



***Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a better 2010  
from all the residents at the C.A.R.E. Sactuary!***



***Happy Holidays from sweet Rex and Rosa  
C.A.R.E.'s Lead Vet Tech. Thank you, Rosa  
for all the love and kindness you give the animals!***

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Dear Supporters:

Here we are at the end of the year once again. 2009 has been a very hard year for C.A.R.E and all of us. We have endured hard economic times and personal hardship, but a New Year is around the corner - the time for new beginnings, new hopes and hopefully a better tomorrow for all of us. As we surround ourselves with family, friends, and beloved fur folk, we give thanks for all our blessings and cannot help but think how fortunate we are.

**This is the time of giving and receiving** - the time to be kind and generous with the less fortunate; to remember the neglected and abused - the ones without a voice. Please give generously to all who are desperately in need.

Please remember the thousands of “surplus” or **abandoned cats and dogs trapped in the cold winter, aching for someone to give them a chance.** *That is why responsible, loving sanctuaries like C.A.R.E. are so important and have proved that it is possible for “unwanted” pets to live out their lives in peace and dignity.*

**But C.A.R.E. cannot do this without your help and support.** Please give generously and together we can continue to make their dream of a safe and loving place, a reality for the orphaned cats and dogs that call our sanctuary home. *Your contribution goes directly to the care of the rescued pets.*

At this special time of the year when many wishes are made, **we wish for a better future and a more compassionate world for all beings, for freedom from abuse, neglect and cruelty for all creatures that share this planet.** We thank you for your past support and ask that you please continue to support us in these hard economic times. *Please give today so C.A.R.E. can have a tomorrow!* May you be surrounded by love and happiness this holiday season and always! ***Peace on Earth, Goodwill To All!***

Sincerely

Joanne Patrice - Outreach Director



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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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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. Please give today **so our mission can go on** and tomorrow we can help other wonderful cats and dogs who **desperately need our help.**

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*Make your tax-deductible donations at [www.care4pets.org](http://www.care4pets.org). We can't do this without you!*

**CARE 2**

# Dog Diabetes:

Diabetes mellitus occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin. Insulin is the hormone required for the body to efficiently use sugars, fats and proteins. Canine diabetes mellitus can be further divided into two categories: a congenital type that is similar to juvenile-onset (Type I) and type that is similar to adult-onset (Type II). Most canine diabetes mellitus is insulin-dependent Type II, also known as IDDM. Diabetes most commonly occurs in middle age to older dogs, but sometimes it can occur in young animals. If diabetes occurs in young animals, it is often genetic. If the animal is overweight or has inflammation of the pancreas he or she may be more prone to develop diabetes.

It is imperative that diabetes is diagnosed early before metabolic damage occurs. Please do not ignore the warning signs in your dog. If your dog has the following symptoms, seek veterinary attention. Appetite increase or decrease, excessive thirst, frequent urination, infections that return, lethargy, weight loss. If left untreated, Diabetes Mellitus causes cataracts and blindness, kidney and liver disease, ketoacidosis (an emergency blood/metabolic imbalance), and death. Sometimes your dog must be hospitalized at the initial diagnosis if he/she is feeling very poorly. Intravenous fluids and special short acting insulins may be required for a few days, especially if he/she is not stable. Once stable, long acting insulin is started, and you will be taught how to give insulin at home. (Unlike cats, diabetic dogs are always insulin dependent.) It is always intimidating at first, but it becomes part of the daily routine to give the injection.

Injection of insulin can keep IDDM under control so that the dog lives a fairly normal life; the best insulin treatment depends on the individual dog and the stage of its disease. Some dogs can be difficult to regulate, but many dogs with diabetes that receive treatment will go on to live quality lives. Unfortunately they will always need insulin, and most diabetic dogs, even well controlled, eventually develop cataracts. However, these are very manageable conditions, and most of these pets are very happy their families didn't give up on them.



*Amy on her favorite pillow!!!!*



*Roxie, one of our feral cats getting her beauty sleep.*



*Rex, "I love the C.A.R.E sanctuary - my home sweet home. Do I look cute or what???"*



*Nap time at the C.A.R.E. sanctuary*



*Some of our wonderful staff preparing the food for our residents. Thank you, Romualda, Sonia and Maria for all the work you do.*

*Make your tax-deductible donations at [www.care4pets.org](http://www.care4pets.org). We can't do this without you!*

**CARE 3**



**A Loving Sanctuary For Orphaned Cats & Dogs**

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Teddy is waiting for Santa and Author is worrying that Santa cannot get in!

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 plus 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 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!



***Mister X with Dr. Tim Walters  
C.A.R.E.'s premises veterinarian.  
Thank you, Dr. Reimer and Dr. Walters.  
Our pets appreciate your kindness and  
your gentle care.***

**C.A.R.E. is going green, please send us your email address. We can't do this without you!**

**CARE 4**