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Hello my friends,

It seems a little strange writing my newsletter in the wake of the devastation caused by hurricane Katrina; however I realize that life does go on for some of us and we are all doing what we can to try to help the surviving humans and animals make a fresh start.

If you have not yet pledged your support in some way I encourage you to donate to the following fund, set up by Executive Vice President of A.E. Greg Tilford, with his well-known wife Mary Wulff-Tilford. Together they have written several books and many articles on the subject of natural pet care and have become internationally recognized for their work as educators in the field of holistic veterinary medicine. Greg, who is a member of the BrightHaven Board of directors, and Mary have long been BrightHaven friends and their work to help and rescue animals is nationally very well known.

Hurricane Katrina Animal Welfare Fund

Getting needed pet food and veterinary supplies into storm damaged areas remains very difficult and costly. Supplies and funds must get to the right people FAST... or many more family pets will lose their lives to Hurricane Katrina.

Animal Essentials Inc., a manufacturer of natural pet care products, has set up and funded a non-profit emergency relief organization to help with the care, shelter, and relocation of thousands of animals that remain injured or homeless in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Money donated to this fund will be fully allocated and quickly delivered in the form of food, cash and supplies to animal rescue organizations, veterinary service providers and shelters that are working in direct response to Hurricane Katrina. The Fund will also accept and deliver funds that you want to reach a specific relief effort or any one of the veterinary professionals that need your help in hard hit areas.

The Hurricane Katrina Animal Welfare Fund is federally registered (EIN 20-3407121) and is operated entirely by volunteer help--- every penny we receive will go toward helping the animals and animal care providers that have been severely impacted by this most deadly storm.

Cash donations (check or money or order) payable to:

“Hurricane Katrina Animal Welfare Fund” may be left with BrightHaven, or sent to:

HKAWF , c/o Farmer’s State Bank 1950 North 1st. St., H Hamilton, MT 59840

However, if you wish to designate a specific recipient for your donation, such as a veterinarian or a specific rescue effort in the disaster area, please send your check or money order, along with the name and address of the intended recipient, directly to the Hurricane Katrina Animal Welfare Fund office, P.O. Box 1645, Hamilton, MT 59840.

If you have questions or wish to help, please call Animal Essentials Inc.: (888) 551-0416 or contact: Mary Wulff, fund administrator (406) 370-0699 / email to animals@bitterroot.net

BRIGHTHAVEN’S CONTRIBUTION TO KATRINA

Most of us are unable to personally welcome more than one or maybe two of the Katrina animals into our homes and I for one have found this to be the very most challenging thing.

As a retirement home and hospice for the senior and disabled, BrightHaven is very much unlike other “shelters” – it is, in fact, our home. We just seem to have a very much larger family than most!!!

We are of course committed to doing our part and will be accepting a few animals who qualify to come here and would otherwise have had no chance at all. We will be accepting animals that have maybe been badly injured or are very ill or have been disabled by the hurricane and so we will at least also be doing our small part in the rescue.

As I am not able to go and get involved in the crisis I have determined to spend time each and every day on the business of networking to try to better help the amazing rescue teams out there in whichever way I can – even if only to spread the word. It is very frustrating isn’t it for us folk who can’t rush to Louisiana?

This morning I received this old quote and at this most difficult time I particularly found solace in its simple words – I hope you will too –

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

-Mother Teresa

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1. ANIMAL NEWS AND UPDATES

A NEW ARRIVAL

Meet “Pasha” (Russian for royal Prince)

Last Tuesday (8/30/2005) saw the arrival at BrightHaven of a very annoyed and cross gentleman. Pasha’s elderly owner found herself unable to care for him any longer and persuaded us to accept him to live with the BrightHaven family. Pasha had other ideas and was horrified when he realized the implications of his journey here by cat carrier.

After his Mother left he dejectedly curled in his basket and our only contact for a couple of days with him was by sad glare or angry growl. Pasha did show interest when he realized that Susanna’s office door hid a small but delightful garden outside where he could roam free. Pasha’s appetite disappeared and he made it clear there was no reason now for him to eat.....



Well, happily that was last week and now this boy is settling in nicely and inviting us to actually approach and stroke him. He has taken one or two strolls out of his room but is still very upset when he encounters other cats. It is very plain that he is not able to see or hear terribly well and, having spent a fairly solitary life up until now, Pasha is going to need a little time to adjust to his new and very large family!!!

A SEX CHANGE!!!



