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presidents letter

Spring has arrived, and with it a new set of challenges for us at the shelter.

Last month, the shelter reopened to the public with cautious optimism. We are following the recommended guidelines to project, staff, volunteers and visitors alike.

This situation brings many challenges as you can imagine.

Volunteers wear masks while working with the animals in the already stifling heat and humidity, which is no fun but we are thankful that they keep coming in. We are seriously short of volunteers now and many are doing more than their usual shifts to make sure the animals are taken care of.

If you have ever thought about **helping at the shelter**, now would be the time to step up and make a difference. **Call 645-2273** and speak with **Jenn, our volunteer coordinator**. She will be happy to tell you where we have the most need and how you might be able to help.

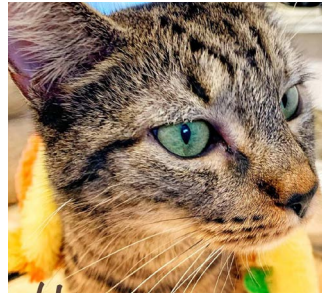
We have **continued to rescue and rehome** many dogs and cats regardless of the problems in our world. That is our Mission at C.A.R.E. and no matter the challenges we all face, those little souls rely on us to be there for them.

Stay safe and well and visit us soon, at the shelter, at **www.careshelter.org** or follow us on **Facebook**.

We hope you all stay well!



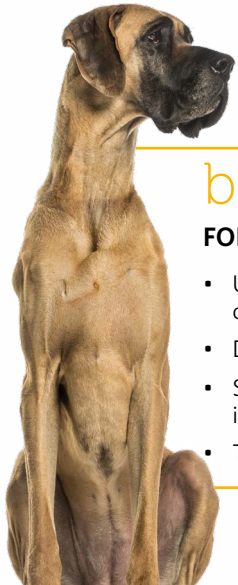
Penny Smith
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ON THE COVER:

Hera is a young adult female cat with a beautiful tan, grey and black coat. She is a very affectionate and loving cat but she does have a special need. Hera must eat a special diet for the rest of her life to prevent her from suffering gastric problems. She does very well on this special diet and is very healthy, but unfortunately that means she cannot join other cats in one of the cat rooms because she would undoubtedly eat their food and become sick. So the ideal home would be one where Hera could be the only princess of her realm. She will repay your kindness with snuggles and kisses!

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Little Boots ▶

Was brought to C.A.R.E. due to no fault of his own. He is a young tuxedo cat that is friendly, playful and is definitely the most outgoing of the three siblings. When he arrived, he quickly came out of his carrier and headed out to the lanai to take in his new surroundings. He is a good kid waiting for a second chance at happiness. Come and meet Little Boots! (DOB 2016)



Community outreach

Although most planned events in the community have been canceled, on June 27th many animal related organizations attended the Petapalooza at the Firehouse Cultural Center. The event was an opportunity for nonprofits to bolster their funds with donations from the public, as well as to showcase how they support the animals.



Picture of CARE booth at the Sizzling Summer Petapalooza that was held at the Firehouse Cultural Center on June 27th. The event was an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to collect donations which are down to the pandemic.



Names in photo and contact web url please

Huge Thank You

CARE wants to give a huge THANK YOU to Reflection Homes who have donated and poured the concrete slab for a new outdoor run. This was a great help and the new space will allow us to help more dogs in need.



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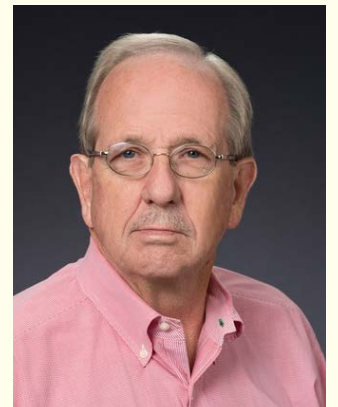
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Pets & Hurricanes

Tropical storms and hurricanes are a fact of life in Florida. We are not immune from the effects of a storm living in Central Florida. Strong winds, large amounts of rainfall, and tens of thousands of evacuees from the coasts can create a situation where normal veterinary care and supplies may not be available for days or even weeks! Preparation is key! Once the storm is sure to make landfall, it is likely too late to find the pet food, medications, and other supplies you will need.

We strongly recommend that as you prepare for your family's well-being during a hurricane that you extend that care to your furry family too. Planning ahead is the best way to ensure the safety of your entire family. In the hope that all our clients and patients weather the storm safely, we have created a list of simple steps you can take to help ensure your pet stays happy and healthy during a disaster. We've also included links below that will provide additional information and tips.

