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We Care Animal Rescue



We Care Animal Rescue
is a no-kill, free-roaming
refuge for cats and dogs
in Napa Valley.

Spring 2019



Peek a
boo!

**Your donations will be matched dollar for dollar
up to \$10,000 when you give to our
Spring Match Campaign!**

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for compassionate friends like you! We rely on your support to take care of the animals that call **We Care Animal Rescue** home. While we hope to find the perfect forever home placement for the animals that come into our shelter, for many, We Care, itself, becomes their safe haven and forever-home.

The animals who are welcomed here are provided with medical care, warm beds, yummy and healthy food, places to roam, and, of course, tons of love and compassion. Our promise to them is that they will be safe and comfortable here. Today we ask your help to ensure we can continue to provide this excellent care. Many of our animals have extensive medical needs, and this takes considerable funding.

We are happy to announce our **Spring Match Campaign!** A great friend of **We Care** has offered to match, dollar for dollar, any donations up to \$10,000 received before May 31, 2019. These funds will be devoted to the medical care of the animals in our shelter. Your gift today will help us with veterinarian expenses, medications, prescription foods, dental care and surgeries. Your gift will truly provide essential healthcare for animals like our wonderful friend Tank.

Read about Tank and his medical needs in the Heart to Heart section inside this newsletter, and we think you'll agree that every bit of the love, time and investment we provide is essential. With your support, we make sure Tank and his friends get the loving care they need at all stages of their lives.

Your care and compassion will save lives and provide comfort and care for the animals who need us. Please [click here](#) to donate. All gifts received before May 31st (up to \$10,000) will be doubled!

Thank you for being a friend of the animals!

Melissa Dobar
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are a private, non-profit organization established in 1982. We are funded entirely by private donations and fundraising efforts.

Public Hours:
Fri - Sun • 1pm - 5pm
**...unless we are
closed for repairs**

We clean and do minor repairs daily to ensure the comfort, health and safety of our animal and human guests. From time to time we need to close to the public for larger repairs. Please check our website, phone message and signage on the doors. Thanks for your understanding!

DOGS!



All of us at We Care Animal Rescue **LOVE** our resident dogs. We currently have two canines who make We Care their home. Our current dogs, Patricia and Chopper, have some special behavioral and medical issues that make them the perfect fit for our sanctuary.

Unfortunately, we are not able to take any more dogs into our facility at this time.

FEATURED KITTIES For Adoption



LIZZY

Female, spayed,
2 Years old
Easy going, beautiful and friendly. A bit of a hunter but somewhat reformed since her stay at We Care Charm School! We recommend an indoor home to keep the birds - and Lizzie safe!



ARCHIE

Male, neutered,
4 years old
Handsome and full of personality. He's healthy, active and funny - a real character. Needs to be an only cat. He LOVES people, not so much his hundred or so roommates.



COOKIE

Female, spayed,
4 years old
Cookie is a sweet, loving soul. She joined us with a serious eye infection. Her (crossed) eyes have healed and she is perfectly imperfect and a great friend for another cat.



Remember the cover kitty from our last newsletter? He's found a new home! And a new name ... Meet Charlie (formerly Gaston).



Meet our cover cat, Caleb. At 15 years young, he's not one bit shy. Caleb simply loves all the attention and cuddles he can get! When you stop by, this big fluffy orange fellow will be at the front of the line, ready to say "HELLO!" and get some pettins! Caleb came to us in 2007 with Hyperthyroidism (read more about

this common disease inside). His fur might seem a bit unkempt, but it's all a part of his charm, and our volunteers enjoy keeping him brushed and as handsome as possible! Caleb calls We Care his forever home, so be sure to make time to visit with this über-friendly, sweet character — he'll put a shine on your day for sure!

Photo by David Stoneberg



WE CARE ANIMAL RESCUE

We Care Animal Rescue's mission is to provide sanctuary, care, shelter and compassion for homeless animals.

We Care Animal Rescue is a no-kill, free roaming, indoor/outdoor shelter for cats and dogs. We are a private, non-profit organization established in 1982. We provide a high level of medical care, loving support, and socialization for our animals, including the elderly and those with special needs. Every animal in our care is promised a forever home, whether with us in our sanctuary or through adoption. We are funded entirely by private donations and fundraising efforts. There are a variety of ways to support us, including financial support, in-kind donations, legacy and planned giving.

For more information, please contact: shelter@wecareanimalrescue.org



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In Loving Memory...💕

This issue is dedicated in loving memory of Duncan Gott. We are grateful for Duncan and his family's compassion and support of We Care Animal Rescue.

Heart to Heart

~ With Tank for the rest of his days ~

You might remember Tank from our last newsletter. Tank joined our family in 2016 after being abandoned in an apartment complex.

A Good Samaritan brought him to We Care where he found his new forever home and family. Tank was ten years old when he arrived, along with a host of medical needs, including significant dental issues.

Visitors love to get a snuggle from this handsome boy who presides over our Big Building with about one hundred of his cat friends.

