

# Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

Spreading Kindness and Compassion for *ALL* Animals

*Gambler, a Happy Trails rescued horse, went on to accomplish great things!*



*"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,***

With our Spring issue I'd like to focus on an attitude of gratitude for your support of the work of Happy Trails. While we are continually grateful for everyone who sponsors special projects, events, and responds to specific needs, I'd like to let everyone know just how important our general donors are as well.

While it's not a very romantic notion, our daily operating expenses pay for the things that make us tick, things like electricity, heat lamps, fuel, maintenance needs, office supplies, vehicle and machinery repairs, yard care and staffing costs. And then don't forget vet bills, medicines, bandage materials, transportation costs, hay, straw, sawdust and grain. All these things we (you and Happy Trails together) purchase and pay for daily to operate the sanctuary and care for the animals.

And speaking of this being the Spring issue, we'd LOVE to see you and invite you to visit the sanctuary and the rescued animals with the start of tour season. I believe it's important that you see first hand how your donations help and how much of a difference you make through your support.

Educational tours begin in May and go through the end of October, and are scheduled on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations are required and can be made through the website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org) or by calling 330-296-5914. Tours are about an hour and a half long, and you have the opportunity to get up-close and personal with horses, pigs, sheep, chickens, and more. All proceeds from sanctuary tours directly benefit the rescued animals. Adults are \$20, kids ages 6 through 17 are \$10, and children 5 and under are free.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Happy Trails animal rescue services possible! Together, we are making a huge impact in the lives of both animals and people!

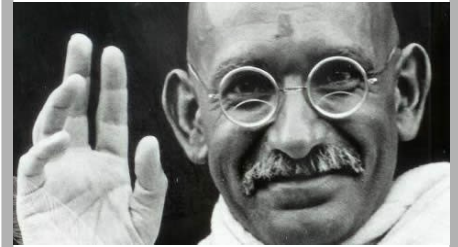
*With kindness and compassion for all animals,*

Annette Bragg  
Founder/Executive Director

***PS My confession for this edition is that I too am a "foster failure". After having recently fostered a big Belgian draft horse from Happy Trails Amish Horse Retirement Program, I fell in love. I officially adopted Stormy, renamed him Levi, and am teaching him to ride (as opposed to pulling a plow). This entire concept is new to him. The photo above isn't the best—it was an overcast day and pretty windy, but it gives you an idea of just how big he is. Pay no attention to the fact that I am not wearing a helmet. Do as I say, not as I do...***



***"You must be  
the change you  
wish to see  
in the world."***

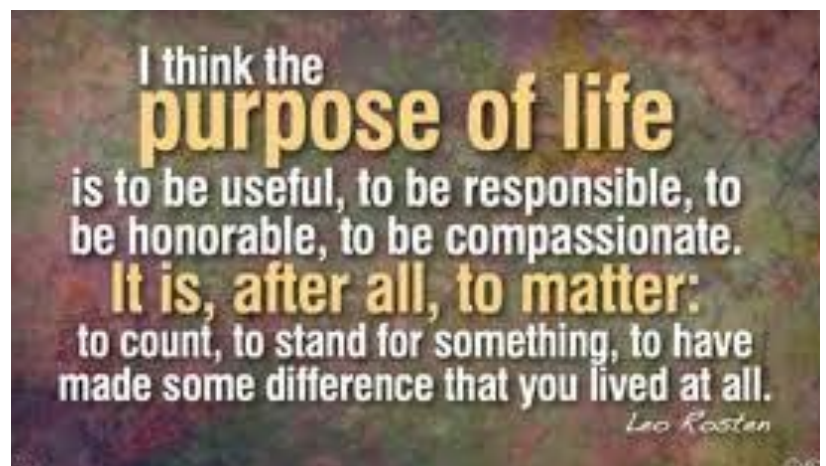


***"The greatness of a nation  
and its moral progress  
can be measured  
by the way in  
which its animals  
are treated."***

Mahatma Gandhi  
1869—1948

Be sure to visit Happy Trails website regularly for sanctuary updates, open house details, special event announcements, rescue stories, volunteer opportunities, and more.

**[www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org)**





# 7 Horses Rescued from Youngstown

On Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Happy Trails assisted humane officers with Animal Charity of Mahoning County with the removal of seven horses from a situation of severe neglect in the Youngstown area.

Two of these horses are the mini mares shown here. We bestowed upon them the names of Audrey (upper left) and Celeste (lower right). After examining the minis, several professional farriers stated this was the worst case of hoof neglect they have witnessed during their careers of working with extraordinary hoof conditions. **Celeste wore a halter that was left on for so long it became embedded in her face.** The halter had to be cut off with a knife in order to remove it, and Celeste seemed grateful.

