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President’s Message
By Sharon Becker

This year’s Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the large community room of the South Shore Regional Library (15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin.) Attendance is always important, but this year in addition to C.A.R.E.’s annual performance update and board elections (Vice President, Treasurer and up to three board positions), we will be voting on the proposed Bylaw revisions. I hope our rescues can count on your attendance!

The next installment of bylaw changes proposed by the board (Article V through VII) is provided on page 15. Please take a minute to review the changes, as they will be presented to the membership for approval at the Annual Membership Meeting on November 10th. Again, we know that the proposed changes are rather extensive, but C.A.R.E.’s Bylaws have not been reviewed or amended since 2006. In order to give everyone the maximum opportunity to review the proposed changes prior to the Annual Meeting, the proposed changes will be published in segments in the August, September and October issues. A complete copy of the proposed changes is also available in the C.A.R.E. office for any member to review during normal business hours, which are Tues – Sat, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ladies, we still have a few spaces available at the Mad Hatter’s Very Merry Un-Birthday Tea Party on September 12th. Reservations to join Alice, the White Rabbit and their friends are going fast. Will you be joining in the fun? Savory sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, sweets and tea are on the menu, along with the high jinks of Alice and her crazy friends! The tea will also feature a raffle, silent auction and photo ops, so please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Reservations can be made by calling C.A.R.E.’s office at (813) 645-2273. This is a first of its kind in C.A.R.E. fundraising and the Mad Hatter would love to count you in!

Skittles is a very shy, beautiful male who came to C.A.R.E. with his mom and brother, Smoke, back in September 2007. He was just a kitten, only about three months old. He was given the name Skittles due to his skittishness and quiet demeanor. Now, at eight years of age, he has grown to be a beautiful, photogenic cat, who never outgrew his shyness. He spends most of his days snoozing in one of the cubbies or relaxing in the tunnel toy in his room, although he also enjoys hanging out on the lanai or investigating the rest of the room in the quiet early mornings and evenings when the volunteers and visitors aren’t around “disturbing his peace.”

Skittles’ shy brother, Smoke, who spent his life at C.A.R.E., passed away in April of this year. Skittles will remain at C.A.R.E. for the remainder of his life too, unless someone with a loving heart and a lot of patience with a shy cat will give him a chance of a forever home away from C.A.R.E. In the meantime, Gloria, C.A.R.E.’s Animal Care Manager, and all the volunteers at the shelter will give him all the love and attention they have to offer.

One of C.A.R.E.’s loving volunteers discovered that Skittles will come out of hiding occasionally when offered his favorite treats, Temptations Mix-ups Farmer’s Feast of chicken, turkey, and cheddar (orange bag, donations accepted, and yes, he made me write this). Even if he doesn’t come out of his cubbyhole for them, he will gobble them up when placed in front of him.

Come visit this handsome boy with the unique white highlights around his beautiful eyes. Even from afar, this little guy will make you smile.

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How Old is an Old Dog?

Everyone has heard the old saying that each year in a dog’s life equals seven. Well as much as I appreciate simplicity, this generations old ratio of life expectancy is simply not true. Unfortunately there is no formula that works for all breeds and sizes of dogs.

In the animal kingdom as a whole, there is a general rule that applies in most cases. The larger the animal, the longer it lives. Elephants live longer than mice. Grouper live longer than minnows. Giant tortoises live longer than terrapins. However, within a single species the opposite is usually true. Small people live longer than large people (on average), and small breeds of dogs live longer than large breeds. Chihuahuas and poodles commonly live to 15 years or more, while Irish Wolfhounds rarely live beyond 8 years. Other breeds, such as Boxers and King Charles Cavalier Spaniels also have shorter life expectancies due to specific breed related diseases.

So how do we arrive at a comparative age in human terms for our dogs? Let’s take an average 40 pound dog for an example. At the age of one year, this dog would be nearly full grown and capable of reproduction, the equivalent of a teenager, perhaps 13 or 14 in human years. During the next 10 or 11 years, each year of the dog’s life would equal about 4 human years, so that at the age of 12, this dog would be nearing 60 in human terms. After that, the rate increases again to about 7 to 1, making this dog at 15 the same relative age as an 80 year old human.

