



Chatham Animal Rescue & Education

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9th Annual Woof-a-Palooza Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro Saturday September 18th

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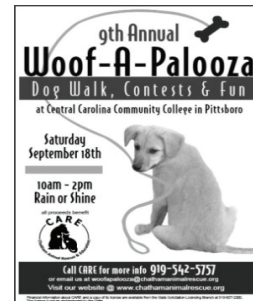
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Mark your calendars and register to walk and wag at the 9th Annual Woof-a-Palooza

dog walk benefiting the cats and dogs of CARE. This furry *fund*raising event will be held on Saturday, September 18th from 10 am to 2 pm on the campus of Central Carolina Community College in Pittsboro, NC. Enjoy the activities, contests, refreshments and shopping. Adoptable dogs from CARE and other rescue groups will be awaiting their forever homes at Woof-a-Palooza as well.

To guarantee this year's *Woof*t-shirt in your desired size, register online or complete and return the entry form enclosed. The early-bird registration fee is \$20 if you register before September 4th. You can register at the walk on the day of the event too, for \$25 – just be sure to bring proof of your dog's rabies vaccination. As usual, top fundraisers at the Woof

walk will receive fabulous prizes donated by several local businesses. A number of sponsorship opportunities for individuals or businesses are available through August 27th—it's a great way to both reach the lucrative community of North Carolina animal lovers and to show off your CARE



spirit. There are four levels of sponsorship available: Platinum Sponsor at \$1,000, Gold Sponsorship at \$500, Silver Sponsorship at \$250, and Bronze Sponsorship at \$150. Vendor booths are also available.

Walk applications, sponsorship, and additional in-fur-mation about CARE are available online. Questions? Contact Karen Sirls at:

woofapalooza@chathamanimalrescue.org

Burrito Bash a Huge Success!!

In partnership with the General Store Café, CARE hosted our 7th annual Burrito Bash & Auctions fundraiser on Tuesday, May 4th. Approximately 200 animal lovers turned out to enjoy the events of the evening. Music was provided by Mr. Ed's Party Entertainment, who spun a range of discs from the 60s to today—prompting several folks to hit the dance floor!

We held our silent auction from 6:00 to 7:15, when folks could barely refrain from trying to outbid the highest bidder—with a selection of art in virtually every medium, gift certificates and gift baskets, and services ranging from pampering people to pampering pooches, everyone who participated went home a winner!

We held two raffles—one with items donated by local artisan Simply Cedar, and one a reverse raffle that folks were automatically entered into when they purchased a handcrafted, recycled glass with the CARE logo, created by Leslie Fesperman.

Before the live auction, Pittsboro Mayor, Randy Voller, raved about the role CARE plays by helping cats and dogs in the community. We were lucky to book the services of Michael Rogers of United Country, Rogers Auctioneers, Inc., our star auctioneer who made the evening lots of fun—as well as a financial success!

Mark your calendar for next year's event – Tuesday, May 3, 2011. You won't want to miss it!

Katie's Reunion

CARE and Adopt-A-Highway

The Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH) was established in 1988 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in response to growing public concern regarding litter along the state's highways. The AAH Program is administered by the NCDOT Office of Beautification Programs, and is a joint effort between community volunteers and the NCDOT. Its purpose is to decrease the amount of litter on North Carolina's roadsides and improve the beauty and quality of the environment.

CARE has adopted a 2-mile stretch of US 64 from SR 1700 Mt. Gilead Church Rd. East. We will be picking up litter four times each year and we'd love your help! Please volunteer for this beautification effort that cleans up our roadways and benefits the animals of CARE. Email jeanette_ragland@hotmail.com for more info.

CARE recently experienced something that has never happened in its more than 35-year history, and many feel it's a miracle. Katie, a Chihuahua/Feist mix, was reunited with her family after disappearing almost seven months ago. The fiancé of the family's son was looking to adopt a dog and was conducting a search on Petfinder.com when she ran across a picture of Katie posted by CARE, under the name of Sasha. Her fiancé took one look at the photo and confirmed her suspicion that this little dog could be his mom's long-lost Katie. Mom, Pam Ard, immediately contacted CARE.

