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CARA's House Board Members Update Parish Officials of Operations, Announce Vaccine Clinic March 19

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GONZALES – Officials with Companion Animal Rescue of Ascension (CARA)'s House met with parish leaders this past week for an overview of their operations since moving into the former Ascension Parish Animal Control Center in November of last year.

CARA Board President Virginia Kelly Smith and CARA's House Shelter Manager Cindy Luquette said their overall save rate numbers have increased from 80 percent in November and December, to 89 percent in January.

"It's really satisfying to see the work the CARA's House team has done so far for our animal family in Ascension Parish," President Kenny Matassa said. "After breaking ground for the shelter back in 2002, overseeing its operation as manager, including all the growing pains, it's a good feeling to see these people are passionate about what they do."

"We have been able to provide a lot of services that weren't previously provided," Smith said. "And we've been able to provide additional adoption hours."

Smith said CARA's House will hold a Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, March 19 from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m. CARA's House is located at 9894 Airline Hwy., in Sorrento. The event is supported by Bark and Roll Rescue Companions, Baton Rouge Spay Neuter and Associated Veterinary Services.

Separate dog and cat vaccine packages will be offered, along with additional services including heartworm testing and prevention, microchips and nail trims. No spaying or neutering will be offered at this clinic, according to the CARA's House Facebook page.

All vaccine packages will include a tag and certificate.

Smith said local engineering firm Glenn Shaheen and Associates is planning a fundraiser for CARA's House in the near future.

"They want to do some building improvements and build some more kennels," Smith said. "They've already been out to the building to take measurements."

For more information about the Vaccine Clinic, along with pricing and services offered, visit CARA's House Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/carashouseascension>, call (225) 675-0400, or email carahouse1@gmail.com.

PHOTO CUTLINE- Officials with Companion Animal Rescue of Ascension met with parish officials last week to give an update of the organization's operations at their Airline Highway location at the former Ascension Parish Animal Control Center. Shown from left to right: Don Hysell, parish manager; Thomas "Moose" Pearce, parish manager; Ken Dawson, parish chief administrative officer; Virginia Kelly Smith, CARA board president; Parish Councilman Daniel "Doc" Satterlee; Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa; and Cindy Luquette, CARA's House shelter manager.