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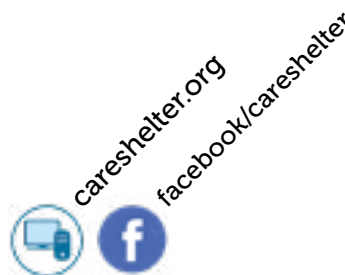
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**ROGUE**

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# CAREing thoughts

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners has recognized Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort “for its dedication to service while overcoming the daunting challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The commendation noted that since March 2020, County for profit and non-profit organizations, have worked tirelessly to collaborate to provide impactful and inspirational public service to residents during the pandemic.

Citing the Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort, the commendation said its “efforts and generosity are a testament to their compassion, resolve, and dedication to public service.”

The County commended C.A.R.E. for its commitment and steadfast service in times of need and all it has done for the betterment of the community,

## Thank You

We are most grateful that while Dan Bull, our Facilities Manager (and kennel lead), has been sidelined by surgery recovery that one of CARE’s benefactors has offered, free of charge, the services of his lawn company. **All About Your Yard Lawn Service** has been keeping our grounds beautiful, which is not a small task with 3 acres of land.

We want to give a big “Thank you” to **Jerry and Tammy Miller** for their generosity. We thank you and the dogs thank you for keeping their play areas in great shape.

## ON THE COVER:

Rogue is a sweet female tabby - approximately 2 years old. This beautiful girl delivered 6 kittens at C.A.R.E. in early April. She was a wonderful mom and is now ready for her own forever home. Rogue has a very warm personality and is super affectionate. She can also be quite the talker and upholds her end of a conversation well. Rogue has been spayed and is current on all vaccinations. Come out and meet her - she is always ready to say hello.



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- Their business card in our waiting area on bulletin board
- Hyperlink on our website for one year
- 50% off vendor registration at our events

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ways to help

# C.A.R.E. wish list

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (HELPS PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING)

- Monthly Animal Medical Expenses
- Veterinarian Services

## ANIMAL SUPPLIES

- Dog & Cat Toys
- Yesterday's News Cat Litter for Kittens
- Cat Treats
- Canned Pet food
- Soft Dog Treats
- Puppy Pads
- Royal Canine Indoor Cat Food
- Royal Canine Kitten Food
- Royal Canine Medium Adult Food
- Royal Canine Mini Adult Food
- Royal Canine Mini Puppy Food
- Royal Canine Medium Puppy Food

## OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Laminating Sheets
- Postage Stamps

## GENERAL SUPPLIES

- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent (HE)
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Distilled Water
- Paper Yard Waste Bags
- Alcohol
- Peroxide

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Pet Supply Gift Cards
- Office Supply Gift Cards
- New C.A.R.E. Members
- Volunteers

# Different ways to help

**There are a number of ways you can help us raise the funds we need to ensure a sound financial future for C.A.R.E.**

### YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LIVE LOCALLY TO HELP US!

- Sign up for a C.A.R.E. Membership, make a one-time donation, or set up automatic monthly donations on our website
- Join C.A.R.E.'s Legacy Circle or leave a donation to C.A.R.E. in your will
- Get additional advertising for your business and sign up for a C.A.R.E. business membership or corporate sponsorship
- Make a donation specifically for medical care and supplies for the animals
- Find out if your employer offers a Matching Gift Program
- Purchase a C.A.R.E. gift certificate for a friend or neighbor to adopt a new best friend
- Memorialize a special person or pet through our Tree of Life Program

### SHORT ON CASH? THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT C.A.R.E.

- Set up an automatic monthly donation – You can support C.A.R.E. with as little as \$10 a month!
- Donate unused gifts of all kinds or gift cards that C.A.R.E. can use for Silent Auctions and Door Prizes at our fundraising events
- Donate items from Our Wish List
- Donate goods and services
- Become a C.A.R.E. Volunteer
- Find out if your employer offers paid days off for charitable volunteer work

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A few times a year C.A.R.E. will receive money from Amazon which goes directly to assist the well being of the animals.

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Sandy Kloter, owner and operator of Pets, Paws, & Beyond, is a Ruskin resident. She is a mother of five boys and enjoys spending time with pugs (Maya and Abbie).



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## ◀ OC

Meet O.C.! This cutie came in as a solo kitten, but has quickly made friends in the kitten room. O.C. has a spicy, playful personality and is so much fun to watch and interact with. Come meet O.C. !

## Mona ▶

Our beautiful Mona. This beauty is approx. 10 years old and a bit on the shy side. However, it baffles us that she has not yet found her forever home after all these years. Mona is a sweet girl and would make an excellent, quiet companion. She enjoys sunning herself on the lanai and watching the wildlife. She loves treats and although she may watch from the high shelf, she will reach herself down for a good scratching behind her ears. Please stop in and say hello to Mona, she'd love to be considered for a forever family.



