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Inyo County Animal Resources & Education

Dedicated to the welfare of the Eastern Sierra's companion animals

"KIND News" in the Classroom



Clark Trowell shown here with his students and aides at Home Street Middle School

Clark Trowell is a dedicated teacher at Home Street Middle School in Bishop and has been an ICARE supporter for a few years now. One of the many ways he helps is by greeting folks as they arrive each year at the ICARE fundraising dinner.

Clark has also shown an interest in helping animals by attending ICARE's Pet First Aid Class. In fact, he put the lessons he learned to the test shortly after taking the course. Clark recalls being awakened at 4 a.m. to the barking of dogs and the screams of his neighbor's goats. He ran into the corral yelling to scare the dogs away. He found the youngest and smallest goat bleeding heavily from its neck and hindquarters. Clark says, "I was able to control the bleeding by applying pressure to the various wounds. I also treated her for shock and took her to the vet." Clark is pleased to report that the little goat survived her ordeal and gives full credit to the lifesaving techniques he learned in the Pet First Aid Class.

We weren't surprised when Clark contacted ICARE asking if we could recommend educational materials on animal awareness for his students. We were excited to tell Clark about a wonderful classroom newspaper—*KIND*

News (Kids In Nature's Defense)—published by the Humane Society of the United States. The four-page, color newspaper is read by more than one million elementary-school students nationwide and teaches children kindness to other people, animals and the environment through puzzles, projects and interesting articles. It is an excellent tool for creating a community that embraces the values of compassion, respect and responsibility for all living things.

As a result of Clark's inquiry, ICARE offered 9-month subscriptions of *KIND News* to each of the fifth and sixth grade teachers in the county (20 in all) beginning in September 2003 and running through May 2004. We received positive replies from seven classrooms and ICARE is now sponsoring subscriptions, at a cost of \$25/classroom (thanks to our donors). Each teacher receives 32 monthly copies of the paper—enough for every student in the class—and a Teacher's Guide. They also receive a resource book, *KIND Teacher*, that contains reproducible worksheets, fun facts and tips on helping animals and the environment to incorporate into everyday lessons. Thank you, Clark, for starting this trend. We hope to enroll more classes next year! 🐾

How Could You?

I wish someone would tell me
what it is that I've done wrong.
Why do I have to stay chained up
and left alone so long?
They seemed so glad to have me
when I came here as a pup.
There were so many things we'd do
while I was growing up.

But now the Master "hasn't" time."
The Mistress says I shed.

She doesn't want me in the house,
not even to be fed.

The children never walk me.

They always say, "Not now."

I wish that I could please them.

Won't someone tell me how?

All I had was love to give.

I wish they would explain

Why they said they wanted me

And left me on a chain.

by Edith Lassen Johnson



A dog on the end of a chain is a virtual prisoner facing "solitary confinement" as life passes him by day after day. He's at the mercy of every scary thing that comes into his territory and must constantly "watch his back" which can make him aggressive. He can never truly relax.

Dogs are social creatures that need to be with their human family. They're better watchdogs inside. An intruder will think twice when they hear your dog barking from inside the house.

For more tips on liberating a chained dog, visit: www.dogsdeservebetter.com.

ABOUT ICARE

ICARE is a nonprofit organization that:

- Is dedicated to the welfare of companion animals;
- Raises public awareness of the pet overpopulation crisis and other animal welfare issues through our newsletter, newspaper articles and classroom presentations and subscriptions to *KIND News*;
- Provides financial aid for companion animal spay/neuter surgeries for those in need; and
- Promotes adoptions from our local Animal Shelter through weekly photos featured on cable TV and area newspapers.

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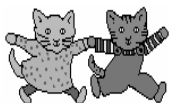
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Message from the President, Ted Schade:

Education is Key to Kindness



This newsletter spotlights a few of the many kinds of education efforts necessary for healthier, happier pets. There are many ways to educate people and pets so we can all live together.

I believe the most basic and important education effort we can make is to teach all our children that humane attitudes and actions toward all people and animals are not just "nice," but are absolutely necessary to living in a civilized society. Our classroom education programs are an investment in our future—today's students are tomorrow's pet owners (and world leaders). And kids can't treat people or pets right if they don't know how. Although ICARE volunteers go into classrooms whenever possible, we simply don't have the resources to visit them all. The *KIND News* newspaper exposes children to many of the values necessary to live in a humane society. We hope to get the *KIND News* in to more and more classrooms every year. Just give us a call.

