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Citizens for Animal Rescue & Emergencies

"To Help Animals with People Problems and to Help People with Animal Problems."



*From the CARE family (Alan, Phyllis, Susan, Vicki, Penny, Pam, Donna M., Christina, Donna P., Sharol, Kim and Peggy), to your family....wishing you and yours an abundance of joy and wonderful memories this holiday season.*

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## A SUMMER OF CARE-ING

Summer finds CARE volunteers helping with many fundraising activities. In May, CARE volunteers set up a table at the Annual Dog Bowl 2018 held in Frankenmuth to sell CARE tee shirts and sell chances for the game created by volunteers called Wag Tag. This was CARE's first, but not last, year attending the Dog Bowl. This is an excellent event for not only people watching but the dog watching is spectacular! While at the Dog Bowl, we saw dogs of many breeds, sizes, shapes, colors, and temperaments! It was such a great time and CARE took in some money as well! Stop by our table next year – the event is always the last weekend in May! See you then!

Also in May CARE held the 4th annual fundraiser at bd's Mongolian Grill on Miller Road in Flint. By offering a raffle and using



Matt Witkos and Ralph the CARE mascot

our Wag Tag game, it is one of CARE's more successful fundraisers. We had 2 family members of one of our volunteers as temporary 'grill masters' on the 500 degree grill as well as Matt Witkos, ABC12 reporter, who was our celebrity griller. He did an outstanding job not only grilling but talking with customers when he needed a break from the heat! Our other grill volunteers also did a great job and we appreciate their effort to help CARE. (Add photos from the cd)

Swartz Creek Hometown Days was the first weekend in June. Sam's Club sets up a huge tent for animal rescue groups in order for them to bring in their adoptable cats and dogs. Once again CARE sold tee shirts and offered our very popular Wag Tag. This game has a tendency to pull kids to the table which then brings over the moms and dads! Our goal is not so much making money at this event, but to ask and then inform folks about spaying/neutering their pets and to tell them about CARE in hopes the person may be interested in volunteering with our organization.

Genesee County Fair in August is another event that CARE volunteers man a table in the animal adoption tent. Most people coming to the tent are interested in seeing cats/kittens



# Note from the President

Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day and it's certain that everyone was stuffed after dinner just like their turkey! It is amazing how fast the holiday season came this year but with the snow that appeared in early November remains going into December, it is easier to accept! While browsing through Facebook enjoying all the Thanksgiving wishes, I came across a reminder that Tuesday, November 27, called "Giving Tuesday". Not knowing what this is really about, I went to the Giving Tuesday website to explore. When you register your 501c3 non-profit (and CARE is registered) with this organization, it is listed on their national site for those wishing to make donations. And the best part when you give to CARE through this site, PayPal and Target may match the total funds received on that date! While you will not receive this newsletter in time to know that, the Giving ad for CARE and Giving Tuesday may still be up! CARE is hoping you will start your holiday season with helping animals right here in Genesee County! Thank you for Giving!

## PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION

From May through November, 2018, the CARE free pet food program dispensed the following. Since January, CARE has helped 249 pet owners by dispensing:

**2,169 pounds of dog food**

**508 pounds of cat food**

CARE receives donations of dog food from Sam's Club and donations of cat food from Andi Lau. CARE purchases approximately 25% of the food that is dispensed. In addition to the pet food, CARE dispenses cat and dog treats, canned food, cat litter and toys. If you would like to donate pet food, please call CARE at 239-3567. Don't know what to do with toys, litter boxes, carriers, or food after your beloved pet passes on? Call CARE to donate those items as well.



and/or dogs/puppies and CARE is not fostering right now. But we manage to draw folks to the table and once again inform them who we are and what we do.

CARE had an indoor flea market sale for 2 days in November and managed to sell many "treasures". Since



Phyllis Carter and Vicki Davis

CARE has a house, and just like everyone we can usually find things to bring into the house but need to clean it out occasionally! What we packed away after the sale will be offered again at an outdoor flea market at CARE house in the spring.



