



**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”**



Left to right: Top to bottom: Sam, Fray, Blanca, Susanna, Richard, Suzy Gail and Margaret – center front.



BrightHaven is situated on 10 acres in beautiful Santa Rosa in Northern California.

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.

Dearest Friends,

Well the last few weeks have just flown by for BrightHaven and it is already time to update you with all our latest news.

I would like to begin however by inviting you to send us the email address of one or more of your friends or family members who would like to receive our monthly updates. We try to save as much of our funds as possible for the animals care and as the expense of mailing our BrightHaven Chronicles is so exorbitant, we are now going to keep in contact mainly by email monthly, and will plan a bumper edition of the Chronicles to be mailed at Christmas time – so please keep a look out for it!!!

Next month I am going to start a new feature, and will include a profile of a family member as well as a volunteer too.

Contents this month:

1. Animal news and updates
2. Volunteer news
3. The BrightHaven video
4. Around and about at BrightHaven: What's in the pipeline and special projects

### 1. Animal news and updates

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

First **Paloma** whom you will recall arrived, narrowly missing slaughter, to be a new friend for Dorothy. After an initial settling in period, during which our Dorothy was determined to establish her seniority the two have become firm friends and companions. You can see a photograph of the two later in this newsletter.

You will recall reading of **Vancouver** - our newest diabetic arrival. Well here is his most recent shot with Suzy and I am pleased to announce he is already now slightly overweight, instead of being very underweight and his diabetes is well under control, with him also receiving much less insulin. He will very soon be receiving homeopathic treatment from Dr Jeff Feinman and we are sure he is going to astound and delight us all with his progress.



**Ms Kitty** is also doing well and is happy to have a new name. We take it in turns to choose new names and this time it was Richard's. He chose the beautiful name of Cassandra, or Cassie if you prefer, for this gorgeous girl. Cassandra is rapidly gaining weight and confidence as she settles into her new life.

**Cat** – yes “Cat” is our very newest girl and oh! - does she have a sad story, which begins with the choice of her name and ends happily as she arrives at BrightHaven. It was Margaret's turn to choose a name and just in the nick of time as we go to press I am proud to introduce to you our “Wendy”.

Please visit our web site at

[http://www.brighthaven.org/new\\_arrivals.html](http://www.brighthaven.org/new_arrivals.html) to read her story.



**Joey-D** is now happy (well not very happy really!) to announce he has finally been neutered - on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to **Dr Nancy Walters** of Occidental Veterinary Hospital.

Sadly we bade farewell to **“Charlotte”** on the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month. Please do visit our web site to read my words in memory of this lovely girl chicken. <http://www.brighthaven.org/memori.html>

## 2. Volunteer news

The first volunteer accolade comes from our terrible trio – **Tim, Ollie and Joey-D**....our wheelchair kids!!

We have long been wrestling with the problem of “clothes” for the protection of these boys as they scoot around when not in their chairs, and also to house their diapers as unobtrusively as possible. It is very embarrassing for these chaps! Over the years - you name it – we have tried it – and always unsuccessfully.



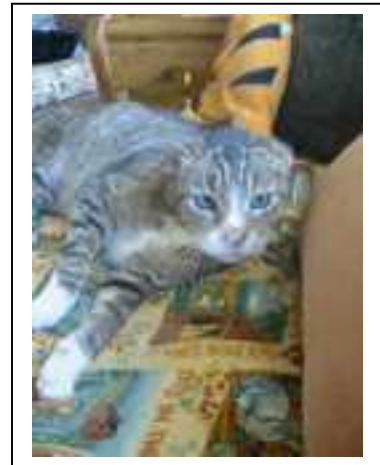
Nothing really worked until Christy’s sister Cheryl Smith came into our lives bringing with her the most amazing and hitherto unknown talent...and “Voila” – the boys are all now sporting the most gorgeous, trendy pants all trimmed with leather.

We just had to take a picture of **Tim** posing in front of some of his very own pants hanging out to dry!!

A big vote of thanks to Cheryl, shown here with her lovely children, for this fabulous job!



Whilst on the subject of sewing, thanks are also due to two very special people for another wonderful donation to BrightHaven. **Christy Johnson**, our volunteer coordinator generously purchased some beautiful new fabric with which to make new comforters for all the cat beds, and then found the wonderfully talented **Joella Macer**, who has transformed it into the most gorgeous array of new bedding. The house looks transformed and here you see our cute “T.T” happily modeling his transformed couch.



Thank you to these very special friends of BrightHaven.

For a little light relief I thought you would like to see this cute picture of **Fray** (Huffman) a long time BH family friend, and Christy, wearing dust masks as they almost choked to death from the dust while attempting to sweep up **Harley**'s house for him recently.



**Christy** does a mighty fine job as BrightHaven's volunteer coordinator and as part of her responsibilities she arranges and conducts tours of BrightHaven. Her tours are informative, fascinating and filled with anecdotal animal stories. If you know of anyone who would like to arrange a visit, especially with a view to possibly getting involved in some way, please have them contact Christy at [info@brighthaven.org](mailto:info@brighthaven.org) to make the arrangements. She will be happy to help and will arrange a delightful tour.



Recently recruited is our youngest volunteer, Sierra Garcia, shown here with her Dad **Greg** - grooming and playing with Dorothy and Paloma. Sierra and Greg visit BrightHaven once a week and help us out with numerous fun projects.

We have long wished for a new BH video and are delighted to announce that last weekend saw the final shoot and voice-over for the new production. BrightHaven friends **Dawn Rich and Jason Wolos** of Fine Dining Productions have overwhelmed us with their generosity and spent many long hours working at this project for us. The long awaited video should soon be ready and I will advise its availability and cost hopefully in my next newsletter.

We are of course going to be streaming it on the BrightHaven website at the earliest possible opportunity.

#### **4. 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.

##### **4a. What's in the pipeline:**

Workshop to be held at local animal shelter

Date: November 2004

The next Rose Ceremony to be held at BrightHaven

Date: October 10th 2004

Brunch at BrightHaven, including a special tour  
\$25 donation requested.

Date: October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004

Expo/Seminar in 2005 at Luther Burbank Centre  
- In conjunction with Animal Wellness Magazine

– Watch for more details soon

##### **4b Special projects we are asking for help with please:**

We are urgently seeking someone to help us maintain the technical side of our web site.

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

We are seeking someone who would help us in the tagging and listing process of our remembrance roses

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.

**4c Help with our wish list – some products you may be able to contribute to help**

Diapers for Tim: Pampers – Stretch – 8-14lbs  
Diapers for Ollie and Joey-D Poise Pads – Extra Plus  
Glucose strips for blood testing  
for diabetics: Arthur and Vancouver: Any pharmacy; Accu check Comfort curve glucose test strips  
Paper towels: Your choice!  
Halo dried chicken: <https://www.halopets.com/livalittle.htm>  
or your local natural pet store.

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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