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C.A.R.E. needs your HELP to weather this economic Storm!



Beautiful Bella with Miquel Magana, C.A.R.E.'s volunteer and next generation. Please help us so they can have a tomorrow!

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Dearest Supporters,

The wonderful pets at the C.A.R.E. Sanctuary and all our volunteers, staff, and members of the Board thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continuous support! We want to let you know that your generosity and sacrifice are so greatly appreciated.

C.A.R.E has been hit very hard by the recession, putting our mission and promise in jeopardy; we are determined to keep our doors open! Please help us keep alive the dream and promise we made 11 years ago to protect the abused, neglected and homeless animals in a safe and loving place.

Only with your support can C.A.R.E. provide for the 200 plus rescued dogs and cats - food, safe and clean cage-free living quarters, medical care, medication and last but not least ... a whole lotta love. With your contributions we have a **fighting chance!** In these rough economic times... together we are making the difference in these wonderful beings' lives and providing a better tomorrow for all the beloved animals who deserve that and more.

We need your help now more than ever to continue to care for these wonderful animals. **Please help us so we can go on doing what we do - helping and protecting those without a voice!** *PLEASE give today so C.A.R.E. can be here tomorrow!* Only with your donations can C.A.R.E. weather this economic storm!

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 donate in support of general sanctuary operations including rescue and veterinary care (*and it's so easy with PayPal at* <u>www.care4pets.org</u>). Our Board is entirely uncompensated; all of your contributions go directly to the care of the animals.

For The Animals, Joanna Patrice - Outreach Director



Sweet Penny in her favorite place



Anita - Oh no... The Paparazzi "again!"

THE 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.
- Donate through paypal at www.care4pets.org
- ✤ Write or e-mail mail@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

DR. DAN'S MEDICAL MINUTE: Feline Diabetes

Is your cat drinking excessively, or flooding the litter-box with urine? Your veterinarian can determine if your cat is diabetic by checking blood, urine, and clinical signs. The exact cause of diabetes is unknown; however there are certain risk factors. These include obesity, an unhealthy diet, cortisone treatments, stress and shock. Genetics may also play a role. Conventional treatment for diabetes in cats may include insulin injections, glucose lowering pills, and/or a strictly controlled diet. A diet that is high in protein and low in carbohydrates helps to stabilize blood sugar levels. In obese animals, losing weight is also advised.

Diabetes is a disease of the pancreas that affects the body's ability to control its blood sugar levels. The pancreas is responsible for producing insulin which keeps blood sugar levels balanced. Glucose is produced from the breaking down of starches and carbohydrates in the diet. It is absorbed through the wall of the digestive tract and passes into the bloodstream. Insulin allows glucose to leave the bloodstream and enter the body's tissue where it is then used as energy for the cells. With diabetes, the body either produces insufficient quantities of insulin or does not utilize insulin effectively. Glucose then builds up in the bloodstream and causes an elevated blood sugar/glucose level. High levels of glucose can lead to a number of complications such as ketoacidosis, cataracts, liver and kidney disease, increased infections, and coma or death. Cats can even develop a loss of some nerve function and have trouble walking. It can be difficult to control a diabetic cat at first, but once they are regulated, these complications can be avoided. Some cats even go through spontaneous remission for varying periods and may not need insulin to control their diabetes anymore. It is important to have your veterinarian regularly check your cat to assist in the early detection of this non-diabetic state to avoid insulin overdose. Diabetes is not a death sentence. Diabetes in cats is a treatable disorder. The condition can be controlled for years, in some cats even reversed, and the animals lead normal, happy lives.





Pete - abused, neglected and left to die in the desert. Today he is safe and happy, thanks to your support! Please help us so we can help others like Pete.





 Ms. Rose - What a sweetheart!
 TJ - he really loves pleople.

 Please donate to C.A.R.E and help these dogs, cats and the many more at our Sanctuary

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



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Titus and the 200 plus residents at the C.A.R.E. sanctuary need your help

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 "unadoptable"), for the rest of their lives if need be.

The C.A.R.E. sanctuary demonstrates that it is possible to provide a comfortable and loving home for groups of "unwanted" or "surplus" animals who otherwise would have no 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!



Grooming day, with one of our wonderful volunteers, Kathy. Our pets love and enjoy the visits from all the volunteers. We greatly appreciate your commitment and your love for the animals. **Thank you, to all our volunteers!**