



PAWSITIVE PRINTS

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

A year in review
2022

With your help, we keep pet families *healthy and together*

C.A.R.E.4Paws has had another record year assisting animals and pet families in need. The demand for help is greater than ever as thousands of community members still struggle to make ends meet in the aftermath of COVID-19—in addition to the countless pet families already living in poverty prior to March 2020.

When people cannot provide the care that their animals need, everyone in the family suffers, and pets are at much higher risk of ending up homeless. To keep animals safe, healthy and homebound, C.A.R.E.4Paws now assists more than 20,000 pet families in need annually through our programs.

Here are some of many pawstive updates from 2022:

- In February this year, we expanded our Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach to San Luis Obispo (SLO) County with a program called **Snip & Chip SLO** in collaboration with SLO nonprofits Animals in Need Fund and Animal Shelter Adoption Partners (more on page 3).
- Due to the tremendous need for help, we now operate both mobile units several days per week, providing a record-number of free and low-cost spays/neuters, veterinary care and vaccines. We will alter at least **2,200 dogs and cats** this year, an increase of 200 surgeries from 2021 and 900 from 2019!
- As demand grows and one of our mobile units has grown too old, we have put a down payment on a **brand-new, 37-foot mobile clinic** with increased kennel capacity and more types of vital equipment. We only have \$100,000 left to raise! Find out on page 4 who's contributed so far—and how YOU can too.

- Our Companion Pet Assistance team has distributed more than **one million pounds of pet food** since the start of the pandemic. Speaking of... please support our Howliday Donation Drive-Thru on Saturday, December 3, at Earl Warren Showgrounds, 11am to 2pm.



- C.A.R.E.4Paws' first **Walk Against Abuse** at Elings Park on September 18 supported Safe Haven and pet families exposed to domestic violence. More than 200 people and almost as many dogs joined us to raise funds and foster families for the program (page 8).
- Our **Paws Up For Pets** humane education program and **Youth Pet Portrait Project** continue to pave the way for a more compassionate future for animals.
- We launched a **new website** this fall. Check it out at care4paws.org, and also be on the lookout for our nonprofit feature in the new **Giving List!**

We hope you enjoy all of the pawstive updates. And please know that none of this is possible without YOU: our donors, grantors, sponsors and volunteers.

Thank you for making an impact in our community!

Isabelle Gullö, Executive Director and Cofounder

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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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MANY MOBILE CLINIC MILESTONES!

C.A.R.E.4Paws' hardworking mobile clinic crew helps hundreds of animals and pet families in need weekly by providing free and low-cost spays/neuters, medical services and vaccine clinics in Santa Barbara County and, as of 2022, in San Luis Obispo County. We operate both mobile units several days per week, as the demand for affordable pet care only continues to grow. We are on track to alter **2,200 dogs and cats** this year, an increase by 40 percent since 2019. We will also assist a record number of pets with medical care as well as vaccines, microchips, flea treatment, dewormer and nail trims during our walk-in Pet Wellness Clinics.

A huge thanks to our team as well as our generous donors, grantors and sponsors for going the extra mile to fight pet overpopulation and keep pets healthy and in their homes!



We're excited about the **2,200 dogs and cats** microchipped this year,

including 400 FREE in June and July thanks to generous contributions from Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS), CAPA in Lompoc and a C.A.R.E.4Paws board member. The July 4 holiday is a scary time for animals, with 30% more pets lost than during any other time of year. We want to ensure as many lost pets as possible can find their way home.

Our microchips are only \$10, or free during the many special events we cohost with SBCAS. In Lompoc, the chips are always free thanks to CAPA.

	2022	2021	2020	2019
Surgeries	2,200	2,025	2,000	1,300
Pets helped with medical care	1,800	1,750	1,700	1,170
Vaccine clinic services	15,000	14,000	12,000	7,000
Clinic days hosted	240	215	190	140



To help keep us rolling, go to care4paws.org/clinicservices

Expansion to San Luis Obispo County

In 2022, C.A.R.E.4Paws expanded our mobile pet wellness services to San Luis Obispo (SLO) County through Snip & Chip SLO, a community-based program developed alongside SLO nonprofits Animals in Need Fund and Animal Shelter Adoption Partners.

The only initiative of its kind in SLO, Snip & Chip curbs pet overpopulation, prevents pet homelessness and euthanasia of adoptable animals, and improves animal welfare in the county.

