



Rescue Review

Winter 2010

Behind the Scenes at C.A.R.E.

C.A.R.E. is a multifaceted rescue shelter with a sanctuary near Aurora and Adoption Center in Springfield. What sets us apart from Humane Societies and traditional shelters is our "No-Kill" philosophy. What differentiates us from other no-kill shelters is our hands-on rehabilitation and our dedication to providing each animal with individual care and if need be a quality lifetime home at our sanctuary.

C.A.R.E. has been in operation since February 1992; since then we have rescued and adopted out over ten thousand pets. C.A.R.E. was the first no-kill shelter in southwest Missouri. Proudly, we were also the first shelter in the area to incorporate early age spay and neuter, thus the first to have all animals spayed and neutered before adoption! We are not city or state funded and rely entirely on fundraisers and donations from our supporters to fund our rescue work. This seems like a good time to mention how grateful we are for each dollar donated!

Most supporters are familiar with our Adoption Center located at 1328-A West Sunshine in Springfield. If you visit the animals there you will see happy, playful and loving pets awaiting adoption in comfort. Each kennel has a Kuranda bed lined with a plush bed or soft towel, interactive toys and chew bones. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, each pet enjoys many outdoor walks each day. Our cats have



tall climbing cages that also have soft beds, toys, and scratch posts. We are dedicated to making sure each animal has quality of life while in our care. We want them to feel content and happy while they wait for that special someone to walk through our doors.

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Shelter Adoption Center



Location:

The Adoption Center is located at
1328-A W. Sunshine Springfield, MO.
On the corner of Sunshine and Fort.

Hours:

Open Every Day 10am-6pm

Volunteers & Donations:

We welcome everyone to join our volunteer team. We can use help at the Adoption Center and for special events. If you are interested, please stop by the Adoption Center and fill out a volunteer form. (Must be at least 18 to volunteer with C.A.R.E.)

If you would like to donate an item from our wish list, you may drop donations off at our Adoption Center during normal operating hours or stop by one of our mobile adoptions. You'll be greeted with a smile at either place!

C.A.R.E.'s Closet Thrift Shoppe

Shop or donate items for resale to support our animals!

Closed Monday

Tuesday-Saturday: 10am-6pm

Sunday: 12-5pm

1328-B West Sunshine
Springfield, MO 65807

2011 C.A.R.E. Calendars

Be sure to get your copy of the 2011 C.A.R.E. Calendar, featuring some of our happy dogs & cats!

The cost is a \$10 donation that will help support the homeless animals. Stop by the Adoption Center or give us a call to get your copy today!



C.A.R.E. Inc. Mission: Our mission is to rescue as many adoptable animals from "death row" as we can properly care for. To provide medical treatment for sick or injured stray animals. To combine an aggressive spay and neuter program with a high volume adoption program while providing quality lifetime care for unadopted pets. To network with and provide a rescue service for other shelters, ultimately reducing the kill-rate in southwest Missouri.

Happy Endings

Rescue Stories from the Shelter

“Matches Meant to Be”

Four years ago, Carol McCain walked into C.A.R.E.’s Adoption Center, a year to the day that her disabled sister had passed away. As soon as Carol met eyes with a six year old German Shepherd named Abby, she “just knew” she had found her match and felt it was no coincidence. It was as though Abby had chosen Carol to adopt her. According to Carol, and most people that have had the pleasure of meeting Abby, she is smart, loyal, intuitive, and a truly “special dog”. Carol says she is our “Angel in Disguise”. Abby enjoys car rides and spending time on farms, but sincerely loves being at home with Carol.

Three years after adopting Abby, Carol considered adding another companion to her home. Carol’s friend and C.A.R.E. volunteer, Lou Ann Potts, thought she had the perfect guy in mind. Max was a terribly matted and filthy shitzu at the time of rescue, but he was now nicely groomed and ready to meet Carol. The two hit it off and Abby seemed to approve, so it was not long before Max joined the family. As soon as she took Max home, Carol realized he sometimes walked into things or took wrong steps, like walking off the porch. It wasn’t long until she realized that sweet little Max was blind. It hasn’t seemed to bother him one bit, and most people would never guess anything was out of the ordinary. He was so well adjusted to his blindness that not even the vet had noticed. After learning the layout of his new home, no one (including Max) seems to notice his “handicap”. He knows the boundaries of the yard and runs and plays with the best of them, seeming to never hesitate.

