



Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

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Newsletter



*In a world full of people
who couldn't care less,
choose to be someone
who couldn't care more...*

**You, and Happy Trails, together have rescued
over 4,000 farm animals since 2000.**

letter from the director

Dear Friends Of Happy Trails,

I have to start out with an apology for not having sent out a newsletter issue for quite a while. To say that spring was a busy time for me personally would be a horrendous understatement.

After battling dementia from having had a stroke about six years ago and having been completely immobile and debilitated for the last two years, my mom finally passed away in February. I felt as though it was a blessing that was a long-time coming, and was truly relieved that she could finally be free from the pain and suffering she was experiencing. (I wrote a tribute to her on the inside back cover.)

A few weeks after she passed Happy Trails became involved with a series of three major cockfighting raids from two different counties, Cuyahoga County and Ashtabula County, resulting in about 150 cockfighting roosters seeking refuge at Happy Trails. This was in addition to our daily routine animal cruelty cases.

During this time we also had some staff changes, and welcomed Ashley Ehmann, our previous Ohio State University intern, as our full time Animal Care Coordinator and helped her get settled into living on the property at Happy Trails. After our previous facilities caretaker resigned, we decided that it only made sense to invite the person in

charge of the animals to live on the property in the event of emergencies. After all, if a horse were to colic or a pig needed round the clock care, that is an emergency that needs a trained animal care person on hand. It's not an emergency if the grass needs cut.

In the middle of everything we also had several special events planned, one right after another. *Art Barn* was held in March, *A Psychic Affair* was held at the end of May, and Happy Trails was the special featured guest of the *Akron Aeros* baseball team in June.

So, saying that this past spring was hectic for me personally would definitely not begin to describe the recent sequence of events.

But to get back on track, I am going to give you one of the best newsletter editions I can possibly put together. It is filled

with ways to get involved, animal updates, special announcements, thank yous, unveiling of new projects, and as always, some thought-provoking quotes from famous people and food-for-thought.

Thanks for your continued support and for helping us reach new potential donors by sharing the Happy Trails newsletter. And if you



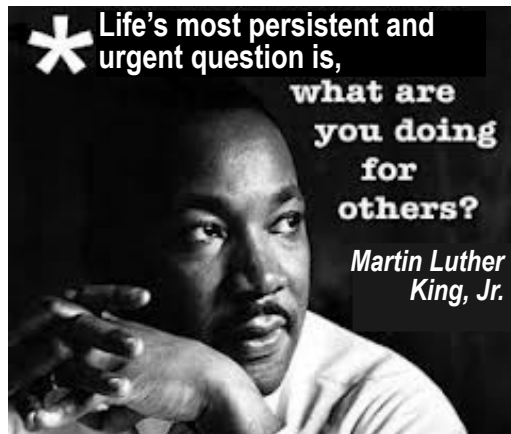
haven't yet signed up through our website to receive an occasional email from me with sanctuary news, you can do so easily by going to happytrailsfarm.org.

Together we are continuing to do amazing work, even if you haven't seen an official Happy Trails newsletter for a little while.

With kindness and compassion for all animals,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annette".

Annette Fisher
Executive Director



Things To Do

• Visit Happy Trails.

Call 330-296-5914

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary 2013 TOUR SEASON

Visit the sanctuary. Meet the rescued animals. *Up close. Personal.*

Get to know their stories. Check out our facilities. See our progress. **Your tour fee directly supports the animal rescue programs of Happy Trails.** It pays for things like grain, hay, straw, veterinary expenses, medications, hoof trimming, shelter repairs, and any special needs of each animal.



What to Expect

Farm animals live outdoors, so dress for the weather. Tours take place rain or shine. **Be prepared to give a pig a belly rub.** Hug a mini horse. **Pet a retired cock-fighting rooster.** See 1,000 lb.

farm pigs. **Play with the goats.** Look up in wonder at the big draft horses. Hear some heart-warming stories of rescue and rehab. **Meet the animals in person. *Get a hands-on tour.***



Tour Times

Wednesdays: 11:00am; 12:30pm; 2:00pm; 3:30pm; 5:30pm; 7:00pm

Saturdays: 11:00am; 12:30pm; 2:00pm; 3:30pm

Sundays: 11:00am; 12:30pm; 2:00pm; 3:30pm

Reservations Required

Tours admission fee \$20 per person. Kids ages 5 and under are free.
To schedule a tour, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914
or email us at info@happytrailsfarm.org.

Support A Good Cause / Money-Back Guarantee

This will be the best \$20 you've ever spent. If you don't learn something new, pet an animal you've never touched before, aren't amazed at the stories and history of the animals, tell us. We'll give you your money back. We appreciate your support. We want you to feel that your money is going to a really worthwhile cause.





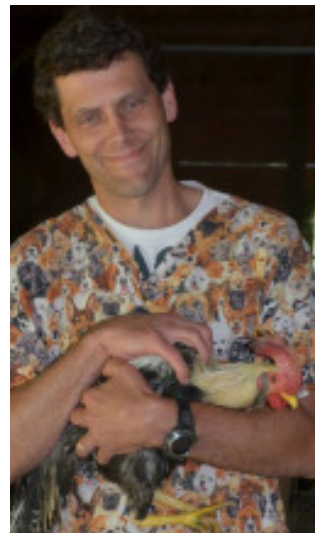
Roosters Are *Flyin'* Out Of Happy Trails

Over a two month period, Happy Trails had assisted in three separate cock fighting raids from Cuyahoga and Ashtabula Counties, resulting in a total of about 150 roosters at the sanctuary! *Yikes!* Thanks to a lot of local folks and fellow animal organizations spreading the word, Happy Trails has been truly blessed with a ton of amazing people who have adopted roosters from these cockfighting raids.

Here are photos of just a few of the wonderful people who stepped forward to give a great home to a rescued rooster!



Katie Costello (left) of the Learning Dog Training and Enrichment Center in Hubbard, Ohio, holds Ivan (formerly known as Grady), her newest family member adopted from Happy Trails. (Be sure to check out *The Learning Dog's* website at www.thelearningdog.com) Katie and her family added Ivan to her growing list of furry (and now feathered) farm animal family members, which also include farm pigs Jebbe Boye and Anselmo. (And God bless her girl Tadita, the farm piggy who passed away last year.) With Katie specializing in animal behavior training and her husband Sam (right), a veterinarian, Ivan couldn't possibly have asked to be adopted into a better home! Many thanks to Katie, Sam and their daughter, Anastia, for opting to adopt!



