
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

Spreading Kindness and Compassion for
All Animals This Holiday Season

Vernon ...his story continues



**"Although the world is full of suffering,
it is also full of the overcoming of it."**

- Helen Keller



letter from the director

Dear Friends of Happy Trails,

Looking back at 2015, I continue, as always, to be in awe of what we have accomplished together.

This past year we have increased our staff, improved and upgraded our facilities, handled some incredible animal rescues, placed an eye-opening number of animals in both foster as well as adoptive homes, got guilty verdicts in every single court case we have been involved with, testified at trials, hosted major events, created programs connecting people with animals, and given back to our communities in many, many ways.

We cried for those we could not save and rejoiced in those who survived and thrived.

When I think of the milestones we have reached, it is very humbling to see the overwhelming good being done by such an extended group of caring people. It is with much anticipation and excitement that I look forward to 2016, for there is more of the same in the works.

Each piece of the puzzle is crucial to the overall picture, with the pieces including the facilities, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors, donors, sponsors, supporters, visitors, guests, humane agents, law enforcement officers, community support, and of course, the rescued animals.

While we see more than our share of pain and suffering on a daily basis, I believe the quote at the bottom of the front cover from Helen Keller sums



**"Alone we can do so little.
Together, we can do so much."**

— Helen Keller



everything up. I am proud to be a part of helping the animals, as well as the people, overcome and move beyond the pain and suffering of the world through the programs of Happy Trails. And, I believe everyone connected with the sanctuary feels the same way too.

I share my wish that all of you have a blessed and compassionate holiday season, filled with peace and healing in your lives and the lives of those you love. I also look forward to continuing our work together to bring that same peace and healing to the lives of the rescued animals throughout the new year. May all of us live together in understanding and compassion for one another.

With much appreciation,

Annette Bragg
Executive Director

P.S. In case you hadn't noticed, I have a new name! As promised in the last magazine edition, I have included photos from my animal-friendly wedding ceremony on pages 4 and 5. Kevin and I would like to thank everyone for your support, well-wishes and encouragement, and you will now see my new last name on all Happy Trails correspondence beginning with this magazine edition.

Welcome to New Board Member, Greg Peacock

Having spent most of his childhood at his grandparents' dairy farm in Wayne County, Greg Peacock has a soft spot in his heart for farm animals. Recently, Greg was welcomed as a new member of the



Happy Trails Board of Directors and jumped right in to help out in many ways. The photo above shows one of his recent projects, helping to install an emergency fence for the two new farm pigs that came in from a mass rescue of 51 animals in Marion County.

Greg now lives in Akron with his partner and two cats, Smokey and The Moppet. "I am excited and honored to be a part of the Happy Trails family!" Greg stated.

Greg is a graduate of the College of Wooster and the University of Akron Law School, and has been Assistant Summit County Prosecutor for the last 17 years.

We'd like to extend a warm, Happy Trails welcome to Greg and are thrilled for the opportunity to work together with him as our organization continues to grow!



GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS! Summit County Abuse Case Ends in Victory for Charlie the Calf and 10 Goats

On June 15th, Happy Trails assisted Pawsibilities, the Greater Akron Humane Society, when they removed six baby goats, four adult goats, and a small calf from a sad situation of neglect in Summit County. On November 25th, the case went to trial and was heard before a jury. After deliberations, a jury of five women and three men found 56-year-old Lonel Jura guilty on all nine counts of animal cruelty for neglecting to provide proper care for the animals, and one count of animals at large.

Stow Municipal Court Judge Lisa Coates declared the following sentence:

- 90 days in jail for the M4 and 90 days in jail for the other counts, with jail time suspended, contingent upon the Defendant's successful completion of 5 years probation
- 5 years probation during which the defendant cannot own or care for any farm animals

- required to attend an 8 hour seminar or class on animal husbandry and proper animal care
- \$1,200 restitution to Happy Trails
- 150 hours community service with the county humane society
- humane officers can inspect his property unannounced at any time
- \$100 fine per charge, plus court costs

The situation of animal neglect was investigated after Peninsula police responded to a call on June 14th that a calf was wandering along the side of Akron Cleveland Road, near Jura's Boston Car Service. Police reports indicate officers located the calf and kept it from wandering into traffic on the busy road. Over the past two years, officers responded to 27 previous calls regarding animals at large that belonged to Jura, and in 2014 officers responded to an incident where one of his goats was struck by a motorist. Officers reported that there were also signs of neglect.

When the Greater Akron Humane Society launched an investigation, they discovered that the animals were malnourished and did not have proper food, water or shelter.

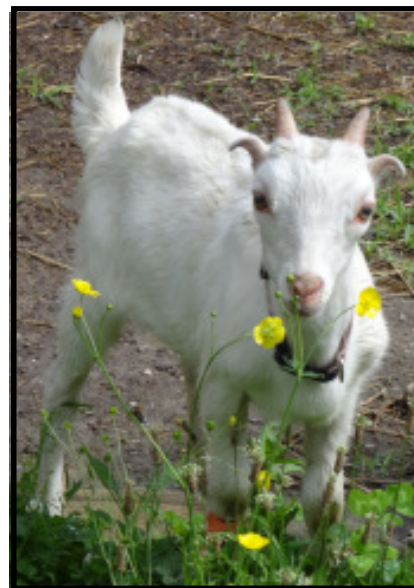
The outcome of this trial was made possible by people who care and who are willing to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

A huge wave of appreciation

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Who loves ya man? Here one of the rescued goats, now named John Snow, turns to give adoptive dad, Steve Smith, a great big smooch on the face. Steve adopted a total of five goats from the Summit County rescue. John Snow (pictured below when first rescued) is now very much loved and enjoying a life of care and compassion with his new "people" family as well as his goat friends.



Who Wouldn't Expect the Goat at the Wedding to Eat the Bride's Bouquet?

Whether it was the mesmerizing colors of oranges and purples, the beauty of the bird-of-paradise flowers and star gazer lilies, or the sweet aroma of the floral mix, Natasha the goat was drawn to the eye-catching arrangement. She pulled quite a few tasty morsels from the bridal bouquet and baaaahed her approval.

On Saturday, November 28th, at a small ceremony with about 65 guests, Kevin Bragg and I said "I do" surrounded by friends and family, both furry, feathered and otherwise.

It seemed only fitting that after dedicating the last 16 years of my life to animal rescue, to education regarding the serious nature of animal abuse and its close ties to other violent crimes, and to nurturing and growing Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, that some of the animals who represent my life-time of work participate in this blessed day.

Natasha the goat, in her veil of

matching flowers, ever-so-proudly marched down the aisle with her people-partner, Jeanne Alger.

Natasha was found on the side of the road when she was only a day and half old in Summit County, and she grew up in my house. She not only survived, but she thrived. Natasha is now a key member of the Farm Animal Visitation Program for nursing homes, is a representative of the rescued animals at community events, and attends educational programs to promote kindness and compassion for farm animals.

I remember holding Kachina, a mini-horse, in my lap when we picked her up through the Amish Horse Retirement Program when she was only ten weeks old. She was born with dwarfism, and couldn't walk on her crippled hooves. She now not only walks, but she runs and plays. She too is a key animal representative for nursing homes, events and schools. Kachina, in her double-layered orange and purple floral veil, matter-of-factly walked down the aisle with her person, Ilona Urban.

