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STAYIN' ALIVE IN '25



What a wonderful year for rescued pets in southwest Missouri. Thanks to your support, C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue surpassed its total number of rescues in 2024... by August! As we enter the final push of 2025, we are now well beyond 1,000 rescues, and thrilled to offer even more animals the second chance they truly deserve.

One recent rescue that stands out is the story of Willow, a severely underweight 5-year-old Chinese Crested mix. Rescued from animal control in heartbreaking condition, Willow was emaciated, suffering from a painful skin infection, and in desperate need of medical care. Her veterinary evaluation also revealed a wide range of health challenges, including an untreated thyroid condition, allergies contributing to her chronic skin issues, and an antibiotic-resistant staph infection.

Thanks to the dedication of her veterinary team and caregivers, Willow began a comprehensive treatment plan which included a prescription diet to address her allergies, thyroid supplementation, and medicine to help manage her itching and inflammation.

Today, Willow isn't surviving, she's thriving. Her skin is healing, her energy has returned, and every day we see more of her sweet, spunky personality.

Another rescue made possible only by your support is that of Alejandro, a handsome 1-year-old male yellow Tabby who was sealed in a box and thrown from the window of a moving vehicle.

Thankfully, a good Samaritan witnessed this heinous act and quickly brought him to C.A.R.E..

Battered and bruised from head to toe, Alejandro also had deep wounds from a separate attack.

Four months later, Alejandro made a full recovery, with the exception of a few forgotten scars, and is now

enjoying a much simpler life—one where he no longer fears the hand that feeds him. He spends his days basking in the sun and soaking up every ounce of attention directed his way.

Thank you for giving so many animals the second chance they deserve. Your support is the reason Willow, Alejandro, and thousands of other animals are safe today.



Thanks to your generous donations, C.A.R.E. has given second chances to over 25,000 animals since 1992.



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THE C.A.R.E. MISSION

To rescue as many adoptable animals from death row as we can properly care for. To provide medical treatment for sick and injured stray animals. To combine an aggressive spay and neuter program with a high-volume adoption program while providing quality lifetime care for unadoptable pets. To network and provide a rescue service for other shelters, ultimately reducing the kill rate in southwest Missouri.

SCAN HERE TO SAVE A LIFE



Thank you for
your support!

THIS IS WHY WE FOSTER



When people ask why a busy family like ours fosters for C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue, we tell them it's because—even in the chaos of everyday life—we can always make room for a life that needs saving. Emergency fostering fits into our world in unexpected little pockets of time, and every new arrival teaches us something different. Even in just a few hours or days, we see the immediate impact of offering safety, comfort, and love. It's incredible how quickly an animal in crisis responds to a warm bed, a gentle touch, or simply knowing they're not alone. Those moments remind us that even small acts of care can change a life forever. Our fostering journey began with a single animal who needed a place to rest, heal, and feel safe again. We weren't sure at first—busy schedules, kids, routines—but C.A.R.E. made it possible. They provided the support, supplies, and guidance we needed so we could focus on what really matters: giving each animal a soft landing and a chance to start over. Every foster who comes through our door carries their own story. Some are



timid, unsure of what comes next. Others are ready to love but just need someone to give them a chance. Watching them slowly open up—seeing tails wag again, hearing purrs replace fear—fills our home with a kind of joy that's hard to describe. We get to watch their spirits lift in real time, and it's a privilege we never take for granted. And of course, there's the moment they find their forever family. It's bittersweet, but mostly sweet. Seeing them leave with people who are excited to love them for the rest of their lives reminds us why we do this. Letting go isn't the hard part anymore—it's the gift we get to give. Yes, fostering can be emotional and unpredictable. It asks for your heart, even when life is already full. But it also gives so much back. C.A.R.E. rescues animals who deserve a second chance, and fostering lets our family be a part of that hope, even in the busy seasons of life. We foster because every animal deserves love. Because even a short stay can change their future. Because helping them heal brings out the best in all of us. And because love, when shared, somehow always expands to fit one more. We foster because it's where you're headed from, not where you came from.



HOW TO HELP

VOLUNTEER

Whether you want to volunteer with dogs or cats, by greeting and interacting with guests, at events, or by lending a special skill or talent to our cause, there is something for everyone! The first step is to fill out an online application, followed by a volunteer orientation! Visit our volunteer webpage for full information and to access the application.

carerescue.org/volunteer

DONATE

We couldn't save lives without the community's support. Please consider donating money through our website, by mail, or at our adoption center.

Check out our Adoption Center Wish List to the right.

