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# CAREing thoughts



Archie enjoying the pool! This just warms our hearts as we see him enjoy the little things in life such as a little pool.

## ON THE COVER:

Archie just warms our hearts as we see him enjoy the little things in life such as a stick. Even though he's been through a lot you'll catch him smiling. Really helps put life in perspective. Let's take this moment to be grateful for all the little things we have today. He is about 1-1/2 years old. He was brought to us as a stray. He had a severe injury to his left eye and had it removed but still lives life to the fullest and adds to his loving spirit. He has adapted very well and his friendly attitude is still very much in place. He is always pleasant seems to be smiling all the time.

He is a young dog who enjoys being with our handlers and wags non-stop for visitors as well. He is very active and loves to play ball. We are confident that he will be a loving addition to anyone who is lucky enough to adopt him.



President Joann With

The Board of Directors and I are pleased to announce that we have purchased 5 acres of land with sewer and water access for a new building. We chose property a short distance from the shelter to fulfill our commitment to the Southshore area and to retain our valued volunteers. While this is exciting news, and certainly a huge accomplishment, this is just the beginning of a lengthy process toward our future home. Watch for progress reports as we start down this road.

On November 14th, C.A.R.E. will hold our Annual Membership Meeting at the Firehouse Cultural Center. This is an opportunity to learn more about our past accomplishments and future challenges. Several board members will be up for reelection, and a change in the Bylaws will be voted upon. While only members are eligible to vote, all are welcome to attend.

To learn more about becoming a member, please contact [caremembership22@gmail.com](mailto:caremembership22@gmail.com). For information on becoming a board member, please contact me or any board member via the shelter at 813-645-2273 or [careshelter@aol.com](mailto:careshelter@aol.com).

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By President Joann With



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## ▼ Benny

Benny came to CARE with battle scars from living in the wild. His ear was injured and the pads of both front paws had been burned. He has tested negative to the common cat diseases. His voice, which has a squeaky raspy sound doesn't match his 13-pound size. He gives head butts that you certainly feel. He is very vocal and affectionate.

## ▲ Butterscotch

Butterscotch is a shy guy. He is almost 5 years old and prefers a quiet environment. While he takes some time to warm up to new people, it is definitely worth the wait. The quiet affection and joy that he brings warms any heart. He enjoys quieter play, lounging on the lanai watching the birds and soft gentle pets. While he is still a young cat, he currently exhibits a demeanor of a wise old soul.





## ▲ Maizy

Maizy is a very sweet young torti that came in pregnant, she delivered her babies on April 22nd. She has one little female torti kitten named Nova remaining at C.A.R.E. Both momma Maizy and baby Nova are ready for adoption.

They are both very affectionate, and enjoy human interaction. Stop out and meet Maizy and Nova.

## ▼ Nova



## ▲ Marta

Are you looking for a sweet, affectionate cat to share your home with? Marta is your girl. This gorgeous tabby greets everyone who comes in her room and loves to be petted. She is a loveable girl who is ready for a home.



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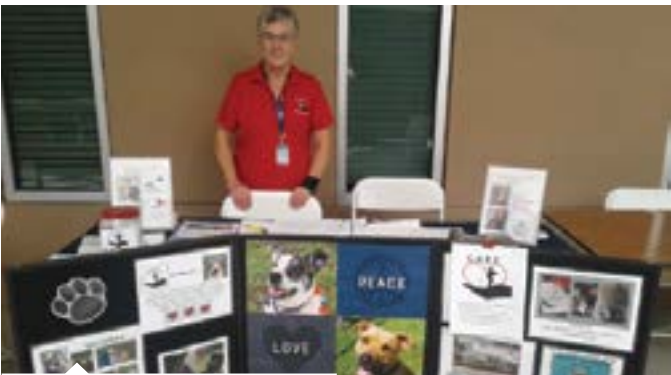
The Kingspoint and Sun Center Ohio Club invited C.A.R.E. to their Dog Days of Summer event on August 11th. Attendees enjoyed the dinner and dance along with learning about C.A.R.E. and how it serves the south shore area. At each table there was a picture and story about a famous animal in movie or TV that were once rescue animals. C.A.R.E. is grateful for the \$220 donation from this event.



Pictured: Betsy Hector, Mary McCombs, Dan Hector, Bev Mathews, Jim Rottman, Linda Floyd

## HCC Business and Local Organization Event

C.A.R.E. was invited to promote our shelter at the HCC SouthShore Campus Kick-Off event on July 28th. Board President Joann With and Cheri Schumacher, Community Outreach Coordinator, were on hand to mingle with students and to network with other businesses interested in supporting C.A.R.E. "This was a perfect opportunity to speak with students about our mission and volunteer opportunities," said Joann With.



