

June/July 2005



Hello my friends,

Gosh we have some exciting goings on at BrightHaven to tell you about this time around. Suzy and Sam not only decided to get married, but they also named the day, did it and are also pleased to announce that they have now officially started their own business "All Things Considered" !!!



Originally planned to be part of the BrightHaven Outreach program it became obvious that we simply did not have the time, staff or funds to properly get this scheme going and so Suzy and Sam elected to make it their own.

Sam and Suzy have both left BrightHaven's employ now to spend the time needed on the new business although Suzy is still helping us out as she is able. She will be assisting Susanna as before in all things medical and hopefully will also be able to find a little time to get involved in both our volunteer program and fundraising events.

"All Things Considered" will work closely with the veterinary community to better help people help their animals, especially with hospice or the care of the chronically ill at home. The team will visit people in their own homes to help and advise them about the care of their pets, as directed by a veterinarian. They will be teaching such valuable things as the administration of subcutaneous fluid therapy as well as how and what to feed as a better diet.

BrightHaven will work with A.T.C. and will bring people here to see for themselves how they can better care for their own hospice patient at home. Once their client has seen what can be done we will hand over to Suzy and Sam who will work with them in their own home to teach whatever is required and to give support in many areas.

This is a much needed service in all communities and we wish them huge success with the project.

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1. ANIMAL NEWS AND UPDATES

Normally I do not like to send out a plea for money but today I invite you to read about Grady, who is a special boy here at BrightHaven and if you can help us, then that would be just wonderful. If not, then I shall completely understand.

Many of you will have met Grady, who has been the BrightHaven greeter for the last two years. Grady was born with birth defects that render him incapable of going to the bathroom by himself and have left him with a somewhat strange gait, which he is lucky to have - as his previous owner spent much time helping Grady actually learn to walk unaided.



This remarkable boy has a zest for life and a mouth almost as large and loud to go with it, but recently it was somewhat quelled as we were forced to rush Grady into intensive care with a life threatening pyothorax infection that almost claimed his life. Grady's chest was filled with poison and it took almost two weeks for the amazing skills of the wonderful team of Doctors at The Animal Care Center in Rohnert Park to save his life.



Home at last! – Grady shown here being greeted by Ann Kaplan

Despite his precarious hold on life; Grady succeeded in charming all the Doctors and Staff at A.C.C, who all fell in love and doted on him by both day and night.

SO – ALL’S WELL THAT END’S WELL HUH? – YES FOR GRADY, BUT SADLY FOR BRIGHTHAVEN THERE IS NOW THE ISSUE OF THE \$6500.00 BILL TO PAY AND OUR CREDIT CARD IS “ON FIRE” AS YOU CAN WELL IMAGINE!!!!

IF YOU CAN HELP IN SOME SMALL WAY, THEN PLEASE SEND US YOUR DONATION BY MAIL OR VIA OUR WEB SITE OR - IF YOU ARE ABLE, THEN DO PLEASE COME ALONG AND MEET THIS HANDSOME AND LUCKY CHAP. HE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO “MEET AND GREET” YOU AND WELCOME YOU TO HIS HOME.

2. THE LAST MONTH AT BRIGHTHAVEN

Our workshop program is now well under way and we are so pleased to report that the first few events have proved both informative as well as successful.

The Reiki level 1 workshop - held again by Reiki Master: Kathleen Prasad

proved fun as well as educational. The attending ladies were treated to demonstrations of Reiki including many of the volunteer BrightHaven cats, who thought the afternoon's gathering had been put on for their own entertainment.

I am happy to announce that Kathleen has agreed to be an ongoing member of our program and as such will be offering Reiki tuition or special catch up afternoons for us all at BrightHaven on a regular basis.

