

ICARE News!

Inyo County Animal Resources & Education

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

Best Year Yet for Inyo Pets!



The Bernsens adopted "Bishop" from the Inyo County Animal Shelter in 2003

This past year was the best yet for cats and dogs of the Eastern Sierra! Adoptions from the Inyo County Animal Shelter were at an all time high, impounds were down and, most importantly, fewer animals than ever before had to be euthanized. As shown on the graph below (stats provided by Inyo County Animal Control), 950 cats and dogs were put to sleep at the Big Pine Animal Shelter in 1997 before ICARE started its spay/neuter program. But, by the end of 2003 that number dropped to 83. Of course one is too many, but that's an astounding **91% decrease** in the number of **animals put to sleep** from six years ago! In addition, the number of animals impounded at the Shelter decreased 44% (from 1,178 in 1997 to 665 in 2003) and there's more good news—**adoptions were up 64%** (from 203 in 1997 to 332 in 2003).

We believe the success of this dramatic turn-around can be directly attributed to ICARE's Spay/Neuter Program. Six years ago we began offering low cost spay/neuter surgeries to pet owners in need and, since then, **almost 3,000 cats and dogs have been spayed or neutered**. That represents the prevention of hundreds of unwanted litters that could have gone on to produce litters of their own. ICARE

advocates and makes affordable the **preventative approach** (spaying/neutering) to pet overpopulation.

Of course, the Spay/Neuter Program would not be possible without the commitment of the dedicated veterinarians at **Bishop Veterinary Hospital** and the **Sierra Veterinary Clinic**. They perform the surgeries at discounted rates to make ICARE donor dollars go that much further. We are very grateful for their

proactive approach to this challenge.

And, without our members and donors, there would be no Spay/Neuter Program at all. We are able to subsidize the cost of the surgeries through your donations. ICARE is a non-profit organization with **no paid employees** and receives no government funding, so we rely on our kindhearted donors to keep our animal welfare programs in operation.

Other important partners in our success include adopters and the local media: *The Inyo Register*, *The Sierra Reader*, USA Media, K-DAY Radio/TV, KIBS/KBOV Radio and KTWY Radio who graciously promote the Shelter animals available for adoption at the Inyo County Shelter. They have saved more lives of homeless animals than they'll probably ever know.

We can all be proud of how far we've come in only six years. It is truly amazing what the animal lovers of this community have been able to accomplish for local companion animals in need.

Let's keep up the great work we've begun for cats and dogs until one day we can say that **"no adoptable pet had to be put to sleep in Inyo County!"** 🐾



Prayer for Animals

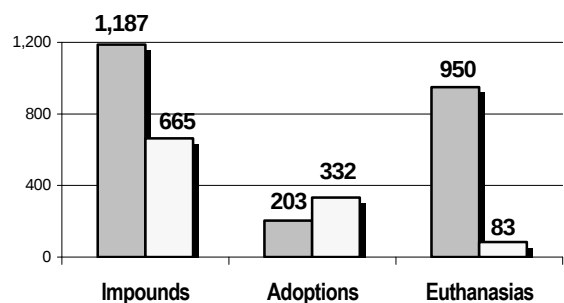
Hear our humble prayer,
O God, for our friends,
the animals.

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 Schweitzer



1997 vs. 2003 Inyo County Animal Shelter Statistics

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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NEWSLETTER

Design & photos by:

Lisa & Ted Schade



Message from the President, Ted Schade:

Putting Your Donations to Work



The chart below shows how your donations to ICARE directly benefitted pets in need in 2003. ICARE receives no government funding. Our programs are supported by you—our members and donors. Your continued

belief in our mission allows us to operate a successful Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program, promote the adoption of Inyo County Shelter animals, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

Total program expenditures for 2003 were \$49,734 with the Spay/Neuter Program accounting for 68%. A total of 723 cats and dogs were sterilized last year at a cost of \$33,801 (about \$47 per animal). Since the inception of the Spay/Neuter Program in 1998, almost 3,000 cats and dogs have been sterilized. This has prevented the birth of hundreds of unwanted litters and reduced Shelter impounds and euthanasias (see front page).

