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WINTER 2019 | CASTAWAY ANIMALS RESCUE EFFORT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIENDS OF C.A.R.E.

by Melissa Sartin, C.A.R.E. Executive Director



As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank each one of you who supported our efforts to carry out our mission in 2019. Whether you donated money, gave supplies, or volunteered time, we thank you. If you adopted one of our animals, walked one of our dogs, or socialized with a cat, we thank you.

The very idea of a no-kill shelter in the Midwest was new when we incorporated in 1992. The other founding board members and I believed that if we stayed true to our mission, introduced early age spay/neuter, educated the public, and worked diligently to place animals into responsible homes, we could lead by example, creating a path for no-kill to become the way of the future. We have never been just an animal shelter. We are much more. Our goal has always been to positively impact the animals and residents in our community in meaningful ways.

Every life is precious. No animal, no matter the species, should suffer at the hand of man. We are caretakers and it is our duty not to look away, but rather to face the sadness and injustices happening to our animal friends. Only then can we be motivated to do our part to stop suffering and create a kinder world.

Because of your support, in 2019 we saved the lives of over 600 animals, many requiring emergency medical care and rehab. Yet, we still manage to rescue from death row nearly every week. We stepped up, taking

more than 100 cats, dogs, and rabbits from separate hoarding cases this year. We have taken dogs off chains, provided dental care to senior animals, and paid to spay/neuter hundreds of animals while providing quality lifetime care for animals that are not easily adopted. Twenty-two neglected horses, more than a dozen pot belly pigs, and a goat joined our happy herd at the farm sanctuary. We made significant strides toward opening the Pet Services Center, and our quarantine medical building is nearly finished.

Pushing forward in 2020, we remain committed to improving the services we provide our furry residents and our community. We work every day to protect the legion of animals suffering cruelty, abuse, neglect, hunger, and abandonment each year.

We could not accomplish our life-saving work without the help of people who care. We are lucky to have supporters like you who share our passion of improving the future for all the homeless animals in our community. Your tax-deductible contribution will help bolster our programs and allow us to continue our 27 years of dedication and hard work. Please share our story with your animal-loving family, friends, and colleagues, visit our website, and follow and share us on social media.

The shelter animals, our staff, the Board of Directors, and I all wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy Hanukkah!

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C.A.R.E. ADOPTION CENTER

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C.A.R.E.'S CLOSET THRIFT SHOPPE

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Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm
Monday-Saturday 10 am to 6 pm

All proceeds used to fund our lifesaving efforts

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.

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your support!*

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. Thinking of cleaning out your closet? Our Thrift Shoppe relies on donations!

Check out our Adoption Center Wish List to the right.

Do you have an Amazon account? Send us a gift online!
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C.A.R.E.'S WISH LIST

Dry dog and cat food
Straw bales
Horse hay
Senior horse feed
Non-clumping cat litter
Puppy pads
Hard chew bones
Pet tunic
3ml syringes
Pine pellet bedding
Rabbit food
Bleach
Stamps
39-gallon trash bags
Baby mattress

#GIVINGTUESDAY

SAVE THE DATE

This year, Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2019. Giving Tuesday is the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving each year, and is a day of international charitable giving and philanthropy at the beginning of the holiday season. In 2018, nonprofits from around the world raised roughly \$380 million from 4 million donors. C.A.R.E. alone raised \$4,853! Please consider the C.A.R.E. animals for your 2019 Giving Tuesday donations, either in person at our Adoption Center or online through Facebook or PayPal! Thank you for all that you do to make your community a better place!

February 8 — Find Your Soul Mutt
6-8 pm Location TBD

April 10 — Red CAREpet Gala
6-9 pm at Hotel Oasis

Now accepting donations and sponsorships



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have raised \$226,538 for the Pet Services Center capital campaign, but we still have a long way to go to reach our \$750,000 goal! Once we reach the threshold for matching funds of up to \$500,000, we will be well on our way to a \$1.25 million renovation to offer our community's seniors and low-income households affordable vet services, grooming, adoptions, community education, food pantry assistance, and much more! Please spread the word to your friends and family to help us reach this goal! For more information, please visit <https://www.carerescue.org/pet-services-center>.

