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# CAREing thoughts



This is Annie. She loves to play ball, Frisbee and a good roll in the grass. She is the perfect companion for an active person. Annie is very smart and would love to be with someone who will take her to explore the world around her. She is an active girl who wants to be queen of the house and should be the only dog in the home.



President Joann With

2022 was a year of successes. It was a banner year for Outreach with 28 off-site events that brought in \$18,500, and the Give & Wine Fair that raised more than \$21,000. Membership was increased by 84%. New gates and an intercom system improved safety and security. Fencing was repaired, and trees were pruned and cleared. Two new board members were elected. Land was purchased for the new building and building plans were initiated. There were also challenges. A shortage of volunteers meant more work and longer hours for many. And learning the building process and county requirements was at times overwhelming.

As we enter 2023 our goals include regular meetings with cattery and kennel volunteers to improve communications; finalizing a business plan for the new facility; initiating a capital fundraising campaign to include networking, fundraisers, and grants; and completing architectural and site plans for County approval.

Thank you everyone for your efforts and continued support, and best wishes for the New Year.

By President Joann With

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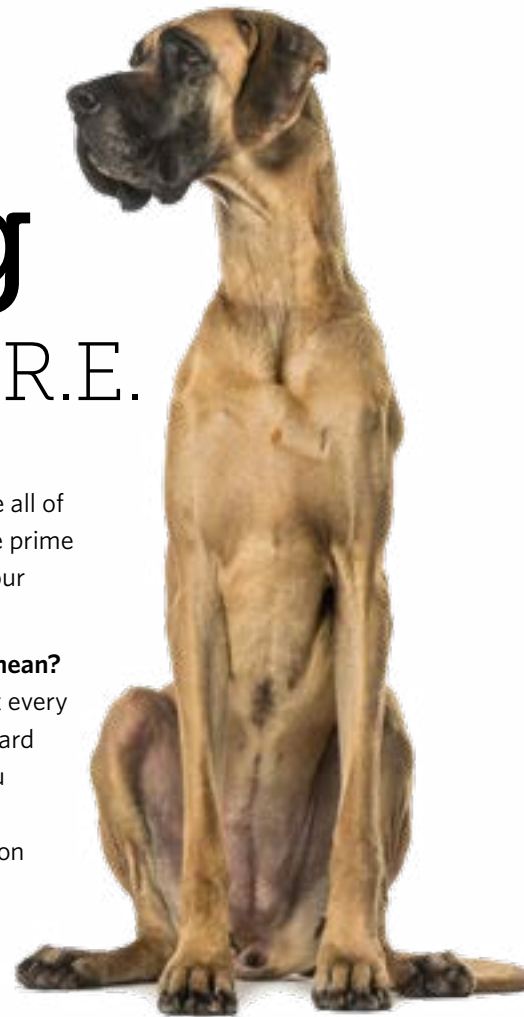
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## become a member of C.A.R.E.



### Why you should consider becoming a Sustaining Member

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# Prrrrrrr-fect for a family

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## ▼ Dusty & Shadow

Dusty and Shadow are two males that were brought in together. Dusty has the darker coat, he was born in October 2019. Shadow is lighter/more of a golden grey coat and was born in July 2020.

They are sweet fellas that are bonded, so a home together would be preferred. They are both neutered and up to date on vaccines. These beautiful kitties are in need of a forever home and are ready for adoption.

## ▲ Daisy

Dazzling Daisy is a young mama of 2 very sweet kittens, Espresso and Brewer. The trio was brought to CARE as strays. Daisy is very friendly and loves spending time with our volunteers and the kittens in the kitten room. This affectionate mama is ready to find her loving forever home.





## ▲ Guinness

Guinness will come to you if you are very patient; Guinness is the more skittish of the kittens in the kitten room. He will settle down after awhile, if you are patient and allow him to come to you. He will allow you to hold him at that time, but it will take some patience.



## ▲ Rheingold

Rheingold will come to you if you are patient. He will settle down after awhile and will cuddle with you, but it takes some patience.



