



Companion Animal Rescue Effort

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C.A.R.E. is a Non-Profit Organization Specializing in the Rescue and Placement of Homeless Dogs and Cats

TWO HOURS OF DIGGING SAVES A MOTHER CAT AND FOUR KITTENS



Paul peeks his head into the rusted out abandoned Volkswagen and is surprised to see a mama kitty nursing four kittens. This is not a good neighborhood to be raising your kittens. In this remote area of the Santa Cruz Mountains mama kitty will have to hunt her food, and protect her kittens from the elements and wildlife.

Concerned about their welfare, Paul calls his neighbor, Laurie Ferris, a CARE foster mom and asks if she could rescue mama and the four kittens. Laurie asks just one question. How do I get there?

With directions in hand, Laurie, her two dogs, and a car full of rescue equipment hits the road. They have little problem finding the Volkswagen. However Mama and her kittens are gone. Nowhere to be found. The search is on. Laurie looks high and low, searching in and around a number of abandoned vehicles without any success. She turns to her dogs and asks them to find the kitties. Then she is off again retracing her steps. A half hour goes by and one of her dogs, Ben, begins to bark. Laurie ignores him at first. She has already checked out the car he is barking at. Finally, Laurie joins Ben to see what the commotion is all about. There in the front wheel well of the station wagon, Laurie spots the mama kitty. Good job Ben.

Laurie surveys the old station wagon. The front end of the car is imbedded in the mud. The back end is jacked up slightly and the jack is sinking into the mud. To add to these terrible conditions there is poison oak growing around the front half of the car, where mama has hidden the kittens. Laurie must act quickly, yet cautiously. She places a cage with cat food inside near the vehicle and leaves the area. With flashlight in hand, Laurie returns after dark to find mama in the cage calmly staring at Laurie. What a relief, mama is not wild. Now to find the well-hidden kittens.

Laurie focuses the car headlights on the abandoned vehicle and goes to work. Grabbing a shovel she starts digging out the poison oak. Then she proceeds to dig an area around the wheel so she can lie down and get her hand inside the wheel well. Reaching in the well Laurie finds the first two kittens. They hiss at Laurie as only four week old kittens can do. Finding the other two requires more digging. Caked with mud, dirt, and leaves from head to toe Laurie continues her search. Finally after two hours of digging she finds the last two kittens. Success at last.

Mama is purring. She has been reunited with her babies, had a wonderful dinner and has a comfy blanket to sleep on. Life is good. All four kittens and mama have been adopted and are now living in happy loving homes. We want to thank Laurie's neighbor Paul for making the call that saved their lives, and a big thank you to Laurie for her heroic and difficult rescue, and of course Ben for finding mama and her kittens.

President's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2004. You may notice that we are in full color. Through the help of a generous benefactor, the difference in cost between black & white printing and color printing is being donated this year. If it were not for this generous donation, we would not be coming to you in glorious color. Please let us know if you like the look and think it makes a difference in getting our message out.

I would also like to remind you that kitten season is right around the corner. If you or someone you know is willing and able to help out with fostering this season, please read about fostering on our website and get in touch with us about training. There's still time to show you the ropes before all those little bundles of fur need our help. It's a little bit of work for a relatively short time and the rewards are immense.

Sincerely-
Kate Humphrey, 2004 President



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week!

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or comments on this newsletter.

We Get Letters!



Hello CARE,



My name is Marcia Easton & I adopted Pinto, 3 year old female chi mix Jan 3, 2003. Leeanne was the Foster mommy to my little bundle of fur. I can hardly find the words to express my feelings about how much I love my little Pinto!! We go for walks, play on the beach, and she LOVES to ride in the car. I even got her a doggie car seat. She can now see where she's going, whether she is sitting or laying down! She is 100% calmer in

