



I CARE News!

INYO COUNTY ANIMAL RESOURCES & EDUCATION

Dedicated to the welfare of Inyo County's companion animals

Shasta Speaks

Take it from me, dogs should never travel unsecured in an open pickup truck bed. We just can't "hold on" the way humans can, and any sudden start, stop or turn can toss us right onto the road. If the impact of hitting the road doesn't kill us, oncoming traffic surely will!

California Vehicle Code 23117 states,



in part, *"No person driving a motor vehicle shall transport any animal in the back of the vehicle in a space intended for any load on the vehicle on a highway unless the space is enclosed or has side and tail racks to a height of at least 46 inches extending vertically from the floor, the vehicle has installed means of preventing the animal from being discharged, or the animal is cross tethered to the vehicle, or is protected by a secured container or cage, in a manner which will prevent the animal from being thrown, falling or jumping from the vehicle."*

There are other dangers, too. Even though we love the feel of wind blowing past our ears, that wind can seriously irritate dogs' mucous membranes and blow grit into our eyes. Also, insects or flying debris can lodge in our sensitive nasal passages.

It would be far safer to let me ride *inside* the truck with you (please, please, huh?). If you can't do any of these things, just leave me at home. My life depends on you. 🐾 Shasta 🐾

For the Love of Animals

Jennifer Allred had a dream — to love and help as many animals as she could in her lifetime. Thanks to her mentor, Betty Heimforth, that dream led to the opening of her "new concept" pet store, **Pet Friendly**, located in Bishop. She sells birds, reptiles, rabbits and pet supplies, including top quality pet food.

The store's primary objective is to find loving homes for all their animals. Special emphasis is placed on educating new owners about the proper care of their pet, including diet, interaction and physical and mental well being to ensure a happier pet and owner. The store also has an Information Center.

Even before Pet Friendly's doors opened, Jennifer made a decision—because of the pet overpopulation crisis, she would *not* sell cats and dogs in her store. She was also concerned that doing so might entice "back yard breeders" into producing litters to sell to her store merely for profit. Instead, she advocates saving the lives of Shelter animals.

In view of our amazingly similar philosophies, it was only natural that Pet Friendly and I CARE would join forces. Jennifer approached I CARE and generously offered to provide free space in her store to feature one or two cats and dogs from the Inyo County Animal Shelter, resulting in **I CARE's Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Program**.

I CARE rescues (actually adopts) the cats and dogs from the Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine. We then take them to Pet Friendly where Jennifer and her wonderful staff provide premium care for the animals while they await adoption—at no cost to I CARE.

All I CARE animals are vet checked and vaccinated. Cats are also tested for



Jennifer Allred with three lovable Shelter animals for adoption

feline leukemia. Once a prospective adopter is approved, I CARE arranges for the pet to be spayed or neutered before going to its new home to prevent the birth of any unwanted litters.

In just two short months, *I CARE's Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Program* has meant the difference between life and death for nine cats and six dogs.

We are very touched by Jennifer's unselfish spirit and genuine love for animals. Jennifer says "I love animals more than just about anything in the world" and it is evident in the way she conducts her life. She is very humble about her part in saving the lives of these homeless animals and only wishes she could do more. For now, she is thrilled she was able to make a difference for at least fifteen Shelter animals with many more to follow! 🐾

~ Lisa Schade

ABOUT I CARE

I CARE is 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;
- Encouraging adoptions from our local Animal Shelter;
- Committed to improving living conditions for the cats and dogs at the Inyo County Animal Shelter; and
- Providing low-cost dog and cat spay/neuter surgeries for those in financial need.

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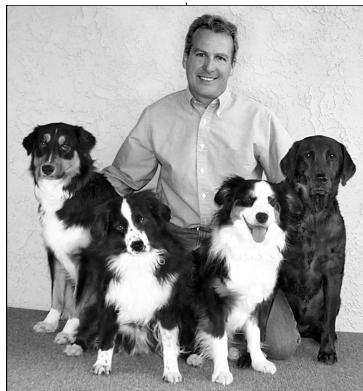
Message from the President, Ted Schade:

Caring Community Helps Shelter Animals

One of I CARE's goals has been to encourage adoptions from the Inyo County Animal Shelter. That's why we are so excited about our *Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Program* at the new **Pet Friendly Store**. We are very thankful to have an outlet in Bishop to showcase these wonderful animals and it is really working. However, we do not intend for this program to take the place of folks visiting the Animal Shelter in Big Pine. In fact, Pet Friendly has an entire wall covered with up-to-date photos of cats and dogs currently available for adoption at the Shelter. This is just one more way for everyone to see the great selection of very special pets at our Animal Shelter.

