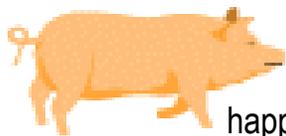


Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

August 2015 Newsletter



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*Meet Charlie,
one of many
animals to receive
the services of
Happy Trails new
mini-vet clinic.
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**"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that.
Then I realized, *I am somebody.*"**

- Author Unknown

letter from the director

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

To say that we have been busy at Happy Trails would be the understatement of the year.

To date, we have handled some incredible rescues and received legal custody of many neglected and abused farm animals through guilty verdicts in court; watched over 100 faces light up with joy at nursing homes when the goats give residents a nuzzle on their hand or Kachina the mini-horse lays her head in someone's lap; hosted interns from a wide variety of colleges and universities across Ohio; placed a large number of horses, sheep, goats, chickens and pigs in loving, adoptive and foster homes; gave presentations to over 20 special interest groups and hosted tours for hundreds of visitors; created animal care classes which were taught by veterinarians and other professionals who donated their time; all while adding to our staff, improving our facilities, keeping up with maintenance and slowly adding volunteers. *AND*, the year is only half over.

We have some great opportunities coming up for people to get involved and to keep up with the happenings of the sanctuary, with a lot of them detailed in this newsletter.

If you have time to join us for the 2015 Compassionate Thanksgiving, you'll get one presentation, and that's from yours truly. I'll share **behind-the-scenes news while catching you up-to-date with everything we have**



accomplished this year and hope to accomplish looking into next year. More info is on page 7.

As we strive to support our friends who do amazing work through other animal organizations, we are hosting a unique and rare opportunity for our supporters to meet and greet author Dick Houston, Co-Founder of Elefence International, an organization rescuing baby elephants from the hideous ivory poaching trade in Africa. He will be giving a very special presentation at Happy Trails on Saturday, August 22nd. We are in awe of the work of Mr. Houston and his crew, and are sure you will be too. Details are on pages 4 and 5.

You may also notice that as our newsletter slowly grows into a magazine, this issue is our biggest issue in the history of Happy Trails — a 24 page news update. And believe it or not, we could have probably added another 24 pages if our budget would have allowed. You can help us grow the newsletter by purchasing ad space. Information on advertising is on page 20.

And there is about three months left for our season, which ends at the end of October. If you haven't scheduled a tour yet to check out all the new "stuff" at Happy Trails, be sure to register online or call us at 330-296-5914 — we'd love to see you and help you experience the sanctuary.

Thank you for not only reading our newsletters, but for passing them along to others. We really appreciate that!

With kindness and compassion for all animals,



Annette Fisher
Executive Director

Calling All Artists And Craftsmen

Happy Trails is gratefully accepting donations to be used as raffle or auction items for both the upcoming Compassionate Thanksgiving as well as the 2016 A Night of Hope



fundraiser which will be held on April 4, 2016. Our supporters and donors seem to really appreciate the skill and creativity of talented craftsmen and artisans, and these donations raise a great deal of funds for the sanctuary.

We will also be featuring some of these items in our gift shop regularly throughout the year and would love to proudly display your work for sale to benefit the rescued farm animals.



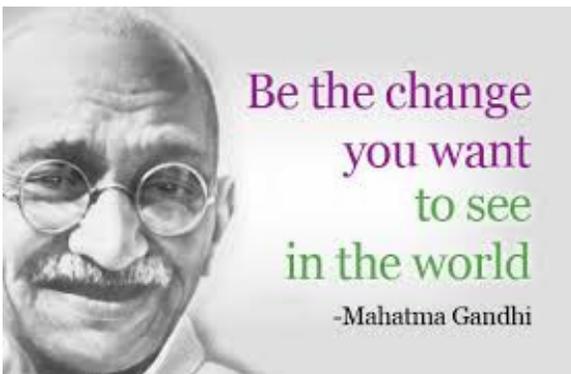
Creative talent might include fine arts in painting and illustrating, photography, pottery and



We continue to be grateful to talented artist, Paul Fletcher, who has donated countless prints and even several originals to Happy Trails. You can view Paul's amazing work at www.paulfletcher.artspan.com, and you can purchase his prints, with proceeds benefitting the rescued animals, in the Happy Trails Gift Shop. Check online for our gift shop hours.

ceramics, glass blown art, jewelry, wood working or wood carving, and other unique craft items.

To make a donation of your work, contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



The Amish Horse Retirement Program

Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program is designed to provide an auction-alternative for families in the Amish community needing to retire a buggy or plow horse.

If the family buggy horse becomes lame, injured, sick, or has age-related health issues, many families do not have the facilities to keep the non-working horse. Another horse is usually needed immediately to take its place. The same holds true for the family plow horses.

Often these horses who can no longer serve their families are sent through a local auction, and most of the time are purchased by meat-buyers and sent to a slaughterhouse in either Canada or Mexico.

Many Amish horse owners appreciate the services provided to them by their hard-working horses, but it is often a challenge to find the horse a retirement home on their own.

The Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program offers Amish families an opportunity to give their faithful horses a well-deserved retirement with an ap-

proved, caring family. This one-of-a-kind program is unique and only found at Happy Trails.

On Wednesday, July 22nd, two former buggy horses were brought into the program from farms in Holmesville located in Holmes County. Olan Miller, who donated Pokie (right) is a repeat donor, as are many Amish horse owners who don't want to see their horses end up at a slaughter plant.

Pokie lost most of his sight and is nearly blind. While there are laws in Ohio about sending blind, sick or severely injured horses through meat auctions, no-one seems to regulate or monitor that. (I know because I personally have purchased blind, severely injured and sick horses at auctions in the past, with receipts and vet records to prove it.)

By sheer coincidence, another family was donating Buddy, a big, handsome gelding who worked as the family buggy horse until he became lame on his back leg and could no longer pull the cart. It ends up that Buddy only lived about two miles from Pokie, and we were able to pick up both horses on the same morning. The question was, how would Pokie do riding on the trailer and then being placed in a new environment not being able to see? I have watched this situation go both well and not-so-well in the past. At this point, only time would tell. Both horses loaded politely and these handsome gentleman were delivered to the



Dakota, nearly blind but gentle and confident, quickly stole the heart of foster mom, Janet Barber. To learn more about becoming a foster home, contact our Placement Coordinator at rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org

approved foster home of Janet Barber, who has worked with Happy Trails for years providing a temporary foster home for neglected horses.

Our theory was that the two horses would become fast friends, and the one gelding would become a "seeing eye horse" for the nearly blind one. As luck would have it, that is exactly what happened. Pokie now knows his way around the pasture with the help of his new best friend.

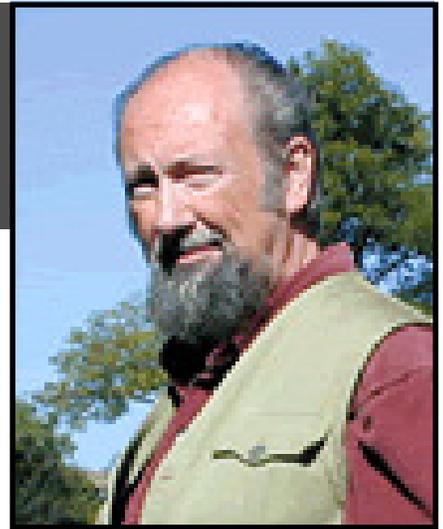
To start this new phase of their life, Janet chose new names with profound meanings. Dakota, a Native American name meaning "friend", was bestowed on Pokie, as he both gives love and companionship as well as relies on it for his very existence. Buddy's new name became Macario (Mac for short), a Spanish name meaning blessed and happy. From the horses' perspective, after having lived your entire life in one location and having the same routine daily, to be moved to a strange location away from your

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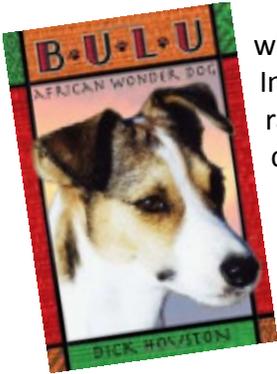
Macario, a big, kind, gorgeous Standardbred gelding is serving as Dakota's eyes while at the same time being in recovery for a lameness issue.

