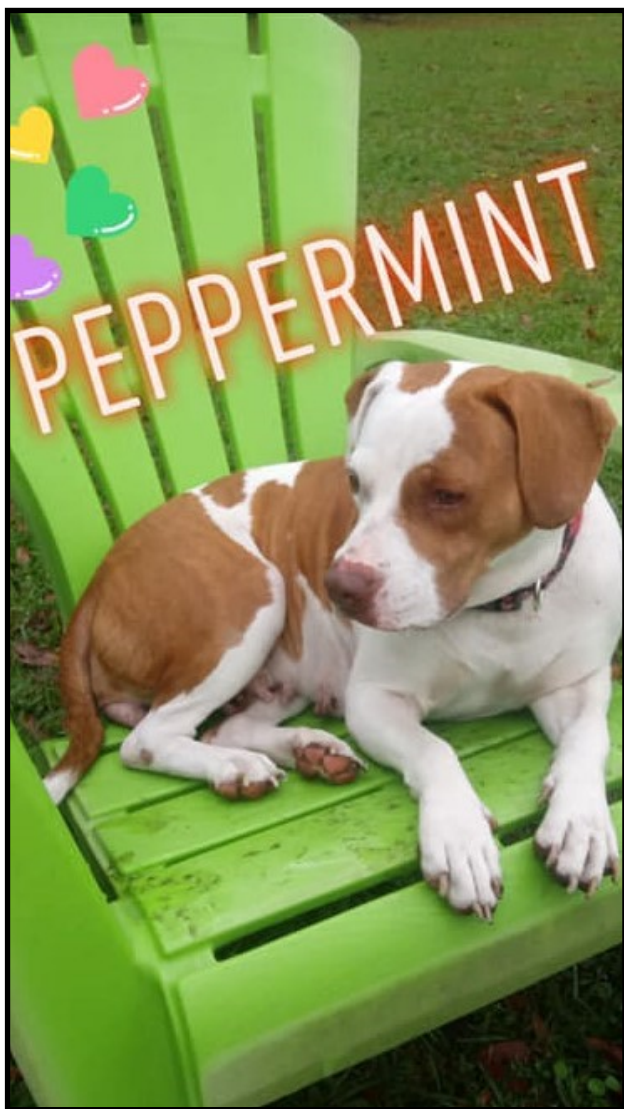


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C.A.R.E.



The Official Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Critter Adoption & Rescue Effort, Inc.  
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This is the beautiful Peppermint, taking a nap and dreaming of the day she will wake up in her fur-ever home. Peppermint has been with us a while now. She gave birth to puppies shortly after arriving and they were all adopted. She tends to be a bit shy at first but warms up to you if you are patient.

Won't you give her a chance to be your best friend?

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## From the President's Desk

Hello C.A.R.E. Friends,

There has been a flurry of activity recently at the Shelter. We are in the throes of fundraising for the new building, after kicking the campaign off with the Ribbon-Cutting on May 31st. Many of you have asked how you can help, and there are multiple ways.

We will be accepting larger donations from those who would like their name to go on a specific room in the new building, like a cat room or a dog kennel, or the Community Room. Details are available at the office, or call 645-2273. We are also making available Memorial Bricks that will be built into a wall or monument in front of the new building. Details are available on page 4 of this newsletter.

If you or someone you know is in the construction industry (electrician, drywall, concrete block, carpenter, flooring etc.) and may be willing to donate services or supplies, please have them contact me at (813)454-5406. We are in the first round of meeting with the county building department so we anticipate it will be several months before we actually break ground.

This a great opportunity to be a part of our story! A new modern facility will enable us to expand on our vision and make sure that more vulnerable animals are saved and rehomed.

You've heard the saying, "it takes a village", well this project will take the help of all of the South-Shore village to make it a reality. The cats and dogs are counting on you.

Penny



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- Milk Bones
- Soft Dog Treats
- Puppy Pads
- Bleach
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Laundry Detergent (HE)
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Distilled Water
- Paper Yard Waste Bags
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Cat Treats
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Yesterdays News brand cat litter
- Pet Supply Store Gift Cards
- Office Supply Store Gift Cards
- Copy Paper
- Avery Mailing Labels (5160)
- Postage Stamps

We can always use financial support which helps pay for veterinary services and medical expenses. Some of our animals need special care when they arrive, as well as vaccinations and spay or neuter services. **Thank you for your support!**



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#### Future Events

Sept. 26th

Volunteer Fair

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At Little Harbor

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Nov. 9th

Gift & Wine Fair at  
SouthShore Falls in  
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*Contributed by Joann With*

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### Meet Judy Martin, new Board Member



I have been involved with pet rescue since I first retired nine years ago. I initially started as a cattery volunteer and foster with an Orlando rescue. Over the years I have fostered, and adopted out, more than 48 cats and kittens (I lost count). Most recently I have fostered/volunteered for Cat Depot in Sarasota, Kittie Corral in Wimauma, and Raining Cats and Dogs in Plant City.

