

Spring 2000

COME VISIT US AT OUR NEW HOME!!!

With more than 10 years rescuing homeless and abandoned animals, CARE is delighted to continue our mission with a renewed commitment to make a difference for the animals in our care at our new adoption center at 4190 Piper Drive in west San Jose.

We wish to extend our gratitude to the management of *Town & Country Shopping Center* for their generosity in donating our previous adoption center. *Town & Country Shopping Center* allowed our volunteers to find much-needed homes for countless rescued cats and dogs that would have otherwise faced uncertain futures. We are extremely grateful and indebted to the management of *Town & Country Shopping Center* for their assistance in helping us save so many lives for so many years.

We welcome our visiting public to join CARE in celebrating our new home and to learn more about what we have planned for the year 2000 and beyond! We look forward to seeing you at our new location!

Special purrs and howls of appreciation go out to the following CARE members and supporters. You all helped to make the transition to our new adoption center a success! ***Sharon Clifford, Gina Aning, Joan Green, Sam Chapman, Debbie Erb, Kate Humphrey, Monica Hege, Carol Chapman and Karen Williams (Thanks also to Ian Williams for his support of Karen's work with us!)***

We gratefully acknowledge ALL our wonderful CARE members who have supported our collective efforts in making our new center a shining success!

Directions to our new adoption center:

From Highway 280: Take Saratoga Avenue exit *South* towards Westgate Shopping Center; pass Williams Rd; turn left onto Piper Drive (across from Helm of Sun Valley) and right into the first driveway. Our new center is to the left of *Cafe Cameroon* restaurant. The address is 4190 Piper Drive located in the Maple Leaf Plaza in west San Jose.



We invite the public and all of CARE's supporters and friends to our very special

GRAND OPENING & OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 13 from 11:30-2:30pm.

Bring a picture or two of your adoptees for the CARE scrapbook. Refreshments will be served!! Please join us!!!

A Puppy's Story

Our mom was never spayed, so seven of us were born and eventually dropped off at the shelter by our "owners". It was a very cold and scary place for me and my brothers and sisters as we huddled together to keep warm and safe. Soon, an attendant came into our cage to begin separating us one by one to be evaluated then moved into the adoption kennels. Because I had no idea where we were being taken and why we were all being separated, when it came my turn, I was so frightened I backed up against the cage and cowered. Unfortunately, my apprehension and fear labeled me as "unadoptable". Where would my life take me now?

Gratefully, a CARE dog foster parent was visiting the shelter that day and walked up to my cage to see what all the commotion was about! As she bent down to look me over, I backed up against the cage once again just as I had moments before. "Hmmm," she asked the attendant, "What about this little guy?" So, my short life was going to change once again, only this time for the better! My foster mom scooped me up and took me to her home where I learned to play with other dogs and slowly, with her soft encouragement, began to come out of my shell and learn to trust humans. But the best was yet to come! My CARE foster mom found a wonderful family for me to begin my new life. I now live in San Mateo, CA and am doing very well. Thank you to CARE for helping to save my life!!!



GENTLEMAN JACK UPDATE

We thank all of you that have inquired about "The Gentleman" since reading his story in our last newsletter! Jack, as you may recall, was left outside to fend for himself as an abandoned domestic cat for over a year and was in a severe physical state of starvation and medical need until the intervention of CARE member, Karen Williams. Jack continues to live with Karen and her family and is receiving love and care.

In November, Jack faced another challenge when he was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. By December, Jack went through radioiodine treatments at **Veterinary Oncology Specialties** in Pacifica, CA with his wonderful doctor, Jane Turrel, by his side. It is anticipated Jack's thyroid function will normalize in approximately 1 to 3 months.

After receiving his radioiodine treatments, Jack put on more weight and is now a healthy 11.5 lbs. This is quite remarkable because at the time of his rescue, Jack weighed a mere 4° lbs.! With a velvety-soft gray/white shiny coat and a twinkle in his eye, Dr. Turrel determined Jack's age to be between six or seven years young.

We are pleased to announce that "The Gentle man" is ready to be adopted and loved by a very special person or family. Jack is a very affectionate cat who loves to be brushed and closely held. We feel Jack will be happiest in a home with either another cat or kitten to keep him company, or with his human at home a good portion of the day. Karen says, "Jack is more than a lap cat; he's a 'body cat'! Wherever Jack's human is, that's where he'd also like to be. I guess you can say whoever adopts Jack into their home and heart will not only have an exceptional friend and companion, but also a permanent shadow."

All are more than welcome to stop by and visit Gentleman Jack at our center during cat adoption hours, Sundays from 12:00-4:00pm.

*Dear Dr. Jane Turrel & V.O.S.,
"Licks and purrs of appreciation and gratitude for making me all better." Love, Gentleman Jack*

THANK YOU...