Happy Trails networks with other animal organizations to bring awareness of animal abuse *and* to focus on the good people doing something about it!



Dick Houston, Co-Creator of Elefence International. To learn more about the work of Mr. Houston and EleFence, go to www.elefence.org

On Saturday, August 22, at 7:00PM, join African Adventurer—Elephant Conservationist—Movie Preservationist Dick Houston for an exciting film & anecdotal program highlighting over four decades of his African adventures in the tracks of elephants across Africa.



This unique and inspiring program will highlight what Dick and his colleagues of Cleveland-based Elefence International are doing to help save elephants from rampant ivory poachers, a dangerous and explosive trade continuing in the beautiful land of Africa.

He will also share the true story of an incredible Jack Russell who survived lion attacks in the Zambian bush, and was a foster dog to baby warthogs, vervet monkeys, bushbucks, baboons, a buffalo, and elephant. Dick wrote a book about him entitled: Bulu: African Wonder Dog [Random House].

Happy Trails is honored to work together with Dick Houston and the good folks of Elefence International to not only bring awareness to the various types of animal abuse in our world, but to highlight and focus on the good and positive work that is being done by caring, compassionate people on behalf of these animals.

We hope you will find time to join us for this very special presentation!

Everyone attending will receive a free pass to visit Happy Trails for a complimentary tour during the 2015 tour season.

The gift shop will be open during this event, and light refreshments will be available for sale.

For more information or to make reservations, go to www.happytrailsfarm.org. Questions? Call us at 330-296-5914.



Truck damaged by a mother elephant while attempting to remove a snare from her baby



Dick personally knew Cecil the lion and will talk about him at the presentation.

***Together,
we are
making a
difference.***

***Please join
Happy Trails
and Elefence
for an
amazing
presentation!***



Tafika, the rescued baby elephant

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary presents a night of
Safari Yarns & Elephant Tails
with Author and Co-Founder of Elefence, Dick Houston!

A FAMILY-ORIENTED PROGRAM RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 9 AND UP



Saturday, August 22nd at 7:00pm
at Happy Trails Covered Arena

5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna

Pre-purchase of tickets required. Attendance is limited. No tickets at the door.
\$20 per person, \$10 children ages 6 to 17; kids 5 years old and under admitted free

Reserve seats at www.happytrailsfarm.org



Three rescued baby elephants

The program will highlight what Dick Houston and Elefence International are doing to help save elephants from rampant ivory poachers. He will focus on Elefence's latest project in Hwange NP, Zimbabwe: "Building the World's Largest Drinking Fountains for Elephants". You will see breathtaking footage of hundreds of elephants at water holes in one of Africa's last wilderness for lions, leopards, cheetahs, sables and over a hundred other mammal species.

**Ticket and event proceeds will benefit both
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and Elefence International.**

Stow-Glen Retirement Village Welcomes Happy Trails Rescued Farm Animals

On a sunny afternoon in July, the Happy Trails truck and trailer rolled into the Stow-Glen Retirement Village with rescued farm animals in tow. Natasha the goat, Kachina the mini horse, Tom the ex-cockfighting rooster, and Clark, a big red rooster, visited with residents under the shade trees on the lawn. Thanks to Stow-Glen for continuing to participate in Happy Trails Farm Animal Visitation Program for nursing homes!



Happy Trails Board Member, Loretta Samaniego, helps a Stow-Glen resident meet and greet gentle Natasha, the visiting goat.

Seeking A Video Person!



Ron Sheetz, Vice-President of RJ Media Magic, states: "I have been on animal rescues and have interviewed dozens of people directly and indirectly involved with Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, and I can name no other organization who's making such a dramatic impact on improving society."

Happy Trails is happy to report that we are working with talented videographer, Ron Sheetz, owner of RJ Media Magic, who is helping us put together a documentary of the work of Happy Trails, an animal rescue video, other short films, PSA announcements and training videos.

We are seeking individuals with video skills to help Ron capture footage of day-to-day happenings at the sanctuary as well as possibly joining us on rescues. You don't have to be a professional videographer, but you do need to have proper video equipment (*meaning you can't just take videos with your phone*).

The list of video images might have you following around our Animal Care Giver staff as they feed the animals; joining a tour and capturing our guests interacting with the animals; capturing the silly, funny things some of the animals do during their day - the geese splashing in their wading pools, the pigs napping in the shade, the chickens taking a dust bath or the horses happily grooming each other.



If you have a few hours here and there to donate your time and talents to help us video some special moments to include in our upcoming documentary and short films, contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

You can meet Ron on LinkedIn or contact him through www.askronsheetz.com

PS — We are also seeking out an individual with the experience to post our weekly videos online on Happy Trails YouTube Channel.



This would be the perfect way to get involved if you don't really want to shovel poo as a volunteer. If you are a techi and would enjoy donating your time creating our 20 second video spots and getting them posted for public viewing, contact us at info@happytrailsfarm.org or call 330-296-5194.

Happy Trails thanks PARTA for their support!



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*"If you don't like pictures of animal cruelty being posted on social media, you need to help stop the cruelty, not the pictures. You should be bothered that it's happening, not that you saw it." - Marie Sarantakis
Author of Essentially Raw*



Save-the-Date — Sat., Nov. 14th! Join Us for The 2015 Compassionate Thanksgiving Buffet!

Start your holiday season together with Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary for our 10th annual Compassionate Thanksgiving, enjoying an amazing traditional buffet dinner and desserts that happen to be animal-friendly (vegan).

The incredible buffet always delights meat-eaters and vegetarians alike! Here's an opportunity to start your holidays cruelty-free!

(Right) Homer was a very gentle soul who graced Happy Trails with his presence. Every year more than 45 million turkeys, kind, gentle, and intelligent like Homer, are killed for the Thanksgiving holiday.



WHERE: Todaro's Party Center

1820 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH

WHEN: Sat., November 14th

- 5:00pm — Doors Open/Holiday Shopping/Raffles
- 5:30pm — Traditional Thanksgiving Buffet (vegan)
- 6:15pm — Presentation by Founder/Director, Annette Fisher

WHAT TO EXPECT: Enjoy an incredible Thanksgiving buffet and shop for unique holiday gifts from a wide selection of Happy Trails logo items! 100% of the holiday shopping proceeds benefit the rescued animals. Great gift ideas include hoodies, winter jackets, scarves, mouse pads, travel mugs, calendars, key chains, jewelry, and many unique items! A small Chinese raffle will be held and door prizes will be given away.

TICKETS: \$55 per person

Reserve your seat now by registering online at www.happytrailsfarm.org or calling 330-296-5914.

Reservations Required

Event sells out every year — Be sure to get your tickets early!

Join Us for the Private VIP Cocktail Reception from 4pm to 5pm.

Enjoy unlimited cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the private meet-and-greet cocktail reception, and get to know Happy Trails Founder and Executive Director, Annette Fisher, Board of Directors members, and key staff. Ask questions. Hear stories. Be a part of the team. (Add \$40 to the ticket price for the VIP Reception)



Mahoning Valley Vegan Group Enjoyed A Hands-On Tour at Happy Trails

Happy Trails received rave reviews from the members of the Mahoning Valley Vegan Group, who braved unpredictable weather to meet and greet the rescued farm animals during a recent tour.

