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Hello dear friends,

I am happy to say that I am addressing you all this time around in my new status as Grandmother!! I am very proud to announce the arrival of Emma Lee Margaret Moore on the 26th May 2006 at 1221pm. She weighed in at 7lbs-8oz, and was 21inches long!!

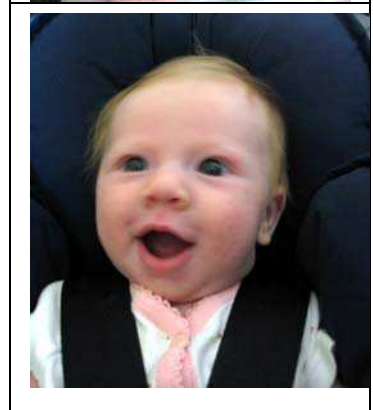
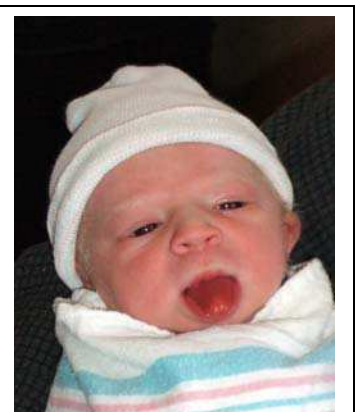
These cute photographs were taken (by me!!) just less than one hour after Emma's birth and, as you can see she is just the single most precious and beautiful baby that ever there was!!!

Richard and I were both present at Emma's birth and the experience was just the most incredibly moving and emotional event that I can bring to memory. Doubtless all you other Grandma's out there will be the only folk that will truly understand my sentiments!!!

This delightful girl is clearly an old soul ... She smiled and poked her tongue out for us right away!

The weeks since Emma Lee's birth have since rolled by and she is now almost three months of age.

I couldn't let this momentous occasion pass without showing you just a few precious memories of our first few months.....





Emma's first kiss from Mum, Kirstie



Poking her tongue out at Daddy, Roger



A cuddle with Grandma Gail



Here's proud new Grandpa, Richard!



And now for our "piece de resistance....."
A photograph of our four generations of family....al the way from baby Emma Lee, to Mother Kirstie, to her Mother, me – Gail, and then to my very own Mother, Enid Margaret!!



Well it seems that Emma Lee is almost a little girl now – August 2006, pictured with Kirstie!



Is this a proud Auntie or what? Here is Emma posing with our sister Stephanie, here on vacation from her home in London

ADVERTISE IN THE BRIGHTHAVEN NEWSLETTER!!!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN MY NEWSLETTER??

Over the past months I have been asked several times for our advertising rates and policies and have had to confess that I have so far never advertised in my newsletter.

I now realize that this will be a way of informing you about the practitioners, products and companies that we like to recommend, as well as raising well needed funds for the care of our animals.

I therefore propose to commence advertising in my next edition and would like to invite those of you with natural products or services related to animals to contact me for more details and our rates.

At this time I would also like to invite any practitioners or companies who currently donate products or services to BrightHaven on an ongoing basis, to send me their business card size advertisement and I will gladly include it free in all my newsletters.

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1. ANIMAL NEWS AND UPDATES

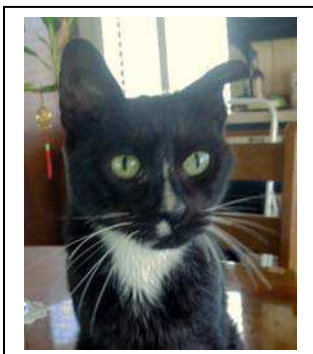


These last few months have brought us the deaths of Tigger, Norman, Sebastian and Sugartip, who was one of my Mother's beloved ones.



You can find my words in memory of these sweet beings on the BH website by clicking on "Residents" and then, "in memoriam".

ANNOUNCING THE ARRIVAL OF "LILY" ON APRIL 25TH 2006



Lily brings us all a lesson in understanding. She was one of many beloved pets belonging to a warm-hearted rescue lady, who recently died. Sadly this sweet but foolish lady had long since managed to care properly for her beloved guardians and her house had deteriorated into squalor.

Lily was living in one bedroom for all her sweet life – estimated to be high into double figures and, as far as we can tell has never had the luxury of feeling the sweet fresh grass beneath her paws – until now.