Since February, we have altered 300 dogs and cats and provided medical care, vaccines, microchips and other basic services to more than 850 pets. In addition to Animals in Need Fund and Animal Shelter Adoption Partners, we thank Feline Network of the Central Coast, Nipomo Dog & Cat Hospital, Lucky Dog Pet Resort, Elm Street Dog Park, City of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach, County of SLO, SLO Animal Services and Woods Humane Society for the partnerships!

For more details and ways to contribute, please visit our program page.

care4paws.org/snipslo



Mobile Spay Marathon in Palmdale



October 22 and 23 was a big weekend for C.A.R.E.4Paws! For the first time in our 13-year history, our clinic team traveled to Palmdale and Subaru Antelope Valley for a big spay/neuter weekend with Karma Rescue. We altered 54 dogs and cats, making a dent in the area's pet overpopulation.

We are so grateful to our clinic crew, the awesome Karma team and generous spay/neuter sponsorships from Subaru and the City of Palmdale.



HELP US ROLL INTO THE FUTURE

C.A.R.E.4Paws is fundraising for a **brand-new, 37-foot mobile clinic** to augment our two existing and old, 26-foot veterinary vehicles, which provide free and low-cost pet wellness services in underserved areas of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.



Jump on board to help *pet families in need!*



Invest in C.A.R.E.4Paws' life-saving work by donating toward the purchase of our new clinic at care4paws.org/clinicservices



The new, larger clinic-on-wheels, slated to start rolling in spring 2023:

- Has increased kennel capacity and the ability to carry more types of vital equipment.
- Will allow our organization to more efficiently help additional animals over a larger geographical footprint.



We've raised \$252,000 so far! We need your help with the remaining \$100,000!



Thank you

to the amazing supporters of our brand-new mobile clinic!



CHRISSIE'S FUND
Helping dogs in need



Lee Heller

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Larry & Claudia Mitchell

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Chris Harris's Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

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Thank you, super volunteers!



We could never do our work without our dedicated, compassionate volunteers and board of directors.

A heartfelt thanks!



A pawsitive note from longtime C.A.R.E.4Paws donor, *Lyn Proctor*

"C.A.R.E.4Paws and I share a commitment and drive to make a difference! There are many animal organizations in our area, but what drew me to C.A.R.E.4Paws in the organization's infancy was cofounders Isabelle Gullö and Carlos Abitia and the dedicated group of volunteers. Their passion and motivation make a big difference in the lives of our four-legged friends.

I support C.A.R.E.4Paws in several areas, including its mobile veterinary clinic, which goes into high-need communities to provide spay/neuter surgeries, medical care, routine vaccinations and other wellness services. I also love the support provided for pet families exposed to domestic abuse through Safe Haven.

C.A.R.E.4Paws is truly a grassroots organization with a mission. Its impact has been impressive from day one and it will only grow stronger!"



A RECORD-BREAKING HAPPY TAILS CELEBRATION

Our **Happy Tails Celebration & Fundraiser** on May 22 at the Music Academy of the West was a big success with **more than \$135,000** raised for C.A.R.E.4Paws!



Our in-person guests enjoyed great food, drinks, music and the beautiful setting. We also had many guests attend the presentation and live auction virtually from home.



We can't thank our donors, sponsors, auction package contributors, beverage partners and guests enough for the support. Together we keep pets healthy and in their homes!

If you missed the event, you can view photos and more: care4paws.org/happy-tails-celebration.



SAVE THE DATE
for our next Happy Tails event:
May 21, 2023!

Thank you, Happy Tails supporters!



La Cumbre ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Gracie, Cooper & Hazel • Ron & Betty Ziegler

Bob Bourgoin & Beth Climo • Thomas & Lora Fisher • Gary & Lynn Larson

Hugh & Keets Cassar • Jun Shimizu

Charles & Jan Clouse • Dan & Julie Crutcher • Greta Hansen

Dan & Darcy Keep • Karen MacCain • Mona Rose

Garland & Sally Bulles • Peter & Susan Cheney • Joel & Vasanti Fithian • Richard & Michelle Konoske

Larry & Claudia Mitchell • Nick Pierce & Donna Peterson • John Snowball, CPA

So many Happy Tails Stories!



KALI'S NEW WHEELS

JOY FOR JOJO

Jojo is a sweet and much-loved senior pup. But as his owner, Paula Herschede, explains, his airborne allergies can make him miserable, causing him to rip out his fur and rub his eyes so hard that he scratches them. Paula is desperate to help Jojo, but her financial situation makes it difficult to pay for his costly medication. Luckily, C.A.R.E.4Paws' mobile clinic has been able to help Jojo, and he's now feeling great.

"We are so lucky to have such a wonderful group like C.A.R.E.4Paws to help those in need," Paula says. "My hope is that C.A.R.E.4Paws finds kindness in return in the magnitude it is given."



