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Heaven Can Wait Newsletter – OCTOBER 2009

News from the Ranch

Paint gelding Singer, one of the two horses from SLO County Animal Control which confiscated them from an abusive owner, is making big strides in healing from an abscess in the right front hoof. He and his fellow rescue Mia have made a remarkable recovery mentally, too. Their first week or so at HCW was fraught with behaviors based on fear of their surroundings and of being moved yet again. They were somewhat difficult to handle (at a time when handling was of paramount importance to heal them). But very shortly they calmed down into that balanced equine state where they are now among the sweetest and most cooperative of HCW residents. What does it take to achieve this?

Consistent respectful and knowledgeable handling, good nutrition and clean, comfortable surroundings, the presence of a balanced, stable herd, constant good will, attention and visits, treatment of injury and illness. Is this “horse whispering”? We think it’s good common horse sense.



Would you or someone you know like to learn how to care for horses with basic good sense and simple knowledge of effective horsekeeping? Call us at 368-5702 to arrange for free training.

Black and White Ball Update

Now is the time to get your tickets for the elegant Black and White Ball event, October 24 at La Bellasera Hotel and Suites, 5:30 PM til 10. Tickets include complete dinner with your choice of entrée (must be made at time of ticket purchase – prime rib, baked halibut, or mushroom and cheese lasagna), no-host bar, dancing, live entertainment, portrait photos by Kim Siebert (Tidal Designs) and an enchanting selection of Silent Auction items from sculpture and jewelry to a night at the Madonna Inn (in any room available!). **No Denim and Diamonds this year**, so put on those black and white formal or cowboy duds and cut a rug. All proceeds benefit the horses and donkeys of Heaven Can Wait. \$90 per person, \$180 per couple, \$600 per table of 8. Checks payable to Heaven Can Wait. Call 712-3109 for info. Checks and selections must be received before 10/10!

Thank you to Joe Rosilez and family for their ad in the September 24 issue of the SLO Tribune “Ticket” section telling the Black and White Ball story. See the ad at right.

Latest Silent Auction donor: Jackie Iddings, therapeutic massage for equines and humans including cranio-sacral and

	Cody's Elegant Black & White Ball October 24, 2009
	To benefit the Horses & Donkeys of Heaven Can Wait Equine Rescue & Sanctuary
	5:30 – 10 pm La Bellasera Hotel 206 Alexa Court in Paso Robles
	\$90/pp \$180 per couple \$600 per table of 8 <i>(Please note, no tickets will be sold at the event itself)</i>
	For more information please call 805.712.3109 or 805.368.5702
	<i>This ad brought to you by</i>
	J Paul Rosilez Winery 4889 Dry Creek Rd. in Paso Robles 805.226.0550

myofascial release techniques. Jackie is also an experienced horsewoman and riding instructor who uses gentle, natural methods. We welcome her as a volunteer at HCW, giving some of our equines like Dharzey and Rolo therapeutic massage that will benefit them greatly.

Sherman's Benefit Bargains at 5Star Hay and Feeds

When people stop into 5Star Hay and Feeds at 275 Marquita Way (off Ramada Dr in Paso Robles – 805/434-3548) they will not only find friendly, helpful service and a wide selection of hays and feeds for many kinds of livestock and pets. Beginning in late October/early November they will also find Sherman's Benefit Bargains, a tack shop with new and used donated items including books and clothing with the proceeds going to the horses and donkeys of Heaven Can Wait. Prices will be very attractive, too. Watch for an opening announcement and celebration.

Our gratitude to Eddie Rodriguez, Aaron and Christian of 5Star for their donation of space and their waiver of fees to make Sherman's Benefit Bargains available.

HoPE Program Update

Dedicated volunteers continue to make the HoPE horse-assisted therapeutic activities program available at no charge to folks in need of healing – sessions are given at HCW Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 10 AM to noon (or thereabouts, depending on the participants' wishes). Most recently HoPE hosted a 28 year cancer survivor who met all the equines and heard their stories, then gravitated to Rolo. Robin Bradley helped as the Compassionate Witness while guiding our guest through the simple, soothing motions of grooming. Sharon Owens-Avey was there with support, encouragement and good fellowship that made our participant feel like "a member of the family." We couldn't ask for a better endorsement.

