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Sweet simplicity, eclectic charm and a little whimsy to tickle your fancy!

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Ginger and Gilligan



Ruby Imp's Farm is committed to providing a personal, economic, and environmentally sensitive approach to the modern farm. At Ruby Imp's, our eclectic country style adds distinctive whimsy to our diverse products and services by balancing nature with simplistic function and the faithful devotion to all living creatures. Our "no-harm, no-kill" philosophy is our commitment to all critters!

FARM JOURNAL ENTRY 3 -HOME SWEET HOME



Radar and Zoro



Dolly



Ma



Rocky Bah-Boa



Lucy & Ethel



Bear



Pebbles & Bam Ba

Whether born on the farm or adopted, our new critters are calling Ruby Imp's home. Newborn lambs to senior horses, they all bring life and excitement to the farm. Once they have settled in, their personalities become apparent. Quiet, demure, content, spunky, entertaining, stubborn, curious, silly, affectionate, they all are unique and have a special place in our hearts. Home or in this case the barn is a refuge, a place of peace, comfort, love and family. I think this poem entitled, "Home", written by Hanley, (a first grader at Lake Alfred Elementary in Lake Alfred, Florida) sums it up so sweetly and knowing my critters, I can see them agreeing with Hanley.

"My home is where love lives. My home is where my family comes together. My home is my shelter, a place to eat and sleep. I love my home. I don't want to leave. My home comforts me. I will always remember the green roof and red sides. I like my home how it is and I don't want it to change." Thank you, Hanley. Be good to one another.....Cindy

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THE GENERAL STORE

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Finally!

It's official...Ruby Imp's Farm website is up and running! Come take a look at our selection of products, stories and pictures around the farm and special events. We will be posting new products regularly so sign up for our newsletter, promotional and farm happenings.

Visit www.rubyimpsfarm.com



WAX TARTS



CANDLES



SOAPS



YARN & FLEECE

SUMMER SCENTS

With each new season of the year, brings new scents to our on-line shop. Our Seasonal Selection includes:

AMERICANA - A neutral earthy fragrance filled with a complex freshness of ocean breeze, driftwood, amber, musk and citrus!

DELIGHT - A lively nectar of kiwi, pineapple and pear with the delicate scent of lily and lilac!

GYPSY JUNGLE - A wonderful herbal infusion of fresh greenery, tulips, carnations, cherry blossom and fresh breeze.

MELON MAMBO - Refreshing mix of melons and berries.

FIZZY POP - The bubbly refreshing scents of lime, sweet pineapple, lemon and orange just like that fizzy rock candy!

SUN PETAL - Fresh and clean. Luscious greens, vanilla, rose, jasmine, melon and the ocean breeze!

PAY FOR YOUR EGG PURCHASE...ONLINE!

Yes, you may have been hearing about it. Now you can, pay for your eggs in advance and have them delivered at the specified location. Just choose the date of delivery, apply your carton coupon (if you'll be turning in your cartons), and complete your payment! It's that easy! But as always will accept cash, checks and credit cards at the time of delivery as well.

COUPONS AND SPECIALS

Shop at our e-store and take advantage of our special coupons :

August 1 - 31, 2015 - Coupon Code - **FIRST10** -
Take 10% off your first order!

September 1 - 30, 2015 - Coupon Code - **LABOR** - Purchase the 8 oz. Americana Candle & receive 2 free votive candles to match!



We've tried our darnedest to keep our egg prices low! However with the price of feed and grain rising, we had to increase the price of our eggs to \$3.00 a dozen effective July 1, 2015. Still a great bargain! You can now schedule your delivery and pay for your eggs on line! Visit our website - www.rubyimpsfarm.com.

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THE CANINE CHRONICAL

COCONUT RETRIEVER...WHAT!

By Samantha Megrey, Vet Student

You might ask what the difference is between a Coconut Retriever and your average, American dog? The answer is a lot! Coconuts are the prim of the crop in some of the best and worst ways! Where should I even start! They are a mixture of basically every breed! Chihuahua, Pit Bull, German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Mastiff, the "who knows" little fluffy dogs-you name it, it's in them! Boy, would I love to get my hands on some of their DNA ancestry!