Evaluated by a concerned veterinarian to suffer Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Colitis or perhaps cancer of some form, Lily is certainly demonstrating herself to be unwell as we observe her having diarrhea and vomiting occasionally.

Having said that, this girl was happily running, leaping and jumping through our house and gardens from her second day and, although she is fearful and angry at the sight of other animals, she has decided to ignore them in her quest for happiness and freedom at last.

Today is the first day of the rest of this dear girl's life.
We know we can make it happier than her previous life!

AND THE ARRIVAL OF PATTI ON MAY 25TH 2006

— FROM THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS LILY.



Thanks to Richard, Patti finally found a new and loving home – here with us!!

Haunted by the look in her defeated and sad brown eyes, and plagued by the memory of our darling and long departed Winston, he persuaded me to lift our ban on large dogs at BrightHaven.

What a girl she is and how happy I am that we gave her a home.

Everyone who meets this sweet dog realizes her gentle softness immediately. It shines from her. Sadly there are a few cats – Gingi and Chester being the worst, who have decided that she must be bullied into knowing her place in the BH hierarchy – sadly it seems that place is at the bottom. This girl is very scared of her new boss cats – in fact cats and some humans too seem to scare her, but she is working on her fears and quickly coming to love her new lifestyle.

Patti happily adores her new diet, which will hopefully greatly help with her arthritic condition and obvious hip dysplasia. We pray that homeopathy will then help to set her on the path to good health.

Happily our Joey has taken her in hand and elected to show her the ropes and here you can see him leading the way to yet another great adventure!!



**"EVERY SINGLE ACT OF COMPASSION TOWARDS ANIMALS MAKES A DIFFERENCE,
AND INCREASES THE RATIO OF HAPPINESS TO SUFFERING"**

This wonderful quote was penned by BrightHaven friend and volunteer Karen Stanley.



Long time BrightHaven volunteer **KERI LEPPERSON** was so sad when, last year she moved to Sacramento – and so were her very special friends here – Dorothy and Paloma the goat girls and Harley the hog!!

Happily though for everyone Keri now comes back to visit for weekends at a time and that way actually gets to spend a good amount of time with her favourites.



Harley is such a famous and beloved pig now for so many of you that I just knew you would love to see these delightful pictures of Keri with him on her last visit.

The first picture shows him graciously accepting a french fry – his very favourite gift!!

Here you see Keri and Harley taking a break together, and below – well I guess they were just sharing another laugh together!!



This vivacious and popular lady works for a well known, fast moving and top notch insurance company and we were delighted recently to hear that they have given her an award for her ongoing hard work and services to a non profit organisation – BrightHaven of course!!! Keri is also in the process of being interviewed for a special feature about BrightHaven in an upcoming publication.

As equally important as French fries are to Harley, so bananas are to Dot and Paloma, and Keri would never dare visit without a good supply of each!!

You can see her below hurriedly trying to peel her bananas quickly enough – If the picture was larger you could see Dorothy's exasperated expression!! (left), however she did receive a big kiss for her patience.



How far that little candle shows his beams!

So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

-William Shakespeare

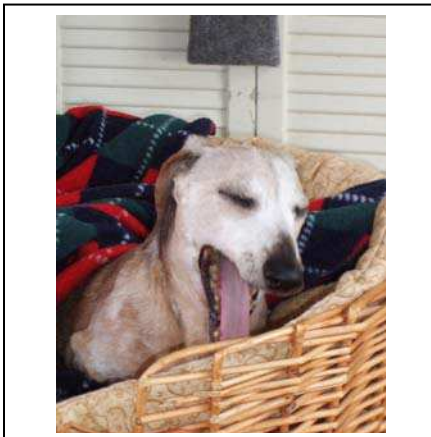
OLLIE THE MIRACLE DOG

A couple of editions previously I featured the very special story of Frazier the cat; who must have been the oldest of souls. This month I would like to share another very special story with you all – that of our darling and rambunctious Ollie the Dachshund, who has clearly decided to live on forever.....!!



At this time, I am so very happy to show you a very treasured BrightHaven photograph – that of these two very special souls, Ollie and Frazier, enjoying a few moments together on the BrightHaven front porch in the sunshine.

(Frazier died on the 13th February this year.)