I grew up with chickens, ducks and geese as pets since I was three years old. My favorite photos are of me as a little girl, sitting on the

ground holding my feathered friends. I would laugh as they would climb all over my legs and sit in my lap. So of course, Sampson, one of my adopted roosters who loves to be held, attended the wedding and was placed in front of the wedding party in a decorated cage.

And there was Bronson. My rock. My beloved dog that I adopted from the Columbiana County kennel when he was only two years old. He was starved, sad, and looked like he was an old man. He has been by my side for the last nine years, and keeps a close eye on me, trying to never let me out of his sight. Looking dashing in a bow tie and matching handkerchief, he was accompanied by Bentley Hudson. Bronson seemed to believe all was going as



planned and everything was right with the world, for after giving a sideways glance at Sampson next to him in his cage, he yawned and fell asleep during the ceremony.

I must say that Todaro's Party Center went above and beyond as always with their amazing creations of vegan cuisine. Vegetarians and meat-eaters alike were thrilled with not only the buffet, but the three types of vegan wedding cake, including pineapple, red velvet, and German chocolate.

Our appreciation goes out to our wedding party — Bentley Hudson, Kerry Jackson, Ilona Urban, Laurie Jackson and Jeanne Alger, for helping make this day so special and for making sure the animals were present and well-cared for.

After losing my mom two years ago, my dad passed away this year as well. A special thank you goes out to my two brothers, Bob and Len Krasovic, who walked with me down the aisle.

To our dear friend Judge Becky



Doherty, thank you for creating a ceremony that truly reflected the two of us. And to Fred Snowden and Christine Lang, we are grateful for the beautiful readings of the Native American prayers and blessings.

And special recognition goes



out to violinist Carol Ruzicka and cellist Kent Collier, both members of the Cleveland Pops, who provided the most beautiful music for the wedding and reception.

It was a day to celebrate so very much, and to be surrounded by both people and animals who have been so very important in our lives and who represented so many things was a blessing indeed. I wish we could have realistically invited each and everyone one of you, as it was a most memorable and unique wedding.

You will be seeing my name change beginning in this magazine edition, and the letters from the director will now be signed by Annette Bragg as I take on Kevin's last name.

In lieu of gifts, we would be honored if anyone who would like to celebrate this milestone with us were to send a donation to Happy Trails in our name.

For more fun wedding photos, check out the Happy Trails website at www.happytrailsfarm.org.



From left: Bob Krasovic, Jeanne Alger, Len Krasovic, Laurie and Kerry Jackson, Annette and Kevin Bragg, Bentley Hudson, Ilona Urban. Front row from center: Natasha the goat, Bronson the dog, Kachina the mini-horse

Join Jason's Super-Hero Volunteers!

Facilities Manager, Jason Wolboldt, had just safely set Peppermint Patty, the farm pig, on the ground after rescuing her from villains and was ready to fly off to handle another catastrophe when we captured this photo!

Well, at least it looks like that could have happened, doesn't it?

So, while Jason doesn't actually own a cape (at least not that we know of) or fly around the sanctuary with a pig in his arms, he is definitely a super-hero to us, as are the volunteers who work with him on very special projects. Jason's crew shows up on a dime, helps out in emergencies, brings special skills to the table, and heroically handles any

crisis. They do things like fix broken fences, cut up trees that topple over during storms, fix minor things on the trucks and trailers, painting buildings and offices and shelters, shovel snow away from gates to make sure our Animal Care staff can get to the animals safely in the Winter, repair plumbing problems, install electricity in new shelters, repair leaky roofs and address carpentry projects.

Some of the skilled volunteer super-heroes who handle all these projects, help with the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities and

show up for emergencies include Bentley Hudson (retired commercial electrician); Dave Robinson (retired heavy equipment operator); Dave Roberts (retired arborist); Terry Hynde (landscape professional); and there are tons more folks who are professionals



at what they do who donate their time and talents to support the work of Happy Trails.

Starting this winter, you can be a super-hero too and join Jason's team of skilled professional volunteers. Are you a plumber, painter, tree trimmer, or carpenter? Do you know how to operate farm machinery or are skilled in auto repair or basic vehicle maintenance?

To get involved and join Jason's team of super-heroes for the rescued animals, contact Jason at jasonw@happytrailsfarm.org or call the office at 330-296-5914.

Guilty Verdicts in Goat and Calf Neglect Case

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goes out to Summit County humane officers, Shannon O'Herron and Tim Harland, and to veterinarian, Dr. Randy Alger.

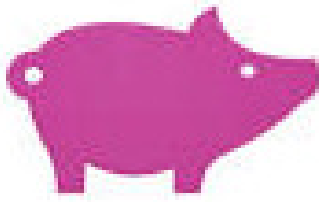
So where are the animals now? Enjoying life with adoptive families who love them and are providing them with the best care possible!

One small youngster (shown bottom right of page 3), originally named Babiest, was adopted along with four of his friends by a family who simply adores their new furry family members. This little guy, who has now grown much bigger with proper nutrition and care, loves to be hugged and kissed and he gives attention right back! Now the goats like Zoey (bottom left photo on page 3) are free to roam at their leisure in the pastures of their new adoptive home with John Dunlosky, will never again know the horrors of being chained in the hot sun with no food, water or shelter.

Many thanks to all the folks who donated to their care and a great deal of appreciation goes out to those who adopted the goats and the calf from this rescue. Everyone working together for the good of the animals has brought a peaceful and healing ending to this rescue story. But it really isn't an ending, is it? This new, exciting chapter of their lives is just beginning!



Sweet Elsa was recently rescued from Shreve, Ohio, where police officers responded to a call of an abandoned pot belly pig. We believe Elsa lived indoors, and are hoping to find a home for her as an indoor pig this winter!



Recent Rescues: Pigs, Pigs and more Pigs...

...And each one has a story that goes with them. Gordy, the rather handsome pink pig shown upper right, was originally surrendered to the Great Akron Humane Society when his owner passed away. Gordy had been a house pig his entire life, and suddenly found himself in a kennel situation. With an offer to help place the piggy, Gordy eventually moved to Rescue Village in Geauga County, where no luck was to be had in finding him a home in that area either. And finally, Gordy ended up at Happy Trails. After being picked on by the other pigs, Gordy is now residing at a temporary foster home. His ideal situation would be to find him one person again who will allow him to be their indoor piggy. Right now he is a bit confused and somewhat irritated at life, though everyone has helped him in the very best way they knew how given his situation. Sadly, animals are often displaced from the only homes they ever knew when their owners pass away, and unless prior arrangements are made, they are often placed with rescue groups. While this can sometimes be the only option at the time for the family, it is not always the best scenario for the animal.

Five other piggies have recently found their way to Happy Trails as well. Pigcaso, a small, beautiful black and white farm pig (shown lower right), her friend Tropigal (not pictured), a pot belly pig named Lady Bug (shown lower left) and her friend Merle (not pictured), were all part of the hideous neglect case from the 51 animal rescue in Marion County. Some of the animals had already died. Many were in various stages of neglect and malnutrition. All four of these pigs have now received vet care, were spayed and neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, and brought up-to-date health-wise. And these four were officially signed over to Happy Trails, so they are available for adoption while the hoarding case continues to go through court.

