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A Volunteer  
Love Story

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## ON THE COVER:

**Bonnie & Clyde** alluded capture for just over 3 weeks. However, our volunteers worked hard to convince these two to come in when they were discovered living in the woods across from the shelter. After weeks of being fed just outside the gates and observing the happiness of the other dogs at the shelter, they were enclosed into the parking lot and escorted into the building.

These young Chihuahuas are sweet, friendly and completely bonded. They are looking for a home together. Come out and meet them.



# CAREing thoughts

By now most of us should have received our stimulus checks and maybe even our IRS refund checks. This is also the time of the year when income to the shelter lags because the annual dues have been received and the Christmas donations are a thing of the past.

So....how about helping to keep the shelter running. I know you all have been working hard to take care of the cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, during these unusual times, but we could use a financial boost. Give whatever you can, every bit helps pay for our daily operations.

Also, if you are able, donate to the building fund. As you probably have heard, the cost of building at our present location is prohibitive because of the need to run water and sewer lines to meet county codes, We are currently dealing with several local realtors searching for a piece of property that is large enough, has water and sewer available, has the correct zoning and is reasonably priced. We have seen several that meet some of the criteria but not all. The search continues, As you probably know, the housing/land market is very expensive right now. So the search may take some time,

The fact that we could not build on CARE's existing property came as shock to us. Please keep the faith and help us as we move forward,



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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

# Amazon Smile Its easy to donate

**Help out animals while you shop! How easy is that.**

Amazon Smile is a great way to help out the dogs and cats while you do your regular shopping. AmazonSmile program is the EXACT SAME thing as Amazon but... when you switch your account over to AmazonSmile and pick Critter Adoption And Rescue Effort Inc as your charity, Amazon will donate some of the proceeds from your purchases back to C.A.R.E.

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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Who can resist kittens? We have LOTS of kittens. One group of kittens recently came to C.A.R.E. with their mom and we have to tell you - they are irresistible. Mom had quite the assortment, her 8 kittens span the whole color spectrum and are unbelievably sweet.

Our other group of 6 kittens were born at C.A.R.E. Mom is doing an amazing job of caring for them and it is about time

for them to find their forever homes. It has been so much fun to watch them grow and we are excited to see them adopted into their forever homes.

**Mom and kittens are available for adoption - come in and meet them along with all of our other adoptables too.**









## 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>Beth Ann Stein</b>	bethann@firehouseculturalcenter.org
<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.





# Scout Eagle Project Benefits C.A.R.E.



Travis Moss chose the local CARE animal shelter as the focus for his Eagle Project.

The shelter had an old broken and splintered wooden picnic table and Travis built a new table along with a large bench for the shelter. He chose a long lasting 100% recycled resin material that will stand up to the Florida outdoor weather.

An Eagle Scout project requires much planning and approval from Scout Council including writing a detailed project plan and how to finance the project to execute to completion.

**Congratulations to Travis on this important step to achieving his Eagle Rank.**



## 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.

**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.

# Looking for a dog-gone home

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## ◀ Gwen

Gwen is a young, sweet lab/hound mix. Gwen can be very sweet and loves to play, if you are on her list favorite people. She is picky when it comes to choosing people to love. Possible adopters should be prepared to visit her several times in order to convince her that you are deserving of her affection. We know that she is well worth the effort!

This large, strong girl is looking for a single owner, or a family with teens, who has had previous large dog experience and will respect her need for slow introductions to a new environment. She requires someone able to set boundaries and handle her with firm, loving guidance.

## Luna ▶

Luna is a joy to be around with a fun, playful personality. Luna is a young girl who weighs about 50lbs and is high energy. She loves to learn. Luna is best suited for a home without young children or other pets as she can play rough at times.



