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Happy Holidays From All of Us at the C.A.R.E. Sanctuary!



The adorable sister and brother Linda and Ringo with beautiful Kaila C.A.R.E's young volunteer, are sending you and your loved ones best wishes and are thanking for your compassion and generosity. Happy Holidays!

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Dear Supporters:

However frantic and hectic our lives may have been throughout the year, this special time of the year seems just the right time to catch up with our family and friends. It's also a time to remember the less fortunate, to show special kindness, compassion and love by helping the ones who cannot help themselves; **the ones who will not survive one more year without our helping hands and generosity.**

So, here we are, once again, at the end of the year. It is hard to believe 2013 is almost over and 2014 is ready to begin. As always, with new beginnings we all have so many great expectations, high hopes, and many wishes for better tomorrows. Of course, with new beginnings, many new challenges will also be coming our way.

2013 presented C.A.R.E with so many challenges. Even though some challenges were very hard to handle, very sad and heart breaking, we did not give up. We kept on fighting the good fight for the hopeless, for the ones who cannot survive without our help and compassion.

Yes, our work is difficult and demanding, but we do it with joy in our hearts-it's a labor of love to protect and save innocent lives. But we cannot do it alone; nothing can be accomplished without you and your generous support. Giving to a charity like C.A.R.E. takes compassion, helping animals in jeopardy takes sympathy; when we have humanity, we are putting ourselves in someone else's shoes and really feeling for them. We can feel their pain, their desperation, their will to survive and it is then that we really want to help out. C.A.R.E.'s 300 + orphaned dogs and cats need your generous donations more than ever; THEY NEED YOU.

Together, let's build a better tomorrow based on compassion. Let us realize mutual dreams of making our world a better place for the truly innocent, for those who have neither vote nor voice. Together we can permanently stamp our mark in this world and have the satisfaction of having made a better world for all beings and the next generation. CA.R.E. needs YOU, our rescued dogs and cats need YOU! And now, at this special season of the year, please feel that it is the right time to be generous and help us move forward into C.A.R.E.'s third decade!

Together let's create a spark of light for the many neglected, abused, frightened, innocent creatures, and hopefully, this small spark of light will find its way around the world and illuminate all paths for a brighter future. Best wishes for you and your loved ones! We hope your kindness and generosity are returned to you a thousand fold!

Happy Holidays, Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all!

Sincerely,

Marin Portie

Maria Porter - Secretary- Treasurer - Sanctuary Manager





OUR RESCUED 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:

- ❖ 1,500 Pounds of Dry Dog Food
- **❖** 1,000 Pounds of Moist Dog Food
- **❖** 5,000 Pounds of Cat Litter
- **❖** 1,800 Pounds of Dry Cat Food
- **❖ 1,700 Pounds of Moist Cat Food**
- **❖** 1.000 Pounds of Disinfectant





Little Linda and Ringo are about 2 months old and they came to C.A.R.E. through one of C.A.R.E.'s long time volunteers. Our volunteer was with her family and her personal doggy at the swap meet in the high desert when she realized she was being followed by a man. She became concerned by the man's unusual and persistent behavior and felt that he might be a stalker. At last the man spoke to our volunteer and asked her if she would like 2 little dogs for free. Her first reaction was relief that the man was not a mentally disturbed individual and that she and her family were not in danger.

She told the man she was sorry but she could not have any more pets, but that she knows of a rescue group that might be able to help the little ones. The man told her that he purchased the 2 dogs from someone whose dog had puppies and he wanted the dogs to be guard dogs for his place of business, a mechanic's shop. It seems that the person he bought the puppies from told him that the pups will grow to be large dogs, but soon the man realized that these little ones were not going to be more than 10 lbs. fully grown. So our volunteer took the man's number and called me (Maria). The next day we made an appointment to get the little dogs and when we arrived at the

place of business an employee took us in the back where a lot of old cars were stored, and there in the center of that mess we found a small dog house with the 2 little dogs inside. The only security for the poor dogs was a piece of wood resting at the door of the dog house. There was no food or water-- just 2 very sad and frightened little dogs. We are not sure why this person picked our volunteer from the hundreds of people at the swap meet, maybe because he could see the kindness and compassion in her and the gentle way she was treating her own dog. Whatever the reason was, we are so glad that he picked her and C.A.R.E. is so happy that we are able to give these 2 little doggies a second chance of a good life. Please help us so we can help others like Linda and Ringo. We cannot do it without your, kindness and generous donations!!



Emmanuel is enjoying loving our sweet Oreo. These young volunteers are exceptional persons. They are kind and have a great understanding that all life is precious that kindness and compassion for all beings is the **right and only way to go!**



Beautiful Andrea C.A.R.E.'s long time volunteer sharing kindness and love with Linda and Ringo and the many more dogs and cats at our sanctuary.





Beautiful blue/brown eyed brothers Comet and Boo are **going to their forever home** for the Holidays. Best gift ever!!

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 help us achieve our 2013 fund raising goal. Unfortunately we are so far off from reaching that goal; it is so critical that we reach it to continue the care of the little ones who call C.A.R.E. home and so that we can rescue new animals who are abandoned every day. All donations are going to the care of our rescued pets!



Andy with a very relaxed Bubba, he is so relaxed that fell at sleep on Andy's arms. Does Bubba look adorable?



Emmanuel and Andy with some of our little dogs enjoying their time in the exercise yard. Thank you for your support and generosity!!



Esperanza, to the left how she looks today. To the right the day she was rescued. Thank you for helping us so we can help others like Esperanza!!



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Sweet Rex, doesn't he look cute? What do you think? We think Rex is questioning our choice of outfit, but as a sweet big-boned guy he is just happy to humor us, HOHOHO!

Supported entirely by donations from individuals and foundations, C.A.R.E. maintains a no-kill, cage-free "Home Sweet Home" for 300 plus 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 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!

C.A.R.E. IS GOING GREEN!! SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES!



Happy cats in the small house having a snack. After all, mealtime is one of the happiest times of their day! We are so grateful for your support that gives us the resources to care for these and the many more innocent creatures that call C.A.R.E. home!