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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – November 2009

News from the Ranch

“Welcome Back, Carter” heralds the arrival of our most recent resident, and one of the very first rescues Susan took into the Sanctuary when he was only 7 months old. Carter, named for his surgeon, and also known as “Lil Man,” needed surgery on all 4 legs because of epiphysitis (crooked legs, whether knock-knees or bowlegs), caused by abnormalities in the growth plates. HCW’s co-founder in Thousand Oaks located a donor to pay for the surgery and now Lil Man is a feisty sorrel gelding with a regular sized body and Toulouse-Lautrec style short legs, but he’s happy, healthy and comfortable. He arrived back in San Miguel in October, now about 8 years old, when the 10-acre home of our co-founder was lost due to the economy. We now have 27 residents at the Sanctuary.

Who’s doing good for animals? Myofascial release equine massage therapy specialist Jackie Iddings has been treating the horses at HCW for several weeks now, focusing in particular on Dharsey, Sunny and Rolo. Jackie usually arrives Tuesday mornings so if you’d like to watch her put the residents into a semi-trance of relaxed delight, stop by the Sanctuary to “audit.” Jackie can work on you and/or your horse, too: reach her at jackie@windridertherapies.com to learn more.

Cody’s Elegant Black and White Ball



By all accounts, our October fundraiser was a success, with beautiful gowns and elegant tuxedos rubbing shoulders with funky feather jackets and purple cowboy hats. There was terrific food from Enoteca Restaurant, the ambiance of La Bellasera Hotel and Suites, portrait photography by Kim Siebert, live entertainment from Lori Redhair and Jennifer Tripp (as Minnie Pearl and Patsy Cline – see left), Dr Dave Ramsey (Hank Williams and Chris Isaak), DJ duties by Jeff Smith (wearing his tuxedo t-shirt at right), help from a slew of the greatest volunteers including Roxanne and Ashley Camron, April Devine, Cathi Clarke, Gloria Walter and her granddaughter Chloe, Mark Schwartz, Joan Jones and Richard Zamora. The Silent Auction featured nearly 40 appealing items and just about sold out, with heavy bidding on a couple of goodies. Thanks to Crystal at Office Max for donating the printing of our three page Welcome Package/Event Program!



Financially the event was a success, too, more than breaking even on the cost of the meals for everyone (83+!) and bringing in a respectable chunk of “hay” money for the equines. Founder Susan Schwartz contributes the following thoughts: [I would have taken the microphone away from one of our “singing” guests and have said thank you in person, but public speaking is not my forte. Oh, I am passionate about what I do and can talk to anyone about it for as long as they can stand to listen, but doing so to a large crowd would have been a bit too overwhelming and my passion might have been lost among my nerves. In any event, I am grateful to each and every one of you; my volunteers for putting up with me, the donors of silent auction items who donated more than I ever expected, and, of course, all](#)

of you who purchased a ticket to attend the event. There are some things I would have done differently, but after all it was our very first event of this caliber and hindsight is always 20/20. All in all, though, because of your compassion for the equines and because of the hard work and expertise of HCW's Executive Director, Ramey Zamora, it was a successful event that did put some needed funds into a very empty bank account; for that, I and the 27 equines that depend upon me are extremely thankful.

Black Beauty Still Needs a Home



She's still a beautiful lady, this 1979 automatic Mercedes Benz 450 Sedan, and she still needs a permanent home. Call 368-5702 to arrange a viewing. You can't find quality like this any more for such an affordable price (ask us!).

HCW's Benefit Bargain Store

5Star Hay and Feeds (275 Marquita Way, Paso Robles) hosts our tack and stuff thrift shop at their facility and held their one year anniversary BBQ on October 24th. A lot of people got to see and purchase items from the store. If you have anything horse/riding/barn related including books and videos and CDs, clean used riding apparel, tack (especially bridles), saddle pads, halters, sports boots, etc., in good shape that you would like to donate for the store, please contact Ramey at 805/712-3109 or Susan at 805/368-5702. Every donation helps the horses and donkeys because the proceeds go entirely to the equine sanctuary. A big thank you to the generous guys at 5Star: Eddie, Aaron and Christian. Check them out for your livestock and pet food needs, too. 805/434-3548.



