



Pawsitive Prints

The latest scoop from C.A.R.E.4Paws

SUMMER 2015



Pawsitive Partners: Thanks to a grant from Santa Barbara City Animal Control, C.A.R.E.4Paws hosted a spay/neuter and vaccine clinic for 26 city dogs and cats at VCA Care Specialty and Emergency Animal Hospital on May 29.

Times of change

Note from the Executive Director

When I cofounded C.A.R.E.4Paws in 2009, I was a volunteer at the county shelter in Santa Barbara.

At that time, we cared for 100-plus dogs on any given day. The shelter was always beyond packed, with multiple dogs sharing kennels. As soon as one dog got adopted, another quickly arrived to take its place.

This is how C.A.R.E.4Paws was born. A few of us longtime volunteers realized that to end shelter overpopulation, you have to work directly in the community, reducing numbers and intervening *before* an animal is abandoned.

We create awareness around what responsible, loving pet care entails, and provide pet owners in need with affordable services, like free spays/neuters, low-cost and free vaccines, animal training, vet assistance and delivery of pet food. We also give pet owners direct access to our programs through the Spay Mobile—the county's only spay/neuter clinic on wheels.

Last year we performed 1,020 spays/neuters on dogs and cats owned by low-income community members. As of June 31, 2015, we've already performed 600 surgeries, and 245 of those surgeries were done in the Spay Mobile—a

substantial record as we did 231 mobile clinic surgeries total in 2014.

We've also expanded our mobile services to New Cuyama, where we co-hosted a spay/neuter, vaccination and licensing clinic with County Animal Services in April, altering as many as 38 dogs and cats.

The best news of all? Intake numbers at our three county animal shelters keep dropping each year, which means that we (and the animal groups we collaborate with) are doing our job. You—our amazing donors, grantors, sponsors, volunteers and vet clinic partners—have helped us get there. Thank you!

Our 7th annual Wags n' Whiskers Festival, September 13 at Girsh Park, is another testament to those great partnerships. Turn the page to read about this year's event—the largest adoption festival on the Central Coast.

Thanks for believing in the work we do. Your contributions truly make a difference! We hope you stay with us in the months, and years, to come as exciting things are happening.

Isabelle Gullö-Abitia
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C.A.R.E.4Paws

Thanks to YOUR generous support this year, as of July 31 C.A.R.E.4Paws has already:

- Spayed/neutered 600 dogs and cats countywide—compared to 1,020 total in 2014. **This includes a record 245 surgeries in the Spay Mobile.**
- Co-hosted spay/neuter, vaccination and licensing clinics with Santa Barbara City Animal Control and County Animal Services.
- Provided free and low-cost vaccines and flea medication to hundreds of dogs and cats as part of our community outreach.
- Assisted dozens of low-income and senior pet owners with veterinary care and delivery of pet food.
- Launched a countywide Pawsitive Thinking Youth Contest that promotes kindness to all living beings.
- Pulled off a successful Pups & Purrs FUNdraiser with Old Yeller Ranch Rescue at Fess Parker Winery.
- Joined the County's Animal Anti-Cruelty Task Force.



C.A.R.E.4Paws needs your help more than ever to keep reducing pet overpopulation and prevent animals from ending up in shelters.



C.A.R.E.4Paws Gears Up for the 2015 Wags n' Whiskers Festival!

On September 13, C.A.R.E.4Paws hosts its 7th annual Wags n' Whiskers Festival at Girsh Park in Goleta. Our event—the largest adoption festival on the Central Coast—features 100-plus adoptable dogs, cats and bunnies from animal shelters and rescue groups in Santa Barbara County and showcases dozens of local pet service providers and animal welfare groups.

Our event goes from 11am to 4pm, with a low-cost vaccine clinic for dogs with Project PetSafe from 9am to 1pm. Beyond the amazing, adoptable pets you'll meet that day, you can also

enjoy a ton of fun activities, including awesome performances by agility, Flyball, Frisbee and police dogs; clicker training for bunnies; and cat and dog training. Also—for the first time at the festival—meet Little Star, the cutest mini therapy horse alive, and some of the majestic wolf hybrids from WHAR Wolf Rescue in Paso Robles.

