



# PAWSITIVE PRINTS

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

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Letter from Executive Director and CoFounder Isabelle Gullö

## A DECADE OF SERVING THOSE IN NEED AND ENDLESS FUTURE PAWSABILITIES

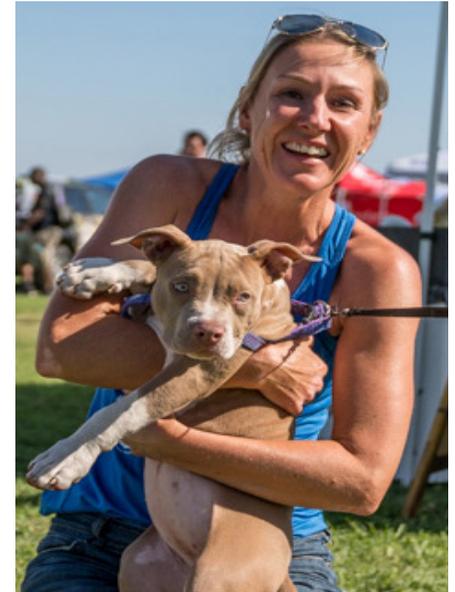
C.A.R.E.4Paws turns 10 this year, and the reasons to celebrate abound! Since 2009, we've helped improve animal welfare and reduce shelter intake numbers in Santa Barbara County dramatically by assisting low-income, senior, disabled and homeless pet owners with critical wellness services, most of them offered in our own mobile veterinary clinic. We have:

- Performed 11,000 free spays/neuters, including 1,300 surgeries this year, preventing countless unwanted animals from ending up in shelters.
- Provided free and low-cost veterinary care for at least 3,000 dogs and cats—1,000 of them in 2019 alone, which is a 1,000% increase from 2017!
- Hosted Pet Wellness Clinics for thousands of animals annually, offering vaccines, microchips, flea treatment and other essential care at low cost.
- Worked with 3,000-plus local youth through Paws Up For Pets.
- Increased our help to homeless community members with free mobile clinic services and pet-food stations at homeless shelters countywide.
- Introduced regular mobile Pet Wellness Clinics at senior centers and low-income housing facilities, where so many pet owners live in poverty.
- Expanded collaborations to include dozens of human welfare agencies, in addition to our longtime animal shelter and rescue partners.
- Launched a community outreach consulting project and a pet emergency training program for first responders.

Read more about our program successes here as well as this year's Wags n' Whiskers Festival and Happy Tails 10-Year Anniversary Celebration.

We truly appreciate our kind and generous donors, grantors, sponsors, pet-service providers and volunteers, who have made our services possible since 2009. You have helped change this community for the better and for this we're forever grateful.

Thank you SO much. When we work together, the pawsabilities are endless!



### YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Our critical wellness services keep pets happy, healthy and with their families for life. Will you help us continue our important work with a year-end, tax-deductible gift?

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[care4paws.org/help](https://care4paws.org/help)

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## MOBILE COMMUNITY MEDICINE & SPAY/NEUTER OUTREACH

This year, because of the significant increase in the number of mobile services we provide, and especially the demand for affordable veterinary care, we have combined our spay/neuter, veterinary intervention, vaccine clinic and community outreach programs into one larger program: Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach.

In 2019, we are on track to spay/neuter between 1,300 and 1,400 dogs and cats for free, assist more than 1,000 pets with free and low-cost veterinary care—up from 725 in 2018 and 100 in 2017!—and host 150-plus vaccine clinics and other community outreach events. All in all, we will help at least 7,000 pet owners countywide with our services this year.

Our mobile clinic is a critical component of our mission, allowing us to travel directly to our target demographic—low-income, senior, disabled and homeless pet owners in our county's most underserved communities—offering services that keep pets happy, healthy and with their families for life. We now run our clinic three to four days per week to meet the growing demand.

We hope you'll continue to support our work, as it's improving animal welfare and lowering shelter intake numbers in a tremendous way!



### HELP US GO THE EXTRA MILE!

To learn more and to contribute to our mobile clinic, visit [care4paws.org](http://care4paws.org).

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### WE GOT OUR FRIENDS ROLLING!

Sometimes, lending a helping hand means offering medical services, pet supplies AND transportation! C.A.R.E.4Paws' board of directors pooled money to buy a bike and wagon for our longtime friend and volunteer Tim and his pup Little Bit. Little Bit also recently had mammary gland surgery, a spay and a dental in the mobile clinic. Leo was stuck in Santa Maria with dogs Yoda and Roscoe after his bike and wagon fell apart so we ordered a new wagon and the bike parts he needed. Meanwhile, we treated Yoda for his severe skin issues and removed a piece of plastic that was stuck in his teeth. Plus, both pups received pet food and several months' worth of flea medicine.