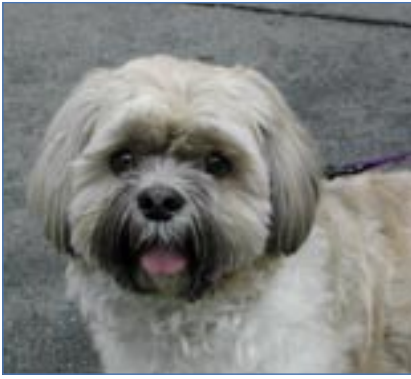
the car now. We both enjoy the rides!! 🤗 She loves to lay in the sun while I'm gardening, keeping me within her sight. Where I go, Pinto follows. She is on my heels wherever I go, just waiting to see where we are going next! When I turn around to see her she turns with me & it is very hard to get a peek at her! It's just too much fun!!! I'm not sure who gets more excited when I get home from work, me or Pinto? I feel like my whole body is wiggly too with the excitement of seeing her sweet little face when I walk through the door! I've attached some photos for your enjoyment. I always have such a hard time choosing, because I have soo many to pick from! ha ha!! The rescue work that all of you do at CARE is absolutely incredible!! I can't tell you how much I appreciate all of your hard work & dedication in saving these little doggies!! I just can't imagine not having my liitle baby. She has brought such love & joy to my house, words can't really express!

Thank you sooo very much.
Marcia & Pinto

Hi,
We are just about to celebrate our 4 year birthday of getting our sweet dog, after our previous one died. We came to C.A.R.E. to find a new love and we got one. We thank our lucky stars every day that we have Billie. Billie was one of 2 Schnauzer mixes, siblings that we saw that day. She was the girl, and it was love at first sight! We should have taken her brother too. Thank you so much for bringing us together. We love you too!

Peace,
Kristi Berryessa, Rich Berryessa and Billie Berryessa

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY AT C.A.R.E.



A mini van pulled up to the front door at CARE. Milton Alexander and his best friend Audit jumped out and Milton opened the rear doors. The mini van was filled with dog and cat food, treats; chew toys, scratching posts and crates. All of this was for the animals at CARE.

This cargo of love was made possible by the Audit Holiday Food and Chew Toy Drive for the Homeless Animals of Silicon Valley. This organization was founded by Milton & his wife and named for Audit their dog. This drive was created to give animal lovers an opportunity to help the less fortunate animals in our valley. In the first four years the Humane Society of Silicon Valley was the benefactor of the drive. In the fifth year (2003) the Audit drive raised \$12,000 and it was time to spread the cheer. This year CARE and N.A.R.F. were added to the drive's donation tree, giving CARE Christmas in January.

CARE would like to thank Milton and Audit and all the stores and organizations that make this drive possible. Supporters include: Petco (San Jose, Los Gatos, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Fremont), Butchie's, Evergreen Pet Center, Pet Food Express, Comcast Cable, U-Haul, Sierramont Middle School, Sam's Horse and Feed, Pet Club San Jose, Society Dog, Grandma, Grandpa, Sandra Davison, and all five An Jan's stores.

So I had to ask Milton how did Audit get his name? Answer: He was born on April 15th Tax Day. Great name, great organization doing great things for the less fortunate animals of Silicon Valley. CARE SAYS THANK YOU.

CUB SCOUT PACK 390 PERFORMS GOOD DEED

The Cub Scouts darted in & out of the school gym, carrying bags of food and treats, towels, blankets, and toys, cat litter and scratching posts. The large table in the front of the gym was soon filled to capacity and the floor area around the table was piled high with goods. For 30 days San Jose Cub Scout Pack 390 had been busy collecting food and supplies for CARE.

The night of December 13th was a night of celebration, sharing and learning. CARE and Cub Scout Pack 390 were celebrating the success of this 30-day goodwill project, in which hundreds of pounds of food and supplies had been collected. We shared stories about our furry friends. A number of scouts brought pictures of their pets and shared stories about them. Our CARE volunteer, Ken Becker, told the cub scouts how CARE found homes for 270 dogs and 64 cats last year. He shared stories about Echo the deaf dog and the week that CARE saved 22 puppies.

