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Inyo County Animal Resources & Education

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

Loving Hearts for Rescued Pets



Holly and Darian with rescued/adopted dogs Eddie, Casey and Roxie

When Holly Kimball sees an animal in need, she moves heaven and earth to help. As a result, this single mom and her daughter, Darian, share their Bishop home with a host of animals who were formerly abandoned, lost or given up on. Having a big heart has enriched their lives with some pretty amazing dogs, cats and horses. The current crew includes three cats (Baxter, Frankie, & Oliver), four horses, (Worth, Gandolf, Pocahontas, & Capt. Courageous) and three rescued dogs (Eddie, Casey & Roxie).

Eddie is a Yellow Lab mix who was a skin-and-bones puppy that Darian found and brought home a couple of years ago. No one ever claimed him, so he was made a part of the family. Roxie is a 3-year old Springer/Lab mix (and sister of Jasper on page 3!) who was adopted as a puppy from the Inyo County Animal Shelter. Casey, the terrier mix, is the newest member of the pack. He was also

no bad dogs and that behavior can be reshaped. She sympathizes with the Shelter dog who has been plucked from the only environment it has ever known, leaving it insecure, worried, confused and sometimes depressed.

Holly says, "The key to a successful shelter adoption is to realize that the dog you are seeing will behave differently when you get him/her home. With our rescues, we have found that keeping our initial expectations low, and giving the animal plenty of time to adjust, helps tremendously for a smoother transition."

She adds that it may take time to teach the new arrival the rules and boundaries of their new home. However, "at the end of the day, we feel good that we have given an animal in need another chance."

Holly points out that most of the pets awaiting adoption have no issues whatsoever and will fit right in from the first day, so adopt a pet today! 🐾



Pocahontas and Captain Courageous

"One at a Time" Authors Visit



Diane Leigh & Marilee Geyer visit Bishop

Diane Leigh and Marilee Geyer, authors of the book *One at a Time—A Week in An American Animal Shelter*, visited Bishop for a Spellbinder Books book signing in June. Their book is the true account of seven days in a typical U.S. animal shelter. The stories of 75 animals who passed through the Santa Cruz shelter are tenderly told through beautiful photos and vignettes.

One at a Time will help you to see the real faces behind the numbers (8 to 12 million animals are taken into animal shelters each year). Every day there are miracles and heartbreak ... one animal at a time.

More importantly, *One at a Time* is a book of hope telling how each of us can be a part of the solution and end the tragedy of unwanted companion animals.

Diane and Marilee are former shelter workers who wanted to give homeless animals a voice through this book and their non-profit organization, No Voice Unheard (NoVoiceUnheard.com). Their mission is to promote compassion and respect for all living beings and foster a deeper awareness of the effects of our actions on animals, the environment and our fellow humans.

All proceeds from the sale of their book will support educational programs to create positive change for companion animals and homeless animals everywhere. 🐾

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 spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats in need; and
- Promotes adoptions from our local Animal Shelter through weekly photos featured on local TV, area newspapers and our web site.

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Message from the President, Ted Schade:

Second Chances



How many of us have been given a second chance that we are still grateful for today? We've all had second chances at one time or another. Now, think about what second chances mean to the abandoned cats and

dogs that end up at animal shelters. This is probably their *last* chance. By giving them a life-long home you can literally mean the difference between life and death for these wonderful pets. ICARE is all about increasing the odds in favor of our Shelter animals.

Although ICARE does not operate the Shelter (Inyo County Animal Services does), we are the biggest promoters of cats and dogs available for adoption in this area. Our adoption promotions are an important part of the effort to find these great pets the homes they deserve.

ICARE volunteers visit the Inyo County Animal Shelter weekly to photograph the many cats, dogs, kittens and puppies, so they can be featured in *The Inyo Register*, *The Sierra Reader*, and on KDAY TV 33 and USA Media Channel 12. Each of these media outlets graciously publish and air these photos at no charge because they believe in our mission and want to help these

homeless pets get their second chance. Our new web site (www.InyoPets.org) also features shelter animals looking for homes. See the back page to learn more about our brand new web site.

Another way ICARE helps when our Shelter is overcrowded is by arranging for the transport of a few pets to the Bay Area where the Marin and Sonoma Humane Societies welcome our pets into highly successful adoption programs where all our pets find homes. This frees up kennel space at our facility, which allows us to hold onto animals long enough to find them loving homes.

In the top story on page 3, read about the status of one of our newest "second chance" programs. The Stitch Fund has been a lifesaver for injured or ill Shelter animals that, in the past, would have been put to sleep due to County budget constraints. The Stitch Fund is now used to provide the necessary veterinary care for adoptable homeless animals.

And ICARE's Trap, Neuter and Return program for feral (wild) cats has saved the lives of many cats that were formerly trapped and put to sleep (see story on page 3). This program offers a humane alternative to the endless breeding cycle and improves the lives of these deserving cats.

So, please consider giving a pet a second chance by adopting a Shelter pet or helping with one of ICARE's "second chance" programs. 🐾

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ICARE's Stitch Fund Helps Deserving Shelter Animals

Thanks to the ICARE Stitch Fund, three more homeless dogs were given second chances during April, May and June. The fund pays for veterinary care of ill or injured adoptable animals from the Inyo County Animal Shelter.

The first was a darling little West Highland Terrier mix with a tumor on her (ahem) bottom. Dr. Kathleen Sexton of the Sierra Veterinary Clinic performed the tumor removal and Sadie was adopted by a family with a little girl, Kayla, who worships the ground Sadie walks on. Another "happy ending," if you'll pardon the pun!



