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Specializing in the Rescue and Placement
of Homeless Dogs and Cats

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C.A.R.E.'S OPEN HOUSE: A HUGE SUCCESS.....THANKS TO YOU!

By Ken and Nancy Luter

The Open House at our new C.A.R.E. center turned out to be just what we hoped for....and MORE! It was a day both dog and cat lovers came together to share their stories about the furry friends they had adopted from C.A.R.E.

We knew we were in for a fun day when the stories, poems and pictures began arriving by mail weeks before we opened our doors for our Open House! When the doors opened, children and adults arrived not just to visit our new home, but to share their stories about the best friends they had adopted from C.A.R.E. Needless to say, we were ALL SMILES!

Thank you for the dozens of pictures and stories we received about your C.A.R.E. dogs and cats! These pictures are currently being made into a collage for display at our new center.

This newsletter and future newsletters will feature some of the wonderful stories and a heart-warming sonnets written by those who have adopted from C.A.R.E. They tell the true story of what C.A.R.E. is all about! (*Note: some stories have been edited for space in our newsletter.*)

MAMA'S PUP

A sonnet written by Lindsey Vaccaro, age 11

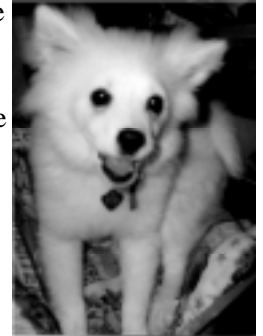


Heidi is a cute dog
Even in mist or fog
She likes to chase her balls
Especially when she falls.
She is good in training
Even when it's raining.
She never chews up shoes
THAT should be in the news!
Her fur is brown and white
It's also very light.
She came from a rescue
on Piper Avenue.
She likes to go to the park
We love her with all our heart!

"CARRY"

Since age eleven, I had always wanted a dog and I would have given anything to adopt the little white dog I saw at the C.A.R.E.

Center. So mom and I raced home to wait for dad to arrive and when he did, I was ready to go! At the time, my dad was going to take me to a lady that breeds Boston Terriers, the type of dog I liked before I heard of the C.A.R.E. program. It took only seconds to realize who needed me most and it was the little white dog from C.A.R.E.! The C.A.R.E. program has a very special place in my heart that was empty before I met "Carry". Carry is now nine months old and is as fat and as healthy as can be! She has presented a bright light in the midst of our lives!



We Thank You!

Kayla Peterson, Sister, Dad and Mom

"KENNIE"

He's beautiful to look at with a coat of velvet black.
His eyes are golden-green and for sparkle never lack.
He's like a cat possessed as he dashes through the house,
and when he terrorizes toys, I'm glad I'm not a mouse!
He's spoiled and temperamental but when he feels all purry,
he'll start in "making biscuits" and banish every worry.
He brings us so much joy and laughter every single day.



Thank you C.A.R.E. for sending
such a darling beast our way!
Lynne Waldron - Campbell, CA

MID-YEAR ADOPTION STATISTICS (January-June '00)

Cats 161

Dogs 326

Total of 487 animals' lives saved so far this year!!

STAR SUPPORTER PROGRAM

C.A.R.E.'s new *Star Supporter Program* gives us the opportunity of highlighting our generous contributors on our website. Here's how it works:

To allow us to publicly thank you or your company by using our Star Supporter Program, simply choose a star:

\$50.00 for a Red Star
\$75.00 for a Blue Star
\$100.00 (or more) for a Gold Star.

Just write "Star Supporter" to either the envelope or the memo portion of your check and mail your donation to C.A.R.E., Attention: Star Supporter Program. We'll take it from there! After receiving your donation, C.A.R.E. will add a "special star" to the sky with either yours or your company's name to our "Star Supporter List" on our website.

Each quarter, our website will start with a clear sky and list. Please visit our website (www.carepets.org) and our "Star Page" for more information and check back often to see how our "sky" is lighting up!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

www.carepets.org

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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Their company, *National Semiconductor*, matched a portion of their donation. These funds will be utilized towards helping the animals as they wait for their special homes.

To *Jan Tinder* and the *Palm Pilot Company* for their generous donation of several Palm Pilot personal computers for our C.A.R.E. members!

OTHER WAYS TO HELP C.A.R.E. HELP THE ANIMALS

Kennels, Crates, Carriers, Toys and Grooming Supplies

These "gently used" donations help our foster homes in many ways as well as provide items to assist our newly adopted dogs and cats.