SENIOR CARE PROGRAM

by Melissa Sartin, C.A.R.E. Executive Director



Look at these precious faces. What do you see? We see lives deserving of love and happiness. Lives that have many stories hidden behind grayed muzzles and toothless doggy smiles. This is what our senior care program looks like.

Our sanctuary is home to our senior dog programs. They come to us through many avenues. Most have no other place to go after their owners move, become ill, enter nursing care, or pass away. The people they loved and devoted themselves to unconditionally are gone, along with their lifeline. They find themselves alone when they need their families the most. Most considered unadoptable would be euthanized by strangers while shivering in fear. That hardly seems a fitting end for such devotion, so we give them hope in that darkest hour when no one else does.

Senior animals that come to C.A.R.E. find a happy, peaceful place to live out their senior years. We can stop the pain and loneliness, giving them a place to call home and newfound hope. With us they get vetting to become pain-free, nutritional food, and



find happiness again, wagging and giving kisses because they have our unconditional love.

We plan to renovate the existing building at the sanctuary to be a comforting home environment for our senior animals, complete with bedrooms and a living room with couches and a TV. The addition of ramps will help our seniors navigate to the large fenced yard where they can bask in a spot of sun or lay under one of the many shade trees.

Some seniors can find new loving homes through our Senior-for-Seniors program. Others will call our sanctuary home until it is their time to cross the rainbow bridge. When the day comes that our beloved furry seniors must pass, they are always comforted in the arms of caregivers they know and trust as they leave us, knowing they are loved.

This is more than a job to us. This is our life and passion! The ongoing cost of medications and special food for our seniors is significant. Please support our senior care program. Adopt or foster a senior pet or donate to continue supporting our lifesaving programs. Thank you for making this possible.



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



Dazey (formerly Orchid)

We adopted Dazey, a boxer/heeler mix, in June at 3 months old. From the moment we got her, our household hasn't been the same. She's such a joy to all three of us! We look forward to seeing her after a long day of work. She's so playful and full of energy and loves to chew up her toys! Most toys she will destroy in less than an hour; some actually make it 24 hours! We can't dare ignore her or she's up in our laps or she's (friendly!) growling at us with a toy hanging from her mouth. She greets us like that every time we walk through the door. We are so happy that we made the decision to adopt Dazey and so excited to continue watching her grow.



Henry

Since we adopted Henry, he has been living the high life. LITERALLY. We bought him a six-foot-tall cat tower that he loves to play on and scratch. He has been adjusting very well, and sits on my shoulders in the morning while I do my makeup or clean. He loves being talked to and will respond like a person. Henry has become best friends with our dog, Sassy, and I believe that he is the perfect addition to our little home.



Pennie and Sheldon

It's been 6 months, and their personalities are beginning to shine. Sheldon is a total lover. He loves to chase a ball and play with his stuffed monkey. His favorite thing to do is EAT. He'll tell you if you are late with his food. Pennie's come out of her shell. She loves her pink elephant, and if Sheldon gets it, she'll take it away. She's beginning to play more. We call her Princess Pennie because she likes things her way and will pout if she doesn't get her way. We are absolutely in love with them both. Adopting helped heal a large hole left by the passing of our boxer in January.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: ART HAINS

The Voice of the Missouri State Bears

Art grew up in Marshall, MO, where he started doing sports radio his senior year in high school on the local station. He earned his broadcast journalism degree at SMU in Dallas, TX, where he worked in the sports information office. Here, he learned how sports media works, and met a lot of great sportswriters/broadcasters.

After a year back in Marshall working for the local newspaper and radio station, he was hired by KGBX Radio in Springfield as Sports Director, and with that came the broadcasting job for (then) SMSU. He moved back to Dallas from 1981-85 to work at KRLD Radio, but returned to Springfield in 1985 and has been the "Voice of the Bears" ever since. Art has hosted a daily afternoon sports radio show on Jock 98.7 since 1995 and has been studio host for the KC Chiefs Radio Network since 2008.