Giant breeds may take over two years to reach full size and sexual maturity. However, they tend to have a relatively short middle-age and greatly accelerated senior years.

Another general rule is that mixed breed dogs, aka mutts, tend to outlive purebred dogs, on average. This is due to a phenomenon known to geneticists as “hybrid vigor”. This crossbreeding tends to dilute some of the undesirable genes that are the source of many diseases in purebreds.

So how can we extend the life of our dogs? The genes that God gave them cannot be changed, so continued on page 5

Charity in the Purest Form
Dr. Bob Encinosa

Recently, a very sweet friend of mine called to tell me that she had a gift for C.A.R.E. She wanted to donate her car and have the proceeds from the sale of the car help the animals at C.A.R.E. Furthermore, she wanted the donation to be anonymous.

The car has been sold and the proceeds are now with C.A.R.E.

To me, this is the purest form of charity and a sign of true goodness. To help others and ask for no recognition is exactly what I would have expected from this beautiful lady. She has lived her 90 plus years in this world with such grace and gratitude, that she inspires everyone she meets. She has given me a little more optimism that there is still hope for the human race. So even though no one else reading this will know who I am writing it for, she will know that I have written it for her and that I am truly grateful for her gift and her goodness. She is an angel.
we are left with environmental factors. Assuming that you are already taking care of the easy stuff, like proper veterinary care and immunizations, heartworm prevention and keeping them safely confined, you are left with just a couple of things. Just as in humans, two of the biggest factors are diet and exercise. With regards to diet, there is little to no evidence to show that the type of food a dog eats will extend its life. So long as the food is a complete and balanced diet, the quantity of food consumed is by far the biggest factor. The less a dog eats and the leaner it stays, the better. Whether the food is organic, raw, gluten free, all meat or vegetarian does not matter nearly as much as ensuring that you do not over feed your dog. Apparently this rule of controlled intake applies to most, if not all species, including cats, horses and humans. So . . . smaller portions please!

Dr. Bob Encinosa received his doctorate from the University of Florida’s College Of Veterinary Medicine in 1987 and founded Boyette Animal Hospital on November 5, 1990. In addition to his work at Boyette, Dr. Bob is very active in the education of children and enjoys talking to groups on a variety of subjects. Dr. Bob also serves as a Board member and current President of the Hillsborough County Veterinary Medical Society, Medical Director of C.A.R.E., a member of the School Advisory Committees for Boyette Springs Elementary and Riverview High Schools, a member of the College Advisory Council - UF College of Veterinary Medicine, a member of The Dean's Circle of Excellence - UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Management Group Executive Committee and Recruitment Chair, and founder and caretaker for the Boyette Springs Elementary School Nature Preserve.

Dr. Bob and his wife, Cheri, were married in 1988 and have three children, Matthew, Sarah, and Ellie. They share their home with 2 dogs: Dixie and Lilly, 5 cats: Oliver, Harry, Mimi, Jasmine, and Jack Black, and a chinchilla: Cheekie.

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C.A.R.E. Adoption News

Cats
by Eileen Dunnorton

July was a phenomenal month for C.A.R.E. rescues - six cats and ten dogs found their forever homes!

On July 11th, two unnamed female tabby and white kittens were adopted directly from the treatment room. They arrived and left during the same week, and will live and cuddle together in their new home.

Next, on July 14th, Ben, a little orange tabby kitten found on Big Bend Road and brought to C.A.R.E., was adopted by a C.A.R.E. office volunteer that just couldn’t resist his cuteness and charm. He is a great cuddle buddy to the household’s other kitten, Shirley Ann. Congratulations, Pat!

Then, on July 18th, Will (the quiet one) and Mandy (the gregarious one) both got their second chances at forever homes. The gray royal couple had been inseparable as kittens, but had grown apart and went their separate ways this time.

Last but not least, on July 23rd, energetic little Beansie left C.A.R.E. She was the female calico kitten with white paws, chest, and nose.

