

COLORADO ANIMAL RESCUE EXPRESS (C.A.R.E.) SAVING ANIMALS IS OUR PASSION!!!

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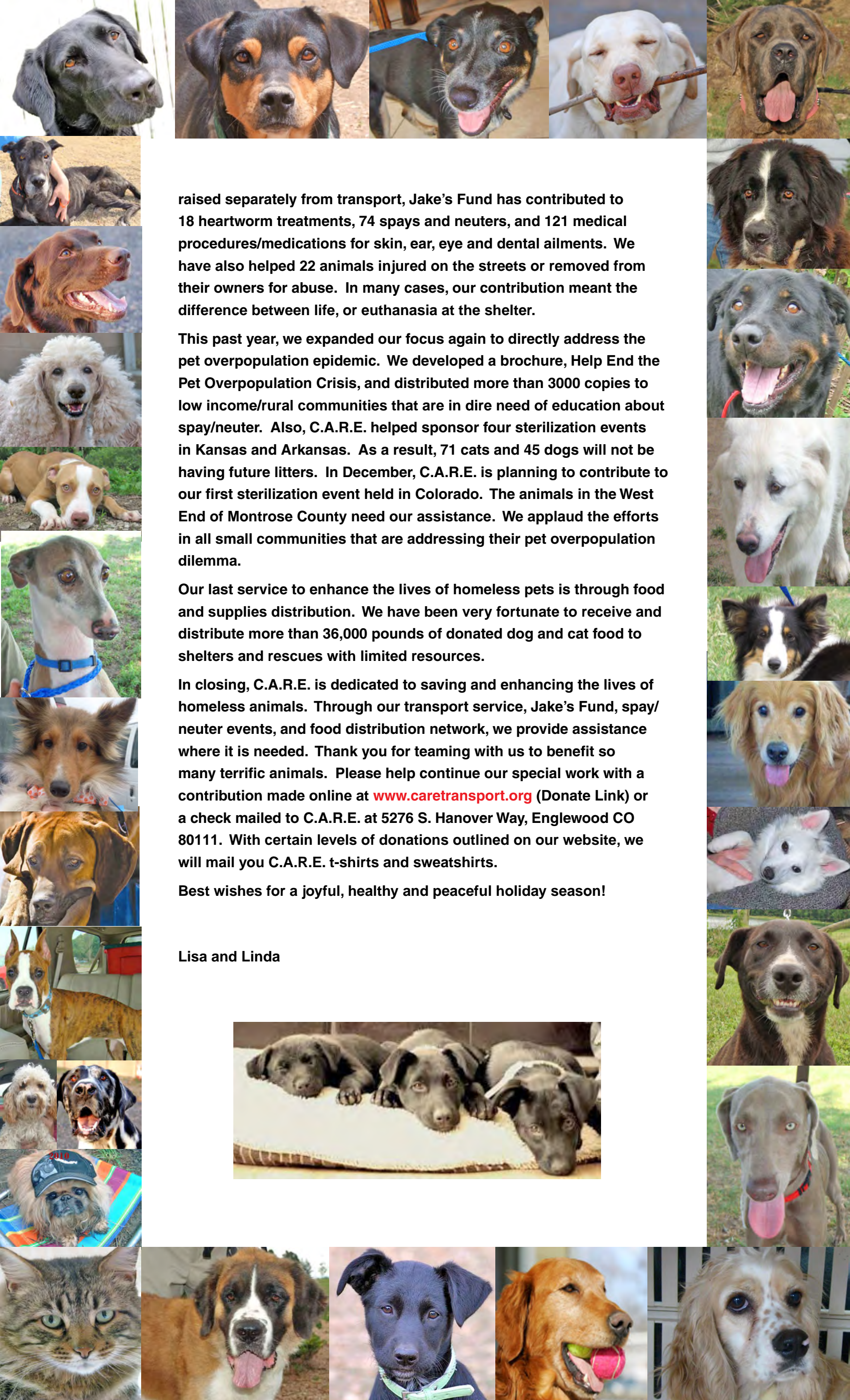
- 5,361 animals transported to safety with rescues and adoptive homes
- 351 animals helped through Jake's Fund with medical costs or sterilization
- \$144,000 spent transporting and improving the lives of homeless pets

C.A.R.E.'s work is funded solely through donations, grants, and fundraisers. Our tireless volunteers and rescue contacts have driven over 320,000 miles to move dogs and cats from areas where there is a high concentration of homeless pets to areas where they will have a better opportunity for adoption. C.A.R.E. is currently working with 100 licensed rescue groups that will help transition the animals into new homes. **On behalf of the animals and the families who have been enriched with new companions, thank you for your time and financial commitment.**

C.A.R.E.'s passengers are primarily pulled from high kill shelters in Midwest urban and rural areas. We have developed strong relationships with shelters and rescue groups in Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. Transport is also offered in Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Helping the rural shelters in Colorado is a top priority. In addition to shelter animals, we also transport puppy mill releases and owner surrenders. Currently, we are running at least two interstate transports a week. On average, it costs C.A.R.E. at least \$26 to move an animal to safety.

Countless pets are feeling the pain of our country's economic downturn. The ripples of unemployment and foreclosures have increased the number of homeless pets in shelters. In March 2009, Petfinder.com surveyed its registered shelters and rescue groups. Over 74% reported an increase in pets being abandoned or given away since this time last year. Consequently, homeless pets need more help than ever before.

In October 2008, C.A.R.E. introduced Jake's Fund in memory of one of our passengers, a beautiful young yellow lab. Jake passed away unexpectedly during his heartworm treatment before coming to rescue in Denver. We saw a need to expand our mission to help shelter animals with medical costs that would enhance their chances of being adopted or accepted into a rescue program. With donations and grants



raised separately from transport, Jake's Fund has contributed to 18 heartworm treatments, 74 spays and neuters, and 121 medical procedures/medications for skin, ear, eye and dental ailments. We have also helped 22 animals injured on the streets or removed from their owners for abuse. In many cases, our contribution meant the difference between life, or euthanasia at the shelter.

This past year, we expanded our focus again to directly address the pet overpopulation epidemic. We developed a brochure, Help End the Pet Overpopulation Crisis, and distributed more than 3000 copies to low income/rural communities that are in dire need of education about spay/neuter. Also, C.A.R.E. helped sponsor four sterilization events in Kansas and Arkansas. As a result, 71 cats and 45 dogs will not be having future litters. In December, C.A.R.E. is planning to contribute to our first sterilization event held in Colorado. The animals in the West End of Montrose County need our assistance. We applaud the efforts in all small communities that are addressing their pet overpopulation dilemma.

Our last service to enhance the lives of homeless pets is through food and supplies distribution. We have been very fortunate to receive and distribute more than 36,000 pounds of donated dog and cat food to shelters and rescues with limited resources.

In closing, C.A.R.E. is dedicated to saving and enhancing the lives of homeless animals. Through our transport service, Jake's Fund, spay/neuter events, and food distribution network, we provide assistance where it is needed. Thank you for teaming with us to benefit so many terrific animals. Please help continue our special work with a contribution made online at www.caretransport.org (Donate Link) or a check mailed to C.A.R.E. at 5276 S. Hanover Way, Englewood CO 80111. With certain levels of donations outlined on our website, we will mail you C.A.R.E. t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Best wishes for a joyful, healthy and peaceful holiday season!

Lisa and Linda