Art and his wife of 39 years, Lisa, have two children and two grandchildren. They had a cat for 18 years and have had four dogs, and he says that animals

are an important part of his life. "We all love animals in our family, though we didn't have any dogs until 2000. They've become so much a part of our lives. I became aware of C.A.R.E. through the media, began making donations, and then volunteered in 2014. I just enjoy getting to be with these dogs for a few minutes a week, and playing a small part in their care. It's so great to come in and see who has been adopted into new homes!"



Not only is this a volunteer spotlight...it's also a "Pupdate!" Art and Lisa opened their home to a lucky C.A.R.E. animal, a dachshund mix named Sammy, in fall 2018. His daughter's rescue dog, Toby, stays with Art and Lisa to play with Sammy every weekday!

Art stated, "C.A.R.E. is a wonderful organization and Melissa has a great vision for the future, with the help of the community." We appreciate Art's continued support. We are so happy to know Sammy is having a great life with the Hains family!

FEATURED RESCUE STORIES

Toni was rescued from death row at Springfield Animal Control. A veterinary exam confirmed our suspicions that Toni was born with a birth deformity in both of his back legs. But don't you worry....he doesn't let that slow him down one bit! At just 10 months old, Toni is one of the happiest little dogs you'll ever meet. We were surprised when Toni's x-rays also revealed he was suffering from bladder stones. Toni was scheduled for surgery to have the bladder stones removed and will be enjoying some extra TLC at the sanctuary while he recovers!



Glory was flown to the United States by a rescue group in the Ukraine after being shot. They were hopeful Glory would be able to have a surgery here to help her walk again. Sadly, the people who agreed to care for Glory backed out upon her arrival. She was now 5,000 miles from home with nowhere to go. They began searching for someone, somewhere who could provide Glory with the very special care she desperately needed. When they reached out to us for help, we happily accepted Glory into our sanctuary! Unfortunately, x-rays showed the bullet was in her spine, causing irreversible paralysis. We knew we had to get this sweet girl mobile again! That's when one of our amazing supporters donated a wheelchair for Glory. She is loving her daily walks through the beautiful trails at the sanctuary. She's also made some pretty great friends since her arrival! Welcome to C.A.R.E., Glory, We promise to make sure you live life to the fullest.



Toni and Glory have become great friends at the sanctuary, often seen playing together! These two are so resilient. Their back leg injuries will not keep them down!

We cannot thank our supporters enough for enabling us to continue to provide second chances for these and other animals!

Hoarding situation. 49 cats, 1 house. Hoarding is the number one animal cruelty that affects companion animals. With the health of the owner declining and the number of cats steadily increasing, this situation required intervention. After an anonymous tip, the Department of Social Services investigated and found unfit living conditions at the home and the owner was removed, leaving behind the cats. Concerned family members reached out to rescues hoping to help the cats. Although we were at maximum capacity, we took the 26 cats most in need, ranging from a toothless senior that needs to be hand fed, to tiny newborn kittens. All 26 were infested with fleas, and many had considerable hair loss, respiratory infections, or skin infections. Upon rescue, these cats went to our sanctuary in Aurora where they were treated for their fleas and various other ailments. Several of these cats have since been adopted, but some of their rescue stories are still being written at the adoption center. Come visit them today!



Mira, a gray Lionhead bunny, came to C.A.R.E. after being picked up by Animal Control. She was running loose in Springfield, and Animal Control is no place for a bunny. Mira was quite frightened. Upon her arrival at the sanctuary, she was treated for ear mites and began her rehabilitation. Every rabbit needs a friend, but Mira was especially in need of a companion to help her feel more comfortable in her new surroundings. After she had recovered from her spay surgery, we began introducing her to other bunnies. It was quickly apparent Mira and **Chungus**, a Mini Rex bunny at the sanctuary, were inseparable! They could constantly be found cuddling and grooming each other, even sharing their favorite snacks! Shortly after meeting Chungus, Mira was like a different bunny. She even began playing with toys! Mira is loving life with her new friend.



