



I CARE



INYO COUNTY ANIMAL RESOURCES & EDUCATION

\$10,000 RAISED FOR ANIMALS IN INYO COUNTY!

Thanks to the many kind-hearted animal lovers in our community, I CARE's 2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner on April 18th was a resounding success and lots of fun, too. The evening included plenty of delicious buffet-style food. We served dinner to about 500 faithful supporters and raised \$10,000 to continue our efforts on behalf of companion animals in Inyo County!

Almost 100 prizes were distributed throughout the evening, including a photo shoot, fishing equipment, one night at Furnace Creek Ranch, a 3-night getaway to a Nevada resort and gift certificates for everything under the sun! We are very grateful to everyone who donated the



Bob Warbington and Norm Matoza are first-rate BBQ chefs!

wonderful prizes.

A 50/50 drawing earned **Lea Johnson** \$680 in cash! The big drawing for the trip to Maui went to **Jeff and Chris Anderson** of Bishop. Five items were auctioned off - two paintings, a float tube, a swivel rocking chair and a

handcrafted oak blanket chest. The auction item donors helped us raise \$1,000 for the animals!

A majority of the dinner proceeds are earmarked to go directly into I CARE's Spay/Neuter Fund, which provides financial assistance for people who

need help getting their cats and dogs spayed or neutered.

We're also working with Inyo County Animal Control to determine how I CARE can help with additional improvements at the animal shelter in Big Pine.

Besides our members and donors, we owe special thanks to **Bob Warbington** and **Norm Matoza**, who did an awesome job grilling all those steaks, and to **Mel Matoza** for being our top ticket seller. And, where would we be without the outstanding participation of the **4-H Crew**? They handled set-up, serving and clean-up duties like pros! Thanks kids and leaders!



PET CONTEST



I CARE is sponsoring a Pet Contest at the Tri-County Fair on Sunday, September 6th at 3:00 pm in the Livestock Area. Judges will award prizes for categories such as Cutest Pet, Silliest Pet, Look-alike Pets, etc.

If you'd like to enter your pet in the contest, pick up a Fair Exhibitor's Guidebook for more information.

I CARE will also be hosting a booth in the Charles Brown Auditorium during the Tri-County Fair, which runs from September 3-7. We'd



SUMMER PET CARE TIPS



love to meet you, so please stop by and say hello.

Summers in Inyo County can get sizzling hot. To keep your pet safe this summer, please follow these tips:

When traveling with your dog or cat during the summer months, never leave them in the car alone for more than 15 minutes. Do you realize that temperatures inside a parked car, even with the windows rolled down, can reach 160 degrees and can literally cook your pet's

brain? If you must leave your pet in the car *for a few minutes*, park in the deepest shade possible, provide plenty of fresh drinking water and get back to the car as quickly as possible. Otherwise, do your pet a favor and leave it home.

If your pet spends most of its time outdoors, it is imperative that you provide him with adequate shelter from the sun. Since dogs don't sweat, they pant away a lot of moisture during warm weather and must have constant



ABOUT I CARE

In November 1996 a group of concerned citizens formed a nonprofit organization that is:

- Dedicated to the welfare of companion animals;
- Increasing public awareness of the pet overpopulation crisis and other animal welfare issues through newspaper articles and classroom presentations;
- Committed to raising funds to improve living conditions for the cats and dogs at the Inyo County Animal Shelter; and
- Providing financial assistance for companion animal spay/neuter surgeries for those in need.

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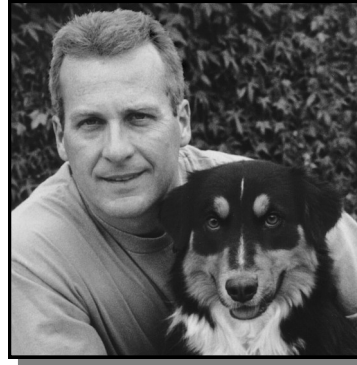


MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ANIMALS

Once again you have demonstrated your concern for the welfare of all our companion animals. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we raised about \$10,000 at the Second Annual Fundraising Dinner on April 18. I would like to thank all the I CARE volunteers who helped with the dinner, all the people and businesses that donated goods or prizes and the 500 people that attended the dinner. In addition to being the most important way we raise money for Inyo County's companion animals, the dinner was a lot of fun and everyone had a great time.

Last year's dinner proceeds went primarily toward improvements at the Big Pine Animal Shelter. Our first priority was to improve living conditions for animals at the shelter. We have made significant progress toward that goal and will continue to make additional improvements this year. The unfortunate animals that end up in our



shelter are definitely better off now than they were last year at this time.

However, the focus of this year's efforts and the majority of this year's proceeds will go into our Spay and Neuter Fund to assist anyone that needs help getting their pets fixed. The number of dogs and cats that must be put to sleep in Inyo County every year is shameful. Too many dogs and cats are born and there just aren't enough homes for them all. The only way to end this tragedy is to reduce the number of pets born by having all pets spayed and neutered. The most frequent reason we hear for people

not getting their pets fixed is that they "just can't afford it." Well, now there's no excuse, I CARE will assist anyone who needs help with the cost of the safe and simple operation that will ensure your pets do not contribute to the pet overpopulation crisis.

We also plan to continue our focus on education programs. Outreach efforts such as this newsletter (which is mailed to 700 homes), informational brochures that are distributed throughout the county, the "Pet Corner" articles that run in the *Inyo Register* as well as our classroom education programs, are all important tools to increase public awareness of the need to provide for the welfare of our pets.