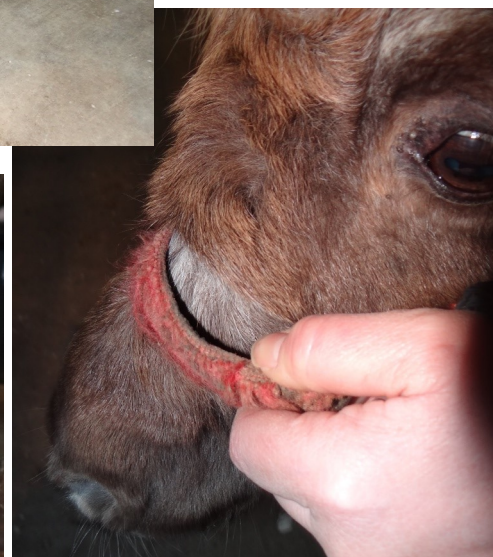
Officers plan to file cruelty charges in this sad case.

In the meantime, **all seven of the horses are receiving veterinary care, have their hooves trimmed regularly, have been vaccinated, dewormed, and are on healthy nutrition programs.**

The mini mares have been placed in a very kind and loving foster home for their rehab and recovery. **We are hoping to approve additional foster homes for the other five full-size horses.** If you are interested in participating in Happy Trails foster program where you temporarily house and care for abused or neglected animals until their court cases are final and they are placed in a permanent home, contact Rebecca at [rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org).

**While awaiting court proceedings, the expenses for seven horses certainly add up quickly.** Tax-deductible donations toward their care can be sent to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.

**No animals should be allowed to live in the hideous conditions in which this group was discovered. Thank you for helping us make these rescues possible,** for with all of us working together, we can indeed make progress in stopping animal abuse and can hold people responsible for the suffering they inflict.



## Looking at Ohio Revised Code Animal Cruelty Laws

**959.13** — No person shall \*torture an animal, deprive one of necessary substance, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, needlessly mutilate or kill, or impound or confine an animal without supplying it during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good wholesome food and water;

**1717.01** — Humane Societies Definitions — (B) "Cruelty, torment and torture" includes every act, omission of neglect by which unnecessary or unjustifiable pain or suffering is caused, permitted or allowed to continue, *when there is a reasonable remedy of relief.*

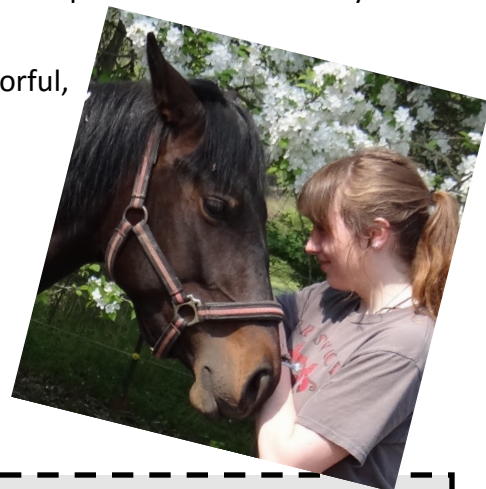
# REFER a FRIEND!

## Refer a friend and help the rescued animals grow their outreach!

Refer friends to receive the bi-monthly magazine and a tour season discount coupon via email and we'll thank you by sending you great incentives! (And not to worry, your friends can opt out of the sanctuary emails at any time.)

- **Refer two friends**, and we'll send you a coupon for **50% off** any one logo clothing item in the gift shop.
- **Refer three friends** and receive a discount certificate for **30%** any one concrete statuary gift item including bird baths, planters, benches, memorials, garden stones, statues and more.

• **Refer one friend** and we'll send you a colorful, removable *Happy Trails* logo sticker that is great for the office, your vehicle, books, lockers, and more.



I (first and last name) \_\_\_\_\_ am referring the following caring, animal-friendly people to receive a bi-monthly magazine edition and a discount tour coupon!

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Please send to Happy Trails, 5623 New Milford Rd., Ravenna, Ohio 44266.



**EARTH DAY RESCUE!** On Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Earth Day) BFP (the Beagle Freedom Project) rescued more than a dozen pigs from animal testing! Nearly 50,000 pigs are used in experiments in the US alone!

