

SHEP

DOGS and CATS

recently graduated from PetsMart Basic Education Training, and has finally been adopted to a good home. *Here is his story . . .*

In his long stay with CARE, Shep has made many dear friends with Dr. Mannix's office staff, CARE's Board Members, Dog Wranglers, volunteers, and the PetsMart employees. Shep is instantly recognized when he walks into PetsMart. Even his bark is recognized throughout the store! Shep's instructor, Kim, doesn't even have to see Shep in the store to know when he is there. If she hears Shep's bark she'll remark, "Shep's here!"

Shep has traveled a long journey. He no longer has to worry about getting enough to eat or being malnourished. On the contrary, Shep has reached a heightened state of good health, self-esteem, happiness, trust, loyalty, comfort, and love.

Shep's whole story of achievement is a "feel good story" touching many lives! The congratulations really goes to not only Shep, but to all of us involved with CARE. Each of us makes a difference and supports our community in making this a better place to live.

Way to go, Shep!

Written by Zina Casey
CARE Dog Wrangler Coordinator



Available for Adoption

FROSTY

This 9 year-old Australian Shepherd mix is very affectionate, and has a really nice disposition. He walks well on a leash, and loves to be brushed. His unusual blue and brown eyes are captivating, and his lovely coat and coloring make him one-of-a-kind. He is truly a dog that will warm your heart.

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It was fate . . .

Tonka, a handsome Tuxedo cat, became a second-chance cat when CARE adopted him from the Orange County shelter. Tonka's "squeaking" instead of meowing, made him an instant favorite at San Juan Capistrano's PetsMart Cattery.

After several months, enjoying all the attention, he came down with an upper respiratory infection, was placed in the Banfield Clinic located within PetsMart. Randy Mendoza, a Pet Counselor, took charge of Tonka's health, and soon he was able to return to the Cattery.

Every time Randy walked past the Cattery, and saw Tonka in his cage, he felt sorry for the big Tuxedo cat. He looked so sad, as if he was saying, "Is this as good as it gets?" Randy, who already became attached to him, thought this boy deserves better.

Yes, fate brought Tonka and Randy together, and now Tonka is enjoying life at Randy's place, but visits the Banfield Clinic every week to weigh in. Apparently, life got too good at Randy's. Tonka put on a few pounds and is watching his weight, but he is one happy cat.

I can just hear Tonka say, "Yes, now *this* is as good as it gets!"

I Love Lucy (and Ethel, too)

Early morning on September 30th, I lost my very best feline friend of 15 years, Blitz, to an aneurysm. My heart was absolutely broken. At 8 o'clock that morning, I heard the familiar "plop" of the copy of the Capistrano Valley News being delivered. I didn't think much about it until later, when I opened it up and there on page 21, in the Critter Corner, were pictures of two poor kitties, Pickles and Relish, with such a sad story. My heart went out to them and I know they needed me and I needed them. I decided to sleep on it.

The next day, I went to PetsMart's Cattery for a look, and I knew instantly they would like it at my house.

The girls lived under the bed for the first day or two, but eventually ventured out for more than food and the litter box. Slowly they settled in, and now run the place. They are very vocal, and it became evident soon after they arrived that they were "Lucy" and "Ethel". They are ALWAYS together, usually up to some hare-brained scheme—that usually ends up with them being in trouble. They make me laugh out loud all the time!

I was thinking about it the other day; how lucky it was for them to have found me, or is it the other way around. As I close this note, Lucy and Ethel are curled up together on my pillow top mattress.

—Jill Bazyk

Please visit the Cattery at PetsMart in San Juan Capistrano where you're able to see all of the cats and kittens in person

Available for Adoption

 Dr. Pepper	5-month old Male Orange Tabby	 Wind
 Pearl	5-month old Female Muted Tortoiseshell	 Topaz
 Sophia	12-week old Female Torti	 Molly
	12-week old Male Black	

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

What would you do to help this greyhound? Right now she is just another nameless victim, living in a dirty racetrack kennel.

Mother dogs, like Mae-Ann, are typically kept in tiny wire cages and fed the cheapest gruel available. There are no toys, no play. The wire of their cells is the only window onto a world they will never know.

The products of greyhound farms, tiny puppies, are in constant peril. By a young age, many are fatally injured or simply disposed of by trainers who cull out "the losers".

This is what you can do to help. Simply go to www.grey2kusa.org and learn about a sneaky ballot initiative campaign by wealthy dog track owners that will subsidize the cruelty of dog racing, and worse, the fate of thousands of greyhounds would be sealed in misery for decades to come. The greyhounds' story is a compelling one, and we need to get it out!

The ultimate goal of Grey2K USA is to wipe out this vicious cycle by closing tracks and their breeding farms wherever they exist nationwide.