Dogs

Annie, our Bull Terrier was adopted by her forever family after a 15 month stay at C.A.R.E. She will be missed by her puppies, Mocha and Mandy, as well as all of the volunteers!

Ciera, C.A.R.E.’s beautiful Golden Retriever rescue from 2009 who returned to C.A.R.E. for a short time after being found as a stray, now has a new forever family to provide the love and stability she deserves!

Tales From The Bark Side: Safe Car Ride!

Just the other day I was stopped at a stoplight.

I turned to my right and saw a gentleman in the driver’s seat of the car next to me. The next thing I saw really upset me, in his lap was one dog, standing on the steering wheel. His second dog was also standing in his lap with his head out the driver’s side window. This is not the way to travel in the car with your dog! Just as we need to have children in car seats, our dogs should be secured in some fashion for their safety! I’m sure this gentleman love his dogs. I’m also sure the last thing he considered was getting in an accident, and having the airbag deploy. The impact from the airbag would most likely have killed his small dogs!

The distraction that driving with a dog in your lap can cause is as bad, or worse, than texting while driving. I believe this should be an offense that can be ticketed. I have seen this happen many times with the dogs bouncing and jumping back and forth from one window to the other.

Another thing I hate to see is a dog riding in the bed of a pickup truck. There is absolutely no protection for that dog if there is an accident. Even if the car does not make impact with another vehicle and just has to stop quickly, that dog can be slammed into the front of the cab. The impact could cause anything from mild abrasions to cuts, broken bones, and possibly death. If you really want to take your dog with you in the car or truck there are better options than letting them run around loose and ride unprotected.

One option is to provide a crate for your dog to ride in. There are many different styles and types of crates to use and it would be up to you to pick the one that best suits your needs and fits your car. There are a wide variety of price ranges to suit every budget. You can even find crates that are crash tested for safety.

A second option for a smaller dog is a Pet Carrier; sometimes they’re called a Sherpa bag. It is relatively easy to accustom the dog to enjoying being in the Carrier. It’s also a good option for taking the dog to the veterinarians. If your small dog is shy and insecure, it’s a great way to make him/her feel much more comfortable on those visits.

A third option is a harness with a seat belt restraint. Again there are different brands and you can look them up online or purchase them in your favorite pet store.

If you are one of the people who ride around town with your pet loose in the car or in the back of your truck, please take a moment and think of your dog’s safety. Would you let your two or three year old child ride in the car unsecured, or for that matter, ride in the back of your pick up? If you consider your dog a member of the family, please consider one of the options I have suggested. It only takes a moment to put a dog in the crate or to put on the harness and clip it securely into a seatbelt fastener. Take the time and take a safe ride with your pet. You may be saving their life, as well as your own.

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The dog and cat residents of C.A.R.E. dream of the day when they find a forever home and get the chance for a life with their new family. Once placed in a home, we like to hear from our adoptive families or the pets themselves about their family life together or about what brings them the most joy. We publish these success stories and their photos on the website and in the Critter Chronicles, and they are also used at outreach events. Besides enchanting our readers and bringing joy to the many volunteers that cared for the rescues prior to their adoptions, these stories help the public see the rewards of adopting pets from a shelter. If you would like to submit an update on a C.A.R.E. rescue, please send the pictures and update to alumnicare@gmail.com. Be sure to include contact information so that we can follow-up with you, if necessary.

Thank you very much for our two little fuzz balls. Since coming home with us, they have earned quite a few different names; Skylar is now named Tesla, while Mimi has two different names (depending on who is calling her) which are Boltette and Butterscotch. They love to chase each other around and are best friends. So much so, that Tesla is very vocal when he can’t find his sister. They have also found a love for boxes and spend time playing hide and go seek in them. They have also expertly found all the places that sunlight comes through the windows, for an excellent sunbath. Tesla also loves to “help” type on the computer (which he is doing right now.)

