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## The December Aly Report - News from CARE STL

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The Aly Report



Sniffing out the latest news from CARE STL

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Welcome to the December edition of The Aly Report! We're celebrating another record-breaking year, and YOU - our amazing community!

### Thank you for another amazing year!

The Holidays are a time for reflection and celebration. As the year ends, we're celebrating the 2,242 dogs and cats (and goats, snakes, bunnies and guinea pigs) that you have given sanctuary this year!

Your unwavering commitment to those in our shelter, until they too find their loving home, gives new hope to the abused, abandoned and stray dogs that come through our doors. New hope to dogs like Roxanne, Fiona-Ann, and Silas - who are all in the emergency veterinary clinic as you read this.



**Silas** is a very sweet boy who came to CARE STL with an infected wound in his back leg. It appeared to be about a week old, and upon closer inspection our veterinarian believes it to be the result of a gunshot wound.

We are treating the infection and repairing the wound, and will know in a few weeks if amputation is necessary or if the leg can be saved.

Silas did not deserve this abuse. We are doing everything we can to make him whole again regardless of the emergency care cost, which is already at \$2,100.

**Roxanne** has been steadily losing weight since she came to us at the end of October. X-rays showed obstruction, and during surgery a small piece of plastic was removed from her intestines. A biopsy was also taken, as the veterinarians do not believe this small obstruction is enough to warrant her weight loss. We expect biopsy results today.

Roxanne was found as a stray and although a little shy, loves to play with other dogs and her caregivers and volunteer friends at CARE STL.

To date, her medical issue has cost CARE STL almost \$6,000.

Poor **Fiona-Ann** was struck by not one, but two cars, when she got caught in the middle of a collision that was the result of the two drivers swerving to avoid hitting her as she darted into the road.

Thankfully, the drivers are alright, and Fiona-Ann is recovering from bruises and scrapes at the emergency clinic.

We will continue to care for for this sweet little stray until she finds a loving home.

In the short time she has been with us, the cost of her medical care is already at \$2,800.

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**Furever Friends Matchmaking: Love and Pops**



**Love (dog, male, 2 years old)**

The name LOVE, is the perfect choice for this adorable sweet boy. He came in wearing just a green collar and from what we know, he had a pretty rough life before arriving at our shelter with another dog.

But true to how dogs are, LOVE has let go of his sad past and is ready for his future. He is a very affectionate boy and as cute as it gets. His face with that big spot on his eye just makes us melt! LOVE is absolutely precious!

He is just beginning to meet dogs here and did get along well with the dog he arrived with.

Walk-in adoptions welcome Tuesday-Sunday, 11AM-5 PM or apply below to meet Love.

[Adopt Me!](#)

**Pops (cat, male, 10 months)**

Pops is a favorite of Jon Berg, our resident cat whisperer (and featured Human of CARE STL).

Behind this adorable sweet face, is a very active cat with kitten energy. He plays well with his friend Amadeus, and if he does have a cat friend at home, it will need to be an active player that likes to pounce. No wimps for Pops!

Pops is loads of fun and needs the right person to deal with his energy! He's an affectionate boy who would love to survey his kingdom from your couch or windowsill.

Walk-in adoptions welcome Tuesday-Sunday, 11AM-5 PM or apply below to meet Pops.

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**Humans of CARE STL: Jon Berg and Eileen Pacino**



### Jon Berg, Cat Whisperer

Jon spends his days at CARE STL taking care of the cats. Feeding, cleaning and taking care of them. Jon works hard to spend time with each cat and give them the time and attention they need so that he can really get to know them, and match them to their perfect loving foster home or permanent home.

The one thing Jon wishes everyone knew about cats in shelters is this: at CARE STL, we take their physical, emotional, mental and behavioral health very seriously and we take care of all these needs with love and compassion until they find their way home.

Jon and his wife currently take care of several cats in their home - a mix of their own pets and foster cats, ranging in age from three months to seventeen years. There are several cats with special needs, including a deaf cat, a FIV-positive cat, a cat with cardiomyopathy and a cat with severe tapeworms whose survival was uncertain until Jon took her home to give her round-the-clock-care.