Katie disappeared from the Ard family home on Christmas night 2009. The family searched for Katie around the many acres of farm and forest around their home to no avail. Because Katie was elderly, they thought maybe she had wandered off to die. But the family was haunted by thoughts of what could have happened to the little mix who was so much a part of their family.

In early January, volunteer CARE foster caregiver, Melissa Taylor, was called by Chatham County Animal Shelter's personnel. It was the last



Picture (left to right): Terran Tysor, Melissa Taylor (holding Katie), Pam Ard (holding Missy), Andrew Ard

day the Shelter could hold the Chihuahua mix that had been turned into them as a tray. They knew Melissa had a soft spot for fostering older dogs. Melissa picked up the little dog from the shelter and has fostered Katie in her home ever since. Katie was examined by a vet and estimated to be about 9 years old. Additionally, she had an irregular heartbeat. Potential adopters were interested in Katie, but ultimately the people didn't want to take on the commitment of adopting a dog with health issues. Melissa and her family were prepared to keep Katie in the event she was never adopted.

After receiving Pam's message, Melissa arranged to meet with the Ard family first thing the next morning. It was the moment of truth. Was Sasha indeed Katie? Katie didn't offer a lot of emotion at the reunion, so there were a few minutes of

comparing pictures the Ard's brought, as well as scars and bumps on Katie. The family also had their Katie's littermate, Missy, with them. It didn't take long to determine that Sasha was indeed Katie. And the biggest shocker: Katie is 20 years old! The reunion was emotional to say the least — everyone was in tears. Pam called her son to let him know Katie was found.

The family is thrilled to have Katie back and is extremely appreciative for all CARE, and especially Melissa, did for her. Pam says, "Melissa was truly Katie's Guardian Angel! I have no doubt that Divine Intervention brought Katie back home to us. Katie isn't our pet; she and Missy are our family. A lot of love and joy has been received from those two little four-legged blessings during their twenty years!"

Once they were back home, Katie immediately visited each of her favorite places to sleep and then she and Missy snuggled up in the dog bed together, sniffed, and began licking each other. They were a little slow to recognize one another when first reunited, but it all came back quickly!

CARE had Katie microchipped, as is routine with fosters. The Ard family plans to have all of their pets microchipped and will no longer allow the dogs to go outside unattended.

ATTENTION STATE AND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES: STATE EMPLOYEES COMBINED CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who pledged to CARE during last year's campaign. 100% of your donation goes to help the dogs and cats of Chatham County. Plan to visit our booth at an upcoming charity fair in your area and please remember CARE when you receive your pledge form for your annual gift. Look for CARE in this year's Giving Guide, which will be available to all state employees soon. **CARE's code is 3604.**

Cytauxzoon Felis—a Deadly Disease for Cats

Many people are aware that humans and dogs can contract diseases from ticks, like Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis, and Lyme disease. However, cats are also at risk from a deadly tick-borne disease. *Cytauxzoon felis* is a protozoal parasite that can infect all feline species. It was originally identified in the Midwest in 1976. It was thought to be rare in our area; however, there appear to be pockets of infection here in Chatham county. The parasite enters the bloodstream of a cat while the tick is feeding. It infects various blood cells in the cat, making the cat extremely ill.

Unfortunately, early in the course of this disease, cats may show only vague signs of illness like lethargy (tiredness), decreased appetite, and fever. As the parasites spread in the body, other signs like enlarged liver and spleen, neurologic problems, increased heart rate, clotting problems, difficulty breathing and hemolytic anemia (destruction of red blood cells) can develop. Infected cats often

develop icterus or jaundice (yellow color to the whites of the eyes, gums, and skin). If left untreated, cats rapidly become extremely ill, and die within a week.

Because the disease progresses so rapidly, it is critically important to seek medical attention immediately for your sick cat. If your veterinarian suspects *Cytauxzoonosis*, there are several tests that can help confirm it. Your veterinarian will likely run blood work to look for changes consistent with the disease. To confirm the diagnosis, your veterinarian can look for the organisms either in a blood smear, or from an aspirate from the liver or spleen. Finally, there is a new PCR test available through NCSU, with results available within 24 hours.

