

Planning for our next major fund raising event continues. The 2005 CARE SHOW will be held on Saturday, February 5th at the San Juan Capistrano Community Center. We have already received several inquiries and entry forms, and we expect the next show to be even bigger and better than 2004. We anticipate almost 600 custom cars and trucks, in addition to several fantastic displays. Radio Station KLAC will be there, and great food will again be provided by our major sponsor **Ruby's San Juan Capistrano Diner**. The George Fryer Combo will be playing live Rock and Roll, and world famous custom car builder, Dean Bryant, will display 4 of his best known movie cars. Everyone should plan to attend this premiere event. Spectator admission is \$5 and kids under 11 are free.



Phil Schwartze

We want to thank one of our ongoing CARE Sponsors, William Lyon Homes, for generously donating a hydro-seeding of our Camino Capistrano construction site. The seeding protects the recently graded site against the elements. The seeding occurred just before our first fall rainstorm and worked effectively. Lyon Homes also donated construction of a chain link fence to eliminate any illegal dumping before we begin construction.

All of the CARE volunteers have done a fantastic job with pet adoptions during the last few months. CARE would not be successful if it were not for the volunteers who foster our animals, work at the Cattery in Petsmart and walk our adoptable dogs every day, along with the many fine people who participate in our fund raising efforts.

Thank you one and all for allowing me to be President of this great organization. I am excited about our future. Have a wonderful Holiday Season and we'll see you in 2005 at the CARE SHOW!!!!

Hope & Praise

Dear CARE,

I am so happy that I found Rocco. He has been such an energetic, rambunctious addition to our home. It took a few weeks for Marley and Rocco to get along, but now they absolutely love each other. They enjoy chasing one another around the house and wrestling. When Marley doesn't feel like playing Rocco entertains himself with anything he can find, such as a ball or pen. When he is not running around, he is extremely affectionate. He loves to cuddle with me and often wakes me up with kisses in the morning. Sometimes I think I should have named him "Romeo".



Sincerely,
Nancy Fajardo

18 years ago Meg Hassett went to the San Clemente Dana Point Animal Shelter to drop off newspapers for the shelter to use in the animal cages. While she was there, a kitten walked right up to her which prompted Meg to ask if she could take the kitten home until cage space opened up. Once home, Meg's husband Rick fell in love with the kitten and it was adopted. But that was not the end of fostering kittens for Meg, it was just the beginning.

Cindy Kane was instrumental in getting Meg involved with the foster cat program for the bottle and tube fed kittens. Dr. John Agostini taught Meg how to tube-feed the kittens that were just too young to be fed with a bottle due to their age which could be only a day old. 18 years ago it was a learning experience for everyone involved. Keeping the kittens on a heating pad helped prevent hypothermia and made them much more comfortable. Meg also learned which kitten formulas were the best to use for each situation.

During the time that Meg has been involved with the foster cat program she has been a foster mom to kittens from many sources. Meg works for Dr. Tiffany Thompson so she is able to bring her little charges with her to work, keeping them on a heating pad under her desk and feeding them when they are hungry. At home she is up every 3 hours during the night feeding the kittens.

Meg and Rick Hassett have been married for 22 years and have two daughters; Mary, 17 and Megan, 20. The nurturing of the kittens has been a family bonding experience and a learning experience for everyone. It isn't easy to turn their little charges over to the shelter for adoption but it is certainly a rewarding experience and they know it won't be long before they are fostering again.

There are many happy people, and happy cats, from the fostering done by someone as dedicated and knowledgeable as Meg Hassett.

Thank you for giving these tiny kittens a change to live a long, happy life.

Thank You PETCO!

A few months ago, PETCO stores across the country conducted the **Round Up/Spay Today 2004** campaign to raise funds for spay/neuter organizations and programs in their communities. Each store chose a Charitable Partner to receive the donations collected.

San Juan Capistrano's PETCO chose CARE as their partner and raised \$671. The Round Up/Spay Today 2004, which ran from July 25 through August 15, encouraged customers to "round up" their purchases to the next highest dollar to promote local and national spay/neuter efforts.

All the animals rescued by CARE are spayed or neutered before they are placed in a new home. This generous donation from PETCO will be used in that effort.

CARE's Foster Program Update

CARE currently has 46 cats in the Foster/Adoption Program, of which, 13 are in the Cattery at PetsMart awaiting adoption. Many of the cats and kittens that are being fostered are either too young to be adopted, or are undergoing medical care before they can be placed in the Cattery.

Care has 2 dogs, **Frosty**, who is a "guest" at the San Juan Animal Hospital being loved by their staff and our dog wranglers. **Trooper** is being fostered at the home of a special CARE family, who is giving him lots of love and attention.

If you have room in your home and a big heart to foster, call 949-240-1735.

Liz, the 3-legged kitten, is ready for adoption. This sweet one-year old Calico, has endured surgery to remove one of her hind legs, a fractured hip and malnutrition. You would never know it by watching her scamper across the floor—at 100 mph! Liz, the shy girl, has really become playful and is getting used to being held. She has spent several months living at the Banfield Clinic, fell in love with Kitty Kins, the resident clinic cat, but she longs for a permanent loving home. You may visit Liz by calling Banfield Clinic at 234-1245.



Calendar of Events

- Dec 4-5, Photos with Santa
- 11-12, at PetsMart
- 18-19
- Feb 5 CARE Show
- Sports Park in SJC
- June 4 Garden Show

It's that time of year when everyone thinks about giving. Please remember our animals this year with a tax deductible contribution to CARE. Please use the form on the back of the newsletter, and send your gift of life today. Make tails wag this holiday season! Thank you for CAREing.

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