



**An Animal Sanctuary ~ A Non-Profit Organization**

*BrightHaven's mission*

*BrightHaven is a retirement retreat and sanctuary for over 90 senior and disabled animals.*

*BrightHaven is committed to the rescue, care and enhancement  
of the lives of these special animals.*

*BrightHaven is also dedicated to a program of research and education arising from  
the extraordinary results seen when the balance of natural feeding, holistic care  
and modern medicine is used in a loving family environment.*

***“A Nation's progress can be judged by the way it treats its animals”  
Albert Schweitzer***

Dearest Friends,

Thank you so much to those of you who made a donation to BrightHaven in the last year.

We would like to give you an update on BrightHaven and encourage your continued participation in our work and vision for the future.

The new BrightHaven



The BrightHaven household moved in late March That's right!! All 65 cats, 4 dogs, 5 horses, 2 toads Dorothy the goat, Harley the pig, geese, chickens, turkeys...and, oh yes, the people, too – Richard and Gail, Margaret: Gail's mother, Susanna, our general manager, and Suzy our veterinary technician.

Luckily, Sam decided to stay on as part of the BrightHaven family and is carrying on his maintenance work around the property as well as volunteering with the animal work. Fray in her inimitable style has become even more than a full-time volunteer now that BrightHaven is just down the street from her house!

As you can imagine, the move was an huge amount of work, but it went incredibly smoothly. Our friend Vicki Allinson made the trip from Arizona to Feng Shui the property in readiness for us and so the journey began.

The cats were put in cages according to family groups and friendships, and shuttled by moving van to their new home in Santa Rosa.



We brought them in the house to designated rooms and then released them all to explore. We were delighted to find that they all settled in almost immediately - finding a basket, chair, bed, or one of the many specially built 'cat nooks'.

The new house has worked out wonderfully and its many windows allow light and happiness to flood in from all angles. Of course it need not be said that we will probably be unpacking boxes for the next year or so!

Please do contact us for a tour. We'd love to show you our new abode.

Many of you received our end of the year membership letter -



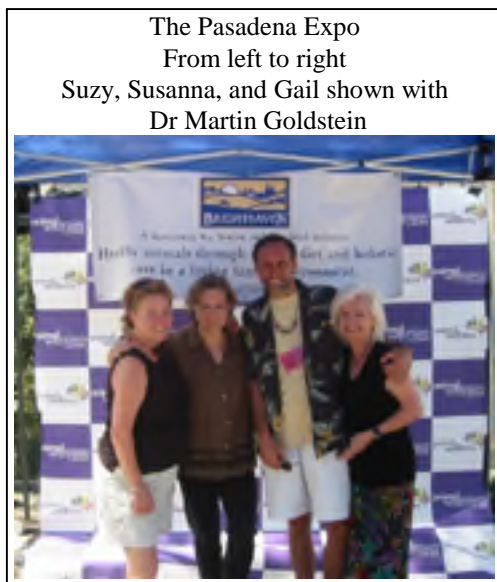
We wanted to let you know that, through your generous donations, Harley our 700lb pig has a new house. He spends a lot of time in there when he is not in his swimming pool (mud-hole!) Here he is shown with his favorite person - Fray!

We have some great news on Joey, also mentioned in the membership letter, who was the little paralyzed Chihuahua dog living on the East Coast. Joey flew in just a few weeks ago and is getting used to his new home at BrightHaven. Thanks to your donations, he is getting a new chance at life. He is learning to use a 'chariot', like Ollie has and the only problem is, he gets going so fast, he scares himself and everyone in his path. Joey the cat is somewhat upset to find himself sharing his name, and so Joey dog is fast becoming known as "J-D" – or "Joey-D" – said with a New York accent of course!!



We have actually had a trying time this last month. The animals that come to BrightHaven are assured a loving home with us for the rest of their lives and sadly six of our older and beloved family members have left us in the last month. It was their time to go and though we fully support this process of transition, it is never easy. It is reassuring to know that, in most cases, we do see the end coming and are able to make it as comfortable as possible. One of the family is near their side at all times and, as they leave, someone will be holding them whilst the others are gathered close. Whilst goodbyes are sad, it is also a sweet and beautiful moment, that should be savored as another phase in the circle of life draws to its close and they return to the source.

In farewell to our friends we began a new tradition, which I would like to tell you about. We decided to plant a rose for each departed soul and held a small ceremony to bid them farewell. There was a short ceremony, a joyous song and a few words in memory of each animal and as everyone strolled around BrightHaven afterwards they joined in recounting their own fond memories. Since then we have been asked by many to include the general public in our next "Rose Ceremony Day", and so we will soon announce the next date along with an open invitation to those who would like to attend in memory of their own loved ones lost.



Whilst in the midst of all this, Gail, Susanna and Suzy participated as consultants at The Animal Wellness Magazine Expo in Pasadena -Southern California. They made some very good contacts and have sponsors for a conference/workshop to be held in the spring. Watch out for more on this very soon, as well as our upcoming seminar given by Vicki Allinson on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

BrightHaven is committed to the animals in their care and to research and education arising from the miraculous results we have seen when a natural diet and holistic care are used in a loving home environment. Please help us with our current projects so that we can better help the animals and offer the larger community information and tools to help their own animals.

Our current projects include:

Housing and fencing for our fowl. \$1500  
Housing and fencing for the goats. \$500  
A pond for the ducks and geese. \$500  
More pig fencing \$400

Our current veterinary project:

Meet Arthur and Vancouver: our diabetics -Their costs are running at \$2000 every 10 months and they would dearly love some sponsors please!



Chiropractic Training and Tools:

BH is lucky to have the dedication of Ann Kaplan who is committed to a program of Chiropractic care for the animals. We need to raise funds for the necessary equipment and training: \$2,500.

As you can see, there is a lot to accomplish!

Please send us a donation today or talk with us about how you might help us with any of the above projects. We would love to plan volunteer days to work on fencing and house building.

The BrightHaven Vision is important for animals and humans alike.

Please join with us as we work towards making this world a better place where people will join together with people to help animals.

Together we can make a difference.

With warmest regards,  
Gail Pope  
Founder and President

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