



Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning

News Notes for June 2011

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Susan's Message

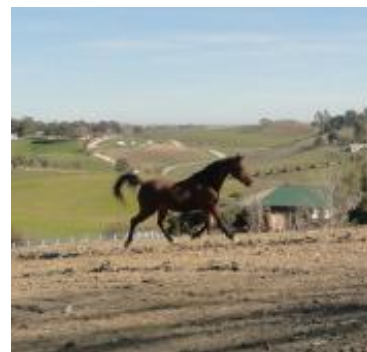
May was a busy month at HCW. Mark Krutsinger installed the new roundpen and safety gates that were purchased by a grant from ASPCA ([Thank you ASPCA!](#)). A number of new visitors came to HCW, including the group 100+ Women Who Care who made a substantial donation toward the equines and their work as therapy-equines.

The Barn and Bounty sale was held as scheduled. Many nice items were donated and volunteers helped, but unfortunately it just didn't make any money for the equines.

New volunteers are stepping forward weekly to join our regular volunteers who continue to do their work that is so important to the equines – and thanks to Gail Temple for her volunteer coordinating energy that moves volunteer recruitment forward! Our usual groups from Paso Robles School District and the Adventure Club attended [Someone To Smile For](#) activities. As the word spreads about our exciting equine-assisted programs, more and more people show up to participate and offer their support.

Speaking of volunteers – we *always* need your help! The equines love your attention. We need more volunteers to help facilitate our programs, help with caring for the equines' many needs, fundraising, office work, and more. If you have an equine related, office, graphic design, PR, or fundraising skill, we have something you can help with!

We are half-way through 2011 and **thanks to your valuable donations** and some grants, have kept our gates open and the equines cared for so they can continue their important work as therapy equines. The importance of our equines' work is best expressed in the words of one who personally experiences our programs:



With a testimonial like this, how could anyone not want the equines to succeed in their new jobs? It costs close to \$40,000 a year just to feed and provide basic care for our very special rescued equines. Over the past few months, we are facing a 32% increase in our needs due to rising hay prices. This amount does not include other operating costs, such as veterinary and farrier care, and maintenance that are needed to keep our gates open to the communities we support. Your very generous donations provide more than 50% towards supporting our equines and their work in our programs. In 2010, your donations met 68% of our needs; in 2009 you provided 80%! Your donation in any amount is always gratefully appreciated! Please say **YES!** to helping our equines fulfill their roles as therapy-equines in our valuable community programs.

One non-communicative student has gone from not wanting to enter the property to grooming, walking and even riding the horses. This has increased his ability to take direction, show initiative and display confidence within his own home and community.

Christina Reid, M.Ed
Education Specialist/Special Ed Teacher
Independent Skills Program
Paso Robles Unified School District

Your attendance at this year's Open House on June 12 goes quite ways towards supporting our equines. Read more about some of the exceptional raffle and silent auction items in "[Heaven Can Wait Open House!](#)" This year's Open House is sponsored by the Independent Grape Growers Paso Robles Area (IGGPRA). We are proud to associate with this organization, and one of their growers, San Marcos Winery, is pouring wine at our Open House.

I am personally looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, June 12.

Susan

Thank you ASPCA!

The first item to report is that HCW received a grant from the ASPCA for a new 60 foot round pen and for safety gates for our Equine Care Area. The new gates create a safe place for use by the veterinarian, farrier, and our volunteers! Sand for the round pen is donated by an anonymous donor. We finally have a safer and stronger environment to care for the equines and for our programs. Take a look at the old and new!



THANK YOU TO THE ASPCA AND TO OUR ANONYMOUS DONOR.

Ag Day at Virginia Peterson School

One very special activity for May was our involvement with Ag Day at Virginia Peterson School. Around 90 third graders saw pictures of our rescues and learned about the neglect and disregard that creates the need for equine rescue. Long, untrimmed hooves and starvation are not acceptable options. If one decides to get a horse or donkey, they learned, hopefully, that one needs to know a great deal about them before the decision is made.

