



# PAWSITIVE PRINTS

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



*A year in review* 2023

# C.A.R.E.4PAWS TURNS 15 IN 2024!



## Mission

To reduce pet overpopulation and improve pet family welfare.

## Vision

To keep pets healthy and with their families for life.

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Since 2009, C.A.R.E.4Paws has addressed the needs of pet families on the Central Coast. We are the only nonprofit animal welfare organization in this area that works directly in the community to ensure pets stay healthy and with their people for life.

We improve access to care not just by delivering critical services, but by building relationships with animal welfare and human welfare organizations and social workers, pet-service providers, businesses, community centers and youth groups.

**Through partnerships and collaboration, we can deepen our reach into the community and make a greater impact!**

In 2024, C.A.R.E.4Paws turns 15! We are proud of our enormous growth and steadfast commitment to be there, year after year, for the pet families that need us the most. And we are incredibly thankful to our donors, grantors, partners and volunteers for their generous support and consistent belief in our work. However, we cannot rest as the demand for our services continues to grow.

To help ensure that we can stay sustainable, we will launch an endowment campaign in 2024 and we are also excited to expand our planned giving program. If you're considering including C.A.R.E.4Paws in your estate plans, turn to page 16 in this newsletter. To view our 2022 or previous Form 990 tax returns to follow our financial growth since 2009, visit [care4paws.org/financials](https://care4paws.org/financials).

With much gratitude!

*Christopher D. Harris*

Chris Harris, Board President



Chris Harris with George Haynes, CEO of National Search Dog Foundation, during a visit to SDF's impressive facility in Santa Paula.

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A safety net for *pet families!*

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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# — On a mission to improve pet family welfare —

The people and animals C.A.R.E.4Paws serves continue to face increasing challenges. Without access to affordable veterinary care and pet food, some families make the difficult decision to relinquish their pets to a shelter to ensure the animals receive the care they need. Without the availability of free spays/neuters, many dogs and cats stay unaltered, adding to our pet overpopulation problem.

The outcome? Overburdened shelters, animal suffering and heartbroken families.

C.A.R.E.4Paws intervenes in this crisis by providing critical resources directly in underserved communities. We're doing everything we can to respond to this huge, unparalleled need.

- 🐾 In 2023, we'll assist **17,000 dogs and cats** with spays/neuters and other wellness services in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo (SLO) counties. This is a jump in services by 20% from 2022 and 130% from 2019.
- 🐾 **After a three-year fundraising campaign, with incredible support from the community, we launched a third mobile clinic in August.** At 37-feet, our new unit is larger and better equipped than our older units, with a double surgery suite and more kennel space, allowing us to assist more pets during a clinic day.
- 🐾 We continue to provide pet food and supplies to families in need. In fact, our Companion Pet Assistance program has provided more than **3 million pet meals** since the start of the pandemic.
- 🐾 As more pet families experience homelessness, we've partnered with **Street Dog Coalition** to increase support.
- 🐾 We are one of only 10 animal welfare organizations in the U.S. to receive an **Access to Care grant from PetSmart Charities** that allows us to provide free pet wellness services in SLO County's **city of Oceano**.



**Pets are not just part of the family, they are family!**

**Pets and their people are a bonded social unit, and when we want to help an animal, we have to consider the circumstances of the people who love that animal too—and the other way around.**



The resources C.A.R.E.4Paws provides are the key to reducing pet overpopulation, preventing animals from ending up in shelters and ensuring pet families stay strong and together.

**We cannot continue our work without YOU and right now, we need your support more than ever to meet the ever-growing need in our community.**

To our donors, grantors, sponsors and volunteers: thank you for all that you do to help power C.A.R.E.4Paws forward.

**Together, we're improving the future of pet family welfare!**



Isabelle Gullö, Executive Director and Cofounder

PS: Don't miss all of the wonderful happy tails in this newsletter, including program updates, testimonials from pet families we help and results from May's record-breaking Happy Tails Celebration & Fundraiser.



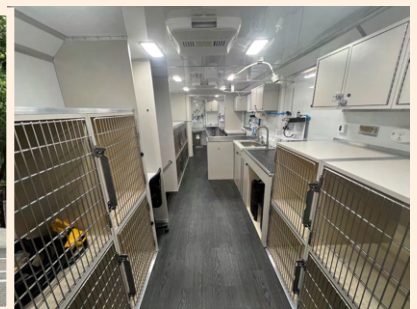
# A NEW CLINIC TO POWER US FORWARD!