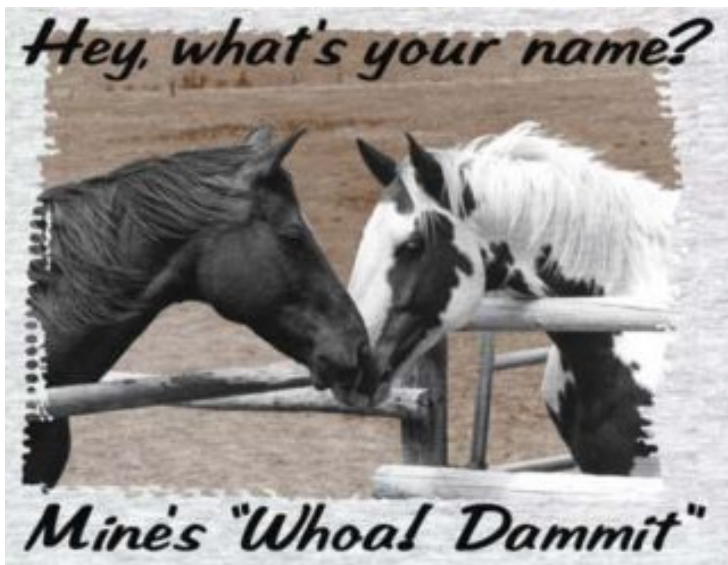
Hoarding is a mental instability, often brought on by a traumatic or tragic event in life. While the show "Hoarders" has shed light on the situation of people hoarding "stuff", hoarders often tend to hoard animals as well. With no intent of malice present, it is still the animals who suffer severe neglect at the hands of the mentally unbalanced. The best case possible is to have the courts order a mental health assessment and require follow-up treatment to help stop the vicious cycle of neglect.

Elsa (shown on opposite page) is available for adoption now as well.

For information on adopting, sponsoring or fostering these piggies, email rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org. Your kind donations help animals like these pigs when life finds them homeless and with no-one to care for them. Donation information can be found on the inside back cover of this magazine.



Equine Adoption Network



Maybe you are a horse lover, but you're not set up to take on yet another horse. You hear the stories of their rescues and you wish you could do something to help. Well, now you can help find them homes while sitting in your warmest, most comfortable chair with your laptop in front of you, and it will only take about five minutes.

Simply sign up to be a part of Happy Trails Equine Adoption Network. Once a week, a short email is sent out to folks on the Equine Adoption Network, and it highlights the latest horse rescues, provides updates on recent court cases, lists who was adopted, and provides new fliers of horses now available to either foster or adopt.

All we ask is that you forward the email on to your horsey friends, horse groups or clubs, or equine organizations in your personal network of friends, and help us spread the word about the rescued horses at Happy Trails. It's really as simple as that!

For each horse that gets adopted or placed in a foster home, you are actually helping two animals — the one who gets a private home and extra special attention, and the next abused or neglected horse in need welcomed in to that now-open stall.

To sign up, go the Happy Trails website at happytrailsfarm.org.

Animals on the Moooooove

Do your seats fold down enough to fit a pet crate in your vehicle? Smaller rescued farm animals who comfortably fit into pet porters, such as pot belly pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, and even baby goats or calves, are transported to and from vet hospitals, foster homes and adoptive homes daily. Happy Trails has a list of volunteer drivers on call



for small animals in need of being transported.

Or, do you have a truck and trailer, and would like to be involved in the transport of larger rescued animals, such as horses, goats, sheep, piggies, or cows? Help with trailer transport is always needed, as Happy Trails operates with one truck and two trailers, which we keep busy regularly.

As a volunteer hauler, you can determine what types of animals you are comfortable transporting, what geographic area you are willing to drive, and



what days and times you are available. Our haulers are called for daily needs as well as emergency rescues.

For more details on joining Happy Trails Transport Volunteers, do to the Happy Trails website at happytrailsfarm.org or call the office at 330-296-5914.

For information on supporting Happy Trails magazine through advertising, call the sanctuary at 330-296-5914

Stormey Joins Amish Horse Retirement Program

As most retiring plow horses in the Amish Horse Retirement Program go, Stormey, a big, handsome, Belgian gelding draft, is gentle, sweet and kind. He is very well mannered and laid back, but also curious, inquisitive and loving his roomy box stall at his foster home.

Used to being placed in shoeing stocks at his Amish home to have his hooves trimmed, for the first time in his 18 years he just had his hooves

trimmed by Happy Trails blacksmith, Craig Dennis, without using shoeing stocks. Stormey was a champ!

This guy tries very hard to please and is a treat to work with.

Stormey was retired due to lameness in his front legs. He was unable to plow the fields for more than a half day, and could no longer keep up with his younger team mates on his 6-horse hitch. We immediately took radiographs, which show ringbone in both front ankles. To watch him walk or trot, he doesn't appear lame, and he seemed to enjoy a short



ride around the pasture at his foster home. Though he only worked as a plow horse during his life and had never been ridden, he obligingly let us sit on his back even without a saddle. Used to having a career, Stormey enjoyed having a job to do, even if it was a new job he was working on figuring out. He will most likely be able to handle light backyard riding or some light trail work, and having a purpose in life would suit him just fine!

There are also several Amish Standardbreds in the Retirement Program as well, with Starra, a pretty bay mare, being one of the newest additions.

For adoption information on Stormey or any of the buggy horses in the Amish Horse Retirement Program, contact Animal Placement Coordinator, Rebecca Scalise, at rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org.

We are grateful for tax-deductible donations toward the Amish Horse Retirement Program which assure that horses like Stormey are not sold at slaughter auctions. Donation form on inside back cover.

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Today, we celebrate the success of **Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary** and those who strive to make our world a better place.

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Tribute to Barney — The Perfect Horse

We've all had one. At some point in your life you have either owned the perfect dog, the perfect cat, the perfect fill-in-the-blank. He or she was your animal soul mate, the perfect companion to complement your life.

I had found that in Barney, my Standardbred gelding, who I adopted from Happy Trails back in 2005 when he was only ten years old. He arrived through the Amish Horse Retirement Program, retiring early after a career of being not only a buggy horse, but a logging horse as well. Due to some horribly bad shoeing experiences, he had become too lame to haul or pull any longer. After I adopted him, he had hoof surgery and made remarkable progress.

I wanted to give him a new name to start his new life, a name with great meaning. Strangely enough, nothing else seemed to fit

to the barn, and he would practically load himself in his eagerness to 'go-bye-in-the-car'.

It never occurred to me to put a bit in his mouth, and we rode together with just two lead ropes attached to his halter or a side-pull. That didn't mean that he was always a gentleman. He could be quite an ass, but always in a comical way that would make you either laugh at him or scold him while you were trying not to let him see the smirk on your face.

Barn was a very curious horse. When I lived at Happy Trails, he would often come to the back door and I would let him step inside onto the porch, where he would be rewarded for his bad behavior with treats. He would often stand just inside the barn doors and keep the other horses out in the rain. Why? Because he could. Simple as that.