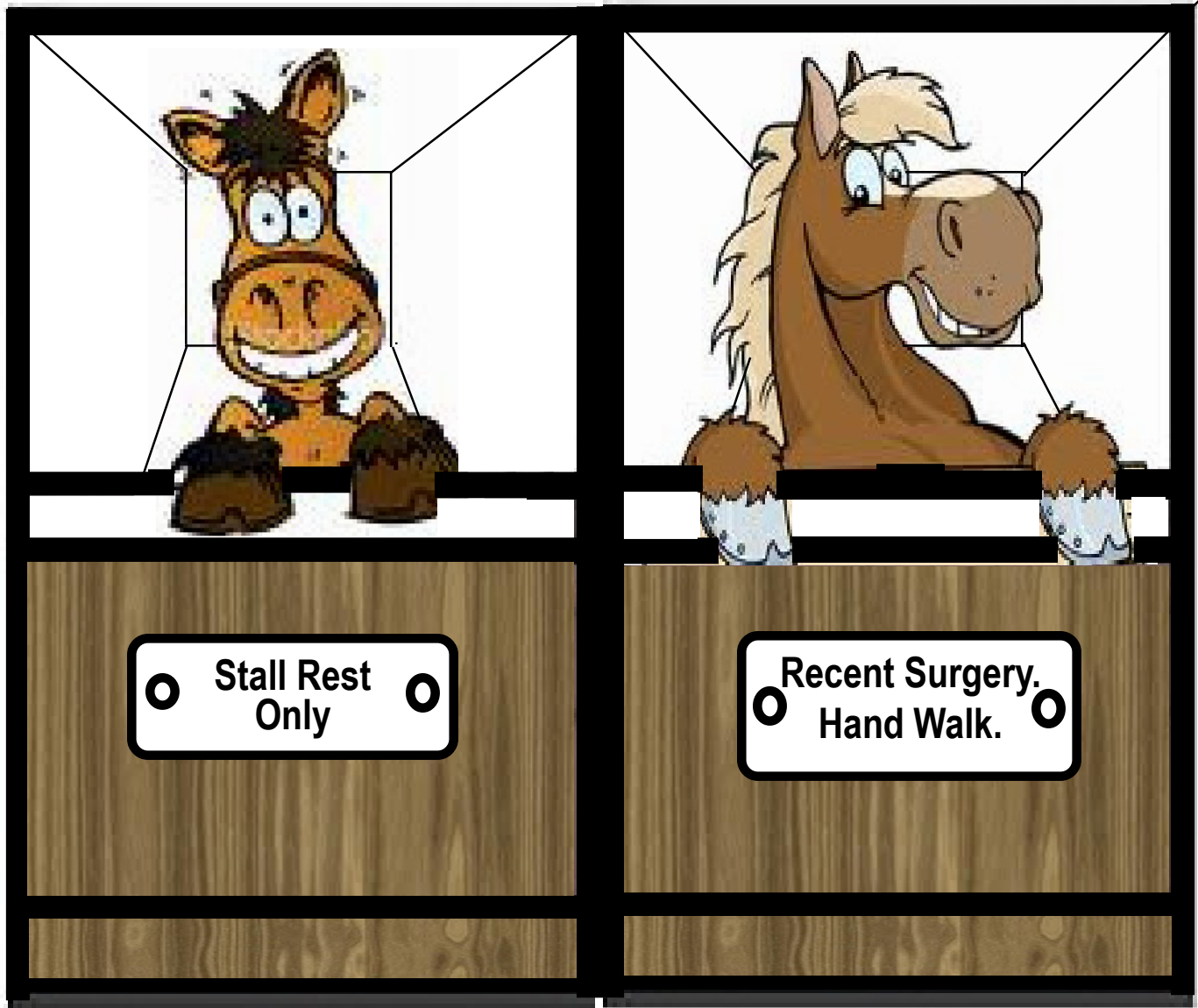
Joe Risi arrived at Happy Trails with his all-

boy crew (his family has five boys!) to pick out a new family member to make it a crew of six boys! Charles the rooster quickly became a favorite among the brothers, and he also became **Sir** Charles before he even left the Happy Trails office. Sir Charles is a big, solid, friendly guy who enjoys being held and pet. Joe carried the rooster as we all walked from the rooster barn

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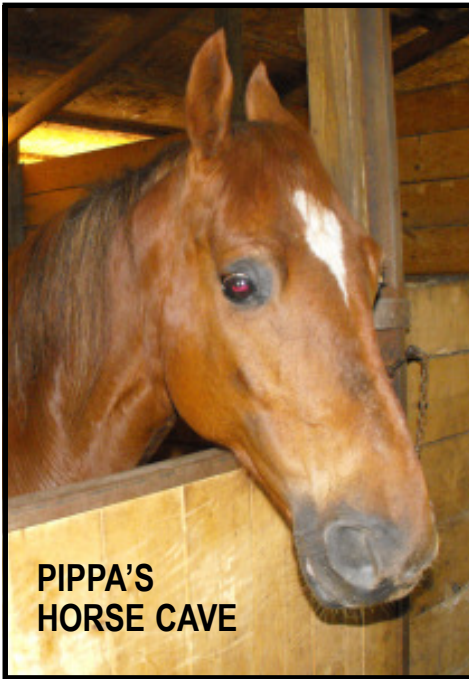


Sponsor My 'Horse Cave'



Stall sponsorships help pay for
the care of the rescued horses at
Happy Trails
Farm Animal Sanctuary

See pages 6 and 7 for details!