I previously volunteered in multiple capacities when I was working with CARE. I started the Adopt a Care Cat Facebook page my first year, and still contribute. I also love to photograph the cats, and was a regular contributor to Critter Chronicles. I produced videos and helped at events. I resigned from the board to assist another volunteer to establish a shelter in Plant City.

I have taken a sabbatical from fostering, joining Keller Williams Realty in Apollo Beach as a sales agent. I have also committed to financial contributions to rescues with each sale closed and have recently donated to Critter Mama and Kittie Corral.

I am eager to contribute to the ongoing success of CARE's expansion. I find the expansion plans to be very exciting, as I sense a renewed energy and focus to meet the critical needs of the community in a greater capacity.

### Lois Brusven, Board Secretary and Membership Chair

Lois Glasgow Brusven joined The C.A.R.E. Board of Directors, in May 2018 and now holds the Secretary role.

She is also one of our Dog and Cat Handlers, as well as our Membership Coordinator.

Lois is originally from Maryland, but moved to River- view, Florida in 2005. She's married with a 13 year old son, 3 young cats and senior dog (all rescues, of course!). She currently works full-time at Bristol-Myers Squibb, in a Global Senior Human Resources role.

Her passion is animal rescue and adoption, and ensuring that her son is living his best life.



### Pets Improve Quality of Life for Residents



Imagine what it would be like to not remember things like you used to. You may not remember what you ate for breakfast, the last time you saw your children, or whether or not you took your medications this morning. This can be very frustrating and even depressing for people with dementia. Fortunately, you have no problem remembering your favorite dog, Sparky, and how he made you feel happy when you came home after a long day of work. That's exactly why we like to bring in pet therapy to our memory support community here at Inspired Living at Sun City Center.

Studies have shown that pet therapy can improve mood, create a calming effect, decrease behavioral problems, improve nutrition, increase social interactions, and even increase physical activity. The therapeutic benefits from pet therapy are so greatly beneficial for those with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. We encourage our families to bring their family pet in to visit, we work with local animal therapy groups, and we are always looking for volunteers to bring in their furry families to share with our resident.

*Contributed by Sharon Flynn, CDP, Inspired Living*



### Chico

Have a soft spot for senior dogs?!?!  
Chico may be a perfect fit for you.

He was surrendered by his owner who could no longer take care of him.

We are going to need someone that's experienced with taking care of senior dogs and can give him the love and patience he deserves to live out his golden years. He's still loves to run and play!

Come see Chico Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## C.A.R.E. Membership

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do. In fact please consider a monthly automatic donation to help with our operating costs. Even a small amount helps us with food and medical care for the cats and dogs we rescue. We can help you set it up, and you set it and forget it with the peace of mind that it's done.

If you were never a member before, now is a great time to join! We are embarking on a new journey for the future of C.A.R.E. and you could be a part of that. You will be able to say, "I remember when C.A.R.E. was in a small dilapidated converted house, and with my help, they were able to build a new state of the art facility." As the SouthShore community explodes with all the new housing around us, the need is greater than ever before for our shelter to rescue and rehome the abandoned, neglected and surrendered dogs and cats. We, as the only no-kill facility in South County, are their only hope.

Please join us! Call the shelter at 645-2273.

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**Note - The annual membership period is January 1st through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. For any memberships initiated during the fourth quarter (October 1 – December 31), the new member also receives their membership for that quarter free.**