Ellen Zban shares her experience: "I wanted to let you know how much our group enjoyed our tours...Our tour guide, Ilona, was exceptional. She took time to share stories and answer questions, and allowed us to have experiences with the animals that none of us expected. Who thinks they could hold a rooster or pet a chicken? We never felt rushed or that we asked a dumb question. She allowed everyone to explore and learn and understand all at our own pace. To say that it was an exceptional experience is probably down playing the day. We have roughly 200 photos in circulation...Folks came from parts of Pennsylvania, Youngstown, Ashtabula, and Painseville to tour Happy Trails, and every single one left feeling energized, engaged and satisfied. ..."

And from Sandie Sajner: "The tour...was the VERY BEST EVER! I really mean that with all my heart and soul. You are doing such a superior job and it shows. Very impressive, but it always has been...We all really had such a wonderful time... We were still there when everyone was getting fed. Their voices were fabulous!"

There were so many members joining us that we split their group into several tours. It was an honor to host the Mahoning Valley Vegan Group, and thanks for choosing Happy Trails as your destination!



Members of the Mahoning Valley Vegan Group toured the sanctuary and enjoyed a picnic lunch while the rain held off for a few hours!

Two Major Sponsorship Opportunities

NEW HORSE FENCING AT THE EDUCATION CENTER

The new horse fencing at the Education Center is truly a thing of beauty! Four acres and two massive pastures later, we now have some wonderful, safe, spacious turn-out areas for the rescued horses. *Hallelujah!*

This project, however, comes at a price. **We wanted to do the fencing right the first time**, so we chose the sturdiest, most durable fencing we could imagine. The new, horse-proof fencing combines heavy-duty wooden posts, rolled no-climb wire fencing, re-inforced gate posts and corner posts, and a line of electric across the top to keep the big guys from leaning on the fence. *(If you ever watched a big horse scratch its hind end on your nice fence and stared in horror as your post broke off at ground level and both horse and post went tumbling, you would understand the need for the electric wire across the top of pasture fencing.)*

By the time we add in all expenses including supplies and installation, the solar-powered fence charger, staff time, and related miscellaneous costs, our project comes to **\$18,000**.

The amazing news is, thanks to a very generous donation com-



binated with several smaller donations, **\$10,100 of this expense has already been paid for.**

Our goal now is to raise \$7,900 to cover the remaining expenses.

Is the fence worth it? You betcha! Will it last forever? Probably not forever, but it's going to last for a very, very long time. It was installed properly, professionally, and is low maintenance. It's not like the plastic fences that crack regularly or shatter when temperatures drop into single digits. No, this fence was built to last, to keep the rescued horses safe, **AND** to give all of you a chance to walk right up to their wonderful pastures now to visit them during tours.

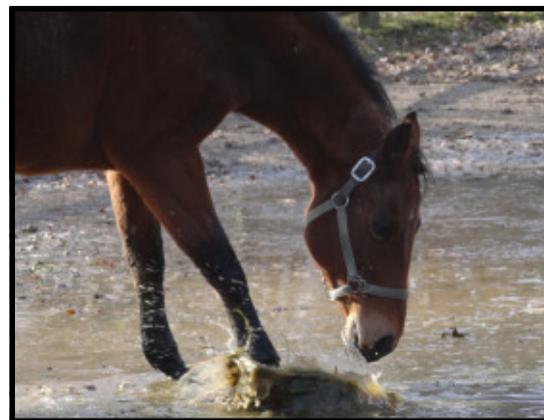
To help Happy Trails pay for this wonderful new upgrade to the sanctuary, tax-deductible donations can be sent to: Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Or you can donate using your Visa or Master Card by calling Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914. And lastly, donations can be made online via our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org

FACILITIES DRAINAGE PROJECT

Well that doesn't sound like a very romantic or interesting project, does it? It certainly didn't to me. Even the word *drainage* conjures up images of pipes and sludge and..stuff.

However, as Happy Trails is continuing to grow and evolve, our basic fundamental needs have to grow and evolve with us. We now have beautiful buildings with large roofs, more pathways and walkways, and to top it off, we are located in an area where the ground is nothing but clay. For those of you who are not familiar with clay, clay does not drain well whatsoever.

We had to hire a civil engineer



Crecencia, one of the rescued horses, inspects the standing water. "Hhmmmm. I wonder if we need a civil engineer and drainage pipe to make this water flow away from my pastures properly?" she wondered to herself.

to draw up precise, approved, appropriate plans to construct a drainage system for the entire sanctuary property, guiding water to the right places so it wouldn't stagnate or create excessively muddy areas. This year, those muddy areas have been abundant.

The cost for the civil engineer drawings is \$1,800 (a very reasonable price if you ever quoted civil engineer services), and the cost from the company who will handle the installation of the drainage



It's true — not everyone dislikes massive amounts of mud. But while Cisco treasures his mud spas, it's not in the best interest of the sanctuary to have drainage issues across the property.



If you've visited the sanctuary this past year, chances are you had the opportunity to pick your way around the standing water (like the muddy area shown above) while trying to get to one barn or another. The drainage project should address all the standing water issues and allow the property to drain excess water, eliminating the muddy areas.

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system is \$25,000, for a grand total of \$26,800. We are just now starting out on our quest to raise funds for this crucial project, and we are hoping to complete it before Old Man Winter shows up this year! While we realize it's a lot cheaper to purchase ice skates for our staff members when the rain and snow doesn't drain and everything freezes, it's not as safe nor does it allow us to be as efficient as we should be.

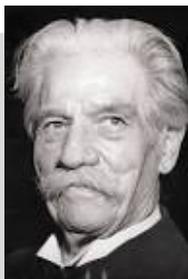
PUT YOUR NAME ON IT!

Anyone wishing to either sponsor one of these projects in its entirety or donate a larger portion of the project will be asked if they'd like to have their name placed on a permanent sign for that project. We love to give credit to our supporters and thank them publicly should they wish to not remain anonymous. To talk about either special project or to come out to check things out, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.



(Above center) The small area between the new covered arena and the horse barn is still in need of a drainage ditch and piping, and (bottom right), even areas of the woods have low pockets that hold water instead of draining it away. Eliminating standing water will also cut down drastically on mosquitos and mosquito-born diseases.

"Until we extend our circle of compassion to all living things, humanity will not find peace."



Albert Schweitzer

Wish List

• **Shelving** - Pretty much any type of shelving can be used in the storage garages or the basement of the new Education Center.



• **Furnace for the Education Center** — We are still keeping our fingers crossed that a kind soul or two will sponsor the cost



of a much-needed furnace for the Education Center before winter. The cost, including installation, is \$5,400 for a unit that also has air conditioning which will both heat and cool the entire center.

• **Items for our hard-working volunteers** — Bottled water

(We go through a LOT, especially this summer with the high humidity); soda, lemonade or sweet tea; vegan snacks (Easy to find munchies are Oreo cookies, Lays plain potato chips, pretzels that do not list dairy in the ingredients, apples, or bananas). Some of our volunteers work *many* hours, of course for no pay and in all types of weather. They help with facilities maintenance, cleaning animal shelters, raking yards, shoveling poo, painting - all because they care and want to make a difference. We are thrilled to be able to give



them a bottle of water and a snack during their shifts. You make this possible and we are grateful!



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Last year Happy Trails earned \$574.04!

The Cash Back amount includes all Acme Fresh Market Store Brand purchases.

