

# Critter Chronicles



*The Official Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Critter Adoption & Rescue Effort, Inc.*

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These are just three of the dozen or so kittens we still have available for adoption. I invite you to come visit them. As soon as you sit down they will be on your lap purring up a storm!



**C.A.R.E. is a No-Kill Animal Shelter**

**From the President's Desk**

Fall has arrived and that reminds me how long we have had our kittens at the shelter. The kitten room is full to overflowing with kittens of all colors and types. All of them are extremely sociable and love spending time with the volunteers. They are now several months old and really need to be in their fur-ever homes. If you cannot adopt one yourself, please help us by sharing the word that we need homes for these playful little souls. The best entertainment on earth is watching two kittens play!

Fall is also the season for festivals and shows. You will see us out and about in many places this month. We have a team of outreach volunteers who are present at all these events but we can always use more help. If you are willing to learn about the shelter and be prepared to talk about it to others, please call the shelter and volunteer. If you are new to the area, it is a great opportunity to meet new friends while helping out the cats and dogs.

One of my goals this month is to find a home for a very special dog! Read about Chico on page 4. He has a had a tough life and was brought to us when his owner gave him up. We are looking for a very special person who will lavish love and attention on him for the rest of his days.

I am continuing to apply for grants that may help us build the new facility and if you know someone who would like to learn about our Legacy Circle, please let me know.

*Penny*

	
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### Meet Chico!

Chico is a very special senior doggie who came to us when his owner could no longer care for him.

Chico has a sweet personality and still loves to play with his rope toys but is not as active as he once was. Like a lot of older, large dogs, his joints are painful and he takes medication to help with that. Chico also has some benign growths which may be off-putting to some who meet him. He may not be a cute little puppy any more but he still has a lot of love to give.

His new home should be a calm environment with someone who understands the needs of a large senior dog.

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## For the OutReach Committee!

The **OutReach Committee** at C.A.R.E. is looking for others to join our committee to help execute our events. We are in need of volunteers to serve as **positive role models** for our shelter.

This committee is focused on community awareness and small fund raising to supplement shelter costs. We execute off-site events such as speakers for community organizations, representation at local fairs, adopt-a-road and promotion of memberships.

### Committee Member Requirements

- you need to be a current C.A.R.E. volunteer OR a new volunteer who has completed a shelter tour and training with the OutReach Coordinator.
- you need to commit to attending Planning Meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.
- you need to demonstrate a passion for animal rescue/welfare.
- you need to assist with off-site events as available. You need to be comfortable meeting and talking with others at public events.

If you are interested in joining us to further contribute to C.A.R.E., contact Jenn in the shelter office with your name, phone number, email address and information regarding your volunteer role at [volunteercare@aol.com](mailto:volunteercare@aol.com)

The Out Reach Coordinator will be in touch to explore your interest.



### Upcoming Events—Come Out and See Us!

- November 9th Heart to Home, Shell Point Road
- November 16 Gift and Wine Fair at SouthShore Falls
- November 23rd Pet Expo at St. Andrews Church in Sun City Center
- December 2 Annual Members Meeting, SouthShore Regional Library 6 :30 p.m.
- December 7th Heart to Home, Shell Point Road
- February 22nd Animal Arts Festival at The Firehouse Cultural Center

For those of you who supported our Hambingo Events, we are working to find a new venue and hope to be able to hold the events again in the new year.

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### C.A.R.E. Membership

The Annual Members Meeting will be held at the SouthShore Regional Library on December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. There will be a review of our accomplishments over the last year, as well as the election for new board members.

If you were never a member before, now is a great time to join! We are embarking on a new journey for the future of C.A.R.E. and you could be a part of that. You will be able to say, "I remember when C.A.R.E. was in a small dilapidated converted house, and with my help, they were able to build a new state of the art facility." As the SouthShore community explodes with all the new housing around us, the need is greater than ever before for our shelter to rescue and rehome the abandoned, neglected and surrendered dogs and cats. We, as the only no-kill facility in South County, are their only hope.

Please join us! Call the shelter at 645-2273.

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**Note** - The annual membership period is January 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. For any memberships initiated during the fourth quarter (October 1 – December 31), the new member also receives their membership for that quarter free.

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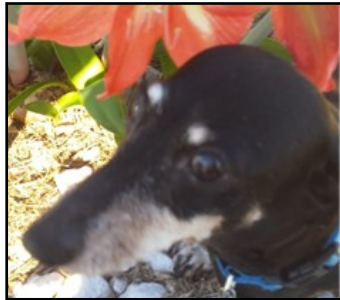


