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**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.*

**“People helping people to help animals”**



Just two of  
the cute  
items now  
available at  
BrightHaven



Beauregard with his mug

BrightHaven license plate holder

We are BrightHaven. .... a family - a sanctuary - a way of life.

Every BrightHaven animal or human has his or her own unique story and experience that has brought us all together.

We are a sanctuary where each and every life will be honored, respected and cared for the rest of their days.

Their days will be an accumulation of treasured recollections of kind words, gentle touch, warm beds, delicious food, soft kisses, and immeasurable love.

We are BrightHaven and we are led by a rhythm of positive energy, where we invite all methods of healing to unite to find balance for body, mind and spirit.

BrightHaven is a way of life: It is long days filled with endless work, It is filled with joy and miracles, sharing and caring, laughter, loss, tears, healing and love. Once you have experienced the magic of BrightHaven it will never leave you.

Dearest friends,

I hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and that we have all welcomed in what will prove to be a happy, peaceful and joyous new year for one and all.

We had a wonderful Brighthaven family Christmas this year. Everyone was home; Richard cooked a gorgeous dinner; there was fun and presents for everyone, and cats and dogs frolicked happily in the discarded paper, completely ignoring their catnip mice and chew toys in favor of simpler pleasures!

Of course we are all laughing at each other's New Year's resolutions and wondering who will fail first... but this is really a serious matter as we pledge our resolution for BrightHaven for the coming months.

*We pledge that we will work even harder than ever to rescue more and more needy animals who will live happily at Brighthaven where they will forget their cares and woes and find happiness and balance.*

You will have all received our membership drive letter in the mail and I do encourage you to please renew your membership – or join us as a new member – or even just send us just a little something to help the animals this year. They would so appreciate it. Every little helps and the more we all band together with our love and support – then the more difference can be made.

I was moved recently by a Charles Darwin quote that I had not before seen...

“Love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute”

“Here-Here” to that!!!!

To date we have received donations amounting to the princely sum of \$6,757.00 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has so generously contributed.

And on that note.....

If you would really like to know a great way to both help us  
and receive something cute this coming year  
read on -

Please choose your favorite/cutest BrightHaven animal and when you send in your one time sponsorship of love (\$50 of love to be exact) you will receive a free mug, T-shirt or even a mouse pad with a beautiful picture of your special friend. See Beauregard's handsome face on a mug as one of our lead photographs this month.

(Please read more below in section #6)

This month I am starting a new section in the newsletter, which I shall call “Animal Miracle stories” (see below section #5). Over the years we have been awed and humbled, but mostly educated by some of the amazing stories of some of our medical miracles. During a tour we are often drawn to telling a particular animal's miracle survival against all odds and everyone is charmed, fascinated and also changed in some small way by their new knowledge. We were thrilled to be witness as our boy “Mozart” was granted a new lease on life this Christmas and so he will be my first story.

And so along to all my news this month, and it seems I have lots to chat about again – so once again my seasons greetings, love and thanks to all our friends – and now please read on.....

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## 1. ANIMAL NEWS AND UPDATES

### “THOMAS-BENTLEY”

So - What can I say?

Can a cat with a broken back walk? – Of course not! However, those of you who have been following this Special cat’s story will not be at all surprised to see Bentley up and walking now! Yes – walking!!! It maybe not the most ordinary or graceful cat walk in the world, but it suffices for us – him too! Bentley is learning fast how to live up to the motto that Tim gave him to live by!

*“Learn as if you were going to live forever.  
Live as if you were going to die tomorrow”.*  
-Mahatma Gandhi



### “JOEY-D” (DOG!)



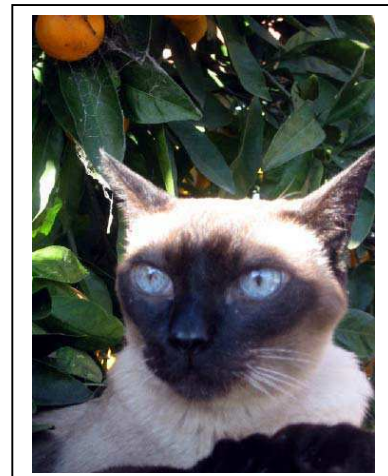
You will no doubt recall reading about the grand arrival of Joey, with the broken back, last year from New York. Joey-D was proud to receive a visit from Dr Vince Pedroia of Animal Care Center in Rohnert Park, where he is a specialist in neurology and neurosurgery. Dr Pedroia gladly offered to come along to meet Joey to see if any more could be done for him at this time. He indicated in the negative, but was clearly bowled over by this little guy’s larger than life personality as he charged around BrightHaven in his wheelchair (chariot) -and commented that he really didn’t see any need for Joey to have the use of more legs, as he is clearly more than able to get into any kind of mischief just as he is!!