Mail your receipts to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

Happy Trails Works with Community Programs

Happy Trails recently joined the Portage County Community and Family Services program called ABAWD (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents Program). Their goal is to assist able bodied adults without dependents who qualify for Portage County's Food Assistance Program, to obtain their food benefits by fulfilling their volunteer/intern hours



at a pre-approved non-profit organization. The program serves Portage County residents ages 18 to 50 without dependents, who are working less than 20 hours per week and are in need of food assistance. Learn more at <http://www.fcsohio.org/beta/index.php/abawad-about>

Another new community program Happy Trails is networking with is the Community Based Assessment program through Coleman Professional Services. This is a



program which provides vocational assessment within competitive job

sites consistent with the individual's interests and capabilities. The individual is assigned to various job sites during the assessment period, during which work habits, skills, and aptitudes are evaluated. A job coach accompanies the individual, providing assistance as necessary. Results of the assessment enable the individual to pursue vocational objectives. Visit their website at <http://www.colemanservices.org/our-services/employment.aspx>

Happy Trails is honored to be working with our community in both of the programs.

Bella Rosa and Ama La Vita, 'Beautiful Rose' and 'Loves Life'

On Sunday, June 7th, we received an unexpected call from a local humane officer on the scene of a horrible horse neglect case. *Could we come help?*

Laurie Jackson and I arrived to find a skeletal horse and her equine mare friend. We removed both horses and not long after we settled them into stalls at Happy Trails, our vet arrived.

As always, we look at blood work to monitor kidney and liver function, and the emaciated mare was placed on a re-feeding program so as not to shock her system with an overload of protein.

The small, sweet mare had partial facial paralysis on the left side of her muzzle in addition to her emaciated condition. Yet she was kind to us, allowing us to work with her and examine her. She ate her many but small meals throughout the day with gusto, and she so enjoyed the companionship of our staff and volunteers. We could see past her present condition and knew just how beautiful she was. She needed a name to overcome her current physical state. Her name became *Bella Rosa*, meaning *Beautiful Rose* in Italian. The other mare

was full of life, spunky, and also very attached to her friend. Her name became *Ama La Vita*, meaning *Loves Life* in Italian. Both mares were legally signed over to Happy Trails, and *Ama La Vita* was (and still is) available to be adopted. *Bella Rosa*, however, was going to have a long recovery ahead of her before she could be adopted. Under close monitoring of her vet, *Bella Rosa* was finally making progress, when early one morning I received a dreaded call from our staff. They discovered that *Bella Rosa* had passed away during the night. It was a hard blow to everyone who knew her and was working with her. She had so many people rooting for her, encouraging her, and hoping for a positive outcome. Sometimes with heavy hearts we realize that though we do our best, the damage done through severe neglect is irreversible in some cases.

Ilona Urban, a Happy Trails staff member, wrote this beautiful tribute in honor of Bella Rosa...

"Every animal is special but sometimes an animal arrives at Happy Trails that touches us in a special and very deep way. For me, that was Bella Rosa.

I first saw her just minutes after she arrived at the sanctuary. She was in a stall and she took my breath away, but not in a good way. She was skeletal and her coat was dull, dirty and matted. Someone at one time had cut chunks from her mane and it hung in matted strings. Her left lip drooped and her left eye was red and watery from paralysis on that side of her face. She was an old girl, about 25, and had missing molars. All of this would have made eating very difficult. In spite of this suffering, trauma and the stress of being loaded into a trailer and hauled



Bella Rosa was difficult to look at when she arrived at Happy Trails, but her sweet nature and kind soul was the thing that stood out about her.

to an unknown place, she came directly to the front of her stall, hung her sweet head over the door and allowed me to touch her, kiss her face and talk to her.

She had my heart at that moment and I offered her a promise to shower her with love. She allowed me to enter her stall and I began to groom her. That would become our time together for the next month and it would prove to be healing for both of us.

Three days after Bella Rosa arrived I had to release my dog to the spirit world and she crossed the Rainbow Bridge. She was fourteen and a half years old and a sixteen pound bundle of terrier energy and bravado. Her name was Rosie, and Annette named Bella Rosa in her memory and honor. I asked my Rose to be a guide for this Rose from her place in spirit.

We spent some beautiful hours together and soon her mane was free of mats and her coat began to even have a little shine. Most of the time we were alone so if I needed to bury my face in her neck and cry it was just between the two of us. I talked to her and told her how wonderful and beautiful she was and how amazing she would be when she became healthy and strong.

I didn't lie to her, as I know she is now restored to the magnificent mare she once was. Her mane is soft and long and shiny and it flows in the breeze when she runs. Her muscles ripple under her shiny brown coat and I am certain that nipping at her heels is a small feisty terrier who runs along with her.

I love you Bella Rosa. Thank you for being a part of my life for a short while, but know that you are a part of my heart forever."



Ama La Vita, a very pretty girl, is full of energy and as her name declares, she loves life. She is in need of an adoptive home. For more information on ama La Vita, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

Join Happy Trails Equine Adoption Network



Violet Grey is a nine year old, 14.2 hands beautiful mare who needs a patient and gentle handler.

with others. It's truly that simple and it's helping a lot of rescued horses find homes.

The once-a-week horsey updates share stories of the latest equine rescues, tell you what horses have been adopted or fostered, and give you links to fliers for horses available for adoption.

In order for us to make "room at the inn" for the neglect cases that are sure to arrive this winter, we are actively seeking homes for the horses currently in our program who have recovered and are available for adoption.

The Equine Adoption Network is all about networking with people in the horse community to find loving, caring homes for rescued horses.

If you love horses and want to take about five minutes once a week to help find homes for rescued horses, visit our website at www.happytrailsfarm.org and click on the icon.

Do you have to own a horse to join? Nope! All we ask you to do is allow us to send you a rescued horse email once a week and to please hit the send button and share the horse news

Compassionate Living Section

Thanks to former Board Member Melissa DelSignore, the Compassionate Living section of the Happy Trails website is growing! Melissa now shares weekly animal-friendly recipes and links for the latest info in animal-friendly clothing, food and services, and provides great information on making compassionate choices as a consumer.

Go to www.happytrailsfarm.org, go to the right side of the menu and click on Compassionate Living, where you will find categories such as Animal Friendly Recipes, Cruelty Free Clothing and Products, Other Animal News, and Other Animal Organizations. Compassionate Living is evolving into a great educational section of the Happy Trails website thanks to Melissa!

"If only we can overcome cruelty, to human and animal, with love and compassion we shall stand at the threshold of a new era in human moral and spiritual evolution - and realize, at last, our most unique quality: humanity."
~ Jane Goodall



Paint Supplies Needed

A very kind, professional painter, Eli Benshoff, has volunteered to paint the new Happy Trails barns before winter kicks in. If you knew how much painting we have to do, you would consider this man a saint!

With Eli being generous to donate his time and professional skills, we are hoping to secure donations of brushes, rollers, drop cloths, painting tape, and any painting supplies he might need to get the job done.

Gift cards to Home Depot, where we purchase the same type of paint so the color matches on all the buildings, would be most appreciated as well. If you would like to help complete the painting of the buildings this year with a painting donation, please contact us at 330-296-5914 or you can use the donation form on the inside back page to mail in a donation.



Wood Chipping Project

Last year we attempted to clear out a section of the woods where there were a lot of dead trees and scrub bushes that had turned into trees. A massive pile of limbs and branches is still in the middle of the area we hope to once again use for horse turn-out, and we needed to find a way to safely and effectively dispose of the remnants.

Dominic's Tree Service will be bringing a commercial tree chipper to the sanctuary to shred the impressive pile for a reasonable fee of \$600. If you are able to help sponsor this cost for the sanctuary, it's yet another one of the necessary evils that we have to address - not something fun to accomplish, but a task that needs accomplished nevertheless.

