



# PAWSITIVE PRINTS

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

A YEAR IN REVIEW  
**2021**

Letter from Executive Director and Cofounder Isabelle Gullö

## WITH YOUR HELP, WE KEEP PET FAMILIES HEALTHY AND TOGETHER!

It's hard to believe that it's been 20 months since the start of COVID-19. The pandemic has changed life dramatically for so many community members, and it has certainly changed things for C.A.R.E.4Paws. While we have been growing substantially every year since our founding in 2009, the level of support we provide to the community now cannot be compared to prepandemic times.

We have tripled the number of pet families we help annually through our Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach, Companion Pet Assistance and Safe Haven programs from 7,000 to more than 20,000!

Here are a few of many pawsitive updates:

- This year, our hard-working mobile clinic team is on track to spay/neuter and provide medical care to 4,000 dogs and cats.
- We will host 215 vaccine clinics, providing shots and other wellness services that prevent disease. Our free or \$10 microchips ensure that more lost pets return home.
- We often operate both mobile units during events to meet the demand for appointments. AND, in 2022, we will buy a new, larger mobile unit to assist even more pets. Let us know if you wish to help fund our new clinic!
- In February 2022, we will expand our clinic service area to include south San Luis Obispo (SLO), collaborating with two great SLO nonprofits.
- Our Companion Pet Assistance team continues to distribute several tons of pet food weekly. On December 4, we host a big Donation Drive-Thru & Home for the Holidays Adoption Festival to support these efforts.
- Also, through Safe Haven, we still help dozens of pets of domestic violence survivors annually by providing temporary foster care or boarding.

Read all about C.A.R.E.4Paws' services, achievements and generous contributors here. Without our donors, grantors, sponsors and volunteers, we could not do this work and help thousands of pet families in need annually.

Thank you for making an impact in our community!



## A SAFETY NET FOR OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!

Your tax-deductible gifts go a long way to prevent suffering, save lives and ensure pets stay healthy and in their homes. Thank you for your support!

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## CRITICAL WORK THAT IMPROVES ANIMAL WELFARE AND CURBS PET OVERPOPULATION



Throughout the pandemic, C.A.R.E.4Paws has continued to work directly in the community, stepping up our efforts significantly to meet the growing demand for help. Compared to 2019, we now perform 50% more clinic procedures through our Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach program, jumping from 10,000 procedures prepandemic to 15,000 services in 2020 and 2021.

This year, our clinic team will alter 2,100 pets, up from 1,400 spays/neuters in 2019. We're on track to provide medical care for up to 2,000 dogs and cats, an increase from 1,171 pets in 2019, and we will host 215 clinic days, compared to 140 clinics in 2019. We frequently operate both mobile units during events to accommodate the overwhelming need for our services. In fact, right now **we're fundraising to buy a third, larger mobile unit so we can host additional clinic days and assist more pets in need in 2022 and beyond.** To get involved, please contact [isabelle@care4paws.org](mailto:isabelle@care4paws.org).

On February 20, 2022, we will expand to host spay/neuter and vaccine clinics in San Luis Obispo County (SLO) with SLO's Animals in Need Fund and Animal Shelter Adoption Partners (ASAP). Stay tuned for updates!



To help keep us rolling, go to [care4paws.org/clinicservices](https://care4paws.org/clinicservices)

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So many  
happy tails!



### HELP FOR HERSHEY

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"Throughout the years, Hershey, my 13-year-old chocolate lab-pitbull mix, has gone to C.A.R.E.4Paws for his medical issues. They have helped me tremendously with appointments and pet food. They are so kind and helpful and really care!" ~ Rita Baldarez  
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### DOLLY THE KITTY IS DOING WELL!

Earlier this year, Courtney Vasquez noticed that her kitty, Dolly, was not feeling well. She ate less and less and lost her energy. During the pandemic, the Vasquezes' family business has suffered significantly, but luckily, Courtney discovered C.A.R.E.4Paws' wellness services for families in need. After meeting with our veterinarian, Dr. Tom Thompson, Courtney learned that Dolly has stomatitis, an extremely painful inflammation of the mouth. "Dr. Thompson and staff went out of the box thinking of solutions. For six months, we saw him every two weeks," says Courtney. "And now, Dolly is better than ever. She's playing, eating and has an appetite that just won't quit! Bringing Dolly to the clinic was the best decision I ever made. Because of C.A.R.E.4Paws, she's getting what she needs." We thank PetSmart Charities for contributing to the medical services for Dolly and so many pets in need!



