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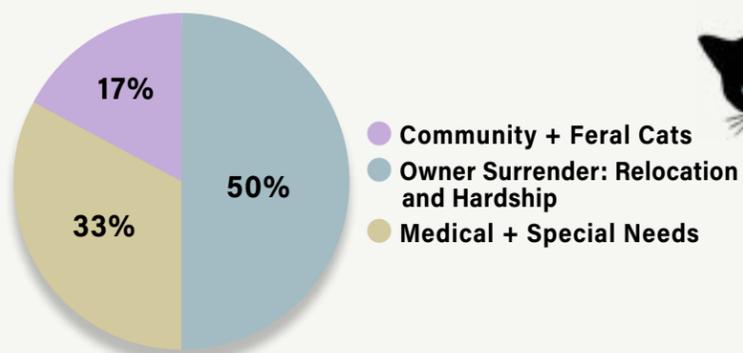
Erwin wants you to donate your old car, truck or boat ... and nobody says no to Erwin! Did you know you can donate a car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat to We Care Animal Rescue? Our newest partner CARS makes donating your vehicle easy — they'll arrange a free pick-up at no cost to you within 24-72 hours. To get started, you can contact them 7 days a week at: (855) 500-7433 or scan the QR code to visit their website.



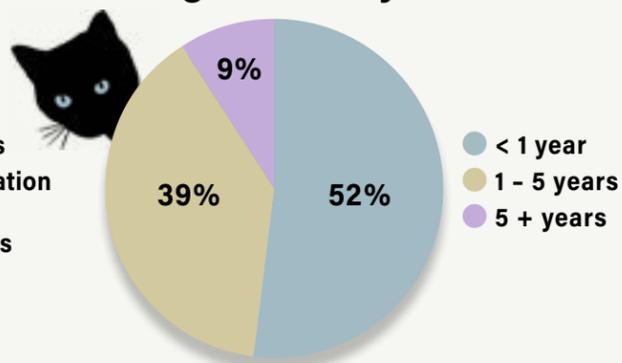
Our Impact in 2020 *by the numbers*

In a difficult year for many, it's not surprising that half of our 2020 arrivals at We Care Animal Rescue required shelter because their owners were unable to care for them. Our other new animals were transferred to We Care due to medical needs, advanced age or behavioral issues that made them difficult to place at other shelters. Our shelter fills a unique gap in the rescue ecosystem and is often the last resort for these animals. Communal living, along with an expert staff, provide them with the second chance they deserve to find a home. Some of our residents require special care and take time to place with the right family. Every animal in our shelter is guaranteed compassionate care and a forever home, either through adoption to the public or with us in our sanctuary. Last year, nearly half of our adopted animals had been with us for over one year with an average length of stay of two years.

Type of Animal Intake



Length of Stay in Shelter



We Care Animal Rescue NEWS

Summer 2021

Our Grand Re-Opening Shelter Doors Open This Month

Last March, We Care staff shut our doors and prepared for a temporary closure due to COVID-19. Fifteen long months later, we're excited to reopen those doors to the public and, as the newest staff member, I'm eager to welcome you all in and get to know you in the weeks ahead.



Leah Wilberding

As a lifelong advocate and enthusiastic volunteer for animals, I've cared for seals in Sausalito, elephants in Thailand, as well as cats and dogs throughout northern California. I'm honored to continue this work at We Care where I can leverage my fifteen years of fundraising experience in support of homeless animals in beautiful Napa Valley.

The past year has been tough for so many in our community and we've witnessed this hardship firsthand

as guardians continue to surrender their pets at increased rates. We are grateful for the community of donors and adoptive families that gave generously to ensure the animals in our care were healthy and happy throughout this closure. Simply put, we wouldn't be here today without you. And we're looking forward to thanking you in person when we reopen after June 15!