This was “Nellie” in Mav



This is “Norman” as of

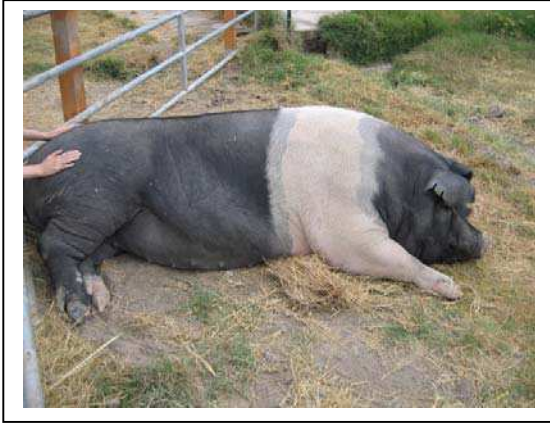
Oops!! – it seems that we have made a fatal error in judgment and it turns out that our cute and sweet Nellie the chicken girl is actually Norman the rooster!!

You will recall that dear Nellie was rescued some time ago as the only chicken left alive in the most dreadful circumstances. Since Nellie has been at BrightHaven “she” has grown (and grown and grown!!) to be one very plump and very happy bird. Sadly these chickens are bred for a short life and to be fat of form for the table, and so Nellie is now huge and a little wobbly on her legs.

How do we know about this mistake? Well - normally the 6am hour here is calm and quiet filled only with the rustling of mice and birds as they sleepily awaken to start their day.....and now there is Norman loudly announcing the start of his day to all who can hear – awake or asleep!!!

Happily Poodle is completely in love with him and they make such a handsome pair. Poodle’s first husband Gordon died sadly in July 2001.

HARLEY HAVING REIKI



One sunny day in August, Kathleen Prasad stopped by to introduce her husband, Che to us all.

As she toured BrightHaven introducing him to all the cats, dogs and horses Kathleen suddenly realized that she had never had the chance to properly meet Harley, our amazing hog.

So Kathleen took Che outside to make his acquaintance and to her surprise Harley immediately got up and came over to greet them. (It does have to be said that Harley usually only takes it upon himself to rise and formally greet newcomers if they come bearing gifts of food and on this occasion they were sadly lacking such treats!!)



Having duly inspected the newcomers Harley turned about face and presented his rear end to a very surprised Kathleen. Clearly he had determined that she was able to offer him some healing for his often wobbly back end and laid right down to await his pleasure.

Kathleen of course obliged him and now has to make time in her busy schedule to come by often to give this boy his Reiki treatment.

A WEEKEND AT BRIGHHAVEN!!

I am delighted to report that we are still receiving bookings for this year and would just like to remind you that we offer

“Bed and Breakfast – with a difference” here at BrightHaven!!

You will have the comfort of your own bedroom and bathroom with access to a lovely little garden. Perhaps one of the many BrightHaven residents will choose to spend the night with you. You will be welcome to experience animal feeding time Saturday evening and also Sunday morning. You will also have the opportunity to get to know Gail and Richard better over a glass of wine and dinner. Gail and Richard will be happy to discuss your animal concerns (or not!) during your stay and, of course you will be welcome to stay at BrightHaven and be part of our family during your visit or take the time to go wine-tasting or exploring in the gorgeous local countryside.

The cost: a tax-deductible donation to BrightHaven of \$200.00.



THE ROSE CEREMONY

The ceremony is a BrightHaven tradition to honor the passing of our loved ones. It is a wonderful opportunity to share memories with like-minded people. The ceremony is a simple but very moving affair, which begins with a short address of welcome, after which family and guests will be invited to come and say a few words in memory of their pet if they would like to. Participants will then scatter rose petals around a photograph or memento of their honoree and the ceremony finishes with a prayer and a song.

You will then be welcome to join the BrightHaven family of humans and animals for refreshments and conversation.

The months of August and September were tough ones for us, as we bade fond fare-thee-well to BrightHaven residents George, Maisie, Alfie, Cricket, MeiLing, Honey, Jazz, Tina and Olivia. I would like to invite you to read my words in their memory – and of many others also by visiting the BrightHaven Web site in-memoriam section - <http://www.brighthaven.org/memori.html>

*“In one of these stars I shall be living
~ in one of them I shall be laughing
And so it will be ~ as if all the stars were laughing
When you look at the sky at night.
And there is sweetness ~ in the laughter of all the stars
And in the memories of those you love*

“The Little Prince Antoine de saint Exupe’ry”



I would love to welcome you to any BrightHaven Rose Ceremony – held here on the second Sunday of every month at 2pm.