When we were galloping along on the trail, he must have had memories of his days on the track before he was purchased by the Amish family. He loved to run. At breakneck speed, he would give the horse running next to us dirty sideways glances and kick out at them if he thought they were gaining on us. He could trot for miles, and I let him. If he wanted to run, we would run. If he wanted to walk or eat the buffet of leaves on the trees, that's what we would do. In my mind, it was important that he enjoyed our rides as much as I did.

One day we were riding with a group of friends who were on very well-trained, well-mannered mounts. We all stood in a stream to give the horses a drink. It took about 30 seconds for Barney to start



the handsome fellow. After experiencing his true personality, he just seemed too much like a...well, like a Barney!

With newly healthy hooves, we were able to ride together on many of the beautiful trails in Ohio. When he would see the trailer pulling up

playing in the water. First one leg — splash splash splash splash. Then the other leg — splash splash splash splash. This went on for about ten minutes. Meanwhile, all the other horses stood quietly, mannerly, and looked straight ahead. One girl got out her camera. "You know he's gonna roll. I'm going to get a picture of this." "No he's not, he's just playing," I assured her. Barney didn't mind one bit that no-one else was joining him in his amusement of water play. He was oblivious to everything except sticking his head in the water and sloshing it through his mouth as he shook water all over. He was just being Barney. He loved naps in the sun, schooling and dismissing other horses with just a shake of his head, and he adored snacks.

For the last two years of his life we quit riding due to health and hoof/leg issues related to his early years. Though I knew he was going downhill, I still thought we had some years left to hug and smooch and get lovingly annoyed with each



other. When the limp on his back right leg got suddenly and noticeably worse, I took him to the Equine Specialty Hospital for radiographs. X-rays showed that Barney had now broken a bone in his ankle. How he did this, I will never know. What I do know is that I didn't expect to lose my perfect horse two weeks before my wedding. This news was devastating, and now at 20 years old with a host of other health issues, it was time to say good-bye to my best friend. My perfect horse.

I don't think I ever cried as hard or as much as I did in my entire life. We stood in the field not far from the grave that had been prepared for him. His mare friend, Shelby, stood close by. I wanted her to have

closure, to not all of a sudden have her long-time friend disappear from her life. Dr. Randy Alger gave him a tranq first, and I stood next to Barn, telling him he was going onto the next part of his journey, and that I couldn't go with him quite yet. I asked him to be there for me when it was my time to cross into the world of the spirit, and explained to him that by then he would be whole and healthy again and could carry

me across. When the vet gave Barney the final drug, I was prepared for him to fall down tragically like most horses. But in true Barney-fashion, he was his own spirit all the way to the end. I held his lead rope as he bent his back legs and sat down like a dog. He politely folded his front legs under him, laid down in an upright position, and bowed his head, as he always did when he napped. With his nose on the soft grass, I quickly sat down next to him and held his massive head in my arms and cried like I have never cried before. I ran out of tissues, and used his soft, fuzzy ears to wipe away my tears. I had just let go of my perfect horse.

I will forever be grateful for those ten beautiful years with such a very special furry friend who I absolutely adored. I am just hoping that Creator finds his antics as funny as I did, and that Barney is having the time of his life playing in all the streams he can find. Until I get to ride you again, Barney - I love ya man!



Napping in the warm sunshine was one of Barney's favorite things in life.



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.

You can be sure your legacy of compassion lives on through the mission of Happy Trails to bring peace and healing to both animals and people. We honor all requests and directives as to how donations are applied.

Planned giving options can include wills and bequests, gifts of cash or stock, charitable remainder trust or charitable lead trust, and/or life insurance.

We are happy to discuss your charitable objectives with you. If you have questions, please contact Happy Trails at 330-296-5914.

Save the Date, April 2nd, 2016, for A Night of Hope

**It's not too early to plan ahead!
You won't want to miss it, so be sure to put Happy Trails biggest annual event, "A Night of Hope", on your calendars for Saturday, April 2nd, 2016.**

We are now collecting items for the event raffles, so if you have an item, product or service you would like to donate for the raffle, call the office at 330-296-5914.

Raffle items often include fine art, jewelry, wood working, photography, home decor, theme baskets such as gardening or pets, entertainment such as movie passes or concert tickets, sports memorabilia and more.

It's always fun for everyone, and we appreciate everyone who makes this amazing event possible!



Two Turkeys Rescued Thanksgiving Weekend

Good samaritans, Lorraine, Joe and Lizzie Krajekian, saved two turkeys from the fate of most during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Just as the President of the United States pardons a turkey every year, these two turkeys lives were spared thanks to a very caring family.

Spero, the male turkey, and his female friend, Lizzie, settled in quite nicely at Happy Trails, and quickly claimed the sanctuary as their own.

Lorraine writes, *"I will never forget the image of the man coming out from the shed, covered in blood, holding these two last remaining live birds..."*

As I read this, I recalled my own traumatizing experience, when I picked up a young baby pig from a butcher shop. This baby pig too had experienced the same thing, watching her pig friends be slaughtered in front of her. My heart went out to Lorraine, knowing that those images are ingrained not only in your mind, but in your heart as well.



"Despite all of this," Lorraine continued, "you will find these feathered friends to be nothing short of thankful and loving. After being with us for only five days following the witness of 50 plus other turkeys having been decapitated and their bodies thrown in boiling drums of water, they are surprisingly loving and are trying to trust. You will see that Lizzie loves fruit and will eat out of your hand, and Spero will mimic your gobble sounds...Prior to our getting them from the slaughter

farm, they were never touched by humans or even given the chance to spread their wings. Unfortunately, this is common practice at factory type farms. However, these two little birds are special and will certainly bring much



Lorraine Krajekian (left) and her daughter, Lizzie (right) help the rescued turkeys settle in at Happy Trails.

happiness to the person who adopts them or all those who interact with them at Happy Trails. They have never been aggressive or defensive. It is almost as though they knew they were the lucky ones and are grateful for the chance at life. To all of you and everyone who supports the animals of Happy Trails, thank you and God bless! Happy holidays to all of you and a prosperous New Year!"

Spero and Lizzie have made friends with a lonely Brahma rooster at Happy Trails (photo at left) and they have brought smiles to the faces of everyone who has met them. What an honor it is to have them at the sanctuary!

Feathered friends make great family pets and bring hours of joy and peace to those who watch them enjoy exploring their environment and simply being alive. To learn more about adopting feathered friends such as Spero and Lizzie, email us at rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org.





16 Stores Participate in the Giving Tree Program

Yep, you read that right! This year, we are up to 16 stores participating in the Happy Trails Giving Tree Program which is nothing short of amazing!

How Does The Giving Tree Program Work?

1. **YOU CAN** visit one of the participating locations in person and then:

- Select an ornament from the Giving Tree.
- Purchase the item listed on the back of the ornament for the rescued farm animals from the store you are visiting. Items listed are supplies needed for the sanctuary and for the care of the animals. Leave the item at the store and a Happy Trails volunteer will pick up donated merchandise during the holiday season.
- Take the ornament home and proudly hang it on your tree as a reminder that you made a difference this holiday season!