Left: Leo with pups Yoda and Roscoe in their new wagon.  
Top: Tim and Little Bit showing off their new ride.



### SWEETIE IS SWEETER THAN EVER AFTER HER DENTAL

This spring, cute nine-year-old chihuahua, Sweetie, needed a dental very badly. Her owners, Julie Russell and Susie Hathaway from Carpinteria, asked C.A.R.E.4Paws for help as they could not afford the vet fees. "Sweetie is so happy and you can tell she feels better after getting those infected teeth out," says Julie. "She has a lot more energy and a great appetite. She is enjoying each day and we enjoy and love her so much. Susie and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do for the dogs and cats in our community and for all you did for Sweetie."

### GRASSHOPPER RECEIVES LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT

After Sandra Williams suffered a stroke, her doctor realized that Sandra's beloved cat, Grasshopper, helped stabilize her blood pressure. Grasshopper, who's 15, is now her service cat and greatest support. "I am 75 and severely disabled with no family or best friends left but Grasshopper," says Sandra. "He's my life and my reason to get up each morning." Grasshopper recently got sick himself and Sandra spent her last funds at the vet, where he was diagnosed with diabetes, among other illnesses. With the right treatment, Grasshopper is a happy kitty, so C.A.R.E.4Paws, through our partners at Animal Medical Clinic, has ensured he gets the medicine he needs.



### WE SAVED BOO BOO'S BADLY INJURED LEG

Robert Takason and his sweet pup Boo Boo live in Santa Maria and are the best of buddies. When Boo Boo's leg got severely hurt, Robert was told she was going to need an amputation. He was heartbroken and panicked as he could not afford to pay for the surgery or any kind of treatment. A friend brought Robert and Boo Boo to the mobile clinic to be looked at and possibly have her leg removed, but our team decided she could heal without losing her leg and provided the critical medical treatment she needed. A month later, Boo Boo is doing really well!

## PET EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS

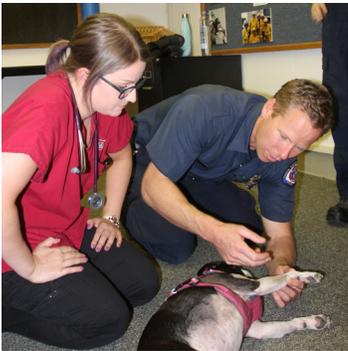
We're excited to have launched Pet Emergency Training (P.E.T.) for First Responders, alongside Dr. Andrea Wells and her team from Advanced Veterinary Specialists (AVS) and dog trainer Brian Glen. Our countywide program shows first responders how to safely handle and care for pets in an emergency situation, covering most aspects of emergency pet care along with dog training tools to ensure first responders stay safe. Participants also learn about C.A.R.E.4Paws' many programs and services so they can share this information with pet owners in need.

Since October 21, we have provided five P.E.T. workshops for firefighters from Santa Barbara City and Montecito Fire Departments. Our two-hour workshops include hands-on medical training from AVS in pet CPR, treatment of wounds, burns, smoke inhalation, and broken limbs and how to care for overheated animals. Brian Glen provides dog behavior tips and tools based on situations that first responders encounter in the field.

"We always want to do everything possible for all pets to give them the most favorable outcome," says Dr. Wells. "Immediate care and stabilization can be key to a successful recovery from injury. We are honored to work with our first responders to provide care for pets in need of urgent attention."

Adds Battalion Chief Chris Mailes, "In my 27-year career as a firefighter, I've never had the opportunity to receive training in how to care for animals. In the past I've adopted what I learned in 'human EMS' training and, frankly, just hoped for the best. This training allowed our firefighters to concentrate on all aspects of animal emergency care, from splinting of fractures to handling severe injuries and illnesses. Our firefighters feel more confident after receiving this comprehensive training."

Find more program details, lots of photos and press coverage links at [care4paws.org/pet](https://care4paws.org/pet).



"Animals are a big part of all of our lives and it's very gratifying to help those that often can't help themselves."  
– Battalion Chief Chris Mailes



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### OUR FIRST PET FOOD & DONATION DRIVE

This summer, C.A.R.E.4Paws hosted a countywide Pet Food & Donation Drive in partnership with several local businesses to assist pet owners in need in our community. Our donation drive partners included Zoom, FastSpring, Wyatt Technology, Impact, HUB International Insurance, CJ Affiliates, Montecito Pet Shop, La Cumbre Feed, Atlas Rehabilitation for Canines, Advanced Veterinary Specialists (AVS), Buellton Veterinary Clinic, Orcutt Veterinary Hospital and Inklings Printing Company. We asked for contributions of pet food, cat litter, pet jackets and fleece blankets as well as monetary donations to support our Companion Pet Assistance program, and these amazing businesses helped bring in large amounts of food and supplies. We are so grateful for their support! More details and lots of photos at [care4paws.org/donationdrive](https://care4paws.org/donationdrive).



