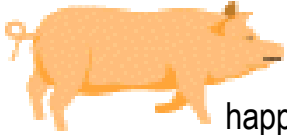


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

March 2015



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Spring is in the air... It's time to adopt!



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letter from the director

Progress...

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

2015 is the 15 year anniversary of the creation of Happy Trails. Serving 15 years as a non-profit organization in the animal rescue business is nothing to sneeze at.

The growth and expansion of Happy Trails as an organization is known as *progress*. However, with progress comes challenges and new obstacles to overcome. It is a constant learning curve with glitches and bumps in the road. However, those glitches often fine-tune us and help us strive to be the best we can be. Growing pains include finding the right, experienced people for the right staffing needs; coming up with new systems, policies and procedures; arranging for care and maintenance of new property; all while being budget conscious and good stewards of our funding. Sometimes we learn by trial and error. Most of the time we try our very best to learn from our mentors, the larger and more established animal sanctuaries and welfare organizations. Their experience, mentorship and guidance is invaluable. Happy Trails has the advice and direction of those we strive to be like across the country, and we realize what a unique opportunity that is for us.

Over the past 15 years, many dedicated supporters have watched the sanctuary grown and prosper, and continue to be amazed at the work we accomplish, the services we provide, and the lives we touch with the resources available to us. You, our donors



and benefactors, are the reason so much has been accomplished over the past 15 years. With the increase of donations and support with every passing year, we can continue to raise our level of professionalism, provide additional training for our staff, improve the details of our outreach programs, and handle upgrades for our facilities. I don't know if we will ever be perfect, but I can assure you that we do try very hard and accomplish a great with the resources, both financial and human, that we have to work with. I am quite proud of our progress, and look forward to continuing to make improvements and help Happy Trails work toward being the best we can possibly be.

I hope to meet and greet many of you at our upcoming "Night of Hope and Inspiration" to be held on March 21st at Todaro's Party Center in Akron. It's an amazing event and details can be found on page 5. If you want to be inspired, enjoy a great evening with like-minded, caring people, and show your support, then please plan to join us!

With all of us working together, we are addressing animal abuse of *all* animals in a big way. Thank you for caring!

*With kindness and compassion for
all animals,*

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Annette".

Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Why should you get involved in animal rescue?
Consider the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

***"The ultimate tragedy is not the brutality of the
bad people, but the silence of the good people."***

Martin Luther King, Jr.

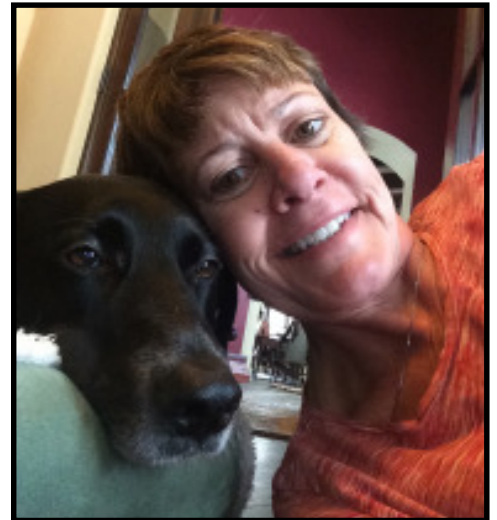


Meet Happy Trails Board Member, Loretta Samaniego

Happy Trails welcomed several new members to our Board of Directors, and you will get to meet two of them in this newsletter.

All of our new board members bring a great deal of professionalism, experience, and dedication to the mission of Happy Trails, and we are looking forward to working with them.

Please help us extend a warm welcome to new board member, Loretta Samaniego!



**Loretta Samaniego and her best friend,
the very handsome Dexter.**

Loretta is an emergency room doctor (people doctor that is) and loves taking care of patients. She said, "I am crazy about animals, all kinds, and wish I could rescue every animal in the world."

In her spare time, Loretta likes to cuddle with Dexter, garden, paint and travel.

A former resident of California, Loretta is getting to experience Ohio's four seasons with our extra dose of bitter cold temperatures this Winter.

You can meet her in person at the upcoming "Night of Hope and Inspiration". We are thrilled to have Loretta "on board" at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary. Welcome Loretta!

Summit County Horse Rescue

A mass rescue of 14 horses took place during the bitter cold spell that hit Northeast Ohio on Thursday, February 19th. Pawsibilities, the Greater Akron

Humane Society, requested Happy Trails assistance to remove horses from a severe neglect situation in the Akron area.



A Happy Trails rescue worker chose to name this horse "Bentley". Bentley is one of the 14 horses removed from the neglect situation in Summit County.

The Humane Society plans to file cruelty charges against the owners. As this case is under investigation, we cannot share a lot of details at this time, but hope to have that opportunity in the next newsletter edition.

All 14 horses are receiving proper vet care.

The veterinary, medical, nutrition, and daily care for an additional 14 horses is astronomical. Many horses required radiographs, ultrasounds, vaccinations, hoof trimming and treatment, wound care, and had other special needs.

All donations toward the care of these horses are very much appreciated and are tax-deductible.

To help with the care of this mass number of horses, the following donations are helpful:

- Monetary donations to pay for medical expenses and hoof trims
- Hay that can be delivered - square or round bales.
- Gift cards to feed stores where bags of grain can be purchased.
- Horse halters and lead ropes
- Bags of pelleted bedding
- Bales of straw
- Gas/Fuel cards to help cover the transportation expenses of the rescue and also hauling several of the horses to equine hospitals

To make a monetary donation toward their care, you may do so through the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org; mail a check with a note that the funds are to be used for the "Summit County Horse Rescue" to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266; or call the office at 330-296-5914.