So please, continue to support I CARE throughout the year by renewing your membership (see mailing label for expiration date), contributing your spare change to our Donation



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

Ed & Myrle Baker, A.C. Eden, Chuck & Jean Ensminger, Robert Ferrante, Margaret Gibford, Laura & John Gibson, Roy & Jane Gillam, Mark Gish, Ron & Sharon Graves, Betty Greenland, Marilyn Hayden, Charlotte Hering, Helen Hoffman, Richard Knox, Jim & Pat Lackey, Mike & Lois Lannan, Rebecca Manross, Mike & Clare McCurry, Rene Mead, William Minarik, Vivian Patterson, Ralph & Dorothy Rickords, Bob & Yvonne Schade, Jim & Andrea Shallcross, Betty Silverman, Jeri Stout, Terri Sutton, Greg & Jennifer Taylor, Dale & Helen Trust, Lance & Julie Wagoner, Chris Walsh, Ann Wong, Harry & Patti Zappe

A SPECIAL DONATION HAS BEEN MADE IN MEMORY OF:

*Midge, beloved Siamese, missed by Al & Ruth Morgan
Lady, Princess & Daisy, gone but not forgotten by Charlene Bailey
Bishop & Labbie, our precious dogs, loved by Connie & T.J. Marker*

LOCAL HERO SAVES DOG FROM DROWNING IN CANAL

Chris Walsh, an Aqueduct and Reservoir Keeper, has been employed by the Department of Water and Power (DWP) for the last 24 years. He's seen many interesting things during his career, but nothing could have surprised him more than what happened one day this past April. He was cleaning a head gate on the Big Pine Canal when he saw a dog pop up through the water. The dog was struggling and becoming entangled in the floating debris. Without a moment's hesitation, Chris reached into the water and pulled the scared and soaking dog up onto the bank. There were fishermen nearby, so Chris asked if the dog belonged to any of them. The answer



Daisy working the canals with Chris Walsh, her hero!

was no, so Chris just figured the dog had wandered down to take a little swim and would return home now that she was safe and sound. But, this dog had ideas of her own!

As Chris finished his

work on the canal that day, the dog continued to follow him. Then, when it was time for Chris to leave, she trotted after his truck, so he let her hop in the front seat and took her home that evening. For the next several days, Chris

advertised the little lost dog, but no one came forward to claim her, so he decided to find her a new home. In the meantime, he named the dog Daisy and, without realizing it, started becoming very attached to this little survivor that fate had placed in his path.

Chris' 14-year old Yellow Labrador, Buddy, had died about a year before, and he really wasn't looking for another dog. Daisy seemed to instinctively know that Chris really *did* need another dog - he just didn't know it yet. So, while Chris was interviewing adoptive homes, Daisy was working her magic on him. One day it occurred to Chris that Daisy already had a home - with him and she wasn't going anywhere! Now



WHAT IS THE I CARE



What is the I CARE Spay/Neuter Fund? It is a special fund, generated entirely through donations, that provides financial assistance for people who need help spaying or neutering their cats and dogs.

Why did I CARE set up this Fund? Every week at

the Inyo County Animal Shelter about 25 cats and dogs must be put to sleep because there are too many pets born and not enough homes. Prevention is the answer - *not* euthanasia.

Who is eligible for assistance? Anyone who truly needs help paying for the spay or neuter surgery. We are relying on the integrity of those seeking assistance to ensure that the donors' dollars are spent wisely.

How can I learn more about the Fund? Just call 760-872-3419 or write us at: P. O. Box 76, Bishop, CA 93515 for more information. If you'd



DONATION CANS

Now there's an easy way for everyone to help reduce the number of cats and dogs that must be put to sleep in Inyo County. Just look for the "official" I CARE Spay/Neuter Fund



Donation Cans at participating merchants in your area and drop in your spare change. Every little bit helps and you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that every dime goes directly to helping folks get their cats and dogs spayed or neutered. We appreciate the cooperation of participating merchants and the kindness of our donors. Together we are

Until there are none,



adopt one from the Animal Shelter!

I CARE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Is it time to renew your membership? Please check the mailing label for your expiration date. If the word "Comp" appears, then we have not received your membership dues. We'd love to hear from you! ☺

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

☐ **New Member** - \$15 tax deductible donation for Membership to I CARE
(includes subscription to quarterly newsletter)

☐ **Renewal** - \$15 tax deductible Membership Renewal

☐ **Donation** - enclosed is my heart felt donation to I CARE for \$ _____

Names of Pets: _____

(please indicate cat, dog, bird or other)

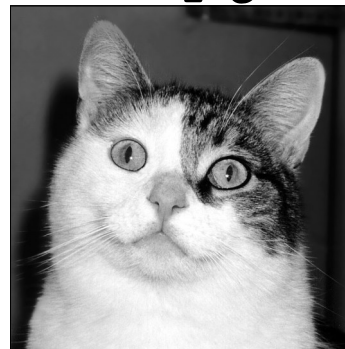
BOARD MEETINGS

I CARE meets the second Tuesday of each
month at 7pm in the Bishop High School Library.

Gimpy's



Corner



Gimpy,
the Big Pine Shelter mascot, says: "I see a lot
of very nice dogs end up at the shelter because
their owners didn't know how to deal with
their behavior problems. I CARE has donated
an excellent Dog Training video to each of
the four Libraries in Inyo County. The video
offers easy-to-use techniques for the entire
family to train the adult dog or puppy. If
this video can correct a problem and save a
dog's life, don't you think it's worth a try?
Remember, animals are not disposable!" 

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