2. **OR** you can call in to one of the participating locations, and then:

- Provide a credit card number over the phone and request that an amount of your choosing be donated to Happy Trails. The store will apply that amount to Happy Trails account so we can purchase items for the animals, and you will receive a thank you, tax receipt and ornament in the mail!



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Happy Trails Saves Money with New Look of the Magazine



Always looking for ways to save money and yet always seeking to improve and upgrade our newsletters (which have evolved into the

current magazine), believe it not we have found a way to do both!

The new look of the magazine includes the new attractive glossy white paper and four-to-eight additional pages of animal stories and information, while **costing us less** than it did to produce the other newsletters. Many quality printers have been placing bids on Happy Trails printing needs, resulting in savings for the sanctuary and more great reading material for you!

Some folks have asked about reading the newsletter on-line, and we do encourage people to "Go Green".



You can sign up to receive the bi-monthly magazine via

email by going to www.happytrailsfarm.org and signing up.

If you happen to be reading this copy at one of our Community Partners locations and enjoy the publication, please consider dropping three or four bucks, the price of a cup of coffee at Starbucks, in the donation envelope and sending it in to help cover our printing costs.

Previous issues have some really amazing stories and information. You can check out all the archived editions on the Happy Trails website as well.

Compassionate Thanksgiving Update



This recent event was probably Happy Trails best Compassionate Thanksgiving ever! With about 350 guests, a presentation by the director, an amazing Thanksgiving buffet created by Todaro's, logo apparel available in the holiday gift store, and a VIP reception, the event was flawless.

If you attended and had a grand experience this year, or if you missed the event and want to put it on your "don't-miss" list for next year, make sure to mark Saturday, November 12th, 2016, on your calendar for next year!

Our gratitude goes out to everyone who donated items for our mini Chinese raffle, to all our attendees, to the 30+ volunteers that it takes to make our events possible, and to Todaro's Party Center for doing an outstanding job.

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Many thanks to Debra-Lynn Hook for also donating her time and talents to photograph the event, resulting in some amazing and timeless pictures!

Fostering Rescued Animals — *Who Does That?*

Five year old Molly Wiles, that's who. Molly (pictured top right), along with her mom, Kelly Ann Wiles, wanted to make a difference in a life of a rescued horse. Molly was very excited to help foster Sonny, a small Quarter horse gelding, who was brought to her house and placed in her field. Mom Kelly Ann had to physically pry Molly off the fence when it was time to go in the house. Seriously. Molly loves keeping a close eye on her new furry charge.

(Below) Chrissie, a beautiful Appy mare, is not only being

fostered but is in training with foster mom, Danielle Fitzgerald. Often foster homes work with the rescued to help them become more adoptable.

For more information on Happy Trails foster program, email RebeccaS@happytrailsfarm.org.



Advertise in Happy Trails Magazine and Show Your Support!

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

Providing advertising opportunities is a great way for us to expand the volume of our magazine and the content. There are so many more animal rescue stories, heart-warming tales of people and their connection with animals, opportunities for people to get involved and make a difference, and much more educational information we can share if we are able to expand the size of Happy Trails magazine.

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

Thank you for considering partnering with us to promote kindness and compassion for all animals and to show your support of the services provided by Happy Trails, all while promoting your business, company or organization.

The current Happy Trails magazine is published bi-monthly. For each issue there are:

- Over 6,000 hard copies direct mailed to supporters
- 1,500 hard copies are distributed via lobbies, waiting rooms, organizations, community events and our Community Partners Program which is Nationwide
- Every issue posted on Happy Trails website stays visible for archives. You can read issues going back to 2004, so your ad has longevity.
- The magazine is always posted on Happy Trails Facebook page and our friends in turn post it on theirs. We currently have 7,335 likes.
- There are over 2,000 subscribers on our email list who receive a notice and a direct link when the magazine is posted on the website.
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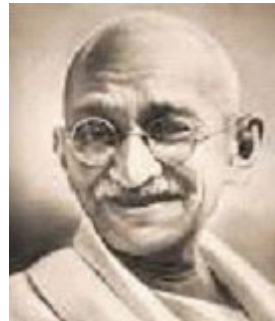
Kids Who Care

13 year old Harley Helman loves animals and is the young founder of Blankets Fur Beasties. When she was 8, Harley started collecting blankets, toys and food to donate to animal shelters.

Happy Trails wanted to support her cause, and after sorting out types of blankets, sheets and other items that we were unable to use for the farm animals, we in turn donated our surplus to Harley. She was able to supply 17 shelters with blankets for domestic animals thanks to the truck-load of blankets we passed along to her!

There are many ways kids can get involved in animal rescue and make a difference. To volunteer at the sanctuary itself you must be at least 18 years old, but that shouldn't stop youngsters from helping animals in many other ways. Harley is a great role-model for kids who love animals and want to get involved. Many thanks, Harley, for all you do!

Be sure to check out her work through her website at blanketsfurbeasties.com.



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Update on Vernon the Pig

The story of Vernon, highlighted in the last Happy Trails magazine edition, told the heart-breaking story of a sweet, pot belly pig from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who had been stabbed multiple times and beaten with a tire iron. He was left injured and broken and barely alive for an entire week with no medical attention. His case was tied to a domestic violence attack, as are many animal abuse cases tied to other violent crimes. His story left off with us seeking an indoor home for precious Vernon, who in spite of the violence, pain and suffering in his life, apparently forgave the crime against him and had chosen to trust the people currently taking care of him. He adored belly rubs and cuddling with staff and volunteers.

Vernon was indeed adopted by a most caring family, and now resides in a home and is surrounded with much love to make up for his past experience. He has a mom, a dad, and two children he can call his own. Vernon goes outside to go potty, climbs up on the sofa if he feels like it, and naps with the new young lady in his life, Sophie Akers-Novak (shown top right and also on the front cover). There is an adorable video on the Happy Trails FaceBook page of Vernon playing wild pig outside in the sandbox in his new yard. He rushes into the sand, pushes his nose through the soft crystals, jumps up in the air and swings around wildly, and then contentedly lays down, happy as a pig in...well, as a pig in a whole bunch of soft sand.

Unfortunately Vernon had some additional health complications, and he recently had another surgery at OSU. After several episodes of coughing and vomiting, Vernon was taken to Columbus yet one more time for another exam. Radiographs showed possible pieces of foreign objects in Vernon's intestines that had been there for some time, so recently Vernon underwent another surgery to remove these items from his intestines. After recovery, it was time for Vern to go back to his new family. The pig, still tender from the procedure, practically lept into their vehicle when he saw his new family. Vernon is continuing to make a complete recovery with the love, patience and understanding of his new people.

Many thanks to everyone who donated toward Vern's many vet expenses and who sent cards of concern and encouragement. This one little pig brought quite a few people together, and helped shed light on the disturbing and all-too-common occurrence of animal abuse being connected to domestic violence and other crimes.

May Vernon experience the most peaceful, loving and compassionate holiday season ever, and many thanks to Victoria Akers-Novak, her daughter Sophie, and their entire family for adopting a rescued piggy into their home!



Introducing Happy Trails' new friend, vegan photographer Debra-Lynn Hook of Kent!