Our Education Program includes classroom

presentations and our quarterly newsletters, which enlighten the public about local animal welfare issues and the need to find loving homes for all of our homeless pets. We also sponsor subscriptions to "KIND News" for local fifth/sixth grade classrooms. This program accounted just over 5% (\$2,608) of expenditures.

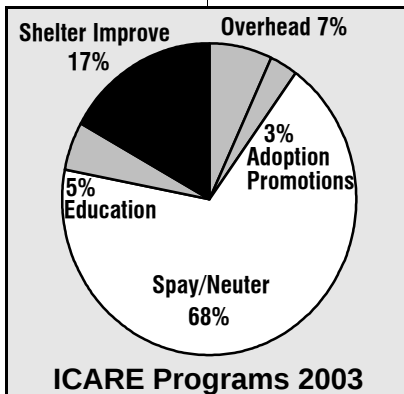
Promotion of shelter animals for adoption in 2003 accounted for 3% (\$1,418) of our program budget. It would have cost much more if not for

the generosity of the *Inyo Register*, *Sierra Reader*, *KDAY* and *USA Media* featuring our "Pets of the Week" at no charge!

Other expenditures included new, larger cat cages at the Shelter at a cost of \$8,388 or 17% of our program budget.

Overhead costs include monthly telephone bills and office/computer supplies and accounted for just 7% (\$3,519) of our program budget.

Because ICARE has no paid employees, **93% of your donations go to programs that directly benefit the animals**—we'd like to see the other charities beat that! 🐾



Thank you for your donations:

Donations of \$25 or more listed

Kathy Allen, Anne Almeida, Chris & Jeff Anderson, Claudia Anticon, Joellin Bacon, Ed & Myrle Baker, Darcy Bauer, Bee Gee Beauty, Suzy Bibona, Linda & Kevin Bigham, Brownie Troop 427, Chani Colburn, Lupe Connor, Don Constans, Shelley & Ross Corner, Diana Cunningham, Jim & Sherry Dodson, Norma Drown, Lyn Dunlap-Tailwaggers, A.C. Eden, Zeke & Desiree Federman, Doris & Rudy Fredrick, Cathy George, Margaret Hall, Donna Hardy, Don & Denise Hayden, Betty Heimforth, George & Diane Hoffman, Cat & Mike House, Diane Hurlburt, Charles & Sherri James, Lisa & Julian Jimenez, Winter Kennedy, Janelle Kent, Pete & Darlene Komgibel, Irene Lamos, Michelle Lane, Lois Lannan, Robert Lavenberg, Kim Lehigh, Nita Lindsey, Michael & Jean Logan, Joanie Lubeck, Dusty Majors, Murphy & Hannah Matoza, Arlene Mayfield, Sandy Mayo, Barb & Gary McCoy, Phil & Cheryl McDowell, Rene Mead, Shirley & Vince Montefusco, Patricia & Edward Nahin, Valerie Naso, Jim & Kris Nelson, Jim Nettleton, Bob & Glenda Newcomer, Gary & Kim Nyberg, Vic & Jane Paul, Cathy Powell, Mark & Jan Peterson, Ken & Janet Reeling, Margina Rhyne, Nancy Richardson, Lynnette Royce, Helen Rubinstein, John & Barbara Ruopp, Terry Russi, Paula Sam, Bob & Yvonne Schade, Ted & Lisa Schade, Jeanette & Joanne Schneider, Steve & Mary Scronce, Jean & George Shirk, Jota Shohtoku, Neil & Geni Sliger, Devon Smith, Virginia Smith, Nick & Jean Sprague, Paul & Gloria Stewart, Jeri Stout, Carolyn & Bill Tachovsky, Fred & Fay Thompson, Bob & Leilani Thornburg, Dar & Toni Tockey, Bill & Rosemarie Todd, Dale & Helen Trust, Wes & Betty Ulrich, Randy & Chris Van Tassell, Doug Wachowiak, Dick & Karen Warren, Gary & Betty Williamson, Jackie Willoughby, Jenny Wilson, Ralph & Marnie Worthing, Ann Zack, Kathy Zack, Joseph & Betty Jo Zappia, Susan, Bob & Zack Ziegler