**FACT:** As we celebrate Earth Day remember that **animal agriculture is responsible for 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions**, more than the COMBINED EXHAUST FROM ALL TRANSPORTATION! **Livestock and their byproducts account for at least 32,000 MILLION tons of carbon dioxide per year, or 51% of all worldwide greenhouse gas emissions!**



## Tour Season Starts in May—Make Reservations Today!

**Ever found yourself wondering what there is to do on the weekend?** Maybe you're searching for something new. Something different. Well search no more! Happy Trails tour season starts in May, and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday you have the opportunity to experience the sanctuary. Up-close. Personal. In Piggerton Estates you can give pigs belly rubs and check out the



texture of their fur—it feels like you're petting a paint brush! In the cock-fighting rooster barn you can touch the soft feathers of the very sweet, friendly, ex-fighting roosters. In the court yard you can hug Kachina, the mini horse, and have great conversations with all the talkative sheep in the goat/sheep barn. Hear their stories. Learn about the various ways Happy Trails (and you!) help the animals. 100% of the proceeds from tours benefit the rescued farm animals and horses in the recovery and rehab program of Happy Trails. Reservations are required. You can register on-line at [www.happytrailsfarm.org](http://www.happytrailsfarm.org). Plan to get dusty, hang out with the animals, have fun, learn something, and leave with a smile on your face!



**Save the Date!**  
**Happy Trails**  
**Open House**  
**Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**



**Mark your calendars early to join us on Sunday, September 11th (Grandparents Day!), for family-fun at Happy Trails.** Self-guided tours will give you access to visit and hang out with the rescued animals. A variety of things to see and do includes crafts for kids; sessions on animal care; equine demonstrations including hoof trimming, training and loading; vegan bake sale and food available; and much more. In honor of 9-11, all veterans as well as current military personnel receive free admission. **Visit Happy Trails website at [happytrailsfarm.org](http://happytrailsfarm.org) to get the latest details as plans unfold!**

### WISH LIST ITEM

## Hey Pig Fans, *Why Not Donate a Fan for a Pig?*



**Pigs can't sweat. For that matter they can't pant like dogs can either.** *On the hottest day of summer can you imagine being covered with flies, recovering from some hideous act of cruelty, your body temperature being over 100 degrees normally, and suffering from heat exhaustion due to not being able to cool down properly?*

At Happy Trails we are trying to solve the dilemma of using lesser-quality box fans in an already-dusty environment, and hope to switch over to fans designed a bit differently. Right now we use those box fans that are meant to be in a clean house. Due to their continuous use in the barns, they go bad very quickly. Plus they don't put out as much air, and they're not designed to be hung up but rather are de-

signed to sit on a table or on the floor. The type of barn fans we hope to secure are made for barns and you can swivel them side to side and up and down as needed. They are easier to put in place, since all you need to do is install one bolt instead of adjusting three pieces of twine just right to get the angle you want. They also look a million times better.

These fans would be great particularly for the farm pigs where its extremely dusty and they need the extra airflow, but this style of fan would be beneficial in any of the animal shelters, including the pot belly pig barns, the sheep barn, and the feathered friends barns. If you're a Happy Trails fan, *and* would like to sponsor a fan, make a note on your donation. We can get the fans for \$90 each, and have use in various areas for a total of 12 fans.





# Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

## Fence Banner Sponsorship Program

*Promote Your Business While Supporting Animal Rescue*

Every year thousands of people enter the gates of Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary to experience the peace and healing provided for the abused and neglected farm animals who come into our rescue and rehab programs from across the United States.



Public educational tours are offered from May through October each year; school groups and nursing home outings bring both the young as well as the young-at-heart; and the 2016 Open House will plan to welcome the usual 2,000+ open house visitors.

While donors, suppliers, vendors, staff and volunteers are among the people you usually encounter on the sanctuary grounds, we have also welcomed elected officials, business owners and celebrities. Everyone wants to give a pig a belly rub, hug a mini horse, pet an ex-cockfighting rooster or play with the goats.

**This year, for the first time in Happy Trails 16-year history, we are offering a promotional opportunity that will a) provide unique avenue for businesses and other supporters to showcase their product or service with a mesh banner located on the front fencing that welcomes everyone to the sanctuary, while b) showing your support of the rescue, rehab, adoption and outreach programs of Happy Trails. It's truly a win/win situation for both our supporters as well as the rescued animals.**

There are 12 fence panels available, and each panel will feature only one sponsor. You are welcome to provide a design for the mesh banner or we can help design the graphics for you.

The mesh banners are 8' x 3', and will be displayed beginning in May 2016 and will remain on display through April 2017, with the banner sponsorships being a yearly program.

The yearly cost of the Fence Banner Sponsorship Program is \$1,500. A payment plan of half down and \$100 per month can be arranged if requested.

