

Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning

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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2010

**Note: HCW is CLOSED
SUNDAYS**

News from the Ranch

Remember Mr Zimmerman, the starved Arabian gelding rescued in August and nursed back to health so he could join the herd at Heaven Can Wait? This marvelous old guy has proven himself to be one of the kindest horses we know, particularly suited to our special needs program participants.

On Tuesday November 30th Mr Z was healthy enough to be ridden for the very first time since his rescue. Ramey (helmeted, of course) sat gently on his back while Susan led Mr Z around the pen. Our audience was the great kids from Paso Public Schools who visit every Tuesday with Christina Reid and her assistant Dorothy. As soon as we saw what a sweetheart Mr Z was, we knew we could begin letting the kids ride on him as part of their horse-assisted therapeutic activities each week.

Mr Z needs a bit of conditioning first, gentle and patient, to increase his stamina. He was obviously very well trained at some point – he's a big favorite of the kids, too. We are so fortunate he came into our lives.

Lighted Christmas Parade December 4

Paso Robles holds the annual Lighted Christmas Parade through downtown on December 4. Starting at 7 PM, a series of almost 70 brightly decorated floats from many organizations, clubs and businesses will make their joyous way from the start of the parade at 10th and Spring Streets to the end at 9th and Park Streets. HCW volunteer Mark K is creating another great float this year (his float for us in 2009 won the Santa's Award). Come watch the fun and cheer HCW on. Parade goes "rain or shine."



Howard Signery Donation

The HCW float on December 4th will be displaying brand new banners made and donated by Gary Howard of **Howard Signery**, 2645 Riverside Ave, Paso Robles (7:30AM – 4:30PM Monday-Friday; 805/227-0277). Thank you so much, Gary – we will carry our banners proudly in the Lighted Christmas Parade and many more times during the coming year(s).

Goodshop.com and Goodsearch.com

If you're ordering anything on line, at any time of year, whether gifts for others or necessities for yourself, please go to www.goodshop.com first and see whether the retailer you're ordering from is a member. Member retailers will send a percentage of the money from your order to the non-profit of your choice – and Heaven Can Wait would be very grateful if you would list us to receive this benefit. You can also contribute a small amount every time you do a web search by using www.goodsearch.com and listing HCW as the benefiting non-profit. These little things can really add up. Thank you.

Angels for Equines

Congratulations to our first Charter Members of the HCW Angels for Equines club! For less than the cost of a Starbucks a week, only \$10 per month, our Angels contribute to the work we are doing at the Sanctuary keeping our wonderful residents happy and healthy and providing community programs to a wide range of kids, special needs participants, cancer patients and survivors.

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**Angels for Equines
Club**

[Charter Member #000](#)

Would you like to join and receive your own membership card? Surprises and gifts are planned for our AFEs, so don't miss out. Start things rolling by sending your check payable to Heaven Can Wait for an amount of \$10 for one month, \$30 for 3 months, \$60 for 6 months, etc., to HCW c/o R Zamora, P.O. Box 2943, Paso Robles CA 93447. Be sure to include your return address. 805/712-3109 for more info.

2011 Calendars



Don't despair! The 2011 Heaven Can Wait Calendars are being delivered to the Sanctuary the second week of December and will be available through us (we will deliver locally, call 805/712-3109 or 805/368-5702). Calendars will also be offered for sale at **Consignage** (1041 Paso Robles St, Paso; Monday-Saturday 10AM – 5PM), **EarthTones Gifts** (1319 Park St, Paso Robles; 10AM – 6PM Monday-Saturday, 10AM – 8PM Fridays in December, 10AM – 4PM Sundays), **Western Janitorial** (1026 Pine St, Paso Robles; 8:30AM – 5PM Monday-Friday), and **Pillow Talk** (1210 Park St, Paso Robles; 10AM – 6PM Monday-Saturday and some Sundays in December).

Visit **Lemos Pet Supply** on Friday, Saturday or Sunday December 10-12 between 10AM and 2PM. HCW will have a table selling the Calendars there, too.

These beautifully photographed Calendars make perfect last minute gifts (especially if you add something from the store where you get them). They are only \$15 each and we pay the tax. All proceeds go directly to the care of our equines and operating our horse-assisted therapeutic activities programs.

Visitors



Yes, the horses, donkeys, dogs, cats, sheep, goats and chickens are a lot of fun when children visit the Sanctuary, but two little ones (Emma and Kyle) recently were more fascinated by the water troughs (faithfully kept clean and full as part of our long-term commitment to good horsekeeping). Here's a great photo for your enjoyment.

Visitors are welcome Monday through Saturday (the Sanctuary is closed Sundays). Call 805/368-5702 to let us know when you're coming by. Remember your cameras.

Volunteers are needed to help with grooming and socializing the equines and with our special needs programs. No manure handling required! Call Susan (805/368-5702) to sign up.

Heaven Can Wait T-Shirts

We have plenty of our handsome HCW T-shirts available in all sizes from Small to XXXL. A generous donation toward their printing means a larger portion of the proceeds from sale of these shirts can now go to the Sanctuary. T-shirts are available at HCW or email ramey12@wildblue.net to order (we can deliver locally or arrange mailing). They are \$15 each, short sleeved with vibrant turquoise and teal logo on a sand colored background. Whenever you get a T-shirt, it benefits the horses and donkeys.



Guidestar.org

Want to know more about Heaven Can Wait, from an unbiased viewpoint? Log onto www.guidestar.org to find out about us, and to check on any other charitable organizations you are thinking of donating to or volunteering for.

Tack Donations

We will begin putting out a mid-month Tack Trumpeter flyer very soon to tell you all about the many nice items we have been donated that you might be interested in. The prices will be low but every dollar will go to the equines. New and used blankets, bridles, halters, leg wraps, lead lines, longe lines, breastcollars, even saddles and saddle pads. Watch for the Tack Trumpeter.

Holiday Wishes

This year has been difficult for everyone, including your friends at Heaven Can Wait – but it has also shown us a way to take our work in a new and inspiring direction, focusing on bringing equines and people in our community together for healing and learning. This is a great step forward in our mission. But we need your help now, more than ever.

At this special season, we ask you to remember the horses and donkeys with your tax deductible donation – help us keep our promise to them and to the people whose lives they improve every day.

Blessings and Warmest Holiday Wishes for Health and Happiness to everyone, from all of us at Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning.

“Be kinder than necessary; everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.”

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder and President
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