Moving Sales Among Friends

Paso Robles' wonderful clothing store, Apropos, is moving from its current location at 1225 Park Street next to the Chamber of Commerce to the corner of 11th and Pine. A big moving sale is going on at the Park Street location, so now's the time to hustle your bustle over for their tremendously entertaining and flattering styles. Owner Laura and her daughter Natalie are strong HCW supporters.

HoPE Compassionate Witness and loyal HCW volunteers Sharon Owens-Avey and her husband Renny are holding a moving sale on Saturday November 21st (weather permitting) at 905 Lenosa Lane in Atascadero (take the Del Rio Road exit West). Sharon and Renny, who will be relocating next year to their own ranch in Nevada, are cleaning out their closets. Sale goes from 8 AM to 2 PM.

Speaking Engagement – Templeton Rotary Club

Ramey Zamora, Executive Director of HCW, will speak to the Templeton Rotary on Tuesday, November 3 at McPhee's Restaurant at 7 AM. Thank you to Dave King of Vista del Rey Vineyards for this opportunity.

Wellness Community Open House Event

HCW will be at the November 10 Open House at the Wellness Community, 614 13th Street, Paso Robles from 11 AM – 2 PM. We will share information about our HoPE horse-assisted therapeutic activities program with cancer patients, survivors, their families and friends. You are welcome, too!

Lighted Christmas Parade

Jeff Smith is our project coordinator for the 2009 Paso Robles Lighted Christmas Parade December 5th, and he could use some volunteers to help out. We need folks to work on decorating and staffing the float, both fun jobs. Jeff can be reached at jws55@charter.net or by phone at 286-5238 so please check in with him or call Ramey at 805/712-3109. HCW is always well received at the parade (this will be our third annual). There's room for plenty of float riders, too.



Visiting Heaven Can Wait

If you are affiliated with or know of a group such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Adventure Club, Scouts or others who would enjoy visiting the Sanctuary, please call 805/368-5702 to set up a convenient time. There is no charge for sharing affection with the animals and learning their stories. And they all love visitors. HCW is wheelchair accessible and has convenient restroom facilities, too.

You Know You Got To Shop -- Help the Horses and Donkeys at No Cost to You

A reminder that you can help get money donated to Heaven Can Wait through www.GoodSearch.com and www.GoodShop.com this holiday season. Here's how:

1. Begin your holiday shopping at GoodShop.
2. If you have a local business, please buy your office supplies on our behalf via GoodShop. All of the top stores including Staples, Office Depot and OfficeMax are on-board.
3. Please download the new GoodSearch/GoodShop Toolbar to ensure that every search and every purchase you make on Heaven Can Wait's behalf count!

Thank you – every bit helps.

Holiday Jewelry

How would you like a custom made Christmas, Hannukah or winter holiday necklace, charm bracelet, earrings done in colors and styles to match your outfits? At no extra charge? Please come visit Anne Carpenter Fitzpatrick at Main Street Gallery, 1st and Main Streets in Templeton. Ramey just got a terrific pair of glass and Swarovski crystal earrings to go with a necklace she had despaired of finding a match for. Anne is a good friend and supporter of Heaven Can Wait as well as a fine photographer. The Gallery is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 AM – 6 PM. Lovely stuff.

Tim Jones, an HCW Supporter, Sent the Following:

Great opportunity to save on your personal or business insurance and make a charitable contribution at the same time! Tim Jones, owner of Jones & Maulding Insurance, will rebate 25% of his first year's commission to you and HCW just for writing your personal, business, life or health insurance. It is always worth your time to review your insurance to see if you can get better rates and to update your coverage. Call or email Tim at Jones & Maulding, 800/486-4405 or 805/486-4701 Ext. 233; email is tim@jandminsurance.com. Tell him Heaven Can Wait sent you.

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder
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