**All Fence Banner Sponsors will also receive six complimentary tour passes for the 2016 tour season.**

**For more information on Happy Trails Fence Banner Sponsorship Program, email [hopee@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:hopee@happytrailsfarm.org) or call 330-296-5914.**





## Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Concrete Yard Decor Fundraiser Features Planters, Bird Baths, Benches, Statuary, Pet Memorials, Garden Stones & More!



**Western Themes**



**Planters**



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**Pet Memorials**



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**Animals**



**Benches**



**Garden Statues**



**Stop by Happy Trails for the biggest selection of yard décor in the area!**

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or call for an appointment (330) 296-5914.



# Jason's Facility Updates

**Happy Trail's Facilities Manager, Jason Wolboldt, provides us with facilities updates regularly. I thought it would be great to share some of those updates with you, as they clearly show attention to detail and illustrate the fact that we take pride in the care of the sanctuary.**

**Pig Feeders** – One of our challenges was to rodent-proof the feeders in the farm pig barn. Each feeder has hardware cloth lined underneath the feeder and a spout was added to prevent spilling of feed.



**Statue Stands** – We needed to create display stands to showcase the cement yard décor for our seasonal fundraiser. I was really surprised with how quickly the stands went together. These stands can be taken to events with the back up against a wall or used back to back here at Happy Trails. They're sturdy but still plenty light enough for two people to easily move. After the photos below were taken, I pressure washed these so they were ready for paint. The picture shows all 6 stands, with two sets back to back.



**Courtyard gate** – I looked at the gate going into the courtyard and I thought "why do we even need that gate wheel on this gate?" The post was solid enough to handle the weight, it just needed the lower hinge adjusted to change the angle of the gate. I did this and removed the wheel so now the gate moves freely and can close all the way because it doesn't have the wheel running into the latch post.



**Piggerton Gate** – After fixing this gate, I thought I'd look at the one in Piggerton to get rid of the wheel on it as well. The one in Piggerton has always been awful to operate and could only close no less than ten inches from the latch post. This one actually does have a weak post that was sagging so I used some high tensile wire and one of our many in-line strainers to create a diagonal tension member and brought the post back to take the lean out of it. This worked great for bringing the gate up and eliminating the need for the wheel. Now this gate also swings freely and closes all the way.



**Educational Facility Air Conditioner** – Ravenna Oil installed the air conditioning unit for the educational facility. It is in working order and I think this will be huge for presentations to large groups on hot days. You'll be able to hear the person talking instead of multiple fans blowing.



## WISH LIST ITEMS

Sponsors are needed for Spring sheep shearing! We currently have a total of five sheep residents at Happy Trails, and shearing will cost \$65 per sheep. It's time to help them let go of their winter coats and get ready for bikini season because it's almost 'sum sum summertime, summertime, summertime'! You can earmark your donation for the shearing of the sheep!





**Poultry Barn Fence** – Chickens were going through and over the fence so I installed taller fence that we had in stock and lined it with 2 x 4 mesh. I've really been wanting to do something to make this fence look better so while I was at it, I replaced several short posts with taller ones and cut them down to the same height. I wasn't able to relocate the posts in a straight line like I'd really like to, but I was able to level out the posts and tamp in some crushed gravel to give them a firmer base. I also added two gates to make this area accessible from either inside the courtyard or outside the courtyard. Another thing I did while I had the fence down was take down a dead tree that was leaning on the fence between us and the neighbors. The first two pictures below are the old fence. Notice the tree straight ahead in the background of the second picture. This is the one that was about to fall into the neighbors' yard.



Below are photos of the new fence. Notice the tree missing in the second picture.



**Dust-Proofing the Pig Barn** – Thanks to sponsors, I was able to 'dust-proof' the second floor of the new farm pig barn. I had to come up with a way to keep all the dust from heading up-stairs and coating the hay and straw stored there. Not only will this help with dust, but will help with keeping the heat down in the pigs living area. I took this photo one day when it snowed, and it shows where the heat is escaping.



The hay elevator door is pretty cool. You open and close it with the same hoist that lowers and raises the hay elevator. It's easy to open and close the doors with the push of a button.



The overhead door at the top of the



stairs now eliminates dust from going up the stairs.



## Leland Clark is One of Happy Trails Compassionate Kids!



It's never too early to teach kindness and compassion to children, for these lessons stay with them throughout their life. Leland Clark chose Ezra the rooster to adopt as his new family member (of course with the help and blessing of his parents!). As someone who grew up with pet chickens, I know first hand the joy our feathered friends can bring into our lives. Congratulations to both Leland and Ezra for having found each other!