Having access to veterinary care improves the lives of pets and their people. Yet, for many families, gaining that access is difficult unless pet wellness services are brought directly to the neighborhood where they live. This is exactly what C.A.R.E.4Paws' Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach program does and why we have rolled out a third and much larger mobile veterinary clinic.



The state-of-the art, 37-foot unit accommodates more animals, staff and equipment, making it possible for us to provide more clinic procedures and offer services we previously could not.

For example, the clinic features a double surgery suite so that two vet teams can perform surgeries simultaneously and it comes with additional kennels, which allows us to house more animals, including more large dog breeds. It also has a separate area for dental care and other medical treatments.



Inside our new unit, as well as in our two older units, we provide free and low-cost spays/neuters, dental cleanings and extractions, mass removals, treatment of eye, ear and skin infections, and other critical medical care.

During our walk-in Pet Wellness Clinics, happening just outside the mobile units from 10am – 1pm, pets can receive vaccinations, flea prevention, dewormer, nail trims and microchips at low-cost—or for free if their families cannot afford these services.

The demand for our services grows significantly each year and we're working hard to meet the need, as the numbers below show!



	2023	2021	2019
Spay/neuter surgeries	2,700	2,025	1,300
Total pets helped with vaccines, medical care and spays/neuters	16,000	10,000	7,000



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

"I brought my puppy, Alligria, to the mobile clinic to get her spayed and microchipped and they did all that and more. C.A.R.E.4Paws goes above and beyond for a reasonable price. Everyone was very helpful and friendly. I totally recommend them. They are the best!" – Michael Johnson

# Mobile Community Medicine & Spays/Neuters

Wellness services that keep pets with their families for life.



"The new van is fantastic," says Dr. Alex Gomes, who's performed many surgeries in the unit alongside his wife, Dr. Meighan Hawks (both featured in the above photo). "The best investment ever!"

## Rolling into the future!

We are so grateful to all of the supporters who made the purchase of our beautiful new mobile unit possible. On **March 12** this year, when we had only \$73,000 left to raise out of our \$350,000 goal, we hosted a fundraising event at **La Loeff Winery** in Santa Barbara that inspired more than \$100,000 in grants and donations.



Our campaign raised **more than \$400,000**, which also allowed us to purchase much needed equipment and stock our new unit with supplies.

On **August 20**, we hosted the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the clinic at **The Maker's Son** in Los Alamos. More than 100 people participated in this fun event, including donors, staff, board members and volunteers. For more photos, please visit [care4paws.org/new-clinic](http://care4paws.org/new-clinic).



Want to support our clinics? We welcome donations and still offer opportunities to have your name or business logo on the back of the new unit. Please turn to page 9 to learn more or go to [care4paws.org/help](http://care4paws.org/help).

## We thank the supporters of our new clinic!



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## Access to care in Oceano

C.A.R.E.4Paws is grateful for a grant from PetSmart Charities that addresses challenges in accessing veterinary care in SLO County's city of Oceano, where the average per capita income is less than \$34,000 per year. We are one of 10 animal welfare organizations in the U.S. to receive this new, innovative Access to Care grant.

Since August 6, our team has hosted clinics where services are free to residents of Oceano. Dogs and cats in need receive anything from vaccines to flea treatment to spays/neuters and medical care for free or for a donation.

"Oceano is a community that has chronically been without access to pet care of any kind," says C.A.R.E.4Paws' executive director and cofounder, Isabelle Gullö. "The grant allows us to provide critical wellness services to improve quality of life for Oceano pet families and keep animals in their homes."

Our next event takes place Sunday, December 17, at Oceano Community Services District. We also continue to host clinics in Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo.

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



"This team is just the best. Everyone is so caring to the pets and their owners. Thank you all!" – Wanda



## Super spayathon in Santa Maria

On October 21–22, our amazing "spayathon" team altered 131 cats and dogs, the most surgeries we've performed in two days in the history of C.A.R.E.4Paws.

Four amazing surgery crews operated out of our mobile units and inside Santa Barbara County Animal Services' shelter clinic in Santa Maria. Of the 131 pets fixed, 97 were cats! We also hosted a walk-in vaccine clinic that helped dozens of pets. We thank our vets, techs and volunteers for a fantastic job and SBCAS for the pawsome partnership and sponsoring of surgeries!



