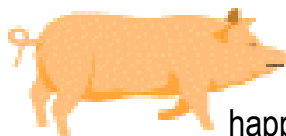


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letter from the director

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

You should be receiving this newsletter the week before our open house on Sunday, June 22nd. I sincerely hope to see all of you at Happy Trails on that big day — it's going to be an amazing day for all of us. The new covered arena is nearly complete and will be open for everyone to see. The barn that burned in the fire will be replaced in time for the open house and it going to be 8' longer than the old barn. And the new multi-purpose building which will house the heated vet room will have the shell of the building ready for you to wander through and envision all the rescued animals that will be helped in our small clinic. I can't wait for all of you to see these things. We have been working very hard, moving forward, making progress, improving our facilities, upgrading our services, and increasing our capacity to serve. Working together, you and Happy Trails are truly making great things possible.

It is with awe that I look back over the last 15 years (technically Happy Trails was founded in 1999 - we got our 501c3 status in 2000), and am amazed at the ups and downs that we have survived. At times it has been out of sheer determination that we have come so far. We are too stubborn and too focused to let any obstacles get in our way. It is my personal goal to make absolutely certain that Happy Trails is here long after I am not. Ohio



desperately needs the services provided by Happy Trails, and we want to perpetually provide them. Happy Trails animal rescue services, educational programs, and community outreach are made possible by all of us working together for a common good. The animals win when they receive peace and healing and have the opportunity to be adopted by kind and caring families; our communities win because abusers are held accountable for their actions, making our world safer; and everyone wins when kindness and compassion are spread around freely and generously.

I plan to give a presentation at the end of the day at the open house to acknowledge our progress, share our future plans, and to personally thank everyone for their support. I can't guarantee that I will be able to do that without a tear or two running down my face. Our supporters are nothing short of amazing, our progress is phenomenal, and I am eternally grateful. Hope to see you there!

With kindness and compassion for all animals,

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Meet Board Member, Walter Shields

Happy Trails Board Members are dedicated, caring and compassionate. Meet Walter Shields, a Board Member who is dedicated to the success of the organization and promoting kindness and compassion for all animals. Walt's chosen career path enables him to help others on a daily basis as a Hudson police officer and also as a Hudson firefighter/EMS worker. In his spare time, Walt serves in the military in the Army Reserves and also volunteers for



"Go out and be someone's champion!" These are Walt's words of wisdom when encouraging people who want to make a difference.

Pawsibilities, the Greater Akron Humane Society. Walt's guidance and direction from his experience in law enforcement and working with the public brings a wealth of knowledge to Happy Trails board of directors, and we are honored that he has chosen to serve on the board. We are also grateful for his active participation in the emergency rescue crew.

One of the things that Walt appreciates about Happy Trails is the fact that we always try to work together with other animal rescue organizations for a higher good. Thanks, Walt, for your leadership as a board member!

Be sure to meet Walt and all the other board members at the open house on Sunday, June 22nd.



"You can judge a man's true character by the way he treats his fellow animals."

Paul McCartney



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"Moving Forward Open House"

You and Happy Trails together have been making facility improvements and upgrades that are rather impressive for our growing organization.

As we constantly strive to expand and improve upon the services we offer and make the care of the animals more efficient, our facility has been experiencing some wonderful changes. *We want you to see them.*

The new covered arena is big and beautiful. The barn that is replacing the goat barn that was destroyed in the February fire is now a place of healing and hope. And the new multi-purpose building will have a small heated area to use as a vet clinic so our field service vets will not actually have to stitch things up in...well, the field.

This is a family-friendly event.

Three workshops or presentations will be taking place simultaneously every forty-five minutes.

Meet the rescued animals in person. Wander throughout the sanctuary at your leisure. Hike through the woods to visit Heaven's Trail, the rescued animal cemetery.

It's a great time to meet and talk with the Happy Trails staff members, volunteers and board of directors.

PARKING

Complimentary shuttle parking is available at Ravenna High School, with two shuttles running all day long. **There will not be any parking available at Happy Trails.** Ravenna High School is located at 6589 North Chestnut Street in Ravenna.

Check out the event itinerary and see if you can find a few workshops you'd like to attend. They're all included in the admission price. All proceeds from the day will benefit the rescued animals.

VIP ARENA RECEPTION

If you donated to the construction of the covered arena, you should have received an invitation in the mail to attend the complimentary VIP Arena Reception from 11am to 12:00noon. If you contributed to the arena project but have not received your invitation, please call us at 330-296-5914 to RSVP if you would like to join us.

Mini-Workshops, Demonstrations and Presentations

Something for everyone! Three workshops/presentations to choose from every forty-five minutes!

- 12:15pm**
- **Horse Hoof Trimming Demonstration:** presented by farrier Ron Bowling (Covered Arena)
 - **Compassionate Kids Ages 6 through 8:** Learning to be kind to animals - includes crafts (Tent #1)
 - **Ohio's Animal Abuse Laws:** Reporting abuse and looking at Ohio's laws with Rescue Village Humane Officer, Christian Courtwright (Tent #2)
- 1:00pm**
- **Parade of Horses:** Horses available for adoption shown by the Happy Trails staff and volunteers. Hear their stories, see their progress! (Covered Arena)
 - **Compassionate Kids Ages 9 through 12:** Learning to be kind to animals - includes crafts (Tent #1)
 - **Backyard Poultry:** Why chickens and ducks make great pets and how to care for them (Tent #2)
- 1:45pm**
- **Equine Emergency and Safety Tips:** presented by veterinarian Dr. Sasha Hill of Cleveland Equine (Covered Arena)
 - **Food for Thought:** Learning to substitute food ingredients to make meals more animal-friendly with Melissa DelSignore (Tent #1)
 - **Mad About 'Ewe':** Caring for your pet goats and sheep with veterinarian Dr. Randy Alger (Tent #2)
- 2:30pm**
- **Horse Basic-Training Demonstration:** with professional equine trainer and former show judge, Ken Aberegg (Covered Arena)
 - **Compassionate Kids Ages 6 through 8:** Learning to be kind to animals - includes crafts (Tent #1)
 - **Belly Draggers:** Enriching your life with pigs as pets. What you need to know with veterinarian Dr. Heidi Knoblich (Tent #2)
- 3:15pm**
- **Equine Massage Therapy and Equine Chiropractic:** with Sara Jerman, Doctor of Chiropractic (Covered Arena)
 - **Compassionate Kids Ages 9 through 12:** Learning to be kind to animals - includes crafts (Tent #1)
 - **Horse Crazy:** Horse fun for teens ages 13 through 17 includes grooming and leading
- 4:00pm**
- **Summit County Mounted Patrol Obstacle Course Demonstration:** presented by members of the Summit County Mounted Patrol (Covered Arena)
 - **Alpacas and Llamas:** Strange and wonderful creatures. Are they the right fit for your family? (Tent #1)
 - **Happy Trails Progress Report and Future Plans:** with Annette Fisher, Executive Director (Tent #2)

