

From everyone at C.A.R.E. House to your house,
have a safe and memorable holiday season

Happy Thanksgiving!
and
Merry Christmas and Happy 2017!

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Goal: To Help Animals
with People Problems
and to Help People
with Animal Problems.

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CHOPPER DROPPER

RAFFLE/FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

The first, and what CARE hopes will be annual, Chopper Dropper Raffle was held in partnership with Woofstock: A Festival For Fidos! on Saturday, October 1. This was an effort taking months of planning and preparation between CARE and NASH 95.1FM. This past spring, NASH 95.1, one of five radio stations under the Cumulus umbrella, indicated a desire to partner with CARE Chopper Dropper Raffle and the idea for the drop along with radio station event 'Woofstock' became a reality; a great partnership had been created! CARE secured space at a golf course in Grand Blanc large enough for a helicopter to land and take off dropping numbered golf balls from the air, as well areas for pet vendors and 8-10 dog-related contests and activities. One of the major advantages of radio involvement for us, of course, was free advertising for the Chopper Dropper Raffle. It is hard to calculate how many thousands of dollars in advertising CARE received over a month's time by NASH mentioning our event along with 'Woofstock'. In addition, 4 other Cumulus radio stations joined NASH 95.1 FM to sponsor and advertise the event: WWCK, WDZZ, Super Talk Radio 1540, and Sports Xtra 1330.

While planning the event took time and effort by everyone involved in this joint effort, selling Chopper Dropper raffle tickets was done solely by CARE members. Five hundred tickets were ordered and selling

began in August. Ticket sales were good but in order to meet the minimum 300 tickets required to pay for the helicopter and make a small profit after expenses, the push was on by our members. One week before the event we still needed to sell 100 tickets to make this event happen. Due to the tremendous last ditch effort of CARE members and a few on-air personalities from the radio stations, we ended up selling 347 tickets and the helicopter made the drop! What a sight to see as that helicopter flew in over the golf course, landed to pick up the 347 golf balls and then take off dropping them over a golf hole! There were three winners with prizes awarded in the amount of \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500.

The dog/owner attendance that day was less than expected due to other dog events taking place in the area, but those who came told us they had a great time. The vendors, including CARE, and the participating radio stations were able to get exposure, and the first ever Chopper Dropper happened! A great time by everyone and CARE made a profit to 'CARE for animals need'.

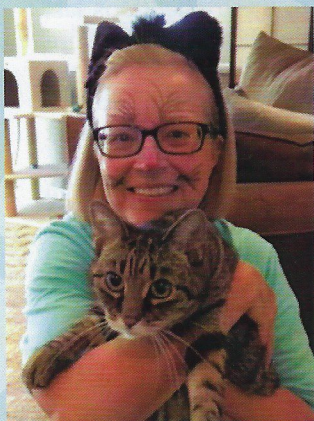
Woofstock: A Festival For Fidos! along with the Chopper Dropper Raffle will take place in 2017 at Lake Callis in Davison. While a date has not been confirmed it will be held in September, on a Saturday, after Labor Day. Look for CARE to begin selling raffle tickets beginning in April!

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Note from the President

It has been longer than normal between CARE newsletter publications. One of the reasons, the membership voted to change the two mailing months from what they were in 2015. The other reason is that all of us at CARE were busier than normal during the summer and fall preparing for the first ever Chopper Dropper Raffle. We attended local festivals including Swartz Creek Hometown Days, Bikes OnThe Bricks, Montrose Blueberry Festival, and Genesee County Fair. Read more about our efforts in the article 'First Chopper Dropper a Success'. Thank you for your patience and I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.



CARE TESTIMONIALS

CARE occasionally receives thank you notes from pet owners that have been helped by our organization. Even though our members don't look for gratitude, it does give us a boost when thank-you notes come our way. Here is what a few people had to say:

Barb and Robert write: "I would like to thank you at C.A.R.E. for all the love and compassion and finances for our needy "furry" friends." In this instance, Robert is a veteran who served in Iraqi Freedom and now has a dog/companion named "Lacy". Note: CARE has never hesitated in providing veterinary financial assistance to any pet of a veteran.

Pety writes: "Just to thank you so much for being there for me and Max (cat) when we needed help! He is doing great again! Note: Enclosed in Pety's thank you note was a picture of beautiful Max; it's great to have a face with a name.