FEATURED ADOPTABLES



GEORGIA

This orange-and-white Domestic Short Hair cat is two years, one month old. When she was younger, she was hit by a car, but that hasn't stopped her from being a total princess, as she is super affectionate and good with kids and other cats! She will greet you with a "toothy smile." She has a tooth that sticks out as a result of the way her jaw healed after the accident. Georgia is very smart, and wants to find a home where she can be a little cuddle-bug.

CASH

Cash is a C.A.R.E. alum who's made his way back to us. He was adopted several years ago, but his previous adopters could no longer care for him. Cash is a nine-year-old Shepherd/Hound mix. He would love a family that would give him plenty of cuddle time, but he's also very active! He enjoys his walks, running around, and play time. He's super friendly and loves kids, adults, and dogs. He's very well-trained. Come visit him, and he'd likely walk right up to you and sit, waiting for you to pet on him!



*"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language."
Martin Buber*

DAPHNE



Daphne, 13, is one of the senior cats we rescued from the hoarding situation (see Featured Rescue Stories). Once she warms up to you and has time to adjust to her new settings, she's a little sweetheart. She loves to roam around and is curious about new things. Daphne is quite the talker and has a VERY distinctive, funny meow. This Calico and Domestic Short Hair mix is in the market for a nice, calm home to call her own, and is ready to sit down and have an interview about how she can fit into your home today!

OBIE

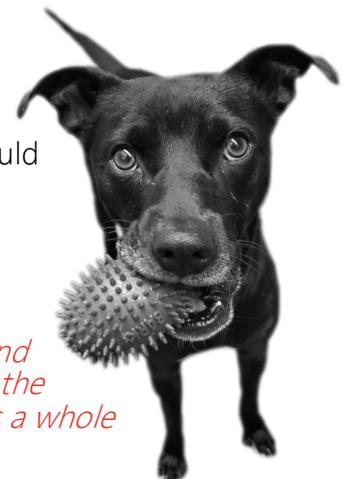
"HEY! LOOK AT MY LITTLE TOY!"

Yes, Obie, we see you! Obie is the sweetest dog you will ever meet. He is very energetic and smart, and loves to have both his body and mind exercised. He would do great with a puzzle toy. He loves walks and is a good boy on the leash.

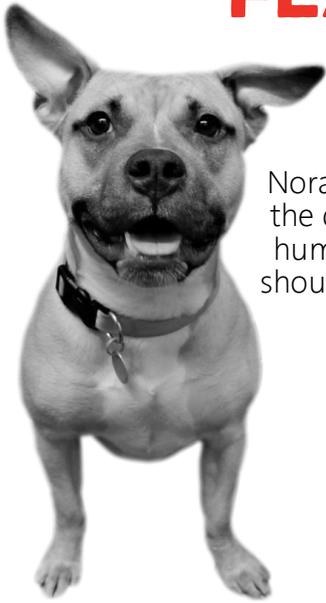
"DID YOU SAY 'GOOD BOY?' AM I A GOOD BOY?"

Yes, Obie. You're a good boy. Would you just like to take over?

"Yes, please. I am housebroken, know how to sit and shake LIKE A GOOD BOY, and I'm great with most other pets! What's not to love about me? Come visit me at the adoption center and I'll show you all of my other toys in the play room — there's a whole bucket of them!"



FEATURED ADOPTABLES



NORA

Nora is a very sweet girl. She's smart, loyal, and has spunk for days. She always sits at the door and waits for you to let her out. She's got tons of love to give to her future human family, but she wants all the love, affection, and scratches to herself, so she should be the only pet. This four-year-old American Pit Bull Terrier is waiting patiently to meet her new family at the adoption center.

*"One small cat changes coming home
to an empty house to coming home."
Pam Brown*

MARLEY (SANCTUARY)

Marley came to us when his previous owner was placed on hospice care and could no longer take care of him. Marley, a 10-year-old Chihuahua, had to have quite a few teeth pulled shortly after his arrival to C.A.R.E. due to dental disease.

