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Hello!! - from the cubs at CARE



Wow how much we have grown!! In case you haven't met us, we are the newest additions to CARE. Our names, from left to right, are Luca, Jakey, JP and Aluccia. On October 1st, we turned 6-months old and we have a long, long future adventure with our family at CARE. Everyone wonders where we came from...well they said that they would explain all that when we get older, but the short version is that mommy and daddy were involved in some court stuff that prevented daddy from being neutered. Whatever that means, but they tell us that we have to have it done soon. Our veterinarian, Dr. Bill, says we will have it done on October 19th! They also keep telling us it's going to cost a lot of money, but we don't think that's a problem. We're cute! We try not to be much trouble but we can't eat the same stuff the big cats do. We still have to eat 2 bottles of formula and turkey a day, to make us big and strong. We're so excited because we get chicken everyday too! We heard our human family talking about our permanent house. It sounds like we are going to get a brand new play space like mommy and daddy have. Maybe we'll even get a swimming pool! It sounds like they are working hard but have a long way to go. I hope they hurry...we're growing fast.

Trying to keep cool...

Tabby is one of our oldest cats here at CARE. She will be 19-years old in February 2007, which makes the hot summers a real challenge. This summer, we moved Tabby into the Sparks' Veterinary Center so she had access to air conditioning to help keep cool. Her indoor accommodations also included a mattress and blankets to comfort her elderly body. Her temporary outdoor enclosure at our vet center allowed for hand-feeding, administering of the medications necessary to a geriatric cat, as well an area for her to stretch her legs and enjoy the cooler evening temperatures. Her personality and demeanor made her a real treat to spend time observing. The best part of all is that she got the 24-hour intensive care that she deserves. Now that the weather has began to cool, she has returned to her regular enclosure to enjoy the fall temperatures.



Events Calendar

- **Retreats are back...** Fall is here and the weather is perfect for a weekend visit to the facility. See the retreat page on the web for more information. Remember the "Wild at Heart Retreats" are a wonderful birthday or Christmas gift.
- **New enclosures for the cats...** During the month of October Selena will be introduced to the new improvements on her enclosure. We are nearly complete and are getting excited to see her reaction. We will also be working to improve other cat enclosures to get ready for winter.

Big Cat Adoption Spotlight

Tinkerbell is currently under close supervision after the loss of her lifetime partner, Jake. Now living alone, new special care is required to prevent loneliness and depression. At this time, Tinkerbell is still in need of an adoptive parent.



Special Thanks!!

- We would like to give a special **THANKS** to **Marc Sparks** for helping us out of a critical situation this summer. Due to the extreme weather, our well ran dry and we would have been unable to provide much needed water. Marc made a financial donation that allowed us to have a new well drilled.
- We would like to recognize **IESI** for the very much needed dumpster donation. They have been extremely generous to donate and exchange the dumpster every month. This is another necessity to the wellbeing of the cats, and we would like to give **IESI** a big **THANKS**.