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ON THE COVER:

Tiny Dancer is the sweetest little orange tabby kitten. She is so fun, loves to play, very affectionate and she's as cute as can be! She was brought in alone as a stray around 3 weeks old, she's currently around 10 weeks old and ready for adoption.

Come on in and meet this super cuteness.



President Joann With

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by, and we will be gathering again in November for our Annual Membership Meeting.

In thinking back over this past year, I'm proud of all we have accomplished and the progress we've made towards a new building. The coming year holds many challenges as we finalize these plans and fundraising efforts.

We will share our successes and goals with our members, volunteers, and other interested parties at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 14th at the Firehouse Cultural Center in Ruskin.

We will be voting to change board meetings to the 4th Monday of the month.

Secretary Joyce Maggio, board member Rula Urso, and I are up for re-election. We will also hear from a prospective board member at that time.

We welcome diverse experiences and a broad range of opinions which greatly enhance our ability to conduct C.A.R.E.'s business and activities.

By President Joann With



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Why you should consider becoming a Sustaining Member

Many of you may already be regular or premium members of C.A.R.E. and we appreciate all of you. To those of you reading this who are not members, why should you consider it? The prime reason is that membership fees help us to pay our overhead bills. So when we receive your renewal fees, that is a good month for us. But that is only once annually.

What I would like you to consider is becoming a Sustaining Member. What does that mean?

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▼ Espresso & Brewer

Meet Espresso (black) and Brewer (black & white), Daisy's kittens. This adorable duo spends their time playing, exploring, and looking cute in our kitten room. They enjoy interacting with our volunteers and the other kittens. Stop by and meet these two spunky kittens!

▲ Daisy

Dazzling Daisy is a young mama of 2 very sweet kittens, Espresso and Brewer. The trio was brought to CARE as strays. Daisy is very friendly and loves spending time with our volunteers and the kittens in the kitten room. This affectionate mama is ready to find her loving forever home.





▲ Kitten 1

This sleepy kitten was surrendered to C.A.R.E. with four other siblings. The group of five loves to play with toys, climb cat trees, and chase each other around our kitten room. This pretty kitten has soft, dark gray fur with stripes and enjoys a good nap after running around with its siblings. Come by C.A.R.E. and meet this cute little kitten.

▲ Kitten 2

This little orange kitten is also a part of the litter of five kittens that were Surrendered to C.A.R.E.. You can usually find this kitten out on the lanai enjoying some fresh air and watching the wildlife through the screen. Playing with toys and finding fun spots to investigate fill this cutie's day. Stop by and meet this frisky kitty.

Annual Meeting 2022

The Annual Meeting of Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort, Inc. will be held on Monday, November 14, at 6 pm at the Firehouse Cultural Center. Three board members will be up for reelection: President Joann With; Secretary Joyce Maggio; and Board member Drew Anklin.

A change in the Bylaws will also be voted upon.

Article VII on the meetings of the Board of Directors currently reads: "... and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the 3rd Monday of each month." That shall be amended to read the 4th Monday of each month.



Become a volunteer today and make a difference in a shelter pet!



C.A.R.E.

GIFT AND WINE FAIR

Dec. 3, 2022 10 AM to 2 PM

A Critter Adoption and Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) Fundraiser

In the Southshore Falls Grand Ballroom 122 Falls Blvd. Apollo Beach

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Align Right Realty Aligns with C.A.R.E.

The team at Align Right Realty South Shore are true animal welfare advocates. Marissa Cipriano and Trish Ellis lead the effort to collect donations for the shelter. The supplies provided are key to the day to day operation of the shelter. They stopped by on a rainy morning to share the collected items and tour the shelter. C.A.R.E. is grateful for their interest and future involvement with our organization.



Trish Ellis and Marissa Cipriano



Marcia Diadon, Gabriela Maria Fasoldt

Birthday Presents for C.A.R.E.