For more details, call us at 330-296-5914.



Happy Trails Facilities Manager, Jason Wolboldt, gratefully accepts a donation of \$500 from George Laird, representative of the Portage County Sheriff's Department. We are always thankful for the support of the law enforcement agencies we serve.

Thoughts From Adoptive Pig Mom, Katie Costello

What kind of person would adopt farm pigs as part of their family? A business owner, a vet tech, a veterinarian, an animal behaviorist, a mom, a service dog trainer — a typical, average, everyday person who simply appreciates animals, especially pigs, for the amazing creatures that they are. All these descriptions above describe adoptive mom, Katie Costello.

Throughout the past several years, Katie and her family (husband Sam, a veterinarian, and daughter Anastya), have adopted four farm pigs and an assortment of chickens from Happy Trails.

When asked to share her experience of adopting rescued farm animals, here's what Katie wrote:

"We went to Happy Trails 10 year anniversary back in 2010. It was our first time visiting the sanctuary. My husband is a veterinarian and he worked on a pig farm while in vet school. He loved pigs. We had always talked about getting pigs...but it was a far off memory. I am a registered veterinary technician and love animals of all kinds,



Katie and the love of her life, handsome Jebbe Boye!

but we truly had no intention of doing anything except going to celebrate Happy Trails anniversary. We were checking out all of the animals....and listening to all of their stories. We were about half way through the sanctuary near the pigs, where over the hill came a very handsome white pig. It was love at first sight. This pig came down over the hill squawking his heart out. I asked the volunteer for his story. And boy, he had a story! I stood petting Jebbe Boye...for a long time. My husband pulled me away after about 45 minutes. I thought about Jebbe all night and the whole next morning before calling my husband at work and saying, "I can't stop*

thinking about that pig." And so I called Happy Trails and left a message. I wanted this pig in the worst way, and of course he needed to be with other pig friends! So, Anselmo and Tadita (Jebbe's two farm pig friends) came home with him about 1½ weeks later. We needed time to build a fence around our barn. Those pigs give us hours of laughter! We

read to the pigs. We have parties for the pigs...we have an open barn policy in place that anyone that wants to come and feed them or pet them can. They have changed quite a few people to vegetarians/vegans! They change lives...and it all began with one pig!

We also adopted roosters and chickens from Happy Trails and love them to death. We would have 100 of them...and probably will have a lot more soon!"

For information on adopting pigs as pets, contact our Placement Coordinator at rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org



PLANTERS



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STATUES



BENCHES



BIRD BATHS

100% of the proceeds from the sales of the concrete statuary benefit the rescued animals of Happy Trails. You can find the best selection of concrete yard decor AND support a worthy cause when you shop at Happy Trails Gift Shop!

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GIFT SHOP HOURS: Saturday/Sunday noon to 5pm; or by appointment.

For an appointment, call 330-296-5914.

Tribute to Red

In November 2004, Happy Trails volunteers pooled our personal money together to purchase two Amish draft horses slated for a meat auction the following weekend. Their names were Red and Tony. Unknowingly, the Amish Horse Retirement Program was born.

Our original plan was to have two permanent residents to give visitors an opportunity to learn to work around draft horses *and* to represent us at community events. Like so many other brilliant ideas that have started out so simply for Happy Trails, this one took on a life of its own. Up to this point we were not aware of the plight of the Amish horses who could no longer serve their families, and we hadn't realized that most of them are sent through the local meat auctions when they are retired.

At only 17 years old, Red and Tony were massive, gentle, and had *the best* personalities. Their owner retired them before they were broken down, and they had a lot of life left in them. Red and Tony had plowed the fields together for their entire life and were very bonded. Their new careers were as trail



horses, and they seemed to love spending time in the woods with us when they weren't busy greetings guests or allowing visitors to groom them.

The day before New Year's Eve in 2010, we lost Tony to colic. It was a sad day indeed. Red was already good friends with my own Belgian mare, Shelby. Shelby comforted Red and stood beside him for hours. The two became even closer, and as Red grew older, he and Shelby moved off the Happy Trails property to a life of leisure and lush green pastures.

At the beginning of June, we said good-bye to Red, now 28 years old — a ripe old age for a 2,000+ lbs. draft horse. Red was still in great physical shape when a hoof infection destroyed his coffin bone. Though surgery was performed, he was unable to recover. The passing of both horses indicates the passing of an era for Happy Trails. The two founding fathers of the Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program have moved on to greener pastures. I personally rode Red and Tony on many, many trails and loved every minute of it. They were majestic and let you feel empowered, all the while knowing darn well they were in full control and taking good care of you. I think the saddest thing is all new the folks will never have the opportunity to meet these two amazing gentlemen in person. We would like to remember them with dignity and respect for the human lives they've changed and the horse lives they've saved. Here's to Red and Tony — we love ya man.



Red was always on the right; Tony was always on the left — their rules, not ours.

Remembering Our Animal Friends

We try our best to provide realistic rehab and recovery programs for the rescued animals while treating body, mind and spirit, but sometimes prior damage that's been done to one or all three is beyond anything we can repair.

We'd like to acknowledge the passing of as many of the rescued animals as possible as we wish them peace and healing in the world of the spirit.

May the horses, **Metta, Aurora, Fury and Brownie** be enjoying green pastures; may the roosters **Butters** and **Tweak** be busy finding treasures in the dirt that are important to only them; and may **Garfunkle** the farm pig be free from arthritis and enjoying a cool pig waller where he takes afternoon naps in the warm sunshine.

Brownie was a recent intake through Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program. He was a sweet little mini-horse who became injured in the pasture. A month went by, and his owner decided that the little horse was not going to heal. The family could no longer use him to pull the kids' cart nor could he be ridden. While the mini was trying to function on three legs, it was not the ideal situation. We accepted Brownie into the retirement program and immediately drove him from his Amish home directly to the Equine Specialty Hospital about ten minutes away.

The next day, radiographs showed that his injury was in the ankle, and that the bones were broken in such a way that not only could they not be repaired, but they were collapsing in on themselves. The last gift of love we could offer Brownie was to help him cross into the world of the spirit where he would be free from pain. This is the gift that is sometimes the hardest gift for us to give, but is also the greatest act of love.



Goats and Calf Rescue

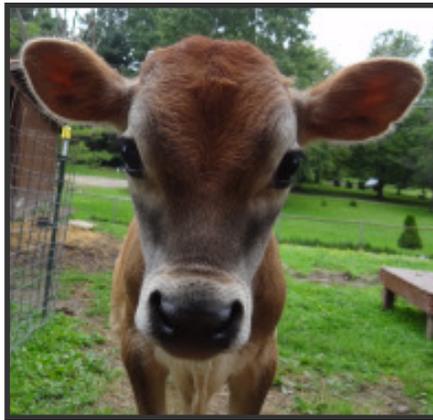
In June, Pawsibilities, the Greater Akron Humane Society, asked Happy Trails to assist with the rescue of five baby goats, four adult goats and a precious little calf from a situation of neglect.

Upon arrival at Happy Trails, the rescued animals received veterinary care and were examined and treated in the new mini-vet clinic. They were able to receive the benefits of the well-lit, amazing facility that was made possible by the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation in honor of the retirement of Carol Zett. Our field service veterinarians really appreciate having this wonderful area to welcome, examine and treat incoming farm animals.

Cruelty charges have been filed against the owner and the case is now going through the court process.

As always, we accept adoption applications for animals while they are in the custody of Happy Trails so they will have adoptive homes waiting for them once the court cases are completed. If you are interested in possibly adopting an adorable baby calf, baby goats or adult goats, keep in mind that we adopt rescued animals out as pets only. As with any reputable rescue organization, you cannot breed the animals.