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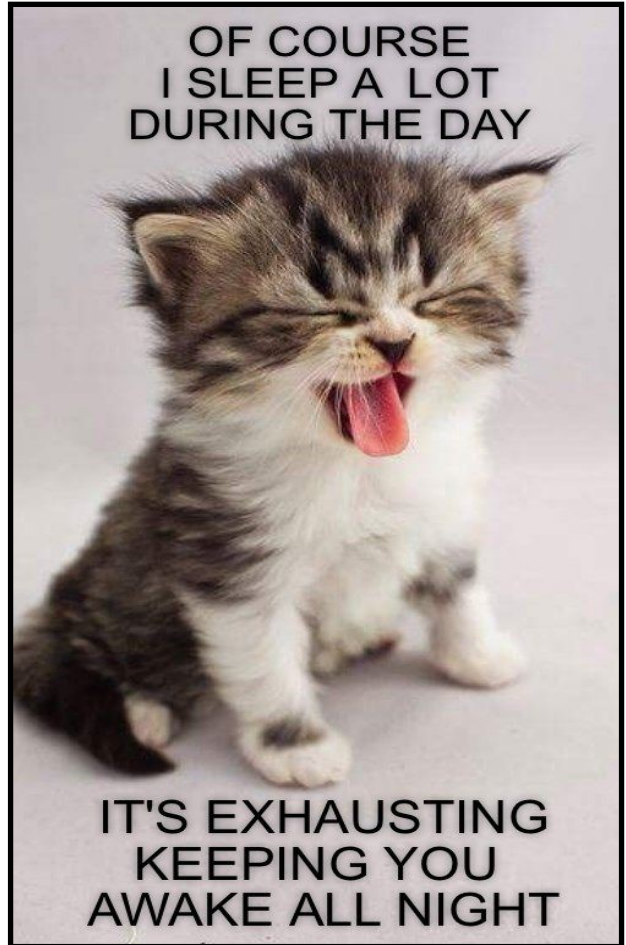
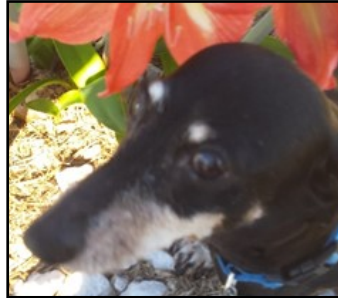
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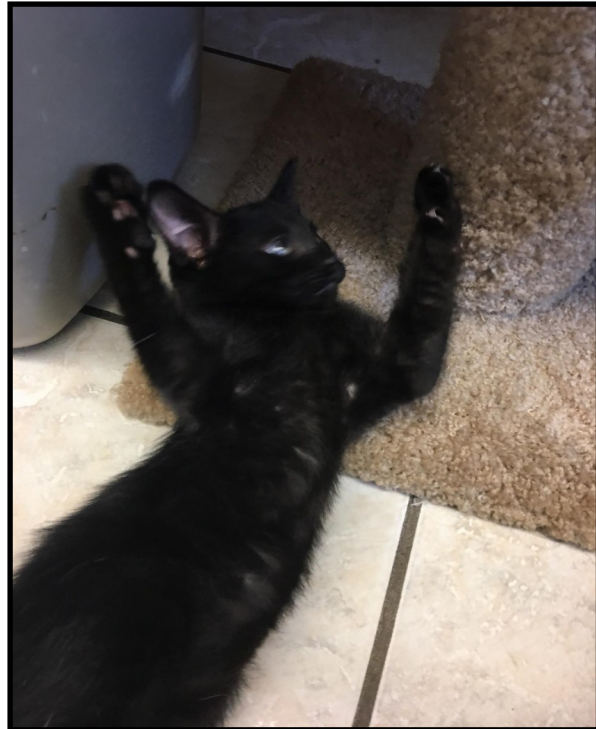
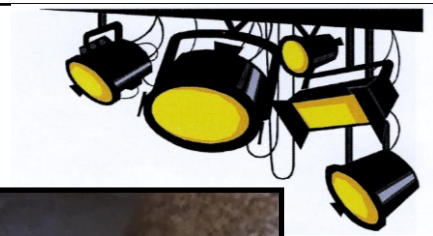
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- 95% of individuals feel good after volunteering\*
- Regular volunteers were 10 times more likely to be in good health than people who didn't volunteer\*
- 96% said volunteering makes them feel happier\*\*
- 68% said volunteering makes them feel healthier\*\*
- 73% said volunteering makes them feel less stress\*\*
- 58% said volunteering helps them sleep better\*\*

\*Based on Dr. Allan Luks' research  
\*\*Based on Dr. Stephen Post's research in a survey about helping (an average of 100 hours/year)

The average **dog** is a nicer person than the average person. **Animals** are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms. (*George Eliot*) **Cats** are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a function. There's a saying. If you want someone to love you forever, buy a dog, feed it and keep it around.

Some of our readers may have pets other than dogs and cats, so here is some information on rabbits.

## Gastrointestinal Stasis in Rabbits

*By Dr. Christina McCullough*

Gastrointestinal stasis is a condition in rabbits when the intestines stop moving. This can be caused by a variety of conditions, most commonly improper diet and dental disease. Stasis is a serious and potentially fatal condition. Rabbits have sensitive intestines and need to have a proper balance of appropriate food, water and healthy bacteria. When this balance is disturbed there is a risk of stasis. If left untreated this can progress into gastric obstruction, or blockage within the stomach, which is an extremely serious and commonly fatal condition.