### COMMUNITY OUTREACH CONSULTING

C.A.R.E.4Paws' community outreach program and affordable, accessible mobile services have made a huge impact on shelter intake numbers and animal welfare in Santa Barbara County. We met with the awesome team at the Humane Society of Ventura County to share our methods and to start collaborating on community outreach in Ventura County neighborhoods in need. So many pawstive things are going to happen for our two counties going forward. Stay tuned for more details!

### HELP FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

In January 2020, C.A.R.E.4Paws will launch a program to help victims of domestic violence in collaboration with Domestic Violence Solutions, Advanced Veterinary Specialists (AVS), Animal Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP), Dog Adoption Welfare Group (DAWG) and Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society.

Our goal is to provide temporary refuge for pets so that their owners can leave abusive partners without fearing for their animals' safety. Most domestic violence shelters are not able to accept pets unless they are service animals, which means that many abuse victims stay with their partners out of fear that their animals will get hurt, or worse, if they leave. In our program, pets will be cared for until they can be reunited with their owners. Want to contribute to this much needed program, which will reduce suffering and save lives? Visit [care4paws.org/dva](https://care4paws.org/dva) for more details.



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## A RECORD-BREAKING 11TH WAGS N' WHISKERS FESTIVAL

Our 11th annual Wags n' Whiskers Festival at Santa Barbara City College on Saturday, October 12, broke all kinds of records. Our event featured more than 25 animals groups, including 20 shelters and rescue groups with adoptable dogs, cats, bunnies and birds. We also had more business vendors participating than ever before and attracted 1,700 festival-goers. Best of all, 45 animals found forever homes—up from 35 last year!

The festival featured fun activities all day, like our celebrated Best in Show contest (hosted by Arthur Von Wiesenberger), dog agility with Santa Barbara Flyers, and a demonstration by the K-9 unit from Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department. Event participants could also interact with these awesome dogs at the Sheriff's Department's booth. Our Paws Up For Pets Youth Center was a big hit with face painting and cute animals from Farm to You Mobile Petting Zoo. Plus, festival-goers could have their portraits taken in the Pawparrazi Photo Booth and receive dog, cat and bunny training tips.

Since our first Wags n' Whiskers in 2009, the event has become the largest pet adoption and animal festival on the Central Coast. Not only does Wags n' Whiskers promote pet adoption and highlight the wonderful animal groups and local businesses that help homeless animals, but it provides networking opportunities and raises awareness for C.A.R.E.4Paws' critical work to ensure animals don't end up homeless in the first place.

For more festival details, sponsor information and lots of great photos, visit [care4paws.org/wagsnwhiskers](http://care4paws.org/wagsnwhiskers).



Festival photos by Wendy Domanski of WinkFace Photography, [winkfacephotos.com](http://winkfacephotos.com).

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### **HAPPY TAILS: CELEBRATING A DECADE OF CARING FOR PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE**

On Sunday, May 5, we hosted our Happy Tails 10-Year Anniversary Celebration at beautiful Elings Park in Santa Barbara, commemorating our significant milestone and all that we've accomplished since 2009—so much of it thanks to YOU, our supporters!

We celebrated in style with great local wine, beer from Rincon Brewery, tasty "meowgaritas" and delicious food from the pros at New West Catering.

We also shared "Happy Tails" about our work over the past decade and invited some of the pet owners and animals we've helped to come tell their stories.

The Bark Bus mobile doggie daycare unleashed the fun with rides up and down the hill to the event site.

It was wonderful to see so many of our amazing friends come celebrate with us and we're beyond grateful for the funds raised for C.A.R.E.4Paws.

*Happy Tails photos by Debra Deyette*



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## C.A.R.E.4Paws' Donor Spotlight

### A LIFETIME OF CARING FOR PAWS

Our community is home to so many amazing animal advocates—Marilyn Makepeace among them. In addition to being a loyal C.A.R.E.4Paws supporter since 2010, Marilyn has been rescuing and caring for senior dogs for 35 years. “They’re the ones most in need of a home,” says Marilyn, who moved to Santa Barbara from Connecticut in 1980 to attend Brooks Institute of Photography. “Many are abused or abandoned because they’re old. I always thought that was so unfair.”

Rescuing started “by accident” with a sweet golden whose owners wanted to replace her with a vicious guard dog, Marilyn says. “She was only four and they were going to have her put down. I took her in right away. After that a friend rescued a golden hanging on a fence at a local hotel and I took that dog in, too.”

While most of Marilyn’s rescues arrive with health issues that are treatable or manageable, some are immediately put “on hospice.” Right now, with help of her partner Anne, Marilyn cares for four dogs with medical problems, one of them with very special needs. “My oldest, who’s 15 and has been with me for seven years, requires 24/7 care. Anne and I team up on walks, clean-up, giving meds, pharmacy runs, and more,” says Marilyn.