The Coconut Retriever got its not-so-technical name based on their jaws and the ability to chew anything including coconuts. And speaking from experience, this is most definitely true! I always enjoy telling the story of my smaller Coconut, Chiquie, who enjoyed running away from me up to my landlord's balcony, rooting through the trash and attempting to make off with a turkey thigh bone three times the size of her head! She would have ate it too if I hadn't taken it away from her!

They are garbage pickers at heart because most of them are or were living on the streets. With all the garbage she has eaten, she only got sick once from bad food which makes me truly believe their stomach and intestinal bacteria are very different from our state-side doggies.

Then there's the other side of the Coconuts - the behavioral/emotional issues. My Hattie, the larger of the two, had a terrible up-bringing. I wish she could tell her story because I think then I would understand her much better, but from what I can tell, she was badly abused and was possibly used for breeding of fighting dogs. I fell madly in love with her as soon as I saw her just like I did with Chiquie! For the first several weeks to months I had her, she would hide under my bed, was and still is terrified of bright lights shining at her and has had to be placed on "doggie prozac" to help her cope with the stresses that most dogs don't even bat an eye at. She is the biggest sweetheart, the most lovable little girl, but has so many emotional issues because of her past. Her story is just one, but many of the other island dogs have similar stories which make them behaviorally and emotionally different from our usual happy-go-lucky American dogs.

On a lighter note, one of the more notable things about them both is extra toes (aka genetic abnormalities). Chiquie has a miniature toe on her back foot even including the nail! And Hattie has two dewclaws on one foot. It even has two quicks! Hattie also snores-a lot! I hear about that every day when I call home and have to laugh. I'm sure there are other developmental anomalies they have and that other Coconuts have hiding somewhere in their little bodies!

I told myself I wasn't going to get a dog when I got to the island and ended up with two of the craziest, sweetest, most interesting and strange dogs I have ever met! As problematic as they have been-and still are- I wouldn't trade my little girls for anything! So the next time you visit a Caribbean island, watch for the Coconuts-they're everywhere and will always take a loving pet if you'll give it!

Chiquie



Hattie



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GRUB & VENTURE

WHITEHOUSE CHOCOLATES

Purveyors of Fine Chocolates and Candies

I will be the first to admit...I love good chocolate...milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate, any chocolate but fine chocolates are the best. At Whitehouse Chocolates, you will find wonderful fine chocolate and confections. Located in a small white house, not far out of the center of Middlefield Township, is their store and candy kitchen. Old fashioned in décor with cases of freshly made fudge, chocolates and small gifts.

One of my favorites is the white chocolate cranberry almond clusters...Good white chocolate is hard to find but I found it...and so close to home (ooops...that's bad!). They have seasonal treat and an amazing selection of fudge including Chocolate Banana Walnut, Root Beer and Jelly Donut. Their milk chocolate is a custom blend and the dark chocolate is creamy and robust but not bitter. Absolutely love it.

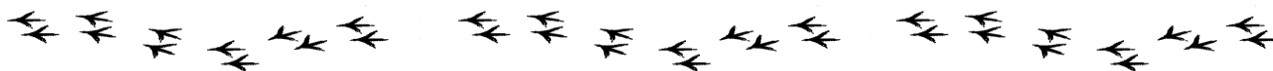
So stop by and get a free sample of their sweet treats. They are located at 14607 Kinsman Road, Middlefield, OH 44062, phone 440-834-3133. Whitehouse Chocolates is open Monday – Saturday, 9 – 6. Check out their website at www.whitehousechocolates.com or on their Facebook page, Whitehouse Chocolates, Ltd.

SUNRISE FARM

Farm Fresh Produce and Gift Shop

Just a little ways down the road on Route 87 (Kinsman) is Sunrise Farm, a wonderful old refurbished barn converted into a produce market and gift shop. The picturesque property is one you will surely remember and return time and time again. On a small farm, 20 acres, they have a multitude of offerings including pick your own, seasonal fruits and vegetables, an assortment of gourmet foods and cheeses as well as local products. They also sell beautiful flowers and vegetable plants during the growing season.

In the fall they have hayrides, a fall festival and array of holiday decorations and gifts. The farm and gift shop is open year round, seven days a week. Check their website at www.sunrisefarmgifts.com or their Facebook page for hours of operations (changes with the season). Located at 13115 Kinsman Rd., in Burton, OH, 44021. Phone 440-834-1298.



NOTIONS TO NOODLE AROUND:

"My sequins don't say nothing about my strength!" – Samantha Megrey

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: What to do with all that wool!