



MIRANDA'S RESCUE

For Large and Small Animals

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Miranda's Wine & Cheese
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The 13th annual

Wine & Cheese Open House

To benefit Miranda's Rescue
for large and small animals

Sunday, August 1st 2010
12pm - 4pm

- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- Raffles • Pony Rides

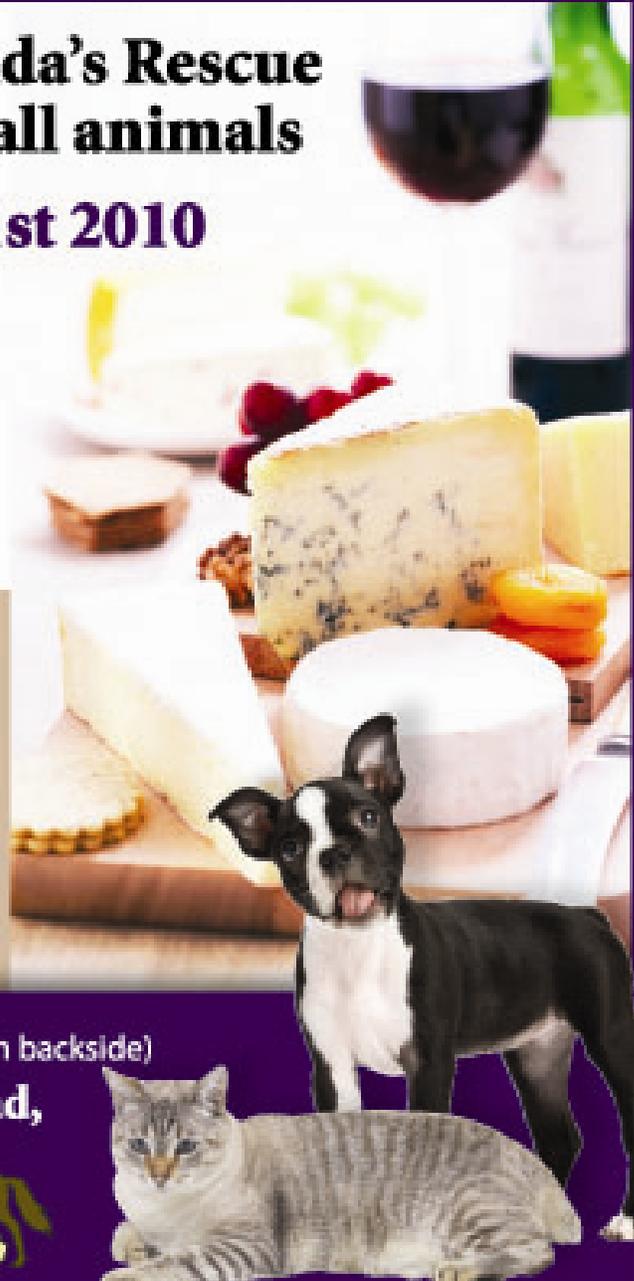
Sample regional wines!

Enjoy delicious food
donated by local businesses!

Fun for the whole family!

Win fabulous prizes!

Meet the animals!



Miranda's Rescue (Map on backside)

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"Control the pet population by spaying and neutering your pets".



Shannon spoke about animal welfare recently at Rio Dell's Eagle Prairie Elementary School. The 5th grade class raised lots of money for the animals. Pictured above is Shannon and a few of the 5th graders. Shannon wants to thank the 5th grade class for all their awesome cards and letters they wrote to him.



Danny has a neurological disease called muscular dystrophy. He was diagnosed at age 13 and it progressed over the years. About 10yrs ago he was no longer able to walk. His legs still work, but they can't withstand his body weight because the disease attacks muscle strength. To get around he has an electric mobility scooter. It's not a wheelchair because he doesn't have the muscle strength for a wheelchair. Danny has lived in Carlotta all of his life and loves being a country boy. Living so far from town though has made it difficult to get around. But that all changed when Miranda's Rescue gave Danny the electric lift. (Margaret you can get details on the lift from the What's New section of our website. The lift came out of the van that was donated to us. Please do not mention the names of the people who donated the van to us). Danny hadn't left his home without help in over a year. Being on disability, saving the money for the lift would have taken years. After getting the lift, Danny drove to Arizona to see spring training baseball and saw his two favorite teams the Chicago Cubs and the San Francisco Giants. Danny is so happy and grateful for Miranda's Rescue. Because of the lift, he has his freedom back.