Until recently, there was no effective treatment for this disease, and euthanasia was the most humane option to end the infected cat's suffering. Clinicians at NCSU have found a combination of medications that can treat, and in some cases, cure cats of this disease. With these treatments and

intensive supportive care (which can include over a week of oxygen therapy, blood transfusions, IV fluids, and various other medications), they have been able to successfully treat 50-66% of the cats admitted into the study. While this is certainly a step in the right direction, treatment can cost over \$2000.

Because of the severity of disease and expense of treatment (which is not always successful), we strongly recommend that all cats be on safe and effective tick control. Cats are very sensitive to some products used over-the-counter flea and tick products, especially permethrin. Ask your veterinarian for safe and effective options for tick control. Owners may also want to consider keeping cats indoors, at least during the summer when ticks are most prevalent.

*CARE would like to thank Dr. Rachel Davis, DVM with Hill Creek Veterinary Hospital for providing the information on *Cytauxzoon Felis* for our newsletter.*

Call for Potential Board Members!

The CARE Nominating Committee is soliciting your help in developing a candidate slate for positions on the Board, for the term beginning in January 2011. The new Board, to be elected in January at our annual meeting, will have the responsibility of administering CARE fundraising and operational activities. The board meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm.

CARE has a well deserved reputation for volunteerism and we hope that many among our friends, supporters, and neighbors would like to serve on the Board as it builds a stronger CARE organization. If you are interested in serving, or would like to nominate someone for our consideration, please contact:

Jeanette Ragland, jeanette_ragland@hotmail.com or Jenn Nederhoff, jlnederhoff@gmail.com



Yappy Hour was a fundraising event celebrating the Dog Days of Summer hosted by the generous Carolina Brewery & Grill in Pittsboro. This party was a time for owners, their children and their canine kids to mix and mingle (and sniff) new people and their dogs. Despite the heat, a great time was had by all on the third Mondays of the summer months (June 21, July 19, and August 16th) from 5:00 until 7:00.

A \$10.00 donation included a t shirt, a chance at multiple door prizes, and a beverage ticket that could be redeemed for beer, wine, soft drink, or bottled water. Admittance for pooches was free and two legged kids could eat free too (with a paying adult). A special thanks to Robert Poitras and his wonderful staff at the Carolina Brewery.

Adopted CARE dog Vegas (at right) was “dog tired” after June’s Yappy Hour event!





A Not-for-Profit Humane Society

www.chathamanimalrescue.org

Calendar of Events

Please visit our website for more details

8/30/10-9/12/10 - PetSmart Cat Adoption Center, Apex, NC
9/18/10 - Woof-a-Palooza, Pittsboro, NC
 9/25/10 - Dog Days, Holly Springs, NC
 9/27/10-10/10/10 - PetSmart Cat Adoption Center, Apex, NC
 10/30/10 - PetSmart Adoption Event, Apex, NC
 11/1/10-11/14/10 - PetSmart Cat Adoption Center, Apex, NC
 11/7/10 - Mutt Strutt, Raleigh, NC
 11/29/10-12/12/10 - PetSmart Cat Adoption Center, Apex, NC

CARE would like to thank all of our wonderful veterinary partners for their continued support. We would not be able to help as many animals if it were not for you!

Bloat

Thank you to Tammy Starkey with the Natural Pet Health Store

For many dog owners, the word "bloat" alone is frightening. But, to a select number of us, seeing this life threatening condition involving your own dog is completely terrifying. My husband and I began reading up on health issues associated with our breed, the Golden Retriever, after getting our first dog together, almost 13 years ago and soon learned about bloat: symptoms, possible causes, signs to look for and things to do and not to do. So, yes...we have known about bloat for quite a few years and yes, we have always been diligent in making sure we followed the "rules" of bloat:

1. No exercise for at least 1-2 hours before or after eating
2. Two meals per day instead of one large meal
3. No large quantities of water
4. No gulping of food, etc

When we still fed dry, natural foods, we always added a bit of water, canned food, supplements and digestive enzymes and allowed it to sit for a few minutes before feeding. We also have always fed using elevated feeders. There is still controversy surrounding this: to use or not to use elevated feeders. We have been using elevated feeders for almost all of our 13 years with dogs and with Apollo being almost 13 years old and having arthritic problems....we, personally, will continue with the raised feeders. I have found no confirmed studies that show elevated feeding causes bloat, the elevated feeders, like so much of the other do's and don'ts are just suggested possible causes of bloat.