Rabbits are hindgut fermenters, meaning their absorption of nutrients happens in the back end of their intestinal tract, unlike dogs and cats. Additionally, this is why rabbits need to eat their cecotrophs, or night feces. If you see night feces in your rabbit's cage, this is an indication your rabbit does not feel well. Rabbits need a diet that is very high in fiber in order to maintain a healthy intestinal system. High fiber diets consist of roughage, such as timothy hay or orchard grass. A diet that consists primarily of commercial pellets or treats such as fruit or yogurt can abnormally alter the motility of the intestines.

Roughage not only is great for the intestinal tract, but also great for dental health. Rabbits have teeth that are continuously growing and are prone to severe dental issues. Dental issues include: tooth root abscess, malocclusion and ulcers. Ulcers on the tongue can be caused by tooth elongation which can be prevented by a primarily roughage-based diet.

Indications your rabbit may be having dental issues include decreased appetite, "slobbering", and decreased fecal production. "Slobbering" is a condition where the rabbit begins to drool heavily due to dental pain. A decreased appetite and fecal production indicate your rabbit doesn't feel well, and if left untreated can lead to stasis. Rabbits have a quick gastrointestinal transit time, and if it appears that a rabbit has not eaten in 4-6 hours, this can be considered a medical emergency.

Just like dogs and cats, we recommend regular check-ups, every 6 months, to ensure your rabbit is healthy.



## Handsome Liquorice

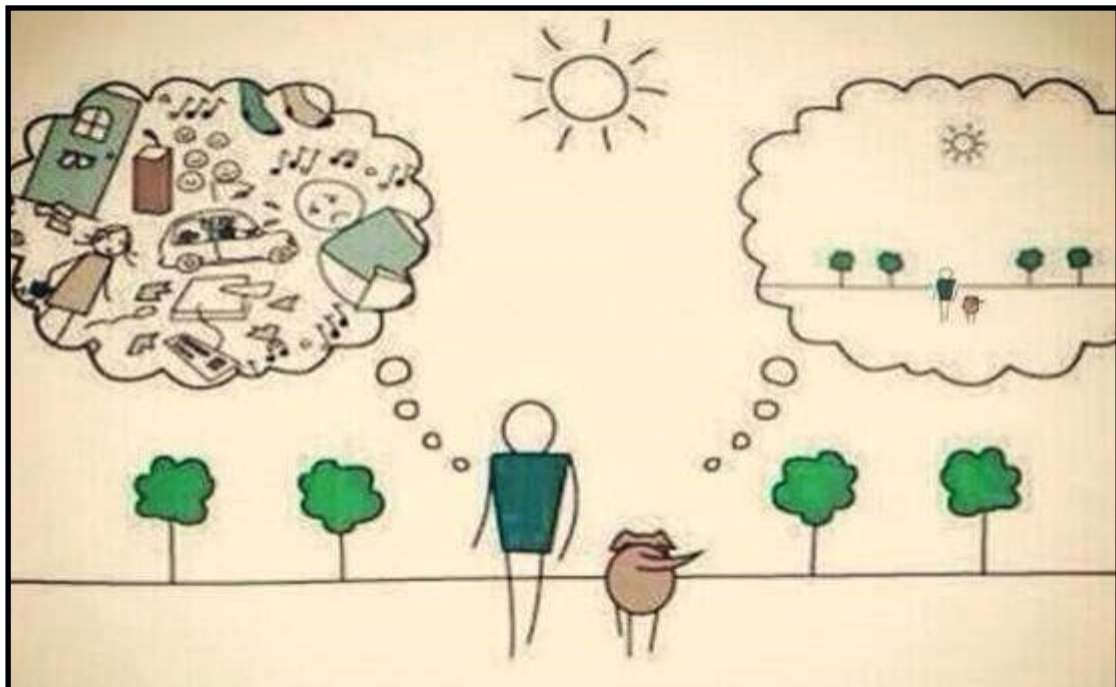
This boy has been at the shelter much too long. He can be very shy when meeting strangers, so if you come and meet him, you will need to visit several times so he gets used to you. If someone will just have the patience to do that, he will make a wonderful addition to the family.

He walks well on his leash and know some basic commands. Please help us find him a home!



Multi-Chamber Ribbon Cutting for C.A.R.E. May 31st with Dr. Hal Ott, C.A.R.E.'s founder in the middle, Dr. Bob Encinosa and Commissioner Mariella Smith.

*Picture by Lois Kindle*



A Dog's Mind



Tampa Bay Martial Arts Academy of Apollo Beach on their recent annual visit to C.A.R.E.



Volunteer Robin Rose showing off one of our gorgeous black kitties to residents of Inspired Living at a recent event at their facility.



Residents and guests enjoy the interaction with kittens on the longest day of the year, while the residents and staff of Inspired Living held their ribbon cutting.



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CARE has a three 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 sheltering 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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