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Season's Greetings



Believe it or not, the holidays are here again! CPA is thankful all year long for everyone involved in making our organization purr, but now it's time to make sure they know how much they are valued. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to volunteers who care for the animals in adoption centers and to foster homes who lovingly nurture dogs and cats while they await forever homes. A special thanks to volunteers who assist with office support, newsletter production, and street fair events. We would also like to express our appreciation for the veterinarians who participate in our spay/neuter program and provide veterinary care to our rescued pets. And finally we give kudos to our donors, whose financial support makes it all possible.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Keep Pets Safe This Season

The holidays bring lots of exciting new things home. Keep it festive by avoiding dangerous decorations, poisonous plants (mistletoe, holly, & lilies), and toxic treats (bones, chocolate, grapes/raisins, onions, alcohol).



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You may have noticed the newsletter looks a bit different. We're experimenting with a new format to streamline newsletter production—reducing paper and printing costs, making it easier for our volunteers to assemble, and meeting ever-changing postal regulations.

Love Animals? Volunteer!

Concerned People for Animals is proudly operated entirely by volunteers. We have opportunities for people interested in either hands-on animal care or general day-to-day operations. We are currently seeking volunteers for the following:

- Foster homes for dogs & cats
- Cat care at adoption locations
- Adoption event assistance (Saturdays 11AM-3PM)
- Transporting foster pets to vet appointments
- Photographing and writing descriptions of adoptable pets to post on our website
- Newsletter contributors, editor, folders (4 x year)
- Web master
- Office work (filing, data entry, making copies)
- Street fair event help (transporting equipment & sale items to/from event, selling pet tags, etc. Events are on weekends.)

Let us know if you have special skills you think may be helpful, even if they aren't listed here. If you love animals and can spare some time, the unconditional love you receive in return is well worth the effort. Please call 805-277-0135 or 805-482-6587 for more information about volunteering.

Concerned People for Animals' adoption and spay/neuter programs get the most attention, but CPA also offers low-cost cat and dog microchipping. Our featured volunteer, **Kelli Maher** just took over the CPA microchipping program, and we're happy to have her on board.

Kelli is a pet sitter and Registered Vet Technician student at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. She is interning with Dr. Brown at PetVet in Canoga Park. Kelli's dream is to open an animal hospice center to give pets a loving, safe place with dignity until they pass on.

Kelli lost her Basset Hound, Molly, early this year. Kelli adopted Molly as a senior and had 3 awesome years with her. Now "Bill the Cat," a special needs cat with Feline Herpes and impaired vision, rules the house.

In addition to volunteering with CPA, Kelli is the Shelter Coordinator for Basset Hound Rescue of Southern California, bailing out hounds in danger of being put down. She also volunteered for Golden Retriever Rescues, opening her home as a hospice center for discarded senior/terminally ill dogs dumped at the shelter because they were too old or sick. Kelli commented, "It's very sad that a person would dump their loyal family member like they have an expiration date. It makes me wonder if they would do this to their parents or grandparents."

Kelli clearly has a special place in her heart for special needs animals. She is also a great example of someone who saw an opportunity to put her personal skills and interests to work helping needy animals in the community. CPA has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. If you would like to use your skills to make a difference, contact Melissa at 805-277-0135.

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As 2010 comes to a close, we would like to thank all of the veterinarians who make it possible for us to provide spay/neuter services and medical care to needy pets: Battier Veterinary Clinic, Camarillo Veterinary Hospital, Henderson Veterinary Hospital, High Desert Animal Care Hospital, Mission Animal Hospital, Palm Plaza Pet Hospital, Park Animal Hospital, Sierra Veterinary Center, Simi Valley Spay & Neuter Clinic.

Local Veterinarian Takes Volunteer Vacation to Tackle Animal Overpopulation

Song Chong, DVM (owner of Camarillo Veterinary Hospital), recently traveled to Panama to volunteer for a project called "Spay/Panama". Panama has a staggering population of stray cats and dogs that roam the streets looking for scraps and the occasional handout. The animals that are lucky enough to have a permanent home frequently are not spayed, due to limited financial resources and lack of education about spaying. Spay/Panama aims to address the problem of pet overpopulation by providing low-cost spay/neuter services and teaching people how to care for their pets.

Dr. Chong was impressed by the efficiency and compassion of the Spay/Panama program. In spite of the poor conditions for people and animals living there, the staff and volunteers are upbeat and passionate about what they do. It's wonderful to learn about the work of volunteers to end animal suffering in other parts of the world.

