



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”



Feeding time in the BrightHaven kitchen



Grady and St Francis
in the BH rose garden

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

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

We are a sanctuary where the elderly or disabled 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 and find a balance of healing 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.

Well gosh, another month has rolled by and Fall is here again. The leaves are tumbling down - Harley the hog is foraging for his much loved acorns and cats and dogs are eating dinner in the dark!

The last month has been a very busy one for us as we welcomed Shelly Horten into our midst as volunteer cum intern. Shelly had watched the Sgt Pepper and Oliver story on television recently, been terribly moved by the story and just “knew” she had to come and meet us.

What transpired has energized us all for the future and changed my course just a little and very happily so! We exchanged dreams and ideals and discovered that we all have much in common in the world of holistic medicine and lifestyle, both for humans and animals too.

Shelly introduced us to the miracles of healing that can occur when disabled animals and disabled people come together and as a result we have determined to expand our program to reach out further to the community at large to embrace this important work. The pioneer in this field of work is Diane T Reid of Whispering Hope ranch in Arizona and I would encourage you to visit the Whispering Hope website at <http://www.whisperinghoperanch.org/default.asp> to read of their many wonderful accomplishments.

Shelly is currently seeking acreage of her own, hopefully in this area, to further her own dream to rescue and rehabilitate horses.

Our thanks to Shelly then for helping steer Brighthaven in this new and exciting direction for our future.

...and so – on with the show!!!

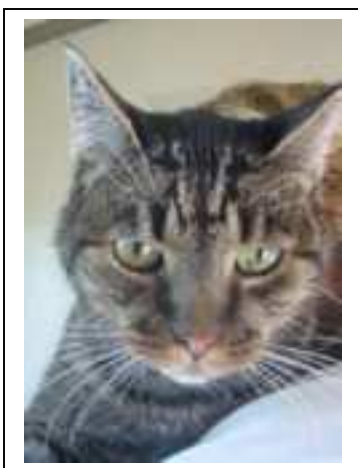
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1. Animal news and updates

I would like to start with a few updates on the progress of some of our newer arrivals:-

Spike



You may recall reading about Spike and Chester’s arrival at Brighthaven earlier this month. The boys came to us from Animal Control in San Francisco, where they had been taken after the death of their beloved guardian. This is yet another sad story, but one which will have a happy ending as we struggle to make up for the injustice done.

Chester



Currently -Spike is gaining in strength daily, as he has slowly began to eat again and Chester is much brighter, although remaining very fearful as he tries to adjust to his unwished for new life.

Please read their story on the Brighthaven web site:

http://www.brighthaven.org/new_arrivals.html

Blue:

You will remember I am sure the sad story of how Blue lost his tail and then suffered a maggot infestation and later bacterial meningitis that almost claimed his life. Well – I am delighted to announce that in the last couple of weeks we have all observed Blue happily rolling in the dirt in the garden – a good start huh! He is still not out of the woods yet physically as we continue to seek the best way of expressing his bladder and bowels for him. As part of his journey we are happy to announce that Dr Lisa Pesch has now accepted Blue as her patient and will be treating him with both acupuncture and Chinese Herbal therapy for several weeks to come.

Here he is pictured with Sam.



Wendy:

This sweet angel has captivated us all and become a well balanced, contented and happy girl very quickly. She does however feel that she should be an “only” cat, which does present a few minor problems in the household from time to time!

Here you can see her reclining in the breakfast room waiting for dinner to be served.

What a life!!



2. The last month at BrightHaven

Celia Mayo of “Circles with Celia” recently visited Brighthaven to introduce some of her group to the animals. Celia is a storyteller and teaches the creative arts to a wide range of children. Our recent visitors have been working with Celia since they were 6-7 years of age and are now approaching their teens. The girls gather weekly to put their creative energies to work with Celia and the balance of love and synergy achieved is just amazing – somewhat similar we find to that at BrightHaven.

We were delighted to meet the girls and very happy to learn that they are putting their heads and talents together to identify ways to help and work with us to better help animals. A wonderful liaison of like-minded people! We hope to welcome the girls again to Brighthaven very soon.



Celia Mayo shown (far right) with some of the “Circles with Celia” girls on a recent trip to BrightHaven.

You will recall my note asking for donation of frequent flier mileage to allow our vets to visit BH

Well, after an overwhelming response I am delighted to announce that we have received donations of mileage from

Kirstie Pope

Bonnie McClain

Linda Brinen

Susanna is working out the details now and we hope shortly to be able to welcome one of the BrightHaven vets on a long overdue visit.

The Rose Ceremony



BrightHaven held our first public Rose Ceremony on Sunday 10th October. It was a glorious day for the occasion and the turn out was great. We felt privileged and honored to meet so many like- minded new friends and animal lovers, who brought photographs and joyfully shared their memories with us. The ceremony brought forth happy tears of remembrance as well as a song and a prayer. The ceremony will be repeated monthly on the 2nd Sunday each month at 2pm. All are welcome.

And, last but not least, last week saw a huge job well done - with a little help from our friends.....

The boys from D.C. Tile Company led by the boss himself Don Logsdon – shown far left.



L-R: Don, Mario, Gail, Eden, Jamie, Uriel and John.

