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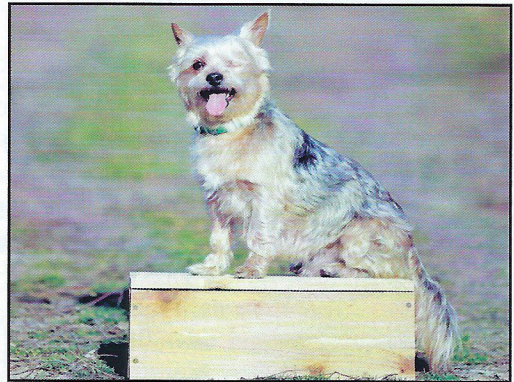
THE RESCUE OF ‘LITTLE MAN’

Story told by Jenay Green

Edited by Peggy Vaughn

Jenay’s love of animals led to her involvement with a rescue group called Genesee County Animal 911 Responders. Last December she saw a post on the Responders’ Facebook page from a woman who needed someone to rescue a small dog who continued to show up on her doorstep. This particular dog was seen on the streets of Flint for a few years and his appearance confirmed he was a stray; long, matted fur, dirty, hungry. The lady who requested someone come get the dog, stated she used to see this same dog well-groomed with a collar and tags. Someone did pick up the dog and found that his name on the tags was ‘Little Man’ along with an owner address and phone number. No luck...the address was an abandoned home and no phone service.

As Jenay continued to read exchanges about Little Man on Facebook, her emotions grew stronger and stronger about this dog. Jenay’s family had a large dog as a family pet, but with an autistic child in the home, their doctor recommended that if she was to get another dog, it should be a small dog. Jenay saw on Facebook that it was possible that Little Man might be taken to Animal Control. After a family talk, Jenay went to see Little Man and as soon as she got inside the house to see him, she felt “this dog and I are just attracted to



each other”. The dog was missing an eye that looked to be terribly infected. The dog was pawing at Jenay’s leg to go home with her so away they went. Little Man was potty trained and obeyed commands immediately. However, it wasn’t hard to tell the dog was depressed and in pain due to the eye issue; he let Jenay’s family know he wanted and needed help.

Jenay brought Little Man to the veterinarian and was told the eye had deflated and would need the socket, etc., removed. If he didn’t have the surgery, the infection would eventually spread and kill him. It was estimated Little Man was only 4 years old so he had a long life in front of him. The cost of this surgery would be \$650 which was totally out of reach for this family. That didn’t stop Jenay! She researched and found animal organizations that promised to donate to the surgery and then she called CARE.

Sharol Ross, a CARE member who answers numerous phone messages, contacted Jenay after she called for help. It wasn’t possible for CARE to contribute the entire amount for the surgery, but it was suggested to Jenay that if she could raise most of the money, CARE would definitely help her with the remainder. Sharol and Jenay kept in constant touch about the fundraising and Little Man’s health. When the amount needed was



Wish List

To grant wishes below call C.A.R.E. at 239-3567

Many pet owners are asking CARE to help them with pet food as they struggle to get through these tough economic times. CARE has a few sources for pet food free or at a reduced cost but those sources are not as plentiful as they once were. We will accept donated partial or whole bags of dry cat/dog food, canned food, cat litter, etc. Call us and someone from CARE will pick it up.

- Qualified Fosters
- Volunteers

only slightly over a hundred dollars, CARE paid what was needed and the surgery was scheduled.

Jenay picked up Little Man from the vet this year on Valentine's Day after the surgery. On the ride she "was telling him how much I loved him the whole way home"! It took a week of pain meds and antibiotics, but by then Little Man was feeling better and getting back to his normal self.

Since his surgery in February, Little Man has been doing wonderful. Jenay says "he is happy, playful, and loving. He fit into our family great. I can't believe that this little dog was without a family. He is no longer depressed and sad."

Jenay goes on to say, "I can't thank the people that helped me enough! Without the

help from CARE and these other organizations, Little Man would have had no future. I love him so much...my whole family does. He's just a joy to have around. I'm thankful I was able to take this stray off the streets and give him the life he deserves!"

CARE has been very fortunate over the past 41 years to have been able to assist countless numbers of pet owners with animal problems, and assist countless numbers of animals with people problems. At various times our members will ask 'I wonder whatever happened to....' after helping with an issue. We were so pleased to hear back from a family who rescued a small dog that was destined for 'the gallows', so to speak. Because of the love of a family and organizations who 'CARE', this dog will be happy and healthy for years to come.

CARE House Updates – Present/Future

Of late, the house owned by CARE has been falling into disrepair due to age, neglect, and storm damage. Last spring, CARE spent 4 months in negotiations to sell the house and land to one of our neighbors but the sale fell through. The Board of Directors voted to proceed with making vital repairs but first it was imperative that a thorough structural inspection of the building be performed. After receiving the report stating the building structure is sound, the Board considered options which included removing the second story (as the roof was in need of replacement), demolishing the house and building a small, metal building on the same site, and finally, make the necessary repairs to ensure the house lasts many more years. Since the house is structurally sound, the Board voted to obtain estimates to replace the roof (which was leaking in places) as well as replacement of the gutters/downspouts. Installation of the new roof, and gutters/downspouts is complete and everyone at CARE is elated with the new look!

The next project is removal of the chimney. Since CARE wasn't notified until after the roof was complete that the chimney was in need of repair, it wasn't done at the time of the new roof. It was voted to remove the gas water heater which is the only thing vented through the chimney and to get a quote from the roofing company to remove the chimney and replace it with new sheathing and shingles.