3 THE FUNDRAISING CORNER

A VERY SPECIAL PLEA THIS MONTH!!

In the wake of the devastation of hurricane Katrina we realize that we are sadly lacking here in Northern California as far as our preparedness for evacuation.

Richard and I are committed to acquiring the following vehicle for evacuation use

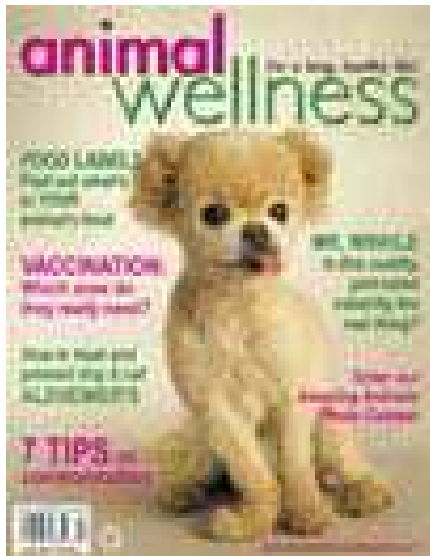
- a two horse trailer (we have two and require one more)

Richard is willing to finance a good second hand one for BrightHaven, and so we would appreciate your help to find a suitably GOOD OFFER. Do you by chance know anyone who has one for sale?

HURRY HURRY - FREE

SUBSCRIPTION TO ANIMAL WELLNESS MAGAZINE WITH YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO BRIGHTHAVEN OF \$50 OR MORE!

A \$35.70 VALUE!



Animal Wellness magazine is recommended by experts and loved by readers who want their pets to live a naturally long and healthy life. Celebrate the close bonds we share with our animal companions through heartwarming stories of hope, rescue support and communication. If you love animals you will love Animal Wellness!!

- Disease prevention
- Natural alternative treatment options
- Natural diets and nutrition
- Latest trends in integrative therapies
- Product recommendations
- Gentle training techniques

I would heartily recommend you to read an issue of this incredible magazine. We have plenty here in the BrightHaven office and you would be very welcome to stop by and collect a copy. Alternatively we will mail a copy to you upon request.

BrightHaven had the pleasure of meeting many of the AWM team last year in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl where AWM held the first ever holistic two day event to benefit animals: The Animal Wellness Expo. Tim Hockley, Publisher and CEO of the magazine is firmly committed to the cause of animal rescue and wellness and we wish the magazine the great success it richly deserves in Northern California. Please visit AWM's website at the address shown below.

<http://www.animalwellnessmagazine.com/>

BRIGHTHAVEN MUGS, T-SHIRTS, MOUSE PADS AND LICENSE PLATES: AVAILABLE NOW!!

For a donation of \$50.00 we will be pleased to send you any of the above items, personalized with the animal of your choice, except of course the license plate holder and for that you can choose the wording to appear on the bottom from either:

“Happy Healthy Animals” or “Healing Arts for Animals”

Please email Susanna@brighthaven.org to place your order and arrange the details.



4 VOLUNTEER NEWS

Well this month we are very proud and happy to announce that our good friend Colleen Caubin has brought to us a wonderful fundraising opportunity that she is working on; one that will potentially raise lots of money for BrightHaven since Colleen has pledged to donate the lion's share of her own earnings to us!!

WOW!!!!

Colleen has joined with the Company “Prepaid Legal Services” and is now able to offer us all some exciting benefits



The program primarily offers:

- Protection against identity theft – the fastest growing crime in the country today
- Access to legal advice 24 hours a day.....

When you decide to protect you and your loved ones through this program, you will help fund BrightHaven in a big way. In fact Richard was so very impressed by the PrePaid Legal benefit package that he too has signed us up for the protection it offers.

I do hope you will be interested to take a look at this service. Should you decide to sign up, then BrightHaven will get ongoing income towards the financial support we so desperately need.

Susanna has created one of her gorgeous fliers to explain the project better to you and you will find it featured on the BrightHaven website very soon.

<http://www.brighthaven.org/>

This month I would like to send out a cry for help please to all you locals to see if we can raise a little volunteer help for

SUSANNA AND THE BRIGHTHAVEN HORSES.

Horse Lovers



Susanna shown here with Bellestar



Featuring (L-R) Nicki, Paris Daisy & Belle

Susanna is seeking dedicated animal lovers to help exercise, groom, play with, love and care for our five rescued horses.