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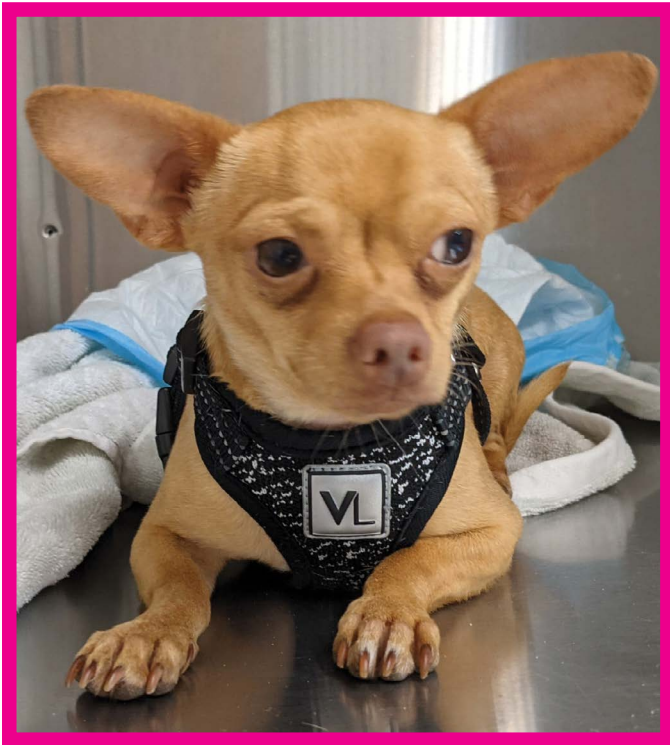
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## Elliott ▲

Elliott is a 6 pound male chihuahua who was found as a stray. He is a tiny little thing who is very timid when you first meet him. After he gets to know you, he quickly warms up and wants to snuggle.


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Vaccines have been considered one of the most pronounced medical marvels in the last several decades. Diseases like polio have been eradicated, measles has been controlled, and now, we've entered a new frontier combating the deadly and life-altering COVID-19 virus. Vaccines are essential to maintaining your pet's healthy lifestyle in a similar way.

Vaccines work by priming your immune system and preparing it for a plethora of foreign invaders, called antigens, in the form of bacteria and viruses. When puppies and kittens are born, they derive part of their immunity from their mother. Over the next few weeks, that maternal protection begins to fade away and the importance of getting your pet vaccinated on time is crucial. During these initial visits, pets receive a series of vaccines up until a certain age (usually between 16 and 20 weeks old) to ensure they develop a proper immune response against certain diseases, such as distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, and rabies. From then on out, vaccine boosters are recommended yearly or less frequent, depending on the vaccine.

Without proper vaccination, these diseases can commonly lead to aggressive hospitalization, hefty veterinary bills, and in some cases, death. As part of your pet's normal preventative care, vaccines are an essential part to your pet's lifestyle. As often as vaccines are given, vaccine reactions must be prepared for as well. Although very uncommon, some pets may experience a reaction shortly after receiving a vaccine, most commonly in the form of facial swelling, hives, vomiting, or diarrhea. In very rare instances, pets can develop

an anaphylactic reaction, which requires emergency treatment. Although reactions can't be predicted, we can try to limit these by evaluating your pet's lifestyle and vaccine history, and vaccinating only if deemed necessary (ie: boarding, going to dog parks, etc). The exception to this is the rabies vaccine, which is a legal requirement for all pets, including indoor-only cats.

**By Luke Viramontes, DVM**  
Boyette Animal Hospital



## 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.  
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# Happy furever home

## Little Fella (AKA Duke)

Owners: Simon and Marcia Strugnell

Little Fella has been helping with Supervisory and Quality Insurance roles with home painting project. He does a fine job, almost as good as he is at Security and Theft Prevention Officer.

He is doing well physically for the most part. Still struggles at times squatting and his legs can buckle and give out, but for the most part as mentioned, as long as we control his enthusiasm and movements and keep him supervised we can do our best to try and ensure that he does no further damage to his knees hips and shoulders.

He is getting better as far as socializing but for the most part, it is best if he is not approached or patted when on leash and in public. He is perfectly fine with everyone if they are outside of his and our personal space - ( I say our but it is his, for what is his is his and what is ours is his ). But for the most part, he knows very quickly if people are intimidated, and a lot are, and if he senses it he takes full advantage of it. We monitor to ensure that he cannot do anything that will get him in trouble - be it socially or physically.

But with us he is a very loving boy, when he offers his affection it is quite common to get the tongue sponge bath all over your head. It's like he is trying to down a DQ soft serve in the middle of summer before it melts. A comical little man. I think he is hoping for some more cool weather so he can don the woolen cardigan - he is pretty fond of himself in that, and look out if he sees his reflection.