Tumor removed

In June a 9-week old Jack Russell Terrier mix was picked up stray and brought to the Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine. Within a few days of his arrival, the pup showed symptoms of parvovirus, which is potentially fatal. Animal Services asked ICARE to help pay for treatments to save the pup's life. He was taken to the Bishop Veterinary Hospital and received lifesaving medications and fluids

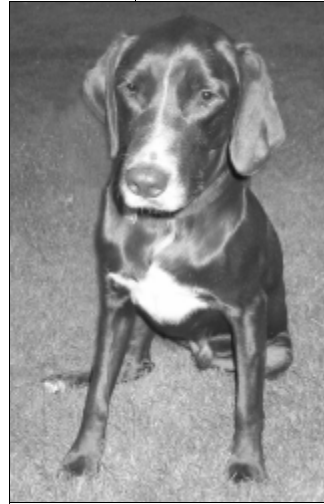


Treated for parvo

intravenously for several days. Once he was given a clean bill of health, he was adopted by Ken and Laura Lee Gilliam who say he's full of mischief and enjoying being a healthy, happy puppy.

And finally, at the end of May, an Inyo County Sheriff's Deputy, on a routine call, spotted a Springer Spaniel/Labrador mix dog with a badly mangled back leg. Inyo County Animal Services was called to the scene and the dog was rushed to the Sierra Veterinary Hospital where Dr. Sexton determined, based on the stages of healing, the dog had been hit by a car about two weeks earlier. The infection from the wound had spread through the dog's entire body making him seriously ill. The only thing to do was amputate the infected limb.

Since the dog (now called Jasper) was extremely adoptable with an excellent prognosis for a full recovery, he was the ideal candidate for help through the ICARE Stitch Fund. After his surgery, Ted and Lisa Schade



Jasper after his surgery

took him home to recover. He was very sick and weak from the infection that had ravaged his body. It was two weeks of antibiotics and lots of rest and quiet before

Jasper was strong enough to begin the physical rehabilitation he needed to get around on three legs. Once he felt better, the Schades started him on a walking regimen to build up his strength until, six weeks later, he was bouncing joyfully along on three very strong legs!

We are happy to report that Jasper was recently adopted by Dave and Lyla Wolden of Bishop. They say he is a great dog and they are very happy with him. As for Jasper, he loves his new family, especially his step-sister, Lacy, a spunky 13-year old Springer Spaniel.

If you'd like to help other injured or sick Shelter animals get the second chance they deserve, please send your gift to the ICARE Stitch Fund at P.O. Box 76; Bishop, CA 93515. 🐾

"Trap, Neuter and Return Program" Helps Feral Cats

Feral cats are the wild offspring of domestic cats and are typically the result of owners abandoning or failing to spay and neuter their pets, allowing them to breed uncontrolled. Feral cats form colonies that can be found almost anywhere. They are elusive and do not trust humans. Feral cats are wild animals and are nearly impossible to tame.

Many people assume their cats will survive when they move away and leave them behind. Domestic cats do not automatically regain their "natural" instincts and cannot fend for themselves! Feral cats may suffer a violent end from predators or a slow, painful death from disease or starvation.

Studies show that "trap, neuter and return" programs are the most successful method of stabilizing healthy feral cat colonies with the least possible cost to local government and impact on residents, while providing these cats the best life possible. Small feral cat colonies are non-



intrusive (you rarely see them out during the day) and they help to keep rodent populations in check—something that is very important in our area due to the occurrence of hanta virus.

Trapping, sterilizing and releasing homeless cats back into their original territory: 1) stabilizes populations at manageable levels; 2) eliminates annoying behaviors associated with mating; 3) is humane and fosters compassion in neighborhoods where the cats are present; and 4) is more effective and less costly than repeated attempts at extermination. Repeated trapping and killing feral cat colonies is costlier than promoting stable, non-breeding colonies. The reality is that

extermination is not the answer because vacated territories are soon filled by other cats who start the breeding process all over again.

If you want to help stabilize feral cat populations in your neighborhood, ICARE will lend you a humane live-trap and guide you in trapping procedures. Once the cats are trapped, they can be taken to the Sierra Veterinary Clinic or Bishop Veterinary Hospital (also in Lone Pine) for their sterilization surgery. The tip of one ear is clipped to permanently identify the cat as having been spayed/neutered.

In the past six years, ICARE has given 244 feral cats a second chance. **There is no cost to the trapper**, but cats must be returned to their original territory. With a little effort, feral cat colonies can be humanely stabilized and we can prevent further suffering, unwanted litters and provide a better life for these special creatures. For information, call **ICARE** at 872-3802. 🐾

I'm not pure bred, just pure pal!



Meet me and other great pets
at the Animal Shelter in Big Pine

ICARE has a New Web Site: www.InyoPets.org

We're proud to announce the debut of ICARE's new web site courtesy of **Jeanette Pontacq** of webediting.net. Jeanette lives in the Bay Area and is a special friend of Inyo's homeless pets. She donated her time and talent to design a first class web site for ICARE, complete with up-to-the-minute photos of Inyo County Shelter pets awaiting adoption.

The web site will tell you about ICARE, our accomplishments, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and other ways you can help dogs and cats in need. There are links to companion animal web sites and a page of educational materials for download.



But, the feature we're most excited about are the pages featuring photos and descriptions of Shelter cats and dogs for adoption. So, visit the site soon and let us know what you think! ☺

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