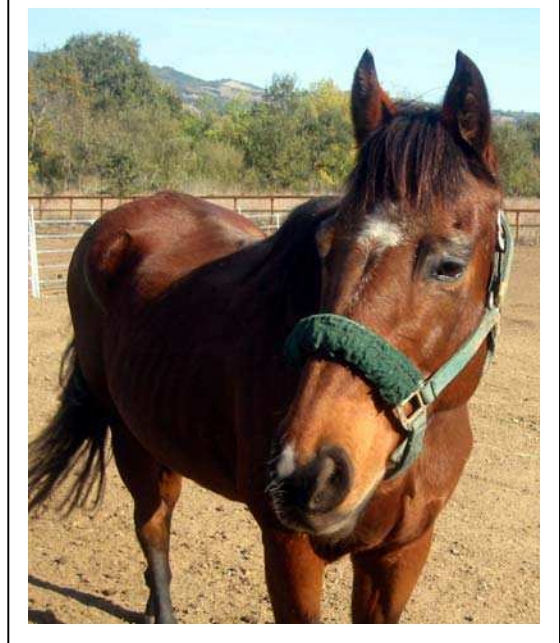
Some of them are elderly, some were abused and some abandoned. Each one has a wonderful personality and is waiting for that special someone to spend time with.

Because we are also caring for around 60 cats, a few dogs and farm animals we just don't have the time that these horses deserve.

If you have experience with horses, are reliable and able to commit to coming at least once a week, we would love to hear from you!

Please call or email for more information and to schedule a visit

We look forward to welcoming you!
Susanna@brighthaven.org
 707 578 4800



and this handsome devil is ex-racing quarter horse - Dee Days Copy

5 BRIGHTHAVEN MIRACLE STORIES"

If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change.
-Buddha

“Frazier”

This is the incredible story of BrightHaven’s famous “Frazier”,
 who is a legend in his own lifetime around here.



Frazier may well be leaving BrightHaven very soon to continue his long journey in the circle of life and beyond and I would very much like you to meet him before he leaves.

This special cat came to live with us some years ago when BrightHaven still resided in Southern California. He came with Brother Sidney, who sadly died a couple of years ago and younger sister Lucy who is happily still here with us now – a plump and happy twenty year old. Their owner sadly had become homeless and life for a large family in a car was unbearable.....!!

As now, Frazier loved to have fun and to play crazily and often – so often that he even needed an imaginary friend with whom to play!!! They raced around the house together often, playing madly by day and also sometimes at night, much to the disgust of some of our other more dignified senior residents! This crazy, then twenty+ year old cat was delighted to find that there were often visitors to BrightHaven, who were always amenable to his games, however they very soon realized that Frazier also loved leather and denim and loved nothing more than to sharpen his claws on any unsuspecting denim clad leg – or on a beautiful pair of leather shoes!!



Over the years many painful gasps have been heard at BrightHaven as Frazier has continued his pursuit of fun to the max!!

It was after Lucy conquered her asthma and Sidney shed his leukemia positive “label”.....that Frazier seemed to contract a cold, which stayed a long time but did not cramp his carefree style in the least. Frazier moved to Northern California with us all and it was some time later that a strange hard bump appeared upon his face – subsequently to be diagnosed as the big “c” word.



In several months Frazier’s tumours played hide and seek across his face and forehead to take up root over his left eye. The lump gradually engulfed his entire eye and we despaired for, not only his sight, but also his very eye too.

Frazier cared not and continued on as though nothing was different.

He had a life to live don’t you know!!

Through all the turmoil this wonderful man retained his huge sense of humor and endured the many face cleansings – not to mention the proddings and pokings!

The path of homeopathy can sometimes be strange and we watched with horror as Frazier’s face gradually worsened and he could scarcely breathe..... until suddenly..... it seemed there was a change and miraculously his healing process began.

As we watched the tumours began to recede and Frazier could breathe properly again. Over time his face healed and, although his left eye was no more and he looked a little odd, Frazier felt great and determined that life was even more well worth living – with a capital “L”!

Some months ago we were saddened when clearly all was not well again and the cancer was once again under way.



This time we watched incredulously as, after Dr Chris prescribed, Frazier’s missing eye reappeared suddenly and blinked sleepily at us once more with an unwavering glance !!

The roller coaster life this boy has lived over the last few years has humbled us and we are all honored to know this amazing cat who has defeated death so often.

At present Frazier is once again fighting to stay with us – and I do mean fighting. He is determined to beat this dis-ease which has again attacked his face.