Jon celebrates one year at CARE STL this month, and his favorite thing about working with our cats is getting cats out of the shelter and into homes. That makes every single day worth it!

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### Eileen Pacino, Laundry Volunteer Extraordinaire

If you've ever been to the CARE STL dog shelter, chances are you've seen Eileen. Eileen is a unicorn of a volunteer - and has diligently come in to do laundry from 6am - 6pm, three times a week, for almost three years.

This month, Eileen retires from her volunteer work at CARE STL, and we couldn't let Eileen go without acknowledging the tremendous impact her service has had on our operations.



Laundry duty in an animal shelter is a dirty, strenuous and unglamorous task that keeps the dogs and cats healthy and warm. The value of having clean folded and sorted laundry available within arms reach at any time of day is an absolute luxury and lifesaver. Eileen, we cannot adequately express how appreciative we are for every hour of your quiet service. Thank you, and we wish you all the best in your volunteer retirement. We hope you will come back to visit on occasion!

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### Have you heard about the CARE STL Buddies?

You can invest in ongoing care for our animals by becoming joining the CARE STL Buddies Monthly Giving Circle! Your monthly gift provides consistent support that we know we can count on, and allows us to proactively plan for the animals in our care, and provide them with the best outcomes and path to adoption.

Choose the amount that makes most sense to you, and you will join a giving circle that recognizes your investment in healthy, happy outcomes for homeless pets, including a **special gift** available only to CARE STL Buddies.

You may cancel your monthly gift at any time.

Donation Amount	Buddy Giving Circle	CARE STL Buddies Sticker	CARE STL Buddies Special Gift	10% off CARE STL Merchandise	Invitation to exclusive CARE STL Buddies Reconciliation Event
\$5 - \$25	Treat Buddy		CARE Buddies Tote Bag		
\$26 - \$50	Purr Buddy		CARE Buddies Travel Mug		
\$51 - \$99	Paw Buddy		CARE Buddies Ball Cap		
\$100+	Snuggle Buddy		CARE Buddies Plush Blanket		

Become a CARE STL Buddy Today!

### CARE STL Out and About in January

Our calendar is already starting to fill up for the new year! Find us out and about at these fun events:

**Saturday January 8th: [Bar K Dog Bar Adoption Event](#)**

An adoption event where you can meet CARE STL adoptable dogs!  
 11am - 1pm  
 4565 McRee Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

**Friday January 14th and Sunday January 16th: [St. Louis Auto Show - Subaru Dog Meet and Greet](#)**

Meet CARE STL adoptable dogs with Subaru at the St. Louis Auto Show  
 12pm - 4pm on Friday and 5pm - 9pm on Sunday  
 America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101

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## CARE STL Wishlist Spotlight

With a recent intake of 100 cats and two litters of puppies born in the last month, we are in need of cat litter and wet puppy food!

[Shop](#) cat litter.

[Shop](#) wet puppy food.

You may order and ship directly to us, or deliver it to us at: CARE STL at [2700 Walnut Place, St. Louis, MO 63103](#).

## Thank YOU!

Thank you for another incredible year! We look forward to a bright new future for many more dogs and cats in 2022, and sharing all the CARE STL news in the first edition of The Aly Report for 2022, in January!

### About "The Aly Report"

When it came time to start an email newsletter, we couldn't think of a name. We could, however, think of the dog in our shelter right now that our volunteers all love. Alejandra is a princess who has been at CARE STL since March 2020. Her personality, lovability and charisma make her the perfect face for our newsletter!

### About CARE STL

Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment of St. Louis (CARE STL) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to create a supportive community rooted in collaboration, compassion, and caring, for people and animals. We are a no-kill open-admission shelter that embraces the No-Kill Equation and follows the guiding principles of no-kill shelters. We work with a network of community partners, business sponsors, adopters, donors, and volunteers to advocate for animal welfare.

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