

2023 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Opened for Business March 1, 2016



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ABOUT US:

Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), volunteer-driven organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and adopting homeless dogs into loving and responsible forever homes. We educate the public about respect for all animal life, including the importance of feral animals being spayed or neutered to reduce their numbers in our communities. Our organization goes beyond the confines of shelter walls to build an extensive network of knowledgeable, experienced, talented, and caring individuals who share these common goals.

We opened our doors for business on March 1, 2016. Currently, we only take in dogs.

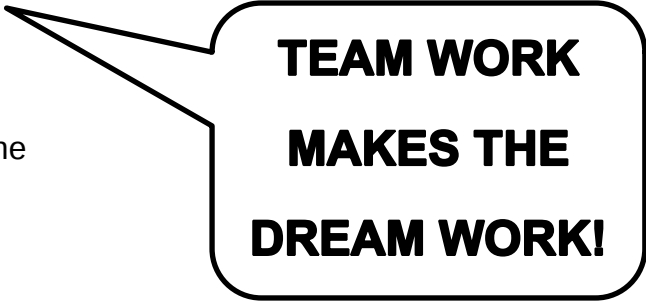
OUR MISSION:

The Clay County Animal Rescue & Education Center (CCARE) is an animal care facility dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in our communities and finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for the animals in our care. We provide a haven for animals in transition, advocate for them and their people, work to end overpopulation, and educate the public about compassion and responsibility towards all animals. CCARE strives to be a No-Kill facility where all incoming animals are evaluated, medically treated, rehabilitated when needed, and euthanized only out of necessity based on the animal's quality of life needs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

From board meetings to countless fundraisers to working tirelessly at the shelter, our Board of Directors accomplishes a lot. We are so lucky to have committed and caring members, who contribute in such unique and important ways. When times are tough, we support one another, we give our time and efforts, and most importantly - we always find a way.

Janel Michaud, President
Preston Rook, Vice-President
Christine Murchison, Secretary
Sandy Fox, Treasurer
Eva Standlea, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
George Murchison, Member
Patricia Halstead, Member
Shaley Johnson, Member
Julie Mohn, Member
John Rieb Jr, Shelter Manager



**TEAM WORK
MAKES THE
DREAM WORK!**

2023 FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

CCARE continues to raise funds by holding fundraisers throughout the year.

*60 Percent of our 2023 fundraising was from Clear the Shelter (Business Sponsorships) and Gather for Good Match Day Donations.

CCARE Clear the Shelter*
Gather For Good Match Day*
CCARE Supporter Shirt
Santa Paws
Facebook Fundraisers
Adult Egg Hunt
Meal Scramble at UMC
Community/Youth Fundraisers
Festival of Trees

\$40,325

Dillions Rewards
Wish Lists
Wofftrax App
Short Stop Rewards
CCARE Window Cling
Donation Box
TNR Fundraisers
Best Choice Labels
Other Fundraisers

We have great support from our community! Many wonderful private citizens make their annual gift of giving to CCARE. Some donations are designated to a specific cause and others are memorializing a loved one. We also receive In-Kind donations.

\$22,187

Clay Center City Council and Clay County Commissioners provide support to CCARE because the city and county have no means to take care of the unwanted, lost, and abandoned animals in the community.

\$28,000

Interest, Dividends, and Gains/Losses on banking accounts and Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Investments (Gather for Good Donations).

\$5,930

COVID SPARKS Grant and Payroll Tax Relief

\$7,285

Donations are always appreciated. You can make a single donation or recurring donation online at <http://www.ccareinc.org/donate>. Donations can also be mailed to Union State Bank c/o Sandy Fox, PO Box 518, Clay Center KS 67432. Make your check payable to CCARE.

Please consider CCARE for your end of year giving. Planned giving opportunities express your love for animals through a bequest to CCARE.

We also rely on the community for donations of dog food, dog care items, and cleaning supplies. All donations are tax-deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code.

2023 FEES

We are the only animal shelter in Clay County, Kansas. We accept strays from the public for a fee of \$40, and from the Clay Center Law Enforcement.