Recently, after beautiful Bernese Mountain Dog Lizzie sadly crossed the rainbow bridge, her family reached out to C.A.R.E.4Paws to see if we knew of a dog in need of a wheelchair. Shortly thereafter, **sweet pup Kali** received her new walking wheels and is getting around wonderfully. A big thank you to Lizzie's family for the kind gift!

A FUREVER FAMILY FOR SARGE

C.A.R.E.4Paws is not a rescue group. But sometimes, under special circumstances, we end up taking in dogs and cats when their owners cannot keep them so that the animals don't have to end up in a shelter. This is the case with **sweet, 12-year-old Sarge**, whose senior owner moved into a nursing home. Sadly, as Sarge's owner suffers from dementia, he had not received the care he needed for quite some time, and he came to us with matted, flea-infested fur. He was very uncomfortable, so our Community Programs & Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy Domanski, and volunteer Chris Erskine immediately brought Sarge to Antonio with A's Mobile Grooming. Afterward, he looked like a completely different dog and you could see the relief on his face. Next, Sarge had a checkup with C.A.R.E.4Paws'

mobile clinic team and then he went home with our volunteer Sally Bulles to be fostered until we could find him a home. Well, finding him a forever family only took one day.

The parents of our veterinary assistant Cristy Culligan were looking for a senior pup to adopt and they fell in love with Sarge.

We're so excited for this handsome boy and grateful to the whole team that rescued him and ensured he received the care he so desperately needed. Now Sarge gets to live out his life showered with love and affection!



HOME SWEET HOME

Beloved kitty Azul was microchipped at a C.A.R.E.4Paws clinic in July 2021. She was also scheduled for a spay appointment but sadly ran away before we could alter her. The family, who lives in Orcutt, could not find her. Azul ended up at a feral cat feeding station, where she gave birth to a litter of kittens

on top of someone's car. Our vet clinic assistant, Sarah Ganschow (an excellent trapper), trapped and brought the mom and kittens to get fixed in the mobile clinic in June. When we scanned for a microchip, we learned that it was Azul, and we immediately contacted her family. They are so happy and grateful to have their kitty back, a whole year later (spayed this time). The kittens are fixed and off to a rescue. Talk about a microchip Happy Tail!

KITTY KUDOS

We love this kind note from **Queenie Longley and Little Girl:**

"What a wonderful organization and incredible group of people who are involved in helping those of us who are financially challenged at this time. Thank you to everyone at C.A.R.E.4Paws. You are all a blessing for our furry-pawed loves."



WALK AGAINST ABUSE – A PAWSOME EVENT!

On Sunday, September 18, C.A.R.E.4Paws, Domestic Violence Solutions for Santa Barbara County and Elings Park hosted the inaugural **Walk Against Abuse**.

More than 200 people and almost as many dogs came out to support Safe Haven and pet families exposed to domestic violence.



The fun-filled afternoon included a dog walk through the beautiful park, exciting activities ranging from pet photography to cornhole competitions, food by El Pastorcito Mobil, great tunes from Music by Bonnie and a presentation about how Safe Haven prevents suffering and saves lives.

Thank you to all of our participants, sponsors, donors, volunteers and staff for making this happen!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for our next **Walk Against Abuse:**
October 8, 2023!

Thank you, Walk Against Abuse supporters!



CHRISSE'S FUND
Helping dogs in need



Lyn Proctor

Spooky Mulder & Poppy Tartlett

- Donna Crawford • Thomas & Lora Fisher • Greta Hansen • Dan & Darcy Keep • Lynn & Gary Larson
Adam's Angels • Atlas Rehab for Canines • Towbes Group

Safe Haven

Support for family violence survivors



C.A.R.E.4Paws is looking for loving foster families for our Safe Haven program, which ensures domestic violence survivors can find safety for their dogs and cats when they leave an abusive situation. Fostering is anonymous and pets are reunited with their loving owners when the time is right.

Animal cruelty is strongly correlated with violence against people, and pets are often used as “pawns” in domestic violence situations to prevent family members from speaking up or leaving the abusive relationship. **Survivors stay on average two years longer in a violent home if there’s a family pet involved.**

You can make a tremendous difference in the lives of pet families exposed to abuse by becoming a **Safe Haven foster family**.

If interested, please contact us:
foster@care4paws.org

We also invite you to donate funds toward critical **Safe Haven costs**:

- Pet boarding fees
- Vaccines
- Spays/neuters
- Medical care
- Animal training
- Pet food
- Bedding
- Pet housing deposits for four-legged clients

Learn more: care4paws.org/safehaven

A tribute to Sol

We’re sad to share that Sol, our wonderful Paws Up For Pets youth program ambassador, has crossed the rainbow bridge.