Once the court proceedings are complete, we can provide more information on this story. Contact us at adopt-foster@happytrailsfarm.org for adoption information.



AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



Falcon

Falcon is a five year old black and white paint gelding who is orney as all get out and thrives on attention. If you're looking for a horse with personality, here's the one for you! He's currently in training and seems to be doing very well. Falcon is green but with this training should certainly be able to be a great riding companion. An intermediate to an experienced handler would be the best person for Falcon. Adoption Fee \$500

3 MINI HORSES AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Lilly, Pumpkin and Buster were all part of a large group of rescued animals who were signed over to Happy Trails this past Spring after a guilty verdict in court held their owner accountable for neglect. Their foster home intended to adopt them, but unfortunately was not able to do so. So these cutepies are once again looking for a permanent home.

Lilly, a beautiful while large mini/small pony, is blind in one eye. She is gentle and sweet, a little shy, but will make a great family pet or companion for another horse.

Pumpkin is shy, gentle and sweet. Buster is very vocal, smart, brash, super curious, outgoing, bossy and fearless. Choose one (or more!) of the personalities that fit your family, and welcome them home! Email us at info@happytrailsfarm.org for adoption information.



LILLY



PUMPKIN



BUSTER

Ohio Legislative Updates

From the desk of Corey Roscoe, Ohio State Director for HSUS (Humane Society of the United States), here are some important facts to keep you in the loop of the latest state and federal legislation.

Ohio Legislation Updates

- **House Bill 60 “Goddard’s Law”** which would increase penalties to a felony for first-time egregious acts of animal cruelty had its 3rd hearing and a committee vote is forthcoming.
- **House Bill 121 which designates the last week of July as “Service Dog Awareness Week”** passed the House and moved to the Senate.
- **House Bill 215 which increases penalties for cockfighting and bear baiting** was introduced into the House and had its 1st hearing in front of the Judiciary committee.
- **A Bestiality amendment was submitted to House Bill 64** (the

main operating budget) by Senator Jim Hughes. HSUS is

fighting to keep the amendment in the bill.

Important Links for Ohio

- **Ohio General Assembly website and Search for your state legislator** — www.legislature.ohio.gov
- **Ohio Animal Cruelty Laws** — <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/959>

Federal Legislation Updates

- **Learn about the Prevent Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, H.R. 2293** at www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/114/hr2293. This bill would empower the FBI and U.S. Attorneys to prosecute animal abuse cases that cross state lines and would include investigations regarding puppy mill operators.
- **Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act., H.R. 1942** would prevent the establishment of horse slaughter operations within the U.S., end the current export of American horses for slaughter abroad, and

protect the public from consuming toxic horse meat. Last year more than 140,000 American horses were slaughtered for human consumption in foreign countries. Learn more about this act at

www.humanesociety.org/news/press_release/2015/04/fedearl-horse-slaughter-bill-042215.html

- **The Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act, S. 1121**, was re-introduced in the U.S. Senate to end the cruel practice of horse soring, used by unscrupulous trainers to deliberately inflict pain in order to exaggerate the high-stepping gait of their horses and gain an unfair advantage at horse shows. To learn more about this act go to www.humanesociety.org/issues/tenn_walking_horses/facts/about-the-past-act.html

You can keep up-to-date with all the latest animal welfare legislation through the HSUS website at www.humanesociety.org



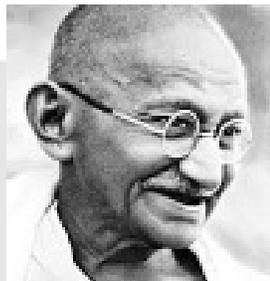
“The ultimate tragedy is not the brutality of the bad people, but the silence of the good people.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man.”

Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)



Eagle Scout Project

Josh Wyclef chose to work with Happy Trails to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. To earn this title of honor, the scout must plan, develop and learn a service project — the Eagle Project — that demonstrates both leadership and a commitment to duty. Josh’s project with Happy Trails was to design and construct a run-in shelter for one of the horse paddocks to provide a wind-break and protection from the elements while the horses are outdoors. Josh went above and beyond the average Eagle Scout project and should be very proud (as we are) of his accomplishments. Thanks Josh, for doing such an outstanding job for the rescued horses!

Regina Brett's "God is Always Hiring"

Beloved columnist and bestselling author Regina Brett offers her special

brand of uplifting, yet practical advice to help readers find fulfillment in their work . . . and to deal with unexpected challenges.

In this inspiring collection, Brett focuses on how we relate to our work, or lack of work, and the seeking of something deeper and more meaningful in our career and life. Chapter 28, "Expand your comfort zone to make others more comfortable" highlights Annette Fisher and her

work with Happy Trails.

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"We're all gifted, but some people never open their package. We all have a calling, a vocation, a particular, unique talent. Your calling isn't necessarily your job title. It might not be written on the business card you carry, or on your job description, or on your resume. It's more likely written on your heart." Regina Brett

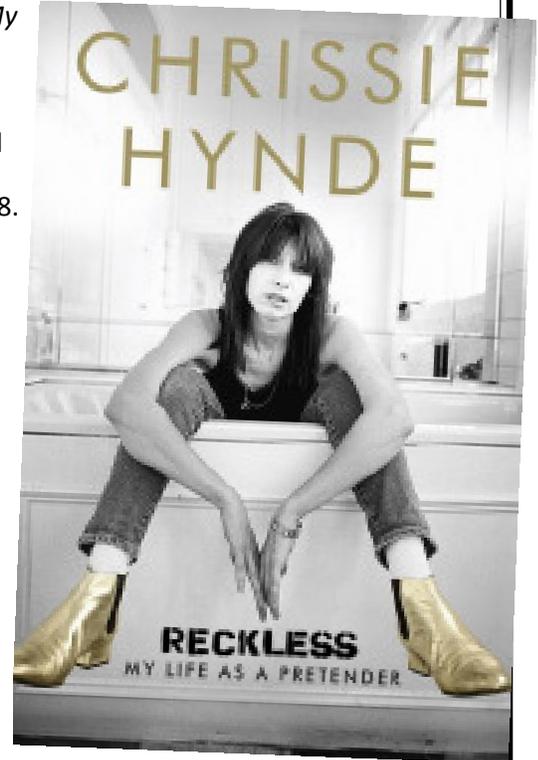


Chrissie Hynde says she is Happy Trails number one fan!

'Reckless: My Life as a Pretender' publishes in the U.S. and abroad on September 8. In 1978, talented musician/singer/songwriter Chrissie Hynde formed the Pretenders and went on to become one of rock's most legendary female artists.

Known for Pretender's hits like "Don't Get Me Wrong", "Brass in Pocket", "Talk of the Town" and "I'll Stand By You", Chrissie also performed as a solo artist. When the project was first announced, Hynde said, "I'm approaching writing this memoir much the same way as I would an album. I hope it makes you want to dance, have fun, dig out some old records and maybe even root through your closet and dust off your guitar..."

**Pre-order your copy today at
www.chrissiehynde.com**



Accepting Resumes

Happy Trails accepts resumes for a variety of staff positions to keep on file as we continue to grow. Feel free to email your resume along with three professional references and YOUR salary requirements to humanresources@happytrailsfarm.org.

Areas of growth for the sanctuary include animal care, vet tech, sales, marketing, development, tech support, and administrative work. We review all resumes in hand when seeking to fill a staff position.

Bringing Smiles



"If slaughterhouses had glass walls, we would all be vegetarian."