We have agreements with several other cities in Clay County to accept strays for a fee. We also accept out-of-county strays for a fee of \$75.

\$3,312

We accept owner surrenders for a fee of \$50 if they are vaccinated; and \$75 if they are not vaccinated. Owners can reclaim their lost pets for a \$30 fee (\$50 for repeats). The shelter manager has the discretion to discount fees based on individual circumstances.

Adoption fees are based on age: \$175-\$200 for puppies, \$150 for adult dogs, and \$50 for senior or special needs dogs. The Shelter Manager and the Board have the discretion to discount adoption fees.

\$10,605

All dogs that are adopted include the following:

Health Exam
Rabies Vaccination
Bordetella Vaccination
Distemper/Parvo Vaccination
Medical Treatment, as necessary
24PetWatch Microchip

Spay or Neuter
Fecal Test
Deworming
Heartworm Test
Flea/Tick Treatment/Preventative
Heartworm Preventative

CCARE does not have a veterinarian on site. Dr. Eva Standlea, DVM, is the On-Call Veterinarian. Janel Michaud is the On-Call Vet Tech.

CCARE does not have a groomer on site.

2023 EXPENSES

Building, property, and lawn maintenance.

\$8,025

Employment expenses include salary, payroll taxes and Workman Comp insurance.

\$60,412

Dog care expenses include medical, food, treats, microchips, etc.

\$11,770

TNR Expenses for our community feral cat program.

\$33

Building, Liability, and Vehicle expenses include building mortgage interest and principal, depreciation, property and vehicle insurance, and liability insurance.

\$33,088

Miscellaneous expenses include office supplies, postage, licenses, advertising, web page maintenance, accounting fees, legal fees, bank fees, service charges, filing fees, volunteer expenses, traveling and mileage, conference expenses, fundraising expenses, marketing, and other fees.

\$9,861

Utility expenses include gas, electric, water, trash, phone, and internet.

\$11,149

NOTE: Priorities in 2024 are the Trap Neuter/Spay Return (TNR) program for feral cats in the community; fundraising, expanding the Foster Program, and exterior and interior improvements.

2023 VOLUNTEERS

CCARE is a volunteer-driven shelter. There are many volunteers, including the CCARE Board of Directors, that assist with the front desk, computer input, photography, Web maintenance, accounting, committees, animal care, training, socializing and walking dogs, grooming, cleaning, laundry, fundraising, transporting, adoption events, facility maintenance, etc.

3,679.7 Hours
(20,621 Hours
since we
opened)

If you cannot make a monetary donation, please consider volunteering to work at the shelter, at adoption events, transport, special projects, or lead a committee or program.

CCARE always needs capable volunteers to help with dog care, dog walking, grooming, socializing, cleaning, laundry, building maintenance, etc. We also have a Foster Program.

Complete an online volunteer application at www.ccareinc.org/volunteer

INTAKES

<u>INTAKE TYPE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2016 - 2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stray	118	711	829
Owner Surrender/Returned Adoptions	39	496	535
Seized by LEO	1	6	7
Transfer In From Other Rescue	27	86	113
TOTAL	185	1299	1484

<u>INTAKE SUB TYPE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2016 - 2022</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Drop Off/Abandoned	20	257	277
Public Drop Off by LEO Dispatch	3	41	44
Law Enforcement Drop Off (including other city's LEO/ACO)	96	402	498
Owner Surrenders/Returns	39	483	522
Born at CCARE (puppies)	0	29	29
Transfer In From Other Rescue	27	86	113
Bite Quarantine	0	1	1
TOTAL	185	1299	1484

<u>INTAKES BY MONTH</u>								
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
January	16	13	9	10	14	22	20	0
February	12	14	18	12	13	28	12	0
March	18	12	13	14	19	23	17	19
April	7	12	8	9	25	9	13	10
May	19	7	17	12	15	13	23	9
June	17	9	12	18	17	11	29	11
July	22	14	22	15	9	18	30	23
August	10	15	13	15	23	32	32	12
September	14	18	29	11	15	25	12	10
October	22	15	14	11	21	18	24	27
November	16	8	24	8	14	19	15	16
December	12	10	8	9	20	8	17	28
TOTAL	185	147	187	144	205	226	233	165

