

# Critter Chronicles



*The Official Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Critter Adoption & Rescue Effort, Inc.*

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## Guinevere

This beautiful girl was rescued as a stray. She has a good nature and loves to snuggle.

Like most hounds, her nose is always working. She has a short coat and is up to date on all vaccinations, and has been spayed.

All she needs now is a home of her own to keep someone company, and continue enjoying snuggles.

Visit Gwen Tuesday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm



From the President's Desk

Happy 2020!

As I write this, I am thinking of the wonderful plans we have for the new year. The first one is in just a few short weeks, the Paws for a Cause Fiesta! We are honored that Kitten Lady, Hannah Shaw has agreed to come and hold two workshops at this event on rescuing and caring for kittens.

Hannah is one the New York Times best seller list for her books on kittens and has won two awards for her work. If you do not know Hannah, you can find her on Facebook and YouTube, but why not come and hear her speak, especially if you are a cat person.

The Fiesta is a free community event with artists, vendors, music, food and classic cars. Tickets for Hannah's workshops are available on Eventbrite. Each workshop is \$20 (\$35 for both). The VIP Meet and Greet Cocktail Hour is for a very limited number of guests at \$75 per person. These tickets would make great gifts for someone you know, or for yourself, and they are ideal for veterinary school students, veterinary technicians or anyone who rescues cats and kittens.

We have received some of our new outdoor dog runs and will be replacing the old ones very soon. If you want to see what they look like, we have one set up on display at the shelter. Come and visit us soon!

*Penny*

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# Paws for a Cause Fiesta!

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Hannah Shaw,  
"Kitten Lady"

Hannah Shaw is a 2018 and 2019 ASPCA Award Winner, and New York Times best-selling author. She will be at the event to present two instructional seminars and will be available for a meet and greet cocktail hour. Hannah has been seen on 'My Cat from Hell' and has a huge YouTube and Facebook following. (Tickets for her sessions are now available on Eventbrite.)

## How Do Our Volunteers Feel About What They Do?

“Volunteering at Care has been just as much of a learning experience as it has been fun and enjoyable. Everybody here is a lot of fun to work with and we are all brought together by our passion for animals. I have learned so much from both my personal experiences and from watching other devoted volunteers. Since I started volunteering at Care, I feel like I have become a much more productive person, and much more proficient at dealing with people, as well as dogs, of course. I have really benefited from the routine of the morning shift paired with the challenges that can come with new dogs needing a forever home. Being able to help maintain the facility and care for the dogs so they can be adopted by wonderful, caring families is very fulfilling. I hope to continue contributing to this amazing organization for as long as I can.”

*Carly F.*

“Volunteering at C.A.R.E gives me the chance to work hard towards something bigger than myself. Myself and the rest of the volunteers put our efforts towards making our animals as comfortable and as happy as they can be while they wait for their forever homes. Being a volunteer allows me to not only work with my passion for animals, but it also gives me the satisfaction with helping those in need.”

*Julia B.*

“It seems everyone is so busy these days and it is difficult to get a commitment from anyone. We are not alone in this challenge. Many nonprofit organizations in this area are really in dire need of more volunteers. The first thing most people say when I broach the subject is, “I couldn’t do that because I would want to take all the animals home.” I thought the same at first, but then I do get to spend time with a lot of cats and dogs, knowing that they will all find a fur-ever home at some point. My job is to keep them safe, well and happy until that happens. My two mornings a week in the cattery keep me sane!”

*Penny S.*

***“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” Aristotle***

Why not give volunteering a try yourself? We have positions with dogs, cats, in the office or with our Outreach Team. The Volunteer Application is on our website and in the shelter office.

If you have questions, speak with Jenn, our Volunteer Coordinator, in the office. (813)645-2273.



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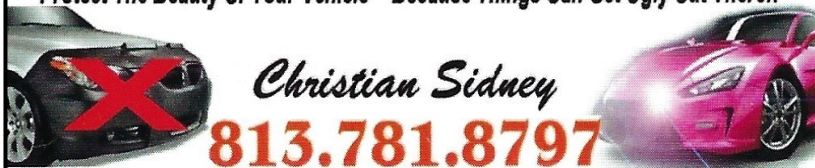
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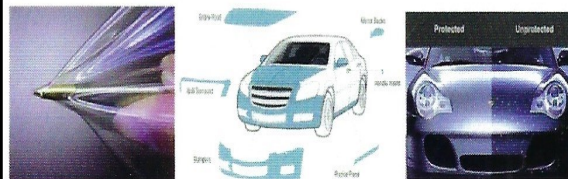
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## Cancer Conditions and Interventions

*By Damen Muller, DVM*

Cancer is a common condition that affects all types of dogs, but certain purebred dogs have a predisposition for certain types of cancer. Examples include Shepherds predisposed to hemangiomas/hemangiosarcomas; Schnauzers predisposed to squamous cell carcinomas; and Boxers to mast cell tumors. Certain conditions predispose our pets to cancers such as obesity, reproductive status, viral infections, size of dog, and others.