Hopefully, they will carry this new found knowledge with them as they go through life. I hope I see some of the children and their parents in our "So, your kid wants a horse" program. See "[Summer Programs](#)" for more information about this program.

KPRL Interviews Susan

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 8 and tune your radios to KPRL 1230 AM. Susan is being interviewed from 12:30 to 1 PM, speaking about the Open House, the tragedies that make rescue necessary, and the importance of supporting the HCW equines and their jobs as therapy-equines.

Meet Kathryn!

We had the pleasant company of a wonderful young lady, Kathryn, who volunteered from Wednesday, May 25 to Monday, May 30th. Diagnosed with autism, her trust in the equines, and the skill she displayed while working with them was truly amazing. She lives in San Jose, volunteers at a ranch there, and she brought experience that was very obvious and really quite awesome. She arrived every day at 10:00 a.m. and stayed until 4:00 p.m.

She groomed all 28 equines each day and worked with some horses in the new round pen. The equines and I miss her and are looking forward to her next visit.

Heaven Can Wait Open House!

Click here -> "[Open House Flyer](#)" for a printable copy of the flyer. Print it out and invite your friends to this day of free fun and activities.

Sunday, June 12!

On the program: good food, entertainment, wine, massages and, of course, the opportunity to meet and greet our wonderful equines. Some incredible raffle/auction items have been donated for your winning pleasure:

- A two-night stay with breakfast or lunch each day at Sycamore Mineral Springs
- A one night stay in an ocean front suite at the Sea Venture Resort
- An absolutely beautiful painting of one of our rescues by Terri Quinn-Faucette on wine barrel staves
- A beautiful custom made horse sculpture created by Mark Cruzen
- Baskets for Dog Lovers, Cat Lovers, from wineries, and many more prizes

There is a special activity for the kids....it's a surprise, but keep in mind that we will have Freckles the Clown in attendance who does face painting....we have miniature horses who will look awesome with glitter, paint and whatever else is put upon them. Shh....don't tell your kids....it is a surprise. And, of course, who knows what the magician will have up his sleeve.

Chili's Fundraiser



Don't forget the Chili's fundraiser on June 28th Chili's is donating 15% of your dinner to Heaven Can Wait. More coupons are attached (see [Chili's Coupons](#)). Coupons are honored whether or not they are in color. They can be copied in black and white and still honored. Even a photo of a coupon on your cell phone is honored.

Also included in this newsletter are some new coupons for Red Cross nights at Chili's to help with the Joplin, Missouri relief. The Joplin Relief nights are June 7 and 15.

Share Chili's coupons with your friends and family!

I love Chili's....they are very giving and caring and have great food. Let's eat there on the 7th, the 15th and, of course, on the 28th. See you there!

Summer Programs

Heaven Can Wait is hosting three exciting summer programs. These include our "The Word Herd" and "So, your kid wants a horse" programs, plus a popular Paso Robles Park and Recreation program facilitated by Robin Bradley.

The Park and Recreation programs are offered on Saturdays, July 16 and August 13. To enroll, go to the Paso Robles Park and Recreation site ([www. http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/recreation](http://www.prcity.com/government/departments/recreation)), or call 805-237-3988.

Rounding Up Readers for the Summer Word Herd!

The *Word Herd* helps anyone with literacy challenges improve reading, writing, and other communication skills. By reading aloud in the calming, non-critical, presence of a horse or donkey the reader is able to work through anxiety and confidence issues that might otherwise inhibit reading skills. A trained volunteer monitors the session, ready to assist and support when needed.

The *Word Herd* is based on programs using dogs instead of equines. A 2010 study by researchers at the University of California, Davis confirmed that students who read out loud to dogs improved their reading skills by 30 percent over the course of a 10-week program. Children in the same program who didn't read to dogs showed no improvement.