Picture of the Little Fella out and about the other morning - it was about 36-38 F so pretty fresh for the guy with the very short bull breed coat. So on with the tartan jacket with the Aussie Lambs wool and he thought he was the greatest thing in the world - he was prancing like a thoroughbred racehorse at the track and trying to get the attention of any car going past or person in their living room saying going " Look at me ". Could of sworn he was on the Catwalk of Milan doing modeling jobs for Armani - I should of changed his name and called him Fabio. Jacket a bit big for Duke but will serve nicely and keep his warm on the cool days where the weather affects his musculoskeletal issues and arthritis. He wants to put it on all the time and looks at it when its 75 out saying " can i wear it again ". Funny stuff watching his enthusiasm and excitement, but he does like to be warm.



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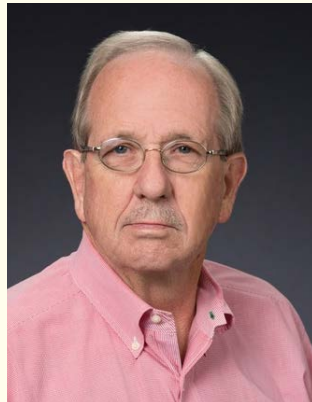


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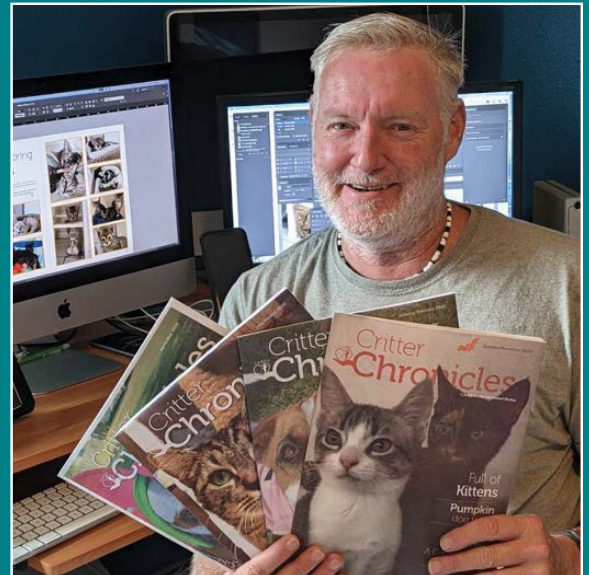
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## a VOLUNTEER *love story*



**James DeMass**  
 GRAPHIC DESIGNER

As a former adopter, I had the opportunity to learn what a great organization C.A.R.E. is and really wanted to give back.

I volunteer my Graphic design skills and time to help put out the quarterly C.A.R.E. Crittters Chronicles Magazine. The opportunity to display the animals and their personalities to help them be adopted, truly feels like I am making a difference.

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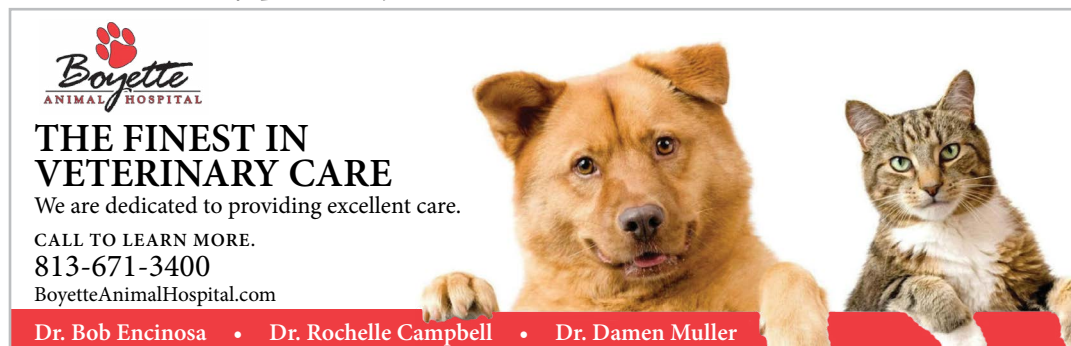
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C.A.R.E. has a two acre shelter located in Ruskin and is a mostly volunteer effort. We rely on the generosity of public donations to continue our work. We have adopted over 2,000 animals and have spayed and neutered over 4,000 in our discount clinic. 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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