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ON THE COVER:



ON THE COVER

Ebony and Ivory are turning up the charm to find a home. These sweet girls are about 9 weeks old. They will most likely be around 40 to 60 lbs when full grown.

CAREing thoughts



President Joann With

An ongoing challenge for us is ensuring that we have enough volunteers to provide daily care for our animals. This is especially true at this time of year when snowboards have left, and students are still in school. We urgently need morning kennel volunteers to prepare the outdoor kennels, clean the indoor kennels, socialize our dogs, and provide loving care. We also have need for afternoon kennel volunteers to prepare the indoor kennels for the night, clean the outdoor kennels, and police the yards in addition to spending quality time with our dogs. Fond of cats? Consider becoming a cattery volunteer. We especially need morning volunteers to feed our cats, sweep/mop floors, clean litter boxes, and to provide love, enrichment, and socialization. For those unable to do the heavy lifting, there are many other ways to support the shelter. For more information visit our website at www.careshelter.org or contact volunteercare@aol.com. Join us and you will help your community and make some animals (and yourself) very happy.

By President Joann With

be a part of something big

become a member of C.A.R.E.



Why you should consider becoming a Sustaining Member

Many of you may already be regular or premium members of C.A.R.E. and we appreciate all of you. To those of you reading this who are not members, why should you consider it? The prime reason is that membership fees help us to pay our overhead bills. So when we receive your renewal fees, that is a good month for us. But that is only once annually.

What I would like you to consider is becoming a Sustaining Member. What does that mean?

A Sustaining Membership means that you are committing to donate a set dollar amount every month. We have the ability to set this up automatically for you so that your account or card will be debited for the same amount on a specific day of each month. The benefit for you is that you "set it and forget it" and may actually be able to give more by splitting up the payments. The benefit to C.A.R.E. is that we know we can count on that regularly donation every single month to pay electric bills, telephone bills etc.

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The Home Solutions Team has always praised local shelters, foster homes and rescues for the great work they do, but often wondered, ‘couldn’t we do more?’

And now we know: Yes, we can!

Pads4Paws, a program we have developed, is our way of giving back to these amazing rescues and shelters so they can continue their good work. We aren’t the only company who supports worthy causes, – but we feel this is a unique way to make each of our real estate transactions matter to a sponsored animal and their benefactors.

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Prrrrrrr-fect for a family

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▲ Rocky

This little black coat fella is Rocky.

He was brought in alone as a kitten, he was born in November 2022. He is shy at first, but with patience and kindness, he does warm up and is very sweet. He has been neutered and is ready for his forever family.



▼ Telica

This sweet young female was brought in as a stray. She has been named Telica. Her exact age is unknown, but she is young in age. She has a quiet temperament and is very sweet and enjoys being loved on.

She's has a tabby and white coat. She has been spayed and is up to date on her vaccines. She's ready for a new, loving home!





▲ Dusty & Shadow ►

Dusty and Shadow are two males that were brought in together. Dusty has the darker coat, he was born in October 2019. Shadow is lighter/more of a golden grey coat and was born in July 2020.

They are sweet fellas that are bonded, so a home together would be preferred.

They are dog friendly, Shadow is very carefree about dogs and Dusty will need a meet and greet if she will be going to a family that has a dog in the home.

They are both neutered and up to date on vaccines.



◀ Samantha

Samantha is a beautiful torbie that was brought in with her five babies. All of her kittens have been adopted and now it's time for Samantha to go to her forever home. She is an incredibly sweet kitty, very affectionate - loves to be loved on



Community outreach



Outreach Committee

We were at the St Puppies Day Celebration at Salty Shamrock on Sunday March 12, selling the fun car magnets donated by Robin Rose and a great themed raffle basket donated by Pam Lancaster.

Outreach Committee

Our committee has continued to be at events and locations within the community to share the mission of C.A.R.E You can find us at the Ruskin/SSC Pet Supermarket each month on the third Saturday morning.

BestFest March 4th-5th was a great two days of fun where our space was visited by a critter that did not need a home/shelter and belongs in nature.



However with the strong winds, our 10x10 tent turned into an "art sculpture". So we are looking for a way to replace, if anyone can help.

Making a Good First Impression

We all remember being told how important it is to make a good first impression.

However, kennel volunteer Lisa Holthaus realized we may have missed the mark when looking at our sign on the corner of College and 27th Street.

Guests coming to the shelter see this sign as the first visual directing them to the shelter. The frame of the sign was showing years of wear.

With a bucket of paint, a brush, and determination Lisa decided it was time to be sure our first impression was good.

Results...Outstanding! Thanks to Lisa's initiative.



Before



After

Bingo

Our committee has continued to be at events and locations within the community to share the mission of C.A.R.E.

Salty Shamrock and Greg Anderson Productions again invited C.A.R.E. to benefit during the April Drag Queen Bingo. This fun event brings out many in our local community. It was a full house with 200+ who enjoy an evening of bingo and wishes to support our local shelter. Along with bingo there were raffle baskets and 50/50 drawings. This event provided \$3000+, a substantial donation, to help continue the mission of C.A.R.E.



Even the dogs like a bingo night out!



C.A.R.E. Volunteers Robin Rose and Pam Lancaster



Debbie P. won the night's 50/50 raffle and donated her winnings of \$370 back to C.A.R.E.



