

IMPACT REPORT 2019

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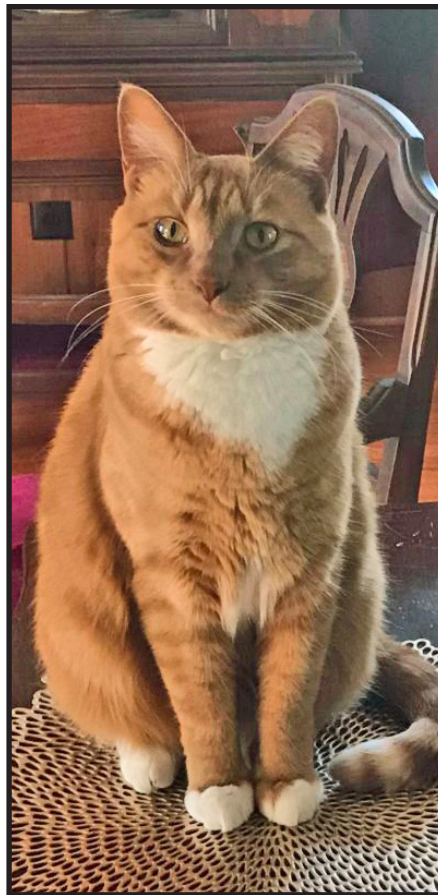
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You Made Life Better

You made life better for young cats, like Olivia, barely more than a kitten herself, she came to Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) from a local shelter with a litter of her own. A loving volunteer fostered Olivia and her babies, until just the right home was found for each.



Olivia's forever home says, "After losing my furry purr-son late last year, I found myself looking at the pets on CARE. Even though I saw many beautiful pictures, I kept going back to Olivia." They met, and it was clear that Olivia was not only beautiful, she was loving and sweet. So, a kitty that needed a forever home and a home that needed a kitty found each other. Olivia's forever friend says, "She has brought that beauty and kindness that I saw on CARE into our home. I thank CARE for saving Olivia and her babies and for allowing me to experience Olivia's love." It was the beginning of a good life together.

You Made Life Easier

You made the end of life easier for dear dogs like Tommy. He was one of those dogs who just seems full of grace. Tommy was fully grown – maybe seven years old; his years had been hard, but his spirit was gentle. When he came to CARE, he had had been on his own for years. Now, he had a large mass on his neck, among other ailments. The mass turned out to be cancerous, and it had spread. It was clear, his days would be short.



It would have been easy to just put him down, but when his foster mom heard the devastating prognosis, she said, "It's ok. He's happy, he's loved, and he is welcome here until he's ready to leave us." Thanks to Dr. Tysor and Tommy's foster family, he received the best medical care. Maybe for the first time in his life, he was clean. He was well fed. He was safe. He was loved.

When he was ready, he crossed the Rainbow Bridge, surrounded by people who cared.



Volunteers

Fosters

Donors

People Who Care

You Make the Difference



PAT — Volunteer

When we lost our 13-year old Belgian Malinois, Bella, we took a break – just as most pet owners do. After a suitable amount of time, my brother-in-law showed us a picture of this beautiful mix breed dog who was available from Chatham Animal Rescue & Education. We met Amy, who is a phenomenal foster mom, and Luna. She was scared and barked at us most of the time. We all sat on the floor and let her get used to us. Amy explained that Luna is great with dogs and cats and is fun and loving. She was just afraid of people – mostly men. We fostered Luna for 2 weeks, and there was no turning back! So, CARE is in our lives forever. We never knew of an organization that just fostered so you could best understand the dogs' or cats' personalities. We have rescued dogs most of our 35 years of marriage, and this was a game changer. When the opportunity came for me to volunteer, I was excited. The love that I have witnessed for cats and dogs is truly inspiring. I want to do the best I can so I can help others experience what I have experienced – since I met this beautiful pup.



JEFF — Volunteer

When I started volunteering with CARE, I realized what an amazing and dedicated group of volunteers comprised the organization. Everyone is truly determined to do their part in promoting the health and welfare of the dogs and cats of Chatham County. I had been reluctant to foster because we already had two dogs and two cats. I knew it would be a lot of work and was concerned that it would be difficult to let a foster dog go.

After being approached about being a dog foster by a wonderful CARE volunteer who has fostered for years, I decided to give it a try. I have found it to be extremely rewarding. I have fostered five dogs so far and have found great homes for each one. I must admit, we ended up adopting the last foster. Through CARE's system of finding potential homes for our fosters, each dog has found a home that has been uniquely suited to them and the adoptive family. Although it is initially difficult to see them go, it is exceptionally gratifying to know that I played a part in finding a great home and family for a deserving dog.



Donors of All Ages

MARY



Although I can never fully express my gratitude to CARE for taking a chance on Jozy and keeping her in a foster home until we could find each other, I am happy to make CARE the recipient of yearly charitable giving. I have included CARE in my Will and have asked that my obituary suggest donations to CARE in lieu of flowers.