Last year's Wags n' Whiskers drew a record number of visitors and inspired close to 40 cat and dog adoptions from local rescues and shelters. We aim to beat the adoption record again this year—while bringing more visitors than ever before to our event. Come support the festival, and maybe bring home a new and very deserving four-legged family member.

BE PAWSITIVE

New this year, our **Pawsitive Thinking Youth Project** invites school classes K-12 to collaborate and submit an art piece or poem on the concept of "kindness to all living beings" to C.A.R.E.4Paws by August 25. Finalists will receive prizes and diplomas on stage at Wags n' Whiskers. Plus, all submitted projects will be displayed in our festival's Pawsitive Thinking Youth Booth, where children learn about animals and how to provide loving, responsible care for a pet.

To participate in the contest, contact C.A.R.E.4Paws ASAP at info@care4paws.org or 805.968.2273. (Only one project per classroom, please.)

JOIN THE WAGS N' WHISKERS TEAM!



SIGN UP TO BE A SPONSOR & VENDOR AT

Wags n' Whiskers Festival - 2015

Reach more than a thousand animal lovers from Ventura to San Luis Obispo by sponsoring or exhibiting (or both!) at our Wags n' Whiskers Festival. Now in its seventh year, our event consistently earns excellent media coverage, plus extensive advertisement in print and social media, on TV, through our flyer, and in our newsletters.

Multiple sponsorship levels available. For more information about how to participate, email info@care4paws.org or call 805.968.CARE (2273).

Event details at care4paws.org/wagsnwhiskers.html

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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR "PAWTY" OF THE YEAR!

On Saturday, June 6, C.A.R.E.4Paws and Old Yeller Ranch Rescue co-hosted the 2nd annual **Pups & Purrs FUNdraiser** at Fess Parker Winery. The event included wine from Fess Parker Winery, food from New West Special Occasion Catering, music with The Molly Ringwald Project and great silent and live auction packages. Guests to our VIP Lounge enjoyed private wine tasting with Eli Parker and head winemaker Blair Fox along with special hors d'oeuvres and reserved live auction seating.

Our "pawty" brought in \$50,000 for C.A.R.E.4Paws and Old Yeller Ranch Rescue—a tremendous help as we work to reduce pet overpopulation, save lives and keep animals out of shelters.

We thank all of our sponsors, donors, guests and volunteers, with a special thank you to Eli Parker and Ashley Snider Parker of Fess Parker Winery. Save the date for the third annual Pups & Purrs on June 10, 2016.

See photos at care4paws.org and event videos at [youtube.com/user/care4paws](https://www.youtube.com/user/care4paws).



Want to help animals in need in our community? Become a C.A.R.E.4Paws Partner



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Every year, C.A.R.E.4Paws helps thousands of pets and pet owners in need in Santa Barbara County, fighting pet overpopulation and ensuring animals don't end up homeless.

We could not do our work without YOU, our supporters. **Thank you!**



C.A.R.E.4Paws is on a roll! And literally so in our Spay Mobile, with a record 245 spays/neuters performed in our mobile clinic in 2015, and 600 dogs and cats altered total (countywide) as of July 31. We're headed for another surgery record this year. Your donations keep us rolling! ➔



Our 7th annual Wags n' Whiskers Festival is coming up on September 13. Read all about the event here, including our awesome sponsors and fun activities that involve not just dogs, cats and bunnies, but a mini therapy horse, majestic wolves and a Pawsitive Thinking contest for kids. ➔



We work to prevent needless suffering and keep pets in their homes. Beloved family pup, "Luke" Fabela, is one of many animals that got a second chance thanks to C.A.R.E.4Paws' vet assistance program and the support from our donors and grantors. Your contributions help save lives! ➔

Help us make a difference for animals in need in this community and beyond!

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