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presidents letter

Well, here we are in the last quarter of the year! And we survived the challenges that 2020 has brought with it so far, thanks in no small part to you, our faithful and generous supporters.

Many of you generously donated your stimulus payment to the care of our animals. Others kept the donations coming even as more and more people were suffering layoffs from their jobs, including the Realtors of Keller Williams SouthShore, who chose us as their charity for 2020. It is truly humbling and heartwarming to witness the outpouring to those in need in our community. We have been able to keep our community cupboard open on Tuesday and Friday mornings to help those in need of pet food for taking care of their own pets, thanks to donations from Amazon and others in the community.

While all of that is great, we do have one need that we have been unable to fulfill. We are in desperate need of volunteers for the dogs and cats. We have fewer active volunteers now than at any time I can remember. The commitment is only for 3 hours a week. Most of us spend that much time staring at a phone or a computer screen in a day! I can't describe in words the wonderful feeling you get from taking care of these innocent beings, you have to experience it for yourselves. Please give it some thought and then call our volunteer coordinator, Jenn at 645-2273.

The need is urgent!



Penny Smith
President

TACO



SIMMI



ON THE COVER:

TACO: (in ICU) (DOB: 7/2020)

Taco is a newcomer that was found near Fuzzy Taco restaurant and brought to CARE. She is a gray and white kitten who is as cute as she can possibly be! She has warmed up quickly and is talkative, sweet, and loves being held and cuddled. She has become Bell's BFF, and is teaching Bell how to play nicely.

SIMMI: (DOB: 5/2020)

Simmi is a dark torti female with light and dark sides on her face, that makes her look like different cats depending on which way she is sitting!

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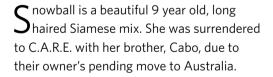




Cabo

abo was surrendered, along with his sister Snowball, due to his owner's pending trip to Australia. He was very scared when he first arrived, but he quickly warmed up to our volunteers. He is very vocal and loves to talk back when someone speaks to him. He also loves attention and wants to be showered with attention!

Snowball



She was super shy when she first arrived, but she quickly settled in and warmed up to our volunteers. She can be quite vocal and loves when you talk to her.

Snowball is very sweet and enjoys attention and being petted. she is healthy and up-to-date on all vaccines.



Community outreach

Although outreach events have been severely impacted by social distancing requirements, we were still able to participate in the Sun City Center Chamber's Business Expo. This year the event was a "drive through and pick up your bag event" and 500 attendees collected their bags which included the last issue of our Critter Chronicles.

This month we will be attending Jen's Markets on the 10th at Little Harbor and on the 18th at the old Winn Dixie Plaza in Apollo Beach, noon to 5pm.



Stop by and say hi! we would love to see you.



The Annual members' Meeting

The Annual members' Meeting will be held on **November** 16th, at 6pm at the Firehouse Cultural Center at 1011st Avenue NE in Ruskin. Members who plan to attend should RSVP by calling 645-2273 as space will be limited and social distancing will be observed.





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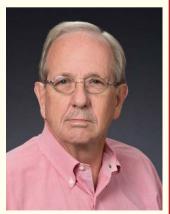
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Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Treats

Your fur baby deserves the best, especially when it comes to food. Keep 'em happy and healthy with delish dog treat recipes!



Prep:

15 mins

Cook:

40 mins

Additional:

45 mins

Total:

1 hr 40 mins

Servings:

25

Ingredient Checklist

2 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

2 large eggs eggs

1/2 cup canned pumpkin

2 tablespoons peanut butter

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Step 2

Whisk together the flour, eggs, pumpkin, peanut butter, salt, and cinnamon in a bowl. Add water as needed to help make the dough workable, but the dough should be dry and stiff. Roll the dough into a 1/2-inch-thick roll. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces.

Step 3

Bake in preheated oven until hard, about 40 minutes.

View recipe

www.allrecipes.com/recipe/133123/peanut-butter-and-pumpkin-dog-treats























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"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?'

WOOSTER: (DOB: 5/2020)
Wooster is an orange tabby male with a white neck and white paws.

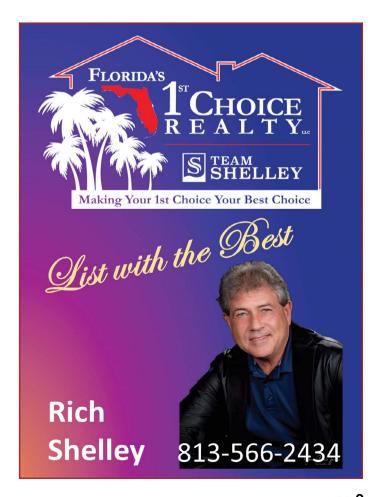
And now we know: Yes, we can!



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_-qUAOH3Wo

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Pads4Paws.org will generously support local animal shelters, rescues, and foster homes in their efforts to fund programs for animals. The Pads4Paws program provides a plan where our team contributes a pre-determined dollar amount from each of our sales toward these organizations' ongoing rescue and rehabilitation efforts. By choosing to list their properties or purchase a property with our team, our clients become an integral supporter of these shelter animals as well.



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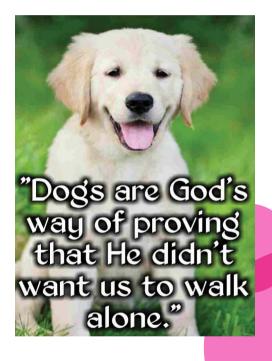
Petey

Say hi to sweet Petey. He is a big ole goofy pitbull/terrier mix who has quickly become a favorite of our volunteers. He loves to greet all visitors with a friendly smile and a furiously wagging tail.