Sol loved working with the kids, and they loved him as he was so gentle and sweet. Some of the children who participate in our program are unsure or scared of dogs, and Sol helped many children overcome their fears and showed them how to treat and act around animals.

He inspired kindness for all living beings, which is the mission of Paws Up For Pets.

Sol is missed by all of us on the C.A.R.E.4Paws team, and our hearts go out to his family, Lisa and Diane, who gave him the best life a pup could wish for.



CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR PET FAMILIES IN NEED



“Times are hard for so many community members, and families should not have to choose between caring for their animals and putting food on the table,” says executive director Isabelle Gullö.

“We do everything we can to ensure pets stay healthy and with the people who love them. This prevents suffering and pet homelessness.”

Since the pandemic started, C.A.R.E.4Paws has distributed one million pounds of food through our Companion Pet Assistance program. Today, much of the food is provided through Pet Resource Centers (PRC). We co-operate PRCs at Santa Barbara County Animal Services’ (SBCAS) shelters in Lompoc, Santa Maria and Santa Barbara in collaboration with our friends at SBCAS, CAPA, ASAP, BUNS, Santa Barbara County Animal Care Foundation and K-9 PALS. We also host PRCs at People Helping People in Solvang as well as agencies such as Good Samaritan shelters, Unity Shoppe and the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. If you would like to contribute, please visit care4paws.org/petassistance for all locations.

Some food is also provided during community events. For example, during weekly visits to Santa Barbara’s Alameda Park, volunteers provide food for pets of the unsheltered, along with blankets, bedding and flea treatment. Once a month, C.A.R.E.4Paws brings A’s Mobile Grooming to the park to bathe dogs of the unhoused for free, a service also provided monthly in Santa Maria with Doggie Parlour.



To learn more and help pets in need, please visit care4paws.org/petassistance

Feeling grateful

A heartfelt thanks to the many partners who organize pet food drives and/or collect food for C.A.R.E.4Paws on a regular basis. Their generous donations help so many pet families in need in Santa Barbara County!

- Dioji K-9 Resort & Athletic Club
- Plaza Deli
- Montecito Pet Shop
- ResQcats
- Coldwell Banker Realty
- Orangetheory Fitness
- La Cumbre Feed
- Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society/DAWG
- ASAP
- Santa Barbara County Animal Services
- CAPA
- Animal Medical Clinic
- Advanced Veterinary Specialists
- Healthy Pet
- Petco in Lompoc
- Lompoc’s Home Depot
- Roots Dispensary
- Hardy Diagnostics
- CJ Affiliate
- TV Santa Barbara
- Deckers
- George Pet Shop
- Ventura’s PetSmart
- And many other generous contributors

Youth making a difference

Thousands of families in Santa Barbara County still struggle to pay rent and bills, let alone feed their four-legged friends. This is why C.A.R.E.4Paws volunteer Ava Vasquez, a freshman at San Marcos High School, decided to host a pet food drive in April at her former elementary school, Vieja Valley in Santa Barbara.

"During the pandemic, I volunteered at C.A.R.E.4Paws' mobile clinic, handing out pet food," Vasquez says. "I saw how appreciative families are for the food, so I thought it would be a really good project to get other students involved to help families that need food."



We LOVED having Jayden volunteer with us during a clinic day in Santa Maria. He's planning to become a veterinarian when he grows up, and maybe he will come work for C.A.R.E.4Paws!

This fall, animal lover **David Dominguez** visited C.A.R.E.4Paws' Pet Wellness Clinic in Santa Maria to donate the money he had saved up to help pets in need. What a wonderful gesture!



No doubt, David is going to go far in life as he's already a compassionate community member and great animal ambassador.

Thank you, David!

Creativity with compassion

The youth at United Boys & Girls Club in Lompoc continue to amaze us with their pet portraits, which they create from photos of beloved pets. Portraits are \$50 and the money raised supports C.A.R.E.4Paws' critical programs.

Order your portrait today, whether it's of your own four-legged family member, a pet that has crossed the rainbow bridge or a gift for someone you care about.

care4paws.org/youthprograms
care4paws.org/portraits



SUPPORT C.A.R.E.4PAWS THIS HOWLIDAY SEASON



We're excited to announce our

Howliday DONATION DRIVE-THRU

 **Saturday, December 3**
11am – 2pm

 **Earl Warren Showgrounds**
3400 Calle Real, Santa Barbara

We invite community members to drop off dry and canned pet food and monetary donations with the C.A.R.E.4Paws team!