How To Buy Tickets

\$20 per adult if purchased in advance.
\$25 per adult the day of the event.
\$10 for youth ages 17 and under.

To pay with a credit card over the phone, call the office at 330-296-5914.
Or purchase tickets on-line at
www.happytrailsfarm.org.

Recent Rescues

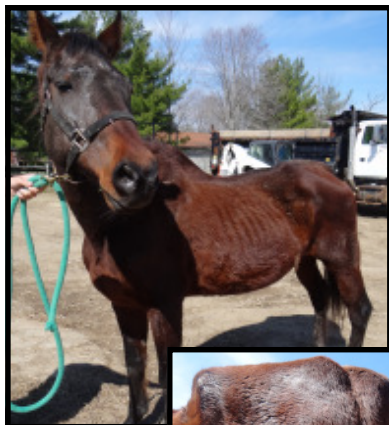
Throughout all the construction challenges, preparing for the open house, handling adoptions, visiting nursing homes and caring for the rescued animals, we have also been consistently busy assisting a variety of Ohio's counties with animal abuse, neglect and abandonment cases.

Columbiana County

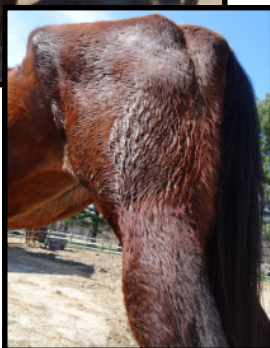
In April, Happy Trails assisted our friends at the Humane Society of Columbiana County with a sad situation of mass neglect



We named this sweet, emaciated Thoroughbred gelding Tye, a Native American name meaning "chief".



Iris suffered from starvation. She is sweet and lovable and in recovery at Happy Trails.



regarding 16 horses, two sheep, a goat, two chickens, a duck and three alpacas. As often happens, this investigation began with another

offense — a domestic violence call the night before. Cruelty charges have been filed and the case is still pending. Many of the horses were placed in foster care, with the horses in need of the most care being placed in the custody of HappyTrails. Five of these very precious horses who were suffering from severe malnutrition are currently in recovery and rehabilitation

programs, needing to gain anywhere from 150 to 350 lbs. It is our goal to approve additional equine foster homes to help out in cases such as this where a larger number of horses are involved. If you are interested in learning more about Happy Trails equine foster program, please contact us at 330-296-5914.

When the horses are legally signed over to Happy Trails, we will be

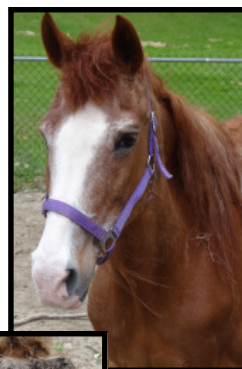
able to make them available for adoption and they will then be posted on our website. Please check out the horses currently available to adopt at www.happytrailsfarm.org, and consider giving a rescued horse a home!

Summit County

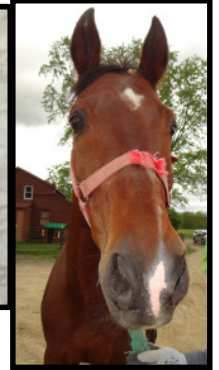
A concerned call resulted in a visit to a property in Summit County, where 15 dogs, two horses and a pot



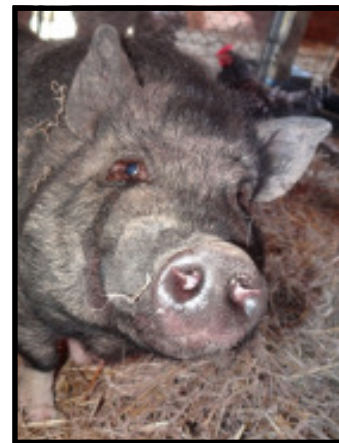
Maka's hooves had not been cared for in a very long time. They were overgrown, broken, and her heels had begun to rot.



Graciano's hooves were also in extremely poor condition. The hoof shown above had started to curl and grow underneath itself.



belly pig were removed from a situation of neglect. We named the horses Maka and Graciano. Charges have been filed and court proceedings are pending. The



Jackie O is so very lovable and huggable. And she is thrilled to have her own mud waller!

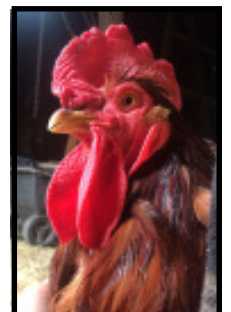
biggest health issue these two very sweet horses have to deal with is severe hoof neglect.

The pot belly piggy is now named Jackie O,

for we believe she is very beautiful and elegant. And friendly! And, while she adores the mud waller she has at Happy Trails, she was a house pig and we

believe would do amazing as an indoor pet. We are hoping to have an adoptive home ready for Jackie O as soon as she is legally signed over to the sanctuary, so if you have been thinking about adopting a pot belly pig, Jackie O should definitely be the girl to consider.