The weekend of October 16th was a happy one for BrightHaven. All the boys from D.C. Tile Company gave up their Friday and Saturday to lay and grout tiles in 3 small rooms for us. These areas had previously been rough stone floors and the cats happily assumed them to be tantamount to litter boxes for their pleasure. You can imagine our delight at this job well done.

Their work was friendly, fast, efficient and well done. Should you be considering any tile work at home or work – I would heartily recommend giving Don a call at D.C. Tile on 707 -664-8809....

3. A family profile

I thought I would begin our new family profile section with my husband Richard, who is the strength and mainstay of BrightHaven. Richard works long hours away from home, and most BrightHaven guests don't have the opportunity to meet him. I was lucky to find my soul-mate early in life and we have been married for thirty-nine short years.

Richard's other career is in the business of building better homes for people to live in and he is now President of St James Properties; a new company in Northern California. www.stjamesproperties.com



It is the confluence of vision, enthusiasm, a pioneering spirit, considerable homebuilding experience and an all-embracing appreciation for the needs and desires of our homeowners that makes St. James Properties an exceptional homebuilder.

Although Richard dresses in formal business attire for work, most people are used to seeing him comfortable in faded and baggy t-shirt and shorts and happiest when riding his tractor on the BrightHaven land he loves. Richard has a passion for all animals, but his deepest love is for horses and his dream would be to some day retire, rescue more horses, and spend his days loving and working with them.

4. Volunteer news

This month has seen the addition of Diane Shepard to Christy Johnston's team. Diane has been a long term volunteer with BrightHaven, and has now turned her talents to help Christy expand and enhance our volunteer programs. Diane is currently organizing volunteer scheduling and releasing Christy to do more of her favorite thing – Education and community outreach.

Christy and Diane will also share the responsibility of giving tours of BrightHaven. Christy will continue her tours on Wednesdays and Diane will now be escorting them on Saturdays. Please contact the BrightHaven office at info@brighthaven.org to contact with either of the ladies.

This month's volunteer profile is that of another long-term Brighthaven volunteer – Fray Huffman.

Most of you who have visited will undoubtedly have already met Fray and assumed her to be part of the BrightHaven staff but no - Fray is a volunteer, and the most dedicated one we have ever met!! Fray can be found most mornings at BrightHaven well before sun up, to feed her favorite man in the world – “Harley” the hog! - And she is still usually here still immersed in feeding all manner of animals, doing laundry, changing diapers, watering gardens and who knows what else!!! You name it Fray does it and we often ask ourselves – What on earth would we do without her! Fray lives in Santa Rosa, and her busy schedule involves working part time at a home for disabled humans as well as walking various dogs and pet sitting too. Clearly she is unable to have animals of her own at home and we know we go a huge way to filling the gap for her.



Fray kissing Harley

After last month's appeal for help with our web site we are delighted to announce that BrightHaven volunteer **Scharleen Oxendine** has offered to help us with our web site maintenance and updates, as well as teach us lots of in-house computer techniques that we have been sadly lacking. She is going to update our database for us and it sounds as though she will be kept busy for a very long time.

Thank you Scharleen – This is just the BEST gift we could have wished for!

5. The BrightHaven video

You will recall that **Dawn and Jason of Fine Dining productions** have been working on the production and they now tell us that our new video should be ready by Thanksgiving and so we are eagerly awaiting their visit to present it. The talented and accomplished Fine Dining Productions have already created training videos for the SPCA of San Francisco and we are thrilled that they offered their talents to Brighthaven. More next month.....

6. Around and About at Brighthaven

- a. What's in the pipeline.
- 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:

The BrightHaven 2004 volunteer brunch Date: November 13th 2004

The next Rose Ceremony to be held at BrightHaven Date: November 14th 2004
The Rose ceremony is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

Workshop to be held at Sonoma Animal Shelter Date: November 21st 2004
"How to keep your pet healthy the natural way" with Gail and Susanna
Space will be limited – Please sign up soon
You can check our web site for more information at www.brighthaven.org

Educational Seminar in 2005
- In conjunction with Animal Wellness Magazine – Watch for more details soon
Merritt Naturals and Prozyme Products.

6b Special projects we are asking for your help with this month please:

We have to get busy with our permit application to the County and, as part of that process we require the services of an **architect** to draw up our plans for the future BrightHaven. If you know someone who may be able to donate his or her services or at least give us a great deal – do please call me.

We would love to find a printing company that can help us with the enormous printing costs for mailing our newsletters.

We are always 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

Toner cartridges	Hewlett Packard ColorLaserjet 4550N Black (C4191A), Magenta (C4193A), Yellow (C4194A), Cyan (C4192A)
HP Color LaserJet 4550N	Drum Kit
Wahl Pocket Pro Purple Trimmer	\$16.59 Care A Lot Pet Catalogue 1-800-343-7680 or - http://www.carealotpets.com/viewItem.asp?ItemID=00000000028724&UnitCde=1&Desc=Pocket%20Pro%20Purple%20Trimmer&VendorDesc=&Search=N
Diapers for Tim:	Pampers – Swaddlers <u>Stretch</u> – 8-14lbs
Diapers for Ollie 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!

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.

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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