He's made a full recovery and is feeling so much better now with his new canned food diet. He's never met a stranger. He is house-trained and gets along great with other animals. If you're looking for a snuggle buddy to keep you warm this winter, Marley's the perfect boy for you!



TITAN (SANCTUARY)

Titan, a one-year-old Lab/Pyrenees, is a big, loveable goofball!

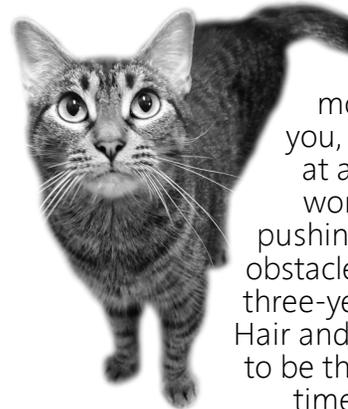
He gets along great with most other dogs and loves to play.

Titan was born with his front legs deformed, leaving him with a limited range

of motion. He doesn't mind all that much. He's quite happy just the way he is! Titan enjoys snuggling inside and spending quality time with his favorite people in a fenced yard. He loves to go on walks, but if he gets tired, he'll let you know...he'll lay down for a nap! He's a smarty-pants, and knows how to open gates and some doors! Tracy, left, is not up for adoption.

CLAIRE

Claire is SUUUUUPER sweet. She has affectionately been called "Velcro kitty." She wants nothing more than to be close to you, and will be by your side at all times. She'll do the work to get to you, too, pushing her way through any obstacle to get some love. This three-year-old Domestic Short Hair and Tabby mix would love to be there to greet you each time you come home!



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at the Adoption Center*

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*Zamara, a
C.A.R.E.
sanctuary
adoptable,
playing in the
snow in her
sweater*



KEEPING PETS WARM AND SAFE IN THE WINTER

by Tayler Detten, C.A.R.E. Volunteer

As the weather begins to cool down, owners must consider their pet's needs. Small, short-coated animals, like short-haired cats and Chihuahuas, are more susceptible to weather changes than large, thick-coated breeds, like Huskies and Saint Bernards. Regardless of an animal's coat, temperatures lower than 32 degrees Fahrenheit can cause frostbite and hypothermia in any animal that is left too long without proper protection. Paw protection is just as important to our animals, both indoor and outdoor. Too cold and rough terrain can cause paw pads to dry out and crack, which is both painful and vulnerable to infection. Using weatherproof-resistant dog boots and warm, maximum-coverage coats and sweaters can help defend pets against weather for a short time. Animals left outside during cold weather, such as neighborhood cats, will benefit most from an insulated, solid dog house with a raised floor, warm bedding, and a slightly increased food supply. But let me be clear, your pets should be kept inside during severe weather. Please educate your friends, family, and neighbors, and do your part to keep our community's animals safe.

Did you know...studies have shown that once cats are past the age of feeding from their mothers' milk, they actually become lactose intolerant and should avoid milk entirely. (Reader's Digest)

TAKING OUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO THE NEXT LEVEL

by Daniel Schekorra, Volunteer Program Manager

Volunteering for C.A.R.E. has never been easier! Since August, we have taken huge strides in making our volunteer opportunities more convenient, accessible, effective, and efficient.

In days past, to become a volunteer, one would attend an hour-long, in-person orientation, complete a paper application, then sign up on a physical schedule. We now have volunteer management software, allowing us to take all of this online! The new process is simple:

- 1.** Watch the orientation video (10 mins)
- 2.** Complete an orientation quiz (3 mins)
- 3.** Submit an online application (5 mins)
- 4.** Attend your first shift with a Volunteer Mentor

What was once an hour-long class and trip to

orientation is now an 18 minute process...all from the comfort of your own home!

New volunteers are supported and trained by experienced Volunteer Mentors during their first shift. Mentors give tours, discuss C.A.R.E. policies, and provide animal-handling training. Thank you to our first Volunteer Mentors: Melanie Ball, Amy Greene, Wendy Harrell, Christa Torrisi, Dawn Brown, Nicole Harrell, Megan Adams, and Rose Foster (pictured). We appreciate your commitment to our animals and to those that want to make a difference.