This past week, Levon the rooster came in as a stray from Summit County. He is being vet



Levon doesn't mind being held and pet.

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Happy Trails concrete yard decor fundraiser will be held throughout the summer and fall while quantities last. Unique and hard-to-find bird baths, planters, memorial stones and statuary are available to purchase Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. from 9am - 5pm. Shop early for best selection! 100% of the proceeds benefit the rescued animals at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Concrete items will be on display and available to purchase at the open house on Sunday, June 22nd.



CONCRETE YARD DECOR

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Statues include all types of pigs, horses, sheep, dogs, cats, ducks, chickens, turtles, frogs, birds, elephants, hippos, hedgehogs, and much more!



Bird Baths



Memorials



Planters



Benches

A Very “Boof” Tribute To George

It was the summer of 1999 and I had just acquired Janice the pot belly pig. Shortly after her arrival, I began looking for a companion for her. I contacted a sanctuary (which has since closed) in Pennsylvania and let them know I was searching for a rescued pig. Though they didn't have anything at the time, they took my name and number. Shortly after, I received a call from them about a young pig who was brought to their sanctuary. A man was walking his dog in a park near Pittsburgh when he came across a group of boys beating something with sticks. He thought the animal was a puppy, and he marched over to rescue the dog. Much to his surprise, he discovered a young baby pig, which he promptly confiscated and turned in to the local sanctuary. I was elated! Sure I would drive over two hours to pick up the baby who would be the perfect companion for Janice, the crippled pig I recently rescued. The new piggy was christened with the name of his rescuer, and he officially became known as George the Pig. I never did learn George the rescuers last name, but I often silently thank him for stepping in and making a difference in the life of an abused animal.

It was still cold then, at the end of winter/very early spring. George was too young to be put outside and he had a few health issues. He came with mange. Yay. Multiple medicated baths in the bathtub with the little guy's ear-piercing screams that echoed in the small room was enough to give me second thoughts about what I just took in. You would have thought I was killing him with warm water and affection the way he would carry on.

At that time, I still owned and operated my bridal shop in Firestone Park in Akron. Not a horse *bridle* shop mind you — a wedding gown *bridal* shop. I couldn't put George outside



As a baby, George did NOT like his medicated baths to treat his mange.

while I went to work, so I started out by making him comfortable in my basement with plenty of blankets and fresh water and snacks. After all, there wasn't anything he could get into, *right?*

After a few days I came home from work to a disturbing story from my husband (I was married at the time). He came home from work and went to the basement to check on George. I had apparently left the door to the dryer open, and George decided that a pair of my jeans would make the perfect nesting material for his bed. He pulled them out of the dryer and began his special project. However, George managed instead to wiggle his way down the leg of my jeans and got himself stuck head first in the leg. My ex thought he'd have to cut the jeans apart to get George out, but luckily he was able to back George up and got the young pig safely un-stuck.

So the basement was now off-limits. I would try to quarantine him in my kitchen during the day while I was at work. After all, there wasn't anything he could get into the kitchen, *right?*

I came home that evening to an open cupboard and a white pig. Keep in mind that George was black. There was wall-to-wall flour, all over the floor and even covering the pig, and to add insult to injury, George had spilled his water bowl and wallered in it. The flour stuck to his eyes and eyelashes, and was caked on every inch of him. He looked like the Pillsbury Dough Pig. “*Bad pig. Bad bad pig,*” I scolded him. It didn't occur to me at the time that a pig could easily open cupboard doors and go exploring.

I took all the groceries off that shelf and safely put them up on a higher shelf. Now the kitchen was safe once again, *right?*

The next night I came home to a sweet pig. A very sweet pig. George had reared up on his tiny little hooves and man-

aged to reach the next highest shelf, and took out a bag of sugar. And of course, spilled his water

again. So this time, there was crystalized sugar dried onto the linoleum, and George was very happy. The sweet white crystals had apparently tasted much better than the white powdery stuff from the day before.

When warm weather finally arrived, George moved outdoors to be a friend for Janice, the beautiful soul who originally got me thinking about how to help other farm animals in situations of abuse and neglect here in Ohio. George was immediately annoying. Though he was too young to do anything, he needed neutered. He annoyed Janice to no end, and she very loudly voiced her displeasure at this new creature taking up space in her log cabin. After George was neutered, calmed down, and started to grow into an adult, the two became best friends. George eventually became “*boof*”. That was Janice's word for all that was good in the world. When she was happy, content, and loving life, she



George was always a sweet, bubbly pig who loved belly rubs.



Janice the pig, George's best friend, was the founder of Happy Trails.

would make very contented grunts that sounded like the word “*boof*”, if there ever was to be such a word.

As Janice got older and her arthritis got the best of her crooked legs, she

could no longer wander away from the safety and comfort of her log cabin. George would then go exploring the sanctuary and the courtyard, stop and visit with all the other animals, and eventually go back to the cabin to tell Janice stories and updates of how everyone was doing and what was going on that day. George was a true loyal friend to Janice. He was very boof.

Janice passed away in 2007, and being creatures of habit, George though lonely, did not want to leave the familiarity of his log cabin. He grieved for his dear friend and long-time companion. After a bit I decided we needed to integrate him into Piggerton Estates, a much larger pig shelter where George could make new friends and wouldn't have to be alone. This took some doing. George would stand by the fence, staring longingly across the yard at his cabin. It broke my heart to see him so

unhappy, yet I knew that once he settled in, his new friendships would do him a world of good. Eventually George did settle in and actually grew to like his new family.

Queenie, a beautiful pink pig, became his new best friend. They would snuggle, belly to belly, in the thick straw and take many afternoon naps as a couple. Queenie could never replace Janice in his heart, but he now had the comfort of being surrounded by other pig friends.