Pictured: Board President Joann With

## Drag Queen Bingo at Salty Shamrock August 17th

The C.A.R.E. Outreach Committee again partnered with Greg Anderson Productions and Salty Shamrock in Apollo Beach for a fun evening of Bingo to raise funds for our shelter.



After the success of our April event we know we have a community that enjoyed the evening and would come back to support C.A.R.E. We had a "sell out" with the local community and our supporters raising \$3600.



The dogs even came. You might recognize from CARE alum Bunny

Everyone one had fun and winning was even better.



Special thanks to the members of our C.A.R.E. Outreach Committee who help to plan and execute these events.





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## Annual Meeting 2022

The Annual Meeting of Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort, Inc. will be held on Monday, November 14, at 6 pm at the Firehouse Cultural Center. Three board members will be up for reelection: President Joann With; Secretary Joyce Maggio; and Board member Drew Anklin.

### A change in the Bylaws will also be voted upon.

Article VII on the meetings of the Board of Directors currently reads: "... and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the 3rd Monday of each month." That shall be amended to read the 4th Monday of each month.



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## ▲ Annie

Annie is a fun loving, playful girl. She loves to play ball and run around the play yards. She wants to be the Queen of the castle so will do best as the only dog in the home. Annie loves a good roll in the grass.

She is an amazingly smart girl who would be a great companion for an active person . She is high energy and loves being given a job to do or somewhere new to explore. The perfect dog for an outdoor enthusiast looking for a companion to go on adventures with.



## ▲ Gabbie

Gabby is a gorgeous girl. Very smart. Walks well on a leash. She likes all the attention she gets from our dog handlers. She seems to like everyone and has a tail that is very quick to greet visitors. She loves to show off her ability to sit, shake and lay down! She will need a bit of loving patience to get settled into a new home.



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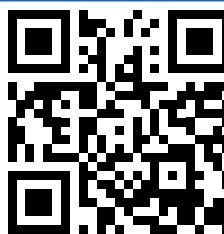
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## ▲ Gus

Handsome Gus is an AMAZING boy.

He is about 6 years old, the perfect age as he is still playful but can quickly calm down and be lazy. Gus is a short haired Bernese Mountain dog mix. He weighs about 75 lbs and is on the skinny side so he will weigh more as he fills out. He is strong so we are looking for someone that can withstand a stronger dog like Gus.

Gus LOVES to play ball and enjoys jumping through the water coming from a hose. He is a gentle giant and very friendly. A quick walk by our cat lanai gave him the chance to meet Angelina and they spent some time sniffing through the screen, overall a very positive interaction.

## ▲ Pepito

Pepito was found, by his previous owner, as a stray. He was in that home for one month when his owner moved to a two-dog limit community and could not keep him.

He came to our shelter in Mid-May. Since that time he has been neutered and has also been brought up to date on all vaccinations so he has had a lot of adjusting to do. Right now he is a bit scared and is choosy about his human friends. He has warmed up quickly to a few but is still sizing up some others. Our volunteer staff is working with him every day to let him know he is in a safe place, with friends. He is ready for a loving, patient home.

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Emergencies and Natural disasters, like hurricanes, tornadoes and floods, can have varying severities and effects on our communities. That's why it's so important for families to make an emergency plan, including a plan for their pets. If an evacuation is ever needed, having your pet's emergency plan and an emergency preparedness kit, or "Go Bag", ready will give you one less variable to worry about! Your pet's "Go Bag" can be a simple small backpack or a larger plastic storage bin, depending on how many pets you have and your needs. Below you will find a list of recommendations and common items to include in your pet's emergency plan and preparedness kit:

By **Dr. Nancy Moser**  
Boyette Animal Hospital

**Don't wait till the last minute be prepared**

## Pet's emergency plan and preparedness kit

- Keeping vaccines up to date and having hard copies of current vaccine records
- Getting your pet microchipped and ensuring it is registered with your information
- A list of animal-friendly evacuation shelters and emergency animal hospitals in your area
- A leash and collar with an ID tag
- A pet carrier
- A week supply of food, water and any medications your pets may need
- A pet first aid kit - ask your veterinarian what you should include for your pet
- A pet carrier
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# 5 Reasons Dog Training Makes Life Better!

