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Inyo County Animal Resources & Education

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

No Bigger Than a Dot, but What a Survivor!



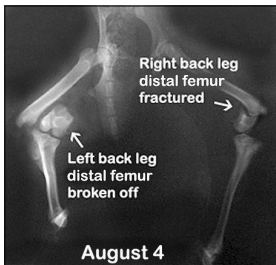
Ten pounds of courage and determination! That's what everyone was saying about the little Chihuahua mix who was hit by a car this past August. Inyo County Animal Services (ICAS) was called to pick up the blonde Chihuahua mix who was dubbed "Dot" (as in "no bigger than a dot") by Shelter Attendant, Katie Bird. Both of Dot's back legs were badly broken (see x-ray below). The brave pup was barely six months old with her entire life ahead of her. It was obvious that Dot would need major and costly surgery, so ICAS asked ICARE if the Stitch Fund would pay to repair her broken legs.

The ICARE Stitch Fund was established in 2002 when a stray Yellow Lab was found with severe injuries from an attack by other dogs. The sweet dog received over 100 stitches earning him the name "Stitch." ICARE sent out a plea for donations to what became the Stitch Fund to help pay for his surgery. Since then, the Stitch Fund has helped countless ill or injured Inyo County Shelter animals receive lifesaving veterinary care. In the past, these animals may have been

euthanized due to County budget limitations.

ICARE supporters came through once again with donations for Dot's surgery. Arrangements were made for her to be transported over 200 miles to the Veterinary Specialists of Nevada in Reno. Katie Bird drove Dot to the vet and, after her surgery, ICAS's Nancy Smith picked Dot up and drove her back to Bishop where she began her recovery in Ted and Lisa Schade's home.

Just one week after her surgery, Dot visited the Bishop Vet Hospital for a routine bandage change when Dr. Cheryl Chong realized something wasn't quite right with Dot's left leg. An x-ray was ordered and showed that the pins used to mend the fractured bone had failed. Dr. Chong sent the x-rays to the Veterinary Specialists of Nevada and a date was set for revision surgery the following week. Katie Bird once again volunteered to transport Dot to Reno and, three days later, Sheri Bryant of Bishop drove to Reno to pick Dot up and bring her back to the Schades for more recovery time and TLC.



In spite of the pain she must have been experiencing, Dot continued to amaze everyone with her joyful disposition. Every morning it was as if she greeted each day with "Hey, this is great! What are we gonna do today?" She fit right in with the Schades' other rescue dogs and quickly figured out her place in the pack. She was so happy to be part of a loving family, it undoubtedly helped her bones heal even faster. Two months later, Dot had her third surgery—getting spayed at the Bishop Vet Hospital.

The search for just the right adoptive home had been ongoing with Dot's story featured in the *Inyo Register* and on ICARE's website. But, there didn't seem to be much interest in the tiny crippled

Chihuahua. She continued to heal and become more and more a part of the Schade family. In fact, Dot was able to go with the Schades to Lake Tahoe for a week in October. She was an excellent traveler, too, undoubtedly because of all those long trips to Reno.

Just when everyone thought Dot's surgeries were a thing of the past