

# REWARD

For information leading to the identification of the person or persons responsible for throwing a gray & white cat into the lake at Village San Juan on or about Friday, July 30, 2004. Please report this or any other act of animal cruelty. CARE (949) 249-1735

A Village San Juan resident called Friday, July 30th, after her daughter found a wet, half drowned cat on the shore of the lake. The cat was meowing, dirty, matted, and very limp. Orange County Animal Control came out and took the cat to the County Care facility where "It's condition deteriorated and it has to be euthanized". We, as an animal rescue organization, are outraged, and have posted these signs throughout the area.

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## Very Special Volunteers



In the fall of 2000, Pam and Mike McClellan became interested in CARE after they had lost a cat and found out SJC residents had to drive to Orange to see whether their cat was at the County facility or not. They never found their beloved cat, but they were inspired to do something about SJC not having their own animal shelter. Ever since then, you can see Pam and Mike at all the fund raisers including the *Paws on the Patio Luncheon*, *CARE Car Show*, *FORE CARE Golf Tournament*, and *CARE for a Taste*.

As if fund raising wasn't enough to keep them busy, they fell in love with Mac, a CARE dog they were babysitting while his foster parents were out of town. Their current condo wasn't big enough for a large dog plus their cats, so they found a house with a nice backyard, and adopted Mac.

Their next CARE adventure took place when Pam and Mike decide to foster newborn kittens until they were old enough to be placed in the Petland Cattery for adoption. "Playing with these kittens was much more fun and relaxing than watching TV. You have to love them."

I asked Pam why she is so devoted to CARE, and this is her response: "Everyone has a cause and a purpose, and we think ours is to help animals. There are numerous charity groups around, but not too many helping lost, abused, and abandoned animals. The unconditional love and appreciation you receive from these animals is worth so much. We have truly enjoyed being part of CARE and want to continue to see the organization grow and prosper."

Joan Jasicki—Publicity Chairman

### Kibbles 'n Bits of News

Eat at Ruby's on the 4th Monday of the month with a flyer from our Web site, or picked up at PetMart, and 20% of the bill is donated to CARE.

CARE has their adoptable animals on display in a adoption book located in the Petco store in San Juan Capistrano now.

Donate your car to Care-4-Cause and name CARE as the recipient of the donation.

Thanks to outgoing Board Members Angela Daulton-Roberts as Fund Raising Chairman and Glenda Kerenka as Volunteer Chairman.

Welcome to Dr. Michelle Paszcek, who came in to assist Dr. John Kaszek at Benfield Veterinary Hospital in Petaluma.

## The Scoop from Marsha

### A Memorial to Mama Kitty

When she showed up in the neighborhood near Historic Mission San Juan Capistrano, she was somewhere between one and three years old. No one knew where she came from. No one knew if anyone was looking for her and never found her, or if they just decided to dump her when they no longer wanted her anymore.



The 10 pound, spayed female multi-colored tabby first belonged to someone, somewhere was now homeless and hungry. Because she wouldn't let anyone touch her, they thought she was feral.

A sympathetic neighbor named her "Mama Kitty" and began feeding her. Mama Kitty was relegated to the outdoors, evading threats from coyotes and cars unlike the other neighborhood cats who did have houses, but weren't as lucky. After three years, the kind neighbor moved away. Abandoned once again, Mama Kitty was able to beg for an occasional handout from other houses nearby. Then the neighborhood changed, and people who cared for her moved away. The new people who moved in did not. The female inhabitants in a residential treatment program and their weekly caretaker offered her an occasional handout and changed her name to Simon. But, two weeks ago they left and she was alone again. She stayed around in the backyard of the vacant house; waiting, but no one came back. She was discovered in an emaciated state by accident when a neighbor entered the back yard of the abandoned house. She was weak and sick, but she didn't wander far from the spot where she had known kindness and compassion.

CARE was called to help, but it was too late. She was so close to the end of her life that after 3 days, she no longer tried to run away. The little female who had fended for herself, shunned people and made due with a few handouts didn't resist when I scooped her up from the carpet near the fireplace, inside the abandoned house.

It's hard to say why she died; maybe she starved, maybe she ate a poisoned mouse or came in contact with a free roaming animal that carried a disease. The more obvious reason is because everyone she came in contact with believed that she would be able to take care of herself, hunt for food, find shelter and be safe on her own.

I'm never disappointed by the animals I come in contact with. I wish I could say the same about the people.

Marsha Schwartz, Founding Member

Marsha was honored by the San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce as San Juan Capistrano's Citizen of the Year for 2002 - 2003

## Ask the Doctor...

### The Poisons of Summer

Summer has the most dangerous months of the year for companion animals. Last year the Animal Poison Control Center received the highest number of phone calls during this period and 43% involved animals' exposure to insecticides, rodenticides and herbicides.



Prevention is the key to protecting your pet from these toxic substances.

A few of the lesser-known pet poisons should be added to your potential hazard list.

#### Charcoal lighter fluid

Contact with this toxic substance - a volatile hydrocarbon - can cause animals' skin to dry and crack. Ingestion and inhalation can result in vomiting and rapid spreading in the lungs. Ultimately, chemical pneumonitis and pulmonary edema can result.

#### Washes for wooden decks and whitewall car tires

These strong cleaners contain corrosive agents that can cause oral and esophageal burns with possible stricture formation if ingested.

#### Macadamia nuts

Dogs that eat large amounts of these nuts can suffer from transient, hind limb paralysis. These signs usually resolve within 24 to 48 hours.

#### Lilies

Certain types of these popular plants (including Easter lily, tiger lily, stargazer, Japanese show and some species of day lilies) can cause renal failure in cats. A small amount ingested from any part of the plant can induce this severe reaction.

#### Glow-in-the-dark objects

Sold at fairs, carnivals, and novelty stores, these objects contain the liquid *diethyl phthalate*. Cats that ingest the liquid will drool and slobber excessively. Although the problem resolves completely (usually within minutes), it can frighten pet owners.

#### Hops plugs

Dogs that chew on hops plugs thrown away after beer brewing can develop hyperthermia. Body temperature increases rapidly and can reach 103°F to 105°F within three hours.

'Till next time,  
Dr. Joe Cortese

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