<u>INTAKE JURISDICTION STRAYS ONLY</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Clay Center (city limits)	90	88	76	56	98	70	80	69	627
Clay County (country)	22	8	15	8	12	25	12	10	112
Clifton	1	2	0	5	0	1	3	0	12
Cloud County (country)	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	2	6
Clyde	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
Green	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	4	7
Longford	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	6
Miltonvale	1	0	1	0	1	6	8	3	20
Morganville	1	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	7
Out of Clay County (other counties)	2	0	0	0	5	6	4	0	17
Wakefield	2	4	6	5	0	2	2	0	21
TOTAL	119	105	106	78	121	113	109	88	839

Strays are immediately posted online as Lost and Finds on the CCARE website www.ccarein.org/lost-found

Owner surrenders and strays never claimed are posted online, after evaluation, as Available on the CCARE website www.ccareinc.org/available-dogs

Available dogs are also posted online at www.petfinder.com, www.adoptapet.com, www.petango.com, TikTok, and Facebook.

OUTCOME

<u>OUTCOME</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2016 – 2022</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Adoption	96	733	829
Reclaimed by Owner	80	530	610
Transfer Out to Other Rescue	5	16	21
Died	0	4	4*
DOA (born dead)	0	5	5*
Euthanized	0	8	8**
TOTAL	181	1296	1477

*Puppies born at CCARE

**Court Order or Aggression or Health

ADOPTIONS BY MONTH								
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
January	3	10	5	9	9	18	7	0
February	3	5	10	7	7	13	8	0
March	7	10	7	9	7	18	15	7
April	5	5	3	8	12	15	15	8
May	10	1	7	7	4	3	8	5
June	7	4	10	8	7	8	13	6
July	11	4	10	3	7	10	13	9
August	10	11	12	10	19	22	15	8
September	8	7	5	6	9	11	13	9
October	14	3	8	7	10	10	18	8
November	6	3	7	7	12	10	6	12
December	12	7	5	7	9	6	13	14
TOTAL	96	70	89	88	112	144	144	86

In August, CCARE participates in the nationwide “Clear the Shelters” event. CCARE periodically holds adoption events at Tractor Supply, PetSmart, PETCO, KSNT TV, FOX43 TV, and other community events out of town and in Clay Center.

ADOPTIONS BY JURISDICTION								
<u>Location</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Clay Center (city limits)	32	21	29	24	39	27	30	31
Clay County (outside Clay Center)	9	13	17	7	13	29	26	21
Other Kansas Counties *	50	34	40	55	51	79	80	25
California	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Missouri	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	1
Nebraska	2	1	1	1	6	6	5	4
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wisconsin	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	96	70	89	88	112	144	144	86

All adopters come to Clay Center to adopt their dog, and many others come from other counties/States as potential adopters.

****50 Adopters from other Kansas Counties: Cloud, Douglas, Dickinson, Geary, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Mitchell, Morris, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Reno, Republic, Rooks, Riley, Saline, Sedgwick, and Washington County.***

LENGTH OF STAY

<u>2023 AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY</u>	
<u>Stage</u>	<u>Average Days</u>
Available for Adoption	27.5

Strays that are reclaimed by their owners usually have a length-of-stay of no more than 3-5 days unless arrangements are made between the owner and CCARE.

Strays that are not claimed by their owner within 3 full business days (days we are open to the public) become the property of CCARE and are then available for adoption, after evaluation.

2023 SPAY/NEUTER

All dogs adopted from CCARE are required by State Law to be spayed or neutered. CCARE has a contract with the Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine – Mobile Surgery Unit to spay and neuter the CCARE dogs available for adoption for free. KSU Mobile Surgery Unit completed 30 neuters and 16 spays. Some dogs are spayed/neutered by a local vet, which CCARE pays for the surgery. We paid Court Street Veterinary Care to complete 2 spays and 1 neuter.