Become a volunteer today and make a difference in a shelter pet!

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## Community outreach



### NEW ADVENTURE

Last Fall we bid farewell to Catherine Smith. After volunteering for more than seven years in the Cattery, Catherine packed up her camper and set off to realize her dream of traveling after retirement. We wish Catherine the best on the road to new adventures.



### Sun City Center Lapidary Club donates to C.A.R.E.

The Sun City Center Lapidary Club chose C.A.R.E. to be one of their charities of choice, at their holiday luncheon, donating \$2000.

Pictured are Joanne Kerr, Cheri Schumacher and Lin Opgenorth



### Delanie's Rescue Fair

Delanie Dennis, 2022 Kid of the Year with the ASPCA, hosted a rescue fair on November 13th, bringing together rescue organizations in the Tampa area.

C.A.R.E. attended to share the mission of our organization and network with other rescue organizations.

Volunteer Joan Rosko is shown with Delanie Dennis



### Riverside Golf Community

C.A.R.E. was invited to the Riverside Community Holiday celebration. Cheri Schumacher attended to provide information about the C.A.R.E. shelter and receive donations from their residents.



## 2022 Gift and Wine Fair Huge Success

This year's event was bigger and better than ever. Along with the invited gift vendors, PRP Wine was back to provide the wine tasting. This event has become known as the outstanding event in the holiday season to find gifts, enjoy the wine tasting, and have fun all for the benefit of our local shelter, according to Cheri Schumacher the event coordinator

We are grateful to the many local and regional businesses donating to the event's raffle and auction to make this a record setting fundraiser for C.A.R.E. said Sue Oland, event co-coordinator.

Special thanks to our event sponsors East Bay Insurance, Canine Cabana, Camp Bow Wow, Rowdy's Resort, U Call We Haul, Mosaic, Jill Johnson, John Higgins, Roger Stewart, and Cindy Glasser.

The pictures below tell the story and we are looking forward to 2023!



### An Amazon Smile Reminder

AmazonSmile has made a charitable donation to the Critter Adoption And Rescue Effort, in the **amount of \$433.10** as a result of qualifying purchases made by you and other customers between July 1st - September 30th.

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**So far, AmazonSmile has donated: \$7,705.38 to Critter Adoption And Rescue Effort**

# Looking for a dog-gone home

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## ▲ Guinevere

Guinevere is such a beautiful hound! She's a well rounded dog. She is ready for adoption. She loves relaxing in the office and play yards, She is a happy girl that can toss the ball around and spend time chilling. She would be great for walks around your neighborhood.



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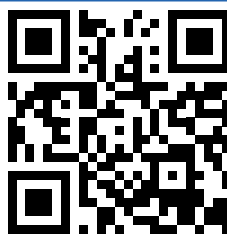
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## Peppermint ▲

Peppermint is an adult female American bulldog mix. Peppermint came to CARE a couple of years ago and immediately gave birth to 3 puppies. Her puppies were adopted very quickly but Peppermint is still waiting for her forever home. She would do best in a home with no small children and where she is the only pet.


Peppermint is a “warmer-upper” and her adopter will need to put the time in to get to know her before bringing her home. Once she knows and trusts you then you will have a friend for life. Typical of many dogs in shelters she will bark at most strangers that approach her “space” (kennel) which makes many people skeptical. Peppermint needs an adopter who can take the time to visit her on a frequent basis and establish a bond. Anyone who has the patience and time to invest in getting to know her will be paid back in endless love and affection.

Please come to CARE to learn more about Peppermint!

## ▲ Pepito

Meet Pepito he is a little chi with a lot of spunk! He enjoys walks and playing with toys in the play yards. It takes him a while to warm up to someone new so a few trips to shelter to see his bright personality may be needed.

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# Does Fluffy have the Munchies? Marijuana Toxicity in Dogs

By Audrey Guida, DVM

Marijuana toxicity is becoming a more common problem in veterinary medicine nowadays. Marijuana (also known as weed, pot, reefer, grass, dope, mary jane, etc) consists of the dried leaves and flowers of the hemp plant (Cannabis). It is a Schedule I controlled substance.

