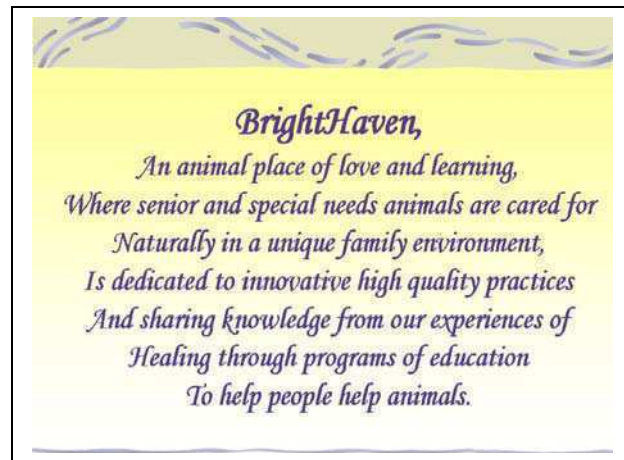




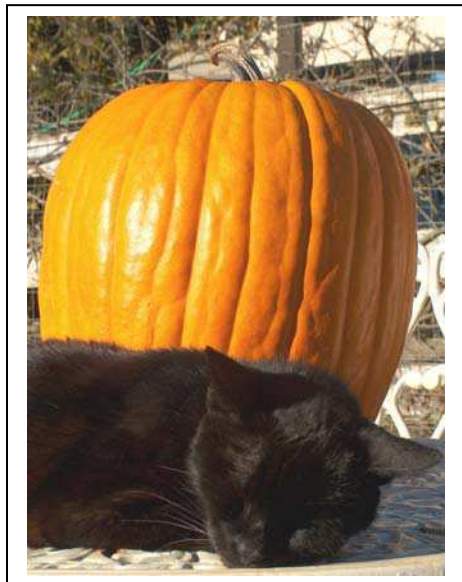
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### HAPPY THANKSGIVING WISHES FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS!!!

Hello dear friends,

Here we are at Thanksgiving time again – and this year I thought I would remind us all to give thanks for all the wonderful Mothers of our world. Our photo shoot went somewhat awry as Emily and Mr Woody tried to upstage us, but at least you get to see my lover-ly Mum and me together in the BrightHaven gardens.



So – here is gorgeous Emily, wearing her beautiful black fur coat and making a purrrfect foil for this fabulous pumpkin!!

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### 1. ANIMAL NEWS AND UPDATES

#### "HARLEY"

Harley – the hog would like to say "Hi" to you this month, let you know how very well he is doing and to tell you that he gets terribly, terribly hungry and that he knows he is eating BrightHaven out of house and home!!!

He would like to enlist a little help this month – for FOOD!! Harley said he would also be prepared to share a little with his goat girl friends too!!

Since we have moved to Santa Rosa we are having difficulty in getting any food donated for him. Most local produce it seems already goes out to needy farmers and so I would like to ask that all local readers ask around to see if any local store may be able to donate fruit and veggies for him.

Alternatively anyone who might be able to consider sending him a cash donation – then I will be very happy to race to the store and buy for him!!

For local folk and BrightHaven volunteers Fray has given me the following list of Harley, Dorothy and Paloma's favourite items

Harley:

All fruits – especially apples bananas, avocados and grapes  
Beets, cauliflower, carrots, nuts, tomatoes, red, yellow and green peppers.  
Romaine lettuce ONLY!!

Dot and Paloma:

Grapes, apples, corn husks  
Occasional "likes" are leafy greens – kale, mustard and collard cauliflower and carrots.




## 2. THE LAST MONTH AT BRIGHTHAVEN

Well, the last month at BrightHaven has been a wonderful mixture for us.

### FIRST – A REIKI SHOOT FOR KATHLEEN PRASAD’S NEW ANIMAL REIKI BOOK,

which will be available courtesy of Amazon.com on the 9<sup>th</sup> February. You can order your copy in advance now – as shown below.....