To arrange a hay or straw delivery, or to drop off other donations, call the office at 330-296-5914.

Be sure to watch the Happy Trails website for details to unfold as this case progresses.

New Barn Plaque Commemorates the Feb. 14th, 2014 Barn Fire

On Valentine's Day 2014, Happy Trails had a devastating barn fire destroy the goat/sheep barn, where four precious lives were lost. A dedication ceremony at the new barn on the anniversary of the fire included honoring those lives with a plaque hung on the barn in their memory. The new barn is dedicated to Venus and Serena the goats, Jason the rooster, and Rico Suave, the pot belly pig.



Happy Trails Board Member, Walter Shields, wrote the verse and handled production of the commemorative plaque. The plaque was unveiled this year at the one-year anniversary ceremony on Saturday, February 14th.

The plaque reads:

"On February 14, 2014, a tragic barn fire occurred at this location. We lost four precious animals who were part of our farm animal community.

This new barn is dedicated to lady goats Serena and Venus, Rico Suave the potbelly pig and Jason the rooster.

Your spirits and memories will always be a part of Happy Trails. Let this barn be a testament to a new beginning with a love that will always endure."

Meet Happy Trails Board Member, Gina Fortunato

After 15 years in a leadership role with Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Gina Fortunato followed her dream of working in the animal health industry where she serves as National Sales Director for Hartville Pet Insurance Group, providers of the ASPCA Pet Health Insurance plans. She loves helping pet owners keep their furry friends healthy. In her free time, she volunteers to walk dogs at local shelters and helps raise awareness for breast cancer. Gina has three horses and several cats that have made their home in her barn (and she is happy to take care of them!) We are excited to welcome Gina to Happy Trails Board of Directors!



Gina Fortunato and her horse friend, Beauty!

Private Meet and Greet Cocktail Reception Added for A Night of Hope



We added something extra for "A Night of Hope and Inspiration"!

You can now join us from 4pm to 5pm for a private cocktail reception and have the opportunity to personally meet and get to know our very special guest speakers and members of Happy Trails Board of Directors for only \$30!

Guest speakers **Timy Sullivan** (Board Member of Best Friends Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah); **Katie Costello** (animal behavior specialist, founder of K-9's for Compassion, owner of the Learning Dog Training and Enrichment Center and trainer of animals for people with disabilities); **Mary Jane Brigger** (Reiki Master and Teacher, Owner of Soul Care Experience, and works with energy healing); **Ken Aberegg** (equine expert extraordinaire, equine trainer, former show judge and riding instructor) and **Annette Fisher** (Happy Trails founder and director, and advocate of connecting people with animals), will be available to chat, answer questions, and get to know you. Board members will also be on hand to do the same!

Enjoy the VIP Cocktail hour for only \$30 with unlimited drinks.

Reserve your VIP ticket today by calling Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

*We invite you
to join us for*

A Night OF HOPE and INSPIRATION



A Night of Hope and Inspiration is an amazing, inspiring event designed to lift your spirits and focus on all the good and positive things that have come about through Happy Trails.

Sat., March 21st, 2015 • Todaro's Party Center
1820 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH

Tickets \$55 per person • Doors Open 5pm

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres 5:30pm • Special Presentation 6:30pm

A special animal-friendly menu created exclusively for this event by Todaro's features heavy vegan hors d'oeuvres and scrumptious desserts.

**Music • Inspiring Guest Speakers • Chinese Raffle
Wine Pull • Lottery Forrest • Mystery Grab Bags • Prizes**

Guest Speakers

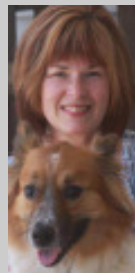
Hear heart-warming stories of how rescued farm animals have impacted and changed people's lives. See a complete write up of the guest speakers on-line at www.happytrailsfarm.org



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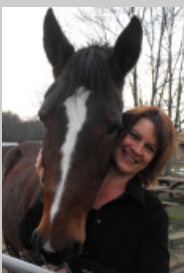
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ANNETTE

Timy Sullivan, a Leader in the World of Animal Rescue; Board of Directors Member of Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, Utah; Writer

Katie Costello, Owner of the Learning Dog Training and Enrichment Center; Founder of K-9's for Compassion; CVT; CPDA-KA; Trains Service Animals for People with Disabilities

Ken Aberegg, Professional Equine Trainer; Riding Instructor; Show Judge

Mary Jane Brigger, Reiki Master/Teacher; Certified Body Story Expert; Owner of Soul Care Experience; Works with Energy Healing

Annette Fisher, Happy Trails Founder/Executive Director

Purchase Tickets

- On-line at www.happytrailsfarm.org
- By phone with a credit card — 330-296-5914

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Tribute to Ellen the Hen



Often the rescued animals touch our lives and find a special place in our hearts. It doesn't matter how big or small, furry or feathered, friendly or grumpy, they work their magic and we are hooked.

Recently we lost a very special little lady by the name of Ellen. She came from a hideous situation of

neglect in Columbiana County. This frail sweet-heart thoroughly enjoyed her life at Happy Trails taking sunbaths, napping with friends, and getting hugs from her human companions.

She would

let visitors and volunteers alike simply pick her up, hold her and enjoy her good energy. She loved people and was very much loved in turn.

Here is a tribute by Happy Trails tour guide, Ilona Urban, for the sweet little hen who was de-beaked at some point in her life.

"I'll always remember the beautiful summer day when Annette and Ashley and I sat under the tree in the yard and ate our usual healthy lunch of cookies and chips left over from the Open House. Ellen joined us on the table and we all fed her little bits of food and took turns holding her and loving her. I cannot count how many lives she must have touched in her time with us. She was the 'go-to-girl' on tours as she waited so politely to be picked up and seemed to love the attention everyone gave her. I am sure she has changed more than a few minds on what a chicken is. They are not a meal or a nugget but living breathing animals with personalities and feelings. Our sweet Ellen was all that and more. Enjoy the spirit world my dear friend. I know she is pecking the ground with a whole beak and scooping up goodies she could only dream of before. Ellen, you were so loved!"