This charming, bright eyed and sensitive ‘young’ man who must be the oldest of souls has taught all the BrightHaven humans some very clear lessons in life. By human standards he looks pretty bad. His fur shines like glass and his beautiful eye shines brightly to match, but his sadly misshapen face is often to be seen wet and oozing, and this is not a sight easy to bear for most of us.

There have been times when humans have been heard muttering such things as “Should he be put out of his misery?” or “Oh my goodness that looks just dreadful”, but Frazier teaches us by his sunny attitude to each and every day of his precious time here on earth that one must learn to think deeper and look beyond the outer surface and see deep into the happy place beneath where contentment and peace dwell.

Perhaps it is a test, as only the truly enlightened can see the invisible and understand that the perception is the reality.



This is Frazier today September 9, 2005

Frazier tells us that life is beautiful still and full of happiness and that he and Lucy are friends and still have much to do. He will make plans to move on to his next beautiful life, where Sidney and his other long gone friends will be waiting, as and when the time comes, but for now he will play on in the sunshine of his golden years enjoying each moment in and of itself – as many of you who have visited us recently can attest to huh!!!!

For any one of us our next moment may be our last here.
Better to have left having enjoyed oneself than to carry forward regrets.

Note: Frazier is presently and proudly 32 thirty-two (or more!) years of age.

6 AROUND AND ABOUT AT BRIGHTHAVEN

- a. What’s in the pipeline – Workshops and Events
- b. Special projects
- c. Help with our wish list – some products you may be able to contribute to help us.

6A. WHAT’S IN THE PIPELINE?





Well – the answer is – LOTS I am delighted to say – Please read through our upcoming calendar of events and see if you – or someone you know may like to attend one in support of BrightHaven – Full details can be found on the BrightHaven website at the link shown below


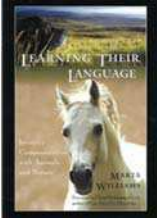

http://www.brighthaven.org/workshop_schedule.pdf?ArdSI=405e04c094d6d9f849defbeb14bffab2

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS AT BRIGHTHAVEN

Our goal as an education center is to help you better help your animal.

Fall 2005 Schedule

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| <p>Loving Touch for Your Animals</p> <p>with Andrea Kern</p>  <p>Andrea Kern, CAMT 1055 W. College #123, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 707-480-0906 e-mail: andraya67@hotmail.com</p> | <p>Come learn a few beneficial and basic animal massage techniques for your pet(s) from Certified Animal Massage Therapist Andrea Kern. Benefits include: Increase of range of motion in joints, stimulates motor nerves, improves oxygen supply to cells, general physical & psychological well-being.</p> | <p>Oct 15th Nov 5th 1pm-5pm</p> | <p>\$75</p> |
| <p>Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (V.O.M.)</p> <p>with Dr. Ann Kaplan and Fray Huffman</p>  | <p>Come and share a fun-filled afternoon and observe how this technique works on the BH animals. Dr. Ann and Fray will be sharing stories about cats and dogs that will illustrate how the technique can work and will answer your questions about your own pet problems that might be helped through use of VOM. Chiropractic care is based on the premise that the body (animal or human) has an innate wisdom to create and foster wellness.</p> | <p>Oct 16th 1pm-4pm</p> | <p>\$30</p> |
| <p>Ttouch for Companion Animals</p> <p>with Jaynellen Kovacevich</p> | <p>The Ttouch is a training and healthcare system developed by internationally known animal expert, Linda Tellington-Jones. Based on cooperation and understanding, these revolutionary techniques promote optimal performance and health without fear or force. The Ttouch can deepen the bond between you and your animal. It has proven to alleviate pains, fears, and tensions.</p> | <p>Oct 23rd 1-5pm</p> | <p>\$60</p> |
| <p>Reiki Level 1</p> <p>With Reiki Master KATHLEEN PRASAD</p>  <p>Treatments and Instruction in Energy Healing www.animalreikisource.com</p> | <p>Reiki is a gentle, noninvasive holistic energy healing system that yields powerful results for the body, mind and spirit. It is ideal for use with animals because with Reiki, the animal controls the treatment, accepting Reiki in the ways that are most comfortable. Easy for people to learn and use, Reiki can do no harm, even when used by the most novice practitioner.</p> | <p>Oct 29th&30th (2 day class) 1-5pm both days</p>  | <p>\$250</p> |
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| <p>The ABC of Holistic Pet Care with <i>Homeopathic Veterinarian and Renowned Teacher Dee Blanco, DVM</i></p>  <p>www.drdeebianco.com</p> | <p>This workshop is a must for anybody who wishes to improve or maintain the health of their animals - naturally. Dee will teach and empower you to take charge of your pet's health and wellbeing by making informed decisions on vaccinations, diet and nutrition and holistic health care. Your animals' and your own lives will be changed forever by the knowledge gained through this highly informative class. You will receive valuable tools to start your pets on the road to better health and longevity.</p> | <p>Nov 12th 10am-4pm</p> | <p>\$100</p> |
| <p>Beginning Animal Communication with <i>Best selling Author Marta Williams</i></p>  <p>www.martawilliams.com</p> | <p>Being able to talk intuitively with animals and nature is not a gift that only special people have. Everyone is born with this ability, but in modern cultures it gets repressed. With study and practice you can revive your skill and reconnect with the natural world. Let Marta introduce you to the world of animal communication; you will be surprised at how quickly you can learn to pick up an animal's thoughts, even long distance!</p> | <p>Nov 19th&20th (2 day class) 1-5pm both days</p>  | <p>\$150</p> |