Since the start of 2021, twenty cats were adopted and eight of these cats have medical conditions that could require additional care and costs for adopters — Charles, Chuck, Grizzly Bear, Meatball, Merina, Mowgli, Tasha and Thor. On behalf of all of us at We Care, I want to share our gratitude with their new families for opening their hearts and homes to these special cats.

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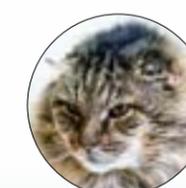
Leah Wilberding
Director of Development



Charles



Chuck



Grizzly Bear



Meatball



Merina



Mowgli



Tasha



Thor

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.



Our Residents are Wishing and Hoping...

Can't adopt a pet right now but want to help homeless animals? In addition to monetary donations, our residents can always use gifts of food, supplies and enriching toys.

On any given day, we have more than 100 animals at our shelter — many with medical conditions or seniors with unique needs. Our wishlist ensures the animals in our care have a more comfortable stay and allows us to provide needed items to vulnerable pets in our community.

To see what we need, please check out our wishlists on Amazon and Chewy. Pssst! Don't forget you can designate **We Care Animal Rescue** to receive a portion of every Amazon purchase you make by naming us as your Amazon Smile beneficiary at smile.amazon.com.



Cat Chatter: Communicating with your Favorite Feline

Our staff are experts at interpreting cat communications. In fact, we joke that some have more fluency in feline than human after this past year.

Have you ever wondered what your cat has been trying to say? Many of the sounds cats make are designed to communicate with the humans in their lives. Wild cats have limited need for vocalizations because they are independent hunters. But, over time, domestic cats have learned that when they talk with us, they get what they want.



Here is a handy guide to the most common cat vocalizations and what they could be trying to tell you:

- Chattering frequently results from the excitement (or frustration) your cat experiences when watching birds or squirrels just out of reach.
- Chirping is reserved for favorite companions — both two and four-legged — and intended to convey a close connection.
- Growling usually indicates feelings of irritation or fright. It is used as the first vocal warning of potential aggression.
- Hissing is the next warning sign to encourage retreat before aggression and claws come out.
- Howling — long, drawn out meows — is often a response to environmental stressors or may indicate a health problem.
- Meowing is an all-purpose sound that can be a greeting, demand, objection, or announcement depending on the cat and context.
- Purring is usually a sign of pleasure and deep contentment with a cat's present company — quite the compliment!
- Trilling is a friendly greeting or invitation to get attention or encourage play.
- Yowling is an indication of pain, distress or unhappiness. Don't ignore this sound. It might mean a trip to the veterinarian is advised.

Adoption Spotlight

Diabetes impacts humans, but did you know it is also quite common among our feline companions? Roughly 1 in 200 cats have diabetes and we currently have four diabetic residents: **Black Bear, Clyde, Slim and Tommy.**

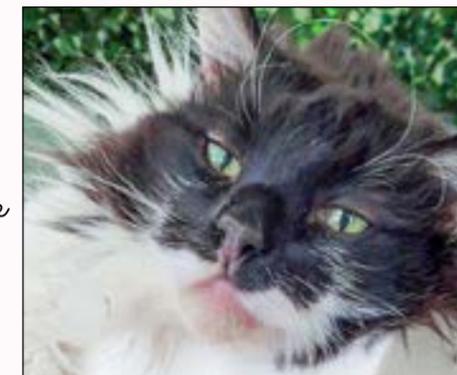
Telling potential adopters that a cat has diabetes often deters them because they expect the disease will be hard to manage. While the reaction is understandable, our staff thinks it can be less daunting to consider adopting a diabetic cat once you understand their needs.

Diabetic cats require daily shots of insulin to support healthy glucose levels, but once their diabetes is managed, these sweet cats have the same "demands" as any other feline — a cozy bed, regular petting and a place to lounge in the sun. Please contact us if you'd like to learn more about fostering or adopting one of our diabetic residents.

Black Bear



Clyde



Slim



Tommy

