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ON THE COVER:

Check out all these adorable photos of **Tony!** He's a lot of fun, he's young (8 months) and full of love to give. He gets a long well with all people and animals.

Stop out and meet him! He wants to be adopted. We are open from 10 AM to 3 PM Tuesday through Saturday.



President Joann With

Looking back on 2021, it was a year of both challenges and accomplishments. CA.R.E. felt the impact of having no President or Membership Coordinator and several employee vacancies, while efforts to obtain new property and plans for the new building stalled. In turn, C.A.R.E. members, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and the public rallied. A new President and Board member were elected, vacancies were filled with capable staff, the Membership Coordinator position was filled, and a new energy emerged. Your Board of Directors renewed efforts towards a new building, pursuing and establishing relationships within the community and identifying foundations that support capital projects aligned with our mission. A **May Market fundraiser** was held, the first large event since Covid emerged. This new outdoor event raised over \$4,000 for C.A.R.E. and brought together many C.A.R.E. Alumni and old friends while making new ones. A **Gift and Wine Fair** was held in December, having been canceled in 2020 due to shutdowns. This major fundraiser exceeded all expectations with more than \$13,000 raised. We welcomed generous donations from **1st Choice Realty, Canine Cabana, Drew's RV, The Mabel & Ellsworth Simmons Charitable Foundation, Roger Zwiig,** and the **Valencia Lakes Sports Charity**, along with record donations in December.

Best wishes to all as we begin a new year. 2022 is going to be a great one.

By President Joann With

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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?

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◀ Brandi

Brandi is a very affectionate little Calico that was brought in as a stray. She has a self inflicted eye injury, but doesn't seem to have any visual impairment. She LOVES attention, and is very friendly and sweet. She's around 12 weeks old.

If you are looking for a real love bug, Brandi's for you!

Jackson ▶

Sweet, gentle Jackson. This wonderfully affectionate fella was brought in due to his owner passing away. He is in need of a new home. If you can add a new kitty to your home, please consider Jackson. He's a beauty! Siamese mix, 2 years old. He is very sweet, enjoys human interaction and gets along well with other cats.





▲ Rocky

This little cutie is Rocky. He was brought in as a stray. He's around 3 1/2 months old. He has a black coat with charcoal grey stripes. He's a little shy when first meeting, but warms up quickly when played with.



▲ Dolly

Dolly is a sweet little black and white coat female kitten needs a home of her own. She was brought in with her siblings who have been adopted and now it's Dolly's turn to find a forever home. She's very sweet, around 14 weeks old.

Kittens ►

KITTENS, KITTENS, KITTENS C.A.R.E. has lots of little ones ready for a loving family. All adorable, loving and lots of fun. Come on in and meet these super sweethearts.

Valencia Lakes Donation to C.A.R.E.



Valencia Lakes Sports Charity holds an annual dinner dance event choosing two charities for this fundraising effort. Over the years they have donated thousands of dollars to various charities/groups and C.A.R.E. is honored to be their choice for 2021.

Recently the group donated \$5125 from their organization.

We thank the Valencia Lakes Sports Charity for their generous donation to help further our mission to care for neglected, abused and unwanted cats and dogs to reduce the number of homeless and abandoned animals through adoption, sterilization and education.





Annual Gift and Wine Fair

Our 2nd Annual Gift and Wine Fair exceeded all expectations, raising more than \$13,000 for C.A.R.E. This is more than double that raised in 2019. Organizer Cheri Schumacher was the driving force, along with Sue Oland and members of the Outreach Committee who contributed much time and effort. Our sincerest thanks to the Southshore Falls Board of Directors for use of their clubhouse, our sponsors for their generous support, local businesses for their donations, our many unique vendors, more than 200 wine sippers and shoppers, and a cadre of dedicated C.A.R.E. volunteers who made it all possible.

Our sincerest thanks go to the Southshore Falls Board of Directors for use of their clubhouse. Adding the wine to our Gift and Wine Event was PRP Wines donating their wines for tasting.



Pictured Sue Oland, Cheri Schumacher, Joann With, Nancy Alexander, Kris Hart, Brenda Knebel





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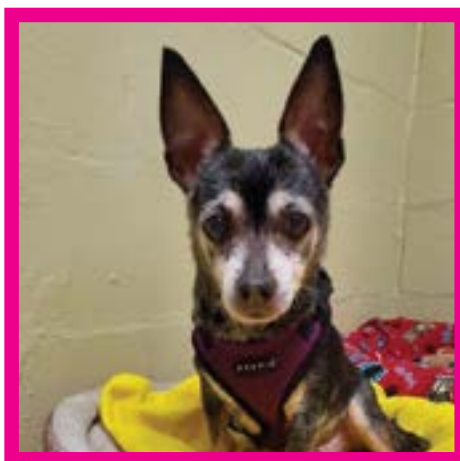
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▲ Autumn

Autumn is a sweet, spunky girl that's looking for her new home. She's a great dog that's well rounded, a great fit for many different families.

Stop out and meet her.

▲ Pancho & Diego

We have 2 new dogs that are a bonded pair that will be adopted out together. They are around 15 years old. They are sweet old men. The big guy named Diego-is more outgoing and the little one named Pancho -is a bit more quiet. They are senior dogs and we are looking for someone that knows how to care for seniors. They spend most of their time relaxing in the office and sleeping. The perfect work from home duo. Due to their age they need a quite calm home.