### Curbing cat overpopulation

A very special thanks to ResQcats for \$3,500 in funding to help pay for feline spays/neuters in October.

We appreciate the wonderful support!

### Chipping away to help lost pets!

Every year, Santa Barbara County Animal Services, Lompoc's CAPA and C.A.R.E.4Paws partner on a FREE microchip campaign from June through July 4.

More pets get lost during the July 4 holiday than during any other time of the year and a microchip can be a lost pet's ticket home.

- \* From June 1 through July 9, we chipped 478 pets in SB County plus 42 pets on July 2 during a special event with SLO County Animal Services in the city of SLO.
- \* In 2023, as many as 3,000 pets will be microchipped—up from 2,700 last year.



We thank SBCAS and CAPA for sponsoring so many of this year's microchips!





## Life-saving partnerships

Every year, C.A.R.E.4Paws helps more than 1,000 dogs and cats with medical care. Approximately 90% of all the veterinary services we provide are performed by our own Mobile Community Medicine clinic team.

Providing services “in-house” is more cost-efficient but, sometimes, pets need critical care when our mobile units are not operating or they require treatment we cannot provide. To ensure these pets get seen, we partner with about 20 local vet clinics, including all emergency care facilities on the Central Coast. Some of the clinics also take on a few spay/neuter surgeries.

**We spend at least \$50,000 a year to help clients at our vet clinic partners.**

When it comes to emergency care, the fees are usually way too high for our clients and for C.A.R.E.4Paws to handle, even with a discount.

This is why C.A.R.E.4Paws supporters Andrew and Kendra Feshbach and Dr. Andrea Wells at Advanced Veterinary Specialists (AVS) helped create the *Albus Fund*, which contributes money when a client cannot afford urgent care. Between the Albus Fund, discounts from AVS (or VCA Care or a different clinic if AVS cannot see a client) and contributions from the client, pets’ lives can be saved when they otherwise may not have a chance.

Like eight-year-old chihuahua mix *Chewy*, who urgently needed a bladder stone surgery that cost several thousand dollars.



**“There are no words to express the gratitude for everything that you’ve done to save the life of my Chewy,” says owner Marcy Rose. “Without Chewy, I have no life, and that was pretty evident when he got sick.**

**If it wasn’t for C.A.R.E.4Paws and the Albus Fund, Chewy wouldn’t be here.”**

**Albus**



**“We are so lucky to have organizations like C.A.R.E.4Paws and AVS in our community. AVS saved my best buddy’s life and I was lucky enough to have the resources to pay for his operation. My wife, Kendra, and I established the Albus Fund with C.A.R.E.4Paws to help families who don’t have the resources to pay for veterinary care for their four-legged members.”**

- Andrew Feshbach

If you would like to help pets like Chewy with emergency vet care and other costs related to care at C.A.R.E.4Paws’ partner vet clinics, please donate at:

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



## Compassion counts!

**“If there was a C.A.R.E.4Paws in every city, this world would be a much better place. I don’t have the money or the credit to take Lui to a vet clinic but, thanks to C.A.R.E.4Paws, he gets help. Him being healthy makes my life even better!” – Ross**

## Help for the unhoused

As the cost of living on the Central Coast keeps rising, so does the number of community members experiencing homelessness. **To ensure unsheltered pet families have access to veterinary care, we have partnered with The Street Dog Coalition (SDC) to host free pet wellness clinics on the Central Coast.** We have hosted three events so far in the city of SLO as well as in Lompoc and Santa Maria in collaboration with Good Samaritan Shelters.

During events, dogs and cats receive exams, vaccines, flea treatment, nail trims and other services from our team, led by SDC's volunteer vet Dr. Alex Gomes and RVT Becky Clement. We also distribute pet food and supplies.



"We are very grateful for the support C.A.R.E.4Paws provides for our mutual clients: people who may not have a roof over their heads but certainly have a home in their hearts for their four-legged companions," says SDC's executive director Katrina Weschler.

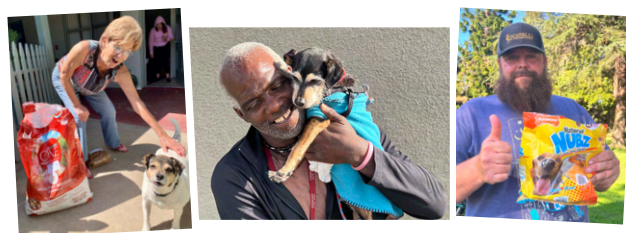


"Just a little while ago, my *Kiki Love* was ratty, tatty with long hair and tons of knots. Now she's a happy doggie with a new haircut! Thank you C.A.R.E.4Paws! God bless you—we are so grateful."