So this year, George turned 15 years old. That's a good old age for a pot belly pig. He was starting to have an assortment of health issues, and recently he and Queenie went to OSU (Ohio State University) in Columbus for check ups. George needed a few additional lumps and bumps to be checked out.

The vets decided to keep George for further testing. Staff member, Ashley Ehmann, made the very wise and compassionate decision to leave Queenie with him for the week for moral support. We were hoping for the best,

but honestly expecting the worst. Our fears were confirmed with both expected and unexpected news. George's lumps were indeed mast cells and he had cancer in multiple locations, in addition to a mass on his lung. An infection that had not showed itself on the outside had worked its way through his jaw bone and eaten away a portion of his jaw. His face was now swelling with the infection. Surgery was out of the question because George had been having an increasingly more difficult time with anesthesia as he was getting older, and the vet didn't anticipate he would come out of the anesthesia the next time. We are very cognizant of the quality of life of each of the animals, and we didn't want to put our precious George through more suffering. It was time to let him go.

Ashley and I traveled to Columbus on Thursday, May 29th, and spent several hours with George who was alert, active, and happy to see us.

He was having a good day. We fed him an entire bag of fruits and vegetables and apple sauce and peanut butter. George had become a rather cranky old man at times, but this was not one of those days. As I laid down in the soft, thick bed of straw next to George, he vigorously itched his head on my chest and snuggled backwards to be hugged. I wrapped my arms around him and cried into the bristly hair on his head. He was happy and content, but I was sad. I knew it was the right



Me and George, saying good-bye.

thing to do, but yet, this was George. George! George who has been an icon at Happy Trails, who has been there the longest, who meant such a great deal to me. I know it's never easy to let a beloved four-footed friend go, but George was especially difficult for me. It meant the passing of an era, an ushering in of a new phase for Happy Trails. It made me look at all the wonderful changes that have taken place at the sanctuary over the last 15 years. And it made me appreciate the fact that I had George in my life.

The names George and Janice had always gone together, like Bonnie and Clyde or Abbot and Costello. Now they are together again. My last request of George before he passed peacefully away, was that he come to meet me one day when it's my turn to pass into the world of the spirit. I know he heard me.



Ashley Ehmann and Queenie in the stall at OSU where Queenie kept George company.



We love you, George!

I believe he will be there along with Janice, and that moment will be very "boof".

Construction...Construction...Construction...

At the very second I am writing this article, an amazing amount of construction is taking place at Happy Trails. And the best thing is all the buildings will be up and in place just in time for the open house on Sunday, June 22nd. You will be able to see them and walk around inside the buildings. And in the multi-purpose building, you'll be able to go upstairs and check out the second floor. Though the shells and outer structure of the buildings will be complete, the insides of the buildings will open to your imagination as to where things like stalls, gates, doors and partitions are going to be built. Here's a run down of the three new buildings:

GOAT/SHEEP BARN

The new goat/sheep barn is going to replace the old barn that was destroyed by the fire in February. The old barn was smaller — 16'x32'. **We designed the new barn to be slightly bigger with a different layout to help ease any sad memories of the fire.** Insurance



No it doesn't seem like much to look at, but this is the base gravel laid out for the new goat/sheep barn which will be constructed before the open house.

covered a great deal of the barn reconstruction itself, but not costs such as re-wiring and electrical supplies nor all the cost to replace the internal structure such as the lumber and fencing for the stalls or the gates and doors in the stall areas. The goat/sheep barn is being built by Alpine Structures from Dundee, Ohio.

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MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

There was an old, run-down small barn of sorts that was on the property when we first bought it way back when. We straightened, patched, fixed, repaired, and patched some more until the building was beyond anything worth



John Rock and his crew filled in the concrete for the floor of the new two-storey multi-purpose building on Saturday, June 7th. On this project, no pigs got loose this time to run through the fresh cement....

continuing to repair. It was more cost effective and more efficient to tear it down and start from scratch. And that is just what we did.

The new barn will be a 2-storey, 24'x40' multi-purpose building. It is designed to house pot belly pigs as well as provide a small heated area for a mini-vet clinic for the sanctuary and also to provide storage on the second floor for animal-related supplies.

We plan to begin fundraising for this building as is it being constructed,

with naming rights and sponsorship opportunities available. The construction cost is \$26,000. The estimate to complete the inside of the building is \$15,000, and that will include the stalls, walls, heated vet clinic room and heated recovery stall, stall mats, electrical needs, lighting, and more incidentals.

This building, too, represents the future of Happy Trails. We will be able to provide a clean, dry environment for our field service vets to examine, treat and stitch up rescued animals in any type of weather. It will provide a heated recovery stall for those in need of an ICU. It will increase once again our level of

care and professionalism. This building was not something we simply hoped for — it is a necessity and will fill a crucial need in order for us to move forward and continue to improve the care and services we provide.

Like the goat/sheep barn, the building itself is being built by Alpine Structures of Dundee, Ohio. The concrete floor was poured by Rock Concrete and great guys on John Rock's concrete crew. John always does excellent concrete work. Feel free to give him a call at 330-352-7193 for a



The old barn shown here in the background is the building we just tore down. It was the original and only outbuilding on the property at that time. We had fixed it and repaired it again and again over the last fifteen years until we could repair it no more. This is my brother, Lenny Krasovic, and my mare Lexy and my pony, Chocolate Chip, back in 1999.

Construction...Construction...Construction...



concrete estimate. And a special thank you goes out to Patrick Excavating and Trucking at 5839 State Route 5 in Ravenna, for donating a tandem load of fill dirt for the base of the multiple purpose building.

COVERED ARENA

The new covered arena was made possible by many, many generous donors.