Pay it Forward Project Lead by University of Akron Students Pays Off!

A group of college students at the University of Akron chose Happy Trails as their non-profit of choice in a competition class project. Their goal as a team was to showcase the work of Happy Trails and show how \$1,000 would be used for educational purposes. Happy Trails staff member and tour guide, Ilona Urban, served as a sanctuary advisor for the students. They did a remarkable job, and won \$1,000 to be put toward the printing of tour brochures to promote our educational tours for 2015. Many thanks to this amazing group of students (see photo at top right).



(Left to right) Happy Trails staff member, Ilona Urban, University of Akron students — Amira Smith, Nick Vigorito, Mikehl Dunn, Daija Blanchard and Merideth Paparone. Ilona Urban and Sandy the rooster were on hand at the presentation at the university and gratefully accepted the donation on behalf of Happy Trails.

A Variety of Internships at Happy Trails Provide Opportunities for Students

Tammy Lepley, a student at Mt. Union College, will be graduating in 2015 with a Major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology and Sociology.

One of her internship experiences included working with Happy Trails Director, Annette Fisher, to put together a training presentation to provide law enforcement officers with information that would help them to successfully handle farm animal abuse cases.

Tammy, a former police officer for Marlboro Township and a staff member of the security force for Mt. Union College, had the opportunity to participate in an animal rescue and cockfighting raid during her internship, was able to take and complete Humane Officer

training for Ohio, and together with Annette presented an animal abuse training seminar to a group of police officers from various police departments.

One of Tammy's favorite quotes that she included in her final report is from Martin Luther King, Jr. — *"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."*

To inquire about internships



Tammy Lepley and Happy Trails Director, Annette Fisher, at Tammy's Senior Culminating Experience presentation at Mt. Union College. This special student presentation integrated her internships with everything she had learned through her classes at Mt. Union.

call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. Internships may be also be available in marketing and fundraising, animal care, or administrative work.

Tribute to Zinger

Every once in a while an animal who has been an icon at Happy Trails crosses the Rainbow Bridge, illustrating the passing of time and the ending of yet another era.

Recently Zinger the pot belly pig was one of those animals. Zinger had been with us since about 2005 or so, and I remember when he came in. He had been removed from a situation of neglect in Southern Ohio by the Ohio SPCA. He lived outdoors in an area where flooding had occurred, and his dog house he had for a shelter had flooded as well. Zinger's owner did not solve the flooding problem, and with cold weather coming in, the water in his dog house froze and he had ice for a floor to lay on. He was removed from this situation by humane officers and eventually brought to Happy Trails, where he lived out the rest of his life.

There appears to be more neglected pot belly pigs than there are people coming forward who want to adopt them. Zinger was never chosen by a family to adopt, and he lived his life with his other pig friends at the sanctuary. This past Fall Zinger lost his best pig friend, Willis the pig. They were inseparable, and Zinger grieved the passing of his little buddy. I believe Willis was waiting for Zinger to help him cross the Rainbow Bridge into a world where he can now enjoy cool mud puddles, leisurely naps in the sun, and lots of soft grass to root for treasures that only pigs know about.

Watching some of the older animals who have been with us for many years live out their lives and pass on into the world of the spirit hits home and reminds us that time



Zinger was known for his impressive mohawk, a stripe of hair down his back that was long and thick. This was very unique for a pot belly pig.

is going by quickly. I hope Zinger enjoyed his life at the sanctuary with belly rubs, special treats, and pig friends to snuggle with in thick piles of hay on cold winter nights. Zinger - we'll miss you little buddy! And tell Willis we miss him too.

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Kids, Adults and Seniors Adopt Ex-Cockfighting Roosters

Who says there isn't a home for every animal? Often the ex-cockfighting roosters make the best pets. They



have been adopted by adults, senior citizens, and children. Yes, you read that right! One of those lucky roosters is Sandy (*shown at left*) with his new-found friend and adoptive kid, Leland. Talk about teaching kids compassion at a young age. What better way to teach kindness to all

animals than to help them adopt a rescued animal as a pet — especially one that had been forced to fight. What a miraculous ending for this very lucky chicken (and his favorite boy!).

8 Beagles Found Homes Thanks to Happy Trails New Admin Assistant!

New administrative staff member, Amanda Fowler, saved the day and found rescue organizations to help find homes for a group of

taken responsibility for the care of these Beagles at <http://www.gofundme.com/n1h9cg>
All dog rescue organizations appreciate your support!



(Above) Amanda Fowler waits with one of the rescued Beagles in the vet clinic at West Park Animal Hospital.

eight Beagles living in Happy Trails neighborhood in Ravenna. Thanks to Amanda who arranged for the outdoor dogs to be accepted into several rescue programs, just in time for the temperatures to dip into the negative digits that week-end. A special thank you goes out to volunteer Cindy Dilley who helped transport the dogs safely to the vet clinic.

The Beagles were accepted into several rescue programs thanks to the incredible efforts of Anna Merriman, founder of Mutts in a Rut Rescue.

All dogs needed spayed or neutered, updated on vaccinations, nails trimmed, dewormed, and one tested positive for heartworm and is being treated accordingly.

Amanda set up a funding site to help raise money for the animal rescue organizations who have

Many thanks to Mutts in a Rut Rescue, Fido's Companion Rescue, West Park Animal Hospital, Friendship Animal Protective League in Lorain, Berea Animal Rescue Friends, and Hartman's Hounds Rescue.

