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Save the Date

**Volunteer
Annual Holiday
Get Together**

**Saturday
December 10th**

**More information to
follow...**

RANCHO ST. FRANCIS

Changing lives through education and compassion

• A MESSAGE FROM ED HOGAN •

Thanksgiving Poem 2011



*Another year has passed us by, as fast as contrails in the sky
No matter how we try to lie, the year has passed and said bye-bye*

*This weekend daylight savings gone, for mainliners here and east beyond
And leaves are falling, and winters calling, but we're not bawling 'cause summer's gone*

*Hey 'tis the season to be merry, Halloween's passed, that was scary!
Now let's see, the big orange pumpkin's comin' get your uke' and just start strummin'*

*It's time for us to thank the Lord for all our blessings we can afford
Bless our family and our friends and our work we all depend*

*Then bless the clients who make it grand to live in all our precious land
While we're at it bless our health and keep us strong internal wealth*

*This Thanksgiving we'll celebrate with plenty of turkey and pumpkin pie
And forget those contrails in the sky, we'll toast ourselves and say oh my
Another holiday has just gone by!*

*But wait next month another's here it's Christmas time with all good cheer,
With lots of guests and family too, more to be thankful for with you!*

*So bow your head and say a prayer
For all the blessings we all had this year. Amen.*

Aloha Nui Loa, Ed and Lynn and the Hogan Ohana



*By Ed Hogan
November 2011*

HERD NEWS

Willie was recently accepted into the Rancho Saint Francis (RSF) Camarillo Rescue Program. Willie is a Thoroughbred former race horse that was all alone in Somis. He was the last animal remaining at a home faced with economic hardship. Willie has already shown improvement. He has added



Willie

due to her poor physical condition. We are happy to report Honey Bear has lost over 20 pounds and is able to jump, run, and play. She loves taking long walks with the volunteers and various groups that visit the ranch.

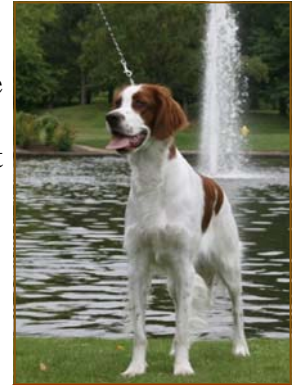


Honey Bear

much needed weight and his coat, teeth, and overall condition have significantly improved.

Honey Bear was as large as a bear when we accepted her into our program. She was unable to walk more than thirty feet without resting

Niall, a red & white Setter, came to our program from a family that was no longer able to care for him. Niall is a wonderful, energetic four year old. He loves carrying around his toys and can often be seen swimming in the CoPAW Cabana pool.



Niall

RANGERS VISIT EQUINE EMERGENCY CARE CLINIC

West Coast Equine Clinic hosted a First Aid clinic for the community this fall. Staff, Rangers and volunteers attended the event held at their new hospital in Somis. We learned how to properly monitor vital signs, dress, and care for leg injuries, as well as, learn how West Coast Equine's new facility treats serious injuries and conditions.

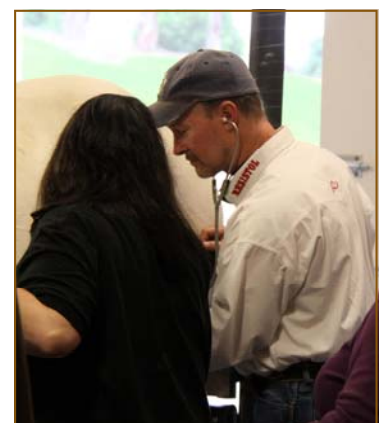
The event was very informative and helped us practice on proactively identifying possible signs of distress and treatment before becoming serious in nature. Not only was the day informative, but a great experience for everyone to learn through hands-on experience. Both ranches have new First Aid kits and have recently updated our First Aid supplies and procedures. Thank you to Dr. Kemper & Dr. Sullivan and their entire staff for providing a fun & informative event!



Rangers and volunteers watch demonstration



Dr. Sullivan demonstrates new equipment



Glenn Hogan listens to horse's heartbeat

• DAYBREAK WOMEN'S SHELTER •



RSF volunteer liaison, Lorri McCawley with Jeremias and Sheba

2nd Annual Daybreak Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Saturday – November 5, 2011

The afternoon began on the second floor of the newly renovated and expanded OPCC building. Daybreak women's shelter is a program of the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC). Lorri McCawley, RSF volunteer liaison, and Gina Ewing, RSF volunteer and HFF administrative assistant, were warmly greeted by Sheba, Daybreak program member and RSF participant, and her team of fellow greeters. With contributions from many local supporters, the Daybreak staff and members of Daybreak created a lovely atmosphere for a Saturday luncheon in the sun-filled dining

room to honor their many volunteers and local community of supporters.