Blankets and Towels

With the cold winter months around the corner, we can always use your old bedding and towels for our foster animals.

Food and Litter

We're always in need of high quality food such as Iams, Nutro, or Science Diet.

And, of course, C.A.R.E. always needs Foster Homes!

If you're interested in opening your heart and home, please contact us or stop by an adoption fair for more information.

You're welcome to drop off your donation(s) during our regular adoption hours or contact us by e-mail via our website or phone numbers to coordinate drop off arrangements. Because C.A.R.E. is an all-volunteer animal rescue organization, 100% of your donation is applied to the animals in our care and to promote the life saving work we do! C.A.R.E. always appreciates your donations — no matter how small! **Thank You!**

A LETTER FOR ANNA

At the time of her rescue by a C.A.R.E. member, Anna was quite pregnant and on March 20th of this year, Anna gave birth to a kitten we named Samantha. But by next morning when no other kittens were born, Anna's foster parent became concerned and took her to the vet. After examination, it was found that Anna did indeed have other kittens in her womb just waiting to meet the world, but she needed a little assistance in making this happen. That help would come by performing a cesarean surgical procedure for little Anna.

Although costly, C.A.R.E. took on this additional expense to save Anna's two remaining kittens and we were relieved when she finally gave birth to Star and Stripes. We are happy to report Anna and all her kittens are happy and healthy.

Unfortunately, veterinary services are not free—not even to rescue organization such as C.A.R.E. With Anna's medical expenses close to \$500.00, we thought we'd post Anna's story on our website asking the public for their assistance.

A short time later, we received a touching note with a donation in our C.A.R.E. mailbox:

Dear C.A.R.E.,

I'm sorry I can only donate \$1.00. I am 10 years old and in the 5th grade. My name is Alex. I only have a dollar in my piggy bank right now.

When I read your article about Anna I was deeply touched. I have 7 cats myself. Their names are Ridder, Newt, Spick, Gray, Ursala, Booties and Nickie. I love cats and I'm sorry I can't give you more.

Alex Edwards
Tappahannock, Virginia

In Honor of . . . In Memory of

** In honor of two wonderful teachers (EVY HORTON - 3rd Grade and GAYE LEAHY - 2nd Grade) at Daves Avenue Elementary School in Los Gatos. They are both special people, dedicated teachers, and animal lovers. Ginger Baden



** In memory of "CRITTER", a beloved beagle pet and dear companion of our friend, Margie.

** In memory of BABY TASHA from our high spirited Baby Ginger.
Dorothy Wallace and Brother Tom

7 STEPS TO A HAPPIER PET

- Make sure your pet always wears an identification tag to enable him or her to be returned to you if lost.
- To prevent destructive animal behavior problems, make sure you enroll your new puppy or dog in training classes.
- Animal behavior problems can be health related. Make sure your pet has a complete medical exam by a veterinarian at least once a year.
- Prepare for disasters. Make sure you have a plan for your pet in the event of fire, flood or earthquake.
- Plan for your pet's future in case something happens to you.
- Learn how to avoid dog bites, and how to prevent your dog from biting.
- Have a heart, be smart and make sure your pet(s) are spayed or neutered. C.A.RE. highly stresses spaying and neutering because it can increase your pet's life span and reduce many forms of cancer—not to mention it's the responsible thing to do given our country's pet overpopulation crisis.

TOP 10 SIGNS YOUR CAT IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT

With Elections just around the corner . . .

10. Denies any knowledge of Fluffy or her kittens.
9. Spends hours looking in the mirror trying not to smirk.
8. Never goes to the littler box without a security detail.
7. Flip-flops all over the rug.
6. Hisses whenever Maria Shriver appears on TV
5. Has developed a sudden aversion to catnip
4. Orders a teleprompter from Pets.com
3. Dismisses pre-neuter days as a stray as being simply "youthful indiscretions."
2. Prefers soft money to hard money. (Actually prefers soft ANYTHING to something hard.)
1. Instead of sleeping, spends all day practicing the sax.



- YES! I would like to support your dog adoption program!**
- YES! I would like to support your cat adoption program!**
- Please apply my donation to your General Fund in support of CARE's cat & dog adoption programs.**
- YES! I WANT TO VOLUNTEER! Send me more information!**

Please check whichever box applies and include this coupon with your tax-deductible donation.

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