This new building is leading the way for the very future of Happy Trails. The 64'x120' arena will provide the opportunity for us to turn horses out for exercise and rehabilitation year-round in any type of weather. They will now have a roof for protection from cold rains, heavy snow, icy sleet or burning rays of

sun. The consistently dry sand footing will allow horses or other animals with bandaged hooves or casts on their legs to move about slowly and quietly at their own comfort level in an area where their bandage materials won't get wet. We can also now safely turn out a larger number of smaller animals in the event of a rescue where a group of goats, sheep, cows or

alpacas need to be examined and vet checked before being sent off to foster homes. Potential adopters will now have a safe and contained area to bond with an animal they may be interested in adopting. And the arena itself is going to help Happy Trails become more self-sustaining by providing a place to host educational workshops, clinics, semi-

nars and demonstrations geared toward animal care and kindness to animals. While providing these valuable programs we will be able to raise funds regularly for the rescued animals.

The building itself will be completed by the open house, but we may still be working on the electrical needs, seating and other incidentals (which we have not covered regarding funding yet).

The building was built by the KT Construction crew — very nice job Mr. Kenny Troyer!

So be prepared to share the excitement with us as we marvel at the new buildings, the meaning they hold for the future of the sanctuary, the lives that they will enable us to enrich, and the opportunities that they represent.

Many thanks to all the contractors who take care of Happy Trails and who do their very best to provide us with excellent quality products.

Awesome Job!

Thank you to

**John Rock and the
Rock Concrete
crew!**

For concrete needs,
call John at 330-352-7193

*A huge shout-out and
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*Thank you to dedicated, retired
certified commercial electrician
volunteer Bentley (Buzz) Hudson
for all your time and efforts
regarding the new buildings and
the electrical needs!*



A giant pile of sticks quickly turned into a magnificent building in no time at all. It was nothing short of amazing to watch the covered arena go up step by step, one board at a time. If you don't get to the openhouse (which we really hope you do), we'll put photos of the finished arena in the next edition of the newsletter. But there is nothing like seeing it in person!

Misc. Tidbits

Happy Trails Vegan Cookbook

We are once again putting together a vegan cookbook using recipes donated by you, our readers and supporters. If you have an animal-friendly (vegan) recipe you'd like to share with others, send it along with your name, contact info, and \$2 per recipe to help us offset the printing costs. We hope to have this printed by the holidays so everyone can give the gift of compassionate cooking and baking!



Cars 4 Causes is a charity that gives to charities. You can support Happy Trails by donating a

car, boat, motorcycle or RV. It's easy to do, and they handle all the details and logistics of the donation. For more information, go to www.cars4causes.net or call them at 888-592-2792.

Sanctuary Tours Begin!

Seasonal sanctuary tours normally are offered from May through October. Due to the construction this Spring, tours will be starting the last weekend in June and will be offered on Fridays, Saturday and Sundays.

Guided tours are \$20 per person, kids ages 5 and under are free, with a maximum of 6 people per group. Reservations are required. Call the office at 330-296-5914 for more information and to schedule your visit.

Meet the rescued animals up-close and personal. Hear their stories, give pigs belly rubs, pet the mini horses and hug the goats. We guarantee you will experience a heartwarming and inspiring educational tour or your money back.



Caught Doing A Good Deed

A group of 5th graders at East Wood Elementary School in Hudson chose Happy Trails to be part of their class project. The students created a lemonade stand to learn about business. A portion of their profits were earmarked to be donated to a local charity, and these compassionate kids chose Happy Trails! Many thanks to (left to right) Courtney McColley, Elizabeth Frapf, and Sabrina Geisle, for caring about rescued animals!

ANIMALS IN MOTION CHIROPRACTIC

"Paws, Claws and Hooves Welcome!"

Dr. Sara Jerman will be one of our guest speakers at the open house on Sunday, June 22nd. Learn about the benefits of chiropractic for *all* animals from dogs and cats to goat, alpacas, pigs, horses and more!

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Have you ever wanted to talk to a humane officer about how to report suspected animal abuse?

Are you curious as to how court cases work and what happens once someone's animals are removed from their home? Often people have questions: how long do animal abuse cases take in court? Do you ever have to give back any of the animals? Who pays for the care of the animals once you remove them? What if I want to remain anonymous when I report abuse? Will I have to testify in court if I report abuse? What are the steps a humane officer has to take in order to remove an abused or neglected animal?

Learn the answers to these questions and more by attending a special presentation by Geauga County's humane officer from Rescue Village, Christian Courtright, at Happy Trails Open House on June 22nd at 12:15 in tent #2. After the presentation, Christian will be available to answer questions and talk to everyone in person.

Thanks to our friends at Rescue Village for their support and for all of our cooperative efforts in working together, and a special thanks to Christian for donating his time to join us for the Open House. Education is the key to spreading kindness and compassion for all animals.

Be sure to check out their website at www.geaugahumane.org and please support their work. And opt to adopt! Rescue Village has a list of simply wonderful dogs waiting for a new home.

Seeking Foster Homes

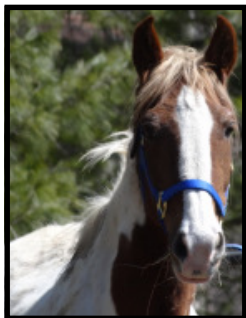
What county do you live in?

Happy Trails is setting up farm animal and equine foster homes in an assortment of counties in Ohio for emergencies as well as to assist with current rescues.

Foster homes must be able to follow animal care protocol provided by Happy Trails and work closely with the sanctuary regarding the health and well-being of that animal.

Foster homes are needed for:

- horses
- farm pigs
- pot belly pigs (indoor as well as outdoor)
- sheep
- goats
- roosters
- ducks and geese
- alpacas



We will consider approving a foster home in any county in Ohio, but we currently focusing on approving foster homes in:

- Columbiana -Portage
- Summit - Ashtabula
- Mahoning County

Basic criteria required to become a foster parent:

- Must have appropriate and safe shelter and fencing
- Take photos weekly and provide photo documentation
- Help promote the foster animal as available for adoption
- Have the time to spend with that animal to help it become social and more easily adoptable
- Foster homes able to assist with any care costs receive first consideration for fostering. This financial assistance allows us to help additional animals and put our own funding toward others in need.