Dorothy sent a story about a feral cat "Baby". Living on its own outdoors, Baby visited Dorothy daily to get his fix of Meow Mix and to enjoy her company for a few hours before moving on. Dorothy noticed he was ill during the winter but he continued to eat and to visit and survived the winter. In the spring Dorothy noticed Baby had a limp and decided to bring him inside where he had his own bedroom with a large window, food, and a litter box he never hesitated using. It was obvious to Dorothy that Baby needed to see the vet about his leg so she put Baby into a carrier, strapped it to the back of a bicycle and peddled him to the vet. Unfortunately, a limp

was not the worse of Baby's problems; he had Aids so none of his fight sores healed, he had herpes with many sores in his mouth and eyes, and had blood in his urine. There was no hope for Baby; sadly, he was euthanized. Dorothy surmised he had been an indoor/outdoor cat who had been abandoned, as so many pets are these days, and left to survive on his own. Dorothy goes on to say, "I pray this letter/true story will help others in continuing to "Bless" CARE who has the same love and compassion that I have."

Rob writes: "What an amazing organization. They helped us out after we found a stray kitty this weekend by directing us to a vet that could test the little one and helping with the costs. Well worth supporting in any way. Thank you."

Belinda writes: "They are truly wonderful beautiful loving caring non-profit organization for animals who really support and care for all animals."

Helping pet owners with their vet bills is one of the major ways in which CARE assists the animals in Flint and Genesee County. Thus far in 2016, CARE has spent \$4,658 in veterinary care, \$2,126 for spay/neuter assistance, and \$115 to purchase additional pet food for the free pet food program.

None of the financial assistance CARE provides would be available if not for you, our donors. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your tax-exempt donations in any amount; CARE is a 501(c)3 licensed, non-profit. Thank you for your donation!

ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS AWARDED

Several years ago, CARE established an animal welfare grant fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. The money used was gifted to CARE through wills and estates. It was decided by the Board of Directors at CARE that the money would work harder throughout the animal community if it was made available to other animal rescue organizations who were a registered 501c3 non-profit. The requests for grants came in very slow and we didn't receive as many as we were hoping for. This past summer the hard-working folks at the Community Foundation sent out a letter to animal welfare groups in and around the Flint area informing them of the two animal welfare grants (one sponsored by CARE and the other sponsored by the Tara Sturgis Fund for Animal Welfare) that were available. Just recently CARE received 5 requests for animal welfare grant funds as a result of the Founda-

tion mailing. Three CARE members, Phyllis Carter, Donna Thompson and Peggy Vaughn, meet to discuss the application requests and to recommend an award amount to the Foundation. CARE is pleased that we were able to help all five of the applicants that include Lucky Day Animal Rescue (Grand Blanc), Adopt-A-Pet (Fenton), Last Day Dog Rescue (Livonia), Howell Nature Center (Howell) and The Humane Society of Genesee County (Flint). In the next newsletter read how the CARE grant dollars were spent and the great impact those dollars will have in improving the lives and welfare of animals. If you would like to donate to the CARE grant fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, simply send your gift (checks should be payable to the Foundation) to them at 500 South Saginaw Street, Suite 200, Flint, 48502. Note on your check the money goes to the CARE grant fund.

Special Thanks

To Riegle Press who donated several Chopper Dropper publicity pieces, emergency contact cards for pets home alone, as well as this newsletter without cost. CARE cannot thank you enough.

To all those who take the time to attend and participate in CARE events, purchase raffle tickets, pay event registration fees, and to those who donate just because they believe in what CARE does on a daily basis.

To the CARE members who give of their time and effort without question whenever asked – this organization is what it is because of YOU.

To the Genesee County Humane Society for donating canned dog food.

To Sams Club for donating cat and dog food when it becomes available.

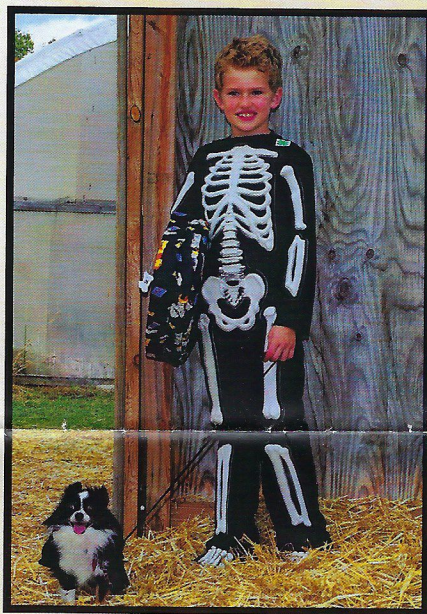
To our friend Meg McMahon in Shiawassee County who over the last several years has contributed thousands of pounds of cat and dog food that is donated to her rescue organization.