Oma and the Yellow Butterfly



It all seemed to happen so quickly. The slowing heartbeat grew increasingly loud in my ears. No matter what song I'd sing in my head, the slow thump thump of her heart mocked me in a way that

made my head spin. Everything seemed to be stuck in a two dimensional world of silence; a world where I couldn't breathe between the lines of reality. As I sat there on the couch looking through the window, my heart sank to the deepest depth. I had to watch; terrified, as my grandmother was carried out of my aunt's house on a gurney. To my horror, I had to face the fact that my grandmother had passed away in a flash. So many emotions flowed through me that I couldn't even breathe; however, there were a few that stuck out the most.

To begin, I was completely confused and dumbstruck. For hours, I sat in my grandmother's room looking at her empty bed; a horrid reminder that she really was gone. I couldn't believe it! I would never hear her voice, rich with a Dutch sprinkle, ever again. I never wanted her to leave; I wanted her to stay here with me. I didn't understand why God took her from me, when I needed her the most. At first, I couldn't bring myself to believe any part of it, but as the clock ticked away the scent of misery wavered under my nose. I was terribly frustrated that I couldn't stop the laws of life. I felt so trapped and helpless as if I was strapped down tight at the head of an emotional rollercoaster; jerking and twisting everywhere. I became sickly-frustrated with the fact that there was nothing I could do to help. I was blaming everyone for the death of my grandma, especially me. I thought maybe if I wouldn't have eaten all her candy, she'd still be here. Or maybe if I would've sung for her more, she would've held on longer. I soon realized everything happens for a reason, but why did this particular event have to happen to me?

In contrast, I was hopeful that I would be able to see her again. A picture could only keep me smiling for so long. But a picture can't talk to you, or sing you lullabies; no, a picture is something that freezes a moment in time. I wished deeply that I could freeze the moment before my grandmother departed; however, something took place that will always let me know she is there.

Before my grandma died, my mom and aunt told me that a yellow butterfly had come to enjoy a sunny day with her; staying the entire afternoon by her side. It seemed like they completely understood each other; soul deep. I never quite understood this miraculous bond until after she had passed. I was out in my backyard crying, when all of a sudden a yellow butterfly came to rest on my shoulder. I began to feel like I was swept away into a gentle current of comfort. Reassurance whispered to me, that my grandma was safe in the most spectacular place the eye does not see. I could almost hear my grandma's voice say, "Everything will be alright." Even though my grandma had left to start her new begin-

ning, that ethereal encounter will always let me know that she's looking down on me with great love and care.

Though her bodily form is no longer with us, I believe her soul is in a place where no evil is present; where she is finally free; free from my embrace, but free from this world of crime and sin. The absence of her brings tears from the pit of my heart to the surface of reality.

She came here to be a sister, a friend, a mother and most of all an amazing grandmother. I'll never forget her sweet smile that held a book of memories between her lips. I never got to hear all of these stories, but I knew they were packed tightly in the bookcase of her heart as her body was released into ashes. In the form of a butterfly, my grandma lives on and the precious memory of her will never fly away from my heart.



Pictured above is Henricka Debets with lots of Miranda puppies. Miranda's Rescue founder, Shannon Miranda, would stop by her home from time to time to brighten her day with a furry friend. He was almost like an adopted son to her. She so loved the rescue's mission to help all unwanted creatures. Although she is no longer with us, we thought we would share an amazing and moving essay recently written by her 13 year old granddaughter, Hollin Paris whom was only 9 at the time of Oma's (Dutch for Grandma) passing.