Veterinarians and experts still cannot confirm what causes bloat in dogs. Studies suggest certain breeds are more prone to bloat than others and studies also suggest that certain lifestyles, behavioral issues, as well as heredity could also be a factor. It is my understanding that only more recently has stapling the stomach into place become more common after a bloating episode. It is also somewhat common for a dog to re-bloat again, after the first episode, so if the stomach is stapled into place, there is about a 99% chance the stomach will not be able to twist and cut off critical blood supply to the stomach and other organs.

I have a customer who had a Great Dane who bloated about 5 years ago, they had GDV surgery performed, but they were not offered the stomach stapling and did not know to ask to have it done and though she made a complete recovery, she ended up bloating several months later and they were not fortunate enough this time to save her life.

Because there is still so much unknown about the causes of bloat, everyone needs to be made aware of this painful, life threatening condition. Small breed dogs also may contract bloat, though it is seen more rarely.

Websites/links:

Canine bloat diary: www.dogbreedinfo.com

www.globalspan.net/bloat.htm#prevention

www.ginnie.com/bloat.htm

[Http://www.healthypet.com/petcare/petcarearticle.aspx?Art_key=de67f16c-1126-42bd-bc29-cd91e2b4c26f](http://www.healthypet.com/petcare/petcarearticle.aspx?Art_key=de67f16c-1126-42bd-bc29-cd91e2b4c26f)

[Http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/gastric-volvulus-bloat-dogs-life-threatening-emergency?Page=2](http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/gastric-volvulus-bloat-dogs-life-threatening-emergency?Page=2)

Forewarned is forearmed.

Sincerely,

Tammy Starkey

The Natural Pet Health Store

919-837-0020

**If you would like to receive a copy of any of my newsletters to share or would like to read this newsletter on Bloat (with my dog's bloat story, as well as a friend's story) in it's entirety, just send me an email: goldenhalo72@aol.com

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Register for Woof-a-Palooza today so you don't miss out on the fun!!



Woof Guidelines

- All dogs must wear an identification tag and be on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times.
- All dogs must be current on vaccinations and proof of rabies vaccination is required.
- No aggressive dogs or dogs in heat.
- Walkers must scoop after their dogs.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Lastly, please consider the age of your pet before entering and whether your dog is up for a one-mile walk.

****REMINDER****
 Early registration deadline is September 4, 2010:
 Sign up Today!!

Sign Up Here!

Register early to ensure your preferred T-shirt size!!

Register for Woof-a-Palooza online at www.chathamanimalrescue.org or mail the completed registration form below with registration fee to:

Chatham Animal Rescue & Education
 ATTN: Woof-a-Palooza
 PO Box 610
 Pittsboro, NC 27312

I am participating as a walker
 I am unable to participate, but my gift is enclosed

Other walkers from my family (check if under 16)
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For questions or if you'd like to make a donation, email:

woofapalooza@chathamanimalrescue.org

Registration Fee:
 \$20 each, by Sept 4, 2010 = \$ _____
 \$25 each, day of *Woof*

Walker's Name: _____

Gift Enclosed = \$ _____

Under 16? Yes No

Total Amount: \$ _____

Address: _____

I have enclosed my payment via (circle one)
 Check Credit Card Cash

Email: _____

Card # _____

Phone Number: _____

Name on Card _____

We will only call if we have questions about your registration form

Expiration _____ Verification _____

Signature _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle One) S M L XL XXL OTHER _____

Don't forget to order your 2011 CARE Wall Calendar!!!

I would like to purchase _____ 2011 CARE calendar (s)

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NAME: _____

_____ Please mail my 2011 CARE Calendar (s) to the address listed (\$20 each) for a total of \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

_____ Please reserve my 2011 CARE Calendar (s) that I will pick up at Woof-a-Palooza (\$15 each) for a total of \$ _____

EMAIL: _____

****Also available for purchase with Credit Card Online****

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ for my CARE Calendar (s).