

Colorado Animal Rescue Express (C.A.R.E.)

Colorado Animal Rescue Express was formed in June of 2007 by Linda Fox and Lisa Mendelsberg. Since incorporation, C.A.R.E. has expanded their services from the transport of companion animals from high kill shelters to rescues and adopters, to funding veterinary care, spay and neuter programs, and helping needy shelters and individuals with their ability to care for their animals.



Our Mission Statement

C.A.R.E. is dedicated to providing safe transportation of homeless pets to approved rescues and adoptive homes. C.A.R.E. is committed to reducing the number of homeless pets by funding spay and neuter programs. C.A.R.E. assists homeless pets with veterinary care through Jake's Fund. C.A.R.E. helps individuals keep their pets during times of hardship, and assists pets and shelters affected by natural disasters. C.A.R.E. provides donated food, supplies, and capital improvements to disadvantaged shelters and rescuers.

Specifically, C.A.R.E. has accomplished the following:

- **Transport:** 24,000 dogs and cats transported to safety
- **Jake's Fund:** Donated veterinary funding to 3,100 homeless pets
- **Spay/ Neuter:** Provided funds to spay or neuter 9,700 pets
- **Contributions:** \$96,000 to needy shelters and rescues; distributed pet food and supplies to areas where needed; and offered financial support to individuals struggling to keep their pets

Animal Transport

C.A.R.E. was originally established to arrange and provide the transport of adoptable dogs and cats from Midwest shelters to Colorado rescue groups and adopters. Over the years, we expanded our program to include sponsoring the transports of other groups moving animals out of desperate situations in New Mexico, Utah, Nebraska and Wyoming. Transport has been effective in reducing shelter euthanasia in rural, remote, under-funded, and tribal locations. We partner with over 100 Colorado licensed rescue groups to save the animals in our neighboring states. We also fund many transfers of unwanted pets on Indian reservations in the Four Corners area to Colorado rescue groups and shelters.

An average transport consists of renting multiple vans in various locations to move approximately 25 dogs and cats. A dog or cat must have a firm rescue commitment or adoption in Colorado, or another state, before C.A.R.E. will arrange transport. When the animal arrives in Denver, excited rescue volunteers are waiting to greet our vans and transfer animals. Occasionally, we may bring an animal to an adopter that has been approved from the sending shelter. We believe that many animals spend their first night ever in a home, even though it is a foster home, on transport day. C.A.R.E. does not have a facility, and we do not do any adoptions.



Animals on transport with C.A.R.E.

“Jake’s Fund”



A 3-year-old yellow Lab, who passed away during treatment for advanced Heartworm disease



In memory of this courageous, handsome and wonderful dog, C.A.R.E. started “Jake’s Fund” in October of 2008

Through Jake’s Fund, C.A.R.E. provides veterinary assistance to homeless pets in shelters and rescue groups. Our contributions cover services from routine vetting (vaccines, spay/neuter) to emergency care for injured strays. Also, we provide donations for heartworm treatment, dental and orthopedic procedures, and genetic conditions. On average, we contribute to the care of 45 – 50 animals a month. These donations are often key in deciding to treat, rather than euthanize, a shelter animal. With C.A.R.E.’s financial donations through Jake’s Fund, rescues and adopters are more willing to accept homeless pets that might require surgery or other medical treatments because some of their costs to make the animal healthy and adoptable have been offset.

Spay and Neuter

The most proven way to reduce pet overpopulation is to spay and neuter all animals.

In 2009, C.A.R.E. began providing funds for spay and neuter and funds for education to areas where we offer transport service. Today, we regularly donate funds to clinics and programs in many low-income, rural and Native American communities. If possible, we also subsidize vaccinations.

Routinely, C.A.R.E. pays for surgical supplies and pain and anesthetic drugs for **Soul Dog Rescue** to host their spay and neuter clinics on the Ute and Navajo reservations. After these clinics, we help with gas reimbursement for their volunteers to bring stray and unwanted animals back to Denver shelters and rescue groups. Our other spay and neuter clinics are conducted with mobile vets and arrangements with local veterinarians in rural towns and other low income areas. For over 3 years, we have supported a project with Denver Public Housing that helps spay and neuter, and vaccinate the animals of its tenants.

Feral cats survive on the streets by forming colonies where they feel safe. Sadly, without spay and neuter intervention, they multiply and the problem grows even bigger. Because these cats are not domesticated, they need to be trapped, neutered and returned to their colonies after the surgeries. C.A.R.E. sponsors Trap, Neuter and Release programs (TNR) for feral cats in Colorado and our neighboring states. Additionally, C.A.R.E. provides donated food and funds to the caregivers of many feral colonies.

Contributions

C.A.R.E. helps poor and remote shelters with their capital needs for repairs, fencing, improved sanitation, and medical care for the animals. In some cases, we also help cover the cost of their vaccines. With the ongoing generosity of the Denver Dumb Friends League, Sam’s Club, and other supporters, C.A.R.E. distributes pet food and supplies to many shelters, rescues, and poverty stricken tribal areas in Colorado and other states.

Having a pet is expensive and not everyone can afford to care for their pet during tough times. Through the trusted referrals of social agencies, veterinarians, and rescue contacts, C.A.R.E. assists people in need to keep their pets by supplying either veterinary care or food donations. We also support groups that help the pets of the homeless, and programs that match senior pets with senior owners. Also, C.A.R.E. reaches out to local animal welfare organizations during periods of natural disasters (tornados, wildfires and floods) to save the displaced animals.



A few of the beautiful faces transported or assisted medically through Jake’s Fund. Courtesy of C.A.R.E.

For our work to continue, we need your support.

C.A.R.E. is an all-volunteer organization. We take no salaries and we pay no rent. Your donation dollars support our animal services. To learn more about C.A.R.E., please visit our web site, www.caretransport.org. Donations can be made online or checks can be mailed to C.A.R.E. 5276 S. Hanover Way, Englewood CO 80111.