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Planning a vacation soon?

It's time for vacation!
However, owning a companion animal means planning ahead.

- ❑ Make sure your animal's shots are current, and that you have the papers handy.
- ❑ If you are going to leave your companion animal behind, the ideal setting is your own home. If you can find someone reliable to stay, your animal will be less stressed.

- ❑ If you are traveling by car, your dog or cat should not be free roaming. Make travel safe for all.
- ❑ Find out about any kennels, hotels and airline policies in advance.
- ❑ Give full consideration to contact information, medications, first aid and emergencies, clean-up of accidents, food and water, and toys and treats.

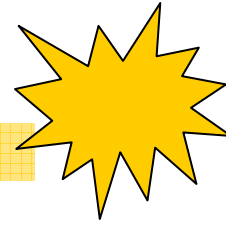
Lexi's Scoop

Lexi is an incredibly sweet puppy that got off to a somewhat rocky start. CARA volunteers scooped this four-month old puppy out of the Baltimore City Shelter where she was to be put down because of a leg injury.

After receiving medical attention, the vet concluded that Lexi was in great health aside from broken toes on her right front leg. We sought a second opinion with a specialist regarding her leg fractures, to decide what surgery needed to be done.

Lexi had her surgery and things looked good to the surgeon. It appears this little girl's foot was too bad to put pins into, so they re-broke everything in such a way to make a solid mass out of the bones. The goal of the surgery was to help her foot keep her "up and moving!"

RECENT HAPPY NEWS!
Lexi has been adopted! Her family reports that "Velcro Dog" is healing nicely, learning commands, loves her Kong and REALLY wants to play with the family cat. "We're absolutely delighted to have Lexi," her adopter says.



It's Too Darn Hot

**FEELIN'
HOT,
HOT,
HOT!**

Sometimes busy and distracted, we can make a deadly mistake at this time of year. It can be so tempting to "just run an errand for a minute," and leave the dog or the cat in the car.

On an 85-degree day, even with the windows cracked, the temperature can soar to 102 in 10 minutes. On a hotter day, the temperature can become 30 degrees hotter per minute when the car is parked in direct sun.

If you see a pet in these circumstances, contact security, if possible. Have the owner of the car paged, or have security force the locks, if necessary.

Look for these signs:

- ❖ Glazed eyes
- ❖ Rapid heartbeat
- ❖ Heavy panting
- ❖ Lethargy
- ❖ Heavy salivation
- ❖ Vomiting
- ❖ Change in tongue color

To lower the animal's body temperature gradually:

- ❖ Move it to an air-conditioned space or in the shade
- ❖ Let the pet drink a little cool water or lick ice cubes
- ❖ Use ice packs or cold towels near the head, neck and chest
- ❖ Get the pet to a veterinarian.



Hotsy's Happy Tale

Hi, remember me? I adopted Anthony, one of the Home Depot litter, back in February. You may recall, I decided to rename Anthony as Hotsy. That's in honor of Hotsy Alperstein, whose photograph I happened to sit under while eating at Krupin's Deli after I had put my beloved Arf to sleep.

Well!!! I discovered that Mr. Alperstein was alive and kicking and owns a furniture store

downtown. I sent him an email with Hotsy-cat's photo. And he called me! He wanted to meet his namesake!

So Hotsy and I took a trip down to meet the original Hotsy. We're now all fast friends! Hotsy the human is a real sweetie, 88 years old and sharp as a tack. He was absolutely tickled to meet his feline counterpart.

From his adopter, Dru

Loving Again



*Oh what unhappy twist of fate
has brought you homeless to my
gate?*

*The gate where yet another stood,
in search of shelter, warmth and
food.*

*And from that day I ceased to be
the master of my destiny.*

*Oh I can't believe I never saw,
how within my house you became
the law.*

*You scratched my furniture and
you shed, and claimed the middle
of my bed.*

*You ruled with arrogance and with
pride, and broke my heart the day
you died.*

*So you who stands here on my mat?
Do you think I want to re-live
all that?*

*Because you come here forlorn
and thin...Well, don't just stand
there...COME ON IN. ~author unknown*

Tracy's Heart, by Vivian Cooper

Friday June 10, 2005 was a sad day for CARA, for our first family member crossed Rescuer's Bridge. Tracy Jean Gross was known as an extremely active cat person prior to her struggle with cancer, which ultimately took her from this world after only 31 short years. It was because of Tracy that many sick and injured kittens recovered, grew strong and found adoptive homes.

As a founding CARA member, Tracy worked in whatever capacity her health would allow. During her pregnancy with her son, Trey, she worked. During her fight against cancer, which she was diagnosed with shortly after Trey's birth, she worked.

Tracy's specialty was with sick and injured kitties, which she would lovingly nurse back to health, even adopting the

"hard to place" kitties. She was a true caregiver with her heart entwined with cat fur! Though her body has left this world, her spirit and energy will remain within our active rescue work that finds stray, neglected, and abandoned animals forever homes.

Tracy Gross, survived by her husband Tony, her son Trey, her parents, sisters, brother, and grandmother, will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

In honor of Tracy's place in the CARA family, our Treasurer, Page Lacey, will maintain a special fund called "Tracy's Heart". All funds donated to "Tracy's Heart" will continue her work in the care and support of sick kittens and medically disabled adult cats.



*In Loving
Memory of
Tracy Jean
Gross*



Our Best to Jennifer, by DorothyBelle Poli

Jennifer Zinker was a founding member of CARA too. Looking originally to adopt another dog, she became interested in helping cats as well. Her specialty quickly became fostering mother cats and tiny kittens. Sometimes she took tiny orphans, and somehow convinced her nursing moms to accept and nurture kittens not their own!

Giving in every way, she offered to pay many vet bills, bought pens, magnets and other little things that launched our first year efforts, and jumped in whenever needed.

Jennifer's home became a safe, organized and clean haven for many animals in need of the time and attention of a temporary or permanent guardian to their souls.

Jennifer's exceptional capabilities in the field of Engineering presented her the opportunity of advancing in a position elsewhere. While we miss her sorely, we are extremely happy at her good fortune, and eternally grateful for the many gifts she gave so readily to our mission.

Sloppy kisses galore, Jennifer!

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*Opening doors
for homeless
animals...*

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@yahoo.com

*We're on the
Web!*

*See us at:
www.cara-adopt.org*

Purrs and sloppy kisses

Our volunteers also owe a note of real thanks to Pam and Nick Shoff of "For Cat's Sake." Before they decided to go on to new life enterprises, they owned a lovely shop in Kensington devoted entirely to cats.

We were very appreciative of their many useful and decorative cat items. We are even more in their debt for providing an environment in which MANY of our successful cat shows and adoptions took place.

Show your heartfelt support!

Buy a Spay-Neuter or Rescue magnet for your car. Magnets cost \$6. All proceeds benefit animal rescue.

Available at CARA adoption shows, or email us at cara_adopt@yahoo.com.



About Us, from our Chairperson, Kelly Poliquin

We rely on adoption fees and donations to pay for vet care for all our rescued animals. Checks can be sent to CARA at 7305 Hopkins Avenue, College Park, MD 20740. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes plus licks and purrs from our pups and kitties. We are an approved 501(c)3 charitable organization. You can donate online using a credit card at our Network for Good website.

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