It was a night of learning. The Cubs learned about pet over population and how we can prevent it. They learned about the responsibility of owning a pet, and caring for it. Thank you Cub Scout Pack 390 for making CARE your good service project.

PHANTOM SIGNS - OVER 40 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE SIGN BUSINESS

If you have lived here in the Bay Area for any length of time you have seen a sign done by Phantom Sign Company. With over 40 years experience in the sign business, Chuck Inman and his buddy Odie, the American Dingo/Carolina dog (11 years old) have been on a lot of jobs together. If you spot the Phantom Van on the street you will see Chuck behind the wheel with Odie riding shotgun in his special seat developed by Chuck for his comfort.

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FIRST ANNUAL SANTA FAIRE RAISES \$2,000 IN SIX HOURS!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that joined us at the first CARE SANTA FAIRE. We had tons of fun and raised \$2,000 to help CARE save and find homes for homeless dogs and cats. We have chosen a few of the wonderful photos taken by professional photographer Laura Marshall for you to enjoy. If you would like to know more about her work Laura can be reached at 408 267-4768, or visit her website at: www.lauramarshallphoto.com.



PENELOPE, a playful, 10 month old, Bearded Collie. Rhonda, Penelope's mom says Penelope hasn't met anybody she doesn't like. Everybody is a best friend, including other dogs. Santa loves Penelope's Bows!



SUMMER, adopted June 2002 from CARE. Sue McGinness, CARE foster mom, tells us that Summer and her five siblings came from the Humane Society as six week old puppies. They were a fun bunch. Sue's dog Cooper loved playing with them and missed them when they were gone. Al and Jan, Summer's mom and dad say she is the greatest dog!



MAX, a 3 year old German Shepherd and PAIGE, 6 months. Max's mom, Pat, is a CARE foster mom, who says Max is the most patient dog she has ever seen. Being a foster mom means there are always new dogs and puppies in the house. Max takes it all in stride. Never a harsh bark or look of impatience. Max loves Paige.



TEDDY, a 3 year old Boston Terrier. Teddy's dad, Augie, says that Teddy is one spoiled youngster. Teddy told Santa, "Yes I am spoiled and smart. And don't forget that I'm cute too." Just look how well he behaved for Santa.



BEATRICE, a 5 year old German Shepherd & RAMONA, a 12 week old kitten. Elaine, Beatrice's mom is a foster mom for the Humane Society & German Shepherd Rescue of Northern California. Last October, Elaine came home with a 6 week old 10 ounce kitten that she had rescued from certain death. Upon arrival at home, Beatrice took over as her mother. For the first four hours Beatrice licked and cleaned this tiny baby like it was her own. Beatrice helped raise this small ball of fur. She continued to clean, protect and mother her. Beatrice would become very upset when the kitten was out of her sight. Thank you, Beatrice, for being such a good Mom.

ANNIE, a very energetic 1 year old Jack Russell Terrier. Mary Beth, Annie's mom, says that her dog's nickname is "Jack Russell Terror". Annie's photo with Santa says it all. Annie was not going to hang out with Santa very long. She definitely had her own agenda. Annie had places to go and people to meet.



Special Recognition Section



*IN MEMORY OF RINGO, FROM SUSAN PARKER

*IN MEMORY OF JEFFERSON FREEWAY MCALPIN KRAMER, FROM KEN & NANCY

*IN MEMORY OF ARON AVRAM, FROM HIS WIFE EMILY, SON CHRIS, MANY FRIENDS, AND BEST FRIEND SPARKY

*IN MEMORY OF VANNA FOR 16 YEARS OF FAITHFUL LOVE TO THE MCGOWAN FAMILY, FROM MARY ROBINSON

*IN MEMORY OF EDWINNA GEAN TRIPLETT, FROM RHONDA HARDY

*IN MEMORY OF JACK SURBRIDGE, FROM CLYDE & DOROTHY COURNALE

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