

JULY SHARING TREE - C.A.R.E. 4 PAWS



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July Sharing Tree – Pastor's Choice: C.A.R.E. 4 Paws

Since 2009, C.A.R.E. 4 Paws has worked to reduce pet overpopulation, by keeping animals out of shelters and to improve quality of life for pets and pet owners.

Serving Santa Barbara County, C.A.R.E. 4 Paws provides a range of pet wellness services to the community members in our county's most underserved areas to ensure animals do not suffer or end up in a shelter due to lack of resources and access to proper pet care.

Some of their services include, low-cost shots, medication, flea treatments, deworming, nail trims and emergency pet food distributions. They even assist with dog licensing and free microchips with Santa Barbara County Animal Services. Their services

include low cost, to almost free services, but for spay/neuter surgeries, appointment is required.



C.A.R.E. 4 Paws offers affordable veterinary care in their mobile clinic. They also offer pet food and supplies through their Companion Pet Assistance program, which is assistance for pet owners affected by domestic violence and Paws Up For Pets youth education that promotes compassion and accountability for animals; and pet emergency training for first responders. In 2020, their mobile clinic team performed 2,005 spay/neuter surgeries and provided medical care to 1,823 dogs and cats—compared to 1,300 spays/neuters and 1,100 pets assisted with veterinary care in 2019. They hosted 190 Pet Wellness Clinics, up from 140 in 2019. The provision of 50 percent more clinic procedures in 2020 reflects the enormous need in our community created by the pandemic.

Due to the pandemic, the demand for C.A.R.E. 4 Paws' help is greater than ever. To prevent suffering and ensure pets can stay with their families, they distribute four tons of pet food weekly and provide critical wellness services to several animals in their mobile veterinary clinic. They have also offered refuge for pets of domestic violence survivors as well as humane education programs that promote compassion for animals and empathy in our



community. Check out their Facebook where they include where they will be located for that day/week. They serve Lompoc, Santa Maria, and Santa Barbara. Visit their website at www.care4paws.org to learn additional information.

They have continued to work together in our community to ensure that pets stay happy, healthy and with their families for life! As many pet lovers know, truly how much pets mean to us, and can be so helpless, please help this non-

profit organization to continue to assist our four-legged furry friends. If you would like to contribute, please add in the memo line C.A.R.E 4 Paws and send your checks/cash to the church office or you can donate on our website at lompocumc.org. Also, visit us on Sunday, July 25th, 2021 at noon, for a "Blessing of The Animals" and a small picnic after to meet our volunteers of C.A.R.E 4 Paws! We will see you there!