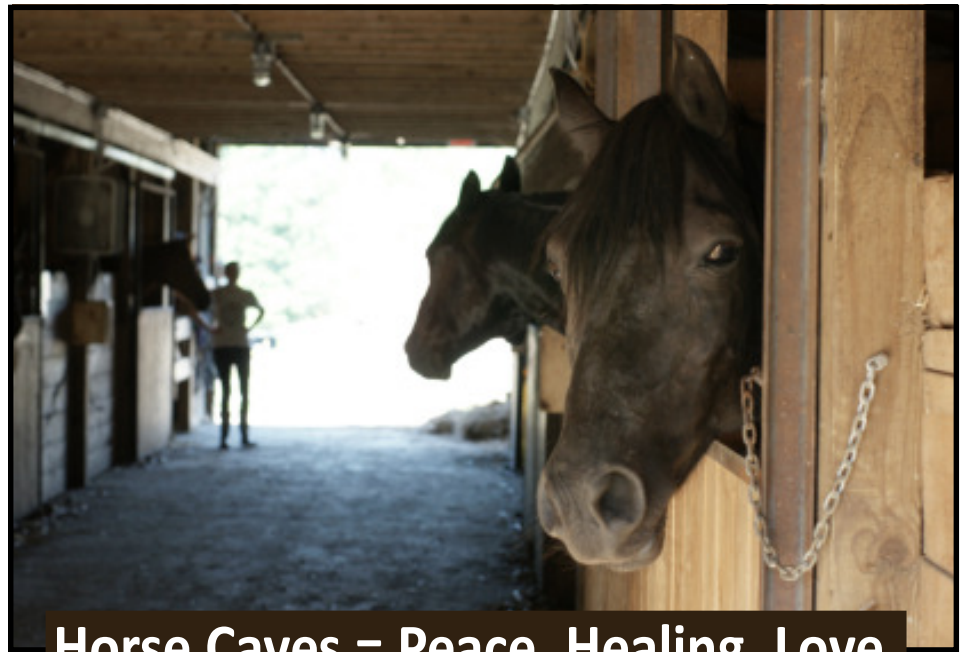


Every abused horse that comes to Happy Trails for rehabilitation is assigned his very own *“Horse Cave”*, a recovery stall where he is kept safe and well-cared for. A *“Horse Cave”* features:

- Rubber mats for soft footing for horses with hoof problems or leg injuries
- Electric heated water buckets to keep drinking water from freezing in the middle of winter (two water buckets are kept in each stall at all times)
- Stationary feed buckets in the corners of the stalls for grain and special treats
- Box-style hay bags to provide cleaner, more nutritious hay
- A ceiling light over each stall for vet exams and grooming
- Wooden walls reaching all the way down to the floor to prevent any ankles or legs from getting caught or breaking underneath short walls
- Thick, fresh, fluffy straw or sawdust for bedding provided daily — great for the comfort of emaciated horses to have a thick, soft bedding in which to lie down
- Box fans for the hottest of the summer months to help keep body temperatures in a safe zone
- Smooth welded edges on the stall frames for safety purposes

Sponsors receive:

- Two complimentary tickets to visit Happy Trails for a personal tour.
- An engraved plaque hung proudly outside your stall with your (business) name
- A photo of your stall cave emailed to you
- A tax-deductible receipt for your kind donation



Horse Caves = Peace, Healing, Love,

Rehabilitation, Second Chances, Safety, Warmth, Comfort, Security, Vet Care, Medication, Nutrition, Hay, Unlimited Water, Soft Bedding, Thick Straw, Guardian Angels, Horsey Friends, Soft Voices, Gentle Hands, Kind Words

There are 12 horse stalls in the recovery barn at Happy Trails. **At this time, two “Horse Caves” are already sponsored.** *Many thanks* to our “Horse Cave” sponsors who want to make a difference!!

"HORSE CAVES" Are A Great Sponsorship Opportunity For Your Organization!

Sponsor a rescued horse stall on behalf of your organization, and show your support for Happy Trails!

You may want to take up a collection or host a fundraiser to sponsor a "horse cave" on behalf of your....

...Rotary Club
...VFW Organization
...4-H Club
...Business or Place of Employment
...Horse Stable
...School
...Favorite Bar
...Family
...Church
...Civic or Social Group
...Vet Clinic



STALL SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a stall for one year for a rescued horse. I have enclosed \$1,200. Please send me the sponsorship info.

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a stall for one year for a rescued horse. I would like to make monthly payments of \$100 every month for one year. I have enclosed \$_____ at this time and pledge to complete the stall sponsorship payments. Please send me the sponsorship material.

Name _____

Business/Organization Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

☐ I have enclosed a check.

☐ Please charge \$_____ to my
___ VISA ___ Mastercard ___ American Express

☐ Please deduct a monthly payment of \$_____ from my charge

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ CSC (3 digits on back) _____

Name On Card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

OTHER WAYS TO PAY A SPONSORSHIP

- Donate on-line through PayPal at 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.



Many thanks to the Akron Aeros baseball team for extending a warm welcome to Happy Trails and inviting us to join them as a community partner on Sunday, June 23rd.

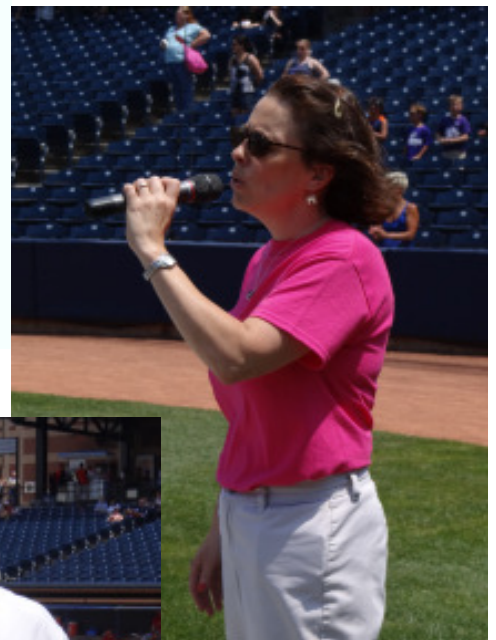
What an exciting day for the sanctuary! We met a lot of really great people who we hope will become a part of the Happy Trails team.



It all came together with tremendous help from Sierra Sawtelle, Community Relations representative for the Akron Aeros, who made our day truly special in every way.

Thanks to all of our supporters who purchased tickets and attended the game on what was probably the hottest day of the year so far - you guys are die-hard fans and we appreciate you!

Thank you!



The Happy Trails event crew who made it happen: (left to right) Gia Campola, Kerry Jackson, Laurie Jackson, Kevin Bragg, Annette Fisher, Lori Luisi, Tom Luisi, Carl Ehmann, Ashley Ehmann, George Austin, and Cindy Dilley who was taking the picture!