HoPE is now listed in the Paso Robles Magazine as an on-going activity and all are welcome to participate. Just call 368-5702 or 712-3109 to let us know which session you will be attending. And **please do call to cancel** if you can't make it (we understand how these things are) – it allows us to let our volunteers know. Want to come? Wear closed shoes to keep those toes happy.

Paso Robles Morning Kiwanis

Thank you to Christine Hines and the good people of the Paso Robles morning Kiwanis Club who welcomed Ramey Zamora as their speaker on September 23rd at Panolivo Restaurant. The talk given concerned what HCW does, how it serves the community, and how it can be supported.

Templeton Rotary Club - November 3rd Speaking Engagement

HCW will speak at McPhee's in Templeton at the breakfast meeting of the Templeton Rotary Club on November 3, 2009. Thank you to Dave King of Vista del Rey Winery for this opportunity.

Anne Carpenter-Fitzpatrick Open Studios Art Tour

HCW supporter and Black and White Ball auction donor Anne Carpenter-Fitzpatrick celebrates fine photography and bewitching jewelry along with other exquisite crafts at her Open Studios Art Tour, October 17 and 18 from 10 AM to 5 PM. She owns Main Street Studio at the corner of 1st and Main Streets in Templeton (805/434-4013).



Black Beauty Still Rides

Our gorgeous 1979 black Mercedes Benz in stunningly beautiful condition is looking for a good home. Black Beauty was donated to HCW by an extraordinary volunteer and supporter who hopes to provide funds for the equines through her generosity. Asking price is \$11,500

(below Blue Book). Call Susan at 805/368-5702 for more info and to arrange a viewing.

This is a classic car that will hold its value for many years to come, and give you the kind of elegance you will be proud to drive anywhere in the world!

Want to Help But Can't Get to HCW?



Properly caring for 26 horses and donkeys uses a lot of things like equine wormer, gauze pads, cotton batting, carrots, supplements, special feeds, Betadine, plastic bags, fly spray, feed buckets, shovels, manure rakes, wheelbarrows, DG, lime, rice hulls, gate snaps and the list goes on! One of the most valuable volunteer services HCW could ask for is someone to contact manufacturers and local businesses for donated or discounted items we can use at the Sanctuary.

Volunteers are always surprised at how many people really do want to help, and by giving “in kind” they also benefit taxwise, so the response is almost always positive. Is this a project you might like to work on? It requires telephone and/or internet use and follow up to requests, some paperwork (Susan or Ramey will provide any letters needed) and occasional local pick up of items. Please call Ramey at 712-3109 to get the scoop. Thank you!

RSVP

When President Kennedy started the Peace Corps back in the '60s, he also envisioned a sort of Senior Corps that would encourage retired people to volunteer in their own communities here in the US. Today that organization is called RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) and what a program it is.

First of all, enrollment is free. This entitles the senior or retired volunteer to report hours and mileage each month to RSVP. The hours are passed on to the Federal government, and impact on the funding made available to RSVP; mileage is reimbursed to the enrolled volunteer at the rate of \$.14/mile up to a max of \$15 a month.

RSVP helps match volunteers who sign up looking for opportunities to help with appropriate organizations needing their services. You can also continue volunteering where you already do so – and get the RSVP benefits.

But that's not all. Included in your enrollment is \$1 million (yes, I said million) in liability coverage, \$25,000 in supplemental accident coverage and \$500,000 in supplemental automobile insurance – all door to door and at no cost to the enrollee. That's a pretty darn good “thank you” for being a volunteer, we think.

Contact Joyce Shearer of RSVP (SLO) at 805/544-8740 to learn more. Email is rsvpcoordinator@srvolunteer.org. HCW volunteers, please consider joining as it will benefit RSVP as well as HCW and you!

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder

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