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## HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – February 2010

### News from the Ranch

Heavy rains in mid-January have left devastation throughout the Central Coast Region and Heaven Can Wait is no exception. The stalls were awash with mud from the hillside and will need scraping as well as new decomposed granite for surfacing. If you can help us with DG, this would be a great and much appreciated gift to the Sanctuary and its residents.

### Doggy Fashion Show at Chateau Bow-Wow March 17th



Ask Rameena Stubendorff how business is these days and she's likely to say "Ruff! But in a good way." Rameena owns Chateau Bow-Wow on 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Paso Robles between Park and Pine. Her unique gift and necessity store for canines is unmatched anywhere. When you visit, make sure you take in the "Barkery" case, with its dog cookies decorated so beautifully you may have to be physically restrained from eating them yourself (although you could – they are all natural).

On March 17, St Patrick's Day, Chateau Bow-Wow will hold a Doggy Fashion Show to benefit HCW, complete with wine pouring by Ranchita Canyon Vineyard, holiday hors d'oeuvres, and a bevy of doggy divas modeling the very latest in fashions for the furry and four-footed. Festivities begin at 5:30 PM with the fashion show starting shortly afterward. \$10 donation at the door to rub noses with the best of the bowsers.

Rocky, above, obviously needs to appear on "What Not To Wear."

### Police Horse Pros Sensory Training Clinic May 15 and 16

After a one year hiatus, we are proud to present once again the incomparable Police Horse Pros ([www.policehorsepros.com](http://www.policehorsepros.com)) trainers including Capt. Jim Barrett (ret.) and Dep. Wendall Hildebrandt (ret.) for a two-day clinic to benefit the Sanctuary. Learn to understand, handle, reach and teach your mount and be safer in every situation with the help of professional coaching and hands-on practice.

The 2008 clinic was an enormous success and despite the increase in costs everywhere, we are able to offer the full two-day clinic for only \$330 per horse and rider, including lunch both days courtesy of Lombardi's Restaurant in Paso Robles (on the Park),



beverages and a stay-over option. Location is once again the outstanding covered arena at Rancho Del Rio, 9961 Santa Clara Rd, Atascadero thanks to owner Cindy Nacy. There is a \$15 per day trailer-in fee for each trailer to cover use of facilities and clean up. Observers welcome either or both days for \$25 at the gate (seating provided).

Don't miss the rare opportunity to experience one of the PHP Clinics with your mount, you won't regret it! Contact Ramey at 805/712-3109 or [ramey12@wildblue.net](mailto:ramey12@wildblue.net) for more info and to indicate interest. A \$100 deposit will be required on or before March 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space; total fee due on or before April 19<sup>th</sup> (non-refundable after April 30<sup>th</sup>). Watch for our flyers and event notices.

### Heaven Can Wait Open House

Mark your calendars for the Sanctuary's annual Open House on Sunday, June 13 from 11 AM to 4 PM. The theme this year is Carnival Time and a DUNK TANK is planned. Great fun, great raffle prizes and great tours to meet the residents.

### Women In Business January 15<sup>th</sup>

Susan Schwartz and Ramey Zamora represented HCW at the January meeting of the Paso Robles Women In Business at McClintock's Restaurant, Park Street Paso Robles. Business spotlight was Shoreline Workforce Development, given by HCW friend and supporter Lynn Kranich. Her government-funded program helps employers train new workers and helps people train for new jobs. Register with the Virtual Onestop at [www.slo-onestop.net](http://www.slo-onestop.net) to take advantage of this free program.

### Grant from the Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation

Our sincere thanks for a grant from the Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation to help Heaven Can Wait continue its rescue work and community outreach. These funds go directly and immediately toward the care of our 27 horses and donkeys.

We are always applying for grants, despite the decrease in their amount and availability due to the current economy. While we thank the Foundation for supporting us, we depend upon and greatly appreciate the everyday donations and help we receive from you, our good friends.

### Speaking Engagement – the Optimists' Club

On January 21<sup>st</sup> Ramey spoke to the Paso Robles Optimists' Club at the Courtyard by Marriott on 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Paso Robles. Thanks to Gary Nemeth, President, for his invitation and to the volunteers who stepped forward to help find participants for the Word Herd, a new program Heaven Can Wait is starting that brings youngsters grades K through 6 together with a horse they can read to in a safe, comfortable and non-judgmental environment.

### The Word Herd



In addition to HCW's commitment to the cancer community with the HoPE Program and to the planned team-up with the Autism Spectrum Center's good folks, we have developed a reading to horses program for youngsters Kindergarten through Grade 6. Volunteers from the Paso Robles Optimists' Club are contacting local elementary schools to explain the program, which is not only simple and safe but without cost to participating families.

If you have a child who might benefit from reading to a horse in a supportive but totally non-judgmental environment once a week, please contact the child's school and ask them to get in touch with Ramey at 805/712-3109 or [ramey12@wildblue.net](mailto:ramey12@wildblue.net) to coordinate a site visit. Similar programs where children read to dogs are wildly successful. Your help could get this great program up and running sooner!

### Jessica Bittner Joins Heaven Can Wait as Volunteer Coordinator

Heaven was indeed watching over the Sanctuary when it guided Jessica Bittner to us. Jessica has taken on the mantle of Volunteer Coordinator and leaped right into the thick of things. She is not only helping schedule volunteers on a regular basis but also for special events such as the Doggy Fashion Show and Open House. Contact her at [jbitty1@yahoo.com](mailto:jbitty1@yahoo.com) if you would like to learn more about the gift of volunteering for Heaven Can Wait in any capacity.

### Don't Forget Sherman's Benefit Bargain Tack Store

Eddie, Aaron and Christian of 5Star Hay and Feed (275 Marquita Way, Paso Robles) continue their compassionate support of Heaven Can Wait's little tack store and it has been extremely successful. So much so that we are running low on inventory!

Do you have used tack or horse related items in good condition you wish to donate to HCW? We will gladly arrange to pick them up and every dollar earned through the store goes directly and totally to the Sanctuary's residents.

Thank you!

*Your kindness continues to inspire us.*

**Susan Schwartz, Founder**

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