### LOLA LOVES LIFE AGAIN

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Carole Smeathen sent us a sweet note about how we helped her pup Lola with a shot for severe skin allergies. "She was so itchy and miserable she could not even sleep," says Carole. "I appreciate your help so much and so does Lola, who's a rescue and an adorable and happy girl."  
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### CRITICAL CARE FOR SENIOR PUP DUDLEY

"I can't even begin to express how grateful I am for C.A.R.E.4Paws' clinic team, for the program funding from Grey Muzzle Organization and the services provided for my Dudley. This dog means the world to me and is by my side every day. Dudley had multiple large bumps all over his body and I made an appointment for surgery, which I would not have been able to do if it wasn't for the low cost. The fast-growing bump on his leg was thought to be cancer but caught early enough, and most of the bumps on his stomach could be removed. Thank you, Dr. Thompson, Cristy and the clinic team for everything you've done for me and my family, extending Dudley's life, and for what you do for our community and the multiple families and animals you help every week!" ~ Alyson Deleon



## COMPANION PET ASSISTANCE TO THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS ANNUALLY



"If there was a C.A.R.E.4Paws in every city, this world be a much better place. I don't have the money or the credit to take Lui to a vet clinic but this way he gets help. Him being healthy makes my life even better!" ~ Ross, in the photo right with Lui



Our Companion Pet Assistance program assists pet families in need with food and supplies as well as boarding/foster care and dog walking during special circumstances. At the start of the pandemic, this program was completely reorganized to meet the unparalleled demand for pet food. We continue to distribute several tons of food weekly, countywide, compared to two tons of food distributed total in one year pre-pandemic. We provide food during all mobile clinic days and through events with agencies such as the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County and People Helping People. We deliver food to homebound seniors and senior centers and co-operate 10 Pet Resource Centers, where families can pick up pet food and sign up for wellness services.

We still support homeless community members with pet food, supplies and grooming with A's Mobile Grooming on Thursdays at Alameda Park. In 2022, we plan to offer similar weekly events for homeless individuals in north county.

Compared to before the pandemic, C.A.R.E.4Paws has tripled the number of pet families we assist annually with our various services to more than 20,000, and the need for help is not diminishing. We hope you will support our efforts!



To learn more and help pets in need, please visit [care4paws.org/petassistance](https://care4paws.org/petassistance).

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### KUDOS TO OUR KIND PET FOOD COLLABORATORS

Our pet food distribution services are possible not only thanks to our fantastic donors and grantors, but because of so many business and nonprofit partners that help us by hosting food drives and/or housing donation drop-off stations. See our list of partners below. We are also grateful for the many supporters, like Marilyn Makepeace, who donate food via our Amazon Wish List. As we're planning our December 4 Donation Drive-Thru & Home for the Holidays Adoption Festival, our partners are helping us raise resources. We invite more local businesses as well as schools to host donation drives for us! More at [care4paws.org/holidaydrive](https://care4paws.org/holidaydrive).



A heartfelt thanks to Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club, Plaza Deli, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, Montecito Pet Shop, ResQcats, La Cumbre Feed, Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society/DAWG, ASAP, Santa Barbara County Animal Services, CAPA, Advanced Veterinary Specialists, Animal Medical Clinic, Healthy Pet, Lompoc's Home Depot, Roots Dispensary, Hardy Diagnostics, Coldwell Banker Realty in Montecito, Deckers, Barkin Park Lompoc, First United Methodist Church of Lompoc, Fedex, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara Humane, George Pet Shop, Ventura's PetSmart, and Mari Callahan's class at Coldsprings School.



### STAYING PAWSITIVE WITH RICK SPRINGFIELD

We have a new fan in Rick Springfield! And he's got his biggest fan in our Community Programs Coordinator, Wendy Domanski. "I'm very grateful to C.A.R.E.4Paws for the work they do, reducing pet overpopulation and keeping pets with their families for life," he says. "I support them and so should you." Thank you, Rick, for the pawstive endorsement!

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## PAWSOME PARTNERSHIPS

Every year, our partnership with Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS) evolves. We host several joint events, including frequent spay/neuter and vaccine clinics, during which SBCAS sells dog licenses and often provides free microchips. SBCAS also funds dozens of spays/neuters in our mobile clinic annually.

To intervene before animals are relinquished to our county shelters, a joint staff person, Esme Medina, works with families that struggle financially to ensure they have access to the services they need.

