



Fall 2017 eNewsletter

In this newsletter, we're featuring one of CARE's founding volunteers, the continuing education efforts of our volunteers, an adult cat ready for adoption, and the reasons why people adopt shelter pets.

We hope that you will enjoy these updates and feel free to forward to people who may be considering a companion animal or would like to join us in rescue as a volunteer or foster caregiver.





Volunteer Spotlight: Sandy Schneider

As one of CARE's founding volunteers, Sandy Schneider has made a difference in the lives of many cats and people. And even a few goats.

About ten years ago, CARE received a call from a goat farm in Amelia County. The farm needed a cat to control the mice, which were eating the goat feed. Sandy had just the right cat for the job.

Earlier, Sandy had trapped some feral cats that were living near the dumpster of an apartment complex. The apartment managers had requested that the cats be removed and CARE stepped in.

Rescued feral cats can be tamed, but it is not always easy. While many feral cats warm up to humans and go on to enjoy domestic life, others remain fearful of people. Placing one of these cats on a farm where it could roam and hunt was good for the cat as well as for the goats.

Here, Sandy is pictured with the goats who benefitted from having a barn cat to

protect their food.



Richmond Adoption Options

CARE volunteers recently attended Adoption Options, an educational workshop presented by Petfinder Pro and the Petco Foundation. Attendees heard from speakers on topics such as community outreach, successful fostering, open adoption counseling, and social media.

Speakers invited attendees to consider different viewpoints and circumstances behind difficult issues such as pet surrenders and the practice of buying pets from stores or breeders instead of adopting from shelters. By having open conversations and focusing on the goodness in people, rescue volunteers are better able to place homeless pets in loving homes.



Ready for Adoption: Joey



My name is Joey and I love listening to jazz and watching Netflix while snuggling with my foster person. I'm looking for a permanent relationship with someone who I can curl up next to and purr to sleep at night. I am a neutered adult male and all my shots are up to date so I'm ready to go home with someone special.



Do you know someone who'd like to lavish me with attention?

Please [apply online](https://care-cats.org/online-application) (care-cats.org/online-application) and ask my foster mom all about me.





Why People Adopt

According to a 2014 survey, people who have adopted pets feel strong pride and social responsibility in discussing their adoption experience and love for their pet. Seventy-one percent of pet adopters indicated they have recommended shelters, compared to 41 percent of those acquiring from a breeder, and 21 percent acquiring from a pet store.

Discussing adoption evokes a strong sense of pride, kindness, and social responsibility to a degree not seen among the breeder and pet store segments. Read the full article on the [Maddie's Fund blog](#).

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C.A.R.E. offers a variety of ways to get involved, from caring for cats at adoption centers and fostering kittens to helping with fundraising and administrative projects.

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Foster

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