A huge thank you goes out to Laura Lindauer (top right), Happy Trails grant writer and professional opera singer, who blessed the event with her talent by singing the National Anthem on behalf of Happy Trails and the rescued animals. What a remarkable lady — you go girl! And kudos to Pete Lillo, Happy Trails Board President and baseball's number one fan, for throwing out the first pitch at the game and representing the sanctuary in a big way! Excellent job Pete - you made us proud!

THANK
YOU!



A **VERY** special thank you also goes out to our friends at Go2Advertising, who generously donated their time and talents and created an amazing children's book for Happy Trails, featuring a friendly but muddy young piggy named Pip.

Happy Trails new beautifully illustrated and creatively written children's book, entitled *Pip At The Plate*, is a collaborative effort created by Go2Advertising and printed by Activities Press.

Dedication From The Go2Advertising Crew

To our animal friends.
May each and every one of you
live happy, healthy lives.

Author: Jason Gottshall

Illustrations: Dan Peters

Epilogue: Anya Gottshall

Art Direction: Dean Rembielak & Peter Roth

Illustration Assistance: Rudy Solomon

Coordinators: Carey Patton & Caitlin Ellison



What Is The Story About?

 **Great
Gift Idea!**

Pip the Pig is new to the farm and is having trouble fitting in. With the help of old, reliable Clancy the Clydesdale, Bernard the Grumpy Goose and a sweet sheep named Miss Eleanor, the mischievous little pig has his big chance to find his rightful place among the animals when he joins the farm's baseball team.

But first, Pip must learn how to play the game.

Ways to purchase books:

- Order form on inside back cover (pg. 19) of newsletter
- Stop by the Happy Trails office Saturdays from 10am to 3pm located at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio.

EPILOGUE

Animals are precious
just like you and me,
Whether they roll around
in mud or sing atop a tree.
Though some are young
and others, old,
They all possess
a heart of gold.
Be loving and kind
to the animals you meet,
And your new friends
will be twice as sweet.
A smile will spread
across your face,
Because helping animals
makes the world
a better place.

A Psychic Affair Event Was A Tremendous Success!

Thank you to the many Happy Trails supporters who participated in *A Psychic Affair*, a fundraiser featuring the most gifted animal communicators and mediums who donated their time and special gifts for a very worthy cause!

We very sincerely appreciate our special and extremely gifted guests — Sandy Smith from California, Teena Angelique, Doris Strakka, and Dayna, our local friends. If you had a great experience and would like to keep in contact with our healers, mediums and animal communicators, feel to contact them directly!

Sandy Smith continues to send a percentage of each referral she receives from Happy Trails to help the rescued animals.

Thanks to the many Happy Trails volunteers who made this event possible.

MANY THANKS TO



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email: sandy@sandysmith.info

THANK YOU!

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Teena Angelique
Parapsychologist • Psychic
Tarot Card Reader
Metaphysical Research

Teena does not have a website or email, but does most of her work through word of mouth. Teena is local in the Akron area.

Please call her at

330-928-6739

MANY THANKS TO

Bev

Tarot Card Reader • Advisor

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A special shout-out goes out to Larry Thompson and Thompson Electric for your continued support!



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HAPPY TRAILS

Muck Summer Bucket List



If you want to help make Happy Trails 'Muck Bucket List' happen for the rescued animals, check it out and contact us.

Let us know what dreams you want to make come true!

☐ **Happy Trails 2-horse trailer needs a new fender and needs painted** (it's getting old like the rest of us). Are there any body work businesses willing to help Happy Trails by donating these repairs/services?

☐ **Large cement pad** (about 38'x38') to help us store hay, straw or sawdust shavings. We can either put a car-port type of structure over this pad, or, we could get....

☐ **....a metal pole building kit** (our construction volunteers have offered to assemble this to save on cost). The kit is for a 36'x36'x12' metal building. The cost is \$9,500. This does not include putting electricity in the building for lighting.

☐ **A large open stock trailer** for hauling sheep, goats, cows, emus, or larger numbers of any farm animals (good condition/used is approximately \$8,000)

☐ **Raise enough funds to construct Happy Trails covered outdoor arena.** See pages 12 and 13 for details.

☐ **Pave the walkways and drive-ways for visitors who are handicapped** or elderly and need to use wheelchairs or walkers, or parents with baby strollers. This could be done in smaller sections if several companies would be willing to work on donating portions of this project.

☐ **A back hoe** (We found an average price for a used backhoe is between \$7,000 and \$8,000. Happy Trails has many projects that our humble skidsteer just cannot accomplish because it cannot dig.)

☐ **A heavy-duty auger** (hole drilling) **attachment for our Bobcat** so we can dig our own fence post holes without always having to rent one. Average cost \$2,500.

☐ **100+ acres to expand the sanctuary**, create an educational building and eventually add a nursing home to tie in with Happy Trails (The elderly and animals are some of our most abused and neglected treasures. Happy Trails currently provides our Farm Animal Visitation Program to nursing homes and hospice care.)

If anyone is interested in sponsoring any of these larger ticket items, we can provide more detailed information for each of the projects/supplies/pieces of equipment, and offer in-depth explanations how these things will benefit the sanctuary and ultimately improve the care we can provide for the rescued animals.

**PLEASE USE DONATION FORM
ON INSIDE BACK COVER!**
Thank you for your support!

Dreaming...Wishing...Hoping

Summer Wish List



Smaller Items Needed:

☐ **New corner feeders** (grain bins) for the horse barn. We need 12 - one for each stall - at \$20 each. Sponsor one or sponsor several!

☐ **Bolt cutters.** We need 7 bolt cutters @ \$20 each to put in the various rescue barns for emergencies (animals have gotten themselves into predicaments with fencing that we would have *never* imagined — better safe than sorry). Sponsor one pair or sponsor several!

☐ **Fire extinguishers** need rejuvenated and updated - 11 of them @ \$25 each. Sponsor one or sponsor several!

☐ **Bottled water** for the volunteers

☐ **Gas/fuel cards**

☐ **Gift cards to Pettigrew Feed, Western Reserve or Tractor Supply** (We buy approximately \$400 of grain each week.)

