



# 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

## *“PLEASE HELP ME” -Chloe’s story*

Late on a Sunday afternoon in April, Leeann and Sue, CARE foster moms, walk through the shelter’s kennels looking for a dog that might need help. Leeann spots a small shy golden sweetheart who is dragging her body to the front of her cage as if to say “ hi please help me”. Leeann asks about the young Spaniel mix. She is a “owner surrender”. She has been dumped at the shelter in a terrible, painful condition without any information as to what happened. Leeann says we will take her, she needs help. Unfortunately, she has to be held five days before she can be released to CARE, just in case the owners return for her. Leeann’s heart sinks. She asks the shelter, “Please call when we can pick her up.”

Wednesday, 9:00PM, Leeann receives a call from the shelter. X-rays show the head of the femur bone in her back left leg is shattered. (Most likely by a blow to the area or being hit by a car.) At 10:00PM, Leeann carries this precious golden sweetheart from the shelter. She nuzzles Leeann’s arm and licks her. At 11:00 PM our vet, “Doctor B” confirms the diagnosis. He will operate early the next morning, performing a FHO (Femur Head Osteotomy). The doctor will remove the head of the shattered bone, which will rot out and never heal if left untreated. Fortunately, small dogs do well with this surgery. Doctor B has performed this surgery successfully on two other CARE dogs. Shy golden sweetheart will make number three.

Leeann has named this shy girl “Chloe”. Two weeks after surgery, Chloe begins to test the back leg. It looks good. Just four weeks after surgery, Chloe is walking on all fours and begins running , playing, and following Leeann everywhere. Leeann says Chloe’s eyes say it all. The pain is gone. Five weeks after being rescued by CARE the pain caused by abuse and a shattered femur bone no longer shows in Chloe’s eyes. Love, attention, and caring have made a big change in Chloe’s life.

Each Saturday Leeann brings Chloe to the CARE adoption center to be held and loved by the volunteers . The first Saturday in May a young couple stops by to inquire about Chloe. They have seen her picture on the website and want to meet her. For the next four weeks they stop by to visit Chloe and talk to Leeann about adoption. They are a good match for the shy girl. They can give Chloe a quiet environment with lots of love and attention. This gentle couple never sees Chloe with a problem. They are never worried about her operation. They love Chloe for Chloe, the golden sweetheart.

At the end of May, Chloe and her new parents go home together. Chloe nestled in Damen & Ingrid’s arms



## President's Message

KITTEN SEASON IS HERE. This is the time of year when all the unspayed females are attracting all the un-neutered males and thousands of kittens will be born without proper homes. If you know someone who has not altered their cat(s) please take a moment to help them understand the magnitude of their decision.

If you are thinking about adopting a kitten now is the time. Early Spring until late Fall there will be thousands of kittens available for adoption. Check the CARE website for available kittens. If you do not see a kitten that interests you, check with The Humane Society Of Silicon Valley or any of the other rescue groups in the Bay Area. WE ALL HAVE KITTENS.

Sincerely-  
Kate Humphrey, 2004 President



**VISIT  
OUR WEBSITE!**

[www.carepets.org](http://www.carepets.org)

See photos and read profiles on our animals available for adoption.

Our website is updated every week!

If you don't have internet access, you can always reach us by calling the Dogline 408-227-CARE (2273) or the Catline at 408-929-2287.

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### About this publication:

CARE's newsletter is published and distributed to CARE Members, advertisers, sponsors and animal adopters in good standing. Contact 408-227-2273 if you have questions or comments on this newsletter.

# We Get Letters!



Dear friends at CARE:

As of February 12, 2004 I have been with my current pet owner and rescuer for four years. I cannot tell you all the joys I have experienced. I have been enjoying a good, no, a *great* life, since I was adopted from CARE. Even when things were financially tough for my mom, she managed to put my needs ahead of her own, making sure I got the best care. Thanks to her patience and

love I have outgrown a lot of my issues. We are still working on the "afraid of men issue". Mom keeps reminding me she would like to have a date soon. So for her sake, I had better stop running from men.