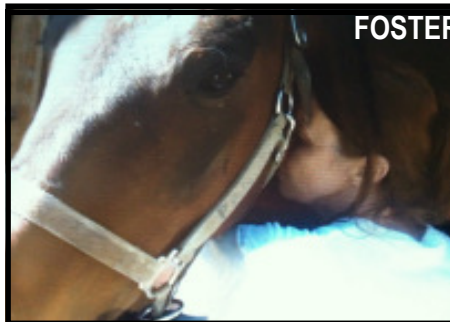
Foster homes often play a key role in animal rescue. These are people with the biggest hearts who truly want to provide the best care possible for a rescued animal. Their

reward is knowing that the animal in their care is safe and loved, and that when that animal gets

adopted, they have the opportunity to do it all over again and help another precious life in need. The participation of foster homes allows Happy Trails to make space avail-

able at the sanctuary for those who need us most. The worst of the worst cases. Those who are critical or may need special care. Being a foster parent takes a special person. Not everyone is cut out for it. If you feel you have what it takes to get involved in animal rescue, let us know. To learn more about our foster home program, call us at 330-296-5914 and ask to speak to staff member Ashley Ehmann.

FOSTER HOME TESTIMONIAL



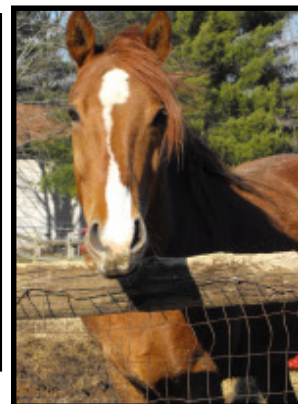
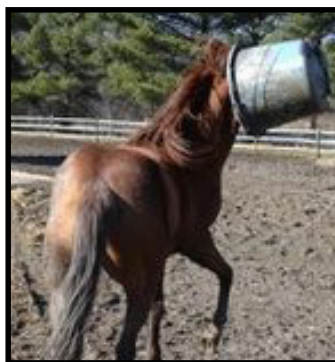
"I have been in the horse fostering program with HappyTrails for a few years now and I consider it to be one of the most rewarding things I have ever done in my life. I like to think that I have made a difference in these horses lives. When they arrive at Happy Trails for urgent care, I know that I need to be on my game because the next step will be me. I know how fragile these horses are

when they come into the picture, and I want to give it my all when they get here. I try my hardest to keep them clean, to help them gain back the few hundreds pounds that they were starved of, to show them all the love and patience my heart can give...My favorite part of the whole day is when they are all tucked in at night, fed, watered, hay bags full and they stop and stare at you, when they lean their head over the pipe gate and lay it on your shoulder, feeling the warm air from their nostrils sniffing your neck and hair and studying every part of your face, knowing they trust and accept you. It is their way of saying thank you. I know I am safe and cozy and you will never let anyone neglect or abuse me again. Horse foster care has been an amazing journey for our family. Not just me, my whole family contributes to their healing. We all work together as a team, cleaning stalls, scrubbing water troughs, brushing horses and spending one-on-one time with them. It truly is the most rewarding experience ever. A win-win for all!"

Sincerely, Janet Barber, Edinburg

Un-Adoptable? We don't believe so!

Some animals take longer than others to find the right fit for their adoptive home. Some people call them un-adoptable. We don't. *Everyone* is adoptable. There is a good person, a caring soul, out there for every single animal. It's just a matter of finding them. In each newsletter we'd like to feature an animal that might have a harder time finding the right home. With your help we can make it happen. Please spread the word. The right person is definitely out there. Thanks for helping us find them!



No, Austin didn't get his head stuck in the bucket. He wasn't looking for food because he was hungry. He was being, well...he was just being Austin, playing with the muck tub and balancing it on his own head. Austin has ringbone in all four feet and has to wear shoes permanently. He may be rideable for a very light rider who wants to play around the back yard, but he is mostly a pasture pal. He is the ultimate class clown, picking up things with his mouth and parading around with them. He thrives on attention and just wants a human of his own to love him. Help us find Austin the perfect home. For more info, call us at 330-296-5914.



We're Not *Kidding*!

More and more people are adopting goats and sheep as pets, and learning how rewarding it is to have these amazing creatures in their lives! Be sure to attend the “**Mad About Ewe**” presentation at the Open House on June 22nd at 1:45pm in tent #2. Happy Trails field service veterinarian, Dr. Randy Alger of Alger Vet Clinic, talks about goats and sheep as pets, the care they need, and answers all your questions!

Giving a shout out to our animal rescue friends in the world of dogs! Opt to adopt!



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Thanks to everyone who continues to save aluminum cans for Happy Trails and drop them off at our office. You can help care for our planet and raise money for the animals by simply putting your aluminum pop cans and beer cans in a bag and dropping them off at Happy Trails when you're in our area. There are recycle bins around the left side of the office near the fence. We collect many, many bags of aluminum cans and turn them in to the nearby recycling center. Some weeks we are amazed at the amount of money we receive when we turn in the cans. It sounds like something so



simple, yet turning in aluminum for recycling helps us be good stewards of our earth while also raising funds for the animals. One weeks worth of cans might pay for the vet bills of a

newly rescued

horse, grain for all the pot belly pigs, or supplies to fix a broken fence.

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Planned Giving • Wills • Trusts



Planned giving is a way to include Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary in your overall estate and financial plan. Depending on your giving strategy, there could be immediate or future tax benefits for you.

PLANNED GIVING OPTIONS:

Gift of cash

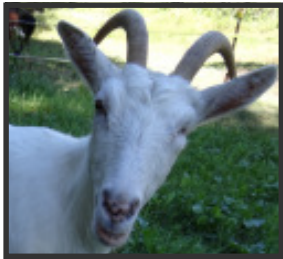
Gifts of cash provide an income tax deduction for the year in which the gift was given.