Marcia Diadone, on the left, had a birthday party where she asked for donations to C.A.R.E. rather than gifts for herself. She and her young

friend Gabriela Maria Fasoldt brought many items to the shelter and \$70 in cash! Marcia is a big supporter of C.A.R.E. attending bingo and donating to the upcoming Gift and Wine Fair.

Happy Birthday to C.A.R.E.

Well, at least that's what Elaine Borgert says when she used her birthday to ask friends and family to bring gifts to donate to C.A.R.E.



Elaine Borgert



Leaven Brewery Trivia Night for C.A.R.E.

The brewery and friends came together to sponsor a night of animal trivia with proceeds going to C.A.R.E. It was a fun night with generous donations for C.A.R.E. totaling \$702.



Leaven Brewery is a big supporter of animal welfare and partners with C.A.R.E. in various fundraising efforts.



Pictured C.A.R.E. Volunteer - Brenda Knebel, Trent Burke, General Manager - Owners Jillian Lynch and KJ Lynch with Baby Winter, and Kris Hart and Nancy Alexander

Emerald Sports and Entertainment Agency Benefit for C.A.R.E.

The Fat Rabbit rolled out the red carpet to welcome Emerald Sports and Entertainment Agency who were sponsoring a fundraiser for Kids and Critters.

C.A.R.E. benefited from their efforts with a \$1500 donation From Emerald Sports and Entertainment to support C.A.R.E. Fat Rabbit offered a great venue with great food and has donated to our upcoming Gift and Wine Fair.



Executive Chef Cole McBride and Emerald CEO Tracy Lineberger

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▲ Annie

Annie is so photogenic and always smiling!! She is a fun loving, playful girl. She loves to play ball and run around the play yards. She wants to be the Queen of the castle so will do best as the only dog in the home.



▲ Archie

Meet Archie the cutest pirate in town! He is about 1-1/2 years old. He was brought to us as a stray. He had a severe injury to his left eye and had it removed but still lives life to the fullest and adds to his loving spirit.

He has adapted very well and his friendly attitude is still very much in place. He is always pleasant seems to be smiling all the time.

He is a young dog who enjoys being with our handlers and wags non-stop for visitors as well. He is very active and loves to play ball. We are confident that he will be a loving addition to anyone who is lucky enough to adopt him.



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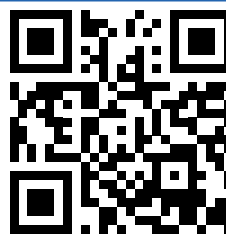
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▲ Pepito

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Pepito is a little dynamo. He loves to play with his stuffed toys and will bring them to you to play tug or fetch. He enjoys going for walks outside to explore and roll in the grass. Pepito has a lot of the typical Chi personality traits and does take time to warm up to new people. Those interested in adopting him will need to be willing to spend some time with him at the shelter on multiple visits. While he does not seem to mind other dogs, he would be best suited for a one dog household as dogs larger than him seem to intimidate him and we want him to be in a home where he is comfortable and feels safe. He rode out the storm in foster care where we were able to observe his behavior in a home setting and he did amazing. He will make a great companion to someone familiar with the breed and who is willing to be patient to win his trust.

▲ Guinevere

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The Counter-Surfer and Surprisingly Toxic Foods

By Dr. Sarah Trimble

Although we try our best to control the diets of our furry friends, it's no secret that pets can be quite innovative when it comes to sneaking their share of human food. Whether your pet is a "counter surfer," stealing tasty treats when you turn your head, or a "mop/vacuum," eagerly awaiting any scraps that reach the floor, it is important to know which common foods can be toxic for our beloved companions. Since dogs are typically our primary offenders, this article will focus on our canine friends, though many of these toxins apply to cats as well.

One of the most commonly known human food toxins is chocolate, although, it's not only desserts that can be harmful to dogs. Fruits, such as grapes, can be highly toxic as well, and some dogs can go into kidney failure after only eating one. While the reason for this is still unknown, it's better to be safe than sorry and avoid grapes and raisins all together.

Other foods that are surprisingly toxic to dogs include onions and garlic. These ingredients can damage red blood cells and result in anemia.