Memorial donations:

♥ Linda Arcularius for Bodie ♥ Natalie Bailey for Christie ♥ Herb & Peg Brons for Dale
 ♥ Dolores Cundiff for Jean Williamson ♥ Nancy & Wendy Fogelstrom for our Golden Retriever, Shiloh ♥ Nancy Fong & Adrian Sears for our dog, Asa ♥ Wyman, Cindy & Pat Hawkins for Shada ♥ Avery Kenyon-Wilmanns for Peepers ♥ Debbie Lake for Spooky ♥ Paul & Barbara Laughon for our silver tabby, Ashlee ♥ Jeanne Lehman for Shelby ♥ John & Donna Mackay for our cat, Sera ♥ Dusty Majors for Heidi Leithold ♥ Don Morefield for Rich Reinbold ♥ Al Morgan for my wife, Ruthie ♥ Jim & Kris Nelson for Jim Nikolaus ♥ Dee Odell for Bernie Shaw ♥ Carl, Arlene & Rob Pearce for Inyo, Levi, Sadie, JJ, Fancy & Puppy ♥ Ralph & Dorothy Rickords for Maggie ♥ Robert Schaubmayer for my wife, Petra ♥ Carl & Lois Scott for Truffle ♥ Mary Shafer for Henry ♥ Greg & Jennifer Taylor for our beloved Black Lab, Boo ♥ Darryl & Sonia Truelsen for our dear dogs, Jenny & Caleb ♥ Cecile Vargo for our trail dog, Jessie ♥ Kneif Wilson for Lucky the dog ♥



Dale (the Vons Dog)

Donations in honor:

♥ Doris Elliott for Moe & T.J. ♥ Lois Lannan for Thelma McCorkle's birthday ♥ Thomas & Nancy Mallonee & Barbara Mallonee for Tom Mallonee & Pam Passotti ♥ Mary Newton & Scott Weaver for our dog, Porter ♥ Virginia Smith for Harrison's adoption ♥ Angela & Paul Stratton for Ted & Lisa Schade ♥ Ann Zack for Kathryn & Tom Zack's birthdays

Injured Dog Touches Heart of Community



Before surgery

We see a lot of sad things at the Animal Shelter, but the day Ted and I met a sweet Queensland mix named Dodger is a day we won't soon forget. It was the end of January and we were at the Shelter to photograph Pets of the

Week when a family drove up to drop off their dog saying he'd been hit by a car several weeks before and had never regained the use of his front leg. Consequently, he had been dragging the lifeless limb along until the fur and skin on his paw were gone. The pain in his eyes made it clear he had suffered far too long.

After conferring with Animal Control, we came to the conclusion that, due to his youth and wonderful disposition, Dodger would make a wonderful pet for a lucky adopter. We decided to pursue veterinary treatment for this very brave dog. There

was just one catch—ICARE's Stitch Fund, which helps ill or injured Shelter animals, was down to zero.

So, an e-mail went out to the Friends of ICARE and KDAY Radio joined the campaign asking the public for donations to the Stitch Fund to help

Dodger get the help he so desperately needed. The outpouring of support was phenomenal with more than seventy people sending in donations. Dodger's leg had to be amputated at a cost of over \$600. Dr. Lind of Bishop Veterinary Hospital performed the surgery and Ted and I brought him home to recover.

There was a lot of interest in Dodger's progress, but one family in particular came to visit him—Randy and Chris Van Tassell of Bishop and their son Tanner. It was clear from the first meeting



Dodger happy after surgery

that they had a more than passing interest in Dodger. A few days later, Chris brought over two of their three rescued dogs to meet Dodger on "neutral territory" and they romped and wrestled like old pals. A week later, they officially adopted the little trooper and he permanently joined their family.