It was obviously a mutual admiration society as Joey immediately fell for the kindly Doctor and spent a long time happy to cuddle in his lap as Dr Pedroia took time to thoroughly explain the nature and ramifications of Joey’s injuries to us.

### “DAFNE-ANN”

Dafne-Ann has moved house into a cute and desirable condo in my bathroom, from where she can monitor my movements with precision so as to know exactly how far away is dinner! She has not been brave enough yet to venture upon my bed at night, but loves her new and easy access to the garden. She is making friends with the other bathroom gang members – George Sophie and Blue and is fast becoming very happy in her new life. When I hold and cuddle this girl and stare into her face – she will, after a moment or two reach up and stroke my face with her paw. Imagine the feeling that brings?

I am also delighted to announce that the renowned Dr Jeff Levy Has now formally accepted Dafne-Ann as his patient.



## 2. THE LAST MONTH AT BRIGHTHAVEN

### IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS:

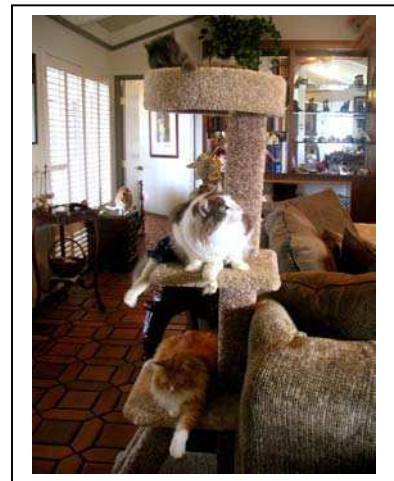
BrightHaven volunteer **ANN KAPLAN** proudly gave us a wonderful Christmas gift of \$160.00, funds that she had collected in her chiropractic practice. Every client that gave a donation of more than \$20 to BrightHaven for Christmas was given a 10% discount on their next adjustment.

**THE CAT TREE** from Brighthaven good friend Joyce Gillespie

Remember if you have any old cat trees like this or any other second hand indoor or outdoor toys or furniture –

the Brighthaven felines would love you forever!!

At present we have two trees indoors now and they are always full up. It would be just wonderful to be able to have them in various locations in as well as outdoors too. They are such great fun.



### A FAMILY BIRTHDAY:

#### SUSANNA – DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the BrightHaven team gathered in a local Mexican Hostelry to celebrate Susanna's birthday. Even Richard managed to take time from his busy schedule to join the festivities. Susanna wore a Mexican sombrero with great style and didn't take too much persuasion to try a house recommended Margarita!!

The waiters sang happy birthday – the candles were finally blown out, and everyone had fun watching as the gifts were unwrapped.

To the right you see Blanca, Gail and Susanna





Here is the festive group (left) Susanna in her sombrero and Blanca with flower (right).

## A WEEKEND AT BRIGHHAVEN!!

I am delighted to report that we are already receiving bookings for this year and would just like to remind you that we now 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.



## ANIMAL OUTREACH

You will all know by know how devoted I am to the ongoing task of finding homes for all needy animals and, of course there are many who cross our path who are not eligible to come to live here with us. In 2005 we will try to work even harder to create a magnificent network of friends who can help spread the word. Once again – please send me the email address of one person you know who would love to be included in this mission.

So far we have an excellent record and last year each and every dog we worked to help has either been found a home – or a wonderful foster situation – THANKS TO YOU!!

Everyone is asking about the special case of “**Little Black**” – a dog that touched the hearts of so many it seems. I have good news for you.....on all counts. First and foremost LB has a permanent and wonderful home right back where he started from! Yes the family who rescued him fell so deeply in love with him, that while he was being fostered they realized their family could not be complete again without him. After being neutered LB returned to their home and will stay there happily ever after.



Our thanks to Terri Villines and her family for giving him a home and saving his life.  
 Our thanks to Kim Vollmer and her family for giving him sanctuary in their home.  
 Our thanks to Dr Douglas Coward for neutering him, looking at his x-rays and determining the best course of action for us to take.

Doug recommended that specialist Dr Feltz look at the x-rays and give his recommendation. We have just this week had his report and plan.

**LB will now require surgery** and I have just received the estimate. The surgery will be performed at Dr Coward’s hospital and Doug will be donating his services (another huge vote of thanks to him).

The total required is estimated to be in the region of \$1,500.00 and so I am once again sending you my plea for help. At the time of writing we have received \$715.00 – a good start, but we now really need to ask for help in earnest please!

Any donation you can send towards LB’s surgery should be sent here to Brighthaven and will, of course be fully tax deductible. Any amount, be it large or small will be so gratefully accepted for this so special boy.