Ollie's story illustrates well the power of the spirit over these frail and temporary bodies which are our physical existence.

This feisty and rambunctious Dachshund who is now well into his twenty-first year of life, has cheated his very death so many times now that we will never believe he is not invincible.

Ollie graced the halls of BrightHaven in his fifteenth year of life - and life and laughter is exactly what he brought to us. After spinal surgery left him unable to again walk his 90 year old guardian was forced to seek help and luckily it was us she found.

Ollie and his wheelchair were in for a shock (as were we it now seems!!)

This man had lived a quiet and somewhat sheltered life and suddenly his days were filled with fun and frolic and cavorting around in his wheels. He fast became a star and thoroughly enjoyed his every waking moment – as did we all!!



Ollie became our mascot and life was sweet....that is until his health was clearly declining and after a series of strange and very high fevers we were forced to face the fact that time was short – in 2003 I seem to recall!



On one life threatening occasion we finally resorted to taking Ollie to a conventional veterinarian for evaluation and another opinion. We had treated him both naturally and also conventionally to no avail and desperately sought help for this special man who did not wish to die. Unhappily the trip brought us nothing but the sad news that there was nothing more to be done. Meningitis was the diagnosis and euthanasia the recommendation for our boy.

Well rubbish we all said – and continued on our merry way. Ollie had no wish to die and so we supported him through thick and thin as we silently prepared to endure his demise. Hmmm the weeks rolled by and finally Ollie announced he felt better and was ready to resume normal duties.....well a little slower than usual it seemed!!

We watched him closely and his wonderful homeopathic veterinarian (Dr Michele Yasson) supported him through his troubles and difficult days – and each and every time this magnificent dog bounced back from the highest fever or most toxic situation with new and renewed vigor.



The end of 2005 saw the approach to the end of another of Ollie's lives, and this time we knew his resistance was at a final low ebb and he became deathly ill with a frightening speed. This time nothing worked at all and sadly we knew the time was close at hand for him to meet his maker.

His vet prescribed new remedies to help in his comfort and Ollie responded not. He could not eat nor drink and sadly we syringed drops of water through his dry lips as he wound down to die. The dog who could not leave was leaving. The house became quiet and cats gathered around their friend. They ate with him: they slept with him. He was never left alone. Strange it seemed - as we knew that they should all have said their last farewells by now and left him alone – as animals do.....???



A new remedy prescribed seemed hardly worthwhile, but might keep him more peaceful we knew and so it was to be. Ollie became quiet and peaceful and relaxed and sweet as he awaited his final fate. We were exhausted. Fray slept on the floor beside him...finally creeping to the couch for comfort in the wee small hours only.



I cannot tell you when we knew the tide had turned and Ollie was back. It happened slowly and although before our very eyes we could not believe this miracle of healing that had been given to this amazing spirit once more. Ollie must have more work to do and do it well he will.

It is now summer 2006 and Ollie is our daily inspiration. Six short months ago we sadly took his wheelchair to sit quietly alone where he could have still seen it (if he could see that is!!) and moved Ollie's bed to a more central location from whence to say farewell.

Today Ollie is once more in his wheelchair – happily trundling along (his days of racing are behind him now!!). His highlights are the days when his favourite friend Rose stops by to take him out for a whirl in the gardens. She treats him as the puppy he really is – and always will be!!



The moral? Yes - there truly is a moral to Ollie's story.

This dog should be dead – and would be dead if we had listened to conventional wisdom and followed through and put him out of our misery.

True: Ollie was dying. He smelled awful. There seemed no hope. He was barely alive.
False: He wanted to die.

And, my friends that is where the lesson lies:

Ollie did not want to die and sometimes that is all it takes. His very will to survive and the love he shared were all that was needed. Had we not heeded the dog himself who would not give up he would have long since been dead. Even in his darkest days he was “alive” inside himself. Our deepest senses just “knew” he was still there and still wishing for this precious life with his purpose yet not quite finished it seems.