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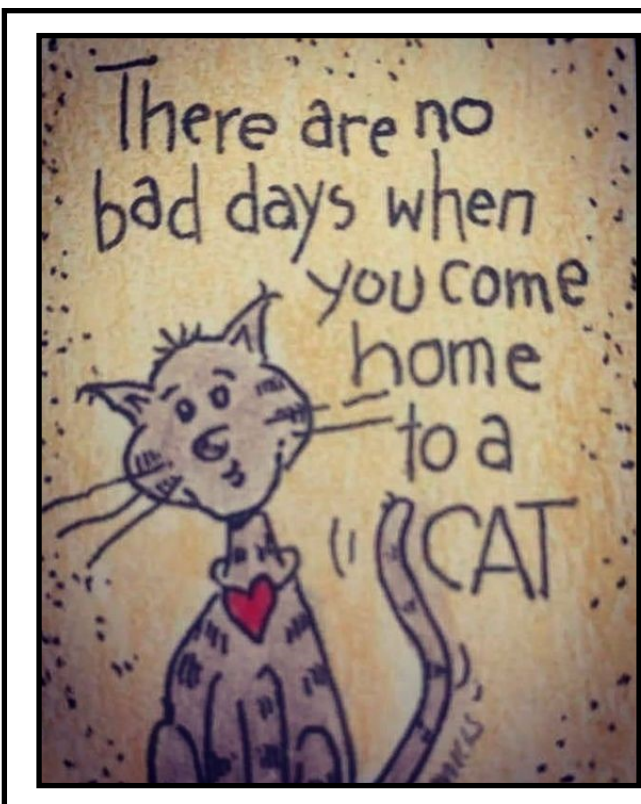


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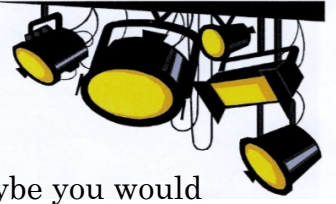


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-Schopenhauer

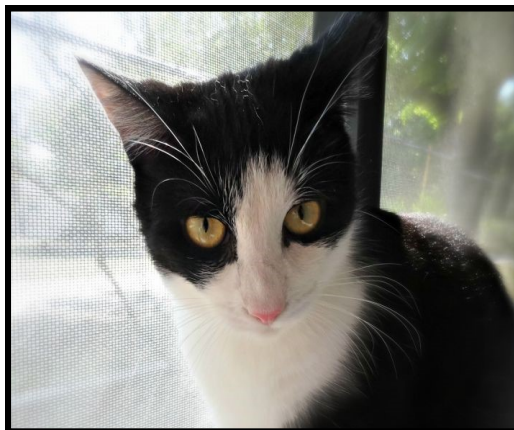
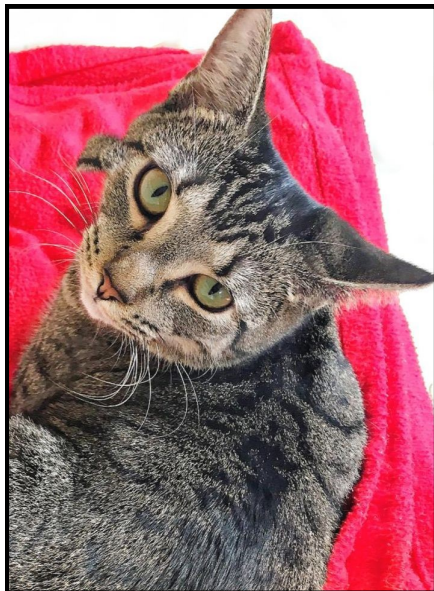


## Spotlight on Cats



If you are not in favor of having kittens running around your home, maybe you would like a fully trained and sociable adult cat. We have several you might love!

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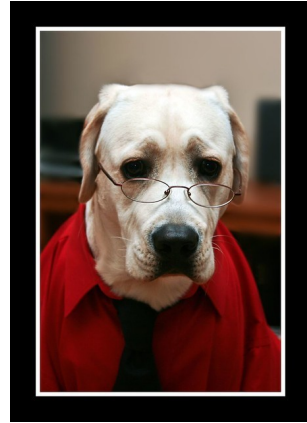
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**Winnie** is our office ambassador!

She's a grand older lady who does not do well outside in the heat all day, so she has taken up residence in the office where she has grown accustomed to the volunteers spoiling her. The ideal home for Ms. Winnie is one with no children, cats or dogs and potential adopters would need to visit with her several times to get to know her whims.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEDICAL TEAM**

Dr. Bob Encinosa, Medical Director

Dr. Rochelle Campbell

Dr. Damen Muller

Kelsey Hinsz CVT

Gloria Blue, Animal Care Manager



## Dog Days!



You gotta love Bunnie's ears!

**Bunnie** is a young female short haired dog with a beautiful chestnut colored coat. A little shy at first, Bunnie soon warms up to you and loves to run in the yard



**Guinevere**, or Gwen as most of us call her, is an adult female large hound mix with a beautiful black and white coat.

She was found as a stray and now loves to snuggle and as most hounds do, her nose is always working! Gwen is a great dog for a family to lavish attention on.



**Mango** is a small adult female chihuahua.

She has a big personality in such a tiny body and will be an awesome companion for someone who does not have larger dogs.

Like all our animals, Mango is up to date on her vaccinations and in good health.



Employees of Clayton Mortgage Company presented C.A.R.E with several boxes of pet supplies, toys and treats as well as \$1,000 in cash donations. A big thank you to them all!



Jean and Penny attended the Sun City Center Expo last month. Lots of interest in volunteering and the new facility. Distributed about 300 Critter Chronicles newsletters to visitors.



Our Outreach Team attended the Southshore Arts and Seafood Festival this past weekend at E.G. Simmons Park.



# Out About in the community



Three of the entrants in the Doggie Costume Contest at Jen's Market at Little Harbor on October 12th.

A lot of fun was had by all!



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