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/search-handle-form/002-9566818-9404042>

1.  [Animal Reiki : Using Energy to Heal the Animals in Your Life](#)  
by Elizabeth Fulton, Kathleen Prasad (**Paperback** – February 9, 2006)

It was an exciting day for us all as professional photographer Kendra Luck accompanied Kathleen to BrightHaven to shoot some delightful photographs of Kathleen performing Reiki on some of the BrightHaven animals. As usual our Tim was front and centre and persuaded Kendra to allow us to give you a sneak preview of his favourite shot!! Frazier, not to be outdone, spent most of the day trying to climb into Kathleen’s lap and Kendra simply could not resist taking this cute shot of him also(left). After all, not many photographers get the chance to take pictures of such an elderly celebrity!!



Both photographs are shown courtesy of

Kendra Luck

Dogumentarian  
Photographer

510-527-1011  
c. 510-847-1832

Kendra@dogumentarian.com  
[www.dogumentarian.com](http://www.dogumentarian.com)





...AND NEXT a visit to BrightHaven by local professional veterinary acupuncturist, Dr Jona Jordan, who practices integrative medicine right here in Santa Rosa.

**DR JONA JORDAN OF CODDINGTOWN VETERINARY CLINIC**



Please contact Dr Jordan at 707 546 4646

Dr J. as Jona is mostly referred to, came to visit last week and toured with Susanna and I. We were delighted to find that she follows almost the same holistic approach to healthcare as we do. We have long desired to find a local veterinarian who practices integrative medicine and has a similar philosophy to ours and so the more we talked the more thrilled we became!! It is so good to know that we have an accomplished acupuncturist close by, who will be able to help us with some of our needy animals.

Dr J. fell in love with almost everyone she met and, as we found so much in common about which to chat it was long dark when she finally managed to escape!!! We now hope to work with Dr J to better the health of some of our animals using acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine and just can't wait to get started.

**NOW: I THOUGHT IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU ALL TO MEET THE FABULOUS BRIGHTHAVEN HOUSEKEEPING TEAM.....**

When visitors tour BrightHaven or attend a workshop you can always hear them voicing their thoughts regarding our housekeeping skills. I am exceedingly proud that I never hear anything bad – It is all good. At BrightHaven we work terribly hard to keep the house looking and smelling nice. I believe that cleanliness and good hygiene are terribly important and I would like to introduce you now to the three ladies who work so very hard to present BrightHaven so beautifully for us all:



**MEET BLANCA DOMINGUEZ:**  
BrightHaven full time house-keeper and our pride and joy!! My Grandmother used to say that “cleanliness is next to Godliness”, and that seems to hold good for our Blanca too! Blanca is the BrightHaven housekeeper and works tirelessly to keep BrightHaven beautiful from the inside out!! She adores all animals and, as well as daughter Yanira and husband Fidencio, she has her own family of felines at home. Currently Blanca is spending time with Susanna, learning to accomplish morning medical tasks so that she can work even more closely with the animals.



Weekends bring us the Sanchez team of sisters Monica (left) and Rosa, who often comes along to help out.

The girls are incredibly fast, amazingly efficient and much loved by all the animals.

Here you see Monica posing for us with Vancouver and Rosa obliging with the ever-ready and terribly photogenic Tim!!



## The ABC of Holistic Pet Care was a wonderful success!!!!

with  
*Homeopathic Veterinarian  
and Renowned Teacher*

*Dee Blanco, DVM*



[www.drdeebianco.com](http://www.drdeebianco.com)



Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November was a great day at BrightHaven as Dr Dee Blanco lectured on natural health care for animals.

We listened with great interest as Dee taught the excited group our favourite topics of a natural raw meat diet, the vaccine controversy and all types of chronic disease.

