

From Our Table to Yours



Sending you warm wishes for the holiday season!



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Message from the Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

After a long closure, We Care reopened our doors to the public this summer. We've welcomed hundreds of visitors and celebrated dozens of adoptions since reopening. We are delighted that our residents have started waiting by the doors to greet guests once again.

We are looking forward to the new year and this continued return to normalcy. On behalf of all of us, especially We Care's residents, thank you for your generous support of our work over the past year and a half. I hope to have the opportunity to thank you in person at our upcoming (Anti)-Flea Market, or on your next visit to the shelter. Until then, warm wishes for your holiday season and New Year.

Christina J. Slager
Executive Director



We are proud to participate in the **Give!Guide** again this year. The **Give!Guide** is an annual project of Napa Valley CanDO focused on supporting local nonprofit organizations by raising funds and awareness, fostering collaboration, and cultivating a growing community of givers.

More than fifty nonprofits are participating in this year's **Give!Guide** and we hope you select We Care Animal Rescue for your holiday donation.

Give!Guide runs from **November 30 - December 31**

Visit CanDo's website to learn more and make a donation at: www.CanDoGiveGuide.org



Our First (Anti)-Flea Market

Looking for some great deals on rummage sale finds while supporting a good cause? We Care Animal Rescue is hosting a Flea Market on **January 15, 2022** from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at our shelter in Saint Helena. All proceeds will benefit our adoptable animals as well as other homeless pets and pet guardians in need throughout Napa Valley.

Browse through our many fabulous finds, including housewares, artwork, gifts and furniture. When you're done, take some time to stroll through Kitty City and meet our delightful feline residents.

Want to help? We Care Animal Rescue will be accepting donation drop-offs at the shelter in the weeks prior to the sale.*

*Due to limited storage and technical expertise, we request no large furniture, exercise equipment, large electronics, clothes, shoes or heavy items.



We Care Earns Platinum Rating

Established in 1982, We Care Animal Rescue is a no-kill sanctuary and shelter for homeless animals in the heart of Napa Valley. Our residents live and roam freely in communal spaces with safe access to the outdoors.

This year, we're proud to share that We Care earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from Guidestar, the world's largest source of information on US nonprofits. The Platinum rating is the highest level awarded by GuideStar and we're honored to be recognized for our commitment to accountability and transparency.

Feline Body Language

Interpreting Motion and Movement

Try as they might, cats can't talk in complete sentences. But they excel at nonverbal communication and express their complex thoughts and feelings through a range of physical behaviors. Domestic felines use their paws, ears, tail, body position and posture to convey critical information about their environment and state of mind.



Have you been puzzling over your pet's body language? Here's a handy guide to what they could be trying to tell you:

Paws

- Cats 'make biscuits' by kneading against a soft surface, like bedding or a lap, when they're relaxed and content.
- Scratching an object transmits a message by sight *and* smell via pheromones released by glands on their paws.
- Swatting is used to deter annoying or frightening behavior as well as in play.

Ears

- Upright and forward ears — alert and attentive.
- Flat and backwards ears — 'airplane ears' are a signal to back off to avoid potential aggression.
- Forward or slightly to the side — content and relaxed.
- Ear flicking or twitching is usually an indication of agitation, nervousness or a physical irritant.

Tail

- A vertical tail with flat fur is a friendly greeting for a happy, confident cat.
- A horizontal tail is neutral or friendly.
- A lowered tail is usually neutral but a low tail with a curved base is a signal of imminent attack.
- A tail lifted at an angle with a lazy swish is an indication of mild interest. If swishing becomes more dramatic, this may signal irritability.
- A tucked tail is a sign of fear and your cat telling you they want to be left alone.
- When cats drape their tails around us or each other, it's a sign of affection or friendship — much like humans draping their arms around each other.

Body Position & Posture

- Distance increasing is an avoidance behavior and indicates the cat would prefer to avert contact.
- Face rubbing, or bunting, is a way for your cat to leave their scent, share affection and to invite additional petting.
- Presenting their behind and backing up towards you (usually to your face) is the human equivalent of an enthusiastic hug.
- 'Elevator butt' is when a cat puts their head down, bends their front legs and raises their behind as an invitation to come closer.

Did you know a cat's ears are cone-shaped to amplify incoming sounds, with 32 individual muscles in each ear to help them swivel independently in all directions?

Show Your Care For We Care's Animals

Become a foster

We Care Animal Rescue fills a unique need in Napa Valley by providing compassionate care and sanctuary to older pets and animals that have medical or behavioral needs. Many residents flourish in our shelter but some might benefit from a change of pace and the undivided attention of a caregiver. While in your care, We Care would provide all of the necessities and cover medical expenses. Is your home ready for a temporary four-legged guest? Contact shelter@WeCareAnimalRescue.org to share more about your household and interest in a feline foster.



Join our team

Do you have a passion for working with animals? We are currently looking for entry-level and experienced care professionals to join our team of compassionate animal lovers. Part-time and full-time opportunities are available—daily cat cuddles are guaranteed. Visit our website to learn more and apply at www.WeCareAnimalRescue.org/jobs



Donate your vehicle

Did you know you can donate a car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat to We Care Animal Rescue? Our partner CARS makes donating your vehicle easy. They'll arrange a free and convenient pick-up at no cost to you within 24-72 hours. To get started, you can contact them 7 days a week at (855) 500-7433 or www.CarEasy.org.

Share some comfort

Can't adopt a pet right now but want to help animals in need this holiday season? Kuranda ShelterBeds are comfy lounges for our residents, providing them with cozy spots to cuddle and opportunities for climbing. We're hoping to replace some of our worn and run-down furniture with these durable beds in the new year. To learn more, please check out our wishlist by using the QR code →