Artificial sweeteners can also be extremely dangerous to dogs. "Xylitol" can be found in many "sugarless" foods or baked goods. Sugar-free gum, toothpaste, cough drops, and

chewable vitamins are also common offenders. A very small amount of this ingredient can result in seizures and liver failure.

Although several commonly encountered foods are noted here, this is certainly not a comprehensive list. Always research whether or not a food is harmful before trying out a new snack for your companion. It's also important to develop an "emergency plan" for your pet. Pet Poison Hotline (855-764-7661) is a great resource. Being familiar with the nearest veterinary emergency hospitals is highly recommended, as most toxicities are time-sensitive.

Ultimately, a well-balanced diet specific to your pet's species/needs is the best option for your pet's health. If you do choose to share a table food snack with your furry loved one, make sure to choose a safe, low calorie option, such as apple slices, carrots, blueberries, or broccoli!



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Holiday Treats

Applesauce and Oatmeal Base Recipe for Cut-out Cookies

This is the base recipe for perfect cut-out cookies. You can combine this recipe with the red and green cookie doughs below for dazzling cookie creations, or just use natural food coloring to create any color cookies you like.

Author: Kiki Kane
 Prep Time: 10 minutes
 Cook Time: 20 minutes
 Total Time: 30 minutes
 Yield: 1 tray 1x
 SCALE 1x2x3x

Ingredients

2 cups whole wheat flour (you can substitute with regular flour for a whiter dough)	2 eggs
2 cups rolled oat flour	2 tbs melted coconut oil
	1 cup unsweetened applesauce
	1 Tbsp Vanilla extract

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine all ingredients in food processor or stand mixer. Add flour as necessary until dough is no longer sticky and is ready to roll out.

For different colored dough, divide into separate bowls and add natural food coloring.

Keep dough covered to prevent drying between batches. You can rehydrate dough with a little coconut oil as needed.

This dough refrigerates up to a week, and freezes for 3 months.

Gingerbread Cookies for Dogs

We used a blend of healthy whole wheat and oat flour our recipe, but you can use any type of flour that works for your dog's needs, or whatever you have on hand.

Author: Kiki Kane
 Prep Time: 15 minutes
 Cook Time: 25 minutes
 Total Time: 40 minutes
 Yield: 1 Tray 1x
 SCALE 1x2x3x

Ingredients

1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour	Pinch of allspice
1 1/2 cup oat flour (made from rolled oats)	1/4 cup molasses
1 tsp baking powder	3/4 cup applesauce
1 Tbsp ground ginger	1 egg
1 tsp turmeric	1 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp ground cinnamon	1 Tbsp coconut oil
Pinch of ground clove	OPTIONAL: carob chips for gingerbread eyes and buttons

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°

Combine the flours, baking powder, and spices in a bowl and mix to combine.

Add the molasses and applesauce and mix to combine.

Add the egg, vanilla, and coconut oil and mix to combine, adding more flour if necessary.

Roll out gingerbread and cut into gingerbread men or your choice of shapes.

Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until just starting to get golden around the edges for a soft cookie, or until crunchy for longer shelf life.

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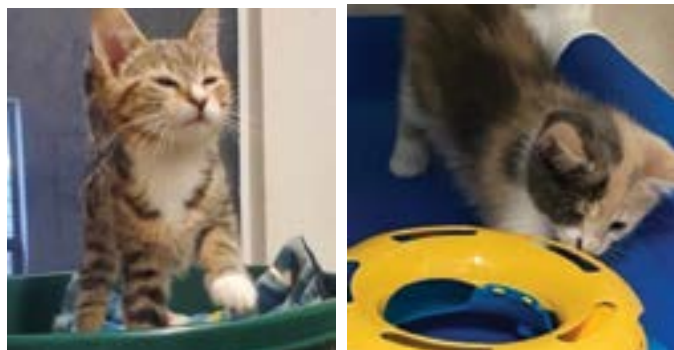
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