## Companion pet assistance

No one should have to choose between paying household bills or feeding and caring for their four-legged family members. Since the start of the pandemic, C.A.R.E.4Paws has distributed **3 million pet meals** through our Companion Pet Assistance program.



We provide food through Pet Resource Centers (PRCs) that we co-operate with partners such as People Helping People, Santa Barbara County Animal Services, CAPA, ASAP, BUNS, SBC Animal Care Foundation and K-9 PALS.

We also distribute food in the community, including at our Thursday events at Alameda Park in Santa Barbara, which support unhoused families with pet meals and supplies. We thank our kind park volunteer team for all that they do and the community for donating food!

"My pup *Lucy* rescued me four years ago. When I fell on hard times, C.A.R.E.4Paws helped me out. They got me a leash and food. The staff here has blessed so many people. I'm going to raise them all up in my prayers. They deserve it." – Larry



Learn more at [care4paws.org/petassistance](https://care4paws.org/petassistance), where you can give monetary gifts, find locations where to drop off pet food and also shop our online wish lists.

# HELP US GO THE EXTRA MILE THIS SEASON

## Keep C.A.R.E.4Paws rolling!

\$2 a mile. That's what it costs to drive C.A.R.E.4Paws' mobile veterinary clinics to and from communities in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, where we assist pet families in need with critical wellness services.

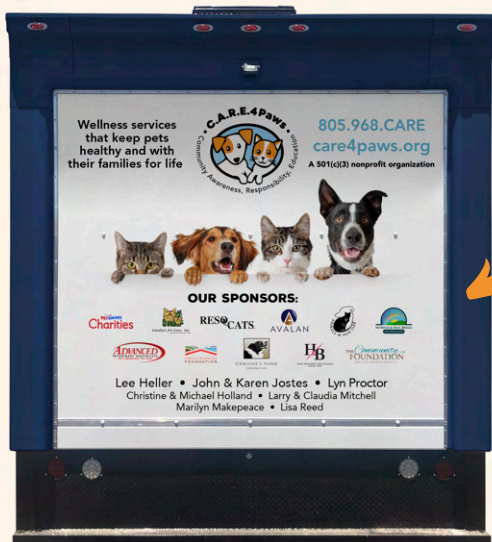
This December, give \$2, \$20, \$200 or an amount of choice to sponsor clinic miles and keep us rolling. Go to [care4paws.org/roll](http://care4paws.org/roll) today to help power us forward!

With YOUR help, we can go the extra mile to curb pet overpopulation and ensure animals stay healthy and with the people who love them.

You can also donate through our "Keep us rolling" social media campaign and support us by sharing the posts.



**YOUR \$2 GIFT WILL HELP POWER OUR RIDE!**



- \$15,000 and up:**  
Your name or logo listed for the life span of the clinic
- \$10,000 – \$15,000:**  
your name or logo listed for five years
- \$5,000 – \$10,000:**  
your name or logo listed for two years

## Corporate sponsorships

We invite you to become a Corporate Partner to help support C.A.R.E.4Paws' Mobile Community Medicine & Spay/Neuter Outreach program. You will receive multiple promotional benefits, including:

- \* Listing on [care4paws.org/supporters](http://care4paws.org/supporters).
- \* Logo placement on the back of C.A.R.E.4Paws' mobile clinic (at \$5,000 and up).
- \* Sponsorships of our annual fundraising events, depending on your sponsorship level.

## Pallets of pet meals



The free food we provide goes a long way to keep pets healthy, happy and homebound. You can sponsor a 40 lb bag of Diamond dog or cat food—or a whole pallet with 52 bags, which would provide thousands of pet meals!

Cat food costs \$32 per bag or \$1,675 per pallet.  
Dog food is \$27 per bag or \$1,399 per pallet.  
Visit [care4paws.org/help](http://care4paws.org/help) for details and to donate.

## Make our wishes come through

Visit our **Chewy and Amazon wish lists** to purchase pet food and supplies to be delivered to us and distributed into the community.



"We are always glad to be of assistance to your excellent animal-help organization. You should be VERY proud of all that your organization has done to assist dogs, cats and others in need. Kudos!"