We saved thousands of dollars by receiving free spay and neuter surgeries from the Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine – Mobile Surgery Unit.

Note: CCARE transports the dogs to the Mobile Surgery Unit for spay and neuters. Either the Shelter Manager transports the dogs, or we have volunteers that transport the dogs and CCARE reimburses mileage to the volunteers.

END OF YEAR STATUS

STATUS OF DOGS IN CCARE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023 (END OF YEAR):

- 9 Available for Adoption
- 0 Lost/Found
- 1 Court Hold

2023 MICROCHIP

Microchipping offers pet owners the security and peace of mind that comes from the only permanent pet identification technology and a safe and secure way to reunite you and your pet, via a Lost Pet Recovery Service

Each dog available for adoption is microchipped with a 24PetWatch Microchip, unless they were previously microchipped before intake. CCARE incurs the cost of the microchip at \$7.30 each for standard and \$8.00 for mini microchip. 73 dogs received a 24PetWatch Microchip.

CCARE incurs a fee of \$4.95 per microchip to be registered in the PetPoint system for dogs that were previously microchipped before intake. Sixteen dogs were already microchipped upon arrival at CCARE.

CCARE has microchip clinics to promote this technology to reunite pets and owners. We did not have a microchip clinic in 2023.

2023 MEDICAL

58 Dogs received a Rabies Vaccination by the CCARE On-Call Veterinarian. All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake. The cost is \$27.00 per vaccination, plus a syringe and rabies tag.

68 Dogs received a Nobivac Canine 1-DAPPv Vaccination for Distemper/Parvo. All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake. Note: Puppies receive this shot at 6 weeks old, 9 weeks old, and 12 weeks old. The cost is \$8 per vaccination, plus a syringe.

73 Dogs received a Bordetella Vaccination (Kennel Cough) by the CCARE On-Call Veterinarian. All other dogs adopted were already vaccinated upon intake. Cost is \$8 per vaccine.

67 Dogs received a Heartworm Snap Test. One dog tested positive and was given proper treatment over many months. Note: Dogs under 6 months are not tested because of their age. The cost is \$4.35 per test, plus a syringe.

95 Fecal Tests were performed. Dogs (28) with positive results were provided the necessary medication to treat the internal parasite. Internal parasite results included Coccidia, Hookworms, Roundworms, Whipworms, and Tapeworms. Dogs testing positive have an additional fecal test after medical treatment. The cost is \$0.35 per fecal test. The cost of medical treatment for internal parasites is included in the total Dog Care costs in this report. The actual test is performed free at the Vet Clinic.

Other tests can include urine, parvo, distemper, and skin scraping.

All dogs received a monthly Flea/Tick treatment. The average cost of one monthly treatment for a large dog is \$15.00. Capstar flea/tick tablet is also given to all dogs upon intake for \$5.57.

All dogs receive a monthly Heartgard preventative. The average cost of one monthly treatment is \$10 per dog.

Many dogs were treated for infections and other illnesses. Medication and vet expense is included in total dog care costs in this report.

A total of 987 medication treatments (flea/tick, Heartgard, antibiotics, pain treatment, etc.) were provided to 111 dogs.

Several dogs with severe medical problems were taken to Court Street Vet Care for treatment. CCARE pays for all medical and vet costs while a dog is at the clinic.

CCARE saved thousands of dollars with the On-Call Veterinarian, On-Call Vet Tech, and K-State Mobile Surgery Unit volunteering their services.

TRAP NEUTER/SPAY RELEASE PROGRAM (FERAL CATS)

For the past three years, our shelter staff and volunteers have been making strides in the community by implementing and executing our own TNR program, in collaboration with the KState team and their mobile veterinary surgery unit. Because of our teamwork, along with the help of community members, we have helped 78 homeless/feral cats in our community in 2023.

What is TNR? TNR, or trap-neuter-return, is the most effective way of controlling feral cat populations in your neighborhood. These cats are humanely trapped in box traps, they are then surgically altered so that they can no longer contribute to the increasing feral cat population. After being altered, they are ear-tipped (universal TNR sign) vaccinated, and then returned to where they were originally trapped.