Please call the BH Office for details,
or contact Kathleen directly via her website at

<http://www.animalreikisource.com/contactus.html>



Gail trying out her Reiki skills with the aid of BH's Maisie and Emily

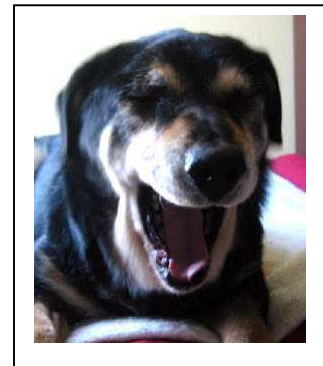
We held our very first **Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (V.O.M.) workshop** –
presented by Dr. Ann Kaplan and Fray Huffman
just a couple of weekends ago



and again, as happened in the Reiki workshop, Ann found many of the BrightHaven animals lined up ready to offer their services as her model!!

Ann's presentation was both fun and educational as we watched how the various cats and dogs responded to therapy.

We were treated to an obvious great response to V.O.M. by Dave our large and ancient dog who can barely walk as, after his treatment, he almost strode from the room. The following morning Richard, who was not present the previous day was heard to wonder what on earth was up with Dave as he had so much newly found strength this morning!



VOM. Chiropractic care is based on the premise that the body (animal or human) has an innate wisdom to create and foster wellness.

Over the last months we have been awed to witness the response to this therapy by some of the BH animals and I hope you will consider coming along soon to one of Ann and Fray's presentations.

You can review the entire BrightHaven upcoming calendar on the website at:

<http://www.brighthaven.org/workshopschedule.pdf?ArdSI=405e04c094d6d9f849defbeb14bffab2>

A WEEKEND AT BRIGHTHAVEN!!

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



This month brought a very special Rose Ceremony for honoured animals Bob, Crystal and Ronnie.

Special guests this month included Suzy’s brother, in from the East Bay and her parents, who came all the way from Vermont to celebrate her marriage to Sam. Christy Johnston’s family of Mum, Dad, Sister and children, from Santa Rosa, all came along to support Christy and help celebrate beloved Ronnie’s life and times.

BrightHaven special and very talented friend Elizabeth Johnson brought along her guitar, as well as her husband Ishak, and we all joined in to sing our hearts out in memory of these very special animals.

Bob the cat was son to Suzy Pieper (Nee Tomlinson!!) Ronnie, the cat was much beloved by Christy and Rick Johnston

And Crystal the cat was a BrightHaven girl.

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



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

3. A FAMILY PROFILE

The day BrightHaven’s Suzanne Tomlinson gave her hand in marriage to Mr Samuel Pieper.



July 15th was another gloriously hot July day in Northern California, but that didn’t slow or hinder the festivities of the day. Suzanne and Sam chose to marry in their own back yard and considered themselves fortunate to persuade BrightHaven volunteer Scharleen Oxendine to perform the ceremony for them. Scharleen is an ordained minister and performed the most incredibly moving and beautiful service filled with charming references and laughter and, of course the resultant tears shed by one and all! Sam and Suzanne’s families gathered to provide a spectacular banquet for all and friends, families and animals spent long and happy hours soaking up the sunshine and good food.



A wonderful day to celebrate the beginning of a wonderful life together. We wish them happiness, much love and hope that all their dreams come true.

4 VOLUNTEER NEWS

Claudine and her Toby rabbit – as told by Claudine herself....

“Toby came into my life as a result of getting an e-mail from Gail about a 6 yr. old mini lop rabbit that needed a home. He had been neglected and as a result had rabbit mites which the person who really rescued him got cleared up before I got him. I guess the timing was right because I decided to take him on.



He arrived on June 24 and made himself at home. Because he had been living in a 2’x2’ cage, his hind legs were very weak, but that is no longer the case as he romps everywhere and thumps when he wants something. (I don’t know what it is he wants yet, however!!)

He is a good traveller and as soon as he is neutered, his not so great habits will go away! I have taken him to a vet who specializes in rabbits and he tells me that Toby is actually a Holland Lop as he is too small to be a mini lop, weighing in at all of 4½ lbs. He loves to walk in the yard without any restraints and heels like a dog.

I have a new friend!”



On the right (above) you can see Claudine grooming BH resident Honey.

5 BRIGHTHAVEN MIRACLE STORIES™

Meet Vancouver, who was very happy to demonstrate for our camera some possible ways by which he became a diabetic!!



.....and this is Vancouver, no longer a diabetic and almost as proud of himself as we are!



