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Inyo County Animal Resources & Education

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

Birthday Girl Parties for the Animals



Diane Escobar with her adopted pets, Bogey and Gracie

What do you give the birthday girl who is an animal lover and volunteer dogwalker at the Inyo County Animal Shelter? Diane Escobar of Bishop knew just what she wanted. The invitation to her 50th birthday party read "No gifts please. If able, please give to ICARE." The party took place at the Bishop Country Club right before Christmas with live music and lots of friends to help Diane celebrate. At the end of the evening, \$600 had been raised for the ICARE Stitch Fund (see Jake's story at far right).

Diane is a dedicated volunteer dogwalker at the Animal Shelter in Big Pine and is making a big difference for the many dogs waiting to be adopted. The walks provide the dogs with fresh air, exercise and just plain old fun. Not only does it make Shelter life more bearable for the dogs, it actually makes the dogs more adoptable by teaching them basic obedience and leash training. Volunteer dogwalkers are the unsung heroes of the Shelter and perform a lifesaving service. Many of the dogs come into the Shelter with little or no training. The dogwalkers are able to turn these dogs into well behaved canine citizens in no time at all.

That's how Diane met a feisty Border

Collie named Bogey—by taking him for walks at the Shelter. She decided to foster him to see if she could teach him basic obedience. It wasn't long before she fell in love with this intelligent dog and decided to give him a permanent home with her and her husband, Jeff Neer. Diane says Bogey is her first dog as an adult and he has been a challenge and a joy. Because he's a herding dog, Diane knows he needs the long walks they take every single day. Diane is proud to report that Bogey recently graduated from obedience class.

Diane met another soul in need of rescuing at the Inyo County Animal Shelter—a sterling silver tabby kitten with the sniffles. She took her home to foster her until she recovered. Along the way, Diane fell in love with the little sprite and named her Gracie. Bogey and



Bogey the dog and Gracie the cat are pals

Gracie have become the best of friends. They enjoy not-so-serious wrestling matches and snuggling up together for naps. It's hard to say if Bogey thinks he's a cat or Gracie thinks she's a dog! But, it's clear they are happy members of their new family. 🐾

Book Store Benefit for ICARE Stitch Fund



Jake says "The ICARE Stitch Fund helped me!"

The ICARE Stitch Fund helps ill or injured Inyo County Shelter cats and dogs, like Jake (shown above), receive the veterinary care they need to find loving homes. Jake is a sweet Yellow Lab mix who was turned into the Animal Shelter after a car ran over his left back paw. He was taken to the Bishop Veterinary Hospital where he had to have two toes amputated. The Stitch Fund paid for his surgery. Jake has since been adopted and is completely healed and enjoying life with his family in Independence.

For the sixth year in a row, Spellbinder Books of Bishop, held an ICARE Benefit Shopping Day in December. Throngs of animal lovers came out to support the worthwhile animal welfare organization. Shoppers donated \$5 directly to ICARE in return for 20% off their purchases. A total of \$827 was raised with proceeds going to ICARE's Stitch Fund. Thank you Spellbinder Books and the shoppers who supported Shelter animals in need. 🐾

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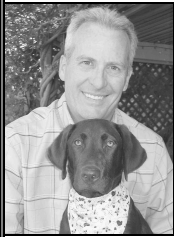
NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President, Ted Schade:

ICARE Donors Help Pets in Need



Take a look at how your donations to ICARE helped pets in need in 2005 (see chart below). ICARE is proud to say that our programs are supported by you—our members and donors. Your faithful support of our mission for animals makes

it possible 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 2005 were \$44,810 with the **Spay/Neuter Program** accounting for 67% of the total. Over 800 cats and dogs were sterilized last year at a cost of \$30,222. Since 1998, the Spay/Neuter Program has helped sterilize over 4,600 cats and dogs! This has prevented the birth of hundreds of unwanted litters and reduced Shelter impounds and euthanasias (see report and bar graph on page 3).

Our **Education Program** accounted for 10% (\$4,540) of 2005 expenditures and provided sponsorship of classroom subscriptions to *KIND News* for local fifth/sixth grade classrooms, and subsidized the cost of obedience classes for dogs

and puppies adopted from Inyo and Mono County Animal Shelters.

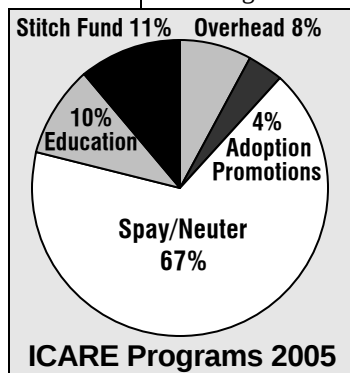
Promotion of shelter animals for adoption accounted for 4% (\$1,819) of our program expenditures in 2005. Thanks to the *Inyo Register*, *Sierra Reader*, *Mammoth Times*, KSRW Radio, TV Channel 33 and Cebridge Channel 12 for featuring "Shelter Pets of the Week" at no charge!

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Overhead costs of monthly telephone bills and office supplies accounted for just 8% (\$3,495) of program expenditures. Because ICARE has no paid employees, 92% of your donations go to programs that directly benefit the animals. How many charities can make that claim?