~ Micah Dugan and the entire Dugan family

On July 29th students from the Tampa Bay Martial Arts Academy toured the shelter, accompanied by owners and instructors, Rusty and Nancy Solomon. Having adopted both of their dogs from C.A.R.E., the Solomons have made the shelter a part of their summer program for the past four years. Joann With and Judy Martin talked about C.A.R.E.’s mission and answered questions from the eager group. Tim Otte joked with the students and then gave an informative explanation of the surgery room equipment. With Tim’s encouragement, several students had an opportunity to have their pulse and oxygen levels read. The big hit of the morning was Sasha and her puppies. Many of the students had never experienced seeing a mom and such young pups, and, of course, there was the cuteness factor. The students also got to visit with the C.A.R.E. cats, where Sparrow showered them with affection, and later with Peaches who aimed to please.
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Phoenix (pictured with Cassie Bixler, a C.A.R.E. volunteer and newly certified vet assistant) has the same question as Grayson. Phoenix wants to add that she also loves belly rubs, which she feels is a plus. She also purred that she feels her little bunny tail makes her kind of special . . .

Otis wants the other talkative cats to know that he has them all beat by a long, long time at C.A.R.E., and although he would be happy to finally find a forever home, he will continue to enjoy all the love he gets at C.A.R.E. until that day arrives.

Grayson wants to know why he is still at C.A.R.E., when he is such a friendly fellow and would make such a good companion to anyone who will make him part of their home?

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**Spotlight On ...**

**Tabitha** is one of C.A.R.E.’s mommy cats. She is a youngster herself, probably not much more than one year old. Her kittens have all been adopted and she is now ready for her own home as well. She was a very protective mom, and would do well around other kittens that she could watch over, since she seems to miss her little ones, or she could be your sole little princess! She is still rambunctious and very playful. She is a small, beautiful light tabby with pale eyes. As part of her adoption she will be spayed, microchipped, and up to date on her shots. Come visit and play with this little girl!

**Sparrow, aka Ms. Kitty,** is an affectionate three year old who could also be named “Hollywood” due to her heavily made-up eyes! She is a bright calico, with a white chest and green eyes. She gets along well with the other felines in her room and with all the volunteers. She would be a great companion to any loving person, with or without other felines in the home. Sparrow is a beautiful, friendly girl who came to C.A.R.E. when her owner had to move and wasn’t allowed to keep her. She is spayed, current on her shots, and will be microchipped as part of her adoption. Please consider giving this beauty a second chance at a forever home!

**Lola** is a petite brown and cream Chihuahua that was relinquished to C.A.R.E. due to a family hardship. She was loved for over seven years by her previous owner, who was heartbroken at the separation. This adorable love muffin is now looking for someone with a special place in their heart for this senior in need of a new forever home. Lola lived with a young child, is trained and housebroken. Although small in stature, Lola has a big heart! One of her favorite activities is giving kisses to our volunteers. She would make a great companion and is sure to bring happiness into any home. Please come and meet our newest little bundle of joy!

**Dogs ...**

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**A Tale of Two Dogs**

*By Geoffrey R. Gardner, D.V.M.*

Meet Mr. Bones, who arrived at Boyette Animal Hospital as an emaciated, very sick, and neglected boy. His blood work and physical exam revealed all the signs of starvation, as well as heartworm disease. Adult heartworms (Dirofilaria immitis) live in the pulmonary artery (the large blood vessel from the heart to the lungs) and can live from three to five years. They can cause numerous problems including a chronic cough, weight loss, congestive heart failure and eventual death. The heartworms are transmitted from an infected pet to a healthy one by a mosquito bite, and can easily be prevented with a monthly pill.

From the first day we met Mr. Bones, he showed a great, gentle spirit. He was so happy to have someone care for him and love him. He was rescued by some great individuals who were able to see who Mr. Bones could be, and did everything possible to make that happen.

Fast forward several months, and this is Mr. Bones today (pictured right). He has gained over thirty pounds, has been successfully treated for malnutrition, heartworm disease, and chronic diarrhea. He has the same great attitude, but now has a new lease on life and a forever home. It is patients like Mr. Bones who make my job never seem like work.
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Introducing Cats and Dogs

By Joanne Rice

In the last two issues I have written about what to consider if you are thinking about getting a second dog, and then if you do, how you manage a multi-dog home. But what if you have a dog and want to get a cat, or visa-versa? Here are some tips for dog and cat introductions.