## Thank You to Deputy Klazcko



In the middle of one of the coldest winter nights my phone rang. It was dispatch for Portage County Sheriff's Department, asking if we could take in a hen that was discovered freezing to death in West Branch State Park. *But of course!* Who wouldn't at 2:30am on such a cold, miserable evening?

Kudos to Deputy Klazcko who took the few minutes needed to pick up the hen and drive her the five minutes from Rock Spring Road to Happy Trails to drop her off. Every day heroes like Deputy Klazcko make us proud to live in Portage County. If our law enforcement officers have the compassion and heart needed to take a quick moment to save the life of an injured animal, think of how they would treat you and your family when assisting you in a crisis situation. These are the types of people we want protecting the citizens of every county, not just the fortunate residents of Portage.

### Many thanks to Night of Hope and Inspiration Sponsors!

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Linda Ferguson



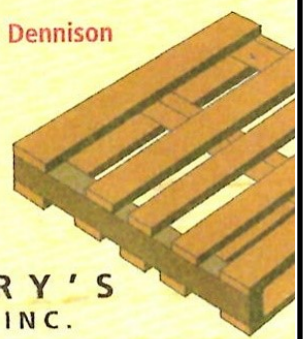
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## Spiro and Lizzie, the Turkeys, Can Lounge by a Heart-Shaped Pond!



**A note from Rebecca, Happy Trails Animal Placement Coordinator** — “I just wanted to let you all know this evening I completed a farm safety check at the most amazing little farm in Hudson. They currently have ducks and chickens who free range during the day, and the ducks have a heart shaped pond to swim in (no, I'm not joking at all!). The coop is one of those large, wooden play houses that has a real chandelier inside! These birds are living the life, I'm telling ya! There was even a rabbit co-habiting with the flock! I am confident our turkeys, Lizzie and Spiro, will have an amazing life there. What an incredible home for the turkeys—they are so fortunate to have such a great new family!” Many thanks to Sharon Miklos and her family for adopting rescued animals!

## ACME Community Cash Back Program

**Was a Success!** Happy Trails saw funds double from last year when we submitted all the Acme receipts you saved and turned-in for the rescued animals. The check Happy Trails received for this year's program was \$1,007.45. Many thanks to volunteer, Jan Bragg, for sorting and adding all the receipts and making sure we met all the requirements for the program, and many thanks to everyone who took the time to save Acme receipts!

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## Pigtures!

A rescue group by the name of Furry Beginnings was helping remove dogs and cats owned by an elderly woman who could no longer care for them. During the rescue of the dogs and cats, rescue workers came upon a small pot belly pig living in a kennel in the back yard.

He was extremely thin and had very little hair, and this



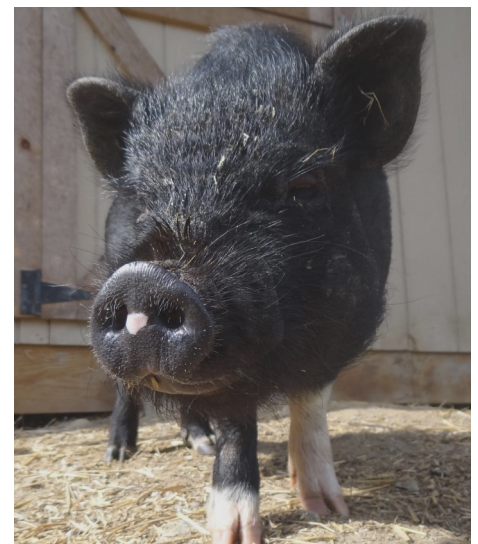
discovery came in the middle of one of the coldest days of winter. Happy Trails was asked to help in this situation, and thus Bernie the pig came to Happy Trails in need of warmth, attention, groceries, and neutering. He received all of the above, and his care added up quickly.

Fast forward to a call from police

officers in Shreve, Ohio (Warren County,) where a small male pig was found wandering the streets. He too came to Happy Trails, pretty much in need of the exact same things. His rescue workers had named him Piggie Smalls, and he received all the things he needed as well.

Unfortunately pot belly pigs are often among the most neglected pets as people think they're cute and small and buy them without really researching proper care and nutrition.

Both of these amazing, friendly little guys are available for adoption. For piggy adoption information, contact Rebecca at [Rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:Rebeccas@happytrailsfarm.org).





Congratulations  
Allison &  
Daniel!