After being treated to a delicious Mexican buffet-style luncheon, René Buchanan, Daybreak volunteer coordinator, welcomed everyone and presented the Service Awards to their honorees. During the luncheon, Lorri and Gina had the opportunity to visit with some familiar faces of Daybreak who have enjoyed time at Rancho St. Francis and meet some of the Daybreak employees who support the many programs Daybreak has to offer.

The newly renovated Daybreak facility is a warm and friendly environment providing a clean and modern shelter for women in need of temporary housing. A tour of the facility included a stop in the art room that any art enthusiast would envy. Many of the beautiful works of art created in this room are displayed throughout the Daybreak facility. Artfully framed quilt-collections adorn the walls displaying individual talent and colorful expressions of harmony that is felt throughout the Daybreak facility. Thank you to René and Sheba for the guided tour. The tour provided a better understanding of Daybreak and the programs they offer.

Daybreak was founded in 1987 to empower women recovering from homelessness and mental illness. To begin the rebuilding process, Daybreak offers a 10-bed, 14-day emergency relief program. Many of the ladies participating in the Rancho St. Francis riding or equine-therapy program are part of Daybreak's transitional shelter which offers a structured group living program for 6 – 9 months. Daybreak continues to support members who have moved into outside housing through individual case management programs.

Lorri and Gina were delighted for the opportunity to share this special day with the ladies of Daybreak. Thank you to Leslie Abrahams, Daybreak program manager, and René Buchanan for their continued support and ongoing efforts to bring the ladies to Rancho St. Francis, Camarillo. We would also like to thank the Daybreak ladies for inviting members of our team to this very special occasion. We wish everyone at Daybreak a blessed Thanksgiving, bountiful holidays and a New Year filled with hope and happiness.



RSF volunteer Gina Ewing with Mary

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Doreen Karsai with son Marc

Rancho St. Francis has been blessed with many wonderful volunteers over the years – Doreen Karsai is no exception. As a high school student, she began developing her interest in horses when she participated in a horse care and management class. From there, she enrolled in the agricultural program at Pierce College and took a beginning horseback riding class. Once at Cal Poly, Pomona, she took basic English Equitation.

Some years later, in 2007, while thinking about horses again she read the Ventura County Star article about the purchase of our Camarillo ranch property. Beginning in March of 2008, Doreen has been a Saturday volunteer at Rancho St. Francis. Rarely missing a Saturday in 3 ½ years, Doreen spends her Saturday mornings making sure the miniature horses get a thorough grooming. Doreen is a volunteer on a mission and no mini-hoof is left unturned. In addition to the minis, some of her favorite RSF

companions are Big Paws rescue dogs, Aspen and Denver, and our late equine friend, Champion. Doreen loves the different personalities that she encounters and likes a good challenge. Her current project is to groom Aspen and Denver without the aid of a leash. Building their complete trust is her hope.

Doreen has also recruited family members to the RSF volunteer program. Her son, Marc, was introduced to the program when he turned eighteen back in January of 2010. Daughter, Marissa, participated in the riding program as a “Little” in the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Also a horse-lover, Marissa has also become an active volunteer at the ranch. We sincerely thank Doreen and wish to recognize her regular and dependable contribution to our volunteer program. Thank you to her children, Marc and Marissa, for their contributions as well.



Marissa Karsai

Rancho St. Francis is doubly pleased to recognize the dedicated volunteer team, Les and Lois Leach. Lois has been volunteering since early 2008 when she began exercising and grooming horses at the Hidden Valley ranch. Her regular day at the ranch became Thursdays. She has also spent many hours volunteering at the Camarillo ranch helping with the programs and lesson groups. Lois has been a regular volunteer for the Homefront lesson kids and the Casa Pacifica program. Though quiet and unassuming in her demeanor, don't let that fool you. Lois is an avid cyclist and a lot tougher than one might think.

Lois was joined by her husband, Les, about 6 or 7 months after Lois began volunteering. When Lois shared with Les how much she was enjoying her time at the ranch, he decided to give it a try. Rancho St. Francis is lucky that Les had an open heart and open mind to just “give it a try.” Currently, together they enjoy volunteering on Mondays at the Hidden Valley ranch. However, both are more than willing to help out when the need arises and only an email or phone call away.

Married 37 years and residents of Thousand Oaks for nearly 40 years, Lois and Les are steady and dependable volunteers that we count on so much to help our animals in need of companionship and regular care. We couldn't offer our riding lesson programs without the continued support and commitment of volunteers such as Lois and Les. Helping the children learn how to groom and care for the horses keeps them coming back week after week. As Lois likes to put it, “my therapist lives in a barn.” A big thank you to Lois and Les for their dedication and continued support.



Les and Lois Leach

CASA PACIFICA AWARDS LUNCHEON.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

FOR YOUR WORK WITH THE MINIS
AT RANCHO ST. FRANCIS CAMARILLO, CA
NOVEMBER 10, 2011



Casa Pacifica hosted an Awards Ceremony this month to honor children for their achievements in school. Rancho Saint Francis collaborated with Missy Andrews, Casa Pacifica's athletic director, in order to expand our programs which serve the Casa Pacifica children in Ventura County. Missy is very active in the community as a fitness enthusiast and brings a great energy to our programs.