A somewhat common misconception is that routine blood work will tell doctors if their pet has cancer. Blood work is a very necessary means for monitoring changes that can occur due to cancer - but rarely is it a means of diagnosing types of cancer or detecting the presence of it.

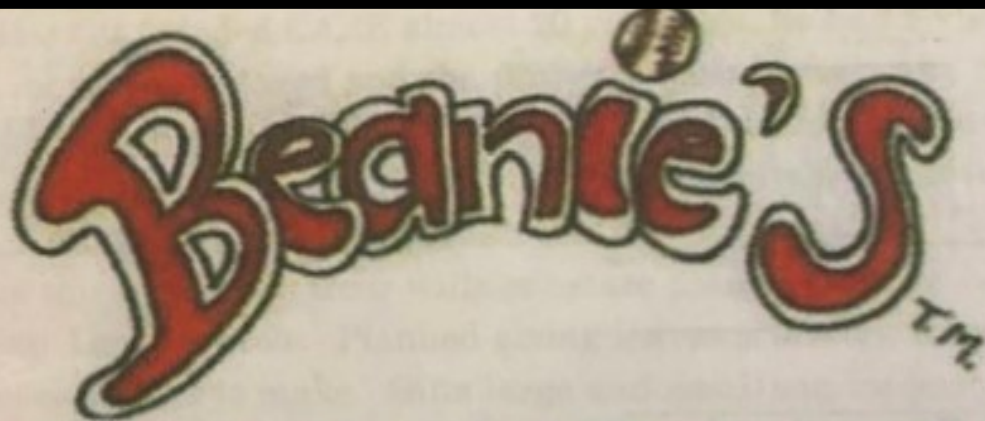
It is very important to inform your veterinarian of any changes you may notice on your pet such as lumps, bumps, patches, color changes, diet changes, unusual limping etc. Your veterinarian may offer certain tests such as fine needle aspirates (FNA), biopsy, ultrasound, radiographs, and advanced imaging such as a CT scan or MRI depending on the clinical presentation. This may ultimately lead to surgical, chemotherapeutic, or radiation therapy intervention.

Many tumors are responsive to surgical intervention, however at times, combination therapy may be recommended. Tumors such as soft tissue sarcomas, osteosarcomas, mast cell tumors, and splenic tumors can typically and effectively be treated with surgery. Staging is very important to determine the best course of action and expectations with or without intervention. Following up with your veterinarian is imperative to a more successful outcome in most cases.

### Important tips:

Size does matter! Monitor visible masses while they are small. Treatment, both surgically and medically, often become more difficult as the tumor size increases, and life expectancy may be affected.

If cancer is diagnosed, compliance is key. Treatment options will vary depending on the type and location of the disease, and some can unfortunately be costly, but working with your family veterinarian and veterinary oncologist will help ensure the best possible outcome.



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### Upcoming Events—Come Out and See Us!

February 4th            Beth Israel Sisterhood  
February 22nd        Paws for a Cause Fiesta at The Firehouse Cultural Center 10-5  
                                 Kitten Lady, Hannah Shaw presents special sessions.



#### Bubba

Bubba is a hunk of love!

He has a unique look too. Bubba is a Bassett Hound mix who lost his home when his owners could no longer care for him. Bubba enjoys exploring the play yard then settling down for some belly rubs. Bubba would love to get right back into a home! He is about 5 years old and ready to go home with you.

Come and visit Bubba soon! I don't think he will be here very long!

We are open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
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— Martin Luther King, Jr.



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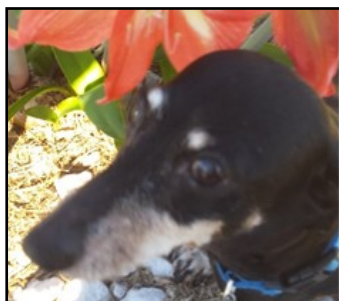
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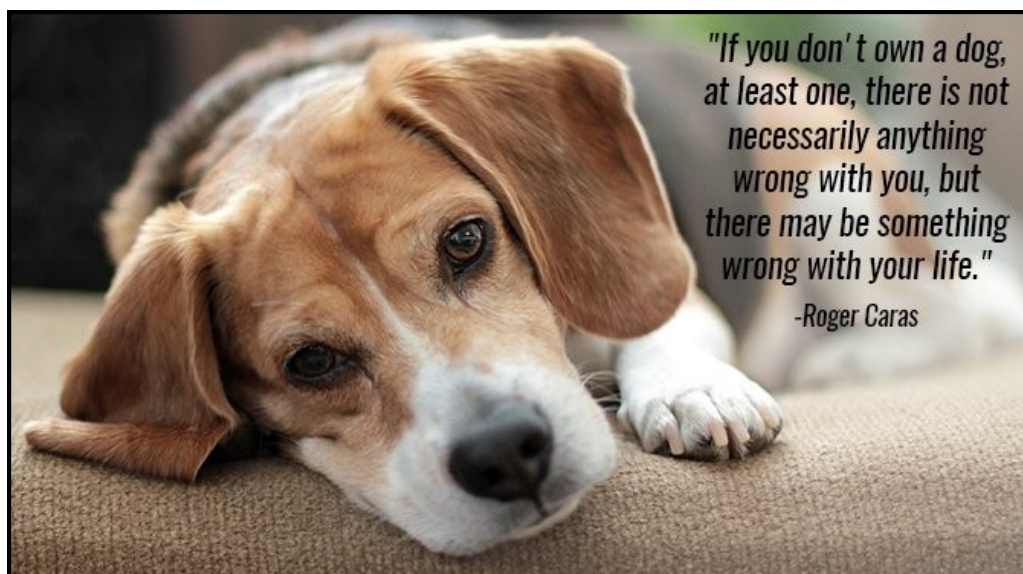
- St. Francis of Assisi