CARE volunteers are always thinking of ways to bring in money to continue our valuable animal welfare programs to help the animals in our community. They have a fun time attending the events and talking with people. If you want to help by becoming a volunteer, go to our website [www.careflint.com](http://www.careflint.com) and click on the 'Volunteer' tab. We would love to have you!

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Because of your generous gifts, CARE has been able to financially assist the animal community in many ways. Below is where the money went during the past 7 months as well as for January through November (newsletter printed):

	MAY-NOVEMBER, 2018	YEAR 2018
<b>PET FOOD</b> <i>(this is what CARE purchased in addition to donated food)</i>	\$137	\$420
<b>CAT AND DOG VET COSTS</b> <i>(this includes tests, meds, vaccines, etc.)</i>	\$2,667	\$4,362
<b>EUTHANASIA</b>	\$295	\$565
<b>SPAY/NEUTER</b>	\$2,194	\$3,199
<b>VET COSTS</b>	\$3,373	\$5,036
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,666</b>	<b>\$13,582</b>

More and more pet owners are being referred to CARE for financial assistance not only by other rescue groups but by local veterinarians. CARE has been referring pet owners to All About Animal Rescue for most pet care other than broken bones or serious internal or external injuries. Since All About Animals receives many grants and they are a non-profit, their vet costs, meds, vaccines, etc., are less than a private vet clinics; this stretches the CARE dollars!



## HELPING PEOPLE WITH ANIMAL ISSUES

CARE receives hundreds of pet-owner calls over the course of several months. The calls received by CARE can include pet owners needing pet food, pet shelters, help with getting their pets to the vet because they have no money, emergency vet care needed, requests to help find homes for kittens, puppies, etc. Here is a small sample of some pet owner calls CARE has assisted with over the past 6 months.

Animals get sick all the time; even on the weekend when vets are not open. In extreme cases animals need to go to the 24/7 Animal Emergency Hospital. One such emergency call came from a pet owner with a very sick cat. There was an exam, 2 x-rays, pain meds, fluids, enema, etc. CARE paid the invoice totaling \$363. In another case, the pet owner had to take her dog to Animal Emergency Hospital because Missy had gotten carbon monoxide poisoning. CARE paid the bill for \$314.

One caller wanted to take a kitten to the vet after it was thrown from a car; another had a dog that needed an eye removed; another needed help paying for euthanasia; many calls from pet owners with animals that had flea issues (both last summer and this summer were very bad for fleas); another had found a kitten with botfly larvae in its neck; several calls for cats and dogs who have swallowed objects and they are not able to pass them on their own; CARE has purchased several months supplies for a dog with diabetes. Several days ago, a call came from an elderly woman who had cancer and could no longer care for 2 kittens. The CARE volunteer made a few phone calls and a temporary home was found for them.

Many times for an expensive vet procedure and/or emergency that costs thousands of dollars, CARE will suggest using social media and recommends the pet owner set up a Go Fund Me account. One pet owner needed help paying for eye surgery for her dog. She asked "Alexa" to find a good vet who was reasonable (after she had already spent nearly \$1,700 for eye surgery) and the electronic inquiry device found her a great vet in Clare! CARE assisted in helping pay that bill.

The list of calls can fill several newsletters but this is a sampling of where your donated dollars go. CARE cannot thank you enough!

## BONES FOR SALE!

The second annual "Bones Fundraiser" will take place again at the three Magoo's Pet Centers in the Flint area.