– C.A.R.E.4Paws supporters Bob Bourgoïn and Beth Climo

# A RECORD-BREAKING HAPPY TAILS CELEBRATION

Our **Happy Tails Celebration & Fundraiser** on May 21 at the Music Academy was a big success with a record **\$175,000** raised to assist pet families in need!



We loved the pawssitive energy and can't thank our donors, sponsors, auction package contributors, beverage partners, guests and hard-working volunteers enough for the incredible support.



A special thanks to John J. & Frank Sparacio Foundation for the matching grant dedicated to the fund-a-need paddle raise and to Auctioneers for Good for making the live auction such a fun experience!

If you missed the event, you can view photos and more: [care4paws.org/happytails](http://care4paws.org/happytails)



**SAVE THE DATE**



for our next Happy Tails when we celebrate our 15th anniversary:  
**May 18, 2024!**

*Thank you Happy Tails supporters!*



**Andrew & Kendra Feshbach and Bill & Kathy Borgers**

**Karen & John Jostes • Ron & Betty Ziegler**

**In honor of Hazel, Gracie & Cooper**

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**Jillian Title & Marco Innocenti • Manuel & Theresa Valdes • Andrea Wells & Matt Hernandez**

# Pet families share their happy tails!

## JUNO'S PAWSITIVE EXPERIENCE

"My Juno came to the mobile clinic to get spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and flea treatment. Thank you C.A.R.E.4Paws for your awesome personnel and the great program you offer to the community." – Patricia



## AMBER RECEIVED STELLAR SERVICE

"C.A.R.E.4Paws is fantastic. I'm a senior citizen who received excellent and timely service at a very reasonable cost. The service was located in a safe environment where the animals could be quickly vaccinated without undue delay. Thank you!" – Earl

## BANDIT IS HEALTHY AND HAPPY!

"Thank you for taking care of my Bandit. With the economy the way it is now, I gratefully appreciate you all. We were both nervous—you know, shots, shots, shots. Your crew was amazing!" – Rosalie



## SENIORS SUPPORTING SENIORS

Sweet, 15-year-old poodle Gigi Marie LePoo takes great care of her mom, Robbie Ingram. Robbie adopted Gigi Marie from a shelter years ago and trained her to be a service dog as she suffers from sleep apnea and sometimes stops breathing at night. When this happens, Gigi Marie licks Robbie in the face until she wakes up. She's saved Robbie's life many times!

In September, Robbie brought Gigi Marie and her 12-year-old chi mix Willow Wee Mouse to a clinic in Oceano for exams, nail trims, flea treatment and vaccines. Since Robbie lives on a fixed income, C.A.R.E.4Paws sponsored the services with help of a grant from The Grey Muzzle Organization. Robbie was beyond happy and grateful!



## A PURRRFECT HAPPY TAIL!

"C.A.R.E.4Paws has helped all five of my cats, from kittens to adult cats and from first vaccines to getting spayed and neutered. They are so patient and caring with my babies. I can't thank them enough for the love and support they give to our community." – Cellerie



# WALK AGAINST ABUSE – A PAWSOME EVENT!

On Sunday, October 1, C.A.R.E.4Paws hosted our second annual **Walk Against Abuse** at Elings Park.

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

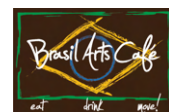


Participants enjoyed fun activities, food by Brasil Arts Cafe, music by DJ Drew Mylz and tours of our new mobile vet clinic. Many artistic pups painted their own portraits!

A special thanks to our sponsors, partners and volunteers, including a big group of awesome families from Boys Team Charity, Santa Barbara League.



*Thank you Walk Against Abuse supporters!*



**Lyn Proctor • Andrew & Kendra Feshbach • Lee Heller  
Poppy Tartlett & Ziggy Stardust • Ron & Betty Ziegler**

# Safe Haven

## Support for family violence survivors



**Every hour of every day in the United States alone, hundreds of people and their companion animals suffer abuse.**

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.**

Our **Safe Haven** program ensures that domestic violence survivors can find safety for their pets when they leave an abusive situation.

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

Families can seek emergency shelter with their animals through Domestic Violence Solutions (DVS), and we arrange for anonymous foster care or boarding for the pets. We also collaborate with several animal welfare partners and social welfare agencies, including the District Attorney’s Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program. Plus, survivors and law enforcement can contact us directly for support.