Petey came to C.A.R.E. all on his own. He showed up at our gate and decided to make himself at home. We do not know how he would do with dogs or cats. He would probably be fine with older kids who are dog savvy.

Petey is heartworm positive and is being treated.

A home with a fenced yard is preferred.





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Charlie

She is 9-years old and is suffering from severe medical neglect. She is on medication now for chronic, untreated skin infections and severe ear infections, She is scheduled to have dental surgery because her mouth and teeth are so bad that she can only eat soft food. She also has a level 4 heart mummer.



Charley is a laid back sweetheart! She wags her tail at the slightest kind word and she is grateful for any attention at all. Charley has been nonreactive with other dogs and kittens since coming to us. We cannot say she is 100% housebroken, but she has never had an accident in her kennel. She has good eyes for her age and she is heartworm negative.

Charley is now receiving the very best care and all of her health issues are being addressed. When you come to take her home, all you need to do is supply the love she so deserves!

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or all of us, the emergence of the Covid-19 virus earlier this year has changed our way of life. We have been forced to spend much of our time isolated from other people and worried about any human contact. No longer is it acceptable to give someone a hug, handshake or even a pat on the back. But we all still need love. For many people that love comes from our beloved pets. Our pets are here for us when we need a friend. There has never been a time that we have needed them more than now. In fact pet adoptions have increased significantly since the pandemic started as people opened up their hearts and their homes to their new furry friends. But is it safe to have a pet or adopt a new pet in these uncertain times?

With so much that is not known about this new virus, many people worry that their pets are at risk and that pets could pose a risk to them. It is too early in the research of this new disease to have answers to all these questions, but this is what is known at this time. Worldwide, millions of people have been diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, but there actually have been very few positive tests in companion animals. In the animal world in general there have been very few cases. Five tigers and three lions tested positive and are believed to have contracted the virus from a COVID positive handler at the Bronx zoo. In the Netherlands and in Spain there have been reports of positive cases in some of the mink farms. Again, the animals contacted the disease from infected workers. The most recent case in a pet was a German shepherd in New York who was believed to have been infected by its owner. There are also three confirmed cases in domestic cats in the United States. Again, most of these pets had owners who tested positive for the virus. So, it is very important that people who have COVID-19 should avoid contact with all humans, pets and other animals. However, there is no evidence that pets can spread the virus to people, even if it gets on their skin or fur.

The potential signs of the virus in pets includes vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory disease, fever and loss of appetite. If the pet is showing any of these signs it is important to bring the pet to see a veterinarian. But if the pet's owner tested positive for the disease, then someone else should bring the pet to the clinic and curbside service would be advised. For these cases samples from the nose, throat or rectum can be submitted to a lab for testing of COVID. Routine testing for this virus in pets is not advised.

The best advice is to treat pets as you would treat other family members. Try to limit interactions with other people as much as possible. Keep cats inside and try to walk dogs on a leash at least 6 feet away from other people. Try not to go to the dog park, but if it is a part of your routine, remember to wear your mask. Don't try to put a mask on your pet because it could produce more harm than good. Try to clean and disinfect anything you bring to the park - toys, dishes and leashes, but not your dog. Remember that is still important to take your pet to the veterinarian if it is sick or injured or for preventative care and surgery. Your veterinarian and staff are doing everything possible to keep you and your pets safe and healthy during this pandemic crisis.

By Dr. Lorraine Ellwood



Preparing Your Home for a New Cat or Dog

Whether it's tightly sealing your garbage cans or paying attention to dangerous decorations during the holidays, you'll need to make your home safe before adopting. That includes keeping toxic foods, pet-unfriendly plants and dangerous household items out of paw's reach. Here are some suggestions for preparing your home to welcome a new canine or feline companion.

- Put a cozy bed for your pet in every room. Pets are much more likely to keep off of furniture if they have attractive alternatives.
- If you have a cat, try putting double-sided sticky tape or upside-down carpet runners on furniture to discourage her from scratching.
- Avoid vertical blinds, pooling drapery, ornate tassels and long cords that can become strangulation hazards.
- If you have cats, be sure to install high-quality metal screens on all windows.
- It may be a good idea to roll up and store decorative rugs until your new dog is fully house-trained.
- Provide your new cat with a variety of scratching posts and perches.
- Use dog crates and gates to confine your new dog when home alone until his house manners earn him unsupervised freedom.

- Provide plenty of "legal" things for your dog to chew. If he has attractive toys and bones of his own, he'll be much less likely to gnaw on your things!
- Check to make sure that plants in and around your home are not poisonous to pets.





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BELL >

BELL: (DOB: 7/2020)

A black female kitten was recently left at CARE's gate. She is very talkative, but will need lots of socializing to learn not to play so roughly. She is all nails and teeth when you get close. She is not mean; she just doesn't know how to interact nicely, but she is learning how to be nice by her new BFF, Taco!



kittens, **kittens**, kittens

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Tessa

She was born to a feral mom, so the staff and volunteers worked hard to socialize them and get them to be the playful, loving kitten she is today.

Bolin 🕶

BOLIN: (DOB: 5/2020)

Bolin seems to only have suffered a single injury to the tip of his little tail from an early experience. He is a very sweet, active, and playful little tan and white boy. He can spend hours just playing with his toys alone, but also plays well with others.



Prrrr

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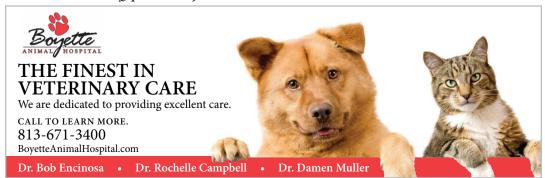
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