I hope you will consider joining me in supporting the amazing people and wonderful work of CARE, an organization that embodies the truth of one of

my favorite sayings, words that capture so well what Jozy and I have experienced—
“Rescuing one cat will not change the world, but for that one cat, the world will change forever”

NOVELLE



Novelle’s mom, Heather said, “Novelle’s love language is giving. It gives her such joy to give to others.

So, for her eighth birthday, Novelle planned a Puppy Party. Her guests were invited to bring food, toys, bedding, even cash to help cats and dogs in need in Chatham County.

Novelle and her family had adopted Gus, one curly haired pup, who like Novelle, was born to share love. Novelle knew the joy Gus had given her. She wanted others to have the same experience – other families and other animals.

Novelle’s friends were happy to help.

They brought beds. They brought food. They brought toys. They brought litter. They brought cash. They brought comfort to cats and dogs in need.

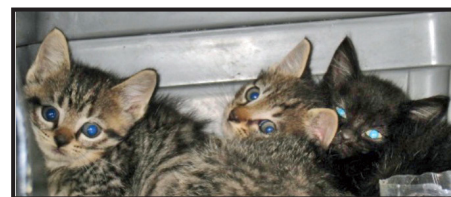
And they showed those of us, who have had many more birthdays, the joy of giving.

Our Community

COMMUNITY CATS

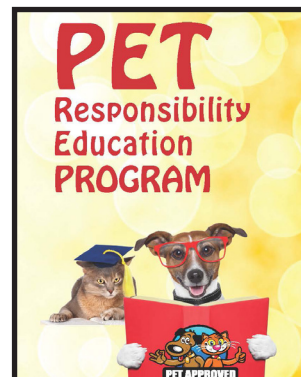
ONE STORY – TWO HAPPY ENDINGS

When three kittens were born outside a local business to an unowned community cat, the business asked CARE to help. CARE fosters cared for the kittens and found all three loving forever homes. Mom was trapped, but she was only comfortable as a community cat. So, she was neutered and released back into her colony. Her whole colony is given food and fresh water twice every week, and all have been spayed and neutered.



PET RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

CARE volunteers work with local fourth grade students and others through the Pet Responsibility Education Program. Here's just one quote from their essays: "Adopt from a shelter. Then spay and neuter your pets. Then overpopulation won't be a problem anymore." Out of the mouths of babes!



ELIZABETH – Educator & Donor

When I organized a camp for 1st - 3rd graders and 4th - 6th graders, called "Animal Advocacy", I wanted to partner with an animal rescue organization so I could donate the proceeds from the camp directly to them. Among the many rescue organizations, CARE responded the most enthusiastically in wanting to participate in bringing animal welfare education to kids. I felt a genuine care and selfless passion in their efforts to help abandoned and abused dogs and cats that came their way. I heard personal stories, saw the photos and met the animals they helped. The CARE volunteer with whom I corresponded helped me connect with some of the guest speakers (medical alert dog and her handler and a service dog/handler) for the camp. She even came to give lessons to our campers on animal population control. **The camp was both educational and fun.** Lots of speakers came with their dogs and cats. Along with games and crafts, kids learned ways to identify and help animals in need. **The camp was a success!** Proceeds from the camp went into much needed resources to help rescue and take care of the dogs and cats that depend on us, love us, and provide enormous benefits, but are often neglected and abused. I am grateful for the CARE organization. I can see that the warmth of the people in the organization translates into care that our four-legged friends so desperately need. They truly live up to their name— CARE.

Our Numbers

2019

in review



Our Goal:

Increase the Number of Animals Helped by 25%

Cats

Cats in Foster Care	111	+41%
Foster Cats Adopted	79	+61%
Community Cats Helped	166	+36%
Cat Adoption Days	177	0% change
Shelter Cats Adopted through PetSmart	26	+13%
Total Cats Helped	303	+33%

Dogs

Dogs in Foster Care	94	+24%
Foster Dogs Adopted	68	+18%
Community Dogs Helped	13	+76%
Dog Adoption Days	34	+42%
Total Dogs Helped	107	+35%

All Cats & Dogs

Microchipped Animals	581	+340%
Lillie's Fund Vouchers Issued	316	+5%
Pet Responsibility Education Program (PREP)	113 Education Hours	
Volunteers responded to several thousand voice mail and email inquiries!		
Total Animals Helped Exceeds Goal!	+55%	

Income

Contributed Income	\$ 93,291
Earned Revenue	\$ 26,335
Other income	\$ 78,897
Total income	\$198,523

Expenses

Administrative and salaries	\$ 15,079
Animal care and services	\$179,577
Total expenses	\$194,656

About Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE)

The mission of Chatham Animal Rescue & Education (CARE) is to promote the health and safety of all dogs and cats in Chatham County, NC. CARE foster caregivers provide loving, stable homes to homeless cats and dogs, helping them become the best possible pets for their future forever families. CARE works with the Chatham County Animal Shelter to save the lives of unwanted cats and dogs, manages feral cat colonies, and serves as an educational resource. CARE's Lillie's Fund is a targeted spay/neuter program, subsidizing sterilization surgeries for pets owned by lower income families in Chatham County. CARE is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that has served the community since 1975 and relies on individual and corporate donors for support.

As a volunteer-based organization, we are completely reliant on the dedication of our wonderful volunteers to support our mission.

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