All of these events are great ways to volunteer be a part of our C.A.R.E. family. If you are interested in joining our Outreach Committee effort, contact Cheri Schumacher cherischumacher2@gmail.com

Looking for a **dog-gone** home

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▲ Josephine

Josephine was brought to us as an abandoned stray and now she's ready for adoption.

She is a sweet, gentle lady. We think she is about 13 years old. She likes to walk on a leash and still has a lot of energy to walk with us. She has a few medical needs that we are helping her with but is heartworm negative.

She loves to cuddle up in her bed and enjoys being held. She is very low maintenance and easy to handle. She is currently enjoying time in our office where she gets a lot of love and attention.



▲ Mario

Mario was a stray that was brought to C.A.R.E. thanks to some good samaritans. He was covered with thousands of fleas, but thanks to good care and attention he is recovering and thriving. He is under twelve weeks old, loves to play and hang out with his human buddies all day!




Annie ▲

This is Annie. She loves to play ball, Frisbee and a good roll in the grass. She is the perfect companion for an active person. Annie is very smart and would love to be with someone who will take her to explore the world around her. She is an active girl who wants to be queen of the house and should be the only dog in the home.

▲ Guinevere

Guinevere is such a beautiful hound! She's a well rounded dog. She is ready for adoption. She loves relaxing in the office and play yards, She is a happy girl that can toss the ball around and spend time chilling. She would be great for walks around your neighborhood.




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Urinary Issues in Cats

By Sarah Hilario, DVM

Many pet owners bring their feline friends to the veterinary hospital for examination due to the common symptom of urinating outside the litter box. Other signs that cats may also show include straining to urinate, a blood tinge to the urine, excessive grooming around the urinary area, or even crying out when urinating. The first thought that comes to most people's mind is usually a urinary tract infection (UTI). However, UTI's are actually somewhat uncommon in cats under 10 years of age. Bladder stones, tumors, obstructions of the urinary tract, and any type of inflammation can also cause a cat to urinate inappropriately. Some cats may be exhibiting behavioral problems as well.

The first step that veterinarians will usually perform, after a history and physical examination, is a urinalysis. This test can screen for UTIs, early renal disease, diabetes, and inflammation of the bladder. An abdominal x-ray may also be taken to look for bladder or kidney stones. When extensive testing has been performed and a specific cause cannot be determined, these cats may have a condition called Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease or FLUTD. Unfortunately, there is no specific test or cure for this disease yet. Some cat's symptoms will completely resolve after five to ten days without any specific treatment. However, recurrence is very common. Long term treatment includes decreasing stress in the household, providing extra litter boxes, increasing water intake, and giving oral medications. The treatment for cats with specific urinary issues depends on the cause. Cats with UTI's are typically given antibiotics. Bladder stones are sometimes dissolvable with

prescription diets, other stones need to be removed surgically. Obstructions of the urinary tract are more common in male cats. These typically require a urinary catheter and several days in the hospital. It is important to remember that most of these conditions are not life threatening except for a blockage. In a male cat that is having urinary symptoms, they need to be evaluated by a veterinarian immediately. Urinary issues can be frustrating but with the proper tests and treatment they are very manageable.



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Community outreach

The Little Manatee Springs

The Little Manatee Springs Community invited C.A.R.E. to be their charity of choice for the community arts and crafts market. The generous residents and guests donated \$300 to C.A.R.E. during the event.



C.A.R.E. volunteers Lisa Holthaus, Cheri Schumacher, Robin Rose

C.A.R.E. Business Partners

C.A.R.E. is grateful to the many Business Partners that support our mission. Annual Business Partner donations help us to continue to provide food, shelter, and medical care for the cats and dogs we take into our shelter each year. As a Business Partner your name will get out into the community as a supporter of local animal welfare.

If you are interested in becoming a C.A.R.E. Business Partner, you can contact the shelter at 813-645-2273 or our Outreach Coordinator cherischumacher2@gmail.com

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a VOLUNTEER love story



Joan we will miss you

Sometime in October 2015, on my first day at C.A.R.E., I was introduced to a bulldog mix with a big sloppy mouth named Margo. She came barreling through the gate and without hesitation, came flying into my lap, knocked us backwards in the chair and licked my face uncontrollably. I was hooked and knew this was the place for me.

Since then the trail of incredible dogs has brought me back time after time. I kept thinking I was here for the dogs, but in a short time realized what they were giving back to me. Their unconditional love has filled my soul every Wednesday afternoon and helped me to feel not so alone in a strange new town.

As I now move away, I take with me memories of very dedicated volunteers and I will especially miss my two favorite "problem children", Peppermint and Guinevere. I will always champion the work we do at C.A.R.E. as the best that any stray (dog, cat or human) can hope for!

Note: Over the last several years Joan has continued to give more for the shelter. She has been the one when Karen sent out a call came out for HELP in the kennels, she would come to fill in the need. Joan has served on the Outreach Committee assisting with many off site events also.

We will all miss Joan who contributed so much to the dogs, and the shelter in many ways.

Please consider coming to our shelter to learn of our volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer hours are usually a two-hour shift once a week but times are very flexible.

We are here Tues-Sat; 10-3.

we want to hear from you

Do you have a story or an article you would like to see in our magazine? We are always on the lookout for the community to participate on what we do here at C.A.R.E.

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