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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – October 2010

News from the Ranch

Time to winterize the Sanctuary, which means putting up boards to baffle the winter wind and rain, getting the hay under cover, making certain drainage is good and a host of other tasks. Volunteers are so important to us in these kinds of endeavors. Especially needed: plywood panels (used or new).

Miniature horse Chili and Arabian mare Dharzy are both recovering well from sore feet, a result the vet thinks of the dry summer ground. Everyone else at the Sanctuary is doing very well as of this writing, although Ortega has to wear a grazing muzzle to help him drop some excess poundage...

Secretariat – The Movie and the Grandson



Disney's much anticipated movie "Secretariat" opens at theaters nationwide October 8. It tells the inspiring story of guess who? Pair O'Docs's grandfather, that's who! If you want to meet, touch, or get a photo with Secretariat's grandson, he lives at Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary – plan a visit as soon as you've seen the movie. People involved with the filming have said Pair O'Docs resembles his grandpa so closely that the only difference is his smaller white blaze.

Library and Recreation Services

There were 6 kids, 4 moms, 1 grandma and a lot of smiles on September 18 when the Paso Robles Library and Recreation Services sponsored a visit to HCW as part of their Activites Guide program (Fall catalog available from the City at the Library and Chamber of Commerce). Kids and parents sat down in the "classroom" area we call The Nest to get their activity folders and name tags. Volunteers led discussions with the children on what a sanctuary is and why it's needed, then Susan Schwartz gave everyone a tour to meet all the horses and donkeys.

Grooming and leading sessions with several kids per volunteer followed, questions were asked and answered, everyone learned something new. Maddox got wet and washed a horse at the same time. Ava learned how to attach a lead rope and lead a horse to be groomed.



Next the kids could do something creative with the horse of their choice: Daniel chose to make an amazing drawing; Olivia and Justin read books to their chosen horses; coloring books and materials were provided and everyone was encouraged to write, sketch or color in their folders when they got home. Before a picnic lunch on the grass up at the residence, the kids shared their newfound definition of a sanctuary, their favorite horse or donkey and why, and their favorite activity during the visit.

With many thanks to special volunteer Robin Bradley, who organized and developed the syllabus, Trine Marlen of Lib and Rec Services, and the moms and grandma who came along to share the adventure! Especially we thank the children and hope to see them again at HCW.



Lemonade Stand

Thanks to Jennifer's wonderful kids Tegan, Camryn, Gavin, their friend Kylie and helping neighbors. They raised \$50 for HCW with a lemonade stand during the hot days of August. Great idea, great kids and mom, great neighborhood -- our gratitude on behalf of the equines.

Cars4Causes

Do you have a vehicle you no longer want and would like to help the Sanctuary as well as your tax bottom line at the same time?

We've got just the thing: Cars4Causes has signed on to allow you to donate your vehicle on behalf of Heaven Can Wait. Call toll free 800/766-CARE and designate Heaven Can Wait as the charity you would like to benefit from your donation.

What a great way to help that older car or truck to its next station in the journey of existence while providing food, medicine, vet care, foot care and supplies for the horses and donkeys. With tax benefits for you.



Hay Squeezes

Please don't squeeze the haystack...Actually a squeeze of hay is defined as 64 bales and is named after the piece of equipment (a squeeze, of course) that can carry that many bales out of a field at one time. Heaven Can Wait was fortunate enough to receive a donation of three squeezes of grass hay from generous supporter Sandra in Nipomo, cost of the squeeze donated by Linda. It is a very welcome gift to the Sanctuary. Thank you!

Costume Preview and Lingerie Show

September 13, a bunch of great volunteers gather at El Vino Restaurant in Paso Robles at 5 PM and begin preparing for a lively show modeling the best in high-quality Halloween costumes and some very special lingerie. Several hours and many Margaritas later, everyone gathers for a final photo and high five – the event has gone smoothly and our models were absolutely fabulous. If you missed this show, you didn't have as much fun that evening as we did!

Thanks to: Ursula, Carl and Grant; Manuel and Lupe; Camille, Charlene, Sally, Holly, Adrienne, Gloria, Susan and models Cherie, Angel, Mac, Dawn, Will and Katie.



Will, Angel, Dawn, Katie, Cherie, Mac, Carl, Ursula, Grant

Pioneer Day Parade

Watch for the Estrella 4H float on October 9 in the Paso Robles Pioneer Day Parade – Heaven Can Wait’s Heavenly Horse and friends will be on board. Parade starts at 10 AM, City Park Spring St.

Mr Zimmerman, an Update

Your faithful reporter is abashed to admit she did NOT know “Robert Zimmerman” is Bob Dylan’s birth name – and that the 20 year old Arab gelding rescued August 11 from severe starvation is named for that legendary talent! There is good news about the horse. He’s doing extremely well on his 4 meals per



day of Nutrena Senior, rice bran pellets, Platinum Performance and psyllium. Since he has a hard time eating hay, he’s now getting a serious serving of hay replacement pellets (alfalfa and oat hay mix) with every meal. There’s always real hay around for him to munch, but he spits it out once he’s gotten the “flavor” out of it! Interestingly, just the act of chewing for an equine assists in the digestion and helps maintain a healthy metabolism. So chew away, Mr Zee.

The photo at left was taken on September 29 at Zee’s foster home in Paso Robles. He’s getting pretty frisky, we are also pleased to report.

On the Hunt for: Round Pen Panels

Heaven Can Wait’s community outreach programs are beginning to gain momentum and participants, so we are also hoping to find metal round pen sections to use for the HoPE, Adventure Club, 4H, Daisy Troop and Autism Spectrum Center sessions. Please contact Susan (805/368-5702) if you know of any for donation. We will arrange for pick up!

2011 Heaven Can Wait Calendar

Reserve your copy(ies) now by calling or emailing Ramey (805/712-3109; ramey12@wildblue.net) of our absolutely stunning new calendar. It is only \$15 for each of these large format calendars printed on heavy stock and boasting frame-worthy images from Nancy Koren, Donna Johnson, Kim Siebert, Bonnie Flamer and Kim Chance.

Perfect for gift giving and to remember the reasons for the work we do at HCW all year long.

How About a T-Shirt to Commemorate Your Visit to HCW?

We have handsome good quality t-shirts in sizes from small to XXL for only \$15 (tax included) to take home from your visit to the Sanctuary. Printed in beautiful blue, teal and purple on a sand colored background with the Heaven Can Wait logo. You will wear it proudly – and it also makes a great holiday gift that shows how much you care.



WANTED – YOU

We need volunteers to be on our Board of Directors, people who are interested in and can devote a little time and energy to things like events coordinating, website management and fund raising. We also need a Volunteer Coordinator – this great job lets you meet, recruit, train and coordinate some of the best people you’ll ever meet.

Contact Susan (805/368-5702) or Ramey (805/712-3109) to find out more. **WITHOUT MORE HELP, HCW CAN'T EXPAND OUR RESCUE AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS.**

Classy's Story

It's happening all over: the economy is hitting horse owners hard. That was the message when Kara called Susan looking for a place for her old, much beloved rescue horse, Classy. Susan was able to work with Kara and give her usable ideas to optimize her resources so that Classy could remain with her family. Kara says, "This picture shows how much our old rescue horse Classy really is a member of our family and the joy he brings to my son Josh. I am hoping our story will give others inspiration to hang on when finances get tough. There is always a way I have found, thanks to Heaven Can Wait."



Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder
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