Wills and bequests

Bequests can be made in a new will, or an existing will can be easily amended to include a bequest to Happy Trails. An unrestricted bequest is one that allows Happy Trails to direct your gift where it will have the greatest impact. A restricted bequest allows you to designate what you would like the gift to be used for.

Gifts of Stock

Gifts of stock can be made in two ways. You can call your financial advisor and transfer shares of stock directly from your account to Happy Trails, or you can give stock certificates. You will receive a tax deduction for the full amount of the current value of the gift on the day on which the gift was given, and if the stock



has appreciated significantly, you will avoid paying the capital gains taxes due if you were to sell the stock.

Charitable Remainder Trust

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) enables you to give a highly appreciated asset, such as stock or vacation home, to a trust for which Happy Trails is the beneficiary (or one of several beneficiaries). In the trust document, you designate what income you want to receive from the trust. The CRT sells the gifted assets and reinvests the proceeds to provide you with income as stated in the trust document. You do not pay the capital gains tax on the sale of the appreciated asset, and you receive an immediate tax deduction for your gift to the trust. As a beneficiary of the CRT, Happy Trails receives the gift, or a portion of the gift, upon the death of those indicated in the trust document.

Charitable Lead Trust

A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) also allows you to gift a highly appreciated asset, such as a stock or a vacation home, to a trust for which Happy Trails is the beneficiary, or one of the beneficiaries. With a CLT, however, the beneficiary first receives distributions for a number of years as stated in the trust agreement. At the end of the stated time period, the remainder of the trust is distributed to whoever is designated in the trust document. Because the ultimate recipients of the trust proceeds

must wait a number of years before receiving the gift, the amount of the gift is calculated in a manner that could be extremely favorable to the donor. This strategy may be very effective in minimizing or eliminating the gift taxes that would be associated with an outright gift.

Life Insurance

If you would like to give an insurance policy directly to Happy Trails, and would like it to qualify as a gift with the IRS, you will need to make Happy Trails the owner and the beneficiary of the policy. If the policy is paid up, your charitable tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the replacement value of the policy, whichever is less. If the policy is not paid up, the premiums that you continue to pay on the policy would also qualify for charitable deductions. This is an extremely effective way to leverage your gift to Happy Trails. Depending on your individual situation, incorporating an Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust (ILIT) into your plan may also be beneficial.



We are happy to discuss your charitable objectives with you. If you have questions, please contact Happy Trails representative Attorney Alan G. Segedy at 330.434.1166 or via email at AlanGSegedy@juno.com

At the Happy Trails Open House, be sure to visit...

- ...Natasha and Odessa, our two visitation goats who survived the barn in February
- ...Mona Lisa, Garfunkle, Cisco and Celita, four of the big 1,000 lb. farm pigs
- ...At least one of the 18 mini-workshops or demonstrations being presented
- ...George and Janice's gravesite next to their log cabin. To know Happy Trails is to know about Janice and George.
- ...the cockfighting rooster barn to pet one of the ex-cockfighters
- ...and get to know our staff, volunteers and members of our board of directors.

The animal rescue services Happy Trails provides for the rescued animals and for our communities include the gifts of peace, healing, safety, and second chances. We have a strong faith that working together we can make great things happen. **Happy Trails is built on cooperative efforts, integrity, honesty, openness, transparency, and the belief that all life has value.** We believe that through education, people will make kinder and more compassionate choices in their daily lives to eliminate the mistreatment of animals in our society and to care for the world in which we live. We also believe that people found guilty of animal abuse should be held accountable for their actions in a court of law.

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checked for a possible back injury.

Akron

Also from Summit County came Gracie the stray hen from the

Akron area. Gracie is available for adoption, so if you have room for one more hen in your yard, please contact us to adopt Gracie!

Kokomo, Indiana

Happy Trails often assists with rescues in other states.

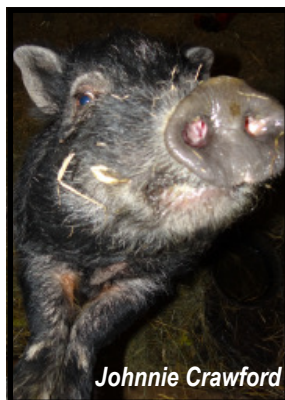
Recently we welcomed Kokomo the pot belly pig from Pals for Paws, the Humane Society of



Kokomo, Indiana. The amazing little man was originally a house pig, but when he got "too big" at 90 lbs., he was dumped outside. He had a very small fenced in area with just a tarp for a shelter. When the polar vortex hit in January, the temperature was in the negative digits and the ten month old Kokomo was surrounded by snow, sleeping on the cold ground. Thank God for Pals for Paws who stepped in and rescued him. They cared for him, got him neutered, and then contacted Happy Trails. Kokomo has been voted most outgoing and friendliest by all the other pigs in Piggerton Estates. He is a terribly hairy beast who will steal your heart in a second. If you have an outdoor piggy who needs a friend, you must absolutely meet Kokomo.

Crawford County

Police picked up a stray pot belly pig in Crawford County and turned him over to their local humane society, who in turn, contacted Happy Trails. Johnny Crawford



can be just as sweet as he can be opinionated (just like people). Johnnie Crawford now resides at Happy Trails, hoping someone will choose him to be part of their family!

Lake County

Willy the goose came to Happy Trails through Penitentiary Glenn Wildlife Center in Lake County, where he was found as a stray. Then we discovered he was a she,

so it is Wilhelmina who was recently adopted and she now has a very loving mom and a beautiful, big fenced pond for her swimming pleasure.