We continue to be grateful to the *Inyo Register* for generously providing us space each week for the "Pets of the Week" featuring two or three Shelter animals, which has been responsible for countless adoptions that would never have been possible otherwise.

This is also a good time to thank John and Sandy Dailey of **KIBS/KBOV Radio** for their continuing support of Shelter animals. They donate air time to weekly updates of animals available for adoption at the Animal Shelter. Visitors often arrive at the Shelter mentioning a certain cat or dog they heard about on KIBS,



which has resulted in quite a few adoptions.

Why are pet adoptions so important? The sad truth is, if Shelter animals are *not* adopted, they are killed to make room for the next round of incoming animals. Inyo County statistics for 1999 indicate twice as many Shelter animals were killed than were adopted. What can be done to change this tragic scenario?

For starters, we need each and every one of our members to encourage any friends, neighbors or co-workers to visit the Animal Shelter when looking for a pet. Why not consider adding another pet to your own life? Most of us really do have room for another cat or dog. And there's nothing like saving the life of a Shelter animal. If you're looking for a specific breed or size pet, the Shelter can place you on a waiting list and call you as soon as your dream pet arrives. You won't have to wait long.

Increasing adoptions is a worthwhile goal we can realistically meet as a community—if we each do our part for these deserving animals. 🐾

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♥ Hank & Mary Jane Bates for our Boxer, Bonnie ♥ Dottie Bentley for Hedy, Heidi & Jesse ♥ Ginny Bruce for Stella & Sugaree ♥ Ken & Leslie Cleland for our dog, Pooder – "We miss you" ♥ Dolores Cundiff for Zilda, Buena & Irene ♥ Joe & Wendy Duncan for Fanny, Cisco & Laddie ♥ Elizabeth Fleming for Doggie Boo ♥ Stella Fleming for my sweet George ♥ Carroll & Vern Hambleton for our Poodles, Pierre & Coco ♥ Patrick Hawkins for Shoka & Callie ♥ Millie Heavener for Gertie, my mini-Poodle – "I still miss her" ♥ Sandy & Gale Holbrook for Howard Arcularius & Marie Smith ♥ Cindy Kamler for Petunia & Lina ♥ Phyllis Kruger for Tye ♥ TJ & Connie Marker for Bishop & Labbie ♥ Thelma McCorkle for Michael Lannan, a fine man ♥ Iris Pope in memory of Buck ♥ Mary Scronce for Robert Giovanine, Howard Arcularius & Keith Lovelace ♥ Grayden & June Wilkins for Heidi, cherished friend – "Always loved, always remembered" ♥ Ann Wong for my cat, AJ – "Too soon to say goodbye" ♥

In Honor:

♥ Michael & Kelly Garcia for Toby, Sadie, Daisy & Petey Morris ♥ Ginny Garver for Baby Laughon ♥ Olivia Louise Grah for my Gammy's 83rd birthday ♥ Jackey Harris for DVM's Talbot & Lind – "Always there for me" ♥ Wyman & Cindy Hawkins for our companions, Shada, PJ & Raven ♥ Martin Berbach & Julie Horenstein for Denyse Racine and Mark Daniel's wedding ♥ Jeanne Walter for the adoption of TC, the world's best cat" ♥

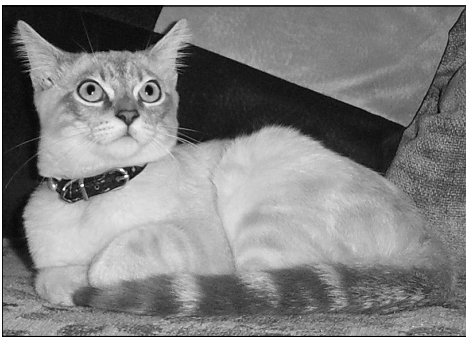
First Came Simon, Then Came Ozzie — It Was Meant to Be

Nicole Cooper could not believe her eyes! Could that be the same cool cat she had seen at the Animal Shelter in Big Pine? It sure looked like him! What in the world was he doing here in the **Pet Friendly** store's cozy cat condo?

