On Monday, February 25th, Happy Trails assisted the Portage APL with the rescue of a mini-horse gelding. Happy Trails named the mini-horse Theodore to have a name to put on his medical and veterinary records.

Charges are pending against the owner of the horse, so details of the rescue and the name of the owner will not be released at this time.

Theodore is now under the direct care of a licensed veterinarian and a professional blacksmith who specializes in severe hoof neglect.
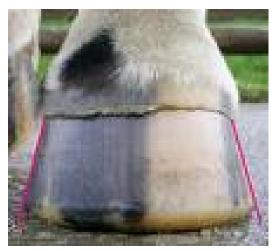
An Example Of A Healthy Hoof (below)

Theodore's halter was embedded in face. His fur had grown around the halter on his nose and had also grown over the halter behind his ears.

"No Hoof, No Horse"

It is normally recommended that a horse's hooves be trimmed approximately every six weeks. Many farrier's recommend corrective trimming every three weeks for a horse that may have severe hoof issues.

An Example Of A Healthy Hoof (above)

The condition of Theodore's hooves made it difficult for him to walk.

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Please send prayers and good energy to Theodore to help him recover. To help Happy Trails with his rehabilitation expenses, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Happy Trails, Attn: Theodore; 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266, or via PayPal on our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org, or by calling our office at 330-296-5914 with a charge card donation. Thank you for your support. We will release additional information after charges are officially filed.

Excessively long hooves create unnatural strain and trauma to the deep digital flexor tendons, and create conditions which can be extremely painful to the horse.