



# 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

## THE HOLIDAYS AND YOUR PETS

Remember as the holidays approach, this is the most dangerous time for our pets. The two greatest dangers are lost pets and pet poisoning. With holidays come guests and dog sitters. Every time a guest comes to your home your pet is exposed to new stress, either positive or negative. Many pets are locked away from the guests while others are allowed to roam freely among the visitors. Doors, gates and garages are opened and closed at a feverish rate during the holidays. The opportunity to get out and explore has never been so good for your pet!

*See below for some holiday precautions to take for a safe holiday season!*

- \* Prevention - Be sure your pet has its collar (yes - cats too!).
- \* Determine the rules for the season. If your pet is allowed to run free among the guests (which is only fair, it's their house too!) make sure that you are there to answer the door for every guest and introduce them to your pet. Also, you will want to be at the door every time it is open to be sure the pet does not escape.
- \* If you can normally trust your pet in the yard for a few moments - do not do this during these holidays. There are more people and pets in the streets and yards and lots of great smells!
- \* Tell the guests, and children, the rules for your pet - what rooms they are or are not allowed to be in, not to feed the pet scraps (if 10 guests feed a 30-lb. dog two scraps, you could have a very sick dog), and other rules of the house. Do not let children harass them.
- \* Do not ignore your pet. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, pets become stressed - this is a time for extra attention. Take time every hour to stop and say hello! Do not forget to walk them, let them out, feed them, change the litter box or other daily routines.
- \* Animals should be monitored around Christmas tree, dinner table. All those trappings of the holidays that people love so much -- food, tinsel and lights -- can pose a deadly hazard for the family pet.

\*The most common ailments and injuries the hospital sees around the holidays include: bowel impaction, caused when cats eat shiny tinsel and other ingestion problems like swallowing turkey bones or pine needles; chocolate poisoning, caused when dogs tear into boxes under the tree; and a hazard that affects both dogs and cats: getting shocked by chewing on light cords, Surgery to remove foreign objects stuck in stomachs or intestines can cost \$500 to \$1,000 or more. Holly and mistletoe are also poisonous and sap from the tree or poinsettias or water at the base of the tree can cause stomach upset.

“The holidays are a time for giving, but there are some things you should not share with your pet.”



# WE GET PICTURES! Happy CARE dogs in their new homes!



Sonny and his Mom



Little Indy on the couch



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Poptart gets some lovin'

# Special Recognition Section

*\* In memory of "Casey" - from the Keen Family*

*\* In memory of "Max" - from the Miller Family*

*\* Thank you to the following individuals and groups who raised funds and collected donations for CARE during 2005:*

*\*Girl Scout Troop # 77 & 1121*

*\*Kathryn Sire & her birthday club*

*\*The Builder's Club - Sunnyvale Middle School*

*\*Justin Ohara*

*\*and to all of YOU who donated various amounts of time and money to help CARE offset operational and medical costs*



*\* A Very Special Thank You to the unsung heroes at CARE - ALL OF THE CARE VOLUNTEERS! Year after year, our volunteers put in countless hours of their own personal time towards the welfare of the area's homeless animals! Without the volunteers, CARE would not be the organization it is today - dedicated to saving dogs and cats - one at a time.*

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how its animals are treated” ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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**Stay tuned to our website for more information about**  
**getting involved with our new and improved**  
**Dog Walk!**

CARE has adopted 144  
dogs and 55 cats so far  
this year! Thank you for  
adopting a homeless pet!

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