dump it into the dump truck. Other farm equipment that we use fuel for is the riding lawn mower (*no, the goats don't mow our yards*), the weed eaters, the chainsaws, and the generators. **So we go through an impressive amount of either gas or diesel every week.** Your donation of fuel cards will help cut down on this necessary expense for the sanctuary!

Suggestions for fuel cards:

- ◆ Speedway ◆ Marathon
- ◆ Sheetz ◆ Get Go
- ◆ Or a generic charge card that can be used at any gas station



LOGO
TRUCK



UTILITY TRUCK



BIG
BERTHA

Volunteer, Bentley Hudson.

GIFT CARD WISH LIST

What else do we buy regularly? Happy Trails has to purchase certain items on a regular basis, such as: toner cartridges for several printers; supplies for fencing and building repairs; items for



vehicle maintenance on two pick-up trucks, a horse trailer, a flatbed trailer, a Bobcat and a Cub Cadet;

items for shelter maintenance such as paint, brushes, nails, tools, and related supplies; dietary supplements, produce, electrolytes such as Gatorade, protein such as Ensure, or over-the-counter medications like Tagamet or other stomach remedies for sick animals; and joint supplements.



The cost of these items

sure do add up! A gift card to any of the stores listed below will help take care of these types of expenses.

- ☐ Big D's Tack (Aurora)
- ☐ TSC (Tractor Supply Co)
- ☐ Giant Eagle
- ☐ Marcs
- ☐ Home Depot
- ☐ Lowes
- ☐ Western Reserve Farm Co-op (Ravenna)

What Do YOU Think It Costs To Care For A Rescued Animal?

Grocery List - We'll Shop For You!

Typical expenses at the sanctuary include the basic care of the rescued animals. Take a guess as to how much you think the following items cost the sanctuary per week, and then check your answers below!

► **Grain (pelleted feed in 50 lb bags)** costs about \$_____ per week. (30 bags at \$_____ per bag.)

► **Hay** costs \$_____ per bale and we use about 10 bales a day, for a weekly total of \$_____.

► **Straw** is used for bedding, and at \$_____ per bale we use about 50 bales per week, for a weekly total of \$_____.

► We pay \$_____ per horse every six weeks to have their **hooves** trimmed (\$_____ for the draft horses). There are currently three drafts and about fifteen riding horses in the program.

Expenses to keep the sanctuary humming are often forgotten. These are expenses that are out-of-sight and therefore tend to be out-of-mind for some folks. Not for us. When we pay the bills, they sure do add up. Here are some numbers for just a few of our necessary operating expenses. We pay...

...\$10/month to store our livestock semi-trailer (great deal too!)

...\$60/month for our credit card machine

...\$699/month for the mortgage

...\$300 to service the port-o-john during for the year.

...an average of \$305/month for electric

...\$85/month for trash removal to have our dumpster emptied weekly

...\$180/month for two internet accounts

...\$84/month for the skid steer loan (we still owe \$1,100 on this equipment)

...\$67/month for the Vonage phone account

...\$585 per month for all types of insurance



ANSWERS:
- Grain costs about \$490 per week. At an average of \$1 per bag, we get about 35 bags.
- Hay is \$4 per bale and we go through about 70 bales per week for a total of about \$280 per week.
- Straw is used for bedding, and at \$4.25 per bale we use about 50 bales per week amounting to \$212.50.
- We pay \$30 per horse to have their hooves trimmed every six weeks and \$50 for the draft horses.

Feed the animals for one meal, for a day, or for an entire month! Fill in the blanks below and place your order with Happy Trails! We will be honored to accept your donation and go shopping for you!



☐ Please purchase _____ bales of hay at \$4 per bale to feed the rescued animals.

(10 bales will feed the animals at the sanctuary for one day; 70 bales will feed them for one week; 280 bales will feed them for one month!)

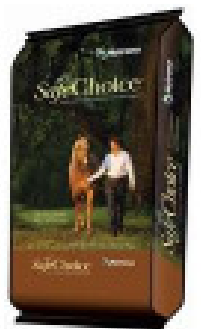
☐ Please purchase _____ bales of straw @ \$4.25 per bale to give the rescued animals dry bedding.

(Seven bales will provide dry bedding for the animals at the sanctuary for one day; 50 bales will bed them for one week; 200 bales will bed them for one month!)