What an amazing group effort!



• West Park Animal Hospital

216-252-4500
www.westparkanimalhospital.com
4117 Rocky River Dr.
Cleveland, OH 44135

• Hartman's Hounds Rescue
440-984-7014

Like Hartman's Hounds on FB!
1515 W. 12th St.
Amherst, OH 44001

• Mutts in a Rut
<http://muttsinarutrescue.wix.com/miar>



• Fido's Companion Rescue
www.fidoscompanion.com
PO Box 518, Avon, OH 44011



• Berea Animal Friends Rescue
440-234-2034

www.bereaanimalrescue.com
390 Barrett Rd.
Berea, OH 44017

• Friendship Animal Protective League
440-322-4321
www.friendshipapl.org
8303 Murray Ridge Rd.
Elyria, OH 44035



ADOPTION INFORMATION

To inquire about adopting one of these Beagle/Basset mix guys (or gals - there are four of each!) contact any of the dog rescue organizations listed here. Each dog has their own unique personality and needs!

DONATION INFORMATION

To donate for the care of these eight Beagles, go to <http://www.gofundme.com/n1h9cg> or send a check directly to any of the rescue groups listed here and earmark the donation for the Happy Trails Beagles.

Meet the Horse Health Guest Speakers

Happy Trails' dream has been to host an Education Center where people can learn more about animals, their care, and other animal-related topics. This dream has recently become a reality with the acquisition of property adjoining Happy Trails current facility on New Milford Road in Ravenna.

We are offering a series of animal care education classes that include a wide variety of topics on horse health. This animal care series will provide valuable information for farm pet owners while helping Happy Trails raise funds to care for the abused and neglected animals in our rescue and rehab program.

We'd like to introduce you to the experts who are teaching the horse classes. Meet...



...Dr. Mike Geiger, the owner of Horizon Equine Veterinary Services located at 11001 Ashland Road in Wooster (Wayne County).

Dr. Geiger has worked with Happy Trails for many years and has treated rescued horses at Happy Trails facility as well as rescues in Wayne and Holmes Counties. Established in 1999, Horizon Equine was the first veterinarian service in the Wooster area to exclusively focus on the medical care of horses. Doc Geiger has given presentations at Happy Trails Amish Horse Health Seminars held in Holmes County. He is an avid fan of draft horses and has provided much guidance for us regarding their care.

**www.horizonequine.net
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...Ed Cigany, the farrier who serves as the equine podiatrist for the Equine Specialty Hospital located at 17434 Rapids Road in Burton.

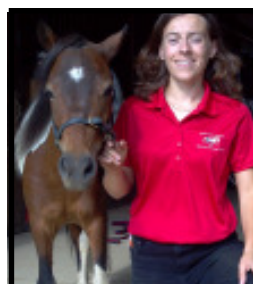
Ed specializes in hoof injuries with a special interest in therapeutic shoeing. He graduated from Western's School of Horseshoeing. Attendance at the annual Bluegrass Laminitis Symposium, the Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot Conference, the International Hoof Care Summit, the annual American Farrier Convention, and the annual Cornell University Farrier's Conference, has given Ed the expertise necessary to shoe horses with laminitis and other injuries and diseases.

**www.equinespecialtyhospital.com
440-834-0811**



...Dr. Holly Troche, owner of North Coast Equine Wellness Services, an equine veterinarian specializing in chiropractics for horses.

Dr. Troche has helped Happy Trails address lameness issues and arthritis concerns regarding quite a few Happy Trails rescued horses over the years and has taught us a great deal about the benefits of chiropractics and making the horses as comfortable as possible. She is currently an assistant professor in the veterinary technology program at Tri-C. **330-465-4234**



BUCKEYE VETERINARY SERVICE

...Dr. Averil Sauder who works with Buckeye Veterinary Service located at 16295 Claridon Troy Road in Burton.

Dr. Sauder has assisted us with everything from teeth floating to chemo injections for cancer and everything in between. Dr. Sauder graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology and shortly after attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine where she received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. The good folks at Buckeye Vet Clinic have worked with Happy Trails for many years examining and treating the rescued horses in our equine program.

**www.buckeyevet.org
440-834-8821**



...Dr. Sasha Hill who works with Cleveland Equine Clinic located at 3340 Webb Road in Ravenna.

Dr. Hill works with Happy Trails and the rescued horses on a regular basis. She attended Otterbein University for her undergraduate degree in Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Equine Science and graduated from the Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Her special interests include lameness, ophthalmology and internal medicine.

**www.clevelandequine.com
330-422-0044**

Equine Spring Education Classes at Happy Trails

With the addition of our new Education Center, Happy Trails will be offering a variety of affordable animal-related classes throughout the year for both fun and educational purposes. These classes will include everything from animal care and animal welfare to animal-art classes and animal-friendly cooking classes.

The complete list of classes, workshops, seminars and clinics will be posted on the Happy Trails website as they are confirmed, so be sure to check the website regularly at www.happytrailsfarm.org.

The Equine Education Classes are the first classes scheduled, and we have an amazing line-up of veterinarians and horse health professionals teaching the classes. Both beginner horse owners and experienced horse owners alike are sure to benefit from learning more about your horse's health.

If you are even thinking of owning a horse, be prepared and do your research, and make sure you understand the huge responsibility that comes with horse ownership. These classes will give you insight as to horse health issues, nutrition, deworming protocols, hoof care, dentistry (yes it's crucial you take

care of your horse's teeth!) and a host of other health concerns.



