



*Spring - the beginnings of new Life
and hopes of better tomorrows!*



Sweet Fay and beautiful Kasy - the next generation of rescuers and protectors for the ones without a voice!

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Make your tax-deductible donations at www.care4pets.org. We can't do this without you!

Dear Supporters:

Spring is a time of growth and, renewal, the rebirth of plants and new life, the hope for better times and brighter tomorrows.

Our precious fur folk join us in sending you our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. As you know, this is an extremely tough economy. 2009 was very hard for our organization and the struggle to survive has been extreme; *but we have survived, thanks to you, our wonderful supporters.* You are responsible for making it possible for our 200 plus residents to receive the loving care they need and deserve - **not only to survive, but also to thrive!**

There are 200 plus wonderful cats and dogs in our care. We have given them our pledge that they will have a place forever in our cage-free, no kill sanctuary, until they find a home of their own or for life. But we cannot keep that pledge without you and your generosity!

We all can be proud of *knowing that we are doing the right thing for the less fortunate.* We are giving starving cats and dogs a safe and loving place; cats who otherwise would be huddled under a dumpster or starving dogs running in the street. Together we are providing lifelong medical care and all other necessities for all our rescued pets. C.A.R.E. depends on the generosity of people like you to continue our mission.

By supporting C.A.R.E. you are sharing our vision of a better tomorrow for the cats and dogs that call our sanctuary home; free from abuse and neglect. Together, you and we are providing them with the good life most of them have never known. *Your support is what makes everything happen.*

Please give generously so C.A.R.E. can have a tomorrow and help us save even more lives!

Thank you for caring,



Joanna Patrice
Outreach Director



Elmer thanks you for your support and for giving him a chance at a good life!

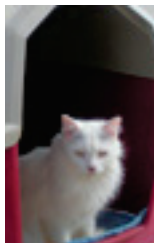
Please take a moment to see a few of the cats and dogs you are helping with your donations. You can sponsor one or more rescued animals each month, or simply donate in support of general sanctuary operations including veterinary care. Please give today **so our mission can go on** and tomorrow we can help other wonderful cats and dogs who **desperately need our help.**

THE ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE DONATE TO C.A.R.E.!

There are so many ways to help!

- ❖ Donate cash, checks, money orders or stocks.
- ❖ Call 1-800-456-5517 to donate a car.
- ❖ Leave C.A.R.E. as a beneficiary in your trust, will, or life insurance.

Write or e-mail mail@care4pets.org for info.



Here is a list of just a few of our monthly needs:

- ❖ 1,000 Pounds of Dry Dog Food
- ❖ 450 Pounds of Moist Dog Food
- ❖ 4,000 Pounds of Cat Litter
- ❖ 600 Pounds of Dry Cat Food
- ❖ 800 Pounds of Moist Cat Food
- ❖ 1,000 Pounds of Disinfectant

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Feline Liver Disease

Liver disease in cats is not uncommon, particularly among older cats. It can be difficult to diagnose and still more difficult to treat. Many cats can make a full recovery with the proper care.

Hepatic lipidosis, or fatty liver syndrome, is one common liver disease in cats. It can be very serious but is potentially curable. Its cause is unknown, but it is more frequent in overweight, middle-aged cats. Something causes the cat to lose his appetite. Fat that is stored elsewhere in the body is moved to the liver where it is broken down and used. However, in some cases the liver gets overwhelmed by the amount of fat and stops functioning normally. It may be due to metabolic, toxic, or nutritional causes, or to a lack of oxygen supply to the liver. It can occur with diabetes mellitus, and can be seen in cats who have been stressed by boarding, surgery, illness or being moved to a new home. Fatty liver may also occur in cats who have upper respiratory tract disease because of a high fever which uses reserves faster than is normal. Also, the cat may not be eating because he is unable to smell food due to nasal congestion, or may have mouth ulcers which make eating painful.

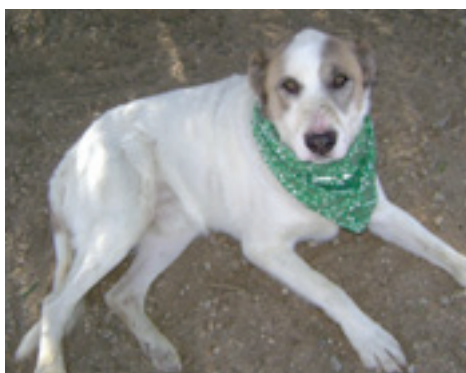
Once the liver becomes filled with fat, the cat seems to be unable to metabolize and remove it. The process can start in just a couple of days after the cat stops eating. The liver may eventually stop functioning. About 35% of cats who have hepatic lipidosis will die, especially if not properly treated. The liver does many important things in the body, including making factors for blood clotting. Some cats even have trouble with blood clotting.

Symptoms of hepatic lipidosis are not specific but may include weakness, hiding, vomiting, drooling, and jaundice (a yellow tinge to the skin or whites of the eyes). Diagnosis includes a blood screen, x-rays, ultrasound and liver aspirate or biopsy.

Initial treatment for hepatic lipidosis involves IV fluids and intensive care. It is important to get the cat eating and works quite well in reversing the condition if diagnosed early. Failure to eat makes the condition get worse. The idea is to force-feed the cat enough nutrients to reverse the metabolic malfunction that caused the condition in the first place. This is usually done with a temporary feeding tube which is inserted into the esophagus or stomach by a veterinarian. The cat's caretaker then mixes a formula in a blender and using a syringe, feeds a small amount down the tube several times daily. After a few weeks of the forced diet, the cat can be offered food normally, to test his appetite, although the tubal feeding may need to be continued for up to six or eight weeks, until the cat's appetite has fully returned to normal. There are no known long-term side effects of this disease after it is treated.



Sweet Fanny



Vern - posing so patiently!!!!



Suzie-what an adorable face!!!



Buster Riley-truly
a sweetheart





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*Kasy and Teddy - so cute & so photogenic!!!!
Thank you, Kasy, for all your kindness
and work with our rescued pets!*

Supported entirely by donations from individuals and foundations, C.A.R.E. maintains a no-kill, cage-free "Home Sweet Home" for up to 200 homeless cats & dogs in a rural area north of Los Angeles. The C.A.R.E. sanctuary is licensed by the County, proudly earning "A" ratings at every inspection!

We are committed to saving the lives of homeless dogs and cats by rescuing at-risk animals, placing adoptable pets in homes of their own, and caring for those awaiting adoption (even those considered "unadoptable"), for the rest of their lives if need be.

The C.A.R.E. sanctuary demonstrates that it is possible to provide a comfortable and loving home for groups of "unwanted" or "surplus" animals who otherwise would have, at best, an uncertain future. By supporting C.A.R.E., you are not only helping many wonderful animals, you are also standing up for the idea that animals do matter, and that they deserve loving care!



Betsy McFarland & Nancy Peterson of HSUS present C.A.R.E.'s , Joanna Patrice (center) with an award in recognition of our assistance in the San Nicolas Island cats project. Our thanks to the Humane Society of the United States for allowing C.A.R.E to help with the feral cats of San Nicolas Island - it was our pleasure.

C.A.R.E is going green! Please send us your email address!