Marijuana toxicity occurs when your dog accidentally ingests any marijuana plant material or marijuana edibles. Sometimes mild intoxications can occur from second-hand smoke alone.

If a dog ingests marijuana, they can show signs such as lethargy, somnolence, hypothermia, wobbly when walking, low heart rate, tremors, vomiting, or dribbling urine. Your pet may also be very reactive to stimulus by jerking or jumping. In some severe cases, coma can occur.

If your dog ingests marijuana or edibles, they should be brought in to be evaluated right away. Standard treatment for ingestion of marijuana includes inducing vomiting (especially if your pet ingested edibles with any type of chocolate or raisins) and IV fluid therapy for several hours to flush out their system.

Hospitalization is usually necessary to monitor their body temperature, heart rate, and respiration. Prognosis with treatment is usually very good!! Sometimes full recovery can take several hours, even days.



Although marijuana ingestion typically has a good prognosis, it is very important to keep these products out of reach from your beloved pets. Especially potent products such as marijuana butter and any edibles made with chocolate or raisins, ingestion of either of those can be fatal!

If you have any questions about marijuana ingestion, the Pet Poison Helpline can be a good resource, along with your nearest open veterinary hospital. We do not report illegal or controlled drugs to the authorities, so please be honest with the medical staff. Our main focus is to give your pet the best care possible, so the sooner we know what your pet ingested, the sooner we can begin the appropriate treatment.



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# Does your dog hate the vet's office?

By JENNA STREGOWSKI

It is common for dogs to have a fear of veterinarians. There is plenty of poking, prodding, and other unpleasant things happening during your dog's typical vet visit, so it's no wonder he dislikes it. On the flip side, there are many dogs out there who absolutely love going to the vet. Have you ever wondered why?

## FIND THE RIGHT VETERINARIAN

Do you have an amazing vet? Is your dog's vet clinic awesome? Choosing the right veterinarian can be a bit overwhelming, but you must take your dog's opinion into consideration. Do the staff members and veterinarian love interacting with your pet? Are they friendly and cheerful to pets and people? Most of all, do they truly want to get to know your dog and make him comfortable? If not, you might want to look for a new vet.

## GET YOUR DOG USED TO BEING HANDLED

Many dogs will not accept handling by a stranger, especially if they were not well-socialized as puppies. It's even worse if the type of handling is very unfamiliar. You can start doing small things at home to get your dog used to the feeling of a vet exam. First, familiarize yourself with the process of a basic vet examination. Then, conduct your own version of it at home.

If your dog becomes used to being touched and handled in unusual ways, he might be more accepting of it from a stranger. He will likely do even better if you carefully and gradually introduce him to the strangers (the vet and staff).

## VISIT JUST FOR FUN

Ideally, you will get your dog used to the vet before he actually has a health problem. Done right, your dog may actually get really excited about the vet's office.

Plan visits to the vet just to socialize and take a look around. I call these "happy social visits." Pick a time when your dog is feeling well and does not need to see the vet. Ask your vet clinic when their not-so-busy times are. You should not need an appointment.

Take your dog for a car ride or walk to the clinic. Get excited about it and reward your dog for getting a little excited or simply being calm and relaxed. If your dog's reaction is positive, go inside the clinic, meeting and greeting the staff up front. Everyone should be happy and calm, making sure not to overwhelm your dog. Treats should be given if your dog can tolerate them.

If you notice your dog is getting nervous, it's time to leave. The first few times you do this, it might be as simple as breezing through the lobby for 10 seconds. Eventually, you may notice the wagging tail as you approach the door. When ready, try scheduling a simple appointment for something like a basic exam.

## GIVE LOTS OF YUMMY TREATS

If your dog is like most dogs, he loves food. Arm yourself with his favorite treats every time you go to the vet. Ask your vet to get out the good treats as well. Many vets keep valuable treats like peanut butter and chewy meat snacks for dogs who need extra encouragement.

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Michelle is also ready and willing to work with all prospective dog volunteers.

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