EQUINE HEALTH CLASSES — THURSDAY NIGHTS

All Happy Trails horse-health classes will be held on Thursday nights from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Cost for each horse health class is \$7 per person, or sign up for the entire Spring series of six classes for \$36 and get one class free!

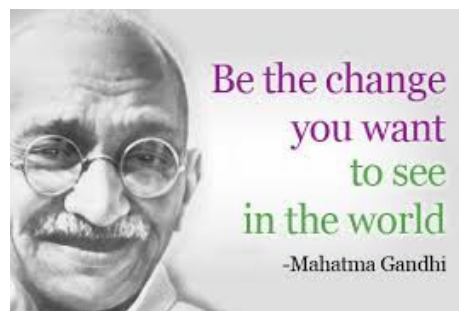
Call 330-296-5914 to register - Class size is limited.

Classes will be held at Happy Trails new Education Center located at 5661 New Milford Road, two doors North of Happy Trails Sanctuary.

Date	Guest Speaker	Horse Health Topic
April 23	Dr. Mike Geiger, DVM Horizon Equine Clinic in Wayne County	Basic Horse Health and Care of the Senior Horse
May 7	Dr. Holly Troche, DVM	Parasites and Colic - Prevention, Signs and Treatment
May 21	Ed Cigany, Blacksmith Hoof Injury Specialist	"No Hoof, No Horse" Intro to Hoof Health Anatomy of the hoof, The importance of proper hoof care
June 4	Ed Cigany, Blacksmith Hoof Injury Specialist	Advanced Hoof Health Pathology, Injuries, Founder/Laminitis
June 18	Dr. Averil Sauder, DVM Buckeye Veterinary Service	Equine Dentistry The link between dentistry and overall horse health
July 2	Dr. Sasha Hill Cleveland Equine Clinic	Eye Health Uveitis - Diagnosis and Treatment

Pre-registration is required, and you can do so by calling Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914.

Many thanks to our guest speakers who are donating their time to provide education for horse owners and who are helping Happy Trails raise funds for the horse rescue program.



Roosters Available for Adoption

There are quite a few roosters and hens available for adoption. With warm weather just around the corner, it's time to add to your feathered friends family and give an animal in need a wonderful, caring home! Here are just several of *many* roosters looking for a special family to call their own! For adoption information on roosters and hens, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



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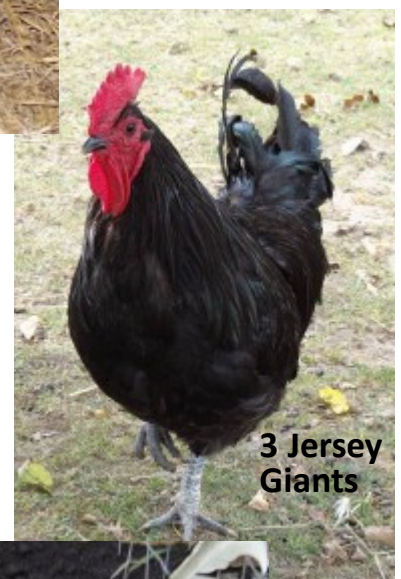
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Lisa Merrick
lpres@yahoo.com
 330-825-6367

Meet Staff Member, Hope Evans

Getting to know Happy Trails includes getting to know our staff, volunteers and board members, and their role in the organization.

Meet Hope Evans, a staff member who works in marketing and special promotions and is out there in the community representing Happy Trails with requests for sponsors and donations. Hope is truly dedicated to the rescued animals and feels passionately about the mission of the sanctuary.

When asked what motivates her in her work Hope said, *"I love being part of such a wonderful organization because the animals otherwise do not have a voice."*

If you plan to join us for "A Night of Hope and Inspiration" on March 21st and you are in awe of the amazing raffle items donated to raise money, Hope is probably responsible for about 90% of the items coming in.

Here is a list of some of the special promotions that Hope is directly responsible for. If you would like more information about any of these areas and would like to get involved in promoting Happy Trails, you can contact Hope directly on her cell at 330-212-9313.

Donation Boxes

Donations boxes are placed in high-traffic businesses or lobbies where they can collect donations for the rescued animals. Hope can set up an acrylic donation box for your business or work area and provide more details about the donation box program. This way of getting involved in animal rescue requires very little time or effort on your part, and is a great way to help pay for vet expenses, grain, hay, straw and other daily needs of the rescued animals!

Community Partners Newsletter Distribution Program

Whenever a new edition of the



Hope Evans gets a hug from Jolie the pot belly pig on a cold-but-sunny Winter morning at the sanctuary.

newsletter comes out, our Community Partners agree to set out about eight to ten newsletters in their lobbies or waiting areas to help provide reading materials for clients, customers or patients who may have to wait for an appointment. This gives people something to do as well as helps to promote Happy Trails. It's a great way of helping animals get adopted, encouraging donations for the sanctuary, and promoting our upcoming events. Contact Hope if you are interested in becoming a Community Partner and can help distribute newsletters to the members of your organization or can set out newsletters in your place of business.

Raffle Items

Happy Trails collects items throughout the year that might be appropriate to use in our fundraiser raffles or auctions. These items might be something small and silly to use in mystery grab bags or they might be more valuable such as artwork or professional photography or jewelry. If you have items that you think would help raise

money for the rescued animals, be sure to call Hope and make arrangements for Happy Trails to receive the donated item(s).

Sponsors

Event sponsors are often key to helping create a successful fundraising event. Hope often reaches out to both businesses as well as individuals to request sponsors for special events such as "A Night of Hope and Inspiration", the Compassionate Thanksgiving, the Education Center, and much more. The opportunities to partner with Happy Trails cover a wide range of areas, and you can choose if your interest lies in animal rescue, education, or community outreach programs such as the Farm Animal Visitation Program for nursing homes and schools.