On The Horizon

Several animal intakes are in the works — a retiring Haflinger mare coming to us through Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program, and an 18 year old Standardbred gelding also retiring from an Amish farm; an Arab pony mare from Crawford County; a smaller paint stud from Columbiana County; and a mini-horse gelding waiting to come into Happy Trails rescue program and should be arriving any day from Crawford County. The mini is immediately available for adoption, so if you are interested in an adorable little tiny mini guy, give us a call - 330-296-5914.

When you adopt a horse or other farm animal from Happy Trails, did you know that you are actually saving two lives?

It's true!

When you adopt a horse or other farm animal from Happy Trails, you are giving a loving, caring home to the animal you are adopting, while you are opening up space at the sanctuary for us to help the next victim of abuse. We are very cognizant of not overcrowding our facility or taking on more animals than we have the financial and human resources to care for them properly. When you adopt a rescued animal into your home, you immediately create an avenue for us to assist the next humane officer or law enforcement agency who calls requesting our assistance with a farm animal abuse, neglect or abandonment call.

Please consider opening your heart and home to adopt a rescued farm animal today! Call us at 330-296-5914 for more information, or go to our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

RECENTLY ADOPTED

These are a few of the animals who recently were adopted by people with big hearts, open minds, and caring souls. God bless them for adopting:

Virgil, the baby goat

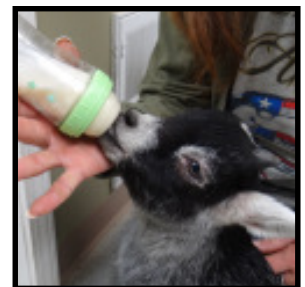
Ella, the blind goat

Olga, the Hen

Milagro, an Arab-mix gelding

Super-Hero, the Standardbred gelding

Wilhelmina, the goose



Opt To Adopt!

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MOTORCYCLE RUN THANK YOU's!

Here's a shout-out to everyone who participated in the Compassion In Motion Charity Ride in May, which was held at Carlson Harley Davidson in Mantua! Thanks to our riders, volunteers alike! We had a beautiful day, with great sandwich wraps thanks to the many of hours of labor donated by Melissa DelSigore and her crew, and cookies donated by Ilona Urban and Dora Foldi. Thanks to Karena DeLuca and her crew for organizing the run. Proceeds will benefit both Happy Trails and Pawsibilities, the Greater Akron Humane Society.



Fuel — a big expense

Happy Trails uses fuel, and a lot of it. We use it for our rescue trucks, our dump truck, our farm machinery, lawn mowers, weed eaters, and chain saws.

We are always traveling to one county or another, transporting rescued animals away from a bad situation, to a foster home, to a vet clinic, or to OSU in Columbus. Sometimes county agencies



simply call us for transportation help. They may have the space or a foster home available for a rescued animal, but no way to get it there. Sometimes we drive out of Ohio to help another state with a rescue. We pick up grain every weekend, hay or straw that is being donated, and supplies for the sanctuary. We use the Bobcat skidsteer to move heavy things, load manure into the dump truck, smooth out the drive-ways, and dig up stumps. The chain saws are always running to take care of downed trees and broken limbs; the weed-eaters and lawn mowers are always humming and cutting grass. So we do go through quite a bit of fuel.

Folks often ask what we need the



most. Fuel cards come to mind. We purchase both gasoline and diesel depending on what vehicle or piece of equipment is in use. It takes nearly \$100 to fill up the tank in the ¾ ton logo truck. It takes nearly \$300 to fill up the tank with diesel fuel in the dump truck.

If you want to take up a collection where you work, collecting fuel cards would be a great idea and very much appreciated.

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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

- Donate on-line via PayPal at www.happytrailsfarm.org
- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

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Return to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary
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Want to become a *monthly* donor?

Simply fill out the donation form above and include this coupon!

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☐ Please send me pre-addressed envelopes so I can send in a monthly check.



"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do."

- Apple Computers

(left) Bud Herdlicka, who donated over 40 labor to replace the blown engine in the Happy Trails dump truck. Bud changed our world.





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People often want to get involved with farm animal rescue but don't know how. If you are not able to volunteer at the sanctuary itself, don't let that keep you from getting involved in a hundred other ways! Don't ever think that you can only do something small - there is no such thing. Everyone doing what you think is a small part adds up to a big difference!

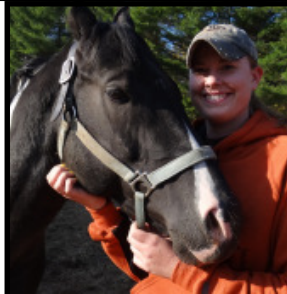
Here are few ways you can make a difference in the lives of animals in a big, big way.

- Adopt a rescued animal. It doesn't have to be from Happy Trails. Adopt an animal from any rescue shelter and save a life. And while you are saving that life, remember that you are also saving a second life by opening space at that facility for them to help the next animal in need.

- Become a foster parent. Foster parents hold a special place in heaven for loving the animals enough to let

them go on a regular basis.

- Become a monthly donor. No amount is too small. \$5 per month would purchase a bale of straw for bedding for a tired, weak rescued farm animal to lay down in and rest.
- Donate items from the wish list of any animal rescue or humane society.
- Help promote fundraisers and special events by handing out fliers or setting out information in the area where you live
- Sponsor a project that speaks to you.
- Sponsor the care of an animal that you might not be able to adopt, but you want to see him recover and find a loving, permanent home



"One person can make a difference. In fact, it's not only possible for one person to make a difference, it's essential that one person makes a difference. And believe it or not, that person is you."

Bob Riley

Need to brainstorm on how you can get involved with Happy Trails? Call us at 330-296-5914.

Our Mission

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and provides an adoption program for abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, potbelly pigs, farm pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats, and cows. Happy Trails serves the entire state of Ohio and any other state requesting our help, and works in cooperation with county humane societies, animal protective leagues, and local and state law enforcement officers. Animals in our program must have been removed from a situation of abuse, neglect or abandonment by law officials, and cruelty charges must be filed against the person(s) responsible for the crime.