



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

“SOPHIE aka KIT KAT/KATIE” AND HER FOUR BEST FRIENDS

This is the story of a kitten and the four best friends that have helped her along the road of life. It all started in the Santa Cruz mountains when someone abandoned a small kitten near a mountain cabin. This small ball of fur took refuge in a shack behind the cabin. In a short period of time, the kitten became the resident outdoor cat for the inhabitants of the cabin. When it was time for the inhabitants to move on, they left the kitten behind to fend for herself.

The kitten's very first friend in her young life entered the picture, moving into the cabin with her dogs. The new friend soon learned the stray kitten was a very sweet, affectionate girl that loved to stay close to the house and get lots of attention. She would like to come inside; but the dogs would have no part of it. The new friend named the kitten “Kit Kat”. Kit Kat's new friend soon discovered that she was not meant for mountain living, so she packed her belongings, her dogs and Kit Kat (the poor little kitty that nobody looked out for) and moved back to the city. The dogs wanted no part of the kitten so Kit Kat was confined to the front bedroom for her own safety. Kit Kat's new friend was tempted to keep the kitten, however due to 18 years of severe cat allergies it was impossible. Being a good friend, she finds Kit Kat a home, that unfortunately does not work out.

Kit Kat returns to her friend complete with a serious respiratory infection. At one point, Kit Kat was so sick her friend gave her fluids subcutaneously (under the skin) and tried to feed her with a syringe just to get something in her system. She wouldn't eat because she couldn't smell. There was a humidifier running all the time to keep her airways from drying out. Kit Kat's best friend was afraid she was going to die. She had dropped from 9 pounds to 6 pounds. Her friend felt so guilty because she brought her down off the mountain with the hope of giving her a better life. Instead she was deathly ill. Despite this near death experience, Kit Kat was always affectionate, cuddly and happy when her best friend came home. After two weeks of nursing and worrying, Kit Kat's best friend put a particularly smelly mixed fish entree down for her to try. Kit Kat approaches it, sniffs and takes a bite then another



“Katie” (renamed “Sophie”) and Lenny

She devoured it. She put a second can down and Kit Kat devoured it too. She was on her road to recovery. This wonderful caregiver and best friend was actively looking for a home for Kit Kat. She contacted CARE and was put in touch with Laurie, a longtime cat foster mom. Laurie had room in her kitty foster home and took her in, renaming her Katie. Laurie learned quickly that this loving, affectionate kitty didn't like other cats. She was afraid of the other kitties and kept pretty much to herself. Laurie knew Katie needed a home where she would not be afraid, would be loved and part of the family.

A picture of Katie was placed on the CARE website. It didn't take long for the next best friends to enter Katie's life. Gail was looking for a indoor cat that would be a good companion for Lenny, Gail's 7 year old cat-loving dog. (Lenny was adopted when he was 13 weeks old from CARE). Gail fell in love with Katie and the latest word is that Katie is settling in just fine.

Gail says “Sophie” is quite a sweetheart, small and delicate. She greets Gail when she comes home at night, getting comfy on the couch or one of the kitchen chairs, rubbing her head on just about anything she can find. Gail says she couldn't be happier with “Sophie”. She is a very special kitty that has found the loving home she deserves - thanks to four good friends.

President's Message

As I sit looking out my window, enjoying the wonderful weather and thinking of what to write, it dawns on me that I am to be the bearer of bad news - the Holidays are nearly upon us! And before you dismiss this as just another article on what not to do to or for your pets during the holidays, read on.

This coming Holiday Season when you are thinking of the people less fortunate than you, also think of the animals less fortunate than yours. During the Holidays think of giving a gift or donation to an animal rescue or welfare group you feel that you and your animal companion(s) could support.

Perhaps you could round up a donation of blankets or towels. Or if you do a food drive at work you could add a barrel for pet foods for a local group or shelter. Most shelters can use your old newspapers for cage lining. Or maybe you can give some time to help a senior citizen or AIDS patient care for their animal companion. Even a monetary gift in your pets name helps over the Holidays.

There are so many things you CAN do to and for companion animals this Holiday Season, that are less fortunate than your own furry kids. Just remember, any little thing you can do to help any group help an animal, helps us all.