Educational Tours

Hope is directly responsible for promoting Happy Trails seasonal educational tours. New 2015 Tour brochures are available for you to share with co-workers, clients, patients, customers, and other members of your organization or special interest group. To get a pack of tour brochures mailed to you (or you can pick them up at Happy Trails), contact Hope Evans at 330-212-9313.

Full-time Marketing and Special Promotions Staff Position Available

There are many programs and promotions similar to the ones listed in this article.

We are in need of another full-time Marketing and Special Promotions staff member.

If your job experience, educational skills and networking abilities combine to qualify you for this position, please send your resume, 3 professional references and salary requirements to humanresources@happytrailsfarm.org

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If You Like Ornerly Animals, Adopt Kyle and Renaldo!

Four-year-old Renaldo the sheep (*shown below*) and his BFF three-year-old Kyle (*show at right*) are available for adoption to a family who has an amazing sense of humor and can be quick to dodge a head butt. OK, so Kyle with his intimidating horns is actually the



RENALDO

friendly guy who loves people and enjoys social interaction. Renaldo enjoys attention and social interaction as well, but probably a little too much. Renaldo waits until you are not paying attention then runs up from behind to give you a healthy jolt with his head. He believes he is very funny. Most people who experience this do not find it quite as funny as he does. Both

males are castrated (meaning neutered in sheep terminology). They are up-to-date on vaccinations, deworming and hoof trimming. If you can find room in your heart and barn for these adorable boys (who really are fun to

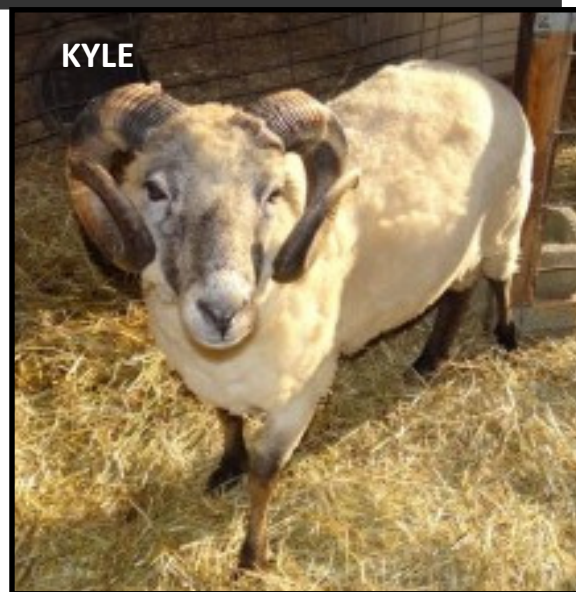
work with) and you don't mind a good game of dodge-the-sheep during feeding time, call us for adoption information at 330-296-5914. The adoption fee for the pair is \$150. Read the story of their rescue and the conditions from which they were removed at <http://happytrailsfarm.org/category/adopt-sponsor/goats-sheep/>

Blanche and Dorothy Get Adopted!



Blanche and Dorothy, two lovely senior citizen sheep ladies, are getting adopted! These sweet older girls arrived at Happy Trails from a hideous neglect situation in Ashtabula County in 2014. Our friends at Lasa Sanctuary, also located in Ashtabula County, have agreed to adopt these gentle souls and let them live out their lives in peace and comfort at their facility. Lasa is a sanctuary who does not adopt out, but allows the animals to retire at their sanctuary. While we will all miss Blanche and Dorothy, our "golden girls", they are going to have lush green, spacious pastures and a human family who will love them more than anything. Many thanks to our dear friends at Lasa for taking them in! You will be able to follow Blanche and Dorothy's story at Lasa at www.lasasanctuary.org.

By the way, LASA stands for "Love All, Serve All", and how beautiful is that?



KYLE

One-of-a-Kind Pets has Barn Cats in Need of...well, Barns!



One-of-a-Kind Pets has barn cats in need of good homes...er, barns. The One-Of-A-Kind Pets adoption center is located at 1929 West Market Street, Akron, 44313. To open your heart and barn to a barn cat in need and for adoption information, contact One-of-a-Kind Pets at 330-697-9796.

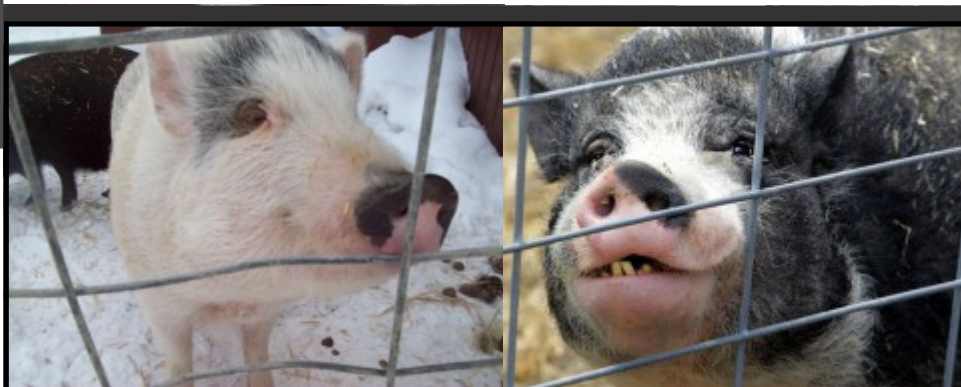


Jolie and Dulce Waiting for You!

These two senior piggies are hoping to find a home together. The two girl friends came from a neglect situation in Medina County, and have worked their way into the hearts of every volunteer and staff member at Happy Trails. They are both very sweet, extremely loving, and truly the best of friends. To learn if adding a pair of beautiful pot belly pigs to your farm pet family is right for you, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. We can help you learn about their nutrition, health needs, and environment, and answer any questions you might have about their care. These two gals have a lot of love to give. Could you be the family to give them that perfect home?