2. THE LAST FEW MONTHS AT BRIGHTHAVEN

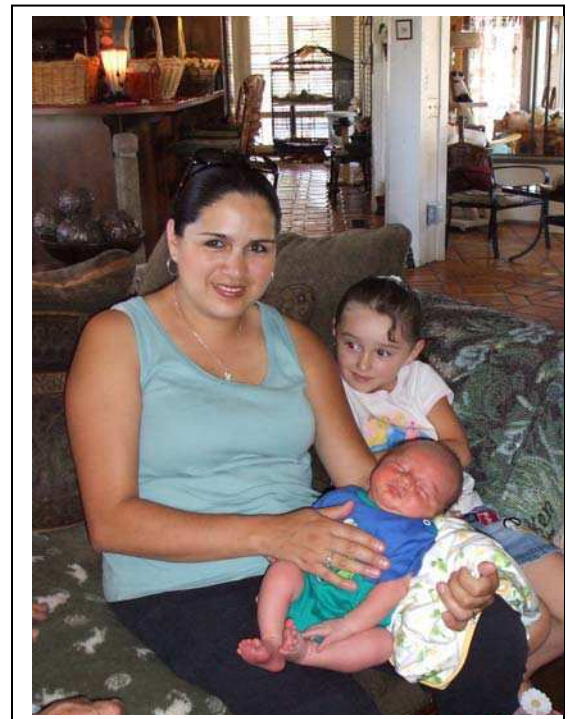
.....AND MY, HAVE WE BEEN BUSY!!

FIRSTLY, I would also like to proudly announce the birth of Ryan Sanchez on July 12th 2006, to BrightHaven’s very own Monica and husband Melvin.

Ryan arrived at 245pm, weighing in at 9lbs 13ozs, to complete Monica’s lovely family of daughter Ashley and son Marc Anthony.

I am still awaiting the gorgeous pics of Ryan at birth but here is Ryan the first time he came to visit BrightHaven at two weeks of age!!!

The two lovely ladies with him are Mummy Monica and sister Ashley.



LAZY, HAZY SUMMER DAYS.....



As the summer days grew hotter we realized it was again time for Richard to begin to tidy up our land and get maintenance in hand for the months ahead. The first job as always was the hiring of a tractor to mow down the long grasses of our pastures.



Sam as usual was the first to race to offer assistance – nothing to do with his pure bliss at spending a whole day riding this huge piece of machinery of course!! – we knew that!! Suzy and the dogs Kaya, Lewis and Buddha were there to “help” and, despite the heat and hard work, a great time was had by all.



Some weeks later we had huge reason to be glad of the job well done as a neighbour's mower sparked and, caught and tossed by the wind that day a fire quickly spread onto our land. The fire brigade quickly arrived and no harm was done.

This event made us more aware that, since living here we have felt safe from danger and had made no real evacuation plans. We are now in the process of remedying this and I am working on detailed plans. This is where you come in please.

As part of the cat department evacuation I already possess enough carriers for the family, but over the years our supply of towels for lining them is sadly lacking.

THIS THEN IS MY APPEAL FOR TOWELS YOU NO LONGER NEED – PLEASE COULD WE HAVE THEM AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY????????????

MY TRIP BACK HOME TO LONDON



Gosh it seems eons ago when I flew to London back in April for a long awaited trip home to spend time with our sister Stephanie and her daughter Elkie, who has alarmingly already managed to reach the age of sixteen years!! You can see her, (right) in her first prom dress, which I had great fun in helping to purchase!!

We had a wonderful time visiting old haunts and (left), is a photograph taken on a day to visit my Mum's sweet bungalow, along with her best friend and neighbour Joan, shown with me on the right, as we enjoyed a good old cup of English tea!!

There were just a few (!!) trips to rekindle memories of long forgotten English pubs and you can see one either side here below!

The trip would not have been complete without frequent visits to our favourite Chinese and Indian restaurants, and I shall complete my gallery with a lovely picture of darling Ivy, Stephanie and Elkie's cute little feline girl.



AN INVITATION TO THE BRIGHTHAVEN ROSE CEREMONY

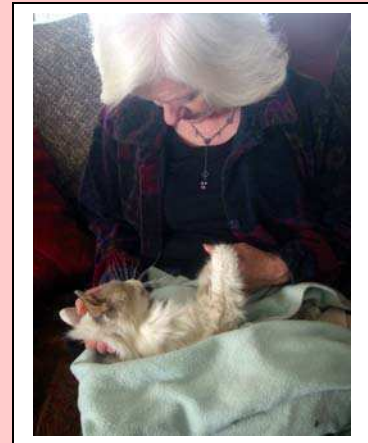
The ceremony is a BrightHaven tradition to honor the passing of our loved ones. It is a wonderful opportunity to share memories with like-minded people. The ceremony is a simple but very moving affair, which begins with a short address of welcome, after which family and guests will be invited to come 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.