Check out Debra-Lynn's photos of our Thanksgiving event at www.dlbhook.zenfolio.com

Mention us when you book Debra-Lynn for an upcoming family portrait, senior photo, wedding or other event, and she will donate a portion of her fee to Happy Trails!



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Children's Hospital Tree Festival Update

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of Happy Trails volunteers and staff, the beautiful "Compassionate Christmas" tree created to raise money for Children's Hospital Tree Festival was sold at \$750. Adorned with framed photos of rescued farm animals, farm animal ornaments, sprigs of cinnamon wrapped in festive holiday bows, burlap garland, a country-themed tree skirt, and including gifts of sanctuary tour passes, logo t-shirts, travel mugs and more, the tree won a coveted "Special Honor" award.

The anonymous donor then surprised Happy Trails with the gift of having the tree delivered to the sanctuary, which is enabling us to display the tree at the Education Center this holiday season for all to enjoy!



What an amazing gift for everyone involved! Happy Trails is always trying to show our support of other organizations, and to have a good deed come back to us in such a wonderful and thoughtful way does indeed complete the circle of compassion. Many thanks to the anonymous donor who gifted the tree back to the sanctuary!

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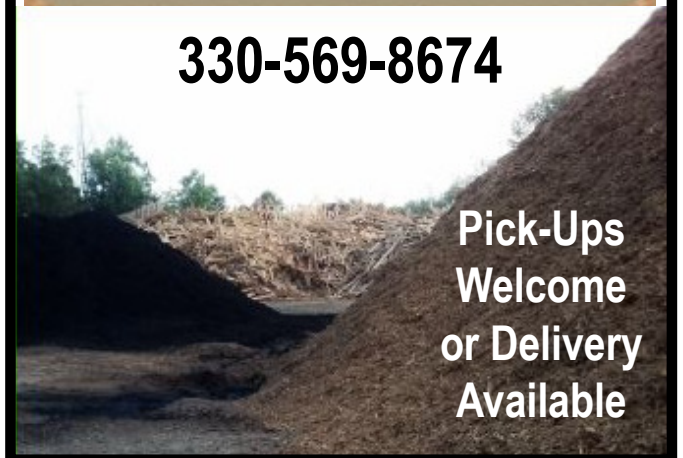
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Chickens Survive After Falling Off Meat Truck

A call came in from the crew in charge of a rest area off I-76 Eastbound between Ravenna and Youngstown. A transport truck had come through earlier in the day, and after it left, a group of chickens were discovered near the entrance ramp where the truck had been parked. ODOT wondered if Happy Trails could round up the chickens since they were near the highway and might cause an accident.



(Above) A typical chicken transport truck slaughter-bound.

Sadly, animals fall off slaughter trucks daily across the United States. Most are severely injured or killed in the falls, and often get hit by other vehicles when they land on the highway.

This group of five hens was very lucky, as they apparently fell out of the truck when it was parked at the rest area. We found them easily upon arrival, as they were hanging out by a large area of trees and underbrush near the highway. None of them seemed to be injured, and the rescue went well. The rescue crew consisted of Ilona Urban, Rebecca Scalise, Sylar Scalise and Annette Bragg. The storm held off just until the last chicken was safely captured, and the skies let loose on our way back to the sanctuary.

The hens were very sweet, very cooperative, and were adopted quickly into loving, caring homes.

The food-production transportation industry has many flaws regarding the comfort, care and well-being of the animals in transport. Animals should be secured and should not be falling off transport trucks regularly. This is only one of many, many calls we have responded to over the years involving farm animals falling off slaughter-bound transport trucks. During Winter, the bitter temperatures do not stop animals from being transported, and many often freeze to the sides of the trailers while still alive before reaching their destinations. The veil of ignorance does not make this less criminal, and if consumers knew this happens regularly, they would be hesitant to support such an industry. So let's shed light on this sad subject and create stringent laws to protect the animals who are subjected to these hideous conditions during transport.



(Above) Happy Trails staff member, Skylar Scalise places a leg band for identification purposes on a cooperative hen who survived the fall from the meat truck.

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A Bride-To-Be Treats Her Bridesmaids to a Visit to Happy Trails

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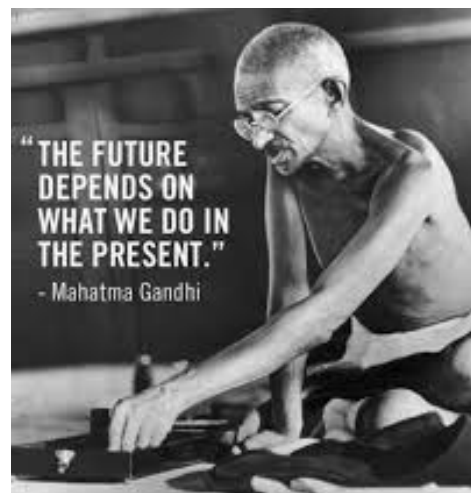
To bride, Anna Norton, the day at Happy Trails with her bridal party seemed like the best way to celebrate a joyous occasion while showing her love for all animals.

In the past several years, there have been two weddings at Happy Trails and many bridal party visits to the sanctuary, with brides and grooms wanting to include kindness and compassion in their wedding plans.

Congratulations and best wishes for much love and happiness goes out to Anna Norton, along with a big thank you for spending the day with the rescued animals at Happy Trails. We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate such a joyous, life-changing event either!



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A Very Sweet Goat Survives a Brutal Dog Attack in Cleveland and is Named David in Honor of a Vietnam Vet

On Thursday, December 3rd, we received a call from the folks at Cleveland Animal Control regarding a goat that suffered massive injuries from a horrific attack by a dog.

Ilona Urban, volunteer rescue worker, offered to pick up the goat from the vet hospital where the goat had been taken by authorities.

His back right leg had massive puncture wounds and both ears had been torn so badly in the attack the vet had to amputate what was left of the shredded skin.

"When I arrived at Happy Trails to meet Ilona and help move the goat from her vehicle into the vet clinic, I found her sitting quietly in the back of her RAV next to the injured goat, softly cradling his head and comforting him.

The article below, written by Ilona, tells the rest of the story...

My brother, David Lee Urban was born in 1943. We were almost exactly three years apart and very close. He was the big brother every little sister deserves and he always had my back. He would let me tag along with him and his friends and I can remember him saying, "Guys, my sister is coming too but don't worry. She can keep up." I don't know if I have ever received higher praise or words that made me feel so proud. I would have done anything not to

let him down but when he was drafted there was nothing I could do. He was flown to Vietnam in October 1968 as part of an army long-range recon team as a para-



trooper for the 101st airborne. He was killed on his second mission and died on December 3rd, 1968.

So on December 3rd, 2015, I found myself sitting in the back of my RAV with a very badly injured but very sweet goat. As we waited for help to get him moved into the vet clinic, I was trying to think of a good name for him when the significance of the day dawned on me. I asked him if he would like to be called David.

Since we try to give the rescued animals names with meaning it seemed to be a good fit. It is a good name for one who is strong, yet gentle and kind, who has a sense of humor, and someone who would always have your back. I think my brother David would be pleased with this precious goat being named in his honor, and I think David the goat is please too. It was a good day."