We cohost Pet Resource Centers at SBCAS's Santa Maria, Santa Barbara and Lompoc shelters alongside Companion Animal Placement Assistance (CAPA, whose team generously sponsors microchips during all of our clinic events in Lompoc), Animal Shelter Assistance Program (ASAP), Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation, Bunnies Urgently Needing Shelter (BUNS) and K-9 PALS. We thank Supervisor Gregg Hart, Lompoc Mayor Jenelle Osborne and Goleta Mayor Paula Perote for supporting our May 26 resource center launch events.

Also, during this year's terrible winter storms in Texas, C.A.R.E.4Paws' board president, Chris Harris, and Community Programs Coordinator, Wendy Domanski, helped transport 22 shelter dogs and one cat from Texas to be adopted out by SBCAS. Go team!



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SUPER VOLUNTEERS!



"I just rescued two sick little kittens and didn't realize how much it would cost me. You guys are super friendly and caring. How awesome is that in today's world?" ~ From Peggy Cano after receiving help from our Thursday team at Santa Ynez Mission (above photo)

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### YOUTH EMPOWERED

Our unique humane education program, Paws Up For Pets, continues to inspire compassion and accountability for animals and empathy in our community as a whole, working with children K-6 enrolled in afterschool programs such as the YMCA and United Boys & Girls Clubs. We emphasize the importance of providing loving care for animals and by speaking up against abuse, bullying and discrimination. The kids learn about compassionate pet care, safety around animals, dog training and other important topics.

Through Paws Up For Pets, we are proud to partner with the amazing youth at the United Boys & Girls Club in Lompoc to provide pet portraits, while raising critical funds for C.A.R.E.4Paws' work.

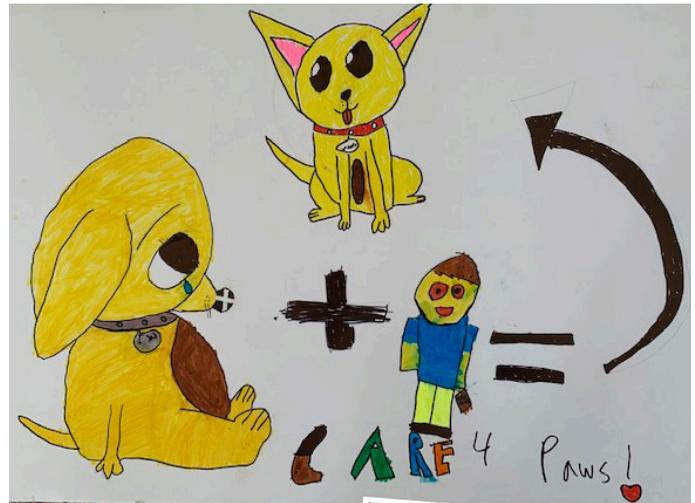
Portraits are painted on canvas from a clear, closeup photo you send us and cost \$50 or an amount of choice above that.

The children work very hard on the portraits and not only do they have fun, but they feel a great sense of achievement in the process. The kids are so talented and dedicated to help.

Order your masterpiece today through the site below!

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

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### SUPPORT FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE SURVIVORS



Family violence has sadly escalated during the pandemic, increasing the demand for our Safe Haven program. Thanks to our free, temporary boarding and foster care services, more domestic violence survivors are able to seek refuge with their pets, which prevents suffering and saves lives. In addition to our partnership with Domestic Violence Solutions, we now collaborate with several other human welfare agencies that refer clients exposed to family abuse to us. We anticipate that our Safe Haven program and network will grow even larger in 2022.

Learn more at [care4paws.org/safehaven](https://care4paws.org/safehaven).

Would you like to foster a pet in need? Please contact us at [foster@care4paws.org](mailto:foster@care4paws.org). Thank you!

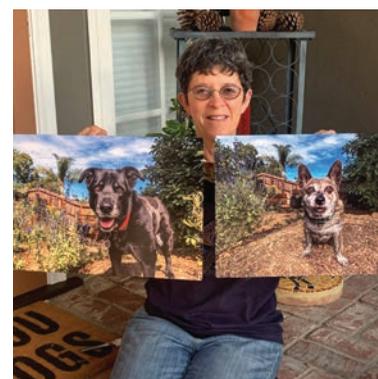
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# OUR RECORD-BREAKING HAPPY TAILS CELEBRATION!

