

## A FEW BRIGHTHAVEN FAMILY UPDATES JUNE 2009

### MEET MAX!!

My daughter, Kirstie found him in a terribly weakened state, just lying on the grass beside the road last week. He was infested with fleas and ticks and could barely stand. He also had abscesses in his left eye and one foot. Such an awful state to be in and God alone knows how long he had been out there. His blood panel confirmed our concerns!

Happily Dr Adriana Sagrera, who was also dear Cloud's vet at the time, stepped in and is prescribing for him. Last week Max was yowling with happiness, drinking much and eating little, but this week he is drinking little and eating VERY well. He continues exceptionally weak in body, but is still using that huge voice of his to tell us just how happy he is to be here!!

Max has a very strong spirit and a huge will to live.



### THIS IS WONDER (WITH JOEY):



I will write more of this darling young boy soon. He was found in a cardboard box behind a shop in Taiwan.....and fed until rescued by two caring and wonderful teachers who loved and rehabilitated him and purchased a wheelchair. I agreed to try to help network Wonder – You may recall seeing his flier some months ago.....and when that help could not be found, Richard and I agreed to make him a part of our family as perhaps a friend for dear Hope. So, Wonder moved in recently and is now to be found racing through BrightHaven with gay abandon. We have yet to teach this young buck that BH “is” a place of peace and tranquility!

## AND NOW DEAR HOPE:



You may recall Hope had major open heart surgery shortly after joining us for hospice care. Two months later Hope is doing well – not yet out of the woods by any means we realize, but she is behaving as a puppy and learning some of the skills needed for a life of blindness. She does have some residual effects of all those months of little oxygen flow, noted by some quirky behavioral issues and her very slow weight gain. She also retains her frustrating inability to understand how to eat! She can lick and smell and taste, but cannot quite understand how to get the food into her mouth – Happily that is a teeny bit improved and soon I am sure she will “get it”. These photographs were taken yesterday and show just how beautiful she is with fur growing back into her huge surgery site and with a sweetness that shines from within.

## PLEASE SAY HELLO TO HARLEY:



Our Harley is a miracle, originally intended for use as bacon, rescued by BrightHaven and now, nine years later in the prime of his life! (He says!) Harley lost the use of his rear legs nine months ago – a time when we were faced some very difficult decisions. His sheer will won the day and this amazing soul continues in his determination to show the world that a pig can live very happily with the right care, even if he can only sit and scoot! Harley is currently going from strength to strength with his servant, Fray to care for his every whim and need, and tells us he too, would love a wheelchair but we have yet to figure that one out!

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