We will share more details on the story of David the goat after charges are filed. In the meantime, please send prayers and good energy his way for a complete healing from his injuries. Donations toward David the goat's care would be very much appreciated — his vet, medical and care expenses are adding up quickly considering his current condition and special needs.

Attending farm animal field service vet, Dr. Randy Alger, is hopeful that David will recover and have a good quality of life.

David is already legally in the custody of the sanctuary and will be available for adoption after he completes his recovery and rehabilitation. Adoption applications are being accepted in the meantime, so David will have a wonderful home waiting for him when he is released from Happy Trails vet clinic.

For adoption information on David, send an email to RebeccaS@happytrailsfarm.org.

Side Note: If you have the opportunity to visit the Mount Union Campus where David Urban was a student, there is a tree planted in his memory outside the dorm where he lived, as well as a bench with his name on it near by.



"We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle:

these are our brothers. All things are connected like the blood which unites one's family."

-Chief Seattle

Meet Sandi Regalis, Senior Animal Care Taker

Sandi Regalis has a true love for animals, and it shows in the care she provides for the rescued farm animals at Happy Trails.

Sandi is a Senior Animal Care Giver staff member with the sanctu-



ary, and takes great pride in a job well done. She is always looking for ways to improve efficiency, upgrade animal care procedures, and makes sure that all animals are comfy, warm and happy.

Her love of horses has even inspired her to help ride and exercise some of the horses in training and waiting to be adopted.

When asked what motivated her to want to work in the field of animal rescue, Sandi stated, "Life's short. You never know if you'll be here tomorrow, and I want to live every day doing what I love. Taking care of the rescued animals is what I'm supposed to be doing with my life, and I love my job. I'm making a difference. Here at Happy Trails is where I'm supposed to be."

To be able to make that statement at any point in your life is truly a blessing, and Happy Trails is blessed as well to have Sandi on our staff!



Q. Who visits Happy Trails during tour season?

A. *Everyone!*

What better way to teach kids kindness and compassion for all animals than to help them experience the rescued farm animals up-close and personal. Here Isabelle and Olivia had an opportunity to meet and greet Charlie, the small calf involved in the Summit County neglect case mentioned on page 3.

As you plan your family outings for 2016, make sure to include a Happy Trails tour on your bucket list for this year. Seasonal guided, educational tours are offered from May through October every year. For 2016 tour information, watch the website - happytrailsfarm.org.



Do you feed Nutrena Feed? There are many reputable feeds out there, of that we are sure. But if you have chosen Nutrena Feed, you can support Happy Trails simply by ripping off each tag, saving them, and dropping them off or mailing them to Happy Trails at 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Each tag earns Happy Trails 5 cents! Another easy way you can make your hard earned dollars mean the world for rescued animals.

Save Aluminum Cans and Earn Money for the Animals!

Aluminum cans and other aluminum products can be dropped off at Happy Trails at 5623 New Milford Road in Ravenna any time. Signs point you to the recycle area. We turn in these recyclables for cold hard cash, which equates to additional funds for the rescued animals.



Drainage Project Begins!

No, that's not an animal's food bowl accidentally filled with rocks in the picture on the right. But that's a good guess though, because that's exactly what it looks like!

The first phase of the major drainage project at Happy Trails got underway, and the goal is to help guide all the excessive water from the rains, the roofs and the gutters into a system that will guide it to where it needs to go. This will eliminate standing water, mosquito-filled puddles, patches of dangerous ice, and the mud-soup which has been prevalent in various areas of the sanctuary.

So, back to the picture at the top right. That is one of several new water dumping stations,

where Animal Care Givers can easily dump dirty water buckets or water bowls into a gravel-filled designated area to prevent making a mess when water containers are dumped and cleaned. LOVE it!

The photo directly above here shows some of the new piping that has been installed underground, and the ditch shown below at right shows a portion of the trenching that had to take place in order to get the drainage pipe run all the way out to the street.

This first phase of the project came with a price tag of \$10,000. The drainage project is crucial for the cleanliness, sanitation and safety of both people and animals at our facility. To sponsor this project in whole or in part, or for additional details about the project, contact us at 330-296-5914.



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To visit Happy Trails is a unique experience all its own, hearing the stories and backgrounds of the rescued farm animals, visiting with them, hugging the horses, giving pigs belly rubs, holding and petting an ex-cockfighting rooster, and playing with comical goats.

But if that isn't enough, we are in the process of creating Happy Trails Visitors Village, where guests can stay for a night, a weekend or a week. They can volunteer at the sanctuary, or spend their time enjoying nearby attractions such as the many hiking trails West Branch State Park has to offer or go kayaking or swimming at one of the many lakes in the area.

The Visitor's Village will ultimately consist of three housing choices — tipis, small cabins, and yurtz.

As we begin this new venture to welcome even more guests to the area, this will also help Happy Trails continue to become more self-sustaining in many ways.

The most popular tipi area will be constructed first.

A great deal of research went into the purchase of the tipis. Not only are there many styles and sizes of tipis, you can choose beautiful custom graphics as well.

We will be using the eight acres we acquired this past year to create

the Visitor's Village, and have the most beautiful, wooded, scenic landscape to host the dwellings.

We are reaching out to potential sponsors who may wish to sponsor a tipi in whole or in part, and each sponsored tipi will have the sponsor's name on a sign in front of the tipi.

Sponsorships will include the raised wooden platform on which the tipis will sit. These platforms are designed to keep the tipis off the ground and to keep our guests comfortable.

The cost of the 22' tipi, poles, custom graphics, doors, liners, ropes, stakes, and all the materials and supplies to create it and shipping costs total \$6,000. The wooden platforms will cost \$1,900 to construct, for a complete tipi package of \$7,900. The goal is to construct a total of six tipis before moving on to constructing the cabins and yurtz.

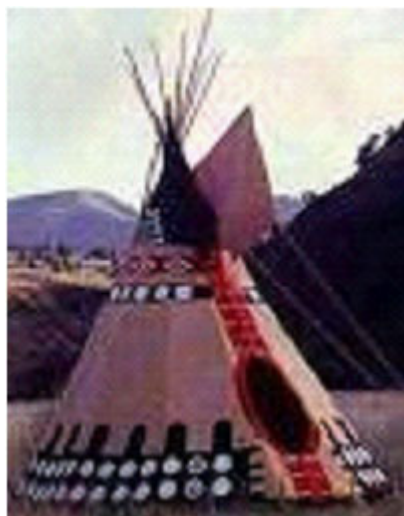
The interest in Happy Trails Village is already spreading, and folks can't wait to reserve a visit and stay in one of the new tipis.

This is a great opportunity for sponsors, both businesses as well as individuals, to support the work of Happy Trails, help the organization



continue to become more self-sustaining, and promote your product or service in a big way.

For tipi sponsorship information, call Happy Trails at 330-296-5914. Our goal is to have them in place and ready to use by Spring 2016. And of course, the sponsors will get to be the first ones to enjoy the tipis if you choose to give it a go!



How Does Animal Placement Coordinator, Rebecca Scalise, Find Amazing Adoptive Homes?

“You do know this is my dream job, don’t you?” Rebecca Scalise stated very matter-of-factly.

She continued, “I want to write the fairy tale — the beautiful, happy ending to make the dreams come true for all the rescued animals. What little girl growing up doesn’t want to be a part of a fairy tale?”