## THE ROSE CEREMONY

Last month’s Rose Ceremony was a very small, simple and lovely affair as we honored our “Cameo” <http://www.brighthaven.org/memoriain.html>

The inclement weather drove us indoors to the fireside where we all told stories in Cameo’s memory and were happily joined by BrightHaven volunteers Jan Brown and Connie Attebury who brought wonderful photographs of their beloved cats Friday and Slick, who both died recently. The group was completed by Ann Kaplan and Christy Johnston (shown right) and a Large number of our animal residents – all happy to give us their comments!

Please see the calendar below for next month’s Rose Ceremony date.



We would love to welcome you.

### 3. A FAMILY PROFILE

This month I am very happy to introduce you to Susanna Anthony  
(without her sombrero!!)

Susanna joined the Brighthaven family four years ago as we moved North to Sonoma County and, over time has become a second daughter to Richard and I.

When first I had the pleasure of meeting her I immediately noticed her “fatal attraction” for animals!! They are drawn to her as she is to them, and for the BrightHaven bunch it was obviously love at first sight.

Susanna is a “Jack of all trades” but is mainly Responsible for running the hugely busy BrightHaven office, which of course includes juggling our difficult finances, dealing with our staffing, accounting, telephones and email, web site, fliers and newsletter design – in fact the list is endless!!

Of course running our office is only a minimal part of her life as Susanna’s main task is that for which she was clearly born...working with the animals. Susanna is involved in much of the BrightHaven medical work and is also in charge of the Brighthaven stables.



Here is Susanna pictured with Bellestar

*Thank you Susanna!*

### 4. VOLUNTEER NEWS

#### OUR VOLUNTEER PROFILE THIS MONTH IS ANN KAPLAN



“OK - so what is the dirtiest job that no-one wants to do today” – would be a possible greeting from Ann on any Sunday at BrightHaven! It seems that professional

Chiropractor Ann Kaplan loves nothing more than to get down and dirty! Seriously Ann is one special person who happily will turn her hand to anything at all. She works with us to better the health of our animals as well as clean out the pigsty – and everything else in between! At home Ann has her own adorable family of felines – namely Rory, Fish and Smudge!

I can heartily recommend you consider Ann for your next chiropractic visit.  
You can contact her on 707 577 8113

## ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS!!

**COLLEEN CAUBIN** is our resident pet portrait artist. Her work has graced magazine covers and hangs in collections across the US.

Colleen graciously donated a portrait pastel painting for our membership drive and today was the day of the drawing of the grand prize.

Colleen came to BrightHaven for the event and we excitedly watched as her hand traveled over all the names... She found herself drawn inexplicably to two of the pieces of paper and generously decided to make them both winners.

### The winning names are:

Carol Schumacher and The Javadi – Pourheidari Family

Thank you so much for your donations to Brighthaven this season. We know you will enjoy working with Colleen and be thrilled with the results of her work, when you see your pet on canvas!

## 5 "BRIGHTHAVEN MIRACLE STORIES"

When Mozart posed for this Christmas photograph some years ago we had no idea how significant it would turn out to be. Christmas of the year 2005 has turned out to be the celebration of a lifetime for this boy!

In fact, a few weeks ago we all geared up to say a sad and loving farewell to our dear Mozart, who had been ill for some little while with liver disease and stomatitis, and was clearly at the end of his life. He stopped eating, became horribly jaundiced and retired to his bed.....His blood-work – and conventional veterinarians also told us there was no hope ..or was there?

Here at Brighthaven there always is - and so our regimen of love, diet and homeopathy immediately stepped up a gear.

**Love** was showered upon him without reservation -around the clock no less! The **food** part presented a problem - as he was too ill to eat. ..and so we looked to see what more we could do for him **medically**. He was already receiving subcutaneous fluid therapy - had been for many months. Reluctant to throw in the towel we consulted BrightHaven homeopath Chris Barrett for a last ditch effort. She evaluated his situation and gave us her prescription.

I do have to say that it is possibly quite true that we all "knew" at that time there was really no hope for Mozie - He could barely stand by now but the remedy was duly given and so we waited.

We did not have long to wait as within a day he was simply "not worse" – Within a further day he took a bite of food - and the next and the next and the next has brought a gradual return to life for this boy.



Mozie Januarv 15, 2005

Through the Christmas holiday we have all been delighted to witness his appetite return, his jaundice diminish and his old energy level return.

Mozart has now taken up pole position in the kitchen, where he is to be found now by day and night – waiting for the next person to offer a kiss and a cuddle.

We neither know nor care how long he has before him – We only know that he is happier now than ever before and that our hearts are gladdened by this miracle we see before us.