A huge vote of thanks must go to Dr Jeff Feinman who is Vancouver's professional veterinary homeopath, dedicated to returning this wonderful boy to full and lasting health.

Just for the record Vancouver has had no insulin injections for almost a month now and his blood glucose values are remaining currently even lower than the rest of the BrightHaven cats, which incidentally is actually much lower than cats who are not fed a natural raw meat supplemented diet.

Vancouver – You are a star!!!

6 AROUND AND ABOUT AT BRIGHHAVEN

- What's in the pipeline – Workshops and Events
- Special projects
- 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 BRIGHHAVEN

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

You will see that we are in the process of finalizing the September calendar and this will be posted on the web site just as soon as available.

Title	Detail	Dates/Time	Cost	Space
TTouch - Equine	A Breakthrough in the care and training of horses with Jaynellen Kovacevich	August 6th 1-4pm	\$60 per person 50% proceeds benefit BH animals	Limit 10 people
The BrightHaven Rose Ceremony See Page 6	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	August 14th The 2 nd Sunday every month At 2pm	No charge	No limit
Reiki Level 1 Workshop	with Reiki Master Kathleen Prasad	August 20 th and 21 st 1pm-4pm both days	\$250 50% proceeds benefit BH animals	Limit 10
The Secrets of Health and Longevity for Animals – Naturally!	with BrightHaven's Founder and President Gail Pope	September tba 1pm-4pm	\$50 All proceeds benefit BH animals	Limit 15
Animal Wellness Day	Our monthly Wellness Day welcomes the Community to tour BH, meet the staff and some of our healing specialists. Question-time included.	September tba	No charge	Not applicable
Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (V.O.M.)	With Dr. Ann Kaplan and Fray Huffman	September tba	\$30 All proceeds benefit BH Animals	Limit 10

Loving Touch for Your Animals	with Founder of Loving Touch Animal Massage Andrea Kern	September tba	\$75 per person 50% proceeds benefit BH animals.	Limit 10
A Weekend at BrightHaven	See page 5 for details	Call for dates	\$200 donation per couple	Limit 2

6A THE FUNDRAISING CORNER

The BrightHaven Un-brunch



By un- attending our event you have successfully saved some major time, worry and money. –

and I am delighted to announce that this cute idea raised the sum of \$2,500 to help the animals. Funds are happily still trickling in.

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 “Healing Arts for Animals”

Please email Susanna at Susanna@brighthaven.org

to place your order and arrange the details.



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

Spring/Summer projects!!!

We are still seeking people to volunteer to join a team day to help us with our on-site building and maintenance projects ..

For example –

Farmyard houses/shelters.

Fencing for horses, pigs and goats.

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

A huge project we are sending out a plea for help with is our **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.

We must – provide patio areas and hardscaping.

We must – provide flower beds and fill them with bushes and suitable cat proof plants and trees for fun and shade.

We must – provide areas of lawn upon which to sunbathe and for eating too!

We must – provide water holes...well actually water features are our aim – such as rockeries with water flowing and fountains – excellent for Feng Shui purposes too.

So – all in all – we have a mammoth task.

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 Bay Isle Hide-A-Way	Wicker baskets of all sizes – the cats just love them!! www.carealotpets.com or 800-343-7680 Litter box cover Item #7500 \$49.95
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: Vancouver:	Any pharmacy; Accu check Comfort curve glucose test strips
Paper towels:	Your choice!

Well folks, that's the latest from BrightHaven for this month and I would like to finish this time by including a beautiful story sent to me recently by good friend Shelly Horten.

HORSE-SENSE

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.
From a distance, each looks like every other horse.
But if one stops the car, or is walking by, one will notice something quite amazing.
Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind.
His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.
This alone is amazing.
Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell.
Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.
Attached to her bridle is a small bell.
It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.
As one stands and watches these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owners of these two horses,
God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.
He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.
Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God and those whom he places in our lives.
Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.

My Prayer For You Today:

*Great Source, who watches over even a blind old horse, watch over us.
Show us the way to You.
Provide us with heavenly guides who will lead us to You through the fields of our lives.
Amen.*

"Alison Cotter"

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. Ghandi



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

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