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We Care Animal Rescue

FEATURED KITTIES For Adoption



CHEWBACCA
AKA CHEWY
Female, spayed
8 years old
This magnificent lady is the definition of the purrfect lap cat. She also loves napping in the sun, adventuring outside with her friends, and lots of treats!



SOOKIE & SCOSHI
Males, neutered,
3 years old
Forever entangled in each other's arms, these brothers are the definition of bonded. Both of these beautiful boys are super friendly, playful, and full of love.



HOPE
Female, spayed,
9 years old
Just as her name promises, this beauty will light up your life. Sassy, sweet, and incredibly affectionate, this girl has overcome so much and only has love to give.




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

Summer 2020



**CLOSED TO VISITORS
But just for now.**
We remain closed for public visitors and volunteers at this time out of an abundance of caution due to COVID-19. Please check back later in the summer! We are still working on virtual adoptions and foster to adopts, and you can reach us at: shelter@wecareanimalrescue.org. Please stay safe! Thanks for your understanding!

DOGS!
(WELL...DOG)


All of us at We Care just LOVE our one resident dog, Chopper! For him, We Care is home. With some special behavioral challenges, he has grown to be our funny sidekick, protector and friend.

When you visit, we are sure you'll hear from him! He is safe in our sanctuary. Someday, when the time is right, he may gain some new dog friends, but for now, he is the only dog and he seems to like it that way!

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



Meet our cover cat. Shula is as beautiful inside as she is outside; she is sweet, loving and loyal. Shula came to us a few years ago when her family lost their home in the Valley Fire. With burnt pads and paws, she braved the fire and waited for her people to return! Her medical needs were tended to but ultimately her family

felt that bringing her to our sanctuary was the right choice after losing their home. Shula was a little shy when she first arrived, but over the years has grown to trust her humans and is very eager to receive love and attention. She loves being in a safe outside space and basking in the sun, but she's an inside cat, primarily. She seeks a safe and loving true forever home.

Your donations will once again be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000 when you give to our Summer Match Campaign!

Dear Friends,
All of us at **We Care Animal Rescue** hope you and yours are safe and well during these challenging times. We have been Sheltering in Peace, ensuring our cats (and dog!) and our team remain safe. We salute our dedicated and essential workers who, through all of the uncertainty, have continued to provide tender care to our fur family.

Our goal, as we started this year, was to further develop our medical program. We continue with this goal. We are especially fortunate (and grateful) to have Dr. Sally the Valley Vet visit us weekly. She is our primary care veterinarian! We also recently hired an experienced RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician) to help lead our efforts. Along with our experienced Care Team, she began a cat-by-cat review of our residents, which includes general observations, medical exams, lab work-ups and dental exams. With more than 150 cats calling **We Care** their home, many of whom are elderly and/or have special needs, our hope is that by increasing the robust routines of general wellness and veterinary care, and with a continuing focus on early interventions wherever possible, we can increase our cats' comfort and well being.

Our weekly schedule of care also includes several vet appointments off campus. We are thankful for the excellent care we receive at Silverado Veterinary Hospital, Calistoga Pet Clinic, Alley Cat and other local vets who help us care for our family of cats.

This is our primary work and along with the daily cleaning and general care of our fur-friends, including abundant love and snuggles, we are grateful every day for your support. With such a variety of medical needs, many of them significant and costly, your help makes such a difference for the health and comfort of our special residents.

Your gift in support of our animals' medical care will, once again, be matched by a generous friend, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000!

While we know there are many worthy and urgent causes and our collective attentions call us to work together for the health, equality and peace of our communities, we hope you will help us continue our promise to be a humane sanctuary and shelter, where cats of every kind are safe, loved and helped to find their forever home, whether through adoption or by staying with us in our sanctuary.

Thank you for your care!