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

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

## GIVE THE GIFT OF SHELTER THIS SEASON!



**We seek foster families to provide temporary refuge for Safe Haven pets.**

As our Safe Haven program grows, so does the need for safe, anonymous foster care for pets of domestic violence survivors. Fostering is anonymous and pets are reunited with their loving owners when the time is right. Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura County residents can apply.

Contact us to become a foster today. Together, we can prevent more suffering and save lives!

[foster@care4paws.org](mailto:foster@care4paws.org)

# A COMMUNITY THAT CARES FOR PAWS



Our volunteer *Ava Vasquez* did it again—and then some!

In April 2023, just like last year, Ava coordinated a week-long pet food drive at her former elementary school, Santa Barbara's Vieja Valley Elementary. She raised **more than 800 lbs of food** with the help of the school's student council, which is double the amount from 2022!

We thank Ava, students, parents and teachers at Vieja Valley for the incredible support for pet families in our community.

## Youth inspired!

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



## Heartfelt thanks

A big shoutout to everyone who made our Donation Drive-Thru on November 4 and 5 a success, including the generous donors, our volunteers, Santa Barbara County Animal Services and, especially, realtor **Charlotte Cross from Santa Barbara's Berkshire Hathaway California Properties** for spearheading the drive.



Thank you to all the community members who drove by and dropped off pet food, supplies and monetary gifts. The donations help stock our Pet Resource Centers and support mobile pet wellness services!



If you missed it and still want to give, you can donate funds and shop from our wish lists anytime:

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

We have lots of gratitude for our pawsome partner, **Orangetheory Fitness!**

Through regular donation drives, collaborative events and more, they help ensure pets stay healthy, happy and with their families for life!



Thank you, **Valerie Villa of Images By Valerie**, for hosting the exciting Pooch Playoffs & FUNdraiser. We greatly appreciate your generous donation and compassion to help others.

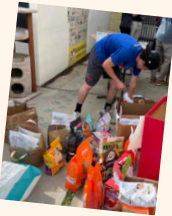
Get your pups geared up for the 2024 Pooch Playoffs! We're honored to announce our continued collaboration with Images by Valerie for next year. Learn more and how to get involved at: [imagesbyvalerie.com/pooch-playoffs](https://imagesbyvalerie.com/pooch-playoffs).

# We love our volunteers



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

Thank you!



Volunteer contributions help make our events and services possible and the **Boys Team Charity, Santa Barbara League** is part of that team.

## YOU ROCK, Boys Team Charity!

This amazing group of families hosts food and supply drives, helps provide pet food and resources to unsheltered pet families, and assists with our special events and fundraisers. We love their hard work, dedication and kindness.



## Welcome and farewell!



We're thrilled to introduce C.A.R.E.4Paws' Deputy Director, **Patrick Antone!** Patrick comes to us from the Santa Barbara Zoo and brings great management experience and so many other talents to our team.

Also, our fantastic Marketing Specialist, **Julia Black,** is now the coordinator for our volunteer and youth programs too. Pawsitivity is in the air!



We are sad to say farewell but incredibly grateful for everything **Wendy Domanski,** our Community Programs Coordinator, has done for C.A.R.E.4Paws and countless pet families in our community.

She has helped feed thousands of dogs and cats, provided life-saving support to Safe Haven families, inspired young minds through Paws Up For Pets and built great relationships with our volunteers and staff.

Her compassion, sense of humor, generosity and willingness to go the extra mile have changed the lives of so many.

# LEAVE A PAWSITIVE LEGACY

C.A.R.E.4Paws grows every year as we work to curb pet overpopulation and support pet families on the Central Coast.

If you want make a lasting impact on pet family welfare in our community, an estate gift helps ensure that we 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 you with tax and financial benefits.

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.

**Turn the page for a range of estate gifts that can help C.A.R.E.4Paws.**

We encourage you to meet with your financial planner to determine which type of estate gift is the best fit for you, or please reach out to me anytime to discuss what type of gift is best suited for your situation.

**Thank you for considering C.A.R.E.4Paws in your estate plans!**



**By Kathryn Courain**

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Your estate gift can make a profound impact in the future of our four-legged friends and pet family welfare.

**A note from C.A.R.E.4Paws donor and volunteer**

*Greta Hansen*



"My love of animals has been with me since I was a child. After college, I started getting involved with the Humane Societies wherever I lived. Over the years, I realized that pet adoptions were noble but it troubled me that so many people do not realize how expensive it is to care for a pet properly through its lifespan.

