

Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning

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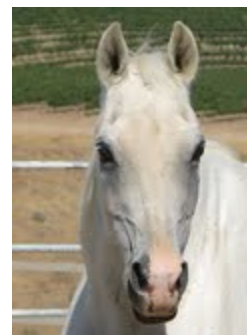
HEAVEN CAN WAIT NEWSLETTER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011

**Note: HCW is CLOSED
SUNDAYS**



In Memoriam – Heaven Can Wait lost two beloved residents recently: jaunty Thoroughbred Princeton (left) showed up December 31st morning suffering from a broken hind leg and had to be euthanized. Then on January 3rd wonderful Arabian gelding Dream (right) suffered a twisted small intestine that the finest veterinary surgeons were unable to guarantee a good chance of recovery from. Dream passed on because heaven couldn't wait for him any longer, either. See his Tribute at the end of the Newsletter.

This issue of the Heaven Can Wait Newsletter is dedicated to their memory.



News from the Ranch

A reminder to all our friend and visitors: we want you to be safe every time you are at the Sanctuary, so call before you come and someone will arrange to accompany you. With the horses and donkeys ranging freely over the property, it is essential that a volunteer be present to facilitate the best possible visit for you and yours.

Lighted Christmas Parade December 4



Thanks to the efforts of Mark Krutsinger and the volunteers who decorated and staffed the HCW float in the 2010 Paso Robles Lighted Christmas Parade, our entry won the Sweepstakes (grand) Prize, worth \$100 which went directly into the HCW accounts. Paso Roblans Linda and Jerry put the Ferris Wheel part of the float on their front lawn to display during the Vine Street Victorian Faire, for which many thanks. Keep in mind that we need your help at the next Lighted Christmas Parade too, and can win again for the horses and donkeys! Stay tuned, volunteers and friends.

Angels for Equines

Charter memberships in Angels for Equines are still available. Thank you to those who have sent their January and February memberships.

HCW in the Media

On January 5 the management at KSBY-TV called Heaven Can Wait asking for a representative to accompany a reporter in a search for a starving horse in Atascadero. A concerned citizen had forwarded photos of a severely undernourished horse along with a general map of its location. Although an hour long search by van on public access roads did not locate the animal, HCW's Executive Director Ramey Zamora did appear on KSBY on the 6 PM news that evening to encourage people to contact an animal welfare association if they could no longer care for their horse(s).

Animal abuse and neglect are directly related to domestic abuse, according to law enforcement agencies and social services groups, so where an animal is suffering, a child or adult could be, too.

To contact Animal Control, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number in SLO County: 805/781-4550. You can also call or email the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – www.asPCA.org), the Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org) or your local media. Remember: YOUR REPORT CAN BE MADE ANONYMOUSLY.

The horse KSBY was notified about was eventually located and the owner is now working with a qualified veterinarian to address the animal's nutritional needs.

HCW also has an article in this quarter's Equine Enthusiast publication (free at tack and feed stores and elsewhere) as well as a listing in the February edition of the Paso Robles Magazine on page 45 under "Library and Recreation Services" events.

Library and Recreation Services Day at HCW



Does your child love horses?

If so, Heaven Can Wait Equine Sanctuary for Healing and Learning is hosting an event for children on Saturday March 12th, 9:00 - 11:30.

It's a fun and informative experience that includes educational materials, arts and crafts, and an opportunity for each child to choose a horse or donkey to meet, groom, or walk, in a scenic yet protected and supervised environment.

HCW's "Resource Library" located inside a covered area, has materials for children to draw or color pictures, write letters or stories and/or read books to or about equines. Carrots will be provided to give the horses and donkeys.

Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the views or bring a sack lunch and blanket to enjoy the property, after the program is completed.

TO REGISTER" visit us at Centennial Park, 600 Nickerson Drive or www.prcity.com/recreation.

*** For info about HCW - check web site at: www.HeavenCanWait.us**

Ages: 5-12 (Limited to 12 children)

Date/Time: Sat., March 12, 2011, 9:00 - 11:30

**Rain Date: Sat. March 19, 2011, 9:00 - 11:30
(picnic time: 11:30 - 12:30)**

Fee: \$15:00/\$10:00 for siblings.



Wish List

Do you have or know of someone who has a stock trailer they would donate to Heaven Can Wait? If so, there are tax benefits as well as the knowledge that a trailer like this would be put to good use. Please call Susan at 805/368-5702.

The Sanctuary's programs are also in need of a new round pen, 80' preferably. Someone may have or know of pen panels available to donate – we will arrange for pick up if so, and the donation acknowledgment paperwork. Thank you for keeping the horses, donkeys and our mission in mind.

Benefit Bargains

There is always a wide variety of new and used tack, clothing and equipment available through HCW's Benefit Bargains project. These include English saddles, stirrups, bridles, halters, blankets of all kinds and sizes, blouses, chaps, leg wraps, saddle pads and much more. Check us out on Craigslist.com, too. Want to see the selection yourself? Gloria Walter of Luv Me Tender Miniature Donkey Farm can help – please call her at 805/467-9204.

Manna Pro Recall

Please note:

“(01-28) 18:22 PST LOS ANGELES, (AP) --

A manufacturer has issued a voluntary recall of horse feed that was distributed in California, Nevada and Oregon because it may contain a medication that can be fatal to horses if fed at high levels.

Missouri-based Manna Pro Products announced Friday that it is voluntarily recalling Family Farm Complete Horse 10 horse feed, lot number 1006, because it may contain potentially harmful levels of the medication monensin sodium, or Rumensin.

The feed was distributed Jan. 11 through Jan. 21 to retailers in California, Nevada and Oregon.

No illnesses or deaths have been reported and retailers have removed it from their stores, but the company says customers who purchased the product should stop feeding it immediately.”

TRIBUTE TO MY MOM'S “DREAM”

5/14/88 – 1/3/2011

by Kitt Jenae



On that sunny Monday morning an urgent call summoned HCW's veterinarian for Dream. His condition urged options be carefully explored and weighed as the process of diagnostic tests stretched out. Flickering promises played erratically on emotions as heavy doses of rubs, scratches, and caresses were doled out. Stark reality landed, nothing could reverse the emerged diagnosis. Teetering emotions plummeted into grief's abyss.

As the 20 years of having Dream had drifted by the evoked image of owning a live carousel horse became more distinct. This quality mingled with his desire for human attention and strokes evoked a magical magnetism that attracted roaming eyes around like bees to honey. He basked in feeling special under attentions as individuals reaped the same feelings in return. Over the years he racked up more fans than I can count. I kid you not!

Back in 1991 Dream was carefully selected as a 3-year-old. His beauty was such that he would keep my Mom's eyes off my horses (this had been a problem until Dream!). In addition, I knew his pedigree spelled out a disposition that with training should keep my Mom safe. He outdid both jobs and gave so much more than expected working his charm the whole time! Last July HCW graciously agreed to accept him as my Mom at age 79 could no longer keep him. Dream quickly embedded himself into their hearts. He excelled in that calling as well, over and above anyone's expectations. God only knows why he was not allowed to continue his special retirement role that he filled so very well.

Life is truly a miraculous thing and death is incomprehensibly final. There are never enough nor adequate ways to say a 'forever goodbye'.

Not long after purchasing Dream I consistently derived the sense that he would have liked the ability to be a literal 'pocket pony' enabling him to be consistently close to the humans he loved. Now he is a true pocket pony, tucked for life and living in very special pockets of all those hearts he enchanted.

Your kindness continues to inspire us.

Susan Schwartz, Founder and President
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