



New Beginnings and a New Chance at Life!



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Dearest Friends of Animals!

One more year has come and gone and we are again at the season of re-birth. Unfortunately, during this time when nature is replenishing herself, our beloved fur-folk are also doing the same and "surplus" dogs and cats will soon be born to an uncertain future. We are all feeling the tough economy, yet it is truly amazing to see the power of your generosity and the difference it makes to our rescued pets. We are so grateful for your past support and we are asking you to please continue supporting C.A.R.E. Only with your contributions can C.A.R.E. accomplish our mission of saving lives by rescuing at-risk dogs and cats without regard for their health status, age or adoptability. Please continue to share with us in sheltering and providing these animals under our stewardship with a great quality of life - cage-less, spacious living quarters, good food, veterinary care, love and gentle handling, regardless of age, health or handicaps; their home-sweet-home until forever homes are found - or for life.

Our Sincerest Thanks!

Joanna Patrice
Outreach Director



DR. DAN'S MEDICAL MINUTE: Dog Separation Anxiety

Has your dog developed a fear of being separated from you? Dogs are such great companions because they become so attached to us, but that attachment sometimes backfires in the form of "separation anxiety". This behavior can be the result of various factors including genetics, early experiences, or even sudden changes in your routine. Within minutes of his/her person's departure, dogs can exhibit separation anxiety behavior by excessive barking and/or household destruction. If vocalization fails to bring back his/her person, the dog may try to escape by chewing moldings, breaking screens or shattering windows. They may even urinate or defecate in the house because they are simply beside themselves with anxiety.

Well-behaved adult dogs can develop separation anxiety if suddenly left alone. If separation anxiety occurs in your elderly dog, consult your veterinarian; in many cases an underlying medical problem could be the cause. Remember, this is happening because of his/her love for and close attachment to **YOU**. Successful treatment requires patience, consistency, and praise. Dog behavior is relatively complex so treatment usually entails a combination of two methods: 1. Behavior-modification training - gradually increasing the dog's exposure to situations that produce anxiety and 2. Anti-anxiety medications prescribed by your veterinarian including tranquilizers, hormones, and tricyclic antidepressants. At the proper dosage, tricyclics reorganize the brain's electrochemical connections with relatively few side effects and without sedation. Treatment is usually quite successful. **Too many dogs are left at shelters because they LOVE their owners so much that they can't bear to be apart from them!** If your dog has developed separation anxiety, please consult your veterinarian for advice. Our loving pets deserve that and so much more!



Dr. Dan Reimer, in private practice at Adler Veterinary Group, is C.A.R.E.'s Premises Vet.

BUSTER RILEY - a former separation anxiety dog- Happy and anxiety free

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.

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

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

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MILAGRO THE RECYCLED POOCH

Meet Milagro, C.A.R.E.'s first "recycled" dog.

Last summer, one of C.A.R.E.'s board members and two volunteers were doing their part for the environment... recycling metal at a recycling plant in the smoggy San Fernando Valley. Far back in a line of cars proceeding toward the entrance of the plant, their thoughts were on the hot Southern California sun and what music to play on the radio while they waited.



But, an animal rescuer is never "off-duty". As fate would have it, this little Dachshund-Chihuahua mix had been abandoned at the plant, and was found **terrified** and **starving** by an employee. With Milagro in his arms, the frantic employee raced down the line of cars, desperately seeking a kind soul who might take this poor dog and give her a second chance.

"Someone just left her here" he was saying, "*just left her like she was a piece of metal or garbage*". C.A.R.E. members Maria, Rosie and Giovanni heard the employee's pleas, and when the man came up to their car, there was no doubt as to what was about to happen..."**We'll take the dog right now!!!**". Milagro, ("Millie" for short) was taken immediately to the vet, and though she was very underweight, malnourished, and shaking with fear, thankfully, she was not seriously injured. Today... far from the plant where she was abandoned, and **forever out of harm's way** Millie lives in a C.A.R.E. foster home with her rescued friends Jay (a poodle) and Pete (a very shy Chihuahua).

Seven pounds of happiness and love, Millie loves to play with her toys. She also loves to sit in her special place on the couch where she can watch the birds outside through the window... *Life is good*. The universe brought Millie and C.A.R.E. together in a **miracle** moment when *need and suffering were immediately met with help and compassion*. At the right place at the right time doing the right thing for our planet, **C.A.R.E. was there to save a life at the same time!** *We never know when at-risk dogs or cats will need our help.* **C.A.R.E. can only provide this life saving assistance with your generous support!**

Please give today, so tomorrow we can help another neglected or suffering animal like Millie!

"BEST FRIENDS" ANIMAL BEHAVIOR CONSULTANT SHERRY WOODARD - VISITS THE C.A.R.E. SANCTUARY!

Thank you, Sherry, for taking the time to visit our sanctuary.

We appreciate your input, training and the beautiful pictures you took of our rescued animals.



Tiger



White Feather



Sherry Woodard & Rex

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

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Millie - Recycled no more!

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!



Eboni Myers. Read the Myer's tribute to their angel at
www.care4pets.org



C.A.R.E is going green! Please send us your email address!