



*Another very hot summer in Southern California!*



*Moxie, at her leisure... life is good!*



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Dear Supporters!

It seems **unbelievable** that 11 years have passed since the day C.A.R.E. opened its sanctuary doors.

When we opened the sanctuary in 1998, it was just a little old house on an acre of land in the desert. But we dreamed of what could be and in time, **with a lot of hard work, many sleepless nights and wonderful supporters**, substantial improvements have been made. With the help of very generous donors we have added a high fence around our premises to protect our animals from predators (this is the high desert; you name it, it lives here!) and provided an exercise/play yard for our dogs. The dogs also have very spacious, partially covered runs so they can enjoy the sun or the shade and be protected from rain (what rain?) and snow (yes, it does snow here!) 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 rescued cats 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 (*thank you, Best Friend Brigade!*), 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. C.A.R.E.'s caretakers together with our premises veterinarians (Dr. Dan Reimer and Dr. Tim Walters) and local veterinarian (Dr. Dave Gantenbein) **provide excellent medical care to our little guys.**

C.A.R.E. has helped thousands of at risk dogs and cats in the last 11 years. We are proud of the progress we've made; yet we have a long way to go. **With the support of very wonderful people - people like you! - our mission can go on. Your generosity is the miracle that keeps us going!** This is one of the worst financial times in the history of the United States and it has hit us all; but we truly *cannot do this without your help*. Please continue to support us so that we can go on rescuing, finding "forever" loving homes, and providing the best of care to these wonderful animals who depend on us.

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 simply donate in support of general sanctuary operations including veterinary care. Your contribution goes directly to the care of the animals; **C.A.R.E's Board is entirely volunteer and unpaid.** Please give today **so our mission can go on** and tomorrow we can help other wonderful cats and dogs who **desperately need our help.**

Love,



Joanna Patrice  
Outreach Director



Sweet Titus



The sisters Macy & Gracie

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## 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](http://www.care4pets.org)
- ❖ Write or e-mail [mail@care4pets.org](mailto: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

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## DR. DAN'S MEDICAL MINUTE: Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome.

Is your dog approaching his or her golden years? As our beloved companions become aged, their behavior may change. Just as with us humans they may become afflicted with a condition which is similar to Alzheimer's disease - "*Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome*". "CCDS" is **NOT A NORMAL AGING PROCESS FOR A SENIOR DOG!** It is believed to be caused by physiological and chemical changes in the brain of aging dogs that affect brain function.

The signs of CCDS or "**old dog syndrome**" most commonly seen in dogs are: loss of house training, increased barking or whining, increased anxiety or fear signs, disorientation - appearing lost or confused, getting stuck behind furniture or in corners, walking in circles, becoming forgetful, walking aimlessly, staring into space, repetitious or compulsive behavior, change in sleep patterns - up at night, sleep all day, has difficulty finding the door, does not recognize familiar people, does not respond to verbal commands or name, and appears to forget the reason for going outdoors. If you suspect your dog has developed CCDS, please take him or her to your vet to rule out other behavior problems or medical conditions that might affect their behavior. Do not give up if your dog has been diagnosed with CCDS! There is now an exciting possibility for treatment with Anipryl (also known as Selegiline, l-deprenyl) the first and only drug approved by the FDA in 1999 to control clinical signs associated with Canine Cognitive Dysfunction Syndrome. Also, it is very important to keep doing the things you've always done together with your pet: exercise and a stable life-style are always essential to a healthy pet, especially when suffering from CCDS.

Your dog has become your beloved companion and part of your family. Follow your veterinarian's recommendations and with a little more extra care and attention, your dog can live a fuller, happier life; so you both can truly enjoy the "**golden years**".



Peekaboo doing what cats do so well - relaxing



Sonia, one of our caretakers receiving a very sweet kiss from Vern as Fanny waits her turn.



No you are not seeing double; two beautiful "Blue Boys"



Rex having fun in the exercise yard

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

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**Jordan, smiling as he waits patiently for a treat**

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!



We are extending our special thanks and appreciation to DOGSWELL for the very generous donation of dog food. C.A.R.E. wanted to let you know how much our dogs love your healthy and tasty food.



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**“Dogswell chow is Yum!”... Paco one of senior dogs**

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