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



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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Recently We Care contributed to Napa Humane Society through their Art with a Heart event. We were touched and happy to receive this beautiful piece created by Breana. We also are grateful for the work of Napa Humane. For more information about their Spay & Neuter and Vaccine clinics, and a variety of helpful resources check out their website: www.napahumane.org

Heart to Heart

Special Cats Seeking Loving Homes

Here at We Care, we believe each animal is precious and that every cat deserves a happy, quality life. If you've visited our rescue, you know that one of our buildings houses our Special Needs kitties. Some of the cats in here have diabetes, some are simply seniors who prefer a smaller space, and some of them require a little extra medical attention. We wanted to introduce you to four incredible Special Needs cats: Chunsa, Bruce Leroy, Tommy, and Bones.

Chunsa is a young 10 years old and has been at We Care for half of his life. He is a happy fella who loves getting attention from his humans and adores face scratchies. He is as friendly as he is handsome, a calm temperament with so much love to give. A true comrade who will always be by your side.

Bruce Leroy will steal your heart! This amazing 7 year old boy is charming, compassionate, and as sweet as they come. He has a beautiful energy and is the happiest cat you will meet. He loves to be in laps, to stretch out in the sun, and he loves taking care of others, both human and feline. Bruce will be the best companion for

anyone; he's even got some extra toes to give you some extra affection.

Tommy and Bones are bonded brothers who have been through a lot together in their short few years.

Although they are young in age, they act like old, gentle souls who have nothing but devotion and head bumps to give.

Both of these boys are magnificent and truly every cat lover's dream, their adoration knows no bounds.

They would love a family where they get lots of pets and attention.

What makes these four cats "special needs"? They all have urinary issues that require a little extra monitoring and a special diet. Although this is something they will have the rest of their lives, they can (and will!) live happy, long, full lives. We would love to find these boys an amazing foster or forever home, as urinary issues tend to flare up in stressful situations, and we know a loving, stress free home would be the perfect place for them to thrive.

If you would like to learn more about Fostering and Foster to Adopt, please contact us at shelter@wecareanimalrescue.org



Bones



Bruce Leroy



Chunsa



Tommy

URINARY ISSUES

So, what are "urinary issues," exactly?

Feline lower urinary tract disease, or FLUTD, is the term used to describe an array of conditions that affect a cat's bladder and urethra. Though it is not a specific disease, the clinical signs of cats with FLUTD



are all similar. These symptoms include difficulty (and sometimes painful) urinating, urinating more frequently, blood in the urine, urinating outside the litter box due to the urgent need to "go", excessive licking of private parts, no appetite, lethargy, and vomiting. Because of the diverse nature of this disease, cats of any age or breed can be affected; cats who are at a higher risk include those who are overweight, are less active, and are fed a dry food only diet. The diversity also creates a number of potential causes, ranging from bladder stones to bacterial infections, to even just stress. Typically, a urinalysis is needed to diagnose but sometimes

an xray, ultrasound, or biopsy may be required. We all know the medical talk can sound scary but FLUTD has many treatment options that are actually pretty simple: increase water intake, feed a wet food diet (there are special urinary diets), encourage exercise, environmental enrichment such as climbing structures, and pheromone exposure. Low stress is the key! Which is why we encourage everyone to consider fostering/adopting a cat with special urinary needs. Because what they need most is a low stress, attentive, and positive environment to live their best nine lives. 



Paige's Pro Foster Tips

Considering opening your home to a special needs animal? Fostering and Foster to Adopt helps the animal get the extra TLC that a home can provide, and, you have a chance to learn if they are a good fit for your home and perhaps a forever adoption. If not, you've helped us learn more about the animal so we can help them find just the right home. Are you ready to foster? Here are some tips to reduce stress in a foster home:

1. Be patient. Give them space when they want it and attention if they ask for it.
2. Let them have their own room/space before introducing them to the household.
3. Multiple litter boxes with easy access and one in a "private" place.
4. Avoid forcing them to interact with an animal they don't get along with.
5. Make sure their personal needs are met with food, water, a sleeping area, toys, and perches.
6. Regular feeding times.
7. Always give them a place to hide!

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