



Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning

News Notes for *September 2011*

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Susan's Message

First and foremost, we wish to thank each and every one of you who donated to Faith's veterinarian bill. After five rounds with the vet, we believe the infection is gone and we know she is feeling better because her appetite is improving. A few days after we asked for your help with Faith, Belle, our oldest resident, decided to colic. So, not only did Faith have five rounds with the vet, so did Belle. Your donations are enough to cover the medical expenses for both of these old mares. **THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US.**



August brought the return of our Tuesday morning *Someone to Smile For* group from the Paso Robles School District's Special Education Program. It is wonderful to see all the old friends again in addition to meeting the new students. Everyone got reacquainted with the equines and because of the confidence they gained last school year, many are ready to add some challenge to their activities, including working one on one with a horse in the round pen and perhaps doing more riding. We are looking forward to another school year with these great young adults.

Here's a photo of Gryphon enjoying a grooming and hug from Jesus, one of our *Someone to Smile For* participants.

Our Parks and Recreation Children's Event held on August 13th was attended by 11 kids; our largest group yet. All groomed, some walked horses (mini or otherwise), some read to a horse, the younger ones chose to color and quite a few were interested in watching CC Coats working with our newest rescue, Kahlua, in the round pen.

Robin Bradley is holding another children's program through Paso Robles Park and Recreation in October. We'll be sending out that flyer to you very soon. Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and tell all your neighbors! See [**October Parks and Recreation Program**](#) for your own copy of the flyer.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Heaven Can Wait will be the beneficiary of all admission donations at the Harvest Green Mixer & Fundraiser hosted by the Solstice Green Directory on September 22, 2011. See below for an invitation card. Our heartfelt thanks to Solstice Green Directory for choosing Heaven Can Wait as the beneficiary and hope to see many of you there.

Thanks to Nancy Morrow's grant writing talents, we recently received word that we are to receive a small grant from the Equus Foundation. Heaven Can Wait is one of only 72 charitable organizations selected. Grants were awarded to organizations that are improving the quality of life for horses and people who benefit from their unique ability to empower teach, and heal. We are very proud that the work of our equines has been recognized and rewarded by the Equus Foundation. Our thanks to the Equus Foundation for this recognition, to Nancy, and to all of you, our supporters, who have helped keep the equines cared for and the programs running!

~ Susan

Kahlua—Our Youngest Resident



We have only mentioned Kahlua briefly in an earlier newsletter. She was rescued with two older horses, both of which have gone to their new homes with good friends of HCW. Kahlua is younger than all of the other residents at HCW and we were hoping that we could find her a home as she is really too young to be in a sanctuary. She will remain a resident here though because she was born with crooked legs and cannot be ridden hard or long and because of her personality probably would not be safe to have a rider on her back without being led by someone. So, a therapy horse she is becoming. She really is very cute and is quite taken with a TB gelding at least twice her age.

During our *Someone to Smile For* Tuesday group,

Kahlua, was handled by one of the students in the Special Education Group. It was wonderful to watch the change in this once overly-insecure and quick moving little mare as she took her first big step towards becoming a therapy horse. She needs more work though so that maybe one day soon she can be led around with a passenger on her back.

Here is a photo of Kahlua's front legs. Regular trims help keep her legs and feet feeling pretty good. Light work as a therapy horse keeps her in shape without stressing her legs and body.



Faith and Belle

Faith and Belle are very close friends, and have been since arriving at the sanctuary. Now that they are both feeling better, they are back to hanging out together. Sometimes, they let Singer, hang out with them, too.

Stock up on Mary Kay and Help the Equines!

Nicole St. Aubin, one of our volunteers, pitched in to help Faith, Belle, and our emergency veterinary fund. Make a purchase of Mary Kay products from Nicole between now and September 5, and she donates 15% of every purchase to Heaven Can Wait.

You can contact Nicole at (321) 302-0880 or nst.aubin@marykay.com.

Thank you, Nicole!

The Horses and Donkeys are Movie Stars!

EVEN THOUGH SOME MAY SEEM A LITTLE SHY ABOUT IT ...



Many thanks to Bob Garner a member of our Advisory Board; Bob generously donated his time, talents, and resources to create a video about Heaven Can Wait.

The video is posted on You Tube. We also posted a link to it on our Facebook page.

Here is the link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vT8RritzWTE>

If clicking on this link doesn't take you to it, then copy and paste it into your browser address bar, similar to this example:



Spread the word! Share it on your Facebook page, on Twitter, and any other place where your friends and family can see it and forward it along.

We'll keep you up to date as more videos are released!

Lead Mare

by Leora Worthington, a member of our extended herd

The other day while I was munching some senior feed I figured out how that I am quite content now in spite of past confusions, isolation and malnutrition. I've always been a thoughtful horse even though I have not always been treated thoughtfully. Here goes.

Let me tell you that my days with my mother were the best and I had the extra advantage of her knowledge since she was the lead mare. The downhill ride started when my "owner" decided to sell me. As time went on I began to suppose that owners do selling better than they do owning. As usual, I passed through the hands of three owners. The last one put me in a field by myself and expected me to survive on the natural growth and an occasional flake of hay.

About a year ago I got some visitors who fussed over me and took me to where I am now. I was stunned to be in a herd again. It took some doing for me to learn my place but it was like heaven otherwise. The food is good. I am brushed even when they knew I will roll around in the dust right after. My hooves are cared for and they feel right where they touch the earth.

Oh my, the biggest difference is the lead mare. She is beautifully marked with a glowing auburn mane. She cares dearly for each of us. It is wonderful to be visited by her. It reminds me of my mom caring for me. I have to be put in my place occasionally but I notice that everything fits better afterward. This seems to work on the others too. They have all arrived here from different places and we have become

a herd in spite of our different backgrounds. Something else has happened to me. I no longer see the people who visit us and work with us as owners. I even work with some of them and enjoy their company as much as they enjoy mine. Our herd is growing outside the boundaries of the land and lives in the hearts of those we join with. Our lead mare made all of this happen with her close attention and understanding and her intention for us to help others. This is heaven enough for me. My lead mare Susan thinks that Heaven Can Wait too.

Solstice Green Directory Fundraiser



**Solstice Harvest
Green Mixer...**

Thursday, September 22nd, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
at Salus Integrative Medicine
1020 Pine Street, Suite A • Paso Robles • 805.226.5190

Enjoy fabulous food by The Wellness Kitchen
Live music by Amy Estrada!
Wine Tasting by Clayhouse Wines

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\$5 donation to benefit Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary

YES!

I want to support the rescued equines and their therapy programs.

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It takes you to our website: www.heavencanwait.us.

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Mail your donation to: Heaven Can Wait, P.O. Box 5, San Miguel, CA, 93451.

Thank you!

October Parks and Recreation Program



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Join us for a fun and informative morning with our Equines. Learn about horse manners and safety. Groom, Greet, Walk. Watch or Participate in round pen activities. Time to read horse-related books, draw pictures, or take photos.
Date: *Saturday, 10/15/11*
Time: 9:00 - 11:30
Cost: \$16.00, \$11.00/siblings
Ages: 5-13
Register via Paso Robles Parks and Recreation
@ www.prcity.com/recreation
For questions or directions - Call Robin@ 805-769-6260 .