In addition to educating children, it is also important to continue educating adults. We find that many people still have misconceptions about their pets. We need to continue to spread the word

about the pet overpopulation crisis—there are still far more pets being born than we can ever find homes for. The last thing we need is anyone breeding their pets "so she'll be a better dog" or "so the kids can see the miracle of birth." We also need to remind everyone of the need to adopt their pets from the Animal Shelter. The homeless Shelter pets are counting on all of us to provide them with permanent, loving homes. Adults also need to be educated on pet care. Our pets, like all animals, need adequate food and shelter and, because they are pets, they need to interact with their humans. What's the point of having a dog if it's chained 24/7 in the back yard?

Finally, we need to educate/train our pets. If they are to be included in our lives, they need to know what is expected of them. Training our dogs to not bolt out an open front door, to sit and stay or to avoid rattlesnakes will not only save their lives, but will make them easier to live with. And, as the Onos have shown, with a little bit of effort we can train our cats, too!

We can all be education ambassadors. Whenever you see an opportunity to educate adults or children about pets, please do or say something. Whether it is teaching children kindness, convincing a neighbor to unchain their dog or telling someone about ICARE's Spay/Neuter Program, we need you to help educate others and speak up for the animals. 🐾

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Heidi Leithold



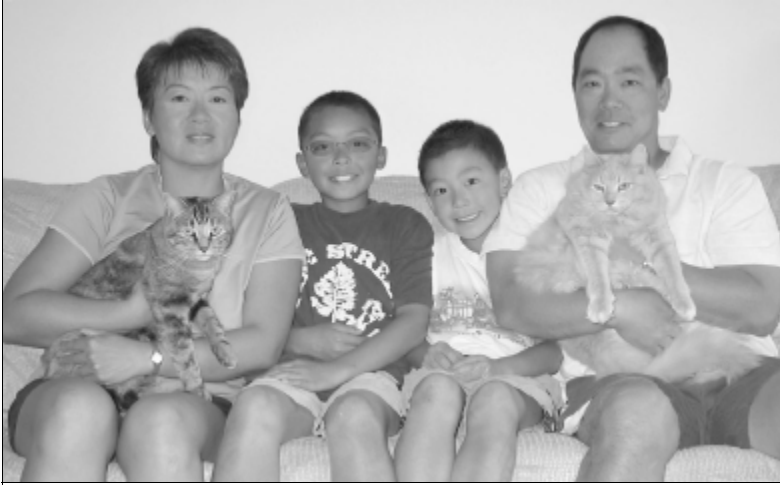
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Jingle, Jingle—There's a Cat at the Door

Whoever said you can't teach an old cat a new trick (or was that an old dog?) obviously hadn't met two very special cats belonging to the Ono family. The Onos proved that cats can be trained (sort of!).

Their first cat, named Mochi (Japanese for rice cake), was adopted about five years ago from the Inyo County Animal Shelter as a four-month old creamy fluffball of a kitten. Duane and Shirley Ono wanted to



Shirley with Colita, Ben, Matt and Duane with Mochi

in the treat-stuffed bell and batted away at it to get their fair share. Whenever they rang the bell, someone would open the back door. Within no time, the cats learned that ringing the bell never failed to bring someone running with treats or to let them in! Now they use the bell to get back in the house whenever they want. Amazingly these two older cats learned a new trick—how to get their family to respond to their own personal doorbell. Sounds like Mochi and



Mochi ready to ring bell

add a feline member to their family of two boys, Ben (10) and Matt (7).

Last December, Shirley and the boys spotted a funny-faced spayed adult tortoiseshell cat featured as the Inyo County Animal Shelter's "Pet of the Week" and wanted to give her a second chance. She had been trapped as a stray and no one

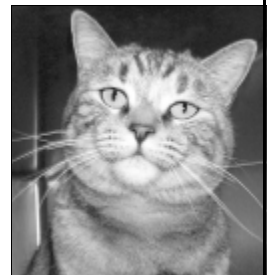
claimed her, so the Onos adopted her and named her Colita (Spanish for little tail). She has a unique short, fluffy racoon tail.

When they first brought Colita home, reigning Queen Mochi wasn't exactly thrilled with the newcomer. But, after a couple of weeks of steering clear of one another, they reached a truce and now get along like old pals.

The Onos wanted to let "the girls" spend time playing outside, but also wanted a way to know when Mochi and Colita wanted back in the house. So one day Shirley hung a big jingle bell on the back patio door and put some lunch meat inside. Of course, both cats were very interested

Colita trained the Onos!

Matt and Ben can't decide which one of the cats is their favorite and seem to love them both very much. It's clear they have learned at least one very important lesson—rescuing a Shelter cat is definitely the right thing to do. Duane and Shirley can be proud that they are raising two compassionate boys with big hearts for animals. 🐾 ~ Lisa Schade



Colita as Pet of the Week

Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic for Canine Companions



Rattlesnakes strike terror in the heart of most hikers and pose a particular threat to their canine companions. This

past October the **Eastern Sierra Chapter of Quail Unlimited** hosted a Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop.