This past June, Carol decided Max and Abby, now almost ten years old, needed a playmate. Once again, Carol turned to C.A.R.E. and it was there that she found Patsy. Much to Carol’s dismay, when she brought Patsy home, Max and her seemed to ignore one another. Max paid no mind to Patsy and Patsy only wished to stay in the sanctuary of her kennel. Carol contacted C.A.R.E. and Director Melissa Sartin stepped in and gave some advice. Before being rescued by C.A.R.E., Patsy had been a breeder dog, never given the chance to feel love or companionship. She was switched from kennel to kennel, not staying with another dog or human being long enough to make a bond or connection. Being blind, Max did not know how to react to the strange behavior of this new houseguest. To Patsy, Max’s blindness was like someone speaking a foreign language and she did not know how to react to him either. Melissa urged Carol to give them some time, and shared some other suggestions for bringing them closer together. Little by little, Patsy began to take steps out of her comfort zone, slowly adjusting to life as a “real dog”. After some time, a lot of patience and hard work, Carol took her crew of dogs with her on an out of town trip. When they returned, it seemed Patsy had finally realized she had a home and a family that loved her.

Now, this family is closer than ever. They love riding in the car when Carol runs errands and taking walks in the country. Patsy and Max have become the best of friends, almost inseparable, and Abby adores them both (well, she tolerates them). But yes, they are all one happy family.



Abby, Patsy, and Max palling around in their forever home.

Animals Av



Timmy is a two year old long haired chihuahua. He would love a calm, loving home (and a lap) to call his own.



Wilson is an energetic ten month old hound mix. He is very smart and playful and would be a great family pet.



Mac is a ten month old beagle mix. He is a very sweet boy and gets along very well with other dogs. He would make a wonderful family member.



Holly is a one year old tabby cat who is as playful as she is sweet. She's quite a lover and ready to be someone lucky's loyal house kitty.

Mia, a lovely King Charles Spaniel mix is an eleven week old pup full of life and spunk! She may be a little shy at first, but you'll soon find she really loves to romp and play.



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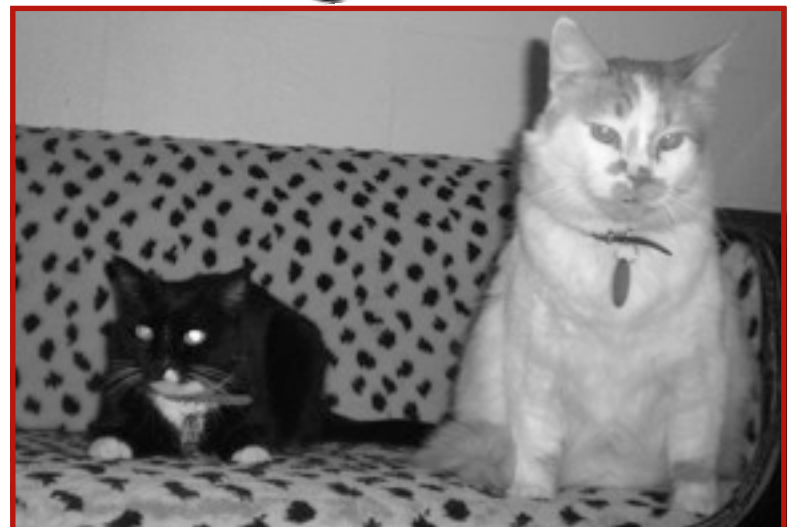


Rosie is a sweet one and a half year old tortoiseshell kitty. She is a very friendly gal and is waiting patiently to have a place called home.



Thanks to your support, these pets will have life-long loving homes!

Bebe & Drake and six of their brothers and sisters are waiting for their forever homes. They're ten weeks old and very curious!



Alex just adores other dogs and play time! He's a lively eight month old lab mix with a big personality and lots of love to share.



Curly is a happy seven year old poodle. He is a very sweet little guy and gets along well with other dogs, but would prefer a home without cats.

Storm & Freckles would very much love to go to a home together. They have lived with one another before, so they would make a great pair and they both enjoy the company of other cats. Storm is a lively four year old girl and Freckles is a sweet senior boy at ten years young.

Wish List

Premium Dry Food

Collars (Any Size)

**Empty Ink Jet & Laser
Ink Cartridges**

Hoof Treats

Shredded Paper

Laundry Soap

Towels

Air Freshener Spray

Stamps

Paper Towels

Latex Exam Gloves

Thrift Store Items

Volunteers



Clair's Corner

Dog Tips

Many people think of all big dogs as outdoor pets and small dogs as indoor pets. The truth is size doesn't matter as much as breeding and coat type when it comes to tolerating cold. Dobermans, Boxers, and Dalmatians are just a few of the large breeds that can not tolerate cold well. I would love to see all my buddies snuggling indoors with their human companions this winter, but the fact is many will be outdoors. If you have an outdoor dog here are some suggestions to help keep them comfy and healthy this winter.