Everyone went home having learned lots and some are already planning to return to BrightHaven either to volunteer or to learn more about beginning to feed their own natural diet to their beloved pets.



*See "6" for details of Susanna's "Learn about Diet" workshops  
- coming 10<sup>th</sup> December 2005.*

## 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.



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

The Rose Ceremony is now well into its second year and a well established tradition that we all look forward to each month.

It has 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.

### 3 THE FUNDRAISING CORNER

BrightHaven friend and excellent realtor **ANNA BOUCHER** has long been supportive of many charities. She has recently brought to us a wonderful offer, which could prove a great fundraiser for BrightHaven.

In Anna's own words –

“Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season!

Thank you to everyone who has made 2005 a wonderful year. I am proud to be part of a community that gives back so generously by contributing to local and national charities.



**When you purchase or list your residential or commercial property with me I will donate 20% of my commission in your name, upon the close of escrow, to BrightHaven”.**

Other charities generously supported by Anna have included: Koret Family House ~ Raphael House ~ Giant Steps ~ Ross Valley Women's League for Adopt-A-Family ~ Shoah Foundation ~ Marin Humane Society ~ Firefighter's Association ~ Marin Catholic ~ Marin Academy ~ Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.



This is a very exciting offer for us – and I encourage you to please allow Anna the opportunity to help you in the future if you are planning a move either residentially or commercially.

\* Please remember to mention BrightHaven when you pass this information along, or call Anna.

### **A PLEA FOR HELP FROM JOEY-D**

So, finally Joey has exhausted his chariot and needs a new one!!

Actually it was never his in the first place as it had previously been discarded by Tim, who felt that he could actually get around faster under his own steam - by scooting!!!



Joey does so love his chair, but it is just not a good fit for him.

I have filled in the forms - measured Joey from top to tail and –

**it will cost the princely sum of \$ 250.00 for his new chair.**

Won't you please consider donating just a little something so that Joey can race around BrightHaven in the style to which we have all become accustomed!!!

### **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS : FOR THE BRIGHTHAVEN HORSES**

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)

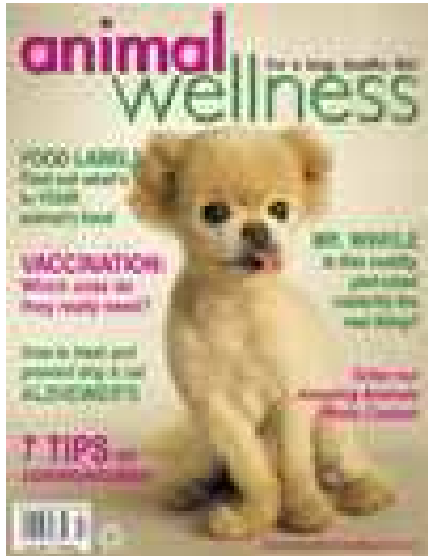
Richard is willing to finance a good second hand one for BrightHaven, and so we would appreciate your help to find a suitably GOOD OFFER.



**DO YOU PERHAPS KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS ONE FOR SALE – OR DONATION???????????**

## 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

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:**

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](mailto:Susanna@brighthaven.org) to place your order and arrange the details.





## A WEEKEND AT BRIGHHAVEN!!

I am delighted to report that we are starting to receive bookings for next 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.



## 4 VOLUNTEER NEWS

### ANNOUNCING: A NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR!!!

You will recall that Christy Johnston our volunteer coordinator recently made the move with her family to Seattle. I am now delighted to announce that BrightHaven’s very own Fray Huffman has agreed to step into Christy’s shoes and become our new volunteer coordinator. Fray already knows all our volunteers well, and will be working hard to enlist new volunteers to help us out in all sorts of areas.