In addition to our new volunteer onboarding process and online scheduling, we also now have a volunteer handbook and volunteer role descriptions posted. Visit carerescue.org/volunteer to learn more about our volunteer program.



ESTATE PLANNING

Leave a lasting legacy for the sick, injured, abused, and homeless animals of southwest Missouri. Please consider Castaway Animals Rescue Effort in your estate planning.

Contact C.A.R.E.'s Board President, Carl Woodland, at carerescue@yahoo.com for more information.



THE HIDDEN BENEFITS OF YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIVING

by Michelle Goldsberry, EA, President and Owner of PSC Accounting and Tax Services, LLC

Many taxpayers think with the changing tax law, you are not able to deduct donations to your favorite charities. This, however, is untrue. Granted, the standard deduction nearly doubled for most, but there are still ways to maximize your giving and deduct charitable donations to a 501(c)3 charity, such as C.A.R.E, if you itemize your deductions.

Timing is everything when it comes to deductions! Monetary donations are enormously helpful to 501(c)3 charities, but must always be made by the end of the tax year for which you want to claim the deduction. If you put a check in the mail by December 31 or make a charge on your credit card to the 501(c)3 charity (even if you don't pay the bill until January), that deduction will count for that current tax year. Sometimes bunching more of your donations to one year will help you exceed the standard deduction.

There are other ways to provide donations besides cash that are deductible under law. You may deduct the value of lightly used clothing, books, and household items to C.A.R.E.'s thrift shop! This is a great way to get a tax deduction for excess stuff you no longer use or want! Be sure to keep a written record of the items you take for donation to receive maximum credit. Sometimes, snapping a quick

picture of your donation helps in an audit situation to prove the market value. Some organizations, such as C.A.R.E., have a "wish list" of items they are in need of. If you buy specific items new for them, keep your receipts of your purchases for a deduction. Volunteer mileage is another great deduction to help boost your itemized deductions. Although the value of your time is not deductible, volunteers are allowed 14 cents per mile to go back-and-forth from volunteering services.

Regardless of the type of gift or its amount, get a receipt. The IRS demands receipts when a donation is more than \$250. In most cases, the receipts are for your records, but any legitimate tax-exempt organization will have no problem giving you a receipt when you make your donation. C.A.R.E. provides receipts for all in-person, mail, and online donations. Always consult with your own tax advisor to make sure these deductions are to your benefit! For charities such as C.A.R.E., there is no amount too big or too small that won't help make a difference! Remember, even if you don't get a deduction for your generosity, you still have the satisfaction of knowing you are helping a worthy cause.



C.A.R.E. IN AURORA

Learn about our farm sanctuary and dog and cat sanctuary, with contributions from Melissa Sartin, Traci Hyde, Rob Hardy, and Daniel Schekorra



Nestled in 385-acres of Aurora's countryside, C.A.R.E. provides life-saving rehabilitation and lifetime care to all types of animals. On average, the dog and cat sanctuary is home to 65 animals in rehabilitation waiting for adoption and 25 animals in lifetime care/senior programs. At the farm sanctuary, we currently have 41 horses, 31 pot belly pigs, 4 farm pigs, 2 goats, 5 cows, and 16 bunnies.

The dog and cat sanctuary opened 27 years ago, well before our Springfield center opened, as a place of healing for neglected and abused animals on their journey to a good home and better life. The farm sanctuary was always in C.A.R.E.'s plans, and it finally became a reality in 2016 when we received a directed donation to purchase the land. Our farm sanctuary allows us to save lives, creating more empathy and compassion for farmed animals through education and positive interactions with them. This will lead to more people realizing farmed animals are not just food, but are living individuals capable of feeling joy, creating bonds, or feeling pain. Thus, they deserve our kindness and compassion.

Each animal is unique in the time and care required to heal from lives of neglect. No matter what their history, our sanctuaries give these animals the freedom and quality of life they deserve in a peaceful place where they are safe and loved. We provide medical care and nourishment,



along with mental and physical therapy, giving these animals a second chance at life.

