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HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – September 2010

News from the Ranch

Dharzy – Due to bruising on her front feet from the hard ground, Dharzy suffered a minor laminitic episode and is under the vet’s care. X-rays will be taken later this month to determine how her feet should be trimmed to avoid further problems and pain. Dharzy, at 38, is not only the oldest horse at HCW, she is also much loved (see image page 4). Her extensive fan club is pulling for her full recovery.

Sport – New front shoes may help Sport’s flexibility and comfort level. This big Quarter Horse gave everything he had in the AQHA show circuit. He excelled in both Western and English disciplines becoming the third largest money winner of the AQHA Incentive Fund. Yes he can be googled by his registered name, IMA Top Leaguer. We just want him to be comfortable in his sanctuary years. Equine massage by Jackie Iddings and chiropractic care from Chris Marks are helping to undo some of the damage done from many years of too much showing.

Mr Zimmerman – A funny name for a not so funny horse (see before and after photos) who was



rescued from starvation and moved into foster care on August 11. Since then he has had his teeth floated, his skin disease is being treated, his feet were trimmed on August 25 by Dennis Brown, he will be seen again by our vet in a couple of weeks to remove a loose tooth (he was too



weak for that when he first came into HCW’s care), and he has put on more than 40 lbs through frequent, carefully planned feedings.

Mr Z on Aug 11 (above left) & Aug 30 (above)

THANKS to: Jackie, Luda, Candice, Cherie, Patty, Dennis, Heather of Platinum Plus, Ride Nipomo and everyone who is helping with Mr Zee’s care and expenses. Join the Mr Z Support Group (ramey12@wildblue.net with your email address) to get updates and weekly progress photos. Donations gratefully accepted to help this sweet 20 year old Arabian gelding...In order to bring this horse home to HCW, stall panels, shelter, stall mats are needed. Please keep these needs in mind during your travels.

Hot August Night

Susan, Ramey Zamora and Richard Zamora Dance to the Music



What a success! HCW's first full length concert started out with the best entertainers, musicians, volunteers, food, wine, decorations, raffle prizes and donations in the world and netted about \$2200 for the horses and donkeys. Dr Dave Ramsey "channeled" Neil Diamond beautifully with more than a score of great songs. Lead acts Sarah Weathersby's Band and the Edison Cigaretts provided the jump off point as the sun set

behind the specially constructed stage. Jeff Smith deejayed his heart out. Melissa Tyson of N2 Events plied everyone with the most mouth satisfying chocolate brownies, truffles and bahklava imaginable. Dave King poured generous tastings of Vista del Rey Vineyards red wines. Liz Bannon of Lombardi's and Lecia Brannon of Consignage created the lavish raffle prizes. Susan Schwartz drew the winners. Volunteers Katie, Dawn, Cathi, Camille, Adrienne, Charlene, the two Marks did all the arranging and clean up. Quinn Rental Services provided the light, although Mark Krutsinger wins the prize for coming up with an amazing movable spotlight on 8 hours notice. We want to thank the sunset, too, for being particularly lovely Saturday night.

Most of all, thank you to our attendees, from the horses, donkeys and people of Heaven Can Wait.

Dave Ramsey performs as Neil Diamond



Halloween Costume and Lingerie Show



Join the fun on **Monday, September 13** at 6:30 PM at El Vino Restaurant, 1510 Park Street in Paso Robles when live guys and gals will model the latest and best Halloween costumes available from Pillow Talk of Paso Lingerie...Enjoy dozens of outfits, free Mexican style hors d'oeuvres, a no-host bar featuring pitchers of beer or Margaritas and mingle with the models after the show. A \$20 donation is requested at the door.

Photographs encouraged! Order your costumes the night of the event and Ursula Crose of Pillow Talk (1210 Park St, Paso Robles) will donate 25% of the proceeds to HCW. And don't miss the street-worthy lingerie styles that close the show...and maybe you will want to stick around to enjoy some marvelous food for dinner.

Cars4Causes

HCW has signed up with Cars4Causes to enable the donation of an unwanted car or other vehicle to the Sanctuary. If you (or someone you know) have a vehicle to donate, just call toll free 800-766-CARE (2273) and designate Heaven Can Wait as the charity you would like to benefit from your donation. Vehicles are picked up at no cost to the donor, refurbished if needed, and sold with a generous portion of the proceeds (after expenses) going to Heaven Can Wait. Once the vehicle is sold, the donor receives a written acknowledgment required for a vehicle contribution deduction for the selling price of the vehicle, plus an individualized thank you letter.

We hope this will help us raise the funds we need to maintain our residents in safety, comfort and good health, and to continue our community outreach programs like HoPE, the Autism Spectrum, and The Word Herd.