Nicole and her mother, Cyndi, had visited the Animal Shelter just two weeks earlier and adopted an adorable Siamese mix kitten and named him Simon. While they were there, Nicole met and fell rather hard for a big lovable lug of a cat named Ozzie. In fact, if it had been up to her, she would have taken him home right then and there. But, little Simon



Nicole Cooper with her meant-to-be Ozzie



Little Simon was the adopted from the Shelter

was the lucky one that day.

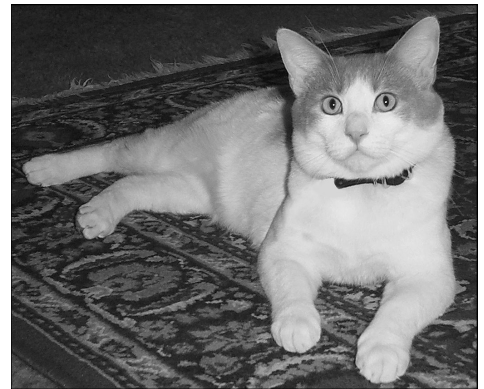
It's no wonder Nicole was overjoyed to see Ozzie again. She knew beyond all doubt that fate had intervened and given her another chance to save this big, happy boy. She wasn't about to let him

get away this time! Cyndi agreed that it was just too good to be true and they quickly applied for and were approved to adopt Ozzie through **I CARE's Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Program**.

Since Ozzie was already neutered, he was able to go to the Cooper's right away. He didn't waste any time checking out every corner of their house and making himself right at home. His new family includes Nicole, Nicole's dad, Jim, mother Cyndi, the family dog, 12-year old Dreyfus, and of course, Simon. Although there were some initial fireworks between the two felines, you would never know they had ever been anything but the best of pals. In fact, more often than not, you'll find them

either wrestling one another or happily curled up together snoozing away.

As for Ozzie—he had been at the Animal Shelter for several weeks waiting for a new home. He had even been featured as "Pet of the Week" in the *Inyo Register*, but still no takers until I CARE rescued him for their Adoption Program. He just kept losing out to those cute little fuzzball kitties! But, I CARE knew he was highly adoptable based on his excellent health and friendly disposition. Unfortunately, adult cats are often overlooked in favor of kittens. Even though, ironically, in just a few short months, those same kittens will be



Ozzie was rediscovered at "Pet Friendly"

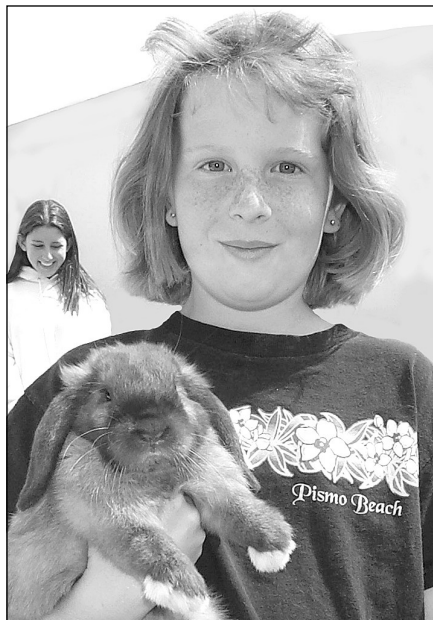
adults, too. The nice thing about adult cats is they are much calmer and you can skip the curtain-climbing stage.