Chris says Dodger follows her everywhere, but also loves to play ball outside with the other dogs. He's found some favorite spots to nap, including their bed. He enjoys each day to the fullest and gets around great on three legs.

Thanks to everyone (especially the Van Tassells) who helped

this sweet, brave dog get back on his feet! If you wonder if it was all worth it, just ask Dodger! 🐾 ~ Lisa Schade



Dr. Lind removes the stitches



Chris, Dodger and Tanner

Adventure Photographers Adopt a Lovable Pit Bull



Beautiful Barbie!

Pit Bulls may not be the breed of choice for everyone, but Edward and Patricia Nahin have owned and loved the breed for many years. When they learned there was a six-month old

purebred Pit Bull at the Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine, they told everyone they knew about her. At the time, they had a 12-year old Irish Setter, Ginger, and an 11-year old male Pit Bull, Baby, who had been diagnosed with cancer. They didn't think it would be fair to bring a puppy into the house. Sadly, shortly thereafter, Baby lost his battle with cancer leaving the Nahins completely heartbroken. Their 13½ year old Pit Bull, Joe, had died the previous summer. Now they were facing life without two of their beloved dogs.

Patricia went to the Animal Shelter the day Baby died, and adopted the little blue and white Pit Bull, brought her home and named her Barbie. The Nahins have worked with professional dog trainers and realize that a properly socialized Pit Bull will remain a loving and friendly dog. In fact, their Pit Bulls have always been wonderful with their

grandchildren and Barbie is no exception. Pit Bulls can lack tolerance for other dogs when they reach maturity (between the ages of one and three). Play with other dogs should be closely supervised no matter how well the Pit Bull has been raised. (ref: www.badrap.org)

Edward has been a pharmacist for over fifty years. He and Patricia are two of the partners in Dwayne's Pharmacy of Bishop



Edward, Ginger, Barbie and Patricia Nahin

splitting their time between their residences in Bishop and Palos Verdes. Edward is a well recognized nature and wildlife photographer. Patricia scans his film-based slides and produces ultra chrome archival prints. She is an accomplished photographer in her own right. They have traveled to countries around

the world, including Africa many times taking countless magnificent photographs of wild animals. Edward participates in local photography activities and leads photographic tours in the Eastern Sierra.

The photo of Barbie on the left was shot by Edward and shows his talent for portraiture, as well as the sweet nature of a once homeless Pit Bull who charmed her way into their hearts. 🐾



ICARE



2004 Fundraising Raffle

WIN YOUR CHOICE OF A \$2,000 TRIP OR \$1,000 CASH!

Drawing to be held **April 17, 2004** at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Winner need not be present to win.



6-Days at Double Eagle Resort in June Lake



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***Raffle Tickets: \$10 each or 3/\$25**

NAME: _____

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PLEASE SEND ME: _____ **RAFFLE TICKETS @ \$10 EACH OR 3/\$25**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ **CHECK PAYABLE TO ICARE**

***Dinner tickets are sold separately (see ad on right)**

Complete form & return w/check (before April 5th)
to: ICARE ❖ P.O. BOX 76 ❖ BISHOP, CA 93515

You Are Invited



8th Annual Fundraising Dinner Saturday ❖ April 17 ❖ 6:00 pm Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop

Please join us for a grilled steak dinner (or meatless dinner) catered by Whiskey Creek. There will be door prizes, an auction, and a Raffle for a Trip for Two (see coupon on left).

Proceeds benefit: ICARE's Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program, Education Program and promoting adoptions at the Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine.

Dinner Tickets: Adults - \$10 ❖ Children under 12 - \$5

Tickets on sale at the following locations:

Spellbinder Books, Bee Gee Beauty Supply, Julie's Barks and Bubbles, Mountain High Video in Bishop & Tailwaggers in Mammoth Lakes or call ICARE at 760-872-3802

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