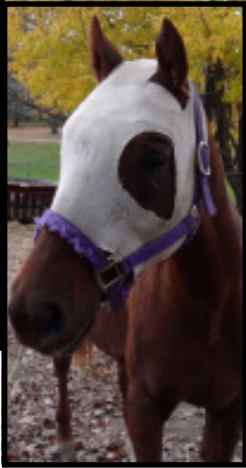
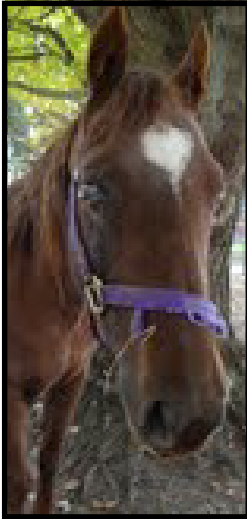
Sponsors Needed For:

☐ **Logo Truck Repairs** - \$1,200 not covered by insurance to repair fender and bumper damage

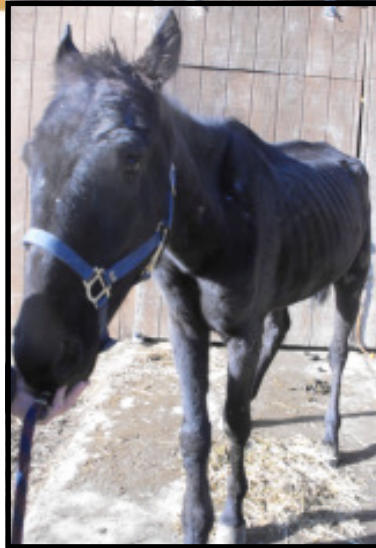
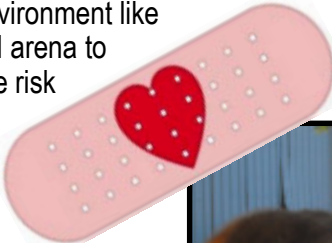
☐ **Cross pipe needs replaced on the dump truck** (which we use to haul our manure away) \$300. Old Bessie still runs and we don't want to have to spend the money to replace her, so we need to repair her.

☐ **Spring vaccinations for each horse...**\$35 for a total of 20 horses. Sponsor one horse or sponsor several!

Who Are Some Of The Horses Who Could Have Benefitted From Being Turned Out In A Covered Arena During Their Recovery?



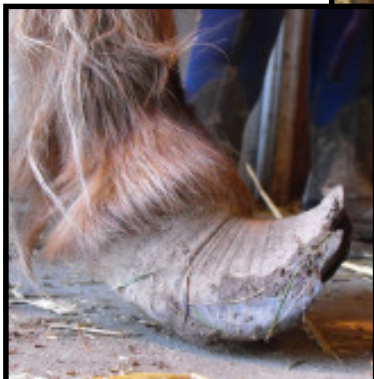
Sadie had to have surgery to remove a badly damaged eye. The best scenario for her recovery would have been to turn her out in a safe environment like an enclosed arena to minimize the risk of her damaging her good eye on something like tree branches or fences posts.



Buckeye needed leg surgery to help his ankle fuse. Material was taken from his hip and inserted into his ankle joint. He was supposed to keep the cast on his leg clean and dry, and since there was no dry turn out at Happy Trails, he spent four expensive months in recovery at OSU and then additional time in a dry stall at Happy Trails. Though he eventually made a *complete* recovery, his rehabilitation may have been quicker had he had the opportunity to walk around in a clean, dry environment during his recovery at Happy Trails.



Bill had a cast on his leg for many months and required safe, dry footing for turn out. Happy Trails could provide neither, and Bill spent a great deal of his recovery time standing in his stall.



Many horses and ponies like Theodore (above left) come to Happy Trails with founder or laminitis. The soft footing and controlled environment of a covered arena would have provided the ideal environment for turn-out while they are being treated and are in the healing process.

Outdoor Arena Campaign Now Underway!

GOAL: To construct a building with a roof and sides to cover the current outdoor arena which will serve multiple purposes, including: affording Happy Trails the ability to turn out recovering/injured horses or other large animals throughout *all* seasons in order to provide safe and *dry* footing for those with leg injuries; to provide turn-out with minimal risk of injury for those with eye trauma; and to provide shade from the hot sun in the summer and protection from cold rains and snow during winter weather. This facility improvement will also allow us to bring in additional funds by providing an appropriate building for educational seminars. A covered roof will protect the integrity of the sand in the arena. It will also create a safe and covered environment for lameness evaluations by the veterinarian and a place for potential adopters to spend time with horses they may want to adopt year round. This new building will also allow us to provide a safe training and health/behavior assessment area for both horse and rider.



(Above) The current outdoor arena is always filled with puddles from the rain and stones that are coming up out of the sand. (Below) This is an example of a simple arena structure that is very similar to that which Happy Trails plans to construct. Nothing fancy. Just plain and it will serve its purpose..

Total Project Budget \$77,000

Many thanks to the following charitable foundations for their support of this project:

- Grant through Kenneth A. Scot C charitable Fund for arena project **\$12,000**
- Grant through Ravenna United Fund for arena project **\$2,000**

Remaining Campaign Goal \$63,000

DETAILS: Arena size will be approximately 65' wide by 115' long.

- Pole-barn style building structure — \$58,000
- \$4,000 preparing ground, removing dirt, bringing in new sand
- \$3,000 removing fencing, re-locating the dump truck ramp and manure dumping area to a different location
- \$12,000 gutters, electrical needs and lighting, drainage pipes on West side of arena, signage



To help make this happen for the rescued animals and to donate toward the Outdoor Arena Project, please use coupon on inside back cover. Donors will be invited to a special viewing of the arena upon completion. Contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914 for information on *corporate sponsorship* packages.

Guess Who Had Her Baby?

If you guessed *Fleury*, the 20+ year old pony mare who arrived, pregnant, at Happy Trails last October after having been rescued from the meat buyers at the Mt. Hope Auction, you are absolutely *correct*!



A warm Happy Trails welcome was given to little Tabitha, the adorable, tiny, perfect, precious baby that Fleury delivered all by herself at her new home with her wonderful adoptive family. Several Happy Trails volunteers visited the new baby soon after it was born. *"It was amazing to see Fleury with the new baby,"* said Cindy Dilley. *"She's the best mom and she didn't even mind that we were petting the baby."* Thank goodness that whole ordeal is over with, and everyone can breathe a sigh of relief now that mom and baby are doing fine. *And the best part?* Fleury never has to worry ever again about being sent through an auction or about having another baby taken away from her at one of the horrible auctions as she experienced last time. We are *thrilled* that both mom and baby are happy and healthy!