- *Purrs of thanks to **Pat Wirnowski**, her daughter and the talented group, **South Bay Crochet** for creating beautiful toys, catnip treats and kitty blankets for CARE! Your creative gift basket donations are greatly appreciated and will provide hours of entertainment fun-time as well as help keep our little ones warm and cozy! For further information about **South Bay Crochet**, please visit their website at: <http://members.aol.com/sbaycgoa/>*
- *Meows of gratitude are also extended to **Mindy Talluto** for opening her heart and home to **Tarzan and Mindy**, two of our very special needs kittens.*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.carepets.org

NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS!

If you don't have internet access, you can always reach us the old fashioned way by leaving a message on either our Dogline at 408-227-CARE (2273) or Catline at 408-929-CATS (2287)

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C.A.R.E.'S CANINE FAMILY WALK

Join us Sunday, October 8, 2000 at the newly revamped Campbell Par Course for our CANINE FAMILY WALK! Take a stroll with your companion animal and family along the 2 mile par course while raising money for CARE.



All walkers and their companion animals will be treated to refreshments, t-shirts and a chance to win fun prizes! More information about participating or sponsoring this event can be found on our website available on the website or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: DOG WALK, P.O. Box 111474, Campbell, CA 95011.

MAIL BAG

Dear CARE Rescue,
I wish to donate this (check) to the expenses of CARE for both cats and dogs. I wish I could do more. I have looked for a long time for a "no kill" rescue group for pets in this area, and I'm so happy to have found you! Thank you for your great work and good luck - Marie B. Linn

In Memory of our Sweet Little SUGAR

June 1999 - February 25, 2000

We are saddened to report that our precious Sugar lost her courageous battle of multiple health problems and crossed over a special Rainbow Bridge on Friday, February 25 while in the loving care of her foster mom, Carol Chapman. Sugar deeply touched our hearts during the brief time she graced us with her sweet spirit and will be greatly missed. We thank all of you who regularly visited our adoption center each Sunday to give both Sugar and Carol your caring support in the belief that every animal counts.

HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR PUPPY

Remove film from box and load camera. Remove box from puppy's mouth and throw in the garbage. Remove puppy from the garbage bag and wipe coffee grounds off muzzle. Choose suitable background for your picture. Mount and focus camera. Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera. Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on hands and knees. Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with the other. Get Kleenex and clean nose print off lens. Take camera case from puppy's mouth, place out of reach. Put the cat in another room and place peroxide on scratch on puppy's nose. Put magazines back on the coffee table. Get puppy's attention by holding a squeaky toy above your head. Now replace glasses back on your face and fish camera out from under couch. Stand up in time to tell the puppy "NO, OUTSIDE NOW!" Fix yourself a drink, lean back, relax and resolve to call that photographer "first thing in the morning"..... Author Unknown



HEALTH CORNER - PARVOVIRUS



Twenty years ago, **Parvovirus** was almost unknown in the U.S. Today, it's said to be the number one killer of dogs. **Parvo**, as it is commonly called, is a virus that usually attacks the canine intestinal tracks. The virus is one of the most virulent known and is able to resist heat, cold and most common disinfectants. Parvo can be adequately killed by a dilution of 1:32 of household bleach and water. Uninfected dogs and puppies can pick up parvo by coming in contact with the feces and/or vomit of an infected dog or puppy. Parvo can also be transmitted by the hands, clothes or shoes of anyone who has had contact with an infected dog. The virus can also live on the ground for up to one year. This is important because we all know how much our dogs enjoy sniffing the ground for other dog's scents. Parvo can attack dogs of any age, but it's most commonly found in dogs under 1 year with the highest incidence of infection seen in puppies 6-24 weeks old. After an incubation period of usually 3-12 days, the signs of an infected dog are loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, lethargy, fever and depression. Discolored feces and/or diarrhea with or without blood usually accompany these symptoms. Parvo can be treated with medically supportive care until the virus runs its course, but prevention is the best idea. As your dog's guardian, the best course of prevention is making sure he's up to date on all vaccinations and keeping him away from infected dogs and areas. It has also been proven that dogs who have been spayed or neutered are less likely to roam and are more likely to be vaccinated, thereby reducing their chances of coming in contact with this dangerous virus.

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ASK THE VET.....

Q: My cat is sneezing, his nose is runny and his eyes look cloudy. What should I do?

A: He probably has an upper respiratory infection (URI)-a kitty cold-and should be seen by your vet. If not treated with antibiotic medication, URI's can become quite serious. Once your vet has prescribed antibiotic medication, it is important to follow the directions carefully and to complete the prescribed dose. Before you know, your furry feline will be in your lapplaying with catnip!

*IN LOVING MEMORY...
for "Keesha Marie", a beloved pet of the Galios Family*

YES! Please use my tax-deductible gift to provide shelter, veterinary services, food and loving care for stray, abused and abandoned dogs and/or cats.

YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! Send me more information!

Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

PLEASE MAIL THIS COMPLETED COUPON TO: C.A.R.E. P.O. Box 111474, Campbell, CA 95011-1474