- Because a dog's body must burn more calories to stay warm give extra food and supplements in the winter months.
- Winterize the doghouse by facing it south or southeast to avoid strong northerly winds.
- Install a rubber mat or blanket over the door opening.
- Bails of straw can be placed around the outside and top of the doghouse for further insulation.
- Remember to put bedding inside the doghouse to help insulate against cold coming up through the floor; I recommend straw and not blankets. Old blankets or sheets can actually mat down over time becoming moist and will provide very little warmth. Straw works well to evaporate moisture and retain heat.

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What most people don't realize is how much work it takes to get the animals to the point of adoption. That is where our sanctuary and rehab location becomes most valuable. At our location near Aurora, we have a sanctuary for unadoptable animals and pets that might just need some extra time to get back on their feet. This location is complete with large yards and play areas so that our animals can have cage-less freedom to run and play. The sanctuary is a perfect place to unwind; pets can bask in the sun, romp with the other animals or take a nap under a shade tree.

We also use the sanctuary location for quarantine and rehabilitation of our newly rescued animals. Because C.A.R.E. focuses on the rescue of neglected or abused pets and animals from death row, many of which have been running the streets, these animals are not typically ready for immediate adoption. We must first quarantine animals, while addressing all necessary veterinary care that each will require. During this quarantine time, we learn each animal's individual needs and personality. So many have been through varying types of abuse and/or starvation. Often, they are sick or injured and some just have never experienced love and don't know how to interact with people. Each animal is unique in the time and care they require. We provide nutritious food, medicine, and most importantly lots of TLC. As time progresses the animals begin to trust, we then incorporate some basic training to help build communication and confidence.

We are inspired to see the transformation of a sickly or scared animal into a healthy, happy and loving pet ready to find his or her new home. Because we have spent time with each pet, we can better judge what type of home that each individual animal would best fit into. After the pets go up for adoption, we screen potential homes until a good match is found. We strive to match pets and people so that they can better enrich each others lives.

Despite our best efforts this year, adoptions have been slow. Even so, we have rescued and adopted out over 500 animals as of October. Each one individual and deserving of the love and happiness that now lies ahead.



A view of some of the C.A.R.E. Sanctuary yards for large dogs

Letters From Adopters



When I first met Sophie she had just arrived at the C.A.R.E adoption center. She was quietly sitting in her cage on her hind legs with her head tilted to one side. Her black and white coat was still like a big fur ball, but it was her ears that really stole my heart. They were about twice the size as the rest of her head! As a person growing up with big ears myself, I knew we would be a perfect match. Sophie seemed very mild mannered and I decided to adopt her that same day. Well, the mild mannered part last about two days until she realized she was now the big kitten on campus, the only kitten. Her true colors finally came out and she now uses my home as her own Formula One racetrack. She goes crazy for feather toys and has completely ripped apart her cloth house. But hey, it's alright with me because it keeps her away from my leather furniture.

I've got to say, adopting Sophie is one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I thank C.A.R.E for letting me meet this rambunctious little friend.

-Jeremy Stevens



Hi,
I want to tell you how happy I am with the dog I adopted from the C.A.R.E. shelter this past April - Elwood, a Shar Pei mix. He is a wonderful dog! He and my Chocolate Lab, Polly, have become inseparable friends. Elwood is keeping Polly (4 years) very active, which has helped her lose some pounds, which has greatly helped with her hip dysplasia. Polly is acting like a puppy again with Elwood! I'm so grateful he came to live with us....he is a joy.

-Kathy Coe



Cat Nips

Cat Tips

Does your cat have chronic urinary tract infections or suffer from kidney disease? Chronic Kidney Disease is a leading cause of mortality in cats. Dehydration may be a contributing factor. If you have a cat suffering from one of these illnesses keeping them hydrated is very important!

A cat's normal prey contains approximately 70 to 75 percent water. Dry cat foods only contain about 10 percent water, whereas canned foods contain approximately 78 percent water. Canned foods therefore more closely mimic the water balance in a cat's natural diet.

It is true a cat eating only dry food drinks more water than a cat eating a can food diet. Even when all water consumption is taken into account, it is found

that the cat eating dry food consumes only half the amount of water as the cat on a can food diet.

Although dry cat foods may contain more protein and nutrition per serving, if your cat suffers from dehydration that compounds bladder and urinary tract infections or kidney disease, they may benefit from a canned food diet.

Help a Homeless Pet Today!



TO: C.A.R.E., PO Box 215, Aurora, MO 65605

Here's my gift of love to help the animals in your care and to help with all the work you do.

I am enclosing \$25 \$45 \$100 other_____

My total support to help the animals _____

Donations are tax deductible under the section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

I would like more information and the next Rescue Review

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With your **donations**, we are able to provide **food** and **medicine** to **save** the **lives** of neglected and abused animals like **Abby** (see inside).

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