# Tabby Kittens ▶

We still have 3 tabby kittens looking for their forever homes. These sweeties are approximately 8 weeks old. Special Note: their mom, Rogue, is this months Cover Girl.



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## Community outreach

# Board Members Needed

The Board of Directors for C.A.R.E. is in search of additional Board Members. We would like to have a few more persons to help us with our decisions and provide us with fresh ideas. We currently have 5 sitting members.

The role of a Board Member includes, but is not limited to: Attending monthly board meetings, participation in discussions, staying informed about committee matters, arriving prepared for meetings, reviews and comments on minutes and reports, volunteers for and willingly accepts assignments related to responsibilities of the board (i.e. working with realtors, assisting with employee reviews, disaster planning, gathering and reviewing bids, creating policies and procedures), etc. As a volunteer organization, this is a working Board of Directors.

If you are interested, please take the time to write a little biography and state why you think you would like to be a board member and how you can contribute. You can submit it to any of the board members listed below.

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<b>Michelle Champagne</b>	captiva151@msn.com

*Thank you we appreciate it!*



# Bright Futures Opportunities Available

As we head into the summer season, C.A.R.E. has opportunities available for students working towards a Bright Futures Scholarship. As a 501c3 Non-Profit, our organization qualifies for students to gain hours which can be applied to their community service requirements.

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Be 16 years of age or older
- Available to volunteer a minimum of one shift each week
- Be available for the same shift each week (same day/time)
- Have reliable transportation (their own or a ride)
- Be able to follow directions
- Must love animals

## SOME BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

- Service Hours (Bright Futures)
- Work Experience
- Letter of Recommendation (if eligible)
- Higher Confidence Levels
- Animal Interactions
- Boosts mood and reduces stress
- Making a difference helping animals who need you

Applications can be obtained on our website ([careshelter.org](http://careshelter.org)) or in person (Tues – Sat. 10am – 3pm). You can also contact Jenn at 813-645-2273 for more information.







# Volunteer 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**

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

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

***The OutReach Coordinator will be in touch to explore your interest.***



# Pads4Paws

Over the years, we have enjoyed helping hundreds of people buy and sell their homes- from Tampa south to Bradenton, north to Dade City, east to the Gulf, and west to Plant City. The rewards we get from helping people find the home they love drives us forward each and every day.

“Finding a Home” has a different meaning when it comes to shelter animals. Home is a warm bed, a regular meal, a roof for protection from a raging storm or a cold, dark night. A home means love and life to our furry friends.

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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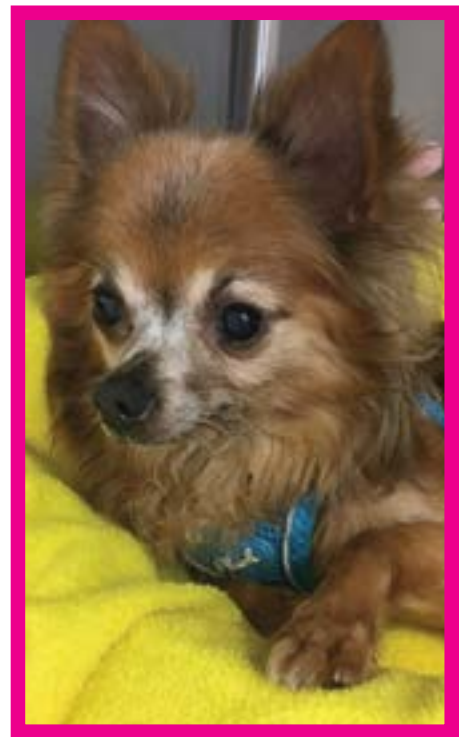


## ◀ Sammi

Sammi is a young Boxer Mix. The sweet girl is not a puppy, but is certainly still a ball of energy. Sammi is best suited for an active family or a home with a fenced yard that she can run in. Due to her energy and strength, we also suggest the home not have small children. Sammi is wonderful with people, she would be a great adventure companion - and if that adventure involves a pool, you will never see a happier pup. Come in and meet Sammi - she loves new people friends.

## Harry ▶

Meet Harry! This little guy is a bit older but full of love. Harry is a long haired Chihuahua who seems to do well with other dogs. Harry is very friendly and leash trained. Come in and meet Harry.



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## Luna Mae ▲

Luna Mae is a fun loving, young Lab mix. A notable personality trait of this beautiful girl - she smiles at you when she is excited. Luna Mae has a lot of energy and would fit in best with an active family or a home with a fenced yard. She loves playing in the water - pool or sprinklers. We do not recommend a family with young children due to her energy, nor does Luna Mae appear to like other dogs (we are uncertain about cats, but assume she wouldn't be a fan).