Here Fray is shown with one of her favourite girls - sweet Katie, who resides mostly in the BH Clinic

We need volunteer help in the following ways:

- Gardening – weeding, pruning, digging new flowerbeds, planting.
- Cat grooming
- Dog walking – little dogs!
- Medical help with our daily work – including giving oral meds and subcutaneous fluid therapy.
- Fundraising
- Marketing and PR
- Housekeeping always!!
- Web site maintenance

If you or someone you know would like to come along for a tour to meet us and our animal family, please give Fray a call on 707 578 4800, or email her at [Fray@brighthaven.org](mailto:Fray@brighthaven.org)

## 5 BRIGHTHAVEN MIRACLE STORIES"



### "GRADY"

#### THE BRIGHTHAVEN GREETER

This is the incredible story of one cat called Grady who has proved to be an inspiration for us all with his never ending courage in the face of almost certain death – and not just once but over and over again!!

This wonderful picture was taken of Grady – in the BrightHaven grounds – in the very fitting company of St Francis. They are looking back at BrightHaven and no doubt discussing their jobs of protecting and guarding us all and greeting our guests.



Grady was born disabled. Not only did he have no tail, but he was deformed so badly that he was actually unable to walk. Added to the enormity of that, he could neither urinate nor defecate.

For most owners and animals that would have been an immediate death sentence, but it seems that Grady was destined to have a very special life. His guardian Pam used love and perseverance to teach this cat to walk by himself and then she learned how to assist him to go to the bathroom – with her help.

For fourteen long years Grady lived a life of happiness as a free man in the outdoors – coming home nightly to eat and have his toilet duties performed. At that time life changed and his guardian felt no longer able to continue in her huge labor of love. Luckily her close friend and BrightHaven practitioner Ann Kaplan saw a match and plead Grady's case to me.....!! Of course I acquiesced and Grady moved in.



It was not an easy start to the rest of this huge personality's life. You see Grady was one very different cat. He had a mind of his own and a very loud voice to match. He was not about to become a family cat under any circumstances!! After much negotiation a truce was reached and Grady proudly became the BrightHaven Greeter - well remembered by so very many people.

Life was good for us all as Grady honoured our pledge – and his curfew times - until our lives changed as he became very ill.

Grady had AIDS. He ignored it – he fought it – and so did we.



Many times he faced life threatening high fevers – and even a long stay at Animal Care Centre where some of the best surgeons fought valiantly to save his life as he sustained a dangerous pyothorax, which saw his chest cavity filling with poisonous fluid.

Renowned and sought after homeopath Dr Jeff Levy took his case and the next battle commenced. In fact so many times did Grady teeter at the brink of death only to pull through - that we absolutely knew with conviction that he simply could NOT die.

But die he did that fateful day when in Grady style with his loud battle cry he leapt into my arms – gazed tenderly into my eyes - and left.



Anyone who has visited us will well remember Grady for his dignity, arrogance, loud piercing voice, straight gaze, belligerence rudeness and huge charm!

I remember him for his sweetness and joy and laughter and love.

*“Oh, be still my soul when loved ones depart and sadness doth break my heart.*

*The time must come to bid adieu and I must say farewell to you.*

*But in that Universal Light I know your flame is burning bright.*

*And when my eyes I dry, I'll see you in the evening sky.*

*For you're not waiting far from me. “*

*Sheila Ganey*

Grady died on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

## **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.*

### **The Natural Diet for Cats and Dogs - What your vet won't tell you about feeding a carnivore...**

Come to BrightHaven to learn how to prepare the natural raw food diet for cats and dogs.

10<sup>th</sup> December 2005

This highly informative, practical and fun hands-on workshop will teach you all you ever wanted to know about how to feed your cat or dog in the most healthful way:

- Find out why you should feed your carnivore a raw meat-based diet and how it can help improve their health, appearance and even behaviour.
- Learn how to make the natural diet yourself, with all the proper supplementation, including modifications for certain disorders.
- Get in on BrightHaven's secret tips and tricks on how to switch animals from a commercial diet to a wholesome, homemade diet.
- Make your very own batch of food and take it home to try!
- Let BrightHaven give you the tools and resources to take a proactive approach to your animal's health.