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Pet Classifieds



ABOVE: Lucky: Male, Neutered, Orange Tabby, 3yrs old. Lucky was a healthy adult male cat that was hit by a car on Hwy 101. A volunteer picked him up and brought him to us. Lucky had been hit in the head and as a result he had to have one eye removed. He has recovered here at Miranda's and is doing great. He has some vision in his remaining eye, but needs an indoor home. Lucky has a very laid back attitude. He has adapted very well from being a roaming outside tom cat to now being an almost blind indoor only cat. He needs a loving home, preferably without children and dogs. Because of his vision issues a nice quiet household would be best suited for Lucky.

BELOW: It's spring and spring means kittens! We have a number of adorable kittens that we're looking to place in foster homes. For info on any of these dogs or cats please call the shelter at 725-4449



Below: Princess: Female, Spayed, White with 1 Vibrant green eye and 1 vibrant blue eye and Princess is a very large, demur, de-clawed 10yr old cat who was turned in by their owner. Princess is in desperate need of a loving indoor, quiet home. She is in excellent health for her age. She is looking for a comfy lap to lay on.



ABOVE: Phoebus, IDK, and Midas
Phoebus: Male, Neutered, Yellow Lab, DOB 8/19/03
Midas: Male, Neutered, Sable Lab, DOB 8/19/03
IDK: Female, Spayed, Brindle Cattle Dog, DOB 8/19/02

IDK is the mother of Phoebus and Midas. The three of them were owner turn-ins. Midas retrieves a stick and ball, will sit, stay, down and knows hands signals and voice commands. Phoebus loves treats and knows basic commands. He'd much rather hunt than play, but if you throw a ball he'll go for it and have a good time. Both these guys are indoor/outdoors and housebroken. They're smart boys! IDK is shy at first but will warm up. She loves to fetch and is great at keeping deer out of the yard. All of them walk well on a leash. This family has a very special need. Please call for details.



Did you Know?

Did you know that in 2009, the rescue spent \$75.00 on a daily basis for veterinary expenses.

Now that's \$525.00 on a weekly basis!

Now that's \$2,325.00 on a monthly basis!

Which resulted in \$27,375.00 to cover the rescue's veterinary expenses for the entire year!

Did you know that in 2009, the rescue spent \$110.00 on a daily basis to feed the animals.

Now that's \$770.00 on a weekly basis!

Now that's \$3,410.00 on a monthly basis!

Which resulted in \$40,150.00 to feed the animals for the entire year!

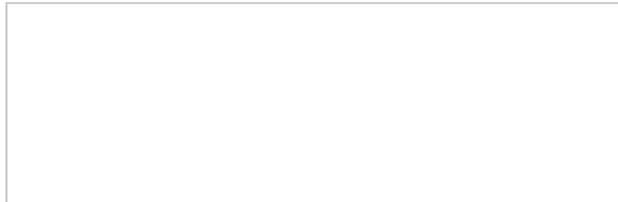
On behalf of Miranda's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers we greatly appreciate the support from our incredibly generous animal-lovin' community and all the in-kind feed and veterinary donations from our furry-friendly vendors at the Farm Store, Fortuna Feed, R&S Livestock Supply, Nilsen Company, Main Street Feed, Fortuna Pet Shoppe, A&L Feed, Jim Robinson Hay Sales, Ferndale Veterinary, North Coast Veterinary Hospital and Sunny Brae Animal Clinic. Without all of you, so many animals would not have had a second chance at life. Bless you all!



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Miranda's Rescue really needs your help! Due to the current economy, our corporate sponsorship has been greatly reduced. We are struggling to survive and care for our hundreds of cats, dogs, birds, reptiles, horses, livestock, and other creatures. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. If you have friends and relatives who really don't need more "things" - think about a donation in their name to Miranda's Rescue. THANKS! No amount is too small—everything helps!

Donations are tax-deductible! Mail to: Miranda's Rescue, 1603 Sandy Prairie Rd., Fortuna, CA 95540

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MIRANDA'S RESCUE WISH LIST

Money! (Cash, check, MO, or credit card) Volunteers are desperately needed to care for the animals. We really need hay and grain, cat food and plain clay non-clumping kitty litter.

Cash cards from local farm/pet stores are great too.

"Control the pet population by spaying and neutering your pets".