## Buddy ▲

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# Into the Great Wide Open (with your dog)

Dog parks are great, but what if you want some outdoor quiet time alone with your dog(s), and maybe a little exercise for yourself as well? You are in luck !!

South Hillsborough County is blessed with a large number of parklands, and within a 15- minute drive from the heart of Riverview, more than 20,000 acres of wooded and open spaces are just waiting for your exploration. Besides the large number of county and state parks, such as **Alderman's Ford, Wortham Park and Alafia River State Park**, there are thousands of acres of land under the direction of ELAPP (Environmental Land Acquisition and Protection Program). These stretches of green space offer a variety of habitats to hike and explore, and dogs are allowed while on leash.

While housing construction continues in the south county, there are numerous tracts of land interspersed, some over 5,000 acres in size (8 square miles) and protected from development. **The Rhodine Scrub, Fishhawk Creek Preserve, Triple Creek, and the Balm Boyette Scrub** are all very unique areas within a few minutes of Riverview, Lithia, Apollo Beach and Ruskin.

While Florida wilderness areas are not nearly as foreboding as some would have you believe, there are some things to be careful of in these places. The biggest threats come from bacteria, bugs (mosquitos and ticks), heat and dehydration....not snakes and alligators (although you should look out for those as well). Make sure your dogs are on a good heartworm preventive, and a good tick preventive. Also make sure they are vaccinated against Leptospirosis, which are bacteria common in puddles and shallow ponds.

For yourself, sunscreen and insect repellent can make the hike, and the days following the hike much more enjoyable. Last, but not least, if you plan to explore the deeper reaches of these areas in the warmer months, bring plenty of water for yourself and your 4-legged companions. So, get out and enjoy what your tax money paid for!

**By Dr. Bob Encinosa**  
Boyette Animal Hospital



Alafia River State Park



Wortham park



Aldermans Ford-park



## Let Us Paws

Let us face it, stuff happens, so this poem begins. Since we CARE enough to share our hands, heart, and time, lets paws and remember, This house is not mine. Let us Paws, and remember, I am here on a mission to CARE and be Kind, with my fellow man for those left behind. CARE gives we are, to those in need. This is their house for as long as required, our work and hope is, that their hearts are not mired.

Learning good souls are near as long as They are here. Lets us Paws, show love for all those all around, see, it doesn't really matter how many feet you have on the ground. I care for you all and CARE is what we do, until All homes are found, not just a few.

**By Beth Ann Stein**  
Volunteer and Board member

Dedicated volunteers are always needed at C.A.R.E.  
**PLEASE EMAIL** [volunteercare@aol.com](mailto:volunteercare@aol.com) if interested.

# How spoiled or pampered can one kitty get?

Rudi Leahy

Rudi's parents are Carol and Joe Leahy from Apollo Beach

In 2008, when I was only 1 year old, I was adopted from CARE by a nice couple who tried everything to make me feel comfortable and safe. Unfortunately, it didn't work. I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't come out from my hiding place, and I meowed all the time out of fear. My mom talked to the Animal Care manager at the shelter and she advised to give it some more time, certain that I would eventually adapt.

Finally, after two more months, I decided to explore during the daytime. I had always done so only after they went to bed. It was pretty cool as I had a pillow fetish I never knew about. So many pillows they had; on their beds, on the furniture, on the floor and even on the lanai furniture. I was impressed. My parents were overjoyed and couldn't believe their excitement



as I toured and investigated the home. It was at that moment I knew I could wrap the two of them around my paws and get whatever I want. Cat food? Cat toys? Cat litter? Cat bed? Cat treats? Hiding places? Furniture to sit or lie on? I made every decision. It was official, after only 2 more years of demonstrating my likes and dislikes; it was my house, my furnishings, my lifestyle, and my comfort. I had trained these humans to be my forever attendants to my every want and need.

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Volunteering at Care has been just as much of a learning experience as it has been fun and enjoyable. Being able to help maintain the facility and care for the dogs so they can be adopted by wonderful, caring families is very fulfilling. - Carly Farnell

Volunteering at C.A.R.E. gives me the chance to work hard towards something bigger than myself. The rest of the volunteers and I put our efforts towards making our animals as comfortable and as happy as they can be while they wait for their forever homes. - Julia Bird

*There are many opportunities available to help out!*

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C.A.R.E. has a two acre shelter located in Ruskin and is a mostly volunteer effort. We rely on the generosity of public donations to continue our work. We have adopted over 2,000 animals and have spayed and neutered over 4,000 in our discount clinic. We are unique in the shelter-ing world as our animals do not spend their time living in cages. Dogs are outside during the day and cats live in three open bays. We encourage visits and offer tours to local groups.

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