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ART BARN What A Phenominal Event!

In March, Happy Trails raised approximately \$13,000 with a new event we called "Art Barn"! Hundreds of talented artists, photographers and collectors donated unique pieces to create a fun, successful art gallery, with 100% of the proceeds benefitting the rescued animals.

Thank yous go out to:

- The incredibly long list of talented artists, amazing photographers, and other skilled artisans and craftsmen who so generously donated their work
- All the folks who donated a collectible, antique, book, or other coveted item to sell
- The 200+ guests who attended Art Barn and purchased art or made a contribution to the sanctuary
- Executive Chef Tim Birkley, chef extraordinaire who donated his time and talents to make this event possible!
- The 30+ volunteers who made this event possible
- The following sponsors and major donors of the event:
 - Sirna's Produce - Taza - The Aladdin Group - Hillcrest Foods - Laziza - Candace Kolsen Photography - Taylor Lamborn, singer/songwriter
 - Leah Rudow, Bat Mitzva table centerpieces



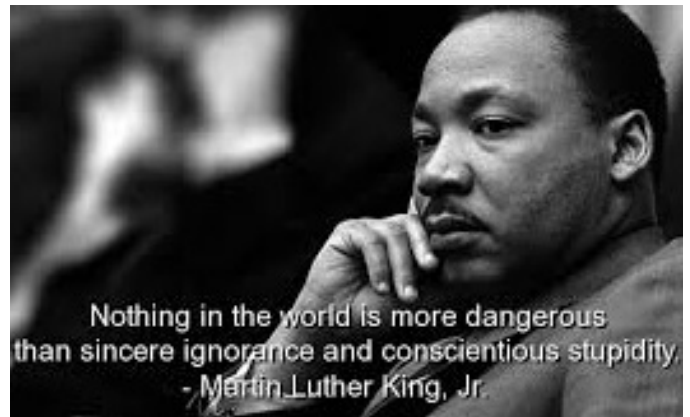
A special thank you goes out to volunteers Angela Rahn and Ilona Urban

INTERESTING FACTS

- Cockfighting was illegal in Oklahoma until 1963, when a judge ruled that *chickens are not animals* and therefore unprotected by anticruelty laws. ~U.S. News & World Report, 6 December 1999
- 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.
- Fifty million pounds of antibiotics are produced in the U.S. each year. *Twenty million pounds* are given to animals, of which 80% (16 million pounds) is used on

livestock merely to promote more rapid growth. The remaining 20% is used to help control the multitude of diseases that occur under such tightly confined conditions, including anemia, influenza, intestinal diseases, mastitis, metritis, orthostasis, and pneumonia.

- Poultry processing has *almost double* the injury and illness rate than trades like coal mining and construction.



Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.
- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Amazing Adoptions

Incredible People Are Coming Out Of The Woodwork To Adopt Rescued Farm Animals!

Adopted:

- Sadie the mare who had to have her eye surgically removed
- Appalonia, a pot belly pig
- Sandradee, a Thoroughbred mare, who moved to Pennsylvania
- Francis the goose (pictured below on his new pond, which he absolutely loves!)



- Henry, a pot belly pig
- A wide assortment of ducks
- Pollyanna, a turkey
- Sgt. Pepper and Glitzy, adorable indoor pot belly pigs, who were adopted together

- Amity, another big Belgian gelding
- Dozens of hens and roosters

Currently going through the adoption process:

- A family of sheep
- Rosebud the farm pig
- Woody, a Belgian draft horse gelding
- Marge the turkey
- Roy and Cabrio, both Standardbred geldings
- Seven other ducks

Meet Jason Rinne, Accounting Intern With Happy Trails

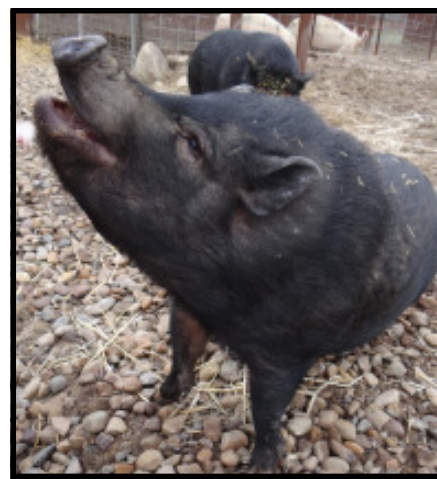


Kent State student, **Jason Rinne**, chose Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary as his organization of choice to do his internship program towards his degree in Accounting/Book Keeping. Jason now works as an assistant to Happy Trails treasurer, Jonathan Regan, and we are thrilled to have Jason with us through the Kent State internship program. Here Jason shares a special moment with Jolie, a beautiful pink pot belly pig. Jolie told him he's doing a good job for the animals...

Crossed The Rainbow Bridge

Over the past five months we've said good-bye to some dear animal friends. Among those we miss are **Paninah** the horse; **Aladdin** the pot belly pig; **Goliath** the rooster; **Pollyanna** the turkey (she passed away at her wonderful adoptive home); **Homer** the turkey; and other chickens (both hens and roosters).

The Great Houdini Performs Feats Of Magic Daily At Happy Trails



Houdini was a rather talented escape artist. Was, that is, until we secured the piggy stalls better and repaired some fencing so he could no longer break out of his yard.

Words to describe Houdini: *entertaining* (never boring to watch); *leaves you breathless* (from running after him that is); *comedian* (thinks he's funny); and *confident* (knows what he wants and thinks of ways to get it).

In case you haven't figured it out by now, **Houdini is an outgoing pot belly piggy who is available for adoption.** If you don't already have a piggy that needs a companion, he has a very pretty girl friend pig by the name of Covington who would like to be adopted along with him.

Please help us place Houdini's name on the ADOPTED list for the next issue of our newsletter!

**Call For
Adoption
Information
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Roosters Are *Flyin'* Out Of Happy Trails! *Continued from page 4*

back up to the office. His new little buddy talked to him the entire time and made contented clucking noises as if to say, "Thanks for picking me out, Dad!"