You Will Never Need the Comedy Channel Again

Norman (*the pink guy on the left*) and Munna, a beautiful "paint" pig (*with splotches of whites and dark grays and a half-pink nose*) are fun to be around and will always make you smile. Pigs are born comedians, and this pair is always up to something. They are all "personality" and once you get to know them, you will love them. For adoption information contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



How Can You Resist This Little Face?

Hershberger (nicknamed Hershey), with his adorable inquisitive face and that bad spiked hair-do, is an indoor pig. In fact, he is one of two indoor pigs available for adoption. He is potty trained and goes outside to go to the bathroom, therefore requiring a fenced-in yard. Hershey is a little shy with dogs so he would do best in a no-dog family. However, he tolerates cats. His favorite things in life include shredding jackets and coats, biting into pop cans to taste the carbonation and sugar, and training people to rub his belly when he flops over unexpectedly.

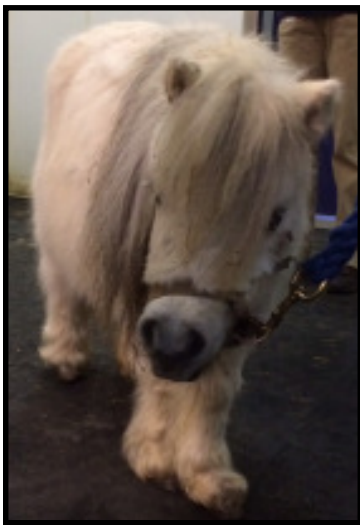
Seriously though, pigs make excellent pets. The only requirement is that you have to be smarter than the pig. We can help you find out if adopting a pet pig is right for you. Too many pigs find themselves homeless after unscrupulous breeders convince unsuspecting buyers that their pigs will stay small, and instead they grow up to be...well, a pig. Call Happy Trails for pig adoption information at 330-296-5914.

Kachina the Horse Gets New Hoof Extensions

Ornery Kachina is a 7-year-old dwarf mini-horse who is a permanent resident at Happy Trails and serves as a sanctuary representative at community events. She came into our rescue through our Amish Horse Retirement



Program when she was only 10 weeks old, her bones not quite fusing where they were supposed to due to her dwarfism. Throughout the past seven years Kachina has had all types of hoof care to compensate for the way her hooves grow and the way her ankles turn in. She was able to walk for a short time on her own hooves, but the stability just wasn't there. Kachina is once again getting hoof extensions at the Equine Specialty Hospital thanks to hoof injury specialist, Ed Cigany. Ed, a blacksmith specializing in severe hoof injuries for the hospital, has worked on numerous Happy Trails horses over the years who were suffering from severe neglect or catastrophic injuries. Kachina's hoof extensions enable her to walk as normally as possible, and in her world, the way she walks *is* normal. In fact, she was sited running wildly around the yard in



circles at Happy Trails the other day. Though we will not be able to ever completely correct her condition, we can make her as comfortable as possible. Kachina will need her hooves monitored, and hoof extensions created about every six weeks or so for the remainder of her life. Each visit costs between \$100 and \$200.

She is a trouper and a great little ambassador for our nursing home

visitation program, educational programs in schools, and is an icon with visitors and guests.

To help offset the cost of her special hoof extensions to help her walk, tax-deductible donations earmarked for Kachina, can be sent to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

WOBL - WDLW Studio Visit

On Thursday, January 15th, Happy Trails representatives Annette Fisher, Ilona Urban, and Sandy the ex-cockfighting rooster, did live interviews in the studios at the radio station of Gold County WOBL 1320 AM and Kool Kat Oldies WDLW 1380AM in Oberlin. Many thanks to all our friends there for such a wonderful invitation and for giving us the opportunity to promote the work of Happy Trails!



(Left) Ilona Urban and Sandy the rooster hung out in the studio at the radio station waiting for their interview.



Dr. Milligan (left) observes as Ed Cigany (center) creates hoof extensions for Kachina's back hooves.



"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected."

Steve Jobs

Progress Report on Mini-Vet Clinic

Thanks to an extremely generous grant from the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation in honor of the retirement of Board Member Carol Zett, the Happy Trails mini-vet clinic being created in our multi-purpose building is nearing completion. This spacious 22'x24' room is designed for ease of examinations and treatment for the rescued animals. The insulated walls are covered in a light tan metal sheeting for ease of clean-up, and the ceiling is covered in a bright white metal sheeting to help reflect as much light as possible from the ceiling lights to assist in exams. The metal was designed to wrap tightly around all doors and windows thanks to the professionalism of volunteer, Bentley Hudson. Black rubber mats are being installed on the floor to provide soft and non-



(Above) Retired commercial electrician and volunteer, Bentley Hudson, is doing an amazing job of construction and installation as well as the design of the metal fabrication as he took charge of creating the new mini-vet clinic.

slip footing, and padding is being add to the lower portion of the walls to prevent injuries to weak or injured animals who may not be able to stand on their own easily. A resonator heater is being installed

near the ceiling, keeping the heating element for the room safely away from curious noses.