Teaching the clinic was Bob Kettle, a professional herpetologist from Nevada, widely recognized as the leading expert in Snake Avoidance Training. He has conducted clinics for the Nevada Fish and Game, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force and numerous other organizations and is approved by the California Department of Fish and Game.

About forty dogs went through the 15-minute individual training sessions. Local dog trainer, Diane Fortney, acted as the "neutral" dog handler to eliminate any



Diane Fortney and Bob Kettle take Aja past snake cage

possibility of a well-intentioned dog owner sending conflicting signals to their dog.

Each dog was first outfitted with a remote training collar taking into account each dog's individual temperament, personality and breed when setting the appropriate level of stimulus. Diane then walked each dog within sight of three caged live rattlesnakes. At the exact moment the dog visually acknowledged the rattlesnake, Bob Kettle triggered the

remote collar to administer the snake avoidance deterrent. After being exposed to all three rattlesnake cages and receiving the remote deterrent a number of times, the dog is finally released to its master for lots of "atta-boys" and hugs.

A newly trained dog may make sounds to alert its owner of a rattler, could refuse to heal because it feels it's safer not to move or may attempt to retreat in the opposite direction of the snake.

Once your dog has been trained in snake avoidance, you should respect these signals. It could save both your lives! 🐾



Kettle, Dan Voss & his dog, Aja

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♥ Now through Valentines Day, **ICARE will spay or neuter your pets for just \$10.** Includes pets adopted from the Inyo County Shelter. Give your pet the gift of love and a longer, healthier life. Call 872-3802. ♥

Dog House Recycling Program

Baby, it's cold outside! While, we at ICARE advocate bringing your pet indoors to be a part of the day-to-day family activities, we realize there are times when it just isn't practical—like when the family is at work and school. But, if your pet must spend time outside, especially when it's wet, snowy or freezing, she needs a shelter of her very own to curl up in and stay toasty until you come home. Of course, shelter is important all year round.

In an effort to improve living conditions for animals this winter, ICARE is establishing a **Doghouse Recycling Program.** In other words, if you have a portable doghouse that your pet is no longer using, please donate it to our recycling program so we can share it with a deserving dog who may not



be quite as fortunate. If, on the other hand, you or someone you know has an "outside dog" with no shelter, ICARE would love to get your pooch outfitted with a doghouse.

The best type of doghouse for our program is the Igloo-type (shown above) or similar prefabricated plastic/resin doghouses on the market. They're watertight, insulated, sturdy, light and easy to transport. If you'd like to donate a doghouse or if you need one, call us at 872-3802. 🐾

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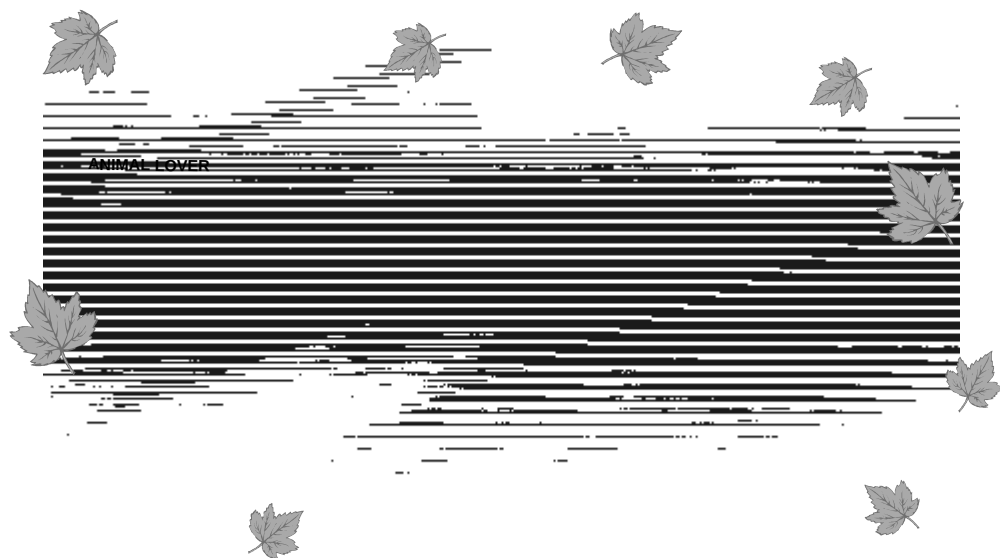
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