On June 13, our virtual **Happy Tails Celebration & Fundraiser** raised \$120,000 thanks to our incredible sponsors and donors! Our event highlighted our work in the community and featured heartfelt “happy tails” from many of the pet families we help to keep animals healthy and in their homes. The live auction was a big hit, including two exclusive wine packages put together by our board member Day Yeager and her husband Andrew Sharpe.

We can't thank our donors, sponsors, volunteers and board members enough for the support. Jim Nye with Auctioneers for Good was wonderful to work with as were Paul and Matie with West Beach Films.

If you missed the event, you can watch it online at [care4paws.org/happytails](https://care4paws.org/happytails). And save the date for our 2022 Happy Tails event on May 22!



During the live auction, our supporter Lee Heller won a photo session with WinkFace Photography. The result? Amazing portraits of pups Lola and Cinnamon, including printed metal wall art.



C.A.R.E.4Paws' Happy Tails Celebration & Fundraiser

## THANK YOU, HAPPY TAILS SUPPORTERS!



**John & Karen Jostes**

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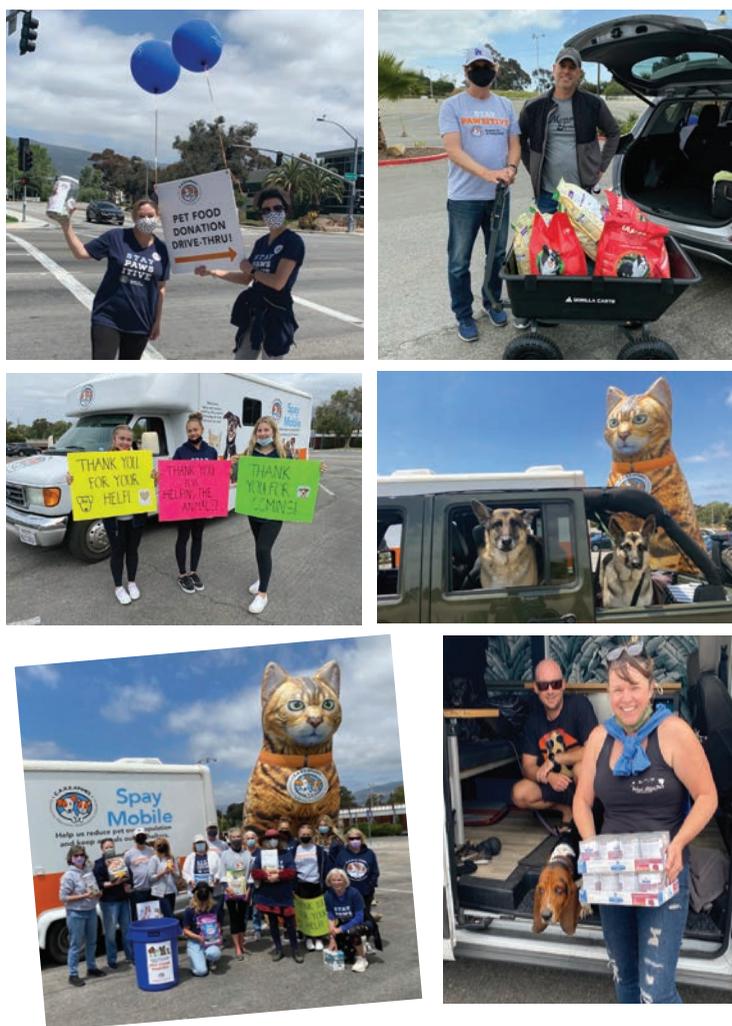
**Lynn Shaw**

**Jen Slemph**

**Day Yeager and Andrew Sharpe**

**A to Z Pet & Home Tending/Yvonne Stewart**

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## A SUCCESSFUL DONATION DRIVE-THRU IN APRIL

We hosted our first **Pet Food Donation Drive-Thru** on April 24 and 25, when supporters dropped off food and monetary gifts at five main locations countywide: Earl Warren Showgrounds, Deckers in Goleta, Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society/DAWG, Santa Maria Elks Rodeo grounds and Lompoc's Ryon Memorial Park. Supporters also dropped off food at many of our year-round partner locations.

Thanks to so many generous community members, we raised tons of pet food and critical funds to help pet owners struggling during the pandemic. We are beyond grateful to all of our contributors, volunteers and location hosts for making this event such a huge success. Find more photos and press coverage at [care4paws.org/drive](https://care4paws.org/drive).



