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# CAREing thoughts



President Joann With

As the Annual Membership Meeting nears, I've been thinking about how much we depend on our members, volunteers, and the community for support. As you know, C.A.R.E. relies on donations, adoption fees, and dues to cover expenses. This has been especially true in these COVID times. Our operating expenses are like any small business and include things you don't usually think about such as utilities, insurance, maintenance and repairs, and garbage collection. As expected, animal care expenses remain the largest portion of our budget. While only members are eligible to vote, I encourage volunteers to attend the meeting to learn more about our accomplishments and challenges. It is with everyone's support that we can continue our efforts to reduce the number of homeless pets and improve the lives of our canine and feline guests awaiting adoption.

*I look forward to working with old friends and making new ones.*

## 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.



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# be a part of something big

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



### Why you should consider becoming a Sustaining Member

Many of you may already be regular or premium members of C.A.R.E. and we appreciate all of you. To those of you reading this who are not members, why should you consider it? The prime reason is that membership fees help us to pay our overhead bills. So when we receive your renewal fees, that is a good month for us. But that is only once annually.

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

A Sustaining Membership means that you are committing to donate a set dollar amount every month. We have the ability to set this up automatically for you so that your account or card will be debited for the same amount on a specific day of each month. The benefit for you is that you "set it and forget it" and may actually be able to give more by splitting up the payments. The benefit to C.A.R.E. is that we know we can count on that regularly donation every single month to pay electric bills, telephone bills etc.

No amount is too small and no amount is too big. Become a part of something bigger and make that commitment now. **Call 645-2273 for assistance.**

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# Annual Halloween Costume Contest

C.A.R.E. was well represented at Jen's Market and once again judged the Annual Halloween Costume Contest. Event organizer, Jen McCafferty, came up with the idea many years ago to raise awareness and money for C.A.R.E. Twelve entrants donated \$120 this year. Picasso Pups, the brainchild of Michelle Champaign, brought in an additional \$30. Contest winners are pictured with Jen awarding trophies and prizes. Most Original: Starbarks. Best Dressed Owner and Pet: Charlie Brown and the Pumpkin Patch; Best Overall: the Queen of Hearts and Alice.



## New Board Member

Drew Aklin became a member of CARE's Board of Directors recently. He is the owner of Drew's RV here in Ruskin, a company he built from the ground up. He is a supporter of not-for-profits and a rescuer of limited ability and discarded animals. He and his wife, June, adopted "Rae" whom they renamed "Gretchen" in December 2019. Gretchen was heartworm positive and had an eye condition called microphthalmia which made her blind. Drew has also sponsored community events and has offered jobs to those who need a helping hand to get life back on track.



# Prrrrrrr-fect for a family

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## ◀ Liberty

Liberty is a beautiful young lady. She is super curious and is always up for having some fun. She also lives in group housing but is a bit feisty around the other kittens. She loves attention! Liberty's shenanigans are guaranteed to brighten your day. Come and meet her!



## Angelina ▶

Angelina came to the shelter as a stray and needed to be spayed. At first she was skittish and a bit scared, but almost immediately she showed her loving and sweet side. Angelina, who had recently had a litter of kittens, also took over the mothering of another litter of kittens who had lost their mom. She was named after the actress who loves adopting little children who are also without forever homes.

Please come visit Angelina.



## Jackson ▲

An employee of Boyette Animal Hospital found this male Siamese mix and brought him to Boyette, where he was found to be neutered, and was tested and found to be a healthy boy.

Gloria agreed to take him in. He is a little confused, having been outside, to Boyette, and then to CARE, but he is receiving lots of love from everybody while adjusting to his newest surroundings. He is a very handsome, fully grown boy.



## Kitten ▲

This little female kitten was brought in as a stray kitten, she came in with some other cats, the other kitten she came in with was adopted.

She is so super affectionate, the minute you step into her room, she gets up on her feet to get to you for loving. And then the motor starts!!

She's around 8-10 weeks old, black and white coat.



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## CAREing Neighbors

Volunteers are key to the success of our shelter. We found residents in a specific neighborhood who are contributing so much to this effort. We are featuring several Southshore Falls neighbors, a 55+ community, who come from all walks of life and have a common cause. These neighbors have an interest in animal welfare.

