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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER - August 2010

News from the Ranch

This beautiful Arabian gelding is named Dream. And he and his owner have a touching story to share. His owner is on in years herself now, but she has had Dream since he was a greenbroke 2 year old over 20 years ago; they are very close. Dream's boarding stable is closing down, his owner (who started the excellent Ride Nipomo horse club) was unable to continue maintaining him for economic and medical reasons, and she was finding it impossible to deal with the stress of her beloved horse going to someone who wouldn't care for and respect him as she had. A not unjustified fear in today's economy.

Ride Nipomo had been ready to take on Dream's boarding costs as a thank you for his owner's lifelong commitment to helping others, but that was not going to stop the stable closing down. Desperate, Dream's owner was suffering over her limited choices. Her friends came to her rescue by contacting Heaven Can Wait.

It is our privilege to welcome Dream to his forever home, where his affectionate, pet-like nature and soundness to ride make him a natural for our work with the autism spectrum, cancer community and youth literacy. And his lifelong champion will be able to visit him, see him in his safe surroundings and know peace of mind herself from now on.



HOT AUGUST NIGHT CONCERT

Did you see the Paso Robles Magazine August issue? On page 8 in the Ol' Oaken Bucket column leads off with a great article all about HCW's upcoming fundraiser on August 21st – our salute to the music and magic of Neil Diamond starring “Faux” Diamond Dr Dave Ramsey at his finest.



This full length concert includes dancing under the stars, wine pouring by Vista del Rey Vineyards, dessert creations by Melissa Tyson of N2 Events paired with the wines, a live opening act along with the stylings of one of the best entertainers on the Central Coast, with back up from local musician Jeff Smith of Shades of Gray. There's even a pre-event raffle going on right now – for wonderful prize baskets and gifts each valued at over \$50, from businesses and services such as Castoro Cellars, Coldstone Creamery, Lombardi's Family Restaurant, Mark Cruzen Steel by Design and Kennedy Club Fitness. Tickets for the raffle, which will be drawn at the concert, are only \$5 per chance and can be purchased at Consignage Home and Garden, 1041 Paso Robles St, Paso Robles (M-Sat, 10 AM – 4 PM), Lombardi's

Restaurant, 836 11th St, Paso Robles (evenings) or through Heaven Can Wait volunteers via 805/712-3109.

The concert may be sold out soon, so order your tickets for a \$25 donation per person today: ramey12@wildblue.net or 805/712-3109. Checks made out to Heaven Can Wait should be mailed, with complete contact info and return address, to HCW c/o R. Zamora, P.O. Box 2943, Paso Robles 93447 and the tickets will be mailed back to you.

Donation at the door: \$30. Adults only, please. **NOTE: We will provide handicap parking for a few vehicles. Our location is wheelchair accessible, too.**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket in case our straw bales and plastic chairs run out!

Donation from West Coast Rocky Mountain Horse Club

Grateful thanks to Cherie Dodds and the WCRMHC for their generous donation of \$500 to support the work of Heaven Can Wait for equine rescue, rehabilitation and life long sanctuary. Cherie has also been our liaison with Ride Nipomo and we thank her for their generosity with tack and funds as well. Watch for news of a horse campout overnight event to benefit HCW put together by this fine group in late Fall 2010.

HoPE Program Picks Up Speed

Are you a cancer survivor, patient or the friend/family member of one? Would you or your loved one like to experience the empowerment of interacting with a horse at HCW? Horses approach life with a genuineness and balance we can all draw strength from. They gladly share their affectionate curiosity and happy in-the-moment attitude with anyone willing to breathe deeply and listen quietly. The HCW horses are survivors themselves and will surprise you with their understanding.

This summer, we are holding HoPE (Horse Power for Everyone) sessions on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10:30 at the Sanctuary. Call Susan at 805/368-5702 to sign up for this free program.

Consign Your Treasures to Benefit HCW

Money is tight, and needed for little things like utility bills and groceries for the kids, but maybe there's treasure in your hands you don't even realize – HCW has accounts set up at two local consignment stores where you can bring your no longer needed items and they will be sold with the consignor's portion of the proceeds going to the horses and donkeys of our non-profit.

Consignage (photo right) at 1041 Paso Robles St, Paso Robles (805/239-2343) offers wonderful home and garden furnishings and décor, and accepts consignments, too.

If you have clean, quality clothing to consign, call Upscale Resale in Templeton 805/434-9898 and talk to Tamara or Monica. Don't hesitate to stop by 590 S. Main St., Templeton and see their quite amazing variety of women's fashions by everyone from Ann Taylor to Vine Street. Shoes, handbags, scarves and jewelry, too!



Looking for Inexpensive Tack?

We have just the place – 5Star Hay and Feed, 3740 La Cruz Way in Paso Robles (cross street is Marquita). HCW's "Benefit Bargains" table offers donated tack that has been refurbished (some is even

new) at miniscule prices. English and Western. Unusual items like endurance stirrups. M-Sat 8-5. All proceeds go to Heaven Can Wait.

Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center

Heaven Can Wait proudly announces being listed as a youth activity provider in CCASC's "Youth Provider Database." Learn more about this autism spectrum support group at AutismSpectrumCenter.com. Phone is 805/763-1100.

In Kind Donations

Recently we have been contacted by people with hay, fence panels for corrals and stalls, shelter materials and horse gear to donate. Do you have something you don't need but we do? HCW is a registered non-profit and we provide acknowledgment letters for tax purposes to anyone requesting them. Please call Susan at 805/368-5702 about a pick up for your gift.

What do we need at the moment? A child's western saddle, another adult western saddle (we only have one), horse sized halters (new or used), round pen pipe panels, good condition lead lines, usable plastic garden chairs for our larger events...

Volunteers Don't Always Muck Out –



In case you thought you could only help the horses and donkeys by being at the Sanctuary and wielding a muck rake, let us tell you about the skills we need outside the stable yard: graphics person to design simple but effective brochures, flyers, promotional materials; person to coordinate the pick up of hay and large item donations; someone to help coordinate our events and we need help with applying for grants or contacting corporations and/or individuals to find us much needed funds. Donations are down substantially from last year.

Do you have a talent or idea you could share with us? Call Ramey at 805/712-3109 to discuss!

Martin Luther King, Jr. said:

"Never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way."

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder

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