



*Happy Holidays to You & Yours from all of us at CARE!*



*Say hi to the splendid Grendel with his striking blue eyes! Grendel's life took a turn for the worse when he lost the only home he ever knew. Yet thanks to your generosity, he's home for the holidays!*

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**Dear Friends of Animals!**

The seasons may come and go, but our commitment to a compassionate world should be as unassailable as the tallest mountains! Trapped in a kind of winter all year round, thousands of “surplus” or abandoned cats & dogs eke out a lonely living in our communities. Encouraging people to spay/neuter, adopt from the shelters and sponsor feral cat colonies all certainly contribute to a solution. But even when successful, *these strategies take time*. And for so many innocents, their time is now, before long-term solutions can take hold. Yet there is hope for them! Responsible, loving sanctuaries like CARE prove that it is possible for “unwanted” pets to live out their lives in peace and dignity. By nurturing a small community of homeless animals in a licensed, A-rated shelter, CARE demonstrates that a no-kill, cage-free alternative exists to address pet overpopulation. *Please help us continue to provide a great quality of life for orphaned pets!* It is the commitment and generous support of individuals like you that makes it possible! For all you do, for all you are, may you be surrounded by love and happiness this holiday season!

**Peace on Earth, Goodwill To All!**

*Georgia M. Brewer*



**GRENDEL - TRULY A STAR (JUST NOT A MOVIE STAR)!**



*Grendel loves to see what's new in the dog's exercise yard!*

Grendel, a handsome Malamute, was discovered wandering the streets of Lake Los Angeles in northern LA County. This gorgeous boy had no tags, yet he had clearly been groomed and cared for. When our staff member tried to grab his collar, Grendel's reaction was gentle yet firm. He grabbed her arm in his mouth, boldly meeting her eyes as he clearly communicated his superiority. Wow! Though he didn't hurt her or even leave a mark, it was pretty scary! Knowledgeable about dogs, she defused the situation and coaxed him into her car. Posting signs with his picture throughout the area was fruitless. But when a dog trainer for the movies expressed interested in him, it seemed like a perfect solution! *Off he went to the ranch!* But Grendel resisted being in a cage – a necessity for working dogs on film sets. He simply didn't like being confined, controlled or commanded, even if it meant he would never be a star! Consistent with responsible adoption procedures, CARE took him back no questions asked. And so our beautiful boy is back home at the sanctuary safely surrounded by love. He's not perfect, but then, *who is?*



**DR DAN'S MEDICAL MINUTE:**

**FELINE HYPERTHYROIDISM**

Did your cat get a diagnosis of feline hyperthyroidism? Don't fret! It *can* be treated, and if it is, your cat can still lead a normal life! Common in older cats, hyperthyroidism can shorten your cat's life by causing increased metabolism, high heart rates, high blood pressure, and even kidney disease. One common treatment is a medication called Tapazole (Methimazole) given once or twice a day as a pill, or as a topical medication on the ear (if your cat doesn't take pills well). It lowers thyroid hormone levels, but may upset the stomach. Another treatment is radioactive iodine given in a one-time dose. It is a very safe (even used on humans) but requires your cat to spend a few days in a specialty hospital. Discuss these options with your vet. Your cat just might gain a few more years of life!

*Dr. Dan Reimer, in private practice at Adler Veterinary Group, is CARE's Premises Vet.*

## MACY & GRACIE, SALT & PEPPA!



Here are the squirmy & camera-shy girls with their dear friend Andy, who offered to help us get these pictures!

The tender love these sisters have for each other is truly amazing! Could their shared trauma have created this special bond? How did they come to CARE? While at the store, Rosa, our lead vet tech, met a lady who was beside herself. She had discovered nine newborn kittens and their poor deceased mom in her yard. Friends and family had taken the vigorous kittens, but two weak little runts were left. Sight unseen, Rosa offered to take them thinking that with her nursing experience, she just might be their best chance. Upon meeting them, she observed with concern that

the girls were listless, as if they had already given up on a life they had barely experienced. Alarmed by their frailty, Rosa carried them from work to home and back, day after day, so she could coax them to eat. She could think of little else. Her fear for their lives kept her going during many night feedings when they just wouldn't eat at all. But eventually, her loving care began to pay off! The girls gradually gained weight and grew interested in the world around them. Today, they are lovely *and loving* little girls, full of life, and as close as salt & peppa!

*SSSHHH! Believe it or not, this is Chauncey, our so-called "feral" Katrina Kitty. This boy came to us thin, sick, and scared. He would lower his ears and hiss if you just looked at him! Well, don't tell his buds back in New Orleans, but Chauncey isn't such a tough guy anymore! Look at him relishing a scratch on his chinny-chin-chin! After some major TLC, he's turned out to be a real sweetie!!*



*Six Months Ago . . .*



*Chauncey today, enjoying life!*

## GIVE HOMELESS PETS A GREAT LIFE! PLEASE DONATE TO CARE!

### There's so much you can do!

Donate cash, checks, money orders, or vehicles.

*You can even donate stock.*

**Or consider planned giving!**

*Requests have made it possible for us to help many needy animals!*

Write to us, or e-mail [georgia@care4pets.org](mailto:georgia@care4pets.org) for more information.



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

- ❖ 900 Pounds of Dry Dog Food
- ❖ 415 Pounds of Moist Dog Food
- ❖ 3,600 Pounds of Cat Litter
- ❖ 400 Pounds of Dry Cat Food
- ❖ 535 Pounds of Moist Cat Food
- ❖ 900 Pounds of Disinfectant
- ❖ Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone, Trash)
- ❖ Insurance, Maintenance & Repairs

*Remember, your donations go directly to the rescue & care of orphaned cats & dogs. Our Board of Directors is unpaid, and our administrative expenses average about 3%.*

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*Though his past is a mystery, Grendel is a lovely boy! Today he is safe, enjoying another holiday season!*

Supported entirely by donations from private individuals and foundations, C.A.R.E. maintains a no-kill, cage-free “Home Sweet Home” for about 170 orphaned cats & dogs in a rural area north of Los Angeles. The C.A.R.E. sanctuary is licensed by the County, proudly and consistently 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!



*Hey! You'd better have a wonderful Holiday and a terrific New Year!  
Thanks to your kind support,  
I know we will!*