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CARE's Desperate Cry for Help and the Amazing People who Answered

CARE survives on gifts generously donated by individuals like you. Some times are more financially difficult than others at CARE, which is a common experience for many of us, I believe. Unfortunately, the end of 2006 was frightening at CARE. Many unexpected bills reared their ugly heads, and the holiday season always comes with a decrease in general funding. All over the country, big cat facilities are closing due to lack of funds, which was a dark cloud compounding the stress and fears of what could happen to CARE.

This issue of the CARE News is dedicated to those who came forward in our time of need and literally pulled CARE from the brink of disaster. Some names you have heard before, like George Thompson and Gerard Van de Merghel. The new names list goes on and on.

CARE has been continually blessed with wonderful people. I am proud to inform you that our CARE family has nearly doubled in size. Thank you one and all for the positive energy you bestowed on the CARE home for big cats.



Tigger smiling for the camera

Fantastic Fundraising February



WOW! Is all there is to be said. Many generous people came together to create two wonderful events. First, Matthew JC, of JC's Model Group, designed an elegant black-tie night for everyone on February 2nd at the Kinki Club in Dallas. Our second event, Bowl-4-CARE, at Showplace Lanes in Eules, was held February 24th. Under the direction of Diane Mann, fun was had by one and all. We raised several thousand dollars through these two events.

Many wonderful volunteers came forward to make these fundraisers a success.

This newsletter is not long enough to list everyone who donated their time, energy, and resources, but please know we have not forgotten you. Everything was donated, from raffle gifts to advertising. Local individuals and businesses donated over \$3,500 worth of prizes for the Bowl-4-CARE raffle alone.

Thank You to everyone from the bottom of all of the cats' hearts and bellies. You are the best!!!



Mathew and fundraising group presenting a check for \$1,000 to CARE

Young New Faces of CARE



Chris helping Sampson get comfortable before sedation and dental exam

CARE's newest intern is a recent graduate from the University of Illinois, with a B.S. in Integrative Biology and Chemistry. Please come meet Chris. He is a great new asset to the CARE family. He works many tireless hours to assure the cats of CARE feel comfortable and loved.

Danielle Agullard is a charming young lady who has, in the past two months, added a touch of class and elegance to our CARE home. Her beautiful outlook is uplifting for everyone. She is presently working on ideas for developing CARE's new website. Keep an eye on the web. You will start seeing the changes soon.



A new CARE angel
Danielle Agullard

*New T-Shirts
&
Calendars
have
arrived at*

No Rest for the Weary

While CARE's February Fundraising drives were successful, it will not be long before our next event. As you know from previous letters, fundraising is a continuous challenge and necessity, as CARE receives no state or federal funding. We rely entirely on donations and grants, so we are constantly searching for new fundraising avenues and sources. Do you have any ideas? Please contact us. Currently, we are organizing CARE's very first open house for September, 2007, which will include live music, lots of food, a silent auction, and the premier of "Panthera Art Productions," a unique line of artwork created by the Big Cats of CARE. Don't miss this exciting evening!

A lot of behind-the-scenes work must happen to create such a special night. During the first weekend of April, we are holding a planning meeting, and we invite you to attend and get involved. We need hard workers and good ideas! Please contact Heidi Berry for details at heidi@bigcatcare.org.



Dr. Frank Mendel displays a saber-toothed tiger skull from the Labrea, California tar pits

National Geographic

National Geographic Television returns for another shoot with Dr. Frank Mendel of the University of New York. Dr. Mendel is a noted researcher on the subjects of big cat anatomy and physiology. We will keep you informed on airing dates. The CARE sanctuary is a perfect place for the shoot. In addition to having the Sparks Veterinary Center to work in, we also have 54 of the modern day saber-toothed cats to view. Because of CARE's unique way of holistic feeding, many research organizations have directed their attention towards CARE. We are constantly learning more about the big cats and their eating habits, both modern and prehistoric. Our past and present interns and volunteers have dedicated countless hours behind cameras and a note pad to collect data on big cat eating habits. CARE is currently collecting data on bite strength using a pressure controlled cylinder and cable. We are expecting another visit from Dr. Mendel in late spring to work out the kinks for our next research project for television.



Sparks Veterinary & Education Center has been blessed with a complete upgrade. Paul and Amy Durfee have come forward with donations of fantastic new medical equipment !!!!

Adoptions & Sponsorships

CARE adoptions have taken off with flying colors. Fifteen individuals have stepped forward to Adopt or Sponsor as many lucky big cats of CARE. Sponsorships are available to anyone at \$99 and under per month. Adoptions are \$100 + per month. The new Adoptions and Sponsorships will increase the cats' quality of life considerably, because they assure regular income that can be counted on to provide food, medications, and other everyday necessities. We think of them as gifts of life—that is how vital they are to CARE's operations. Below, we list our new Adopters and their adoptees. Congratulations, parents; your babies have arrived! If you are interested in Adopting or Sponsoring, we have many adorable cats waiting for you. Adoptions and Sponsorships are great ways to commemorate a special person or occasion, teach compassion to a beloved child, and they're perfect for that "hard to shop for" person in your life. You will receive a beautiful 8x10 photo of your adoptee and other perks. Please visit us on the web at www.bigcatcare.org to learn more.

A special thanks to Alan "Ayo", Jessie and all the wonderful people from 102.1 the "Edge". Liz Johnson, your public service announcement Rocks. Welcome to the CARE family.

Spotlight Adoption

CARE's spotlight typically introduces one cat at a time, but Flash and Lily are inseparable, even in a newsletter. They have been together since they were young, but the intensity of their love increased this past year. Flash is a beautiful Royal White Tiger. He is very large and could destroy Lily with one swipe of a paw. By contrast, Lily has struggled her whole life with a shoulder problem and is weak and small. To see these powerful creatures show compassion, love, and gentleness toward each other is incredibly moving. Never in the history of CARE have two cats exhibited such reverence for one another. Flash and Lily are treasures to behold. Come see them for yourself. For information about tours, call 940-683-5034 or contact Lisa at tours@bigcatcare.org.



Flash and Lily. Although they are young, their love for each other is unmistakably timeless.

New Adoptions

Adoptive Parent

Kay Deli
 Marsha Little
 Joe Maealiuaki
 Sean and Sheena Keliher
 Randy Stoermer
 Chrissy Sargent
 Paul Durfee

Adoptee

Acari
 Sprinkles
 Sampson
 Raven
 Levi
 Kanapalli
 Layla

Adoptive Parent

Gerard Van de Merghel
 Cheryl Alexander
 Whitney Kokalis
 JD and Lisa Thompson
 Claude Maealiuaki
 Amy Durfee
 Shawn Barr

Adoptee

Fire
 JP
 Milo
 Melita
 Spotty
 Kate
 Luca

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