The Coopers love their rescued cats

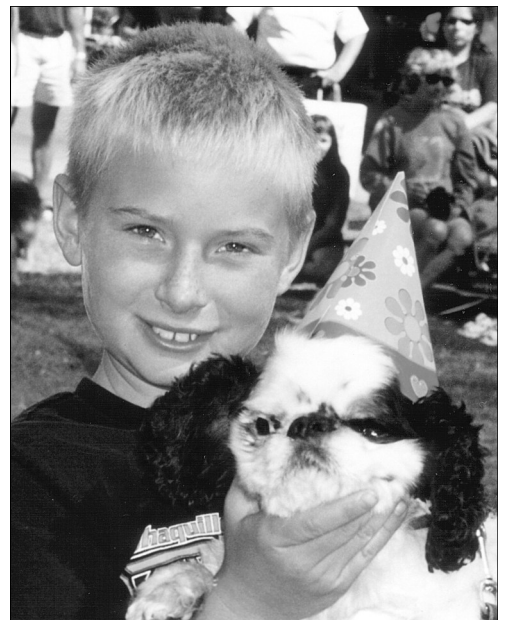
Pets Put Best Paw Forward at 3rd Annual I CARE Pet Contest



Heidi Allman brought Lily Ann the Beagle



Maile Wagoner with her rabbit, Puanani



Josh Sutton and his little dog, Scooby

A Prayer for Animals

Hear our humble prayer, O God,
for our friends, the animals.

Especially for animals who are suffering;
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted
or frightened or hungry;

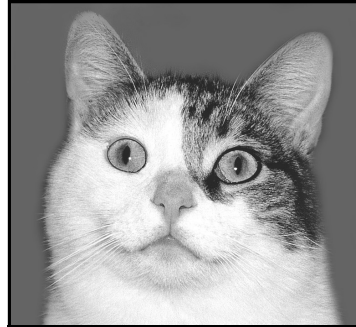
for all that must be put to death.

We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity,
and for those who deal with them,
we ask a heart of compassion
and gentle hands and kindly words.

Make us, ourselves, to be true friends to animals
and so to share the blessings of the merciful.

By: Albert Schweizer

Gimpy's



Corner

Gimpy, the much-loved Big Pine Animal Shelter mascot says: *"Looks like it's time for me to find a family and home of my own. I have developed an allergy to something here at the Shelter and it irritates my eyes. None of the medicine seems to work for long. Therefore, I am in search of a very special adoptive home, preferably as an indoor cat. I would love to be the only cat, so I don't have to compete for my*

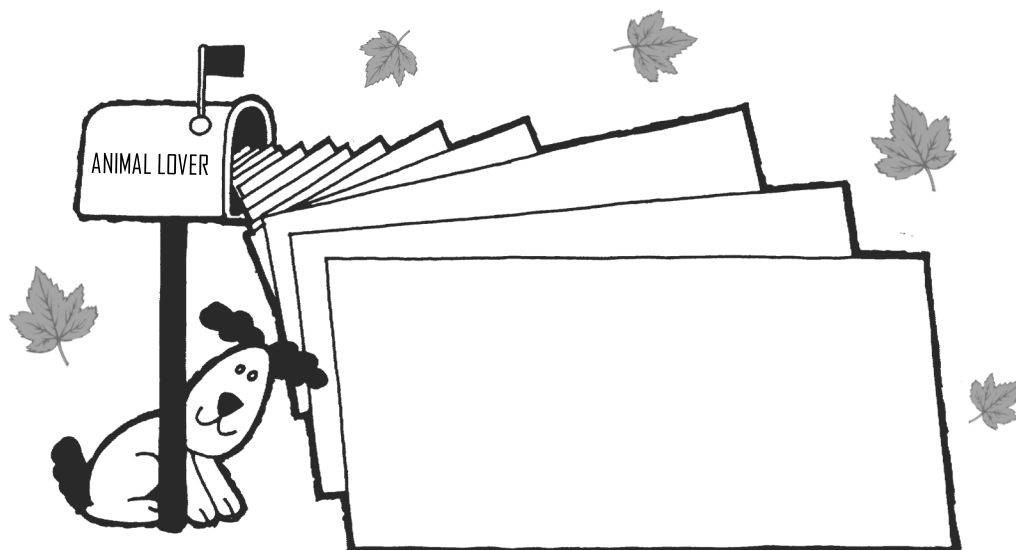
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