The **Stitch Fund** paid for veterinary care for eleven sick/injured Shelter animals at a cost of \$4,735 or 11% of expenditures (see *Jake's* cover story). Two dogs, Budda and Dash, had hip surgery; another, Mookie, had eye surgery; while yet another, Scooby, had tumors removed. The Stitch Fund also purchased feline leukemia test kits for Shelter cats and kitties.

Thank you all for making it possible! 



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Shirley & Lola



Special Dog Finds His True Calling

Let's just say Sherry and Jim Dodson have a soft spot when it comes to Border Collies. They had been keeping tabs on a big, sweet Border Collie mix, known as Brody, who was found in Silver Canyon and turned over to the Inyo County Animal Shelter in June of 2004. Week after week, no one came to claim him. He was put up for adoption, but Shelter visitors seemed unwilling to take on the



Sherry Dodson and Morgan making friends

young, intensely energetic dog. Weeks turned into four and a half months and, in October 2004, Shelter staff called Sherry to take her up on her offer to foster Brody in order to make room for other Shelter dogs. Sherry brought Brody home as a "foster dog," but it was such a great fit, she and Jim decided to give him a forever home and re-named him Morgan.

Fast forward a year later to October 2005. Morgan had just graduated from Angie Tapley's obedience class when Sherry heard about Anne Parkes' therapy dog classes. Sherry thought Morgan's

lovable personality made him a good candidate. Within a few weeks, Morgan had passed his test and become a registered therapy dog with the Mammoth/Bishop chapter of Paws 4 Healing, Inc. (www.paws4healing.info). Volunteers and their dogs visit hospitals, nursing homes, assisted-living facilities and schools. Morgan and Sherry began their therapy

visits in February.

I recently caught up with Morgan doing his therapy thing at a care facility in Bishop. I would never have guessed it was the same "bouncin' off the walls" dog that left the Shelter over a year ago. It's as if Morgan knows when he's wearing his *Paws 4 Healing* vest, it's time to click into gentle and docile work mode.

Sherry says Morgan is the happiest, most grateful dog she has ever met. She and Jim are proud of their adopted dog who brings happiness to them and others, as well. ~ Lisa Schade 🐾

Pet Identification – Return Ticket Home

One of the most loving and responsible things you can do for your pet (besides spay or neuter it) is to make sure he or she is always wearing a current, easy-to-read identification tag. If your pet becomes lost, proper I.D. is its return ticket home. We suggest including your pet's name, your home phone number, as well as your cell phone numbers, which are invaluable should you lose your pet while traveling.



You wouldn't believe the number of dogs and cats picked up stray wearing collars, but with no identification. They end up at the Animal Shelter waiting for their owners to reclaim them. A simple tag, with up-to-date contact info, could reunite pet and owner much faster.

You can order pet tags at your local veterinary office or **Boomerang Tags** can be engraved on both sides—see on-line at: www.BoomerangTags.com 🐾🐾

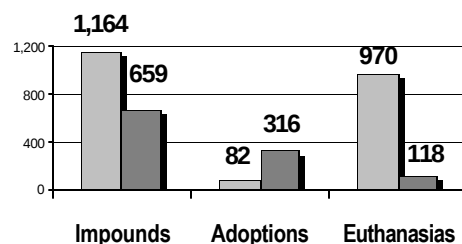
Caring Community Reflected in Annual Shelter Statistics



Cats and dogs of the Eastern Sierra had another great year in 2005. Adoptions at the Inyo County Animal Shelter were up, impounds held steady and,

most importantly, euthanasias remained low. The graph (stats provided by Inyo County Animal Services) shows, 970 cats and dogs were put to sleep at the Inyo County Animal Shelter in 1996—the year before ICARE was founded. But, by the end of 2005 that number dropped to 118. We believe one is too many, but an **88% decrease in the number of animals put to sleep** is a considerable improvement. The number of **animals impounded at the Shelter decreased 43%** (from 1,164 in 1996 to 659 in 2005) and—hold on to your hats—**adoptions were up 285%** (from 82 in 1996 to 316 in 2005).

ICARE's low cost Spay/Neuter Program has funded spay/neuter surgeries for **over 4,600 cats and dogs** in need since 1998. That's hundreds of unwanted litters that weren't born to produce litters of their own. ICARE advocates the preventative approach (spaying/neutering) to the pet overpopulation challenge.



Inyo County Shelter Statistics ~ 1996 vs. 2005

The Spay/Neuter Program wouldn't be possible without the **Sierra Veterinary Clinic** and the **Bishop Veterinary Hospital**. They graciously discount the cost of the surgeries, which helps our donor dollars go that much further. And,

let's not forget our members and donors who fund the Spay/Neuter Program so pet owners in need can afford to get their cats and dogs spayed or neutered.

Other valued partners in our success include Inyo County Animal Services staff who care for the Shelter animals and have extended public hours at the Shelter to six days a week. We also appreciate all the folks who adopt their pets from the Animal Shelter and save precious lives.

ICARE is a non-profit organization with no paid employees and receives no government funding. Each of our animal welfare programs is supported by our compassionate donors (page 2). You have all been so wonderful and supportive. Let's keep up the great work for the Eastern Sierra's cats and dogs in need. 🐾





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Proceeds benefit: ICARE's Low Cost Spay/Neuter
Program, Education Program and Shelter adoption promotion

Dinner Tickets: Adults - \$12 🐾 Children under 12 - \$6

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