*"Dear Happy Trails,*

*In lieu of traditional wedding favors, we chose to donate to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary and, thanks to the talents of volunteer, Stephen Rumbaugh, we will be furnishing our guests with handmade cards describing the organization and its work. As a vegan (bride) and someone transitioning to a plant-based lifestyle (groom), we both believe strongly in animal rights and animal welfare. When we visited Happy Trails, we were blown away by the care and love that the staff showed the animals. Their attentiveness and compassion shone brightly, as did the animals themselves, all with varied personalities and incredible stories of survival. Upon doing more research, we also found that Happy Trails truly fight to defend the animals, and cares deeply about them. Unlike some other animal rights organizations, we found that Happy Trails has a high degree of transparency and a very high percentage of funds spent on animal care. This was a cause we could believe in, compassionate people helping to defend sentient beings. In our small way, we are hoping our donation brings awareness to animal rights and the fantastic group of people doing this important work in our own backyard. As we celebrate the beginning of our lives together, we will also be encouraging our guests to celebrate life in all its forms. Thank you, Happy Trails!"*

*Allison Smith and Daniel Woods*

## HSUS Humane Lobby Day

On Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Happy Trails Founder, Annette Bragg, joined a group of concerned Ohio citizens in Columbus to participate in HSUS Humane Lobby Day. Each member of the group had a chance to personally meet with the state representative and senator from their district to discuss the animal cruelty laws coming up for a vote.

At right, Annette and Sandi Sajner met with Senator John Eklund (far left) and Judge Tom Marcelain of Licking County (far right), who happened to be visiting Senator Eklund.

Three major animal cruelty bills that were discussed included **House Bill 60 "Goddard's Law"** which would make it a felony for first time egregious acts of animal cruelty; **House Bill 215** which would make cockfighting a felony instead of a misdemeanor; and **Senate Bill 195** making bestiality illegal in Ohio. 37 states have passed laws making sexual abuse of an animal a crime. Ohio is not one of them.



Annette also met with Peter Shipley, aide to State Representative Kathleen Clyde. Representative Clyde is a sponsor of House Bill 215 and an advocate for making cockfighting a felony here in Ohio.

Many thanks to HSUS Representative, Corey Roscoe, for putting this amazing day together so hundreds of voices could be heard on behalf of Ohio's animals.



## Ben and Jerry's Announces Its First Four Dairy-Free Flavors

"You dared us to go dairyless—and we did!" Ben and Jerry's website proclaims. Four Ben and Jerry's flavors are now made with almond milk in order to be certified vegan and non-GMO. Their non-dairy page tagline boasts "everything but the cow".

The four new vegan flavors include **Chunky Monkey**, **Chocolate Fudge Brownie**, **Coffee Carmel Fudge**, and **PB and Cookies**. How can ya beat that?

Their website proclaims "Vegan friends, whether you've been waiting three decades or three days for certified vegan non-dairy decadence, it's time to rejoice! We've partnered with Vegan Action to certify that our non-dairy doesn't include animal products of any kind—including eggs, dairy or honey. We admire you for your commitment and we hope you love the magnificent



vegan chunks & swirls we've loaded into these bad boys. "

"Creating these new flavors with a non-dairy base composition that meets the high expectations of Ben & Jerry's consumers was quite a challenge," said Flavor Guru Kirsten Schimoler in a press release. "We wanted to bring the same fun with all of the creamy, funky, and chunky swirls plus the Ben & Jerry's flavor excitement to our non-dairy fans and we nailed it!"

**So be sad no more that as vegans you can't find the perfect and delicious ice cream, for now you can!** Try it out and let Ben and Jerry's know what you think!

## THESE COMPANIES TEST ON ANIMALS



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## WISH LIST ITEMS

Some items that are easy to grab and donate and that are used daily include:

- bottled water for our hard working volunteers
- paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper
- office supplies such as 8½"x11" white copy paper, tape, staples, paper clips
- bleach and any eco-friendly cleaning supplies



## Shout Outs

A thank you goes out to Craig Erksin for writing a great article on Happy Trails for The Akronist and to our friends at WAKR for declaring Happy Trails the featured website on Horse Day! We appreciate ALL of our friends in the media for helping us spread kindness and compassion for all animals!





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## Gambler Survived, Thrived, and Excels at Dressage!

Back in 2009, Gambler (the handsome gelding shown on the front cover) was rescued from a situation of neglect in Trumbull County along with ten other horses, a calf, guinea fowl, and an assortment of chickens. The condition of several of these horses was so severe they didn't survive. But Gambler did. Not only did he survive, he now thrives and proudly wins ribbons to the delight of people in his life.