If you are interested in finding out more ways to help or if you have information on feral cats in your neighborhood, please contact our toll-free TNR hotline at 785-630-5656.

OUTREACH

All dogs available for adoption are promoted to the public by these methods:

- CCARE website www.ccareinc.org (Nationwide)
- Petango website www.petango.com (Nationwide)
- Pet Finder website www.petfinder.com (Nationwide)

- Adopt A Pet website www.adoptapet.com (Nationwide)
- Clay Center KS Lost/Found Pets Facebook Page (lost dogs)
- Clay Center Dispatch
- KSNT TV and FOX43 TV
- KCLY Radio and KCLY Regional Newspaper
- Adoption Flyers
- Fundraisers
- Off-site adoption events
- CCARE Facebook Page and other adoption Facebook pages.
- Tik Tok

Partners:

- Citizens in the Community
- Nursing Facilities
- Youth Organizations
- Local Schools, Project Lead, Club CCCMS
- Community Organizations
- Other Rescues and Shelters
- Kansas Humane Society
- Clay Center City Council
- Clay County Commissioners
- PETCO
- PetSmart
- Bissell Pet Foundation
- Maranda Lambert Mutt Nation
- Media Outlets (KCLY Radio, Dispatch, Twin Valley, KSNT TV, FOX43 TV)
- Kansas Department of Agriculture (Shelter License and Inspections)
- Kansas Department of Emergency Management
- Kansas State University Department of Veterinary Medicine
- Clay Center Law Enforcement
- Clay County Law Enforcement
- District Court
- Other Community's City Council and Animal Control Officers
- Local Businesses.
- Abilene Animal Hospital

PetPoint database software is used for all animal intakes, outcomes, and medical information. PetPoint provides free registration of our microchips.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Many local school programs bring their students to CCARE for education programs, reading to the dogs, making Kong treats, and dog socializing. CCARE has an animal education program in the local schools.

2023 FINANCIALS

Five years of fundraising was conducted by the CCARE Board of Directors before the CCARE facility was opened on March 1, 2016. Most of that funding was used for the construction of the facility, and supplies and materials needed to function as an animal shelter.

2023 Financials:

Support and Revenue	\$117,644.02
Expenses	\$134,337.73
2023 Income Over Expenses (Net Loss)	-\$ 16,693.71

In 2022, we received donations earmarked for HVAC for the Kennel Room, as well as Epoxy flooring and LED Lighting throughout the facility. All these capital expenditures were completed in 2023 and are depreciated over their useful lives.

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & AWARDS

- ✓ The only shelter/rescue in Kansas for 2023 to receive a Mutts Across America Grant of \$5,000 from Miranda Lambert's MuttNation Foundation.
- ✓ Recognized as a No Kill Shelter by Best Friends Animal Society.
- ✓ Recognized as one of the 10 Best Animal Shelters & Pet Rescues in Kansas by Best Things Kansas.
- ✓ Awarded Best Non-Profit by Grow Clay County.
- ✓ Nominated John Rieb Jr. - Best Customer Service by Grow Clay County.
- ✓ Epoxy Flooring throughout the building.
- ✓ HVAC System in Kennel Room.
- ✓ LED Lighting throughout the building.
- ✓ Guttering on the front overhang.

FUTURE GOALS

Immediate goals of CCARE include:

- Expand the feral cat Trap Neuter/Spay Return program (TNR).
- Expand the Foster Program.
- New playground equipment.
- Exterior and Interior improvements.
- Disaster planning and training.

Future goals of CCARE include:

- Additional dog runs in the east lawn.
- Expand Education for Schools and Community groups.
- Design, construct, and open the cat building.
- Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Programs to aid in the prevention of hundreds of homeless and unwanted puppies and kittens in our community.
- Emergency veterinary care for ownerless animals.

www.ccareinc.org

Cover Photo: CCARE Board and Volunteers accepting the Mutts Across America Grant for \$5,000 from Miranda Lambert's MuttNation Foundation.