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▲ Brady

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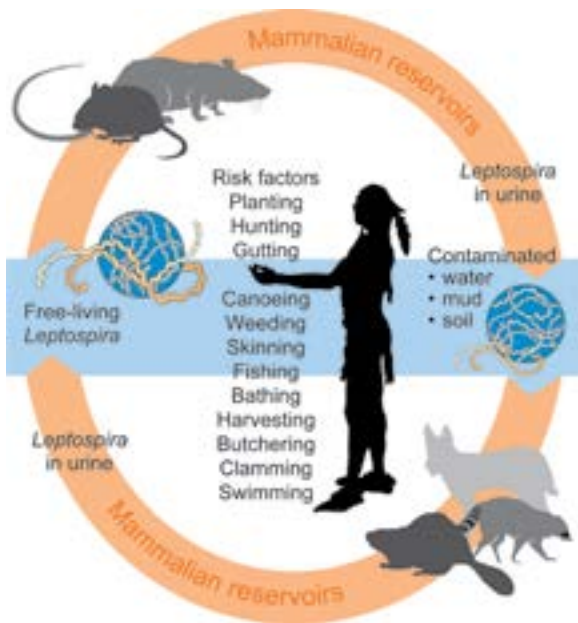
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Leptospirosis: Keep you and your dog safe!

Leptospirosis - you may or may not have heard of this disease, whether in its full name or by the more common “lep-to” for short. Leptospirosis is a disease that is transmitted in contaminated urine, commonly from outdoor mammals, like raccoons, squirrels, mice, rats, etc. You may have heard your veterinarian briefly discuss vaccinating your pet for leptospirosis and why this is so important.

Luckily the leptospirosis vaccine helps by immunizing your dog against this disease - first, a series of 2 shots, then annually. Another reason to consider vaccinating your dog for leptospirosis is that this disease is zoonotic, meaning humans can contract this disease from infected animals. Here in Florida, we have a lot of wet days (think hurricane season, rivers, lakes, and daily summer thunderstorms). As with any other vaccine, there remains a chance of vaccine reactions that we need to be mindful of. Talk to your veterinarian if your dog’s lifestyle warrants vaccination. If your dog goes outside, even for a quick trip to the bathroom, or in apartment dwellings with a history of rat problems, this vaccine should be strongly considered.

By Luke Viramontes, DVM
Boyette Animal Hospital



Dogs, by their naturally curious nature, are exposed to many potential diseases in the outside world. We know they’ll go sniffing around and under bushes, drink random puddles of water, play in the mud at dog parks - they’re almost always in contact with some sort of humid, damp area when they’re outside. If you think about it, wild animals also frequent these areas, where they will gather, eat, and....urinate. This is where the transmission of leptospirosis begins. For dogs that unfortunately contract the disease, it primarily infects the kidneys and liver. Signs of illness can be non-specific, such as fever, vomiting, urinating and drinking more than normal, or in the most severe cases, not urinating at all. These patients need aggressive care immediately for the best chances of survival. In nearly all cases, infected patients require multiple days of hospitalization.



PS: Did you know Tampa made Orkin’s list of top 50 rattiest cities in America in 2021? Get your pet vaccinated - vaccines save lives.



Is It Safe to Take My Dog to the Dog Park?

Not every pup enjoys dog parks. Here's how to tell if your pooch would rather skip it.

Good pet parents take their dogs to off-leash dog parks, right? Not always, Natalie Marks, DVM, co-founder of Top Vets Talk Pets and veterinarian at VCA Blum Animal Hospital in Chicago, says. "Not every dog can go to the dog park and feel comfortable in that setting," she explains. "For some pups, the dog park can be a scary place. And taking a fearful pooch to the dog park can be downright dangerous."

Abiding by all the dos and don'ts of off-leash dog parks helps. But if your dog tends to be anxious or dog-reactive, a trip to the dog park likely won't be fun for your pup. Find out how to tell when it's best to avoid the dog park, and fun activities you can do together instead.



Signs You Should Avoid Dog Parks

Dogs that are already fearful or anxious at home are at a high risk of getting into a squabble at the dog park, Marks says. Skip going if your dog displays any of these fear- or anxiety-driven behaviors at home:

- **Yawns a lot**
- **Paces**
- **Pants**
- **Startles easy**
- **Possessive of toys and food bowl**
- **Protective of you**
- **Doesn't play well with other dogs**

How your dog responds to other dogs while walking on a leash is also a good indicator of how well he'll do at an off-leash dog park. If your pup starts to growl, excessively bark, or makes slow, deliberate movements when another dog approaches, it's a sign that he feels uncomfortable or even threatened. Does your dog act hesitant on walks? He's probably feeling nervous. In either case, your dog is showing signs of stress and probably won't do well at a dog park.

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By Kristi Valentini



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I'm a snowbird from Hector, N.Y. I've been at CARE for eleven years.

I like mornings when the dogs are fresh and full of energy. It's so rewarding to get to know the dogs and then watch them go to their new homes.

Don't hesitate to join!

--- SUSAN WOLF

Originally from New England I've been volunteering on Saturdays at CARE for five years. I enjoy showing the dogs to potential adopters while talking about our little shelter, how supporting our local community is important to us, and how we strive to provide the best temporary home possible for the dogs and cats that come to us. I get asked all the time: My schedule doesn't allow me the time to volunteer at the shelter, so how else can I help? My answer: Go to our website and see how easy it is to show your support by becoming a CARE Member!

---- LAURA BULL

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