Consignage Home and Garden Consignment Store

1041 Paso Robles Street in Paso (across from Farm Supply) boasts one of the busiest and most delightful shops in town – home and garden furnishing consignments at Consignage, where Liz Bannon and Lecia Brannon have gathered an unparalleled array of the neatest stuff you'll ever see. And it's always changing, too – in fact, if you see something you like, they can only put a one day hold on it due to the demand for their items!

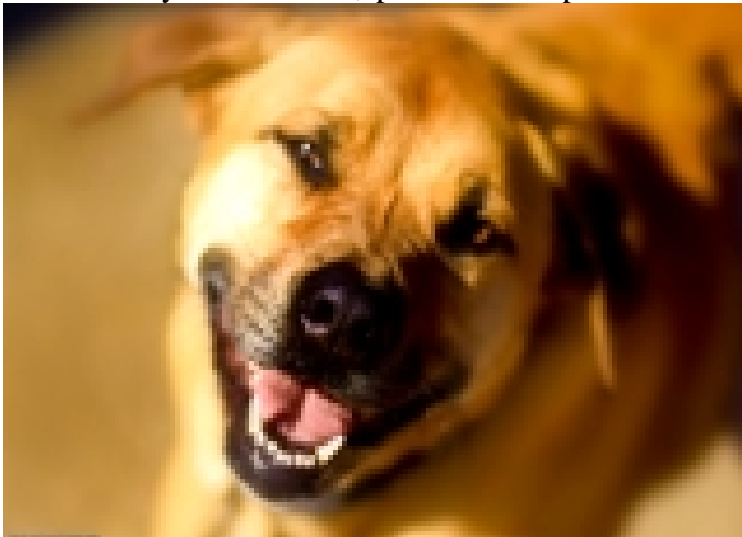
Consignage will also take consignment items (furniture is especially welcomed) on behalf of Heaven Can Wait. When these items sell, HCW receives 60% of the proceeds. If you have anything you'd like to donate, either contact Lecia Brannon directly at 805/239-2343, email her a photo of your items (lecia@consignage.com), or call Ramey at 805/712-3109. We can arrange for pick up if you wish. Consignage is open Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 4PM. Stop in and marvel; it's possible to find everything from armoires to painted plates, gifts to glass tables and almost impossible to leave without getting some treasure. Website: www.consignagepaso.com.

Ride Nipomo Club Does HCW Benefit Fundraiser

We can't thank Cherie Dodds and the good people of Ride Nipomo enough for the Firewood and Brownies Fundraiser they put together in August for Heaven Can Wait. They raised \$500 for the horses and donkeys. Organization, dedication, effort and compassion pulled it off -- our deepest gratitude.

2011 HCW Calendar

In a few days the artwork, photos and captions for the Heaven Can Wait 2011 Calendar will go to



PrintScape for publication. We can't wait to introduce the latest photos to you! Again this year we are only able to print 250 copies. They are on glossy, high quality stock, in full color including front and back covers, and again this year the photos are good enough to frame and enjoy for years to come.

The Calendars are still only \$15 each and we can take your orders now. Email us at susan@heavencanwait.us. Our Calendars make beautiful holiday gifts while helping us continue to put hay on the table.

Reilly the Dog – August 2011 Calendar Picture

HoPE, by a Participant in our Horse Power for Everyone Program

I cannot express enough how much I have received from the HoPE sessions at the Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary. When I first arrived, I noticed the animals were well cared for and loved. I got a real sense of the peace and contentment that all the animals possessed by being loved and cared for.

I had always had a general fear of horses mainly due to their size and had few positive interactions with them. Being a cancer survivor myself, I wanted to overcome various fears and live life more fully since I felt I was given another chance at life. So doing the HoPE sessions with Ramey has really given me a confidence and a little more education about horses (I knew so little). The acceptance and the love that these horses give to me (despite their history of being abandoned, rejected, etc.) has been very healing to me on an emotional and even spiritual level. These sessions have truly been a blessing.

Theresa Fulbright
August 26, 2010

Heaven Can Wait in the Paso Robles Activity Guide



On September 18th a group of youngsters will visit the Sanctuary as part of a Special Event by Paso Robles Library and Recreation Services. They will learn about what sanctuaries do, meet the horses and donkeys to hear their rescue stories, bring a picnic lunch to eat in the shade under the residence's trees and have the opportunity to draw, photograph, paint, write about, color, sing to or read to the equine of their choice. Thanks to HCW Volunteer Robin Bradley for putting all this together and to Recreation Marketing Coordinator Trine Marlen of Paso Robles Library and Recreation Services. Look in the September-December 2010 issue of the Paso Robles Activity Guide on page 29 to learn more.

Dharzy and Lauren

"Happiness is not a reward, it's a consequence. Suffering is not a punishment, it's a result." Robert Ingersoll.

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder
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