- Paul McCartney



(Left) Residents of the Gardens of Western Reserve in Cuyahoga Falls enjoy a visit with Kachina, the mini-horse, and her handler, Happy Trails staff member Ilona Urban. Happy Trails Farm Animal Visitation Program takes rescued farm animals into nursing homes to visit residents during warmer weather.

Thank You Very Much

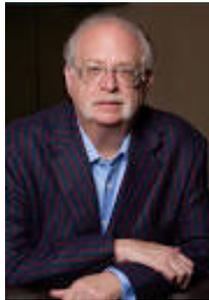
Happy Trails is blessed beyond belief and we have so many incredible people to thank for their generosity and spirit of community. While we wish we had unlimited space to publicly thank everyone in the newsletter, the reality is we try to highlight as many donations of kindness as we can. If you have taken a tour of the sanctuary, made a monetary contribution, donated items for our fundraisers, adopted or fostered a rescued animal, collect aluminum cans, blankets or Acme receipts, volunteered your time, or have gotten involved and reached out to us in countless other ways, please know you are appreciated and that we are grateful for your continued support!

Many thanks to...

- ...to Pastor Francel Parker with Open Door Church in Akron for his weekly (*massive*) donation of bread and baked goods for the rescued animals.

- ...Andy January and Kathy Delong, radio show hosts of **My Beautiful Home**, for inviting Happy Trails to be a guest on their weekly show on **1590 WAKR**

- ...Dan Kennedy, marketing guru and Happy Trails mentor, for providing continuing education for Happy Trails Executive Director, Annette Fisher, by including her as an attendee in his marketing seminars. Always eager to learn ways to create a more sustainable organization, Annette is grateful for such amazing opportunities. Learn more about Dan Kennedy at www.dankennedy.com and www.dankennedywebsite.com



- ...the Copley Community Emergency Response Team for inviting Happy Trails to teach a group of 30+ First Responders hands-on training in how to rescue and handle farm animals in disaster situations. What an amazing group of caring people who claimed they thoroughly enjoyed and learned a lot with our session!



- ...and to a generous supporter who wishes to remain anonymous for her kind donation of a 2004 Toyota Rav 4 with only 47,000 miles.

Board President, Kerry Jackson and staff member, Laurie Jackson, spent Kerry's birthday in a special way! A very generous person (who wishes to remain anonymous) donated her pristine condition 2004 Toyota Rav4 to Happy Trails! Off they



went to a wonderful community near Cleveland. Once there this person insisted on not only donating the car but paying for a car wash, oil change and lunch! They hit the streets to accomplish these errands. Hearing the story of such a generous donation, the wonderful community jumped on board; Valvoline discounted their oil change, the car wash gave a free car wash and even the crew at the restaurant donated lunch for all three! Meeting this wonderful supporter and feeling the support of the community for the work of Happy Trails leaves an incredible feeling. *Thanks to all!* This vehicle will provide transport for small animal vet visits, errands and community events. As Kerry said, "I couldn't have asked for a better way to spend the day!"

Education Center Classes

Thanks to Dr. Mike Geiger of Horizon Equine Services (photo at right) and to all the veterinarians and professionals who have donated their time to teaching a class at the new Happy Trails Education Center. And thanks to everyone who joined us for class.

Be sure to check the website at www.happytrailsfarm.org for new classes, seminars, clinics and workshops being added throughout the year.

Sessions offered are all designed to help people connect with animals in some way, including animal care, animal art, animal welfare, animal-friendly cooking, energy healing, and more.

Also thanks to class instructors, Dr. Holly Troche, Dr. Sarah Jerman, Dr. Sasha Hill, Dr. Avery Sauder, Dr. Randy Alger, blacksmith Ed Cigany, and Annette Fisher, for taking the time to teach our animal care series.



Amish Horses Recently Arrived

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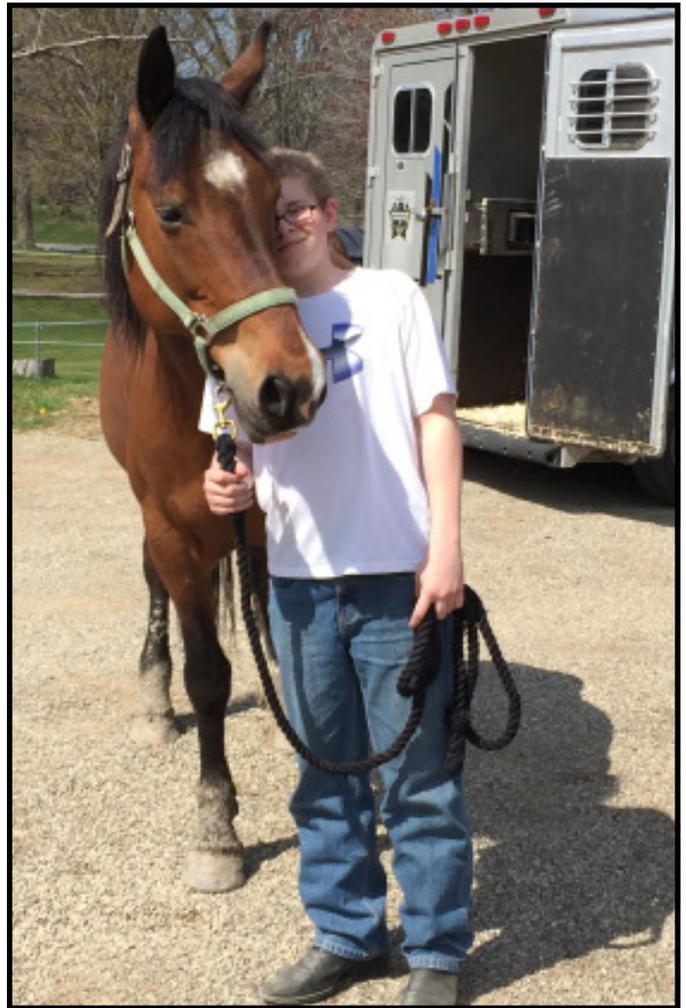
(Left) Dakota and Macario (right) are introduced to each other and to their new stalls at their new foster home.

friends and family is surely scary and a huge change in your life. With this change comes a period of adjustment, still a far better outcome than a horrific trip on a meat truck to a slaughterhouse.

Dakota and Mac are scheduled to have their veterinarian exam and health evaluations to see what or if we can do anything to improve the lameness and eyesight issues. Like all incoming horses, they will be dewormed, vaccinated, have their teeth floated and their hooves trimmed. **Our goal is to find a home for both of them to stay together where Mac can continue to be a seeing-eye buddy for his nearly-blind friend. We are all positive we can find the perfect adoptive home for these two gentle souls.**

Until then, their vet exams will be about \$50 each for the field service exam, \$80 each for vaccinations and follow up boosters, \$35 each for hoof trims, \$135 each for teeth floating, \$25 each for fecal counts and then \$12 each to deworm, and the additional cost of radiographs or blood work if needed to help identify their health issues. These costs are in addition to the daily basic expenses of grain (\$18 per horse per week), hay (\$15 per week per horse), bedding (\$18 per week for pelleted bedding), and fly spray (\$19 per bottle). To help Happy Trails care for these two retiring Amish horses saved from going to slaughter, tax-deductible donations can be made using the form on the inside back cover. Just indicate you want your donation to be used for the care of Mac and Dakota.

When, and I do mean when - not if - these two kind, loving horses get adopted, their adoption will make room for two more horses to experience the love and nurturing of Janet's foster home for Happy Trails rescued horses. For adoption information and to experience these sweet boys in person, contact adoption counselor, Rebecca Scalise, at 330-296-5914.



13 year old Bradley Brooks, together with his mom, adopted the love of his life named Beauty! Kids can adopt rescued animals with the approval (and official signature) of their parents! What a great way to teach kids kindness and compassion for animals! Thanks, Bradley, for giving Beauty such a wonderful home!