Gambler was residing in a foster facility when Dave and Mary Kay Hluch and their granddaughter, Maddie, met him and fell head over heels for the big guy. As a fami-



*Gambler in 2009 when he was first rescued. He was very underweight and in need of hoof care. He was being held by Happy Trails rescue worker, Kevin Bragg.*

ly, they decided together to adopt the gentle gelding. When the time came to enroll in college at Otterbein University, Maddie made the tough decision to leave Gambler at home. This change in everyone's life gave a friend, Lisa Butterfield, the opportunity to now ride and learn with Gambler. Together they accomplished Champion and Reserve Champion two years in a row in Dressage. And just like Maddie before her, Gambler is now helping Lisa's daughter achieve her pony club rating, and has gotten her through C1 and will continue to help her achieve her C2 and HB Horse Management ratings this summer. **Many thanks to owner Mary Kay, who dotes on Gambler nightly and showers him with love and affection at Sand Hill Stables, for having the heart to adopt a rescued horse.** What he has accomplished and the lives he has gone on to touch is what animal rescue is all about.



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## WHAT GENERAL DONATIONS PAY FOR

**We always want Happy Trails supporters to know how their donations help and to see first-hand the impact your are making in the lives of rescued animals.**

**General donations are key to the operations of any organization, and we'd like to highlight some of the things general donations cover.**

**Vet Care:** In 2015, vet care alone cost the sanctuary \$56,422.17. That's \$154.58 per day.

**Dignity in Death:** The cost for removal or burial of remains in 2015 totalled \$1,378.

**Fuel:** In 2015, Happy Trails vehicles, equipment and machinery cost \$5,353.07 in fuel (\$15 per day) and \$11,919.29 in maintenance (that's \$32.74 per day).

**Foster Homes:** \$14,749.73 went to foster homes in 2015 for bedding, hay, feed and supplements.

**Facilities Upkeep:** This category included construction, equipment rental, maintenance and repairs which cost a total of \$17,346.24 in 2015.

**Animal Care:** The total of 2015 was \$136,107.30.

**Equine:** The breakdown for horse rescue and rescue and recovery is: bedding \$5,565.91; blacksmith and farrier services \$2,955; burials \$970.50; feed, grain and hay \$38,777.80; foster care \$14,749.73; small equipment and supplies \$1,319.49; veterinary care and medicines \$43,475.43; with a grand total

of equine-related expenses being \$108,121.03.

**Farm Animals:** The breakdown for farm animal rescue and rehab is: bedding \$5,407; burial \$407.50; feed, grain and hay \$7,364.94; small equipment and supplies \$1,709.09; veterinary care and medicines \$12,946.74; with a grand total of farm animal related expenses being \$27,896.27.

**Total operating expense for 2015 was \$677,858.74.** That's \$1,857.15 per day to operate Happy Trails.

***So when you don't think you're making a difference, please know you are. Every donation counts, and together, we are providing peace and healing for many animals! Many thanks for making our work together possible!***



Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary

# Animal Shelter Sponsorship

## Rooster Rescue Barn / Rooster Apartments

**Cockfighting is a viscous and extraordinarily cruel practice.** In addition to animal abuse, other crimes are closely connected to animal fighting including drug smuggling, sales of illegal drugs, illegal weapons, illegal gambling and children are often present. Happy Trails assists law enforcement with cockfighting raids through the use of our Rooster Rescue Barn.

**15 individual rooster “apartments” are especially designed for a single rooster to provide the best possible living quarters until they can be adopted and moved on to permanent, loving and caring homes.**

**These apartments provide** a heat-lamp source for the roosters during cold winter months; a door to their own private outdoor yard where they can take dust baths, nap in the sun and/or chase bugs; a roost covered in carpet for perching; metal easy-access food and water dishes; thick straw for comfy bedding; small stuffed toys for environmental enrichment; commercial grains enriched with sunflower seeds; fresh water; and grit to aid in digestion. Overhead ventilation fans help keep the roosters cool during the hot summer temperatures.