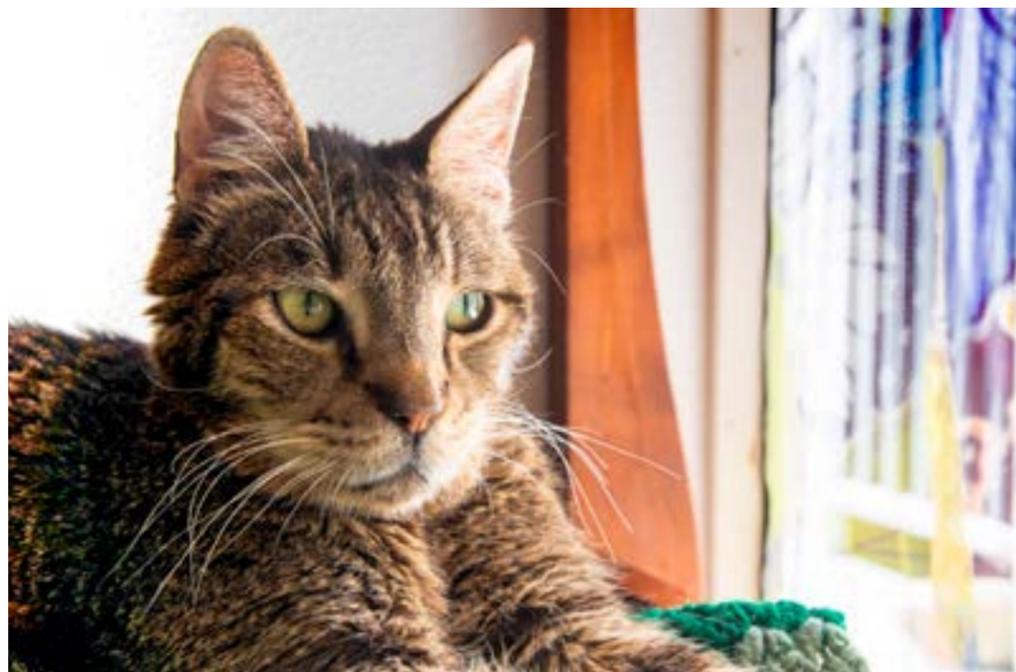
Recently we noted something didn't seem right with Tank. We are sad to report blood tests show Tank has terminal cancer. Considering his advanced age, as well as his other health issues, we made the difficult decision not to battle the cancer. Instead, we will keep Tank comfortable and loved for the rest of

his days. Sad news though it may be, we know Tank has had a life here filled with love and care.

And he is doing *great* right now! He loves the sunny days, and even on the rainy ones, he finds a perch and takes a leisurely nap – life is good!

Tank will live the rest of his life in peace and shelter, surrounded by people who love him and who are able to tell, just from the look in eyes, how he's feeling on any one day. Our amazing veterinarians and staff will be here for Tank, and your gift and support will help him and other wonderful residents of We Care Animal Rescue live their lives pain free — with love, tender care and the medical support they need.

Thank you for your care. It truly makes a difference for Tank and so many other precious animals. 🐾



OPEN YOUR HEART TO SOME SPECIAL CATS Understanding Feline Hyperthyroidism

Feline Hyperthyroidism is a common disease in cats, mostly afflicting cats middle-aged and older.

Many of our cats arrive at We Care with Feline Hyperthyroidism, a treatable but troublesome issue that can often cause secondary problems.

Cats with Hyperthyroidism usually show a variety of symptoms, some of which may be subtle at first, but which can become more severe as the disease progresses. The most common signs of Hyperthyroidism

are: weight loss, increased appetite and increased thirst and urination. Hyperthyroidism may also cause vomiting, diarrhea, and hyperactivity. The coat of affected cats may appear unkempt, matted, or greasy.

Since Hyperthyroidism can predispose a cat to other conditions, it is important to evaluate the general health of a cat with the disease, with particular focus on the heart and kidneys. We work with our veterinarians to make sure blood panels and urinalysis tests are done regularly.

The treatment a cat receives for Hyperthyroidism will depend on

specific circumstances, including the cat's overall health, the owner's ability (and willingness) to medicate the cat regularly, and financial considerations. This is where We Care Animal Rescue comes in. Often the costs or difficulty in medicating a cat become a problem for their owner, so they give their cat up for adoption.

Cats with Hyperthyroidism will need lifelong treatment, usually involving twice-daily medications, but the encouraging news is their prognosis is usually good with the right therapy. 🐾

Paige's Pro Pet Tips

As a multi-cat household and family who fosters, I've picked up a few tips to help with the unavoidable mishaps of carpet stains and lingering smells. Here I'll share some of my top tips to help keep you and your fur babies happy!



PET ODORS — My #1 tip for removing pet odors is actually not to burn down your house or buy a new one; it's as simple as regular cleanings. Replace soiled areas, vacuum up hair on a weekly basis — pet hair holds a surprising amount of odor. And ditch that Febreze! Animals are actually quite sensitive to smells and sometimes end up marking areas that smell artificial. Use non-toxic, professional-strength urine neutralizers first, followed by a mix of equal parts water and vinegar as a spot remover or air freshening spray.

I also highly recommend adding baking soda and apple cider vinegar to your laundry detergent and running anything washable through the machine twice (I only suggest bleach when there is a contagious illness or fungal infection present).

Extra Pro Tip: AVOID steam cleaners! The heat will permanently set both the stain and the odor. Research carpet cleaning companies who are familiar with treating pet stains.

For more of Paige's tips check out our website: www.wecareanimalrescue.org