You may remember last December, it was CARE's first attempt at this type of fundraiser and it was met with success and enthusiasm by Magoos' customers and employees! Beginning December 1 you will once again be able to purchase the paper bones in denominations of either \$1, \$5 or \$10 at the Magoos' stores located on Linden Road across from Genesee Valley, on Fenton and Hill Roads, and on Center Road just north of Courtland Center. Once purchased, your bone will be displayed in the store. There is a prize given to the Magoo's store employees who sell the winning dollar amount of bones. Stop by Magoo's Pet Centers and buy a bone; proceeds will go to continuing CARE's long-time animal welfare programs. Bone sales end December 24.



## Special Thanks

- ..always to Riegle Press in Davison for donating the layout and printing of this newsletter.
- ..to Sam's Club for donating pet food when it becomes available.
- ..to everyone who made a monetary donation to CARE.
- ..always to Andi Lau who donates cat food continuously.
- ..to all the CARE volunteers who give so generously of their time and effort.
- ..to Eric Allison, the CARE webmaster, for his expertise and for his ability to accomplish our requests with lightning speed!

## CAT DROP

One day in October, a CARE volunteer received a phone call from the neighbor who lives next door to CARE House. Our neighbors are wonderful and keep an eye out on the CARE property when we are not there. After walking over to check, our neighbor reported, there were 2 pet crates left at the back of our house with a cat in each crate. Obviously, the crates had been dropped off sometime during the night but not while the neighbors were still awake. Our CARE volunteer got in touch with a local rescue group and they came right to the house along with one of our CARE volunteers, to assist. The weather had been very cold during the past few nights and the cats were left there with nothing to keep them warm in the crates. In addition, the very small litter boxes were overflowing with feces and the food was dumped. The cats were very scared and very cold so they were held in some blankets to give them some warmth. Our CARE volunteer took both the cats home to her house and put them in a separate bedroom where they could decompress. One of the cats was having nothing to do with living in the bedroom and actually attacked the volunteer so she had to get it out of the house due to other pets in her home. That cat has been cared for by the next door neighbor with food and shelter. The other cat is slowly coming around and becoming more social; in fact, our volunteer brought her to the last CARE meeting and even though she remained in her cage, we did get her to play. We are hoping to find a home for this cute Tuxie after she is vetted.

Even though CARE owns a house, no one is in residence and volunteers are there only occasionally. It can be very dangerous to any animal left at the house unattended especially now that the cold weather and snow are upon us. In a snow storm, a snow plow would not see crates covered with snow and that would be a disaster. In order to help prevent any animal drops in the future, CARE recently installed security measures that will help determine the identify of cars, license plates, etc. Please call CARE at 239-3567 and our volunteers will try and find temporary homes for unwanted animals.



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## For Special People and Pets

Thank you to everyone that made a contribution via this newsletter. This twice-yearly newsletter is one of several fundraising efforts CARE undertakes each year. The funds gifted through this newsletter are used in several of CARE's ongoing efforts including but not limited to low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program, veterinary care for pets when pet owners are in financial need, and to purchase pet food for the long-time, free pet food program.

Using the enclosed envelope you are able to memorialize and/or honor special people and pets. In addition, you can donate on-line at the CARE website [www.careflint.com](http://www.careflint.com) by using a major credit card.

The memorials and honorariums listed below occurred between May, 2017, and November, 2018. The list appears in no particular order.

### PEOPLE MEMORIALS

**Dr. Brian McCartin**

By Barbara McCartin

**Tom Smothers**

By Peggy and Mike Vaughn

### PEOPLE HONORARIUMS

**Sonja J. Newland**

By Linda Bacon

### PET MEMORIALS

**Hoover**

By Sharol Ross

**Honey and Poppy**

By Sue Walton

**Nate**

By Joyce Yarnevich

**Boo**

By Joyce ichols

**Daisy Spring**

By Kathleen A. Welsh

**Smokey**

By Mary Behil

**Abby**

By Maracia June

**Peepers and Bubeau**

By Carol Miller

**Bandit**

By Sadonna and Larry Myers

By Phillis Carter

### PET HONORARIUM

**Toula and Marvin**

By Carol Miller