**Nancy Alexander** moved here in 2020 from the Finger Lakes region of New York State and operated a physical therapy practice, is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, along with being a Published Author. It seems that helping humans ties in with her caring deeply about animals. Nancy, a cat owner, has been active with the shelter's Outreach Committee to share the mission of C.A.R.E.



Debbie Pouliot

**Debbie Pouliot** found a way to help by volunteering in the C.A.R.E. office. The office volunteers provide information and customer service to the community who call and come to visit.

**Sue Oland** is from Aurora, IL, where she was a teacher for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. Sue had also opened her home to be a foster for several organizations in Illinois before moving to SSF. Volunteering at C.A.R.E. began with the dogs, now as an office volunteer; Sue also serves as a co-coordinator on the Outreach Committee for the shelter. Sue says, "Helping animals is where I want to focus my support."

**Beth Ann Stein**, from Cincinnati is currently the Marketing & Programming Coordinator at the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin. She also serves on the Board of Directors for C.A.R.E. Even with this "full plate" of responsibility she spends time with the cats at the shelter and assists with outreach events. "All of my animals have been rescues; volunteering at C.A.R.E. is an opportunity to provide some kindness while they wait for their forever homes."

**Cheri Schumacher** is the shelter's Community Outreach Coordinator. You can also find her on Wednesday with the dogs at C.A.R.E. Along with working full time as a leadership training and development manager, she previously spent over 12 years as a shelter volunteer in Dallas. After moving to Southshore Falls eight years ago, volunteering at C.A.R.E. finds her happy to see dogs find their new families. This is Cheri and her recent adoption from C.A.R.E. Honey Bunny.



Cheri Schumacher & Honey Bunny



Karin Smith

**Karin Smith** originally from New York City and Frederick, Maryland was an executive assistant and most recently had worked and retired from Tampa Bay-Job-Links, a nonprofit organization assisting people with their job searches. She started volunteering on early morning shifts at C.A.R.E. almost 3 years ago. During her time there, meeting some great friends and loves taking care of the kittens and cats until they are adopted.

**Catherine Smith** moved to SSF from Wisconsin and worked as an insurance representative. Along with others, she and Mira Dudek are also cat volunteers and spend time with the cats at the shelter hoping and helping them find new homes.

**Kris Hart** - "I have been here at South Shore Falls for eight years. Retirement was short lived for me and I soon found myself employed part time at Macys and then at Blackhawk Marketing. After retiring three times, I felt a void and the need to keep active and involved with charitable organizations and events in our community.

Thus, I joined C.A.R.E. as a weekly volunteer. These wonderful furry critters have added so much joy to my life. I realized the need to assist them was greater than I had imagined. And, now, I'm hooked! You could be too! Come and engage in the joy with us!"



Kris Hart

**Rosemarie Frost** is a recent C.A.R.E. volunteer. Another volunteer convinced her that she would enjoy time with the cats. She is a retired RN and volunteered many years at a local hospital. Rosemarie is also a Eucharistic Minister at Church. At C.A.R.E. "I play with cats and kittens. It is fulfilling to be a part of the joy and laughter they give."

From many different professional background's, these residents have truly found that the volunteer hours they give on behalf of the animals bring so much enrichment into their own lives.

President of the C.A.R.E. Board of Directors, **Joann With**, says

*"We're fortunate to have such CAREing neighbors in this community who give of their time to help continue our mission. We couldn't do it without them. Volunteers such as these are the heart of C.A.R.E."*



## Realty Donation

C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter has lots of friends in the real estate business. . Christine Spooner of Florida First Choice Realty held a yard sale to support the shelter. A total of \$1,700 was collected from booth rentals, donations, sales from an agent and the commission from another agent. Thank you.



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## ▲ Tony

This is Tony He is around 2-3 months old and he's a very sweet boy that loves to give kisses and snuggle. Because he is so young he will need the typical puppy training. Please keep this in mind if you're wanting to adopt him. We are looking for someone that's excited about all the puppy tricks you'll get to teach



## Pancho & Diego ▲

We have 2 new dogs that are a bonded pair that will be adopted out together. They are around 15 years old. They are sweet old men. The big guy named Diego-is more outgoing and the little one named Pancho -is a bit more quiet. They are senior dogs and we are looking for someone that knows how to care for seniors. The spend most of their time relaxing in the office and sleeping. The perfect work from home duo. Due to their age they need a quite calm home.

Please, if you are someone who can provide the above qualities of life for these senior dogs please consider adopting them.



