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ON THE COVER:

Butterscotch is a shy guy. He is almost 4 years old and prefers a quiet environment. While he takes some time to warm up to new people, it is definitely worth the wait. The quiet affection and joy that he brings warms any heart. He enjoys quieter play, lounging on the lanai watching the birds and soft gentle pets. While he is still a young cat, he currently exhibits a demeanor of a wise old soul.

CAREing thoughts

We're all tired. Tired of this stubborn virus that has everyone and everything upset. We want it to go away. I think it will but it will take time. We need to be patient.

We can help it go away by observing the Center for Disease Control guidelines of social distancing (6 feet when possible), washing hands frequently and wearing a face mask.

That is one thing all of us are tired of - wearing a face mask. It's not a comfortable thing to wear, but it's important. It's important not just to protect you from getting the virus or spreading it, but also to protect your fellow volunteers from getting it.

That is why CARE has mandated that everyone wear a mask when in an enclosed space, such as the office, the break room or the rooms in the cattery. If you're outside by yourself taking care of the dogs, it's not needed. But if you're outside with someone else tending the dogs, then you should have it on.

Now the experts are saying the new virus strains are more contagious and more deadly than the original. They are suggesting we wear double masks.

I'm tired of having to wear when I go out anywhere. Frankly, I'm tired of hearing about the virus. It's hard to read a newspaper or listen to the radio or watch television without hearing about it. It is depressing. But it will be more than depressing if you catch the virus. Wearing a mask is a simple thing compared to be hooked to a ventilator.

Several volunteers have already been exposed to the virus, let's be diligent and do our part by observing the CDC rules at CARE at elsewhere so we don't become a victim too.



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What I would like you to consider is becoming a Sustaining Member. What does that mean?

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◀ Hera

Hera is a young girl (3 years) with gorgeous green eyes. She is curious, spunky and cuddly. Hera loves human visitors and shows her appreciation to the volunteers with snuggles. She is an active girl who enjoys playing with toys and then settling down on the cat tree for one of her many snoozes. Hera hangs out in our ICU trailer due to a special dry food diet due to a sensitive GI tract. She is doing great on this diet. Her special dry food is very reasonable in cost.

Danny ▶

Danny is a little tuxedo cat that is just adorable! He is surrounded by mostly females in the kitten room and is dressed up to woo all the girls! He has become a little more brave and is exploring more. He is just over 3 years old. He is a calm, timid boy who has spent most of his life at C.A.R.E. so he needs an owner who will be patient and give him the time he needs to get comfortable in his new home.

We can see it in his eyes, that he wants to be brave and interact more with humans, he just isn't quite sure how.



Misty ▶

Misty is a beautiful sleek black mini panther and just over 3 years old. While she may look like a panther, her personality is definitely opposite. Misty has a meek and mild demeanor. Having been at the shelter most of her life, she is a shy girl. While she rarely seeks out or currently permits physical affection, she does like to strike up a good conversation with humans. Misty loves to hang out with her cat friends on the high shelf of the room or out on the lanai watching nature. Of course, like most cats, she also permits us to serve her treats.



◀ Liberty

This gal just turned 2 years old and she is so much fun. She loves playing with toys, showing off for humans, and snuggling with her best friends Danny and Misty. She is an active cat who likes to keep her mind busy. Watching the birds and squirrels, climbing the rope pole, engaging her friends to play are some of her favorite activities. But she is never too busy for a snuggle with a human.



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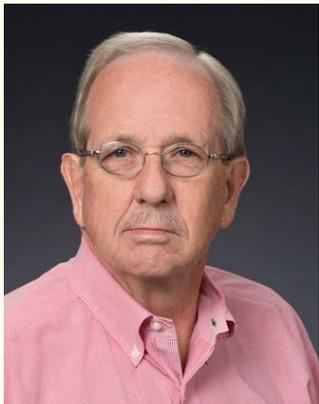
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C.A.R.E in the Community

With 2020 being a year that had a great affect on the ability to plan events due to the covid pandemic, we have hope for 2021 to be able to get back on track.

Before things "closed" down we were able to participate in four events and are ready to safely start out 2021 by partnering with different organizations.



Most recently, in December, Summerfield Crossing Elementary planned and executed a month long program presented in their school creating flyers, writing email messages, and advertising each morning on their school wide morning show. The students visited and toured the shelter and brought over 300 items to donate.



Kingspoint Community chose CARE as their charity of choice for their drive-in concert in December netting CARE \$1255.00 in donations.



February 2021 gave us the opportunity to be in front of the community at Shapes in Riverview during their month long pet adoption awareness month. Trainers Angela Eckenroth and Amie Price encourage members to pick up information and donate to CARE.

ways to help

Help us Build a New C.A.R.E. Home!

We have outgrown our current facility and have plans to build a new one. Would you like to be a part of this exciting project? We are about halfway to raising the 3 million needed to complete the build.