Dr. Chong arrived in Panama City after an overnight flight and planned to sleep for a few hours before starting her volunteer work. Instead, she was shuttled directly to the

clinic where a dog that needed to be spayed was already waiting for her. The next day the volunteer veterinary staff was transported by canoe to a remote village. The villagers don't have access to basic medical care for themselves, let alone for their pets. During these spay "blitz" events, people line up to have their dogs and cats neutered and vaccinated. More than 100 cats and dogs were spayed during Dr. Chong's visit.

Save Lives and Reduce Pet Overpopulation

Hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized in California's animal shelters each year simply because there are not enough homes. The most responsible act that a pet owner can take to alleviate this crisis is to spay or neuter their pets.

Fortunately, there's a way you can help. The California Pet Lover's Spay & Neuter license plate, sponsored by the California Veterinary Medical Board, provides a fun and easy way for pet lovers to help reduce pet overpopulation. Proceeds from the plate provide funding for free or low-cost spay & neuter surgeries across California, and also help to raise awareness about the importance of spaying and neutering.

To learn more and pre-order your plate, visit the CA Spay Plate website at www.caspayplate.com



Our Wish List... Please help!

- Use GoodShop and GoodSearch
- Pet supplies (food, toys, bedding, etc.)
- "Forever" postage stamps
- White/colored copy paper
- Old gold (jewelry, filings, etc.)
- Old cell phones*
- Aluminum cans
- Monetary donations to help needy animals
- Vehicles to Cars4Causes in CPA's name (call 805-477-7617 to donate)
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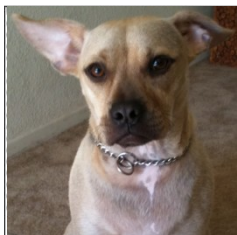
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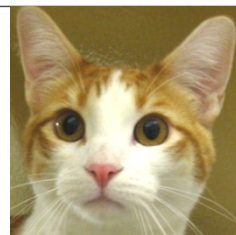
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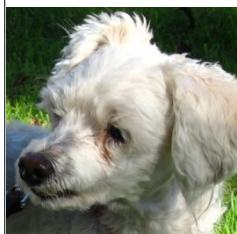
Tonka

Tonka is a sweet, playful 10 month old puppy. This good-natured boy will be medium sized as an adult (currently 25 lbs.) Tonka would love a forever home with another dog he can pal around with.

Charlie is a sweet 10 month old orange and white tabby cat. He's initially cautious, but enjoys a good scratch behind the ears once he gets to know you. He gets along well with other cats and is curious about dogs.



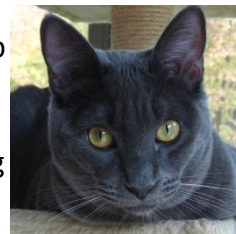
Charlie



Pierre

Pierre is a little love bug who longs for a comfy lap to call his own. This 9 year old miniature poodle gets along well with other dogs and cats. He prefers a companion who spends a lot of time at home or wants to take him along for the ride when they go out.

Ashley is an outgoing 8 month old gray cat with velvety soft fur. She enjoys sitting on her foster mom's lap or lounging on the desk. She loves chasing toy mice, especially if you toss them into the air. She gets along well with other cats and dogs.



Ashley

If you're planning to adopt a new pet, please consider one of our adult cats or dogs

One of our greatest challenges is finding homes for adult pets. Although they are no longer little kittens or puppies, these special animals have plenty of personality and lots of love to share.

Call 805-277-0135 for information about any of CPA's adoptable pets.

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A Rescue Story: Hope

Healthy, Happy, and Home for the Holidays

Hope's story in the Fall newsletter touched many hearts and people donated generously to save her life. Hope underwent a very successful surgery, which completely corrected her heart murmur. After recovering from surgery, Hope was adopted by a very nice family and has adapted well to her new home. She endears herself to everyone who meets her. She adores her new big brother "Spot" and wants to do everything he does.

Everyone who donated to Hope's cause should feel great satisfaction in knowing that we saved this precious little girl. Her new mom said that having Hope join their family has brought more joy into their lives than they ever imagined.



Spot teaches Hope to use the doggie door

A Rescue Story: Pierre

To meet Pierre now, you would never guess the pitiful life this miniature poodle was living just a couple of months ago. Today he's a little charmer who will curl up in anyone's lap, loves to go for car rides, and snuggles with his foster mom at night. However, Pierre was in terrible condition when we rescued him from a backyard breeder. Several rotten teeth were causing him pain. His fur was so matted it had even covered his eyes.

After a complete shave down, a bath, and a teeth cleaning Pierre looks and feels much better. Pierre would be a wonderful match for someone who is searching for a constant companion. He is potty-trained and gets along well with other dogs and cats. *Please call 805-482-6587 if you are interested in giving Pierre a loving forever home.*



Pierre, covered in mats



Pierre, after makeover

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Your donation of any amount and your membership means a lot to us and the animals!

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