And always, to Andi Lau who continues to donate cat food.

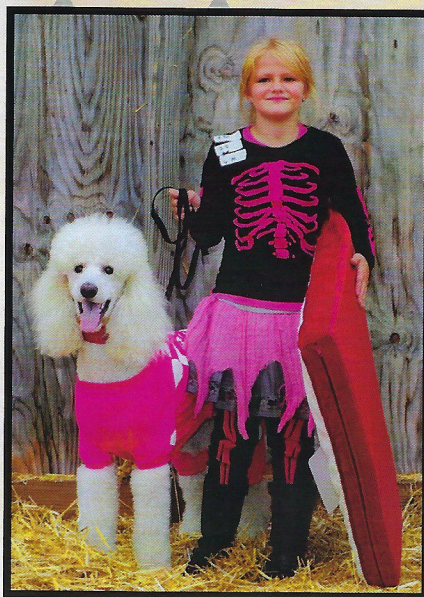
2nd ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DOG COSTUME CONTEST/FUNDRAISER

Montrose Orchards was the site of the 2nd Annual Halloween Dog Costume Contest/Fundraiser on Saturday, October 29. While the weather started out cloudy and windy, by the time of the costume contest the sun was shining bright. Little did we realize the impact the Michigan/Michigan State football game would have on our event, but attendance was about half of what we had last year. Despite a small crowd, there was laughter, happy dogs, and winners all around. Jaxon Alverson's dog "Buddy" won the

scariest dog costume, Paige Alverson's dog "Pearl" won the dog/owner look-alike costume, and Kendra Cummings' dog "Coca" won the most original costume as Coca was dressed as a "Poop Factory". Thank you to our vendors: Clio Animal Hospital, Sue Peake who makes and sells beautiful dog collars and leashes, and to Beth Whitman with Young Living Essential Oil. CARE will see you and your dog at Montrose Orchards Halloween 2017!



Jaxon with dog Buddy
Scariest Dog Costume



Paige with dog Pearl
Dog/Owner Look-Alike Costume



Kendra with dog Coca
Most Original Dog Costume

For Special People and Pets

Thank you to everyone that gave a gift to CARE. This twice-yearly newsletter is one of several fundraising efforts CARE undertakes each year. The funds gifted through this newsletter are used in several of CARE's ongoing efforts: low-cost or no-cost spay/neuter program, veterinary care for pets when pet owners are in need, and the long-time, free pet food program.

Using the enclosed envelope you are able to memorialize and/or honor special people, pets, and occasions simply by completing the information required. In addition, you are able to donate on-line at the CARE website www.careflint.com when using a major credit card.

The memorials and honorariums listed below include those made from late December, 2015, through October 31, 2016. This listing also appears on the CARE website. The names appear in no particular order.

PEOPLE MEMORIALS

Phoebe E. Ballantine

by Jeri Thomas

Virginia Evans

by Marcia June

Mary Cawltton

by Maxine Shackley

Marlene Lukes

by Marsha Kump

Fred Klatt

Pat DuBarry

Agnes Dunn

Dr. Robert Carter

by Gail and John Burleson
by his loving wife, Phyllis Carter
by Renee Nanasy

Donald Chambers

Sharol Ross

Christina and William Moon

Jean and James Segar

Sharon and Basil Burrows, Jr.

Delphine and Michael Dumanois

Phyllis Carter

Janet Coburn

Cheryl Christoff and James Rau

Dr. and Mrs. D.B. Pinkston

Pamela and Dennis Cavanaugh

Norton Male Chorus

Peggy and Mike Vaughn

Vera Nanasy

by Renee Nanasy and Molly

PET MEMORIALS

Sally and Maggie

by Greg Hynes and Jane Johnson

Teddy Bear

by Cheryl Briggs

Pumpkin

by Marie Courter

K.C.

by Janice and Ed Courtney

Domino

by Vickie Endicott

Shannon, Sheba and Poppy Schroeder

by Carol Miller

Lily

by Kathleen Welsh

Moose

by Jane C. Hamp

Katie, Gilligan, Angel Dusty

by Vickie Buford

PET HONORARIUMS

Molly and Sadie Schroeder

by Carol Miller