"I ask people why they have deer heads on their walls. They always say because it's such a beautiful animal. There you go. I think my mother is attractive, but I have photographs of her."



~Ellen DeGeneres



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Happy Trails outreach with our newsletters has grown to nothing short of amazing.

Providing advertising opportunities is a great way for us to expand the volume of our newsletters and the content. There are so many more stories and much more educational information we can share if we are able to create larger and more frequent newsletters. Our goal is to create the Happy Trails magazine!

You can either provide art for the ad, or we can put together an ad for you at no additional charge.

We reserve the right to refuse any ad that promotes animal cruelty through the use of fur, leather, animal products, animal testing, or animals used in food production.

Newsletter Statistics and Facts

Currently newsletters are published bi-monthly. For each issue there are:

- Approximately 6,000 hard copies direct mailed to supporters

- 1,200 hard copies are distributed via lobbies, waiting rooms, organizations, and community events

- Every issue of the newsletter is posted on the Happy Trails website and kept on the website for archives. You can check out issues going back to 2004, so your ad has longevity.

- The newsletter is always posted on Happy Trails Facebook page and our friends in turn post it on theirs. We currently have 6,686 likes.

- There are over 1,900 people on our email list who receive a direct notice when the newsletter is posted on the website.

- If you were to purchase a quarter page ad and reach *only* the 6,000 people who receive the hard copy of the newsletter, you would be reaching each of those people at two cents per person. And that doesn't include all the other people you reach electronically via our internet and social media.

- Though the newsletters are printed in black ink on either white or a colored paper, the newsletters on the website and on social media are posted in color at no additional charge. So you are welcome to submit a color ad if you feel it will reproduce well in black ink only also.

Ad Sizes/Costs

We are offering three sizes of advertising spaces.

¼ page — \$125

½ page — \$225

full page — \$425

A 10% discount is given for prepayment of 3 issues.

Ad Dimensions

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½ pg = 4 7/8" x 7 3/8"

full page = 7 3/8" x 10"

How to Place an Ad

- **Call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914** to request an ad order form be emailed or faxed to you.

- Fill out the form and send it in along with your payment and any artwork you want included in your ad.

- You can provide artwork or we can design an ad for you at no additional charge.

Questions? Call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914.

Yoga Classes



Corrie Malkowski, Certified Yoga Instructor, has been volunteering her time to teach Happy Trails yoga classes on Saturdays. **Our weekly yoga classes on the lawn (with the rescued animal voices in the background as they neigh, whinny, baah, cluck, quack, moo and oink) will be moved to Monday evenings beginning Monday, August 3rd from 6pm to 7pm.**

Last year Corrie visited Happy Trails and was so touched by the wonderful stories she decided she wanted to help in some way. By sharing her love of yoga she will help you build strength, increase flexibility and find focus all while helping animals in need.

Her classes are Vinyasa based, meaning breath is linked to movement. They are moderately paced so you will learn the fundamental Yoga postures and principles that create a successful and effective yoga practice. **They are great classes for all levels, including beginners.** A \$7 donation per class benefits the rescued animals. Call to register at 330-296-5194.



Planned Giving — Wills • Estates • Trusts

Leave a Legacy of Compassion

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 at 330-296-5914.



Safer Walking Paths for the Rescued Horses and Staff

Walking the horses out for their daily turn-out became a major safety issue for both staff and horses with the overwhelming amounts of rain and mud so far this summer. As in any high-traffic area, the more horses you walked through the paddock gates, the souper the terrain became. To immediately address the problem and make horse turn-out safer for both people and animals, we scraped away the

goo and put in place a layer of geocloth,

a layer of larger rock, smaller rock, and then a layer of finely crushed limestone which has knit together to form an almost cement-like consistency.

Everyone is much happier and safer, thanks to the time and efforts of staff member Jason Wolboldt and volunteer, Dave Robinson, a heavy-equipment operator. The materials to repair the entrances to three gates cost a total of \$1,200. Dona-



tions toward this project will be very much appreciated by both human and animal. These repairs and emergency upgrades have certainly saved people and ponies from injuries.

Ways to Make a Difference When You Have Time

You may want to get more involved with the work of Happy Trails, but you are currently juggling everything from work to kids to school to other commitments. We get that. That's why we put together a list of things you can do whenever you have time to do them. No set hours. No special commitments. Just pick something that fits with your busy schedule.

Every little bit counts!

___ Save aluminum cans like pop, tea or beer cans, in a big bag and drop them off once or twice a month at Happy Trails. We recycle and earn quite a bit of money with the aluminum we turn in. Ask your co-workers or friends to save them for you too.

___ Like Happy Trails on Facebook and forward our posts to people you know.

___ Plan far enough ahead of time to attend an event, fundraiser, seminar or workshop, and put it on your calendar. Make it a point to attend at least one thing this fall.

___ Share the newsletter. Ask for copies to set out in the lobby where you work or the lunchroom at the university. Leave copies in your doctor's or dentist's office. when you have an appointment.

___ If you have enough drawers full of gifts you'll never use, ask friends and family to sponsor an animal for your birthday or in place of holiday gifts this year. You'll be giving the gift of life and getting others involved as well.

___ Make a point to start reading labels to be sure the products you purchase are cruelty-free (not tested on animals) and have no animal products in them.

___ Buy a Happy Trails Animal-Friendly cook book and set your realistic goal to try one new recipe a week.

___ When buying gifts for others, shop at the Happy Trails gift shop for logo apparel, mugs, mouse pads, shopping bags, stuffed animals and more. Every purchase helps support the work of Happy Trails!

DONATION INFORMATION

5-2015

I am enclosing \$ _____ to sponsor...

...the entire cost of the project(s) I have indicated below

...in part the cost of the project(s) I have indicated below

Please accept this donation:

To sponsor the follow specific needs: _____

To be used where needed most

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Check enclosed

Please charge my ___ VISA ___ Mastercard

Card Number _____

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

Name On Card (Please print) _____

Signature _____

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

5-2015

Return to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary
5623 New Milford Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

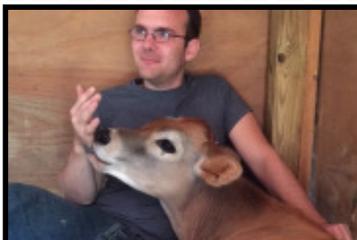
Want to become a *monthly* donor?

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

_____ **Yes, I would like to support the work of Happy Trails on a monthly basis.**

Please charge my credit card each month in the amount of \$ _____

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

Change the world for one animal. Open the eyes of one person. Do something good for only one, and you've done something good.





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This is beautiful Shirley, and yes, of course, she needs adopted together with her pig friend, Laverne. Shirley is one of 22 pot belly pigs available for adoption.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

EXPERIENCE THE ANIMALS. UP CLOSE. PERSONAL.

If you've never visited the sanctuary, now is the time to schedule a tour. **Be prepared to give a pig a belly rub.** Hug a mini horse. **Pet a retired cock-fighting rooster.** Meet 1,000 lb. farm pigs. **Play with the goats.** Visit the Amish horses. Hear some heart-warming stories of rescue and rehab.

Meet the animals in person.
Get a hands-on tour.

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.

- Adult admission: \$20 per person.
- Youth ages 6-17 admission: \$10.
- Kids ages 5 and under free

Groups may include up to six people.



Educational Tours Available

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00am; 12:45pm; 2:30pm; 4:15pm

Reservations Required.

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.

Reservations required. To schedule a visit call 330-296-5914 or go to www.happytrailsfarm.org. Tours offered May through Oct.