## SUPPORT OUR DECEMBER 4 DRIVE & ADOPTION FESTIVAL!

On Saturday, December 4, we host our **Donation Drive-Thru & Home for the Holidays Adoption Festival** at Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara and the Elks Lodge in Santa Maria, 10am to 2pm. The event raises resources to keep pets in their homes and promotes adoptable animals from local shelters and rescue groups. We will also offer pet photos with Santa to benefit C.A.R.E.4Paws at both locations.

We invite businesses and schools to host drives for C.A.R.E.4Paws at their locations by December 4. We'll promote all such campaigns on our website and social media and at the event.

For all of the festival details, including sponsorship opportunities and other ways to help, visit [care4paws.org/holidaydrive](https://care4paws.org/holidaydrive).



Thank you to our sponsors as of November 9!



Ron & Betty Ziegler  
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### A CONGRESSIONAL AWARD AND RECOGNITION FOR OUR WORK BY OUR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

We are honored and grateful to receive a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Salud Carbajal for our work in the community since 2009 and our unprecedented efforts during COVID-19. Thank you for the wonderful acknowledgment. You can view the video of the award ceremony in our online media library!

Also, as you can see in the photo to the left, Lulu, one of our fantastic ambassador dogs, helped accept a Resolution from Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors honoring C.A.R.E.4Paws for the support we provide to families in need. A big thanks to Supervisor Gregg Hart and the Board of Supervisors for recognizing our work.

### WITH LOVE FROM PETCO AND SO MANY GENEROUS GRANTORS

C.A.R.E.4Paws was recently awarded a \$5,000 spay/neuter grant from Petco Love in support of a shared vision to prevent suffering, save lives and keep pet families healthy and strong. We are very grateful for the generous grants and funding from so many foundations, organizations and business partners. You make our work possible!



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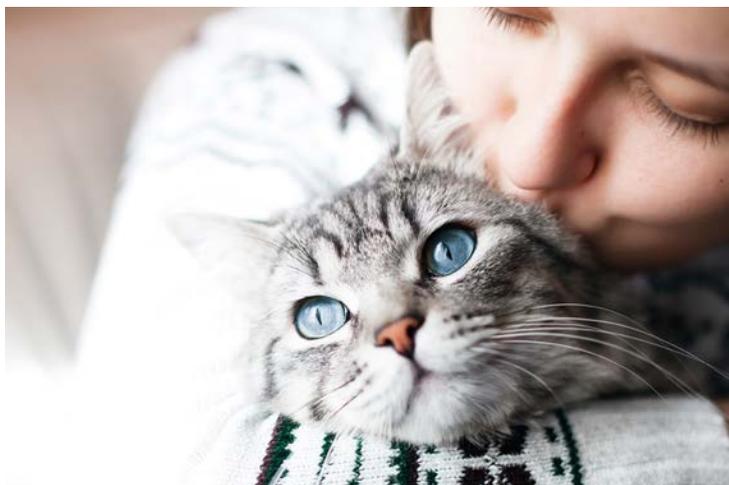
### IN THE NEWS!

We've received wonderful press that highlights our community work, including in 805 Living magazine, Best Friends magazine, the Independent, SB News-Press and Montecito and Santa Barbara Neighbors magazines, plus on KEYT and KCOY. Find it all at [care4paws.org/media](https://care4paws.org/media) along with great new videos featuring our programs and the families we help!



### OUR "VETS FOR A DAY"

We loved having supporter Donna Peterson work in the mobile clinic as "vet for a day," a live auction package she won during our Happy Tails Celebration. "Your team functions so well together and everyone was very welcoming," says Donna (in the middle of the right photo). "Your services provide needed treatment with a loving approach and your staff is respectful and kind. Thank you for creating such a caring environment." We also enjoyed a visit from Katie Beausoleil from Atlas Rehabilitation for Canines (to the right in the bottom photo).



### LEGACY GIFTS HELP MORE PETS

Planned gifts are an impactful way to ensure that C.A.R.E.4Paws can continue our mission long into the future. Legacy gifts can take many forms, depending on your financial situation. Ultimately, all options allow you to make more substantial contributions to support a larger number of animals in need, while at the same time providing possible tax and financial benefits. Learn more at [care4paws.org/plannedgiving](https://care4paws.org/plannedgiving).

### MEANINGFUL WAYS TO GIVE

- **Monthly Donations**  
A wonderful way to help us is by becoming a monthly contributor. Simply go to [care4paws.org/help](https://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 paw-sitive 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.
- **Shop & Give Back**  
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