Though the Risi boys (three of the brothers are shown in the photo on page 4) brought a crate with them to carry their new rooster back home, the crate went into the back of the vehicle and Sir Charles got to ride up front, just like a new family member should.

After arriving home, Sir Charles got to meet his new chickens friends, a herd of beautiful hens, who he quickly became enamored with. He now has the freedom to peck in the grass, take sun baths, and do all the things that roosters love to do. He waited a long time to get to this point in his life, and now he has been rewarded with an entire flock of girls. *What a great adoption!* Thanks to the Risi family for adopting **Sir Charles!**



Tom Seckler (above) and **Kim Evans** (top right) are probably the sweetest people we've ever met. They have a truly wonderful, safe set up for their feathered pets, which currently consist of ducks and geese. *"Hens will most likely arrive next year,"* Tom said. For now, they heard about Happy Trails mass amount of



roosters, and they wanted to help out by picking out a rooster to adopt. Tom and Kim carefully looked over the roosters which came in all shapes and sizes and colors. I suggested taking a look at one of the friendliest roosters I had worked with the day before — his cage number was #6A and he didn't have a name yet. #6A loved to be held, was friendly, curious, inquisitive, and seemed OK with whatever was going on around him. He had arrived with the group of chickens from the most recent cockfighting raid in the city of Cleveland, and by his number, he was the 6th rooster to be removed from the garage that held the cockfighting ring itself. The birds in this garage had been prepared and were already in training for fighting. His comb and waddles had been cut off and his stomach and legs had been plucked. Though he had went through this torture, he did not hold any hard feelings toward his new human friends. He was willing to give them a chance to be his new family. This handsome fellow was named Roger before his new family even walked back to the office. *"His name will be Roger the rescued rooster,"* Kim said proudly.

New Outdoor Rooster Runs

A huge thank you goes out to **Cindy Dilley** and her dad, **Ron Dilley**, for putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into creating outdoor areas for several areas of the cockfighting rooster barn where the roosters did not have access to the great outdoors. Well, now they do!

Thanks also to **CARTER LUMBER of Kent** for donating supplies and to **LOWES of Streetsboro and Brimfield** for generously donating many supplies also. It's through the community working together that this project was made possible.



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Special Sanctuary *Buy-2-Get-1-Free* Tour Offer Good During The Month Of August

On page 3 you will find information about visiting Happy Trails. Mention this special offer in the July newsletter when you purchase two tour passes, you can bring a third guest for free! Offer good August 3rd through Sept. 1st.

New Restroom Is Complete!

After many inspections, approvals, drawing changes, upgrades, downgrades, and all the fun that comes with putting in a “commercial” rest room for the public, Happy Trails is proud to announce that our new rest room and volunteer break room is operating and ready for visitors! We simply cannot send enough thanks to our very special donor who wishes to remain anonymous for this amazing gift to the sanctuary. The total cost of this project was approximately \$29,000, and that includes everything from the required architec-



tural drawings and revisions, the footers and construction of the building itself, plumbing and necessary fixtures, electrical work including lighting, wiring and other supplies, heating elements, a propane tank and heater, permits for everything imaginable, flooring, interior painting, inspections, and provisions for making the rest rooms handicapped accessible. Now we get to work on landscaping around the building. Interesting fact: Since the location of Happy

Trails is zoned agricultural, if this building were designed to house animals instead of being a rest room for the public, we would have not been required to even have one permit or would not have had to follow any codes. *Fact.*

Ashley Ehmann, Former OSU Intern, Now Full Time Animal Care Coordinator

You may remember reading about Ashley Ehmann who worked with Happy Trails as an OSU intern last fall, and then quickly became a part-time staff member as an Animal Care Giver. In January she went back to OSU to complete her final semester, and after graduating with a degree in Animal Science in May, Ashley joined the Happy Trails staff in a big way. Ashley is now our full time staff member in charge of Animal Care Protocol, and she lives at the sanctuary as the

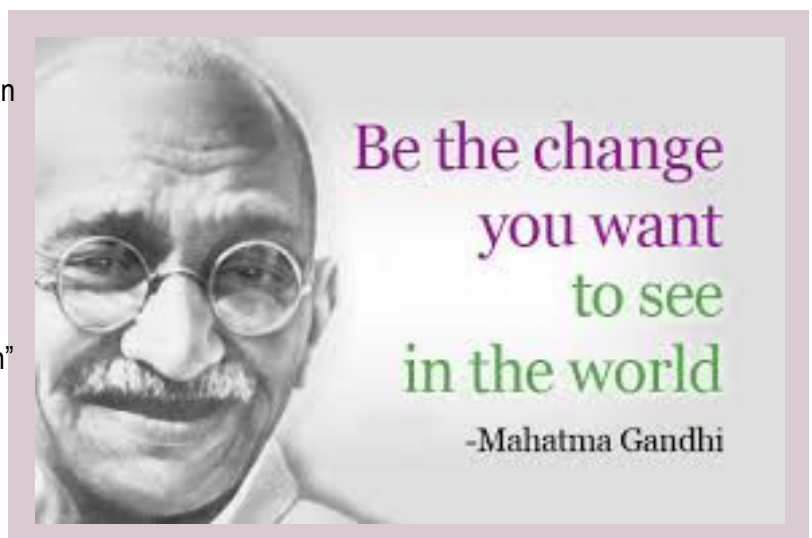
person who keeps a constant eye on the rescued animals.

(Above right photo) Ashley holds Lois, her “house chicken” who she adopted recently. C’mon, it was



only a matter of time before Ashley began rehabbing animals in her house, just like Annette. Little Lois has a bum leg and though she tried to blend with the other hens, it would have been a matter of time before they injured her even more.

Everyone is thrilled to have Ashley on board full time at Happy Trails. While she was in Columbus for her last semester at OSU we most certainly missed her help and daily presence at the sanctuary, so welcome home, Ashley! We are truly happy you chose Happy Trails to start what will be a long and impressive career in animal welfare!



WE APPRECIATE OUR SUPPORTERS!

Happy Trails appreciates each and every person and business who supports our work in a multitude of ways, from contributing funds or supplies or buildings to dropping off blankets and aluminum cans; from taking tours or adopting animals to fostering to volunteering and everything in between. Though there would never be enough room to thank each and every one of our supporters here in our newsletter, we like to occasionally highlight a few folks to say thank you.