Would you like to name a kennel, or a cat room, or the surgery suite? Larger donors will have that opportunity. Please call 645-2273 for more information.

One way we are raising funds is by offering Memorial Bricks that will be part of a monument at the front of the new building. The bricks will be either 4 x 8, or 8 x 8 red bricks and they can be engraved with names, or a message, or in memory of a loved pet.

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“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.

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◀ Bear

Bear is a 9-pound chocolate Chihuahua and ~4 years old. He barks a bit with new people, but then melts into a sweet boy. Bear does have a disability, but it doesn't bother him or slow him down - he is missing a back foot. He simply runs and plays holding up his back leg. He would be best as the only dog with no small children.

Lady ▶

Lady is a beagle mix and ~8 months old. She is 31 pounds, super sweet and very friendly. As a young dog, she has a moderate energy level. Lady is looking for her Fur-ever home.



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Pepito ▶

Pepito is an 8 pound snuggle bug who loves to cuddle. He's looking for his forever home – come in and meet him in person.



▲ Lily

Lily is a young terrier mix who is less than a year old. She is a cute girl who loves to play. She is ~ 9 pounds and is a bit scared at the shelter and getting used to things. Come out and meet her.

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To Fix or Not to Fix:

Cranial Cruciate Ligament By: Austin Fetner, DVM

Dogs frequently engage in high-performance recreational activities, endurance sports, and agility competitions, so it's not uncommon for pet owners to notice sudden lameness or weakness in their pet's hind limbs, knee swelling, stiffness, or even clicking sounds as they walk. If a pet begins to limp or favor one leg over the other, they may have ruptured or torn the cranial cruciate ligament (CCL).

The CCL can be compared to the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in humans. While the CCL in canines performs a similar function to the ACL, a canine's anatomy is slightly different. The ACL is the thin connective tissue in the middle of the knee. The CCL structure in canines stabilizes the knee joint. If we think about human versus canine functional anatomy, humans are straight legged, while dogs always have their knees flexed when standing, load-bearing their weight, thus making them more susceptible to injury. Patients with a confirmed torn or ruptured CCL typically suffer extreme pain. Confirmation can be done by a physical exam, radiographs, MRI, and an arthroscope inspection to determine the extent.

CCL injuries are one of the most commonly diagnosed orthopedic problems in canines. Pet owners sometimes ask what would happen if they did not address a torn or ruptured CCL. Depending on the severity of the injury, a patient with a torn or ruptured CCL that is left untreated or treated conservatively (non-surgical) will likely limp to avoid putting weight on the leg because of the pain and discomfort. In most cases, surgery is not always necessary. Small, healthy dogs below 30 lbs, may consider conservative treatments to ease the patient's pain before considering invasive surgery. Some

conservative treatments, such as progressive resistance bands or leg braces can be bought over-the-counter while others are customized as an orthotic therapeutic support. Other conservative treatments are rest with anti-inflammatory medications, acupuncture, supplements (Turmeric & Glucosamine), and aquatic therapy (swimming). Considerations need to be made for canines over 30 lbs since there can be consequences to conservative treatments. First, long-standing tears lead to degenerative joint disease (DJD) which is a gradual deterioration of the articular cartilage. Second, fibrosis alone is not enough to provide good function. Scar tissue builds up around the medial joint capsule instead of the collateral ligament. Third, the DJD coupled with fibrosis leads to decreased mobility. Fourth, a disused leg leads to muscle loss, which leads to weight gain. Weight gain allows instability in the knee and the spine. The answer then becomes, yes, it is possible for canines to live with a torn or ruptured CCL, and it may be the only option when pet owners do not have the financial means to afford surgery. However, from a functional point of view, a ruptured or torn CCL is the beginning of a cascade of deterioration in other parts of the body, including, the joints, the muscles, and ultimately becomes a serious condition that hinders a pet's mobility.

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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

ways to help

C.A.R.E. wish list

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- Veterinarian Services

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- Cat Treats
- Canned Pet food
- Soft Dog Treats
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- Royal Canine Mini Puppy Food
- Royal Canine Medium Puppy Food

OFFICE SUPPLIES

- Laminating Sheets
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GENERAL SUPPLIES

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- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent (HE)
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Distilled Water
- Paper Yard Waste Bags
- Alcohol
- Peroxide

MISCELLANEOUS

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- Office Supply Gift Cards
- New C.A.R.E. Members
- Volunteers

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Different ways to help

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- Join C.A.R.E.'s Legacy Circle or leave a donation to C.A.R.E. in your will
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- Find out if your employer offers a Matching Gift Program
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- Memorialize a special person or pet through our Tree of Life Program

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kittens

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Holly & Jolly



We have two adorable siblings, a male (Jolly) and a female (Holly). The two fun loving kittens are between 8-10 weeks old. They are typical kittens - curious, playful and full of energy!

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Sue Cooper

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