All of Marilyn’s rescues stay for good. “I’m their last stop. Dogs know when they’ve been abandoned and they know when they’re rescued and safe in a new home.”

When it comes to C.A.R.E.4Paws, Marilyn says that she really appreciates our Paws Up For Pets program and how



Marilyn Makepeace and her beautiful goldens, photographed by WinkFace Photography.

it educates youth about how to care for a pet and how to recognize abuse. She also loves C.A.R.E.4Paws’ passion to help animals so they can stay in their loving homes. “Put yourself in the shoes of someone who is homeless, or who might not have resources to care for a pet, or may not know what to do about a pet’s health issue. Imagine how you might feel knowing help is available. C.A.R.E.4Paws fills those gaps.” She adds, “If you have a pet, be thankful you can care for it and share your good fortune by volunteering or donating money or pet supplies to help other pet guardians care for their animals.”



### THANK YOU, AMAZING GRANTORS!

We are beyond grateful to our incredible grantors for their support for our programs and services.

Animal Charitable Foundation of Santa Barbara County, Banfield Foundation, Bess Spiva Timmons Foundation, Chrissie’s Fund, Chumash Foundation, Cloverlane Foundation, Ethel Friends, Glide Foundation, Grey Muzzle Organization, Hexberg Family Foundation, Dr. Hildegard Balin Charitable Trust, Kirby Foundation, La Centra Sumerlin, Mary H. Storer Foundation, Mary Jo & Hank Greenberg Animal Welfare Foundation, May & Bill Allison Foundation, Montecito Bank & Trust, Petco Foundation, PetSmart Charities, Roy & Ida Eagle Foundation, Santa Barbara City Animal Control, Santa Barbara County Animal Services, Santa Barbara Foundation, Santa Barbara Humane Society, Solvang Rotary Foundation, Rotary Club of Santa Barbara Sunrise, Thomson Foundation, Volentine Family Foundation, Wendy P. McCaw Foundation, Whittier Trust, Williams-Corbett Foundation, and Wood-Claeyssens Foundation.

## C.A.R.E.4Paws Fundraising

### **YOUR PLANNED GIFT CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE FOR ANIMALS AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM**

One great way to support C.A.R.E.4Paws is through “planned giving.” Most commonly, this type of gift is made by naming C.A.R.E.4Paws as a beneficiary of your Will or Trust, a life insurance policy, bank account, pension or retirement plan.

It's easy to do and your pledge can be structured in many different ways, such as by indicating a certain dollar amount or percentage of your estate, or by identifying a specific asset that will go to C.A.R.E.4Paws at your passing. Once you have chosen the method of your bequest, all you have to do is include the below legal language:

**“I hereby donate (X dollar amount, X percent, or the entire residue of an estate) to C.A.R.E.4Paws, Inc., a California Nonprofit Corporation, P.O. Box 60524, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. EIN: 27-0207473; date of incorporation: May 6, 2009.”**

If you choose our charity to be the beneficiary of your IRA, keep in mind that if you are taking Required Minimum Distributions and you don't need those funds, you can have those distributions donated directly to C.A.R.E.4Paws and possibly save on your income taxes.

There are additional types of gifts that can help C.A.R.E.4Paws. We encourage you to discuss planned giving with your estate-planning attorney or financial planner. If you're not already working with someone, please reach out to me anytime to discuss what type of gift is best suited for your situation.



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### **MEANINGFUL WAYS TO GIVE**

- **Monthly Donations**

One of the greatest ways your can support us is by becoming a monthly contributor. Simply go to **care4paws.org/help** and follow the steps. You can also arrange for automated checks to be sent to C.A.R.E.4Paws at P.O. Box 60524, Santa Barbara, 93160. Any amount makes a pawisitive impact!

- **Facebook Birthday Fundraisers**

In lieu of giving gifts to you, friends and family can donate to us through Facebook. It's very easy to do: Go to [facebook.com/fundraisers](https://facebook.com/fundraisers) and select C.A.R.E.4Paws as your charity. Set your donation goal, add one of the available photos and a pre-created text blurb, and then share your fundraiser on your own Facebook page. Your gift will keep giving!

### **SUPPORT FROM MONTECITO BANK & TRUST**

This spring, C.A.R.E.4Paws was one of 10 nonprofits to receive an Anniversary Grant from Montecito Bank & Trust, including generous funding and a video about our organization, which we use to raise support for our programs. We cannot thank the bank and its associates enough for choosing our organization for this award. We're also truly thankful for the bank's Wags n' Whiskers sponsorship again this year and for the Community Dividends Grant we will receive on November 25!





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