These steps are progressive, so go on to the next step only when you feel your dog and cat have “mastered” the previous one.

Step One: Confine your cat to its own room at first. After a few hours, confine the dog in a fenced-in yard or basement or separate room, and allow the cat to explore the rest of the house. Then put the cat back in his or her own room, so the dog has an opportunity to become familiar with the cat’s scent. Put up a secure baby gate. This way the animals can see each other, but not get to each other.

Step Two: With the dog on leash, open the door to the cat’s room a couple inches and allow the dog to sniff and see through the opening for 30 seconds. Praise the dog for appropriate behavior. Repeat this step a couple more times during the day. Continue to give the cat the opportunity to explore the house when the dog is securely confined, out of sight.

Step Three: Increase the “viewing intervals” by short increments until the dog can watch the cat quietly for a few minutes. Reward good behavior.

Step Four: Allow the dog to view the cat through the gate with the door fully open for a few minutes at a time. If the dog is tolerating the cat, leave the room and call the dog to you and play a game with it. Then ignore both animals (but keep attuned to them) and engage in some other activity. The dog must start to lose interest in the cat. About two weeks into the process start doing some scenario set ups. For instance, have the dog gated in the kitchen and on lead for safety and have the cat walk by. One person can coax the cat with food. Reward the dog for ignoring the cat.

Step Five: Eventually work up to leaving the door to the cat’s room open, with the gate still up, whenever you are at home. Always close the door when you are not present! Some pet owners will always need to keep the dog and cat separated when they aren’t around to supervise, but others will find that over time, the dog and cat are OK together by themselves. It’s far better to err on the side of caution, however, to prevent tragedy. Even after your dog and cat are co-existing, make sure that the cat’s food bowl and litter box are out of the dog’s reach. Keep the cat from approaching the dog when the dog is eating or chewing on a bone.

The key to successful cat-dog introductions is to expose them to one another gradually under controlled conditions. You want to avoid creating situations where the cat runs away and the dog’s prey-chase instinct is activated. If you have an adult dog that has never been socialized to cats, the introduction should be a very gradual process lasting 30-60 days. In either case, train your dog to sit and stay reliably before introducing the cat. This may give you somewhat greater control once the introductions have been made.

Joanne Rice is a dog behavioral therapist and master trainer with Bark Busters Home Dog Training. Bark Busters’ natural training system leverages the same communications methods – body language and voice control – that dogs follow as part of their instinctive pack mentality. All training takes place in the home where the problems generally occur. Bark Busters, the world’s largest, most trusted dog training company, started in Australia in 1989 and came to the United States in 2000. Since inception, more than one million dogs have been trained worldwide using its dog-friendly, natural methods. For more information, call Joanne directly at 813-240-6848, send her an e-mail at setampabay@barkbusters.com, or visit www.barkbusters.com.

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Proposed By-Laws Changes - Articles V-VII

For the last several months the board has been reviewing the Bylaws and proposing changes which will be presented to the membership at the Annual Membership Meeting in November. The proposed changes to articles V – VII of the Bylaws are presented below.

Current Wording: Article V – Voting

1. At all meetings except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice, for election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

2. At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors.

3. At all votes by ballot the chair of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting. No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

Proposed Changes: Article V – Voting

1. At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice. For the election of officers, if any position is running opposed, ballots shall be provided and the ballots will be anonymous. If all officer positions are running unopposed, approval of the ballot shall be by voice.

2. At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requests, any question may be voted upon by ballot.

3. For all votes by ballot, the ballots will be tallied by the Secretary. The results will be announced at the meeting and included in the minutes of that meeting.

Article VI – Order of Business No Purposed Changes

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting
3. Reports of Committees
4. Reports of Officers
5. Old and Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Adjournments

Current Wording: Article VII – Board of Directors

1. The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of no less than six (6) members, together with the officers of this organization.