These afternoons have proved a wonderful way for us to say goodbye and to resolve our feelings of sadness and grief by sharing our thoughts and feelings with each other.

We always end up laughing as we remember funny incidents and happy times for each one we say farewell to.

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



3 PRACTITIONER NEWS

You will realize that this is a new section for my newsletter, brought to you by popular demand.

I plan to feature a different BrightHaven practitioner each month. These are very special people who volunteer their services to help the BrightHaven animals and over the months and years ahead I plan to tell you of homeopaths, communicators, Reiki, Flower essence and Bowen practitioners, acupuncturists and chiropractors, massage therapists, in fact all of the wonderful practitioners who devote their lives to the care and wellbeing of animals.

www.christinachambreau.com

Dr Christina Chambreau
Professional veterinary homeopath
And educator extraordinaire!

This link will take you straight to the wonderful web site developed by one of America's leading professional homeopaths...the renowned Dr Christina Chambreau who, we are proud to boast sits firmly on BrightHaven's Board of Directors.



Quite some years ago now Christina was responsible for introducing me to the amazing science of homeopathy and in doing so showed us a rare miracle of healing. Well rare then to me perhaps, but these days not rare at all as we explore the highways and byways of natural animal care. Cindy was a very old Persian lady who was in advanced renal failure with hours only left to live. After a prescription from Christina her life was not only saved, but dear Cindy graced BrightHaven for almost another year of bright and happy life.

Since that day Christina has not only joined our Board of Directors, taught us an unbelievable amount, helped many of our animals but has also introduced many of her profession to BrightHaven and "persuaded" them into helping us too!

To sum up the amazing talent of this lady would be difficult but I came up with a few words that those who know her would agree are a good fit...

Extraordinary, energetic, dynamic, vivacious, talented, humorous, loving, caring, giving....

Gosh I could go on and on it seems.

The last words caring and giving remind me to mention that Christina devotes much of her time to helping others less fortunate than herself as she works hard to raise much needed funds for her favourite charities – and above all the planet we live on. She says:

**My commitment is to daily increase the actions
I take that are friendly to the planet and to help others do the same.**

Christina's passion for life is contagious. I have attended her seminars and notice that her audiences leave inspired to live the life of their dreams.

I have to encourage each and every one of you to visit Christina's website and discover the many ways she has to offer help and healing to you, your animals and our planet.

Thank you Christina,
From all the humans and animals of BrightHaven for the special lady you are.

Christina Chambreau, DVM, is an internationally known homeopathic veterinarian. A dynamic teacher, Dr. Chambreau is chair of the board & founder of the [Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy](#) and is on the faculty of the National Center for Homeopathy Summer School. She also teaches her own 1 and 2 day courses, and lectures at conventions, schools, clubs and to anyone who is concerned about improving the health of animals. Written up in and quoted in many magazines, Dr. Chambreau graduated from the University of Georgia Veterinary College in 1980, began using homeopathy in her veterinary practice in 1983, and has used primarily homeopathy since 1988. She is married to Dr. Mort Orman, author of "[The 14-Day Stress Cure](#)" and "How to Have a Stress Free Wedding". They have a 12-year-old daughter and live near Baltimore, Maryland.

4 THE FUNDRAISING CORNER

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING YOUR VERY OWN BRIGHTHAVEN ANIMAL???



Harley the hog!

Would you consider the sponsorship of one of our deserving animals??

Any amount monthly would be so gratefully accepted .

Here are some suggestions for needy applicants.....



Bellestar



Patti



Lily

WOULDN'T YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THE BRIGHTHAVEN SHOPPE??

This month I would like to tell you of another project that I am "getting my teeth into very soon!!!

As part of our ever onward drive to raise awareness as well as funds for our work with these precious animals we are becoming increasingly aware that we should have all sorts of items featured for sale both in-house here at BrightHaven and also on-line to take advantage of the ever increasing trend towards internet sales.

Funding for this project is an issue of course and I would ask you to consider getting involved to help us in some way.....