If it is not safe for you to stay in your home, then it is not safe for your pets either! Never leave them behind! Without adequate preparation, you may not know where your pets will be welcomed. Please remember that rescuing an animal should never compromise human safety!

Make sure that your pet has identification. Microchips work very well for Animal Services and nearly all veterinary clinics can read them, but during a disaster those services may not be available. A basic tag with your name and cell phone number (not your landline!) will help concerned citizens identify your pet. Additionally, make sure that you update your information with the microchip company. Update any phone numbers and addresses to ensure that your pet makes it home safely - especially if you have to evacuate!

Know where your local shelters are and whether they are pet friendly. While some shelters are evaluated to ensure they can be made pet friendly, whether the shelter is opened and pets are allowed is a decision made by emergency management officials a day or two before landfall occurs. Listen to the media to know which shelters are opened and which are pet-friendly. This means that knowing the location of several pet friendly shelters may be wise! Pet-friendly shelters only accept dogs and cats. Should you have scaled or feathered family members, you will need to make arrangements for them ahead of time. If you plan on staying at a hotel, find out what their policies are ahead of time. Many hotels in Central Florida will be used to host evacuees from the coast, so it is important that you have several possible sites in mind. We do not host animals at the hospital during a hurricane or tropical storm!

Stock up on pet food and medicine. You should keep 2-3 weeks of food and 3-4 weeks of medicine on hand. This is especially true if your pet is on a prescription food or has food allergies which might limit what diets are acceptable. Purchasing wet food will lengthen the shelf life of your supply and also help minimize your pet's water intake.



Have a sturdy leash, harness, and a carrier. Even for pets that normally will stay right beside you, a storm situation will cause many animals to become overly excited or wander off. If you have to go out of your home shortly following a

hurricane, keep your pet close. Don't forget the danger of fallen power lines, etc. Some pets may also benefit from a well-fitted muzzle. Even though your pet may never bite normally, an excited animal during a stressful situation may not act normally. You will also want to keep pets separate (especially cats and dogs) as the excitement may cause them to turn on each other. Carriers may be required at your shelter. Don't forget to label it with your and your pet's information!

Have a plan for pet waste. If you shelter in place during hurricanes and tropical storms, you should NOT allow your pet outside for ANY reason! This means that you will need to plan for them to go potty. Have an area in mind where you want to encourage your pet to potty. This might be the normal location for cats, but dogs may need some thought. Have doggie waste bags, newspaper, and enough cat litter to weather the storm. Some air freshener might help too since you can't open the windows! A heavy plastic bag that can be tied shut after depositing your pet's waste will help minimize the odor.

Story By: Bellalago Veterinary Hospital

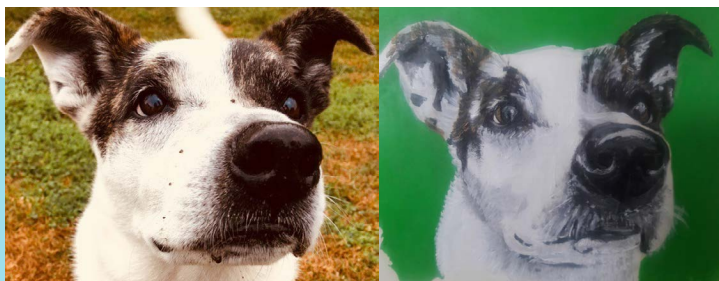
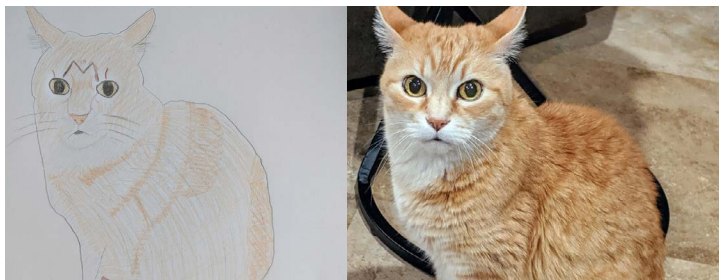
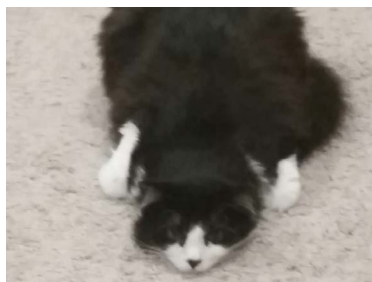
CREATE A HURRICANE KIT. IN ADDITION TO YOUR HUMAN FAMILY'S SUPPLIES:

- Pet food for 2-3 weeks. Don't forget a manual can opener!
- Medications for 3-4 weeks
- Water for at least a week
- Medical records (clearly showing that all vaccines are up to date) stored in a waterproof container
- Written instructions about your pet's care including feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior issues, and medicine.
- The contact information for your veterinarian
- Current photos of your pet (printed - not on a phone)
- Doggie waste bags or cat litter (and box) and a bag to store collected waste in. Newspapers might make cleanup easier too.
- A sturdy leash, harness, or carrier. Some dogs might benefit from a muzzle.
- A collar with identification
- Food dishes
- Pet first aid kit

Sketch-a-Pet Project

During a few days in May we had a very successful fundraiser on Facebook called the Sketch-a-Pet project. We used the idea from a few other rescues and invited people to post pictures of their pet on Facebook, and for a small donation, a volunteer would produce an artistic representation of that pet and post it alongside the original. Lots of pet parents decided to participate and over \$1,000 was raised very quickly!

Nobody knew whether their pet portrait would be done by a talented artist or by a willing volunteer with a little less talent. A huge thank you to all our "artists" who rose to the occasion to quickly produce the portraits, and to the pet parents who participated.



We hope you enjoy your "art" for years to come.

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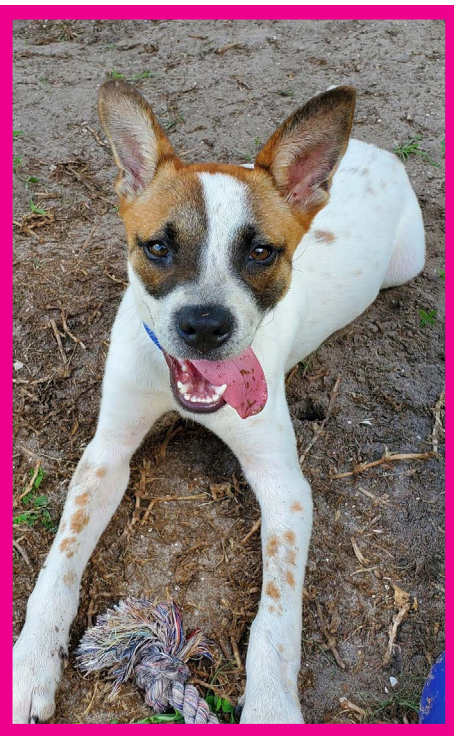
▼ Winnie

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◀ Hopper

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Feline Osteoarthritis

New advances in technology in the veterinary field are allowing patients to live longer lives. This is good news for pet owners; however, this also means veterinary clinics are seeing a rapid increase in the number of geriatric patients. One of the most common and under-diagnosed disease in feline geriatric patients is osteoarthritis.

Feline osteoarthritis is a cartilage degenerative disease that involves the joints. Over time, the cartilage breaks down, and the bones will begin to have contact with each other, creating friction, causing pain, discomfort, and reduced mobility.

Feline osteoarthritis is common, but tends to fall under the radar since cats are known to be good at hiding their pain and discomfort. Owners will begin to notice limping or lameness, and even an inability or reluctance to jump up or down onto various areas, as well as a change in height and frequency. Taking radiographs and assessing the appearance of an osteoarthritic joint can be difficult to analyze.

If lameness or stiffness is noted, or the feline has altered jumping activities, a complete history and physical examination should be done. Those results are compared with results of earlier exams in order to determine the next diagnostic test to be considered. Looking at radiographs, weight loss, range of motion in a joint, stiffness, and pain response will allow veterinarians the ability to better define and validate the manifestation of the degenerative disease.

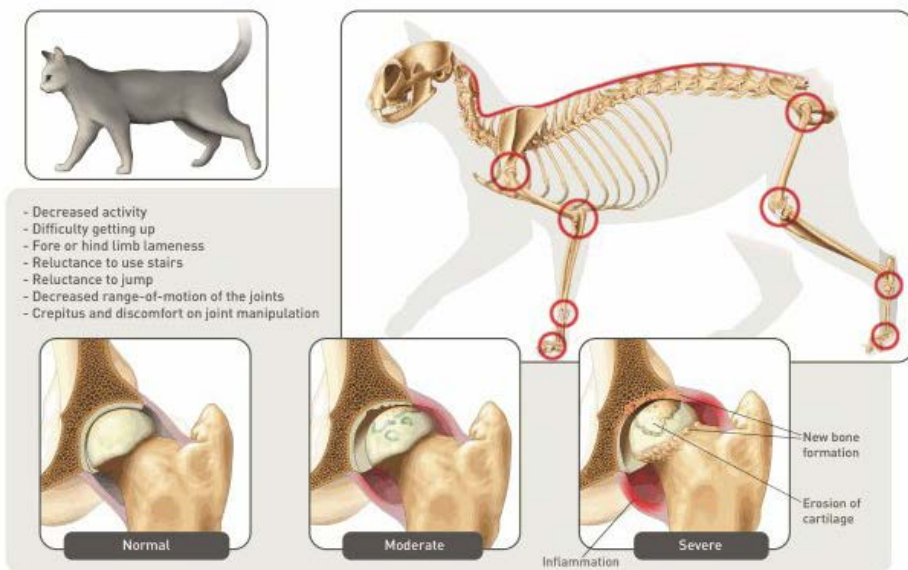
Once a correlation between radiographic findings and clinical diagnosis is affirmed then recommendations and treatment options can be made to minimize the duration and severity of the disease.