BrightHaven's General Manager Susanna Anthony has long researched the natural diet and is passionate about her subject.

You will have an entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon learning how best to feed your beloved pet the BrightHaven way.

Susanna will not only explain in detail how to prepare the diet but you will be given the hands on opportunity to mix the diet for yourself for an even better understanding.

You may then take home your mix to start feeding your own animals!!

This will be a small class, repeated frequently so that everyone actually has the chance to properly learn and understand the diet.

You will learn BrightHaven tips for the dietary changes you need to make as well as pointers for the future.



**This is our very own Vancouver showing you just how irresistible the diet is!!!**

**Saturday, December 10th, 2005  
1pm - 4pm**



**Donation: \$50**

**Please call BrightHaven (707) 578-4800  
or email [info@brighthaven.org](mailto:info@brighthaven.org)  
for reservations and directions.  
Each class will be small so please reserve  
your place quickly**

A flier to advertise the event is available on line at our website [www.brighthaven.org](http://www.brighthaven.org) or by clicking the link shown below:

[http://www.brighthaven.org/susanna\\_flyer.pdf?ArdSI=405e04c094d6d9f849defbeb14bffb2](http://www.brighthaven.org/susanna_flyer.pdf?ArdSI=405e04c094d6d9f849defbeb14bffb2)

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

**Fall projects:**

First some good news!

BrightHaven good friends John and Veenon Wiggins presented us with a check to enable us to achieve some wonderful projects in preparation for winter.

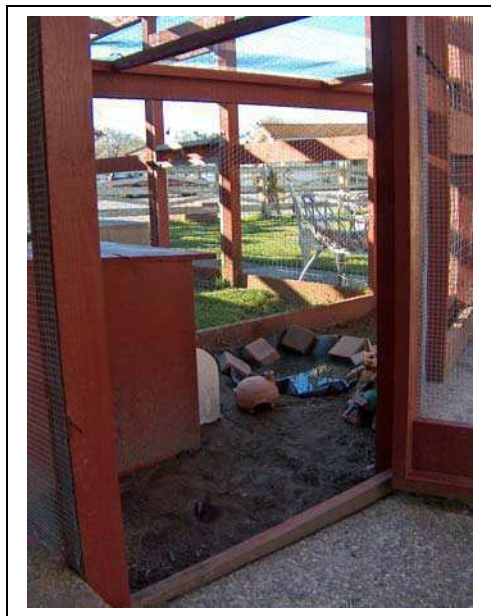
Don't you just love our new patios!!



This shot shows SuzyQ modeling the new patio area outside our bedroom door. You can see just how proud she is by the way she is holding her tail so high!! No more muddy feet for her now!!



Here Harley has been forced to stop for a kiss whilst helping Fray sweep his new patio!! Fray is very happy that she does not have to paddle in mud anymore at feeding time.



.....and this is Toad Hall!! Did you ever see such a grand palace in your whole life?!!



Joey and I spending time chatting with BrightHaven volunteer Rose Rhodes as she admires the new breakfast room garden patio. Joey would really rather go for his walk!!!



**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.** 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.
- dig flower beds and fill them with bushes and suitable cat proof plants and trees for fun and shade
- 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](mailto: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 suitable climbing and playing outdoor amusements!

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

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

[https://protected.usanethosting.com/brighthaven/wish\\_list.html](https://protected.usanethosting.com/brighthaven/wish_list.html)

This month I would like to feature a few items that we are much in need of...

Rugs – throw rugs from Target. (Approx 30”x20”) We use them for protection under litter boxes and as door mats too! Earth tones of beige, taupe and green would be a great fit for the house too.

Huggies diapers for Tim: 8-14lbs

Paper towels – I can’t begin to tell you how many we use weekly for clean up jobs!!!

Cat toys – like catnip mice and pillows

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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