Items we currently have for sale are:-

Our gorgeous note cards which you see featured below.

Blanca's gorgeous jewellery. (As seen or by special order and design)

Nutritional supplements and items required for the natural diet preparation

"Herbs for Pets" The fabulous book by Greg Tilford and Mary Wulff-Tilford

In the works items:-

Educational literature:

Our own BrightHaven brochures featuring

Holistic animal care
Diet and Nutrition for cats and dogs
Hospice care for cats and dogs
Transition

And more.....

And then the one I would like to ask your help with!!!!

BrightHaven T-shirts APPEAL.

We have long been out of stock of T-shirts and they are always a very popular item to sell.

If anyone would be willing to donate towards sponsoring the cost of this item –
do please let me know.

**PLEASE WON'T YOU BUY A PACK OF OUR
GORGEOUS NOTE-CARDS??**



Sammi & Fred
Whispering Sweet Nothings

Sushi
Blue Eyes

Bobbi
Bobbi Sitting on Laurel B.

**These delightful blank notelet cards, which are purrfectly sized for your favourite frame,
are offered for sale to benefit the BrightHaven animals.**

Each 8"x 5" card has a 5" x 7" frame-able art image, and the three card pack is available for **\$10.50**.

Card sets can be ordered by contacting BrightHaven with your order
by telephone 707 578 4800, by email info@brighthaven.org or on-line at www.brighthaven.org

Charitable Gifting Program...

Now you can give and receive

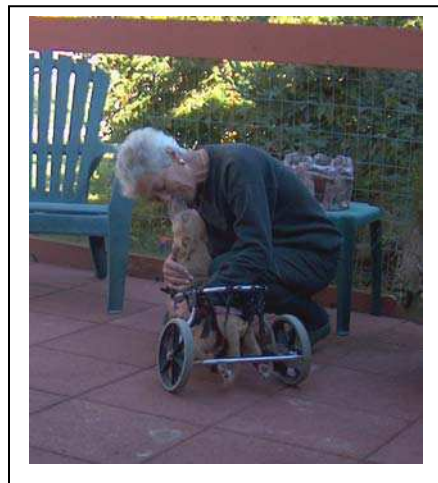
If you would like information on an opportunity to make a donation to BrightHaven, receive a tax donation and possibly receive your donation back in the form of a bonus annuity, please contact Patricia Meyer at (707) 928-5200

5 VOLUNTEER NEWS

ROSE RHODES has quietly been going about her business at BrightHaven for some years now, arriving without fail every Monday to spend a busy and varied morning!!

Every Monday morning Joey waits somewhat patiently by the front doors after breakfast. He knows without ever being told that this is his favourite morning of the week.

Rose's first love – no not us we realize!!! – is dear Joey and she will be the first to admit it. Ollie, Patti and Bunny come very close behind of course, but Rose always starts her day by taking Joey for a run in the grounds. It does have to be said that noone would get any peace at all if this was not the routine. Joey does have an extremely loud and noisy bark!!!



Having satisfied the dogs every desires Rose turns her attention to the BH gardens and inspects many of her favourite plants to be sure we are taking as good care of them as the animals in our care. Certain of the geraniums and fuschia's are her "babies" and woe betide Fray or me if they have been under or over watered this week!!

On to the clinic and Rose "tut-tuts" to find syringes and other medical paraphernalia awaiting her attention. No!!!! – we did NOT leave them just because we knew she was coming!! Ha-Ha!!

After Rose has then visited and checked on all her cat friends and checked in with each and every one of us to find out about the goings on at BrightHaven in the last days she will show us again what a Jack of all trades she is as she may turn her hand to any kind of office work she can help out with.

Rose is a complete all rounder and we thank you Rose for your deep love and dedication to us all.
Oh – one more thing – Rose religiously buys a lottery ticket every single week and so far nothing has come to fruition – won't you please say a prayer for next week – we would soooo love to help her to help us win the lottery!!!!

NEW VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AT BRIGHTHAVEN – AVAILABLE NOW!!

This next appeal goes mainly to our local community – or to anyone who may know of someone who might like to come and volunteer at BrightHaven.

Susanna and I do the lion's share of the medical and animal work and Blanca takes care of the house, as well as tries to devote time to helping us out when she can. Fray volunteers help with care of the fowl, goats and Harley the hog, not to mention one hundred and one other tasks around and about BrightHaven on a daily basis.