We are so thankful for all of the hard work by our Aurora staff (Rodger, Traci, Melanie, Gage, Michael, Megan) to care for these 189 animals. We have big plans for our future in Aurora to expand our existing programs and add new programs. For instance, our goal for the farm sanctuary is to add more horse fencing and build a barn. The barn will offer comfortable, indoor housing for the rescued farm animals to heal, add a place to implement educational programs, and give our veterinarians and farriers a place to work in all weather conditions.

Our quarantine/medical building is still in construction. The exterior has been finished, and we will be installing the HVAC system and finishing the interior. Along the exterior, we will add an agility course and exercise areas to allow our dogs to learn in a fun environment while interacting with our staff, making their recovery faster and more productive.



Our dog and cat sanctuary has its own remodel in the works. We will provide a free range outdoor space with ramps leading into their indoor home environment, complete with dog community rooms set up with couches, a TV, and bedrooms that our dogs can enjoy. Our lifetime care and senior dogs will truly feel at home.

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MATILDA'S STORY

Matilda was our guest for four years before she was adopted in August. When we first met Matilda, she'd been abused so badly that we couldn't identify her breed, so we rushed her to the emergency vet.

In the next few days, when she could finally open her puffy eyes, we didn't see hatred and sadness; we saw hope. After everything she endured, she still wanted to love, and be loved...so that's what we offered!

Matilda's rehabilitation was a painful process, but we couldn't have asked for a better patient. Her bruised and battered face slowly returned to normal and her broken hip healed perfectly. It wasn't long before she was running, playing, and enjoying everything the

C.A.R.E. rehabilitation program had to offer.

On August 26, a wonderful family welcomed Matilda into their home, complete with a four-legged friend for Matilda! Once an unrecognizable and abused dog, Matilda is now the perfect companion.

We are so thankful for the four years we got to spend with Matilda, and we couldn't be happier for her! Congratulations on your new home!



C.A.R.E. SANCTUARY OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 13, 2019



We opened the farm sanctuary to the public for the first time on October 13 for an open house! This was supposed to take place on October 7, but

the weather didn't cooperate, with downpouring rain. Luckily, the 13th was a gorgeous, sunny day! The best part — over 300 people showed up to see

what the C.A.R.E. farm sanctuary is all about!

Guests were treated to vegan snacks, drinks, and a hayride, led by Melissa Sartin, to see some of our 385-acre land! They got to see the horses from our large rescue (see below) and meet, feed, and pet pigs, ponies, horses, a goat, donkeys, and cows (although the cows were being shy for most of the day!).

Thank you to everyone who came out to see our sanctuary and we appreciate your donations! The funds raised will go toward our barn project.

C.A.R.E. RESCUED 22 MALNOURISHED HORSES IN AUGUST 2019

In late August, we rescued 22 horses in a story that brought the community together in support. In case you missed it, 23 horses were placed on rented land and did not receive adequate care. After one of the horses collapsed from starvation and died, the neighbors could see that every horse was headed down that path, and they contacted the landlord, gave the horses food, reached out to C.A.R.E., and contacted the authorities. The owner abandoned the horses and authorities couldn't make contact. We rushed to get them safely to the Sanctuary. This unplanned rescue contained some hidden surprises, as a few mares were pregnant. Over the next year, we will be working hard to get these horses healthy.

Following the rescue and multiple vet visits later, we created a treatment plan for each horse. Now, two months later, they are running, gaining weight, and cuddling with their rescuers at the farm sanctuary. Most aged in the teens and twenties have unkind pasts. Some had no idea how to take a treat from your hand. Others were terrified of human touch. All are now learning that people can be kind, running to the gate with soft nickering to greet caretakers every morning. Our hearts melt as these gentle giants forgive their past and accept our good intentions, as they find their forever homes one-by-one. To learn more about these horses and their rescue, visit carefarmsanctuary.org.

Pictured here is Hubba, a Sorrel Gelding that was our most fearful fellow, before rescue (left), after rescue (middle), and going home (right).



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