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Letter from Executive Director and CoFounder Isabelle Gullö

WE'VE HAD ONE OUR MOST PAWSITIVE YEARS EVER. WILL YOU HELP US CONTINUE OUR IMPORTANT WORK?

In 2018, C.A.R.E.4Paws has helped a record number of animals and pet owners in need with veterinary care, free spays/neuters, low-cost vaccine clinics and humane education. We will alter at least 1,200 dogs and cats this year, 1,000 of them in our mobile clinic, and help 650 or more pets with medical assistance. Our Paws Up For Pets program keeps growing, working with youth in our county's most underserved communities.

On October 13, we hosted our most successful Wags n' Whiskers Festival to date at Santa Barbara City College. Our 10th annual event featured tons of fun activities and more festival-goers and exhibitors than ever before. Local shelters and rescue groups adopted out more than 30 animals. A huge thank you to the sponsors, volunteers and everyone who helped make the festival happen! Find fabulous photos and sponsor profiles at care4paws.org/wagsnwhiskers.

We want to ensure we can continue our work in 2019 and beyond. This is why several of our long-time supporters have pledged together a \$25,000 matching challenge. Contributions will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000 if made by December 31. Your tax-deductible, year-end gift will double and enable us to help twice as many animals with critical care.

We hope we can count on your support as we work to prevent suffering, reduce shelter intake numbers and keep pets with their families for life.

To donate, please go to care4paws.org/donate, mail a check to 8250 Santa Rosa Road, Buellton, CA 93427, or call 805.968.CARE.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all that you do. We can stay pawssitive because YOU care!

With much love and gratitude,

PS: Save the date for C.A.R.E.4Paws' 10-year anniversary bash at Elings Park in Santa Barbara on May 5. More details to come!



JOIN OUR MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE!

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DOUBLE YOUR GIFT TODAY!
Donate at care4paws.org

C.A.R.E.4Paws in the Community: Making a Pawsitive Difference



OUR PROGRAMS KEEP PETS HEALTHY AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES FOR LIFE, WHILE LOWERING SHELTER INTAKE NUMBERS

As we send this newsletter, C.A.R.E.4Paws has spayed/neutered 1,100 dogs and cats owned by low-income, senior and homeless pet owners—for free. As many as 900 of these surgeries were performed in our new mobile clinic, which we run three to four days per week, countywide. We've assisted 600 animals in need with critical veterinary care, for free or at very low cost, using our mobile clinic and vet clinic partners. Our goal for 2018 was to help 350-400 pets with vet care, but the need is so great that we had to expand our program even more to prevent suffering and ensure pets stay healthy. Also, our weekly vaccine clinics have provided shots, microchips, flea treatment and more to 2,500 animals.

We cannot do our work without YOU. We hope you'll consider a year-end donation that will enable us to continue our mission. Thanks to our matching gift challenge, every donation made up to \$25,000 will double!

A very special thanks to our amazing grantors and sponsors, including Santa Barbara Humane Society, Chrissie's Fund, Santa Barbara Foundation, Mary H. Storer Foundation, Animal Charitable Foundation, PetSmart Charities, Banfield Foundation, May & Bill Allison Foundation, Roy & Ida Eagle Foundation, Wood-Claeysens Foundation, Dr. Hildegard H. Balin Charitable Trust, Grey Muzzle Organization, Petco Foundation, Avalan Wealth Management, Who's Walking Who Pet Sitting & Dog Walking Services, Advanced Veterinary Specialists, and Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner & Morrisset. Another heartfelt thanks to our veterinary clinic partners!



Volunteer Sally Bulles with youth at YMCA's La Honda afterschool site in Lompoc.

PAWS UP FOR PETS INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH AND ANIMALS

This year, we've worked with several hundred children and introduced Paws Up For Pets at more afterschool programs, including Girls Inc. in Carpinteria, YMCA's La Canada site in Lompoc and the new United Boys & Girls Club (UBGC) in Buellton. Youth learn how to be loving, accountable pet caretakers, the importance of kindness for all living beings and to stand up against abuse and bullying. Michael Baker, UBGC's Chief Executive Officer, says he's thrilled to work with Paws Up For Pets. "This program teaches our members the valuable life-lesson of empathy through their interaction with animals."

OUR MOBILE CLINIC HELPS SENIORS & THEIR PETS IN SANTA MARIA

In November, we brought the mobile clinic to Orcutt's Oasis Senior Center and Rancho Gardens Senior Community in Santa Maria. The team helped close to 30 animals with exams, vaccines, nail trims, dentals and more. In fact, the need at Rancho Gardens was so great a that we scheduled a second visit to perform more procedures. **Here, most residents struggle to provide even the basics for their dogs and cats, including food**, so our work was very much appreciated. We will continue visiting similar facilities to assist seniors in 2019.



Dr. Jim Speir (above in blue) with pet owners at Rancho Gardens senior housing facility.



PERSIA IS BACK TO FEELING PURRFECT!

Hali Grubaums contacted us when her cat, Persia, was extremely lethargic and running a high fever. We helped pay for Persia's emergency vet visit and Hali could not be more grateful. "Adopting and adoring our animals always comes at a cost," she says. "Paying for them is also a concern of mine. **If not for C.A.R.E.4Paws' help, this little cat, my family, would surely have suffered much longer.** She's fully recovered now and our dog is thrilled to have her wrestling buddy back. Thank you from the heart!"

CURLY HURT HIS PAW AND NEEDED URGENT CARE

Life for Gene Rooney and nine-year-old pup Curly has not been easy lately. They sadly lost their home in a fire a month ago and are right now living in their car until they can find housing. So when Curly hurt his paw and it kept swelling up, Gene was besides himself, wondering how to afford the cost of a vet visit. We sent Curly to AVS, where he was treated immediately. **"I cannot express enough how much I appreciate C.A.R.E.4Paws taking care of my baby Curly," says Gene. "He has helped me so much, keeping me sane throughout all that's happening."**



RUCCA SURVIVED A LIFE-THREATENING INFECTION

Sweet Rucca is deeply loved by her owners, the Galassi family. Like so many, the Galassis struggle with the cost of vet care and when Rucca needed emergency surgery for a life-threatening infection, Nicole Galassi contacted us in tears, fearing she would lose her dog as she could not afford the \$2,000 she was quoted by one clinic. Recently unemployed, she could not pay anything close to it. We told Nicole we would assist. "Boy, did these people help!" says Nicole. "Not only did Rucca have an appointment elsewhere the following day, but C.A.R.E.4Paws helped with the bill. **Without C.A.R.E.4Paws and Orcutt Veterinary Hospital, we would have lost our little Rucca.** She is my kids' best friend and now she lives a healthy life. We will forever be in debt to this organization!"