



*Happy Holidays & Our Very Best Wishes for
a Wonderful New Year from CARE!*



*Ollie knows all about giving. He gave the best years of his life serving
not just as a companion but also as “ears” to a wonderful hearing-impaired gentleman.
But Ollie’s not done yet! At 20, he’s still teaching us about love and commitment.*

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Dearest Loving Supporters and Friends of Animals!

Yes, this is the traditional season of giving and gratitude. But we are grateful all year round to you, our benefactors, whose generosity makes possible so much good for so many! ***You are truly making a difference when you support CARE.*** Yes, we are a small organization but we continually seek to improve our operations and expand into new arenas. Still, the heart of our operation remains our sanctuary, where dogs and cats are permitted to live cage-free in a humble yet loving, licensed and legal facility. Sanctuaries like ours are a humane solution for pets who might otherwise be put down. We don't just rescue the easy cases. To us, each life has an intrinsic value and we conscientiously try to support each one we can regardless of their health, age or adoptability. Yes, it's a difficult economy and no one knows that more than us. But with your support, we really can make the world a better place! ***Peace on Earth, Goodwill To All!***



Georgia M. Brewer



TROOP 1020 HOLDS BLANKET DRIVE TO BENEFIT ANIMALS



Three of the scouts from Troop 1020 delivered the huge amount of donated bedding and food.



**HELP SUPPORT OUR
BLANKET DRIVE
TO BENEFIT HOMELESS CATS & DOGS AT CARE**

Call Scout Troop 1020 to sponsoring a Blanket Drive to collect bedding for homeless dogs and cats living at CARE. Call donations to number 1-800-451-2262. CARE is a licensed, Animal Shelter, non-profit animal welfare organization, collecting up to 200 animals at a time. CARE rescues sick, injured, neglected, abandoned, stray, healthy, rescue or abandoned. Show us your love, there is no limit at CARE. Blanket drives can help until they get a home, or the day of their lives passed.

CARE needs a humane solution to the pet overpopulation problem. Help us give the comfort of bedding to the rescued pets at CARE! We need donations of coats, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, cat beds, dog beds, and cat furniture.

Contact: Beverly 813-232-6487 Akky 813-512-8892 CARE TERN # 91-6147009



To earn the distinguished Girl Scout Silver Award, Troop 1020 sponsored a Blanket Drive for CARE. The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouts and the community as she works to improve her life and the lives of others. These wonderful young girls and their leaders spent many hours collecting blankets to keep the dogs and cats warm at night during the winter. But that's not all - they collected food, too! *CARE is so honored to benefit from the selfless efforts of these young people.* They are helping create a better, truly humane world!

OLLIE AND THE PROMISE

Ollie, now a 20-year-old spaniel, was trained in San Francisco to help the hearing-impaired. And he gave the best ten years of his life serving a gentleman named Alan. When Ollie heard certain sounds, like the doorbell, he would run to alert Alan. Naturally, he grew to be much more than just a "hearing dog." Ollie became a beloved companion to a lonely man. So when the terrible day came that Alan realized his life was ending, he turned to his older brother Clint. To ease his brother's heart, Clint promised to take care of Ollie forever.

But no one imagined that Ollie would outlive Clint's capacity to care for him. In one's nineties, the simplest tasks are not so simple! After 10 years of declining health, Clint's uncertainty about how he could fulfill his promise became unbearable. And at 20, Ollie was hard to place. Not only did he have arthritis, cataracts and dementia, he was also incontinent. *Just a bit.* Ok, a lot! Well, just enough to make him unappealing as a pet to most folks, no matter how sweet he is.

After a prolonged search and getting a bit desperate, Clint contacted CARE. Unfortunately, we didn't have any space. So we started helping Clint find Ollie a suitable home. As the weeks dragged on, our hearts went out to this noble man and his sweet little dog.



It just didn't seem right that Ollie should go to the pound. So, crazy as it sounds, we asked Clint how the dog felt about cats. He completely ignored them! Hum. Could Ollie fit in a cat community room? Clint thought so, but first he had to be sure CARE was a good place. He drove up to meet us and was frankly amazed at our tiny but loving shelter and our devoted CAREtakers.

On the spot, Clint asked us to take Ollie and promised to bear the expense. Moreover, in recognition of our mission to help homeless animals, he made a donation for all the other dogs, "*nobody's dogs.*" ***And that's how a purebred service dog ended up with all the mutts, and a promise was fulfilled!***

There are many reasons to support sanctuaries. Decent, ethical, responsible people like Clint can find themselves unable to care for a beloved pet who is a little "different" or just plain old. Feral cat guardians may find one with leukemia who can't be re-released. Or someone may pass on without providing for his or her pets. Responsibly managed sanctuaries like CARE can step up in these situations with humane solutions. With your generous support, we will keep helping whenever we can! Yes, it's hard work, and it takes money. ***But the animals are oh, so worth it!***

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS - OUR HEARTFELT THANKS!

So many people bless us with the gift of their time! We want to acknowledge those who help us help the animals. Here are just a few of the many people who make it happen for CARE -

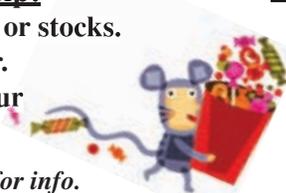
- ♥ **Carol Brown** - Enrichment & Socialization. *Your day with us each week is the animals' favorite day!*
- ♥ **Dorothy Heiman** - Donation Pickups. *Thanks for hauling tons of donated food for the animals!*
- ♥ **Rosie Magaña** - Donation Pickups. *Thanks for helping us distribute & deliver food to the sanctuary!*

THE ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE DONATE TO CARE!

There are so many ways to help!

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

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



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

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

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*Happy Holidays from Ollie!
Learn more about this loyal
and loving old dog, inside!*

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 "un-adoptable"), 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!



*The Small House Cats
and Girl Scout Volunteer Ashley
send you their very best wishes!*