The work is endless as you can imagine and we really need some help – particularly in two specialized areas: Horses and medical work

HORSE LOVERS are needed - with at least some experience to help with the daily care of our four rescued horses.

Each one has a wonderful personality and is waiting for that special someone to spend time with.

Shifts are approximately 1 hour, either in the morning or afternoon.

CAT AND DOG LOVERS are also needed to help out with our daily medical chores

Duties include preparing and administering natural remedies and medications as well as giving subcutaneous fluids. Gain hands-on experience in holistic and conventional medicine for animals!

Shifts are approx. 3 hours in the morning.

Do you have **PR AND MARKETING** skills that you may be able to share with us. We desperately need to spread the word about BrightHaven and the work we do here. There are often events and fayres, which would be excellent venues for us to attend, but sadly we do not have the manpower to cover both home and away....!
Can you help us?

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT
We are delighted with the compliments we receive on our beautiful web site, but its maintenance presents an ongoing problem for us. The site needs some updating, as well as some new innovation, which Susanna is working on – such as a musical book for my obituaries as well as thumbnail photographs and detail for all our residents.

If you think you might be interested in either helping us in any way at all,
then we would love to hear from you!

Please call Susanna, or email for more information and to schedule a tour

Phone: 707-578-4800 ~ E-mail: info@brighthaven.org

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?

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS AT BRIGHTHAVEN

***OUR GOAL AS AN EDUCATION CENTER
IS TO HELP YOU BETTER HELP YOUR ANIMAL.***

OUR PLANS FOR THE NEW BRIGHTHAVEN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Over and over we are asked about various parts of our daily lives and realize that we need to actually offer to teach all or part of it!!

This project is currently still in its infancy and I will feature it more in each new edition.

- Ongoing education by way of seminars and workshops, held both on and off-site.
- Educational literature available for purchase here, by mail, by email and also on-line
- Educational in-house training packages – on daily holistic healthcare for animals, including diet, diagnostic evaluation and healthcare plans, hospice care and transition. These will be offered as One or Two Day classes and tailored to suit the individual.
- The all-in residency will be invaluable experience for anyone wishing to start their own sanctuary or rescue organization and most especially for anyone who has an interest in natural animal care to better care for their own pets.

Should anyone have any questions or ideas for the program for us – so please email me with your thoughts. We really wish to build this program to suit a variety of needs.

The BrightHaven Open –House Day

As a “kick-off” event to celebrate our future plans we have determined that it would be a great idea for those of you who are able to visit the Santa Rosa area – for us to open our doors to you as visitors for a day.

We have invited some of the practitioners who volunteer their time and love for animals to come here for this special day so that you can come along and meet them and find out more about their talents and skills so that when you see me advertising an upcoming workshop you will just KNOW you have to attend!!!

STOP PRESS!!

**SAVE THE DATE –
FOR**

**OPEN HOUSE
AT BRIGHTHAVEN**

Please won't you come along and join us

On: Saturday September 17th, 2006

At: BrightHaven

**From 1230pm to 4pm
Refreshments.**



This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet and chat with some of our holistic practitioners, free of charge.

You will learn about natural and highly effective healing modalities for your animals, including:

Homeopathy, acupressure, Massage, Teeth cleaning gently without anesthesia, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation, Animal Communication, TTouch, as well as Diet and Nutrition.

Find out what's right for your animal.



You will also get to meet the BrightHaven family of humans as well as the animals, two, three and four legged!!



Please call the BrightHaven office at 707 578 4800 for directions.

“LASTLY BUT NOT LEASTLY”: I WOULD VALUE YOUR HELP PLEASE.....

**DO YOU HAVE A GREAT VET YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND?
PLEASE EMAIL ME AND TELL ME ABOUT THEM**

As part of our ongoing education here at BrightHaven we are often asked for referrals to all kinds of practitioners.

As you know we work primarily with homeopathic veterinarians and refer them to all and sundry as we are able.

When working homeopathically there is often a need for diagnostic care, or a hands-on examination of some sort, and it is good to find a local veterinarian who is open to working as part of a team in this fashion. Many conventional vets are not open to just running a blood panel in the knowledge that a holistic veterinarian is actually in charge of the case. Silly but true.