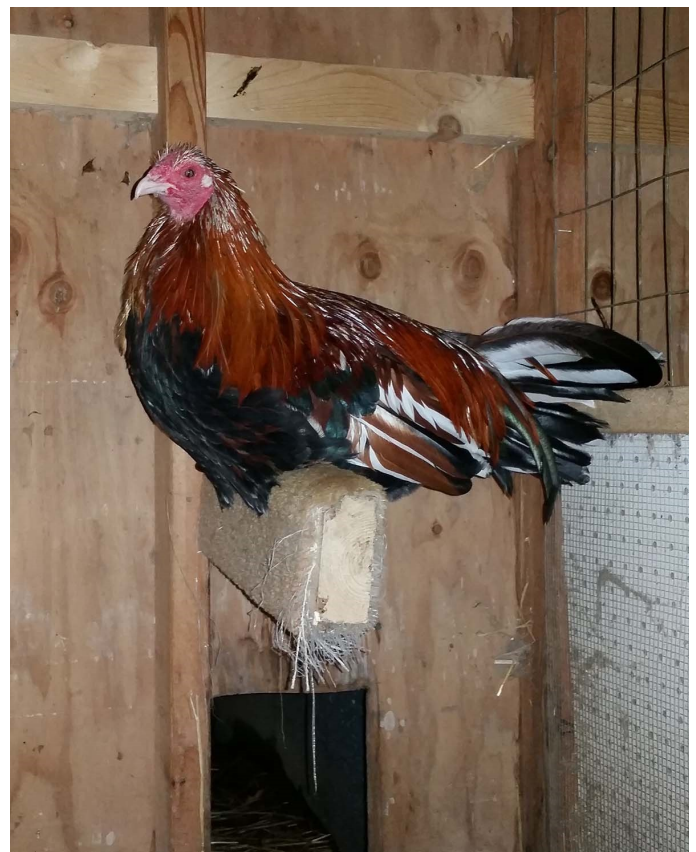
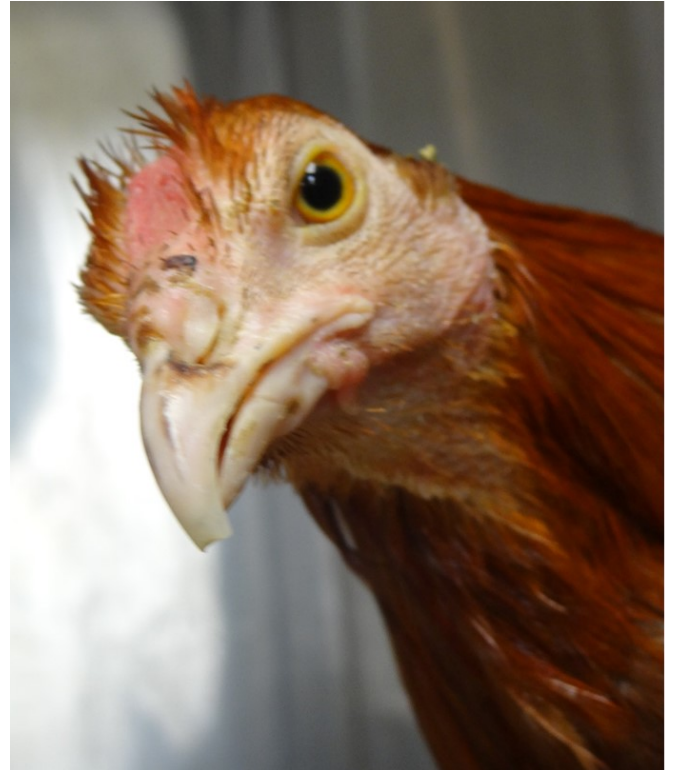
Many of these roosters are kind, gentle and forgiving. Some go to nursing homes and schools for visits and educational programs.

Rooster apartments can be sponsored yearly at \$600 (\$50 per month). A plaque with your (or your business) name will be placed on the apartment door to honor your sponsorship.

A larger rooster-romp pen inside the Rooster Rescue Barn, which allows one rooster at a time to enjoy a larger area to exercise and play, can be sponsored yearly for \$975 (\$65 per month).

***Your sponsorship helps provide peace, comfort and healing for those who lived in a world of abuse and suffering.***

**For more information on Happy Trails Rooster Apartments, email [hopee@happytrailsfarm.org](mailto:hopee@happytrailsfarm.org) or call 330-296-5914.**





## 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.

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.

## Monthly Pledge Program

**Never underestimate the power of smaller monthly donations.** You would be amazed at the muscle they have when it comes to enabling Happy Trails to say yes to helping out with the next cruelty case.

**A monthly donation of even \$15 can go a very long way.**

If you find yourself at the end of each month with \$15 to spare and want to do something huge with a little, pledge to donate that \$15 each month by filling out the monthly donor coupon on the right and send it in. You can stop your pledge at any time and use that \$15 if you need to, but in the meantime, you'll be helping rescue a multitude of animals and help take their abusers to court. And that's no small thing!

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(Left) Staff members Kaleigh Miller and Shawwna Lemerise change the world one goat at a time!





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## Cinnamon the Goat Times Three

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## Our Mission

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization that rescues, rehabilitates, and provides an adoption program for abused, abandoned, and neglected farm animals such as horses, ponies, pot belly pigs, farm pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, sheep, goats and cows. Happy Trails serves Ohio as well as 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.