A special thank you goes out to long-time supporter Dan Kennedy for his generosity and continued support, and for including Happy Trails in so many networking events! Dan orchestrated a casino night at the grand opening of one of his new business ventures, **Imperial Auto Castle**, in Cuyahoga Falls. Dan also hosted a casino night at the **A to Z Marketing Seminar** held in Independence and encouraged business owners to support the work of Happy Trails. A marketing guru, Dan has truly been instrumental in the success of Happy Trails with advice, guidance



and generosity. You can learn more about Dan and his expertise in marketing at www.dankennedy.com

A shout-out goes out to Pete "Pete The Printer" and Donna Lillo, for their dedication to Happy Trails, their inspiration, and their continued support and generosity. Pete and Dan Kennedy have been both friends and business associates for a long time, and both have yet another thing in common — a love for animals and the desire to see Happy Trails succeed and prosper in our work to address animal abuse. Pete, Happy Trails Board President, and Donna, Board Secretary, are truly the wind beneath our wings here at Happy Trails.

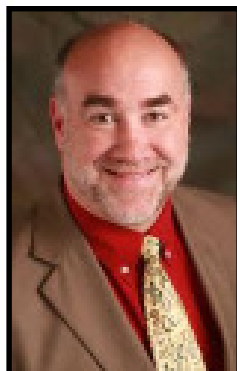
Join Pete's network on Linked-In and learn more about his professional business training and coaching programs.



Pete Lillo (left) and Dan Kennedy (right) at Donald Trump's helicopter.

Thanks to Dan Cricks Of Results Marketing And The Strongsville Rotary Club

Dan Cricks, CEO of Results Marketing, is a business consultant and coach, a member of the Strongsville Rotary Club, and oh, by the way, is also a supporter of Happy Trails!



Many thanks to Dan Cricks and the truly remarkable folks with the Strongsville Rotary

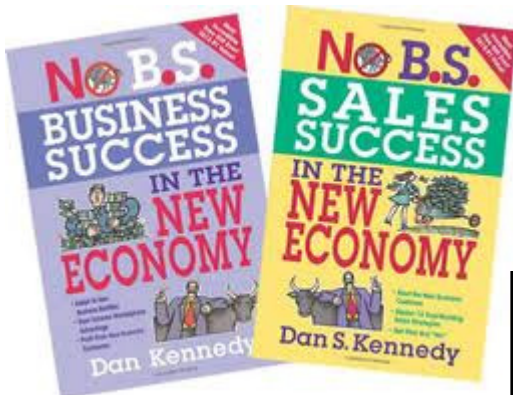
Club, who invited Happy Trails director, Annette Fisher, to speak at a

recent rotary meeting. These kind rotary members also voted to make a generous donation to the sanctuary. We are very grateful for their support!

Learn more about the Strongsville Rotary at www.strongsvillerotary.org, and meet Dan Cricks on Linked In at <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/dan-cricks/5/b20/6ab>.

Dan also makes sure that Happy Trails is invited to many of his marketing and business seminars pro bono.

On behalf of the rescued animals, we appreciate Dan Cricks and the Strongsville Rotary Club!

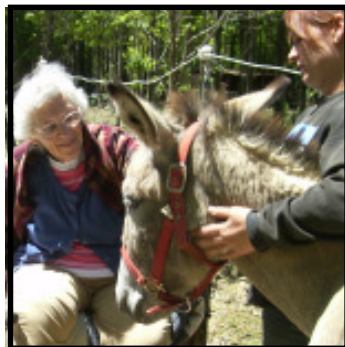


and www.dankennedywebsite.com. Dan is known as a business entrepreneur, author, speaker, and marketing mastermind. Above are just two in his series of business books, which you can purchase through his website or through other book sites such as Amazon.

We appreciate your support Dan!

Tribute To My Mom, Rosemary Krasovic

One defining moment of what we do came full-circle in February during one of our farm animal visits to Pebble Creek Nursing Home in Akron. This nursing home is one of our "regulars" who welcome visits from Kachina



When my mom could no longer walk very well, I would bring the rescued animals to her so she could pet them.

the mini-horse, Odessa and Natasha the goats, retired cockfighting roosters and an assortment of ducks. This was the nursing home that my mom lived in for the past several years as she declined

steadily due to dementia brought on from a stroke. We had a farm animal visit to the nursing home already scheduled, when several weeks before the visit my mom had to be taken to the hospital and then placed in a hospice facility. I received a call the morning of the nursing home visit. It was the day we were told that it was likely my mom was going to pass. I made the difficult decision for me personally to go through with the visit to her old nursing home in her honor. I knew it was what she would have wanted. It was probably one of the hardest things I've ever done, seeing all the familiar faces of her friends in wheelchairs, receiving the consoling smiles of the caring staff, knowing she was not there to enjoy the visit and that soon she wouldn't be here at all. Happy Trails volunteers as well as the animals brought a great deal of joy to the residents that day. My mom hung in there throughout that afternoon while I was at Pebble Creek, and later that evening I sat with my mom for the last time and let her know how the day went. She didn't even know I was there with her, but I talked to her as though she could hear every word. I thanked her for everything and for being my mom, and then I said my good-byes. Early the next morning around 4am she passed peacefully in her sleep. I believe she continues to be proud of the animal rescue work and all the accomplishments of Happy Trails.

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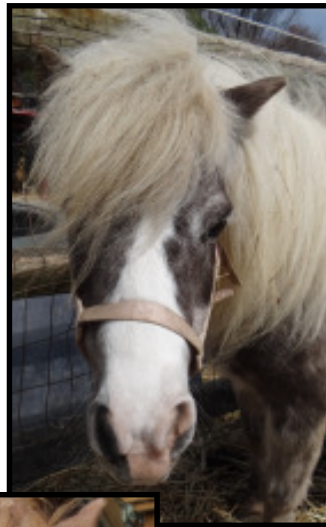
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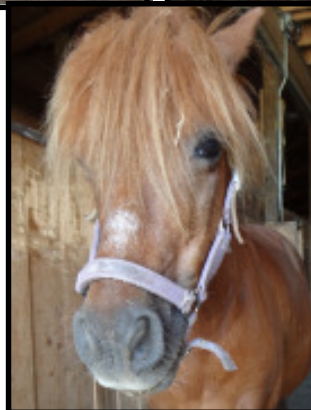
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