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Rescuing at Risk Dogs & Cats in Southern California since 1992

# Happy Holidays From All of Us at the CARE Sanctuary!



My beautiful niece Monica is visiting from Switzerland. Monica loves all animals and she is the next generation of animal protectors. The black senior beauty is Estrella. She is deaf and was rescued by CARE from a high kill shelter in California. **We CANNOT do it WITHOUT your GENEROSITY!!!** 

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#### Dear Supporters:

Once again, the holiday season is upon us. Our entire staff would like to wish you and your loved ones all the best in the coming year. As always, there are no words to adequately express our gratitude for your generous gifts to CARE. Your ongoing support allows us to continue our rescue work on behalf of needy animals.

2017 has been a year of both joy and tragedy for many people. The devastating hurricanes in the south and human acts of violence continue to cause sorrow and grief to caring people everywhere. These disasters also serve to highlight the triumph of the human spirit as we see people coming together to lend a hand to our fellow citizens and animals in their time of need.

CARE has faced its share of challenges in 2017, but we move confidently toward the New Year. The progress of our new buildings has been slower than we expected, but we are certain that 2018 will be the year our rescued pets will enjoy their new spacious living housings. Please check our Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/care4pets.org to view the progress of the construction.

We added many new members to our animal family at CARE in 2017. We found loving homes for many others. A couple of our latest rescues are featured in this issue of our newsletter. The lives of these animals are forever changed for the better, all thanks to you.

With your continued support, our group will be able to expand our rescue efforts and save many more lives. CARE as always is thankful for your generosity and for opening your hearts to help the less fortunate, the homeless the ones without a voice and allowing the true spirit of the Holidays come through as a bright start to illuminate our path to a better future.

May peace, joy, and love visit you and your family this holiday season and all year long! Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah. Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All!

Best wishes,

Maria Porter

Maria Porter - Secretary - Treasurer - Sanctuary Manager





Excavation started for the new housing for our rescued cats and dogs!!

We need you now more then ever!!

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





There are few greater joys than finding the perfect forever home for a rescued dog or cat. Sometimes a forever home with a new family is not meant to be. When things do not work out, CARE steps in to provide the solution. Meet our newest family member at CARE. His name is Buddy. We don't know why Buddy was dropped off at a high-kill animal control facility in Los Angeles, but Buddy caught a break when the Irvine Shelter agreed to take him in, and find a new home for Buddy. A woman and her young daughter adopted him, and it looked like a good match. But it wasn't. Little Buddy became very protective of the woman who gave him a second chance. Buddy would growl and snap at passersby on their walks—all to protect his human-- but things took a turn for the worse when he growled at and nipped the little girl. Buddy was returned to the shelter. The Irvine shelter goes to great lengths to find homes for the pets in their custody, but they are not equipped to provide lifetime care for unadoptable animals. Because of the biting, the little Chihuahua could only be placed with a rescue group. He had 2 strikes against him, and was running out of time. At CARE, we love our "problem children" as much as we love our adoptable ones. We were so glad we were able to take in Buddy and give him a lifetime of affection, comfort and safety. Our staff was amazed and delighted when Buddy immediately started wagging his tail and licking the hands

of his new family at CARE—no growling, no biting, no fear. Buddy seems to know he has found his forever home with us. **Thank you for making a new life possible for him.** 



This is "Chocobo", about 6 years old, a Domestic Long Hair. Her story is a heartbreaking one but with a happy ending. A woman brought her in to the Irvine Shelter claiming she had found this very sick, stray cat and was turning her in. The Shelter scanned for a micro-chip and....guess what?.....it was registered to the woman who "found her as a stray". The Shelter told the woman to come back with all her medical records and they would accept her. 5 minutes later, Shelter staff found poor Chocobo lying outside the front gate, half dead...no carrier...just dumped by her heartless person. The Shelter took her to the emergency clinic where it was determined she was severely malnourished, lethargic and having kidney issues. But good care at the vets soon got the little girl back on her feet and on to the CARE Sanctuary. She is all well now, a sweet, loving kitty and in need of her forever loving home! We can only help these innocent souls with your support, friendship and your generosity!!



Meet little Ginger: CARE received an urgent request from another shelter and we were glad to lend a hand:

"I am reaching out on behalf of Ginger, A109672, a 5-yearold chocolate Chihuahua mix. Ginger has been at our facility since August 15<sup>th</sup> and has been very fearful and shut down while here. She has made improvement slowly but is very scared of the loud kennel environment. A staff member stepped up and fostered her for a few days and Ginger opened up considerably in her home and lived with several other dogs. Unfortunately, Ginger has a problem with men and she try to bite the foster husband hand. Ginger is currently rescueonly and not available for public adoption. Please contact me if you can help Ginger! "

**CARE stepped up and save this little cutie**. She is doing great now in a foster home and is very affectionate to her foster mum. One day maybe she will be ready for a forever home of her own. In the meantime, she is safe and loved.



Thank you for helping CARE so we can help little Ginger and others like her!!!



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Beautiful Brother and Tinker looking so adorable and looking for forever loving homes!! PLEASE help us so we can help them, the homeless the innocents, the ones in desperate in need of rescue!!!

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!



This beautiful girl is Shelly. This sweet girl is a senior and unfortunately her human died. Shelly's human loved her very much and she made sure that Shelly had a safe and loving place to go if Shelly outlived her. Make sure to make arrangement just in case for your beloved pets will outlive you!!!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!!!