Well, this little girl turned her dream into a reality as a grown-up when she took on the role of placing Happy Trails rescued farm animals into safe, loving, permanent adoptive homes.

Rebecca Scalise, Happy Trails Animal Placement Coordinator, works very hard at matching up the right home with the right farm animal.

Rebecca is living every little girl’s dream in a big way, as she write fairy tales daily and helps create very special memories of bringing people and their animals together as a family.

After abused and neglected animals are legally signed over to Happy Trails either during or after their court cases are over, they are available for adoption. Due to our strict intake criteria of animals having to come into our rescue programs through law enforcement or humane officers, the animals have been treated exceptionally badly. We make sure that they are given a ticket to a peaceful existence for the rest of their lives by placing them as companion animals (pets) in private homes. None are ever placed into food production.

Just how does Rebecca find the perfect match?

“People need to want to adopt an animal for the right reasons. And they have to understand the commitment that comes with adoption. After having been through so much, the animals deserve to feel safe, well cared for and loved, and the home needs to have a sense of permanence.”

Since Rebecca started working with Happy Trails in March of this past year, she has placed a phenomenal 27 horses in adoptive homes, moved countless others along to appropriate foster homes, adopted out 40 chickens, a young calf, ten pigs, 11 goats, 4 sheep, several geese, and a partridge in a pear tree. (Just kidding about that partridge mind you.)



Rebecca’s favorite quote: “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.” Martin Luther King Jr. Here Rebecca enjoys attention from Dharma (brown mare on the left) and Mercedes (palomino mare on the right).

Rebecca believes there are two types of ‘animal people’. The difference between these two types of animal people is this: there are those who call themselves animal lovers, but they are devoted only to their own pets and not necessarily interested in animals in general; and then there are those people who actually *are* animal lovers and are willing to go that extra mile for *any* animal that crosses their path. This second group can extend empathy and compassion to any animal, no matter what kind it is, and they want to make a difference in the life of a rescued animal in some way. Any way. As long as they help.

When asked about encouraging adoptions just in time for Christmas, Rebecca thought seriously about her reply. **“Every animal deserves a home for the holidays but more so than just the holiday,”** she said. “While we been blessed with above average temperatures for December, we still have to make it through January, February and March. The worst animal rescues always seem to come in the middle of winter, so this could potentially be another devastating year. **But when you adopt one animal, you are not only saving their life, but you are also opening up room at the inn for Happy Trails to take in another rescue and write a peaceful and happy ending to their story as well.”**

To view all the animals available for adoption this holiday season, go to happytrailsfarm.org.

Happy Trails

2015 Holiday Wish List

We strive give the rescued animals the very best in food, shelter, and medical care, and to provide them with a clean, safe environment. We also strive to give our visitors a safe, educational and rewarding experience by allowing them to enter the animals yards and getting to know them up close and personal during guided sanctuary tours which are hosted seasonally.

Listed below are a few wish list items that include everything from something simple like bottled water for our volunteers who generously donate their time, to bigger items to help with facility upkeep, animal care, education, and everything in between.

Outdoor Thermometers

A thermometer in each building will help the staff determine the plan of care for the day — to turn horses out, to unplug heat lamps, etc. It would be idea to acquire 8 outdoor thermometers for the sanctuary.



3 Hay Huts

The Hay Hut is an all weather horse hay feeder that allows you to feed round bales in a pasture without excessive waste. By enclosing the hay it is protected from inclement weather and the ravages of horses that, by nature, like to defecate on hay and use it as bedding. This waste that can amount to in excess of one third of a round roll is almost totally eliminated by the Hay hut. The Hay hut is a robust, durable, and UV stabilized hay feeder made of polyethylene, so it cannot rust and does not require any maintenance unlike the majority of metal feeders. Each hay hut is \$800.



Fuel Cards

Gas and fuel cards for diesel and gasoline (for any station) are always needed for the trucks, farm machinery such as the bobcat, excavator, Cub Cadet, tractor, and RAV.



Extra Large Pet Porters and Crates

Smaller farm animals such as pot belly pigs, small or baby goats and sheep, or young calves, are often transported in pet porters to and from vet clinics, to foster and adoptive homes, and they are used during rescues of these animals. The larger the pet porter or crate, the better. Each pet porter is about \$145 to \$175 depending on the quality.



Gas Snow Blower

With the addition of the new properties, we have a lot more snow to move out of the way. Since we will have multiple people helping with snow removal and making paths for staff, volunteers and guests, a gas snow blower will make the job a lot more manageable. One examples is single-stage Honda Model #HS720AM 20" for \$599 at Home Depot.



Animal Care

- Horse Thermometers
- 4"x4" Gauze pads
- Elasticon
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Iodine
- Plastic gloves
- Bandage materials
- Stethoscopes for both large and small animals



For Our Hard Working Volunteers

- Bottled water or soft drinks
- Vegan snacks
- Hand and foot warmers for winter



Tech Support

- Lap tops
- Printers
- Thumb Drives

Misc. Needs

- Chest freezers - we use these to store grain in. New freezers aren't necessary, but you may come across someone wanting to get rid of an old chest freezer
- Lime or stall deodorizer
- Leaf rakes
- Pitch forks and stall picks
- Muck tubs
- Power tools (drills, saws, nail guns - we are ALWAYS repairing something and borrowing tools)
- Hammers and nails (all types)
- Bungee cords
- Tarps (any size)
- Rest room products such as paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex

Donating

If you would like to drop off donated items this holiday season or have any questions about donations, please call the Happy Trails office at 330-296-5914 if you need assistance with unloading items. At this time we do not have the luxury of a paid staff person working in the office during set hours. Donations are tax-deductible and you will receive a tax deductible receipt for your donation. Thank you for your support!

Thank You!



Every single person involved with Happy Trails in some way plays a vital role in the success of our animal rescue services, community outreach programs, and growth and development.

To say thank you to all of you who support, donate, visit, adopt, foster, or volunteer, doesn't adequately describe the gratitude we feel or the appreciation we have for each and every person who is choosing to make a difference. It is an honor to have the opportunity to work together to bring peace and healing to unbelievably sad and often heart-breaking situations.

Know that whatever your role, you are a vital part of this organization and that together, we are here to serve.

From the staff, volunteers, and Board Members, we wish you and your family joy, peace, healing, and a season filled with kindness and compassion this holiday season.



"Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life; it's about what you inspire others to do."

DONATION INFORMATION

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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 at www.happytrailsfarm.org
- Call in your charge card information to Happy Trails at 330-296-5914

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

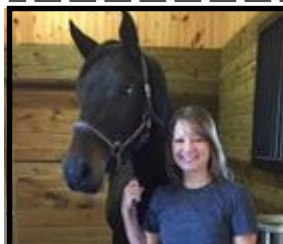
Want to become a *monthly* donor?

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



(Left) Thank you to adoptive mom, Julie Powell for changing the world for this one horse, a beautiful mare named Belle.



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Opt to adopt! Merry Christmas from all of us here at Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary!

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Happy Trails Gift Shop Holiday Hours

Fri & Sat, Dec. 18 & 19, 10am to 5pm; and Sun. Dec. 20, noon to 5pm.

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.