Since it was decided to stay at the present location, the Board will be seeking estimates for an ADA wheelchair ramp to be installed. Installing the ramp will either eliminate or greatly reduce the amount of property taxes



Out with the old, in with the new.

that are being paid on the structure. In addition to the ramp, it was suggested the aluminum siding could use painting so this will be looked at as a lower priority but one that needs to be done.

So as you can see, not only does CARE provide for animals, but we want to be a good neighbor and keep our area clean and neat. The house is not only our meeting place, it is a prep area for fundraisers, a place from which pet food is stored and dispensed, storage for all of the CARE items/records, and so much more.

In the coming months, you will be hearing more about fundraisers to help CARE in the financing of projects. When the wind storm damaged the house in November, 2013, CARE received funds from the insurance claim that will pay for the new roof and gutters/downspouts. However, the insurance money will not cover everything that needs to be done to ensure CARE House is accessible to everyone and that it will stand for many years to come.

Special Thanks

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To everyone who donated time and money!

To all of the CARE members who endured hot weather, rainy weather, and then cold temperatures at the Swartz Creek Hometown Days in May. A job well done!

Spay/Neuter Program Fundraiser A Success!

What CARE is now calling "The FIRST Annual Spay/Neuter Program Fundraiser" was deemed a great success by all those involved. The fundraiser was held on April 29 at bd's Mongolian Grill located on Miller Road in Flint. This was CARE's first attempt at offering this type of fundraiser but everyone, including all the CARE volunteers as well as patrons, had a great time.

A special thank you to Matt Franklin from ABC12 for agreeing to join us on the grill (which is about 500 degrees I was told) to help prepare some of the meals – thank you Matt!! Thanks to the following businesses/people who donated raffle items (in no particular order): ABC Warehouse; Childs Veterinary Clinic; Studio 10; stylists and nail technicians from Pure Bliss Salon and Spa; Fandangles' Restaurant; Magoo's; The Hair Company; Kimberly Thomas and family; Marni Mossman at Don Franco Salon; Church and Son's Auto Repair; Pierson Pet Hospital; Westwood Veterinary Hospital; Roxanne Miller and Donna Polson. Thanks



Weeg Hare, CARE member; Matt Franklin, ABC-12 News Desk Anchor; Dawn Bissonnette, CARE member.

also to Riegle Press for providing postcard layout and printing. It was a fun night with CARE volunteers assisting the bd's grillers, selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, and greeting guests. The fundraiser, including monetary donations after the event, took in approximately \$800; enough money to perform many spay and neuters! An additional huge special "thank you" to bd's Mongolian Grill and all of their wonderful and accommodating staff who helped us make it a success. See you next year for the SECOND Annual Spay/Neuter Program Fundraiser!

Additional Fundraising Efforts

CARE volunteers participated once again at the annual Rabies Clinic at Genesee County Animal Control facility in March. It is great to see so many county residents take advantage of the low-cost rabies vaccination for their cats and dogs. As is the case every year, CARE is able to keep a portion of the receipts as the volunteers are at the front lines assisting pet owners in the application process.

Just a few weeks ago, CARE was back in the adoption tent sponsored by Sam's/Walmart and Swartz Creek Animal Hospital at Swartz Creek Hometown Days. CARE earns several hundred dollars from Sam's/Walmart for participating in their tent. Volunteers were at the CARE table while the tent was open from Friday afternoon through Sunday evening. Genesee County Animal Control brought dogs/cats/kittens from their facility and many of them went to new homes. Several other rescues were on hand hoping to find homes for the homeless. Because of our successful fundraiser at bd's Mongolian Grill held in April, CARE was able to offer low-

cost spay/neuter to anyone who needed the help. The fee charged was \$25 for dogs, \$15 for cats, and up to 3 kittens free! The greatest accomplishment was helping someone with a cat and eight kittens! Rather than this person paying the full price of \$120 to spay/neuter a cat and 8 kittens through All About Animals Rescue, the total alterations to these animals cost the client only \$45. Preventing additional 10,000 births over the lifetime of EACH cat, PRICELESS!

The weekend weather during Swartz Creek Hometown Days was the biggest challenge! Friday afternoon/evening was sweltering inside the adoption tent; Saturday was very warm to begin the day but then the cold front came through behind the monsoon rains and dropped the temperature to the mid-50s (all of the tents closed by 7 p.m. due to lack of patrons on the carnival grounds where the tent was located), and on Sunday the volunteers were dressed in turtlenecks and gloves as the north wind blew and the temp was a high of 53 degrees! But all of the wonderful CARE volunteers hung in and need to be applauded! As far as I know, there were no illnesses as a result!



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For Special People and Pets

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution via this newsletter. CARE members and volunteers greatly appreciate the opportunity to share with you our accomplishments as well as what CARE is planning in the future. This twice-yearly newsletter is another way funds are raised to help ensure our furry friends are getting the care they need and, in some cases, the food they need. Any amount you donate helps us help the animals.

Please remember you can honor and/or memorialize people and pets by simply completing the information asked for on the flap of the donation envelope. If you go to www.careflint.com, you will be able to use PayPal to make the same type of donation. The memorials and honorariums listed below include those from January, 2015, through mid-June, 2015. These same memorials and honorariums are listed on the website as well.

PEOPLE MEMORIALS

Phyllis Strand
From Karen Abke

Waltraud Schlanzky
From Ingrid Halling

PET MEMORIALS

Beloved cat Twik
From Sadonna Myers

Koegel Dog
From Dorothy A. Smith

All of her precious dogs
From Helen M. Hodges

Bodhi
From Vicki Endicott

PET HONORARIUMS

All of her puppies
From Dorothy A. Smith