By Karen Weir-Jimerson

There are plenty of reasons that training will make your life—and your dog’s—better. Dog training helps build a positive relationship between the two of you, and it helps ensure your pet’s safety. While there are a wide variety of training methods and techniques, all professional trainers agree that training your pooch for a variety of situations is a positive thing for both of you. Here are five reasons dog training will enhance the life of your dog (and yours, too!).

## 1. Training Enhances Your Relationship

Zazie Todd, PhD and author of *Wag: The Science of Making Your Dog Happy*, endorses positive reinforcement as the best way to create a good relationship with your dog.

“Positive reinforcement will help you teach your dog the behaviors that you like,” she says. Think about it. Would you want a friend who complimented you or insulted you? Of course, positive is the way to go. “There’s a lot of information about training that is very old-fashioned and very outdated,” she says. And that means punishment, such as yelling at your dog. Todd cites studies that indicate punishment-based, aggressive dog training methods can result in behavior problems for dogs.

Todd recommends building trust with rewards. “Reward-based methods are best,” she says. Positive training methods include giving treats, petting, and play time. But don’t underestimate the power of a good treat. “Praise doesn’t mean anything unless you follow it up with a treat,” she says. “Dogs like to work for food.” Rewards motivate a dog for good behavior. This allows you to create a relationship with your dog based on respect and friendship rather than fear.

## 2. Training Creates the Dream Roommate

Do you remember the roommate in college who left her dishes in the sink? Well, an untrained dog will leave more than dishes around. Yep, she will pee and poo on your favorite rug. House training helps your dog understand she needs to go outside to do her business. Training your puppy/dog to go to the bathroom outdoors will make your pet a better (and cleaner) roommate.

The Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University recommends taking your puppy/dog out to do their business on a schedule that’s based on their age. Puppies may need a visit outside every one to four hours when they are awake and active. Adult dogs can usually go without a potty break for six to eight hours during the day and eight to 10 hours overnight.

Speaking of roommates, it’s nice to have one who’s comfortable spending time in her own space when the situation calls for it. Likewise, crate training your dog will give your pet a safe, private retreat where she can feel comfortable. Positive reinforcements such as treats, a snuggly blanket (and more treats!) will help you teach your dog to enjoy her crate.

## 3. Training Ensures Your Dog’s Safety

Your dog doesn’t need to be able to shake hands, roll over, (or ride your Roomba around the house for your YouTube channel), but she does need to master a couple of basic voice commands in order for her to be well mannered and safe.

“Come” is the first command to teach. Having your dog return to you (called “recall”) is important if your dog is off lead or has escaped from your house or yard. “Sit” is an important command so your dog doesn’t run out the door when you open it for visitors. Todd also suggests “Leave it” or “Drop it” are important training commands that will help keep your pet safe. “If your dog comes upon something he shouldn’t eat, a command that stops him will keep him safe,” she says.

## 4. Training Makes Walks Together Fun

If you’ve ever seen an owner being dragged like a reluctant water skier behind their golden Lab, you can see the benefit of controlled leash training. You and your dog should be going on a walk together; your dog should not be walking you. Leash training makes walks with your dog a fun experience for both of you. But walking at the end of a lead isn’t a thing a dog will naturally know how to do. Training your dog to walk beside you (called “heeling”), rather than pulling out in front of you, will help your walks together be more rewarding.

## 5. Training Helps Your Dog Become More Confident

Training through socialization makes your pet friendly toward other dogs, kids, and adults. The Animal Humane Society recommends exposing your pet to new people, situations, and dogs, to make him more well rounded. “Socializing your dog through puppyhood and adolescence is one of the best ways to ensure that they become a friendly and confident adult,” the organization says.





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a **VOLUNTEER** love story

# Volunteers are the heart of our shelter



We are thankful for the love our dog handlers give to our dogs. Meet our dog handler, Terry, and one of his best friends at the shelter, Peppermint.

It is tough to tell who is receiving the most love here!

Terry is originally from Illinois and has been a dedicated dog handler at C.A.R.E. since January 2021.

Terry adopted his dog, Licorice, from C.A.R.E. in 2019. Licorice had been a C.A.R.E. resident for some time when Terry and his wife decided to devote many hours to winning him over.

In addition to his weekly volunteer schedule Terry is always willing to fill in whenever he is needed. His patience and knowledge of every animal is invaluable to our shelter and sincerely welcomed by our canine pets. He is very familiar with the personalities of every dog. So, in addition to working with our dogs, Terry can also introduce prospective adopters to any dog they may be interested in.

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