THERE ARE SEVERAL TREATMENTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS CHRONIC, PAINFUL DISEASE:

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS)/Pain medications
- Dietary modulation for weight loss, if the cat is overweight
- Nutraceuticals (special diets, treats, injectables, pills, liquids, use of omega-3 fatty acids, Glucosamine/Chondroitin)
- Physical Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Laser Therapy
- Surgical- joint replacement therapy

It is important to note that if you have a pet with osteoarthritis it is helpful to provide litter pans with low sides for the cat's ease of entering and exiting the litter box, and if they can no longer get into the litter box, using puppy pads will help prevent accidents. Elevating their food and water bowls is also helpful, as well as providing steps for high places they can no longer reach.

By Dr. Austin Fetner
Boyette Animal Hospital



What's in a Name?

One of the core (recommended for all dogs) vaccines in all dogs is the DA2LPP vaccine, but what do all those letters actually mean?

D - Distemper: a highly contagious virus that can attack a dog's respiratory tract, gastrointestinal tract and nervous system (seizures, imbalance, twitching, etc); seen infrequently because of widespread vaccination for this disease but can occur in puppies and unvaccinated adult dogs

A2 - Adenovirus 1 and 2: a contagious virus that can cause liver or respiratory disease; can also be written using (H) (for hepatitis)

L—Leptospirosis: a bacteria that can cause acute liver and kidney disease; spread through infected urine; can be transmitted to humans

P—Parainfluenza: a virus that primarily causes respiratory illness (coughing, sneezing, etc.); symptoms can range from mild to severe

P—Parvovirus: a highly contagious virus that causes severe gastrointestinal signs (vomiting, bloody diarrhea, etc); seen usually in puppies and unvaccinated dogs; can be fatal

There is a combination vaccine available that contains all of the above, including or excluding Leptospirosis. Vaccination for "Lepto" is almost always recommended, however, with occasional exceptions for vaccine reactions and your dog's lifestyle factors.

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some of our newer guests at c.a.r.e

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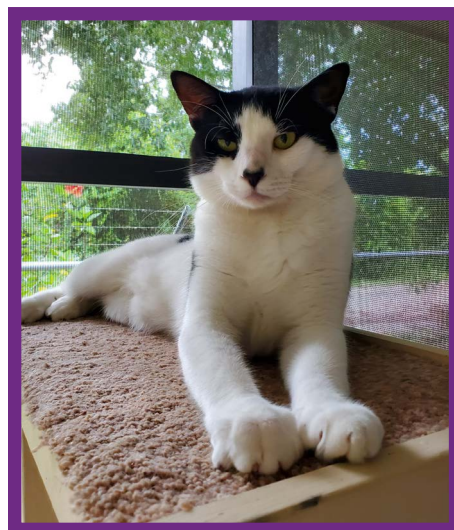


▶ Maui

This guy is a love bug looking for his forever family. (declawed)

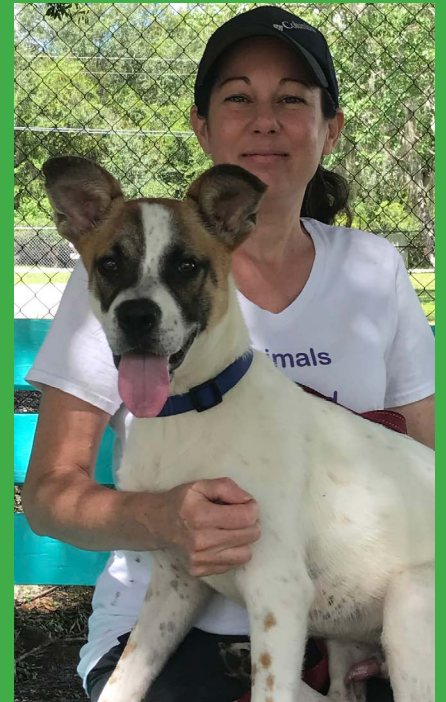
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