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- Roger Caras

## Spotlight on Cats



### Sylvia

This young lady has serious attitude!

Although Sylvia came to us with another cat and her own kittens, she has decided she does not want to be around other cats. So if you are looking for a beautiful cat that will have eyes only for you, come and meet Sylvia. She is loving and affectionate with all humans.

Sylvia is taking appointments Tuesday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.



### Goldy

This gorgeous ginger boy is so friendly!

He was relinquished with two others when his owner was no longer able to care for him. Goldy loves his treats and loves his coat brushed. He would be great company for someone living alone, but he also gets along well with other cats and can be quite playful still.

Visit Goldy soon!

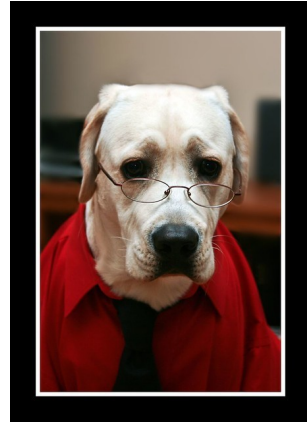
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**Winnie** is our office ambassador!

She's a grand older lady who does not do well outside in the heat all day, so she has taken up residence in the office where she has grown accustomed to the volunteers spoiling her. The ideal home for Ms. Winnie is one with no children, cats or dogs and potential adopters would need to visit with her several times to get to know her whims. She still has a lot love to give.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEDICAL TEAM**

**Dr. Bob Encinosa, Medical Director**

**Dr. Rochelle Campbell**

**Dr. Damen Muller**

**Kelsey Hinsz CVT**

**Gloria Blue, Animal Care Manager**



## Dog Days!



### Sydney

Sydney had a pretty rough life prior to coming to CARE. She comes out of her shell more and more every week. She is super cute, petite gal. She loves her adult friends but prefers a home without kids. She seems to like some dogs. Come and meet Sydney!



### Rose

Rose is an adorable gal who was found as a stray. She is super playful and affectionate. If you have a smaller home or apartment Rose is the perfect companion for you.

Come and meet Rose, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.!



**Mango** is a small adult female chihuahua.

She has a big personality in such a tiny body and will be an awesome companion for someone who does not have larger dogs.

Like all our animals, Mango is up to date on her vaccinations but she is heartworm positive, so she needs a quiet home.

## Some of Our Newer Guests at C.A.R.E.



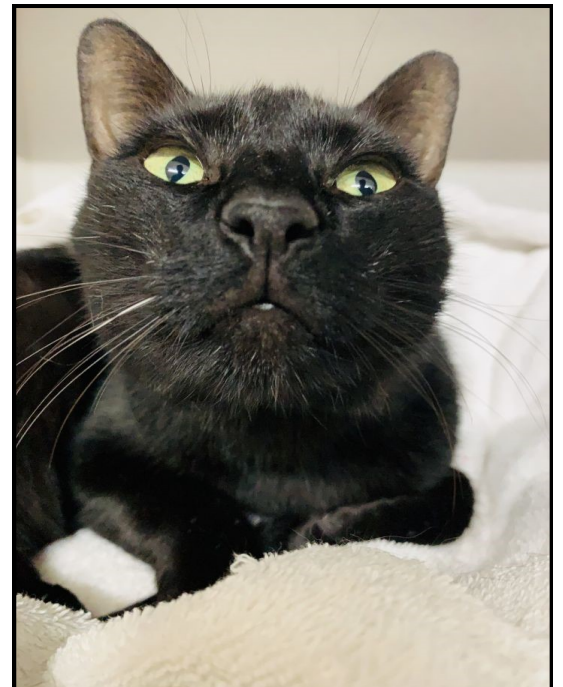
Oscar



Batman



Charlotte



Elton



The Ruskin Women's Club kindly donated some dog snacks and supplies at their January meeting. Pictured is President Cheryl Deleon and C.A.R.E. president, Penny Smith.



We are very excited about our new outdoor dog runs!

The first set will be installed this month and we have one on display at the shelter already. If you would like to help us out by sponsoring a dog run with a plaque on it in your name, let the office know. Sponsorship is \$1,000.

Call 645-2273 to reserve yours.



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