I just wanted to thank CARE and show my appreciation for helping find the right person for me. My mom is back on her feet and working again, which means more toys and treats for me and more importantly annual donations to CARE on my behalf.

Thank you CARE for being the BEST kind of service any dog, cat or pet owner could ask for. I hope 2004 brings you lots of good matches. Like the one I got. ~ "Murphy"

Dear CARE:

Here is a picture of Charlie. We got him from you over 2 years ago. He has been a life saver. We got Charlie in August of 2001. In November my father had a major stroke and was hospitalized. I asked my mother if it was too much for us to have Charlie, knowing that you would take him back. But she said no. He was wonderful to come home to, after spending horrid days at the hospital, then the nursing homes, watching my father die.

My father passed away in June 2002 and Charlie was there snuggling up to mother and me. He would do his "happy dance" every time we came home, greeting us with joy. He was a reason to go out, as we had to walk him morning and evening. Charlie gave us a reason to keep going, and not just ball up and do nothing.

We have moved to Elk Grove, CA and he is the king of the castle. Because he is a white dog and the back yard was MUD we had to landscape the back just to keep the carpet clean. He lets everyone who comes to the door know that there is a dog with these old ladies...

Thanks -Paula



## ***GIRL SCOUT TROOP 128 EARNS BRONZE AWARD***



Four paws up to Girls Scout Troop 128 Santa Clara County from all the furry friends at CARE. CARE dogs and cats agree, there is nothing like homemade treats. Needless to say, there was a lot of excitement from all our four legged friends when we handed out the troops' goodies - homemade biscuits for the dogs and handmade toys with real catnip for the cats. They were all impressed and said, "THANK YOU."

CARE pets were most vocal about the treats, however there was more. The 12 girls in troop 128 had been very busy for six weeks earning their Bronze Award by also collecting donations for CARE.

Large posters made by the troop and a request for donations in the school's weekly newspaper told the story. Donations could be placed in a large box in the school cafeteria. In the weeks ahead, the large box was filled multiple times with blankets, towels, t-shirts, pet food and cat litter. After six weeks of gathering donations and making treats and toys, it was time to make their presentation to CARE. A CARE volunteer met with Troop 128 and talked about our furry friends, and learned the troop knew about CARE, because one of the scouts had adopted a dog from CARE. The girls decided to earn their Bronze Award by helping the animals in need at CARE.

***CONGRATULATIONS to TROOP 128 for earning the Bronze Award  
and A BIG THANK YOU for all your donations, yummy dog biscuits, and wonderful toys.***

## ***FIFTH GRADE CLASS HONORS CESAR CHAVEZ BY HELPING CARE***

Cesar Chavez was a good man, who dedicated his life to helping others. He showed kindness and caring to all living things. These were the words of Mrs. G's fifth grade class at Washington School in San Jose. The class had spent several weeks studying the life and values of Cesar Chavez, and received a Cesar Chavez Grant helping them develop a community service project honoring this great man.

The youngsters decided they wanted to help animals in need. Mrs. G had adopted two cats and a dog from CARE, so they asked her to call CARE. CARE volunteer, Ken Becker, visited these fifth graders in March. They had lots of questions about CARE and how they could help the animals. With kitten season just around the corner we decided the biggest need was kitten food, formula, towels, sheets and blankets.



The students learned on-line about homeless animals and the kitten season. They wrote speeches, made posters, and created money jars to collect donations. Then they visited the other classes, telling their story about CARE and animals in need, and leaving the money jars.

Two weeks later, as they counted the donations of money and packed the boxes with towels, sheets and blankets, you could feel the caring and loving spirit of Cesar Chavez in each of these students. This fifth grade class had done a great job to help CARE.

The donations purchased kitten food and formula, which helped CARE through the first months of kitten season.

**A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. G and her fifth grade class.**

## **CARE AND i2i INTERACTIVE DEVELOP WEBSITE TO SAVE LIVES**

Click your mouse, enter [www.carepets.org](http://www.carepets.org) , press the return key and you will enter the wonderful world of CARE. In a matter of moments you can check out the pictures and stories of the furry friends up for adoption, send an e-mail to a foster mom, find an address for our adoption center and learn how to volunteer at CARE.