Sincerely- Kate Humphrey, 2003 President



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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 leaving a message on either our Dogline at 408-227-CARE (2273) or Catline at 408-929-CATS (2287)

About this publication:

CARE's newsletter is published and is 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!



"BOGEY"

Thank You to Petfinder.com for listing Bogey. 5/8/03, I went to San Jose's CARE (Companion Animal Rescue Effort), and Leeann showed Bogey, I fell in love with him immediately. He is just what I have been looking for, and could not afford Breeders prices. I am a retired RN, who has saved many human lives, and I am so proud that I was able to save Bogey's life. We both like to go on walks, and we are out 3-4 walks a day. Thank You all for making my home full of love.

Sincerely, June Jaffee



Xander

It has been 5 years since we adopted Xander and his sister, Willow (aka Sparky and Sweetie). Xander posed recently for us - Willow was camera shy that day. Thank you very much for your continued efforts in providing homes for many wonderful, yet homeless, animals in the Bay Area. We certainly are lucky to have adopted such exceptional pets. The joy they bring to our family, each and every day, is priceless.

*Bob, Alexis, Steve, Xander & Willow
Lakes, June 2003*

Dear C.A.R.E. -

Zoshie (formerly Ethyl) and I were united in February 1996. We have been happy ever since, living in Pacifica. But as of June 2003, Zoshie (Polish for Sofie) and I will be moving to Wisconsin.

Zoshie has become a very good traveler. We have gone to visit relatives in Wisconsin every summer. In between, Zoshie's been to Las Vegas & Reno, NV, Jackson Hole, WY, Chicago, IL, Denver, CO, and Santa Fe, NM.

Recently our landlord rescued a puppy. Roxi is a lab-mastiff-pit mix. Zoshie became a mother for a second time! She has taken to teaching Roxi all the ropes.

While living in Pacifica, Zoshie has enjoyed exercising at the beach. We will be living in South Milwaukee, along Lake Michigan so Zoshie will still be able to run along the shore.

We just wanted you to know about the upcoming move.

Sincerely,

Allison Zbikowski & Zoshie



"ZOSHIE"
The new "cheesehead"

Advertiser's Spotlight

IGUANA VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS *The Creative Company With The Fun Name*

For the past ten years **Iguana Visual Communications**, a photography, graphic design and printing service has been helping CARE by supporting our newsletter with their ads and printing our adoption packets and related materials at cost.

Janet, a graphic designer, and her accomplished photographer husband, Mel, started their business in 1985. Being a creative couple, they were looking for a company name that was fun, creative, and easy to remember. Thus the name IGUANA, which over the years has garnered a great deal of attention.

Janet, Mel and a talented staff of two designers and four production people have developed a real niche in the wine industry, the education field, energy conservation, the medical field & the hospitality industry.

Iguana Visual Communications has produced photographs for ads, brochures and marketing material for companies such as J. Lohr Winery, Testarossa Vineyards, Chalone Vineyards, Santa Clara University, Stanford University, and EdSource, a non profit organization.

In addition to being creative, they love animals. Just ask their 16 year old Siamese cat, Sharlotte, or the small colony of feral cats they care for at their Santa Clara offices.



Thank you to Iguana Visual Communications for supporting CARE!!



Special Recognition Section

- *In Memory of **Fran Fehlhaber**, from Martina Fehlhaber (daughter) and Mrs. Parker (Mother), Sunnyvale*
- *In Memory of **Tucker**, our 13.5 year old Sheltie - from Lucinda Maier, San Jose (mother in law of CARE dog volunteer, Pat Maier)*
- *In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Royden Stampf - from Sarah C. Haffner, Healdsburg*
- *In Honor of **Debbie Free** (CARE cat volunteer) - from Todd Carpenter, Menlo Park*

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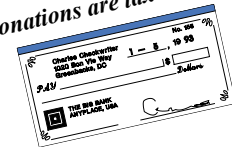
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 @ Petsmart, 850 Hamilton Ave.
 in Campbell (near San Tomas Expwy)



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."
 – Anonymous