For more information and reservations please call (707) 578-4800
or email info@brighthaven.org.

All Workshops will be held at BrightHaven
Proceeds from the workshops go to help the BH animals
Please be prepared to provide a warm lap for the resident animals during the workshops!
You may visit our web site at www.brighthaven.org to learn more about the work that we do.

6B SPECIAL PROJECTS WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH:

Fall projects:

First some good news!

Thanks to the generosity of some of our BH friends we are hard at work with the following projects:

The duck pond

A new area of fencing for the next cat garden

2 small patios to keep feet dry when going in the garden in the winter weather.

Weather proofing the small roof area over them so that cats and dogs can sit outside in the rain as they love the fresh air!

A new toad house/enclosure/pond for Ted and Ruby

We still have lots of projects to work on and would appreciate any help offered – either financial or physical!!!

Our main projects now include:

Fencing for horses, pigs and goats.

Painting and all sorts of **maintenance** issues –both indoors and out.

Cat gardens.

Since our arrival here in Santa Rosa we are proud to achieved lots of redecoration and changes to benefit the animals. We have even managed the basic construction of some cat garden areas. Basic being the word!!! We need to turn these areas into the beautiful and tranquil settings our animals have been previously used to.

We must

- provide a watering system.
- provide flower beds and fill them with bushes and suitable cat proof plants and trees for fun and shade
- provide areas of lawn upon which to sunbathe and for eating too!
- provide water - well actually water features are our aim – such as rockeries with water flowing and fountains – excellent for Feng Shui purposes too.

We boast of the beauty of BrightHaven and are determined to live up to it once again. Please consider helping us in any way you are able.

- Come and help us – call 707 578 4800 or email Susanna@brighthaven.org for information
- Donate towards the construction work
- Donate towards our purchase of plants, trees, fountains, and other features.
- Donate towards our purchase of cat friendly outdoor furniture
- Donate towards our purchase of suitable climbing and playing outdoor amusements!

6C HELP WITH OUR WISH LIST – SOME PRODUCTS YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO HELP

Play room furniture and toys

Coolaroo’s® Small Pet Bed (for pets up to 35 lbs) **Item Number/Name:** CL317263 - Small Pet Bed
<http://www.outdoordecor.com/cgi-local/SoftCart.exe/online-store/scstore/p-CL317263.html?L+scstore+v1zk6968Overture-Manufacturersff968a96+1111714945>

Baskets Wicker baskets of all sizes – the cats just love them!!
 Bay Isle Hide-A-Way www.carealotpets.com or 800-343-7680
 Litter box cover Item #7500 \$49.95

Diapers for Tim: Pampers – Stretch – 8-14lbs

Diapers for Ollie, Alfie and Joey-D Poise Pads – Extra Plus (60 count pack)

Paper towels: Your choice!

I do hope you have enjoyed catching up with our news. Please let me know by email if there is anything you would like me to include in future newsletters. I will be happy to add or change the content.

The BrightHaven vision is important for animals and humans alike.

“The greatness of a nation, and its moral progress, can be judged by the way its animals are treated”.

M. Gandhi



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 and are* making a difference.

With my warmest regards,

Gail Pope
Founder and President

You can donate to help our cause.....
by check, cash or money order
by credit card via our web site,
or simply by telephone to our office
or by PayPal at www.paypal.com

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