## 6 AROUND AND ABOUT AT BRIGHTHAVEN

- What's in the pipeline.
- Special projects
- Help with our wish list – some products you may be able to contribute to help us.

### 6A. WHAT'S IN THE PIPELINE?

The next Rose Ceremony to be held at BrightHaven  
The Rose ceremony is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month.

Date: February 13th 2005

A weekend at Brighthaven

Date: Please call the BH office for available dates.

Seminars in 2005 –venues to be announced  
 - In conjunction with Animal Wellness Magazine  
 Merritt Naturals and Prozyme Products.

Date: Watch for more details soon

Watch out for the BrightHaven Un-brunch

Coming your way soon!

BrightHaven mugs, T-shirts, mouse pads and License plates:

**Available now!!**

For a donation of \$50.00 we will be please 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 A sanctuary for animals

Please email Suzy at [Suzy@brighthaven.org](mailto:Suzy@brighthaven.org) to place your order and arrange the details.

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

#### SAVED BY A WHISKER

is a very special, and extremely beautiful calendar that features Animal Welfare and Rescue Organizations. It features inspiring stories and pictures of many rescued animals and there is a separate cat and a dog calendar too. Of course any profits go directly to help the animals. The calendars are the dream and brainchild of a wonderful lady called Ami Dempsey, who has worked tirelessly for the last two years to launch this project. For the present Ami and her husband have financed the project and struggled to make ends meet. They are determined to make this effort a grand success and benefit a huge amount of animals but they need YOUR help. We are selling the calendar this year for \$20. (plus s&h) and Brighthaven will accept a donation of \$5. per calendar. With your support enough can be made this year to enable Ami to sell the calendars more cheaply next year as well as donate much more to the world of rescue.

Brighthaven is proud to announce that “Oliver” the cat is featured for Brighthaven this year and debuts as Mr February.

Joey-D is very happy that he managed to sneak into a picture too! We are doubly proud to announce also that Susanna is responsible for the beautiful photography for February.



**Come on now folks – You just have to buy one now – don't you – please??????**

We are still seeking an **animal loving printing company** that can help us with the enormous printing costs for mailing our newsletters.

**Men required please!!** It seems that us girls just can't cut it!! Sam is getting desperate for help with on-site building projects e.g. farmyard houses/shelters, fencing for horses, pigs and goats, painting and all sorts of maintenance issues –both indoors and out.

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

Here you see the cat tree donated for our felines to have fun with and this is exactly the kind of thing we – well they (!) need they tell us. The cats dream of tall, carpeted condos to climb on and sleep in! Second hand ones would also be very gratefully accepted – the cats care not. Size also is not an issue – tall or small are just as much fun.



Please remember too - that we are always in need of all sorts of cat toys, including catnip mice, feather wands and also any type of cat scratcher (Trader Joe's are good) or scratching posts –

Baskets and any type of cat beds are always welcomed!  
(Second hand is always good!)

Dog wraps...for the little dogs to help with their incontinence problems! Ollie will thank you for Alfie will thank you for	Care-a-Lot: <a href="http://www.carealotpets.com">www.carealotpets.com</a> or 800343 7680 *Male doggy wrap* Item #4870 Color: Plaid Size M Item # 4871 Color: Plaid Size L
Toner cartridges	Hewlett Packard ColorLaserjet 4550N Black (C4191A), Magenta (C4193A), Yellow (C4194A), Cyan (C4192A)
HP Color LaserJet 4550N	Drum Kit
Diapers for Tim:	Pampers – <u>Stretch</u> – 8-14lbs
Diapers for Ollie, Alfie and Joey-D	Poise Pads – Extra Plus (60 count pack)
Glucose strips for blood testing for diabetics: Arthur and Vancouver:	Any pharmacy; Accu check Comfort curve glucose test strips
Paper towels:	Your choice!

**\*\* STOP PRESS**

Long time Brighthaven friend, homeopath and educator Dr Dee Blanco has started a delightful new way to offer her educational workshops and I am thrilled to be able to explain this new project to you. Dr Dee has decided to offer tuition on topics very close and special to our hearts:-

**Nutrition for cats and dogs                      and                      The Vaccine Controversy**

By telephone consultation - as part of a small group.

The cost: \$90, which gives one and a half hours consultation time and also allows question time.

You can reach Dr Dee to make an enquiry or a booking at 505 986 3434.

Dee has been helping, guiding, and giving us her inspiration for many years now and I heartily recommend you to take advantage of this special offer.

I know you will enjoy every single moment of your tuition.

Well folks, that's the latest from BrightHaven for this month. 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.

**Albert Schweitzer once said  
“A nation can be judged by the way it treats its animals”**

**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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