2. The directors to be chosen for the ensuing year shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and then shall serve for a term of two (2) years. "In an effort to maintain some institutional memory on the board, each year no more than one half the Board positions shall be subject to simultaneous replacement. In this way, the entire Board would not be subjected to simultaneous replacement. In order to place Board positions on this schedule, in 2003 the positions of Vice President, secretary and one member would have terms limited to one (1) year instead of two (2) years, while the positions of President, Treasurer and two members would have two (2) year terms. Therefore beginning with the election in 2004, the terms of all electors would remain at two (2) years. (amended 9/10/03)

3. The Board of directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chair after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.

4. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as often as Board members desire but not less than quarterly during January, April, July and October of each year. (amended 10/25/06)

5. Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

6. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

7. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the year.

8. The President of the organization by virtue of his or her office shall be Chair of the Board of Directors.

9. The Board of Directors shall select from one of their members a secretary.

10. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing.

11. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interest of the organization.

Proposed Changes: Article VII – Board of Directors

1. The business of this organization shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of no less than six (6) members and no more than ten (10), which includes the officers of this organization.

2. The directors shall be chosen at the annual meeting of this organization in the same manner and style as the officers of this organization and then shall serve for a term of two (2) years. In an effort to maintain institutional memory on the board, positions up for election shall be staggered every other year.

3. President, Secretary, and three directors will be elected on even years.

4. Vice President, Treasurer, and three directors will be elected on odd years.

5. The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the affairs and business of this organization. Such Board of Directors shall only act in the name of the organization when it shall be regularly convened by its chair after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.

6. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

7. Each director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.

8. Each director must maintain current membership in C.A.R.E. throughout his or her term of office.

9. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations governing its meetings, as it may at its discretion, determine necessary. The most current version of Roberts Rules of Order may be used as a guideline.

10. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the President, with confirmation by the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the position’s term of office.

11. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing.

12. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may, in its discretion, consider necessary for the best interest of the organization.
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Tree of Life

Imagine yourself, your furry loved one, or even your business permanently memorialized in our community as a supporter of animal welfare. C.A.R.E. launched a capital fundraising project in 2011 designed to help raise the funds necessary to continue our mission for years to come, while providing a unique opportunity to recognize supporting citizens and community business leaders. In the fourteen years since our inception, C.A.R.E. has provided medical care, temporary housing, rehabilitation, and new homes for thousands of dogs and cats. We have also performed thousands of spay and neuter surgeries for our rescues and low-income county residents to aid in reducing the homeless animal population in the South Shore region. The Tree of Life will be the permanent memorial at our animal shelter to celebrate our animals and our supporters. The tree trunk design allows for the “growth” of the tree, through the sale and mounting of engraved leaves and foundation stones. Though C.A.R.E. is financially solvent, we are entirely funded and reliant on the generous donations of supporters. Our goal is to establish annuitized investments that will provide C.A.R.E. future income to aid operating costs during periods of economic downturn and reduced donations, and to combat rising veterinary and medication costs.

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Board Members Needed

C.A.R.E. needs your help!

Board members shape the direction, operations and policies of C.A.R.E. Please consider offering your ideas, knowledge, and expertise by becoming a board member.

Board meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 6pm. Terms of office are for two years. The Board is comprised of a minimum of six members, and a maximum of ten, which includes four officers and up to six directors.

The positions up for election this year are:

- Vice President – Assists the President and acts as President in his/her absence.
- Treasurer – Maintains care and custody of the financial matters pertaining to C.A.R.E., including paying bills, making deposits, communicating with the accountants and presenting the financial reports at meetings. Familiarity with quick books is recommended.
- Three Directors

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a board member? Come to one of our board meetings!

South Shore Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room (rear entrance)
137 Harbor Village Lane, Apollo Beach
Or
Speak with one of the current Board Members
The Mad Hatter is throwing a Tea Party benefiting C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter! Alice, the White Rabbit and March Hare will be there too - will you?

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C.A.R.E. has a three-acre shelter located in Ruskin and is an all volunteer effort. We rely on the generosity of public donations to continue our work. We have adopted over 2000 animals and have spayed and neutered over 4000 in our discount clinic. We are unique in the sheltering world as our animals do not spend their time at C.A.R.E. living in cages. Dogs are outside during the day and cats live in three open bays. We encourage visits and offer tours to local groups.

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