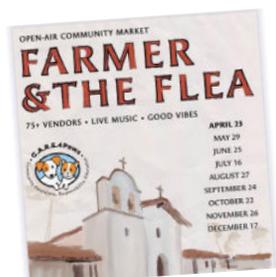


This important event raises resources that keep pets healthy and with their families for life!

Learn more: care4paws.org/drive

Farmer & the Flea

This amazing open-air community market is held one Saturday every month at El Presidio (123 E. Canon Perdido in Santa Barbara).



Enjoy 75 unique vendors, live music and good vibes. Stop by between 10am – 1pm and visit the C.A.R.E.4Paws booth!

Upcoming dates and more info:
farmerandtheflea.co



A heartfelt thank you



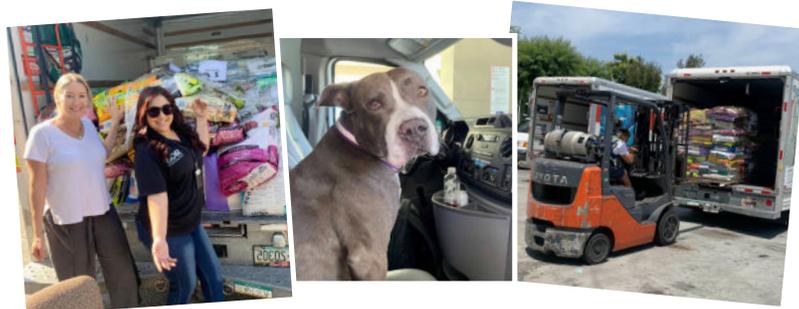
We send a huge thanks to talented artist and animal lover **Allen Carter**, who donated two pet portraits to our Happy Tails Live auction in May. C.A.R.E.4Paws' board member Nancy Curtis won one of them and she loves these portraits of her sweet cats. The Crutcher family had a drawing done of their beautiful dog Ritz.



While Allen's pet portraits are fabulous, he draws people most of the time and also does great boudoir drawings.

We received an anonymous and incredibly generous donation of six pallets of food, which will support **hundreds of dogs and cats**.

A special thanks to the team, including sweet ambassador dog Lulu, that drove down to Orange County to pick up the pallets, and to the crews that offloaded all of the food.



Meaningful ways to give

Monthly Donations

A wonderful way to help 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 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** and select C.A.R.E.4Paws as your charity.

Shop & Give Back

When ordering from Amazon.com, choose us as your **Smile.Amazon.com** charity and we get a donation each time.



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.

care4paws.org/plannedgiving

CHECK OUT OUR GENEROUS GRANTORS!



C.A.R.E.4Paws was one of 10 nonprofits to receive an Anniversary Grant from **Montecito Bank & Trust (MB&T)**, including generous program funding and a video about our organization. We cannot thank the bank and its amazing associates enough for supporting C.A.R.E.4Paws and so many groups in our community!

In the photo to the left: C.A.R.E.4Paws' board director Thomas Fisher, MB&T's president and chief operating officer, George Leis, C.A.R.E.4Paws' board president Chris Harris and executive director and cofounder Isabelle Gullö, and MB&T's chairman and CEO, Janet Garufis.

A huge thanks to the **Santa Barbara Police Department** and **City Animal Control** for the \$2,000 grant to sponsor spays/neuters of city dogs and cats in C.A.R.E.4Paws' mobile clinic.

Over the last seven years, our wonderful partnership has helped alter several hundred pets, keeping animals healthy and out of shelters. We love the support!



What a great honor to receive another grant from **Petco Love** in support of C.A.R.E.4Paws' Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach (care4paws.org/clinicservices). This \$10,000 award will help dozens of pet families in need with critical care in our mobile clinics.

Thank you, Petco Love, for your generosity and belief in our work to keep pets healthy and with the people who love them.

A collaboration to curb cat overpopulation

On Sunday, October 9, our clinic team altered 21 cats and six dogs in Sisquoc and helped dozens of pets during our walk-in vaccine clinic. All kitty surgeries were generously sponsored by ResQcats in a joint effort to curb cat overpopulation and support pet families in need. We will alter a total of **60 cats** with this grant funding.

A heartfelt thanks to Jeffyne Telson and ResQcats for the help and longtime partnership!



★ thank you ★

We are very grateful for the generous grants and funding from so many foundations and organizations. You make our work possible!



Animal Charitable Foundation of Santa Barbara County • Christian Science Society – Solvang
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