Then I discovered C.A.R.E.4Paws and I was thrilled to learn of their concept and help with low-cost veterinary services for low-income families. I have observed how much Isabelle Gullö and her staff care about providing quality care to animals—services that they may otherwise not receive—and the enthusiasm of the devoted volunteers.

Therefore, I am adding this amazing organization to my trust."

# Estate gift opportunities



\* By remembering C.A.R.E.4Paws in your estate plans, you help ensure that we can continue assisting thousands of animals and pet families in need for years to come. \*

## **Bequests**

A bequest is one of the most popular types of estate gifts. Simply designate a specific dollar amount, a specific asset or a percentage of the total value of your estate to C.A.R.E.4Paws in your will. If you already have a will, a codicil (amendment) can easily be added to include C.A.R.E.4Paws as a beneficiary. Specific instructions on how to prepare and execute a will or codicil can be provided by your accountant, attorney or estate planner.

## **Amending an existing revocable or irrevocable trust**

If you already have a trust established, you can add C.A.R.E.4Paws as a beneficiary.

## **Retirement accounts: IRAs and 401(k)s**

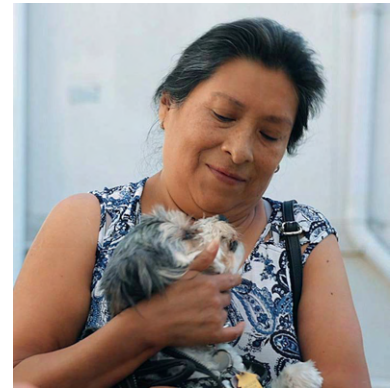
You can make C.A.R.E.4Paws the beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k) and avoid many tax consequences.

## **Life insurance**

If you own a life insurance policy that is paid in full and your family no longer needs the policy's protection, you can designate C.A.R.E.4Paws as the new owner of the policy and receive an immediate tax deduction.

## **Gifts of real property**

Real estate values have increased greatly in recent years and substantial tax benefits can be achieved when you make this type of gift. When you make an outright gift of real estate, you obtain an income tax charitable deduction equal to the property's full fair market value, instead of the lower cost basis. There are many other ways to make a real estate gift as well.



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."



### **A few important things to consider:**

- \* What is your charitable goal?
- \* What do you want your legacy to be?
- \* How can you make the largest impact with the gifts you make?

# GENEROUS FOUNDATION SUPPORT



Incredible news! C.A.R.E.4Paws has received a \$120,000 grant from **PetSmart Charities** to improve access to vet care in Oceano, an underserved community in San Luis Obispo County.

During our first event in Oceano on August 6, PetSmart Charities' Sarah Ocampo and Claudia Vazquez from Arizona Animal Welfare League (in the photo with our volunteer Jerry Stanley) came out to support us. This was also our first day operating our new mobile unit with dozens of spays/neuters and other surgeries!

A heartfelt thank you to **The Grey Muzzle Organization** for a \$5,000 grant to assist senior dogs in need of medical care. We are truly grateful for the continued support and partnership to help pets whose families struggle to pay for veterinary services.

We also want to thank the **Santa Barbara Foundation's Senior Programs Fund** for years of assistance for the elderly and their companion animals. Together we keep pets healthy and with the people who love them!



We have treasured our partnership with **Santa Barbara County Animal Services** since the start of C.A.R.E.4Paws and are so grateful for an annual \$30,000 grant to fund spays/neuters.



We thank the **Santa Barbara Stewards** for a grant to support unhoused pet families.



C.A.R.E.4Paws is thrilled to receive a Community Dividends award from **Montecito Bank & Trust** again in 2023. We are grateful for the bank's support and appreciate how MB&T stands behind our community's nonprofits in so many ways.

A heartfelt thank you! In the photo: C.A.R.E.4Paws' Deputy Director, Patrick Antone, and our board secretary, Tom Fisher, who is MB&T's SVP/Chief Investment Officer.

What a great honor to receive another grant from **Petco Love!**

Thank you, Petco Love, for your generosity and belief in our work to keep pets with their families for life.





Everybody deserves to experience the joy a pet can bring to their lives.

# Thank you



## DONORS AND GRANTORS!



C.A.R.E.4Paws' budget grows annually as we assist more and more pet families, and 2023 is no exception.

We are so thankful for the amazing support we have received this year from so many generous individual donors, grantors and community partners. **You make our work possible!**



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