The person behind the computer screen making all this happen is Kate Humphrey. Kate is our current president, a foster mom and our website designer. Five years ago, Kate took over our small startup website and developed [www.carepets.org](http://www.carepets.org) into it's current user-friendly and helpful format, complete with a new eye- catching logo.

Web development is not new to Kate, it is her livelihood. Kate and her two partners, Shona Davidson and Mary Donahue, own i2i Interactive, a website development, multimedia and print design firm. Founded in 1997, i2i Interactive built its business on two basic concepts: a thorough understanding of both digital and print media is vital to doing the job well; and working one-on-one with clients is the best way to get the job done.

In today's world of voicemails, and faxes, the owners of i2i Interactive prefer to sit down directly with clients to find the optimal design or technical solution. Working in this manner, i2i has developed a tremendous client loyalty. Clients include corporations, startups, schools, local sports teams, and select non-profit organizations.

A BIG THANK YOU to i2i Interactive for all the help they have given CARE in development of our website and collateral. If you are interested in seeing more of their work, visit [www.i2ii.com](http://www.i2ii.com).

## **STEPHANIE McCAIN EARNS COVETED SILVER AWARD HELPING CARE**

The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can achieve. The award is earned by carrying out a community service project involving Girl Scouts and the community, and requires a minimum of 30 hours of work. Stephanie earned the Silver Award by gathering donations for CARE.

In 1998, Stephanie's family adopted a sweet, loving spaniel mix they named Kelly from CARE. Now, Stephanie has chosen CARE to be the recipient of her time and hard work.



Stephanie started her project by developing a flyer entitled: HELPING C.A.R.E. CARE FOR ANIMALS. The flyer introduced Stephanie and her Goal to collect donations for CARE. Stephanie then contacted her Girl Scout Troop 779, friends, neighbors, family members, and pet stores. The response was phenomenal. In a 60 day period Stephanie took in over 300 pounds of dry dog food, 100 pounds of dry cat food, several hundred cans of dog and cat food, 230 pounds of cat litter, a large amount of office supplies, blankets and towels. This was all topped off with Stephanie baking yummy homemade dog biscuits.

A BIG THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie McCain for helping CARE, and earning her Silver Award. A BIG THANK YOU to Kelly, who guarded the door to the bedroom where all these goodies were stored.



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# Special Recognition Section

\*IN MEMORY OF CHEWY, ANNE MILLER'S HAMSTER, FROM HER GRANDPARENTS, JOHN AND BETTY MILLER

\* IN HONOR OF A FEMALE, ROTTIE-MIX PUP NAMED CAYENNE, WHO HAD A ROUGH START IN LIFE, FROM KIRSTEN KRONER

\* IN MEMORY OF SWEET PEA, A CARE DOG, WHO HAS GIVEN US WONDERFUL MEMORIES. WE WILL MISS YOU. FROM KEN & NANCY

\* IN MEMORY OF SWEET PEA, FROM ANGELA & DAVID HORINE

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- A breeding pair of cats can produce some 420,000 offspring over a seven-year period.
  - An unspayed female cat can have 3 litters of kittens in a year.
  - A female cat will repeat her heat cycle until she gets pregnant.
  - A female cat can get pregnant while still nursing a litter.
  - A kitten four to five months old can become pregnant
- PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR CATS. SAVING THOUSANDS OF LIVES.



### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

#### **CARE HELPS YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS MEET COMMUNITY SERVICE GOALS**

In the past year, CARE has worked hand in hand with Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and grammar school classes as they work on their community service projects. These organizations have donated over a thousand pounds of food, towels, blankets, toys, and litter for the four - legged friends at CARE. Care volunteers meet with youth discussing the role CARE plays helping homeless and abandoned dogs and cats, and the importance our furry friends play in our lives. If you would like to know more about this program contact Ken Becker at 408 227-CARE (Leave a message), e-mail [www.carepets.org](http://www.carepets.org) or write CARE, P.O. Box 111474, Campbell, California 95011-1474.

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 how its animals are treated” ~ Mahatma Gandhi



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