☐ Please purchase _____ 50 lb. bags of feed at \$14 per bag for the rescued animals

(5 bags of feed will provide grain for the animals at the sanctuary for one day; 35 bags will provide enough grain for one week; 140 bags will provide enough grain for one month!)



TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Send your tax-deductible donation to buy food and bedding for the rescued animals to:

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

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wish to find a safe and appropriate home for their farm pets, and our adoption counselors offer free advice on re-homing your pets.



Volunteer and retired school teacher, Ilona Urban, holds an ex-cockfighting rooster for kids to pet at an educational event.

Happy Trails operates on a mostly-volunteer staff, and there is a multitude of volunteer opportunities. To volunteer at the sanctuary itself you must be at least 18 years old. Check out the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org for a volunteer application.

Our animal rescue, community outreach and educational programs have already far exceeded our humble expectations at our inception back in 2000. **This organization has touched many lives, both human and animal, and has brought awareness to the importance of and the need for kind-**

ness and compassion for all animals. Yet we still have much work to do.

Happy Trails continues to operate on mostly private donations — we are not a government funded or a state subsidized organization. **Our work is possible only** through the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and **through the financial support of people who truly care** about the way our society views the animals in our world.

We give presentations to schools, universities and special interest groups that **illustrate the crucial link between animal abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, and other criminal behaviors.** The treatment of animals and the level of compassion in our communities has a very direct and viable link.

Happy Trails representatives have given presentations to students at colleges and universities such as Kent State University, Ohio State University, Cuyahoga Community College, Case Western Reserve University, Mt. Union College, and many high schools and grade schools across Ohio. Happy Trails has hosted visits and special projects for groups such as the Girl Scouts, church youth groups, and many 4-H groups. Happy Trails has also given special presentations with the rescued animals for organizations such as the rotary clubs, senior groups and special interest groups.

In cooperation with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, we are organizing a grass-roots committee to address the need for emergency homes for farm pets and horses when a woman has to leave a situation of domestic violence. This will help protect the animals who might otherwise be left behind from abuse also.

We continue to take pride in serving Ohio and other states who request our assistance, and in participating in many community events. The private donations that we receive help to assure that funds will be available to continue to serve both people and animals in the best way possible regarding animal abuse issues.



During sponsor days, the young as well as the young-at-heart get to visit their sponsored animals and spend quality time getting to know them. Willis the pig has no objections.

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

Mahatma Gandhi
1869-1948

Meet Buckeye



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

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

MUST PRE-REGISTER!

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

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

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

DONATION INFORMATION

☐ Please accept this general donation to be used where needed
☐\$35 ☐\$75 ☐\$125 ☐\$250 ☐\$500 ☐\$_____other

OR ☐ I'd like my gift to be used specifically for _____ and I am donating \$_____ to help fund that project or need.

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

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

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

☐ Payment enclosed ☐ Please charge my ____ VISA ____ Mastercard

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____

CSC (3 digits on back) _____

Name On Card _____

Signature _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Donate on-line through **PayPal** or sign up to receive sanctuary news updates via e-mail at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

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



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Test Your Happy Trails IQ - Did You Know That...

... the animal abuse cases that Happy Trails has been involved with include everything from forgery, illegal firearms, domestic violence, statutory rape and receiving stolen property to illegal drugs, underage drinking and gambling?

...in order for Happy Trails to assist with a rescue our services need to be requested by a humane officer or other law enforcement official? (Happy Trails does not have legal authority to investigate reports of animal abuse, and when we receive reports, we help concerned citizens contact their local authorities to go through the proper channels and we offer our assistance.)

...though Happy Trails does not handle wildlife or domestic animal issues, often we can offer suggestions on who

to call for a particular situation?

...even today many counties in Ohio still do not have a humane officer, and that any animal abuse cases often fall on the sheriff's departments?

...all of us should take animal abuse and neglect very seriously because research has proven a crucial link between animal abuse and violent crimes such as domestic violence, elder abuse, child abuse and other criminal behaviour?

...Happy Trails was started with the rescue of a pot belly pig named Janice, and that because of Janice over 3,000 animals throughout the past 12 years have been rescued and rehabilitated?

...Happy Trails has adopted animals all

(right) Austin, who is quite the comedian, is currently one of 20 rescued horses available for adoption through Happy Trails.



over the United States including California, Nevada, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana?

...there are approximately 100 to 150 rescued animals at the sanctuary at any given time?

...that the majority of the animal care and facility upkeep is handled by an all volunteer staff?