**AND SO..... I AM SEEKING TO RECEIVE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE
FOR EXCELLENT CONVENTIONAL OR INTEGRATIVE VETERINARIANS WHOM I
CAN ADD TO MY RESOURCES LIST.**

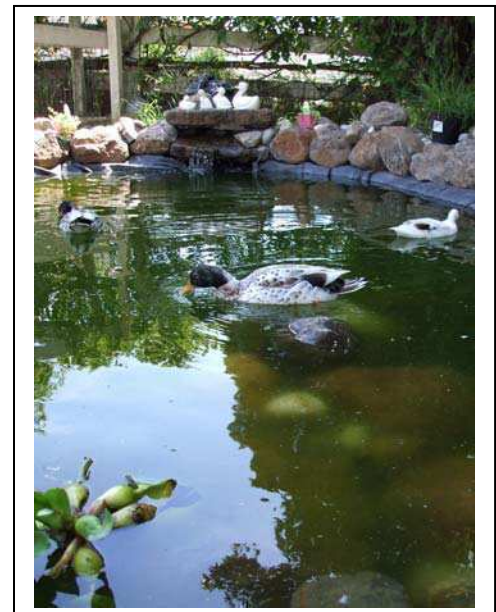
PLEASE WON'T YOU DROP ME A LINE TO:

GAIL@BRIGHTHAVEN.ORG

6B SPECIAL PROJECTS WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP WITH:

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

First though I would like to proudly show you our beautiful new duck Pond - so many months in the building...but happily now reaching conclusion – all thanks to the generosity of long time BrightHaven friends John and Veenon Wiggins.



The weather has fought us for so many months that we feared the job could never be done. Even after the



“monsoon” rains ceased, the hole in the ground, which had been started all those weeks ago, just would not drain away!! The ducks were very happy at that point – They just loved the muddy mess!!

Of course when the weather cleared we sprung into action – never dreaming that the weather would go so far in the opposite direction that we were facing over 100 degree temperatures instead! Blanca’s wonderful husband Lencho was not about to allow that to deter him and worked away despite the heat until it was finished.

Susanna’s good friend Jeremy donated a liner and pump for the project and Richard is now busily planting around the pool.



The entire job has been thoroughly supervised and inspected by the chickens every step of the way, and now finally pronounced good swimming by the water birds.

Sadly I cannot show you a picture of the geese swimming in it yet – as the dreadful ducks keep frightening them away and will not allow them use of it yet!! Silly huh – the geese are HUGE and so scared of the fearsome three ducks! Well perhaps next time I will be able to include a picture for you of the pond – looking glorious with its new plants as well as Bruce the goose and his wife, Georgette happily swimming inside.

Our main projects now include:

Fencing for horses, pigs and goats.

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

Cat gardens. As you can see from many of our photographs our cat gardens are well on the way now, but there is still much for us to do.....

We must still:-

- provide a watering system -.other than Fray and I!!!!!!
- 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 in No.California. 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 construction work
- Donate towards our purchase of plants, trees, fountains, and other features.
- Donate towards our purchase of suitable climbing and playing outdoor amusements!

You can review our wish list in great detail on-line by clicking the link below:

https://protected.usanethosting.com/brighthaven/wish_list.html

This month I would like to ask your help with just one much needed item – which you will have already read about earlier in the newsletter as I mentioned our ongoing evacuation project

TOWELS – old, new – whatever you have PLEASE SEND THEM TO US.

They will be used for a variety of purposes, but primarily they are going to each fill a cat carrier, which will stand ready for action should the occasion of our evacuation of the premises happen.

THIS TIME AROUND I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH AN ARTICLE THAT I AM SURE MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE SEEN EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT AROUSED VERY GOOD FEELINGS IN ME AND SEEMS THE KIND OF UPLIFTING STORY THAT ALWAYS DOES OUR HEARTS GOOD.

The Whale



If you read the front page story of the SF Chronicle, you would have read about a female humpback whale who had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines. She was weighed down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallone Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed an environmental group for help.

Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her ... a very dangerous proposition.



One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.



They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her. When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, and nudged them, pushed gently around-she thanked them. Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.



The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be so blessed and fortunate to be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you. And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

A new arrival this week....Meet little orphan Annie

More on this cute girl next time around.....!!!



So, my friends that is “it” for this edition.

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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