The Word Herd is one of a very few literacy programs in North America that is using equine-assisted literacy and is the only one that is guided by an Advisory Committee of educational professionals.

Sessions are available by appointment on Thursdays from 10 to noon, and every other Saturday. Call or email: 805-368-5702 / susan@heavencanwait.us.

So, your kid wants a horse...

You are not sure that you can afford one, or even have the time! Heaven Can Wait's *So, Your Kid Wants a Horse* program answers your questions about horse ownership, gives the entire family hands-on experience in the responsibilities of owning a horse. Parents top two concerns about buying a horse are: "How much will it cost?" And, "What happens if my child loses interest?" *So, Your Kid Wants a Horse*, helps you discover if the family schedule can accommodate a horse, whether or not the benefits of horse ownership outweigh the financial obligation, and puts your child's commitment to the test before you invest your time and money! The cost of the horse, even if you bought the most expensive horse in the world, is a fixed, onetime cost. It's the ongoing care of the horse that runs into serious money. This expense can run from \$2200 per year (per horse) to more than \$6,000 per horse.

For \$30 per week (per horse) enroll in a six week, eight week, or longer program at Heaven Can Wait. For at least one hour, two days a week, rain or shine, learn basic horse care, horse handling, and experience all of the chores and work that go with the privilege of keeping a horse. Enrollment fees are due in total in advance.

Contact Susan Schwartz: 805-368 5702 or susan@heavencanwait.us.

100+ Women Who Care Support the Equines

We are very grateful to the San Luis Obispo chapter of 100+ Women Who Care who recently donated more than \$6,000 to Heaven Can Wait.

OPEN HOUSE

ADMISSION IS FREE

MAGICIAN

DEREK HOOD

FACEPAINTING

FRECKLES THE CLOWN

MUSIC

DAVID MANION JACK MORROW

DINING WITH ANDRE

FINGER FOODS

SAN MARCOS CREEK VINEYARD

WINE POURING



HEAVEN CAN WAIT
EQUINE SANCTUARY FOR HEALING AND LEARNING

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2011
11 A M to 4 PM

6275 Cerros Pioneros Way, San Miguel, CA

at Independence Ranch

<http://www.heavencanwait.us>

(805) 368-5702

Where are we?: From Jardine Rd or Estrella Rd take Hog Canyon Rd, Travel 1.3 miles to the Independence Ranch gate. Drive straight through, travel 0.2 miles and bear right onto Cerros Pioneros Way.



RAFFLE

- Sea Venture Resort
- Amy Foster Massage
- Vista del Rey Vineyards
- Cigar Lover's Gift Basket
- Sycamore Mineral Springs
- Horse Sculpture by Mark Cruzen
- Original Painting of HCW rescues - by Terri Quinn-Faucette

& more...

VENDORS

- Scentsy
- Food by Chris's Smokehouse
- Dove Gift Chocolates
- Wind Rider Therapies
- Steel Design by Cruzen
- Second Chance at Love Dog Rescue

& more...

SAMPLE MESSAGES AMY FOSTER



Chili's Coupons for Heaven Can Wait

CHILI'S® IS PROUD TO SUPPORT Heaven Can Wait

With each flyer presented on Heaven Can Wait Night, Chili's will donate 15% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support Heaven Can Wait at the same time!

Heaven Can Wait Night is:
Tuesday June 28, 2011
from
5pm to 10pm

Give Back Night flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Sale cannot be included in donation amount without flyer. Offer only valid on the date and location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.



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Chili's Coupons for Joplin, Missouri Relief

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With each flyer presented on Joplin Missouri Red Cross Night, Chili's will donate 15% of the sales you bring in to your organization. Let us do the cooking and support the Joplin Missouri Red Cross at the same time!

Red Cross Night is:
Tuesday June 7th, 2011
from
11am to 10pm



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