With Missy's support, our Casa Pacifica program continues to encourage children to learn through experience how genuine care and compassion affects others, as well as, the importance of being responsible and dependable individuals.

The Rancho Saint Francis program also awarded several of the children for achieving a high level of consistent participation and demonstrating positive behavior. Their weekly participation showed great team spirit and they are on their way to making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Thank you Casa Pacifica and Missy for inviting our director, Glenn Hogan, to your Awards Ceremony. It was a rewarding experience for everyone in attendance.

• HEART OF THE GARDEN PROGRAM •



To honor the legacy of Saint Francis - *compassion & care for animals and care for our environment* - Rancho Saint Francis planted 100 tomato plants to help the hungry in our community.

Since tomatoes are good for the heart, we decided it was the perfect crop to launch our *Heart of the Garden* program at Rancho Saint Francis, Camarillo. Mrs. Hogan's mother, Elsie, planted tomatoes every season and there's nothing like home-grown tomatoes. The tomatoes were donated to Manna, local churches, and Food Share to help families in need and so more people can enjoy fresh, home-grown tomatoes in our community. These organizations are dedicated to providing food to families and individuals in need of emergency relief, providing necessary basic food items to those who are unable to receive immediate help from other sources.

We are excited that Rancho Saint Francis' *Heart of the Garden* program has taken root and hope it will grow into a beautiful addition to Rancho Saint Francis' many programs. If you are interested in helping our *Heart of the Garden* grow, please email us at info@ranchostfrancis.org

DONATIONS

A little girl's Birthday Wish comes true....

Late last summer, a mother asked her daughter what she wanted for her birthday. She carefully considered what would be the best gift to receive for her birthday. A few days later she shared with her mom her birthday wish "to help abused & abandoned dogs by bringing joy and happiness into their lives." She researched on the internet for days to see which dog rescue was the right one for her cause. She discovered Big Paws 4 A Cause and knew it was the dog rescue she wanted her friends and family to help.

We are honored & touched by her thoughtful act, and the generosity of Chloe and all her friends that supported Big Paws 4 a Cause. 100% of her donation is dedicated to toys, treats, and leashes so we can make Chloe's birthday wish come true... "Happiness and joy for all our rescue dogs."

Happy Tails abound at Big Paws thanks to Chloe's generosity!



Chloe Smith with Brassa

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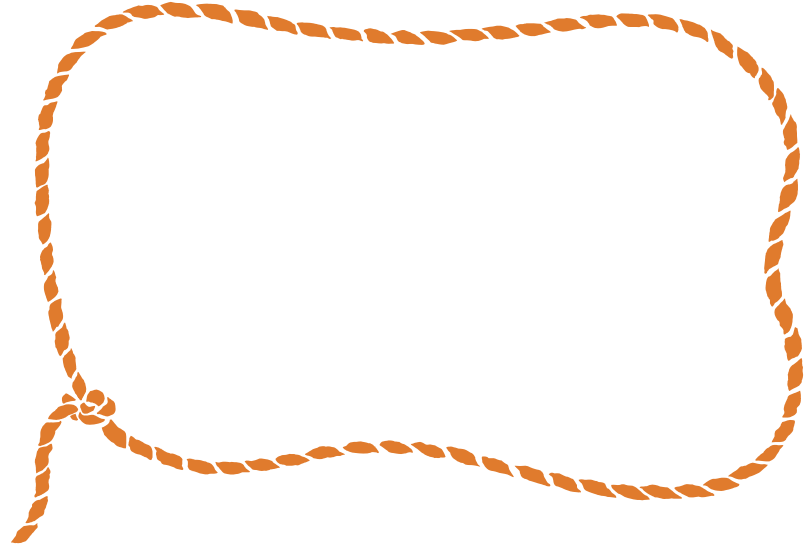
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dymisha Cappel walking LaQuinta

The Hogan Family Foundation and Rancho St. Francis are very pleased to announce Dymisha Cappel as the new trainer for the Hidden Valley ranch. Dymisha, or “Dee” as some like to call her, officially began as trainer on October 25th, 2011.

Dymisha was raised in Missouri on 8-acres where she grew to love and develop her interest in horses. She and her husband, Bill, now live in Port Hueneme. For the past 15 years, Bill has served our country and is currently in the U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion.

Dymisha and her three boys, Austin (14), Zachary (10) and Taylor (9), began at Rancho St. Francis in the Homefront riding program in November 2009 while Bill was serving overseas. Only one week into the program, Dymisha enlisted herself in the RSF volunteer program. And she hasn't stopped volunteering since!

Please welcome Dymisha Cappel as the trainer for Rancho St. Francis, Hidden Valley ranch.

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¡Vaya con Dios! (Go with God!)