Two 8'x8' stalls were constructed in the back of the room to be used as recovery or observation stalls. Jason Wolboldt, Happy Trails staff member, designed and constructed the heavy-duty stall walls, complete with hinged gates for ease of animal care. As this article is

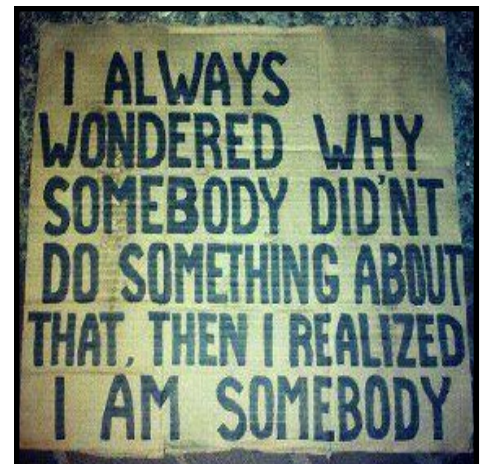
(Left) Staff member, Jason Wolboldt, designed the look and constructed the recovery stalls in the mini-vet clinic. The solid foundation of the stalls are sure to keep everyone safe and sound.

being written, most of the work has already been done with finishing touches being completed daily. Be sure to visit this new area when you stop out for a tour this Spring!

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Happy Trails

Farm Animal Sanctuary

TOUR SEASON

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- Adult admission: \$20 per person
 - Youth ages 6-17 admission: \$10
 - Kids ages 5 and under free
- Groups may include up to six people.

To schedule a tour, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. Reservations are required.

For more info, go to happytrailsfarm.org

A Sanctuary of Peace and Healing

Happy Trails is a sanctuary where horses and farm animals arrive from situations of severe abuse, neglect or abandonment.

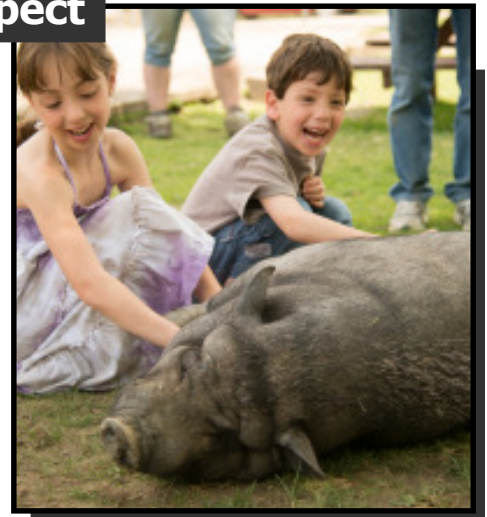
It's a facility where healing takes place. Where miracles happen. Where people connect with the animals. And where kindness and compassion are taught. **Hear the animals' stories.** Learn about their healing process. Discover Happy Trails Amish horse retirement program, nursing home visitation program and community outreach. Find out who's ready to be adopted. Learn ways to make compassionate choices as a consumer. Check out our facilities. **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 cockfighting rooster.** Meet 1,000 lb. farm pigs. **Play with the goats.**

Visit the rescued horses. Hear some heart-warming stories of rescue and rehab. **Meet the animals in person. Get a hands-on tour.**

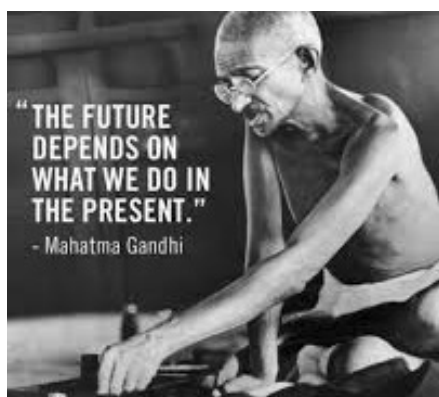


Money Back Guarantee

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 by the stories and history of the animals, tell us. We'll give you your money back. Tours last about an hour and a half. And please know we appreciate your support. **We want you to feel that your money is going to a really worthwhile cause.**

10 Month Old Baby Hercules...

...came from a severe neglect situation in Summit County along with two other horses. This 10 month old baby is now officially signed over and available for adoption. He is oh-so-sweet for a baby, and with your help, he can grow into a strong, confident young man. Spring is almost here, and now is the time to get ready to work outdoors and train. He is the perfect age to work on ground manners. Hercules is a small Thoroughbred and most likely won't grow to be too big. He is halter broke, very easy to work with, healthy and sound, and should be able to be ridden when he's old enough. **\$350 Adoption Fee. Call 330-296-5914 for adoption info.**



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Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)



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Aurora is a 32 year old Palomino mare who would be the perfect kids horse! She is sound and healthy and would love to be adopted with her daughter, Luna (shown below).

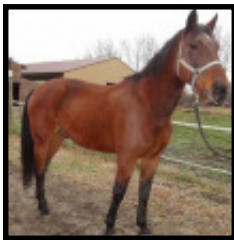
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Springtime. Warm Weather. Sunshine. Trail Riding Season. *Time to Adopt A Horse!*

There are currently over 50 horses available for adoption in the Happy Trails rescue program. We are counting on you to adopt a horse or spread the word! Let's find some amazing homes for our equine friends. Here are few who are a *must* to check out, but you can view everyone on our website at happytrailsfarm.org



"Princeton" — 19 years old — \$350
Big guy - Dark Bay Standardbred Gelding
Ready to ride,



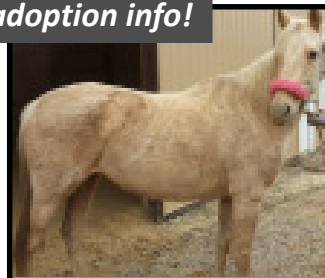
"Chapman" — 24 years old — \$250
16.1 hands tall. Bay Standardbred gelding.
Ready to ride.

"Luna" — 12 years old — \$350
16 hands tall. Palomino Quarter horse mare. Needs an intermediate rider.



"Beauty" — 24 years old — \$350
14.3 hands tall. Haflinger/Morgan Mare. Beginner friendly. Loves kids.

**Call 330-296-5914
for adoption info!**



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.