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Rescuing at Risk Dogs & Cats in Southern California since 1992

See Enclosed Invitation Card for Gala Celebration!

C.A.R.E.'s 20th Anniversary Celebration - Summer 2012!



Kindness and respect for all beings has no boundaries, culture or ethnicity; respect is respect not matter where our parents or grand-parents came from. Respect starts at home and is learned by example; our children are an extension of us. They are our future, so please, let's teach our future that all life is precious. Meet some of C.A.R.E.'s young volunteers -Kitty, Andy, Rebecca, Jessica, Kasy and Tony-sharing some sweet love with our rescued pets!

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CARE 1 *Make your tax deductible donations at www.care4pets.org.* We can't do this without you!!!!

Dear Supporters:

It is hard to **believe** that C.A.R.E. was founded 20 years ago in 1992! Since then we have worked tirelessly to rescue at-risk dogs and cats without regard to their health status, behavior or adoptability. From 1992 to 1998, C.A.R.E. rescued cats and dogs and found loving homes for them while housing them in foster homes (mostly our own). We also helped people with pet issues and counseled them towards a better relationship with their companions - we still do.

In 1998 a great tragedy occurred that changed C.A.R.E. forever: an illegal shelter was busted by the Department of Animal Regulation who removed hundreds of cats and dogs from the premises. C.A.R.E. couldn't stand by and watch as all these wonder ful beings were destroyed. That is when we opened the C.A.R.E. sanctuary in a little old house on an acre of land in the desert. We dreamed of what could be in time and how many of these wonderful souls we could save. There were over 600 cats; 300 never made it out the door and were euthanized by the Department. But we saved the remaining 300 cats and about 20 dogs from death that fateful day and thousands more through the years. In many ways we put the cart before the horse: no money, just the determination to save lives and made a difference. **With a lot of hard work, many sleepless nights, wonderful supporters** and substantial improvements, today our sanctuary is a humble but very happy and loving place for all our rescued dogs and cats who call it HOME. C.A.R.E. still has a few of the original cats who for one reason or another could not find loving homes of their own. All are loved and cared for by our wonderful staff and volunteers. It is, after all, <u>their home</u>, thanks to you and supporters through the years.

Today our dogs have an exercise/play yard and very spacious, partially covered runs so they can enjoy the sun or the shade and be protected from rain and snow. Their runs include a small house to protect their igloos from the elements, water misters and a small pool for the hot summer days. Our kitties are housed in a home-like atmosphere in very spacious indoor rooms equipped with swamp coolers (the air conditioning of choice in desert areas), lots of indoor shelves and cubbyholes, sky-lights and windows to watch the local bird-life. Each room has access to a fully enclosed outdoor area – something like a giant aviary. In these "aviaries", they have lots of outdoor igloos, shelves to climb and curl up on, cozy beds and even a tree to climb. Everyday everybody is fed both wet and dry, the dogs get out to romp and play and all are provided with excellent medical care **by licensed veterinarians and our two wonderful vet techs**. <u>We've come a long way, baby</u>" and we are very proud of the progress we've made and of the many lives we have saved. Yet we have a long way to go too, and so many more innocents need our help. **But none of this has been and will be possible without wonderful people like you!** <u>Your support is our strength and the hope that keeps us going!</u>

Please join us in celebrating our 20th anniversary at a gala event on September 8, 2012 in Pacific Palisades. Please reply with the enclosed invitation if you will attend. Directions will be provided.

Please give today so our mission can go on and we can be here 20 years from now helping the ones in jeopardy - the homeless cats and dogs – the little ones without a voice.

Love. ama Atrice

Joanna Patrice - Outreach Director



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

There are so many ways to help!

- **Solution** 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 on these as well on internet support opportunities. Here is a list of just a few of our monthly needs:

- * 1,000 Pounds of Dry Dog Food
- 900 Pounds of Moist Dog Food
- ✤ 4,000 Pounds of Cat Litter
 - 900 Pounds of Dry Cat Food
 - 900 Pounds of Moist Cat Food
 - 1,000 Pounds of Disinfectant



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Please give today so our mission can go on and tomorrow we can help other wonderful cats and dogs who are in desperate need! Let's make the beginning of next 20 years start with bang!!!



Kitties in the senior room enjoying a stress-free life. They sure love their baskets! Life is good, no worries, good food, lots and lots of love and a safe place to call home thanks to your support and generosity. We could not do it without you. You are the ones who give us the strength and means to keep on keepin' on!



Beautiful Kitty with little Lucky. Doesn't Lucky look good and sweet—he's come a long way from the day he was rescued!



Our darling young volunteer Rebecca with sweet little Nicholas. Nicky is one of the doggies rescued from the desert - a "face of the desert". Now he is safe, protected and loved!

C.A.R.E. wants to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ady Gil, Patty Shenker, Diana Lannes, Marlene Goodman and Masako Maxwell for their hard work, kindness, support and generosity. Thank you for all your help with C.A.R.E.'s Valentine fundraiser and for making it a success. If our animals could understand, they would send you their total gratitude and appreciation. In the absence of that understanding, their happiness is the only true evidence of their feelings for your support.

(Photo courtesy of Susan Weingartner who really captured the moment - **susanweingartner.com**)



Ady and his furry baby, Kayla



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Some our beautiful kitties in the "sun room", enjoying a lot of love and some grooming from our young volunteers. Looks like even little Tomy wants to help - too cute!

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!



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