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C.A.R.E.'S WISH LIST

- Puppy Formula
- Kitten Formula
- Horse Hay
- Hard Bones (not biscuits)
- Nutrical Supplement
- Panacure, Pyrantal or Drontal De-wormers
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Odoban
- TekTrol
- 39-Gallon Trash Bags
- Heavy Duty Spray Bottles
- Scotch Bright Pads
- Manila Folders
- Stamps

CLASSROOM CUDDLES



It's that time of year again... Finals! And what better way to help ease the test-taking nerves than cuddle with C.A.R.E. adoptables! That's exactly what happened at Field Elementary and Springfield Catholic High School. Field Elementary students greeted their 2- and 4-legged guests open arms, warm snuggles, and wonderful questions. We had the opportunity to tell them how C.A.R.E. isn't just an animal rescue—it's a community rescue while sharing countless stories of rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming—all possible through the kindness and generosity of our supporters.

Springfield Catholic High School held their Annual "Puppy-Pawlooza" event earlier this month where students could enter the cuddle zone with a donation of food, treats, a monetary donation or toys. The stress reliever was exactly what some of the students needed, a well-deserved cuddle break for students needing a few extra hugs and kisses on this special day. Although students thought the event was for them, it's pretty apparent that Ky, Holly, Gaia, Georgie, Carly, Bagel, and Jetta were just as happy for the snuggle session as the students.

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FEATURED ADOPTABLES

GUNNER

This handsome Tuxedo is three years old with the most gentle soul you can find. He has a soft spot for tasty treats, enjoys affection, and will happily show off his lovable, silly personality to those he feels safe with. Gunner would do best in a quiet, calm home where he can take his time settling in and building confidence. With understanding and love, he becomes a special companion who appreciates closeness and connection. If you're looking for a sweet, unique cat who will reward your patience with trust and affection, Gunner might just be your perfect match.



*"I love my cats because I enjoy my home; and little by little, they become its visible soul."
Jean Cocteau*

GYPSY

This adorable 5-month-old Tabby absolutely loves attention and cuddles, and she has a special talent for completely melting into your arms the moment you pick her up. When she's not soaking up affection, Gypsy enjoys playing, exploring her surroundings, and showing off her goofy, curious side. She's looking for a loving home where she can be her unique, playful self—one filled with cozy naps, fun toys, tasty treats, and plenty of love. Gypsy is the kind of kitten who will make you smile every single day with her cuteness and warm your heart with her snuggles.



HALO

This stunning Shepherd mix is a truly special girl inside and out. With her gorgeous looks and soulful eyes, she turns heads wherever she goes, but it's her gentle heart that really steals the show. She is incredibly well-behaved, intelligent, and eager to please, making her a joy to have by your side. This sweet girl is friendly with everyone she meets and carries herself with a calm, loving nature that makes her an easy companion both at home and out on walks. She's smart, attentive, and loves being part of her people's world, whether that means learning new things or simply relaxing nearby. If you're looking for a loyal, gentle, and beautifully balanced dog who will fit seamlessly into your life, Halo might just be the perfect match.

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animals at the Adoption Center*

*1328 W. Sunshine St.
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11am-7pm Every Day!



SNOOPY & STEWART

These handsome boys are bonded brothers. They love fresh greens and never turn down a fruit snack! :) They enjoy spending days side by side and when they aren't exploring their surroundings, you'll find them relaxing and grooming each other. Snoopy and Stewart came to us back in 2021, and as much as we have come to adore these beautiful brothers, we can't wait for someone to offer them their happily ever after!

*"If I could be half the person my dog
is, I'd be twice the human I am."
Charles Yu*

BAGEL

This adorable small Red Heeler is the perfect mix of cuddly sweetheart and fun-loving adventure buddy. Bagel has lots of energy to share and loves every chance to play, explore, and bounce around with his favorite people. But don't let his lively spirit fool you—he's just as happy curling up close for snuggles and soaking up all the love you'll give him. Bagel is looking for a home that can match his zest for life while giving him the affection on which he thrives.



CHECK OUT MY NEW HOME: C.A.R.E. PUPDATES



Oakley

Adopting Oakley was such a smooth and uplifting experience, and bringing him home has been a blessing. His love for our children is constant and gentle, but his bond with our toddler is something truly special — he's attached to her like a shadow. He watches over her, follows her from room to room, and shows a level of patience that melts our hearts. It's clear he found exactly where he belongs.



Carl & Grace

We went into CARE on a Sunday to visit kitties with no intention of adopting, but we fell in love!! It was an instant bond and they made it so easy for us to add Carl to our family. A month later we decided he needed a friend! There was only one place to go! We had absolutely no idea that these 2 sweet kitties were exactly what our family had been missing!! The support from CARE has been such a huge help since we had no idea what we were doing. They are amazing!



River

I adopted River the guinea pig and couldn't be more grateful. The little guy is so cute loves his veggie treats! The entire C.A.R.E. staff is absolutely lovely, helpful, and genuinely cares about what they do. Thank you so much everyone!

LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIPS

When Animal Control calls, it's usually a situation of life and death. This was the case when a recent investigation required assistance— 20 cats, many of which needed immediate medical assistance, were found living in a car with their caretaker. Thankfully this unexpected rescue came shortly after a wonderful week of adoptions, and we had the exact amount of space for every single cat with the most urgent medical needs!

Knowing time was critical for our nine recent rescues, we rushed them to our vet where they were examined, treated for their infections, cleaned, and given individualized plans to begin their new life with their health and safety as the top priority.



Within months, Czerina, Guinness, Star Lord, Armani, Lucky, Snow White, Nike, Freya, and little newborn, Loki had all been fixed, vaccinated, completed

their treatment and found their forever family!

Winston, a 9-year-old Beagle mix who found himself sitting on death row waiting for his time to expire is another life we are honored to have saved,

thanks to your support and our partnerships! He came to us with a respiratory infection, double ear infection, and a mass on his side. Winston was immediately taken back to our Sanctuary, where he was evaluated, treated for an advanced respiratory infection, and received medication for his double-ear infection.



Once Winston was healthy and bloodwork indicated he was safe for anesthesia, he was back to the vet for tumor removal and sterilization.

After facing possible euthanasia, life-threatening infections, and a potential cancerous mass, today Winston's only surviving scar is his cute "cauliflower" ear caused by an untreated Aural Hematoma prior to joining that CARE family. He is not only surviving, but thriving his new adoptive family.

We are so incredibly grateful for a support system that continues allowing us to remain a steadfast lifeline for more than 1,000 homeless animals every year. Our partnerships, volunteers, foster families, and loyal supporters are responsible for every rescue story, every adoption photo, and every life we have saved since 1992.

THE BENEFITS OF CHARITABLE GIVING

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As a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® professional who has been in the industry for over 40 years, I have guided clients through their charitable giving hundreds of times. I have seen first-hand how charitable giving can create lasting value for the causes we care about and for the donors themselves. Supporting organizations like C.A.R.E. offers a unique opportunity to

align your finances with your values. When you give to a cause that's close to your heart, you're not just making a donation, you're making an investment in your community, yourself, and your finances.

Giving to charitable organizations can create a sense of purpose and fulfillment that money alone can't buy. There's a notable psychological benefit in knowing your resources are helping save animals, providing medical care, enhancing educational institutions, supporting your church, etc. It's a

tangible reminder that our financial success carries with it the opportunity - and the responsibility - to leave the world better than we found it. It's about always doing the next right thing.

From a financial standpoint, charitable giving can also be a powerful planning tool. Many donors are surprised to learn that their contributions can provide substantial tax advantages, including deductions that reduce taxable income.

Additionally, there are significantly tax-favored giving techniques that can be easily used to magnify the benefit for the charity and for the giver. Proper structuring of your charitable giving strategy can be found through consultation with a qualified financial advisor. For those with appreciated assets such as stocks or mutual funds, gifting directly to a nonprofit can help avoid capital gains taxes while maximizing the overall impact of the gift. Ultimately, thoughtful giving can benefit both your financial plan and the organizations you love.

When we invest in organizations that bring hope and healing, we build a legacy that goes far beyond net worth.

CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL THE STORY OF THUMBOLINA



Our Farm Sanctuary is home to many animals, none more ornery than our goats, each special in their own way. From the towering LaMancha brothers, Woody and Lassi, impatiently waiting for breakfast, to tiny Thumbalina relaxing under her heat lamp, each one arrived needing love, safety, and care.

Thumbalina is the same height as the world's smallest recorded goat. Delicate and on daily heart medication, she is still feisty, bright, and full of joy. She came to us as a bottle baby after being unable to nurse. Even with bottle feeding, she wasn't growing or thriving. When we picked her up, she was small enough to fit in a cat carrier. She ate well but couldn't climb or run like a typical kid.

A veterinary exam revealed a heart defect that would worsen as she grew, and when we were told she might not reach her first birthday our hearts sank. Then our insightful veterinarian suggested trying a heart medication commonly used for dogs. We began treatment right away, along with daily vitamin supplements, special chopped hay, and as much love as possible. If her time with us was going to be short, we wanted every moment to count. Thumbalina quickly adored her daily brushing sessions, or "special scratches." She leans in so hard she would topple if we weren't holding her up! She enjoys freshened water, her favorite foods, and slow, curious walks around the farm. Though there is no cure, her medication greatly improved her heart function. To our delight, she grew stronger and learned to trot and play. She prefers not to be with other goats, even the smallest are three times her size, so she befriended companions closer to her own size, bunnies and chickens. We are grateful for every precious moment with this little miracle. Thumbalina may stand only 15 inches tall, but she is a giant part of our Farm Sanctuary family. Join us in celebrating her 4th birthday and in wishing her many more to come! To sponsor or send a gift to Thumbalina, please visit www.carerescue.org/donate or scan the QR code! Thank you.