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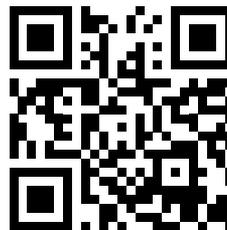
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## Emma ▲

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## Autumn ▲

Meet Autumn everyone! she is a 13 lb female who is in sugary sweet. She wants nothing more than a lap to sit on and a family who will love her. So far she appears to be a calm, quiet girl.

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# The Incredible Human -Animal Bond

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A red or cloudy looking eye can be caused by many different conditions. Not all of them are emergencies, but without special

training and tools it can be very difficult to tell what is happening. Redness around the eye can be caused by inflammation secondary to infections, allergies, lack of tear production, or irritants. Cloudy eyes can sometimes be normal in older animals, but can also be a sign of glaucoma, cataracts, or damage to the cornea.

Painful eyes are always emergencies. We rely on subtle clues and body language from animals to tell if they are painful. The most common signs of eye pain in dogs and cats are blinking and excessive tearing. If you see either of these, bring your pet in right away

If your pet experiences abrupt vision loss, they should be seen immediately. There are some conditions that can be reversed or stalled if the proper measures are taken.

Rapid changes in size or shape of the eyeball are always emergencies. If it suddenly appears much larger or is sticking out, you should see your vet right away.

When you bring your pet in for an eye issue, your vet may choose to do one or several diagnostic tests based on symptoms and appearance. Most commonly, we perform corneal staining, intraocular pressures, and tear testing. Corneal staining

allows for visualization of any scratches or ulcers that may be invisible to the naked eye. Pressures allow us to screen for glaucoma and inflammation. Tear testing allows for quantification of tear production to screen for dry eye.

If you notice rapid development any of these symptoms in your animals, contact your veterinarian or nearest emergency vet.

**By Dr. Matt Encinosa**  
Boyette Animal Hospital





# Holiday Treats

## Applesauce and Oatmeal Base Recipe for Cut-out Cookies

This is the base recipe for perfect cut-out cookies. You can combine this recipe with the red and green cookie doughs below for dazzling cookie creations, or just use natural food coloring to create any color cookies you like.

Author: Kiki Kane  
 Prep Time: 10 minutes  
 Cook Time: 20 minutes  
 Total Time: 30 minutes  
 Yield: 1 tray 1x  
 SCALE 1x2x3x

### Ingredients

2 cups whole wheat flour (you can substitute with regular flour for a whiter dough)	2 eggs
2 cups rolled oat flour	2 tbs melted coconut oil
	1 cup unsweetened applesauce
	1 Tbsp Vanilla extract

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine all ingredients in food processor or stand mixer. Add flour as necessary until dough is no longer sticky and is ready to roll out.

For different colored dough, divide into separate bowls and add natural food coloring.

Keep dough covered to prevent drying between batches. You can rehydrate dough with a little coconut oil as needed.

This dough refrigerates up to a week, and freezes for 3 months.

## Gingerbread Cookies for Dogs

We used a blend of healthy whole wheat and oat flour our recipe, but you can use any type of flour that works for your dog's needs, or whatever you have on hand.

Author: Kiki Kane  
 Prep Time: 15 minutes  
 Cook Time: 25 minutes  
 Total Time: 40 minutes  
 Yield: 1 Tray 1x  
 SCALE 1x2x3x

### Ingredients

1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour	Pinch of allspice
1 1/2 cup oat flour (made from rolled oats)	1/4 cup molasses
1 tsp baking powder	3/4 cup applesauce
1 Tbsp ground ginger	1 egg
1 tsp turmeric	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp ground cinnamon	1 Tbsp coconut oil
Pinch of ground clove	OPTIONAL: carob chips for gingerbread eyes and buttons

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine the flours, baking powder, and spices in a bowl and mix to combine.

Add the molasses and applesauce and mix to combine.

Add the egg, vanilla, and coconut oil and mix to combine, adding more flour if necessary.

Roll out gingerbread and cut into gingerbread men or your choice of shapes.

Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until just starting to get golden around the edges for a soft cookie, or until crunchy for longer shelf life.



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I have been volunteering at C.A.R.E. since 2019 and it is still the best job I have ever had. I am a snowbird and am here from September through March and love the early morning shift with the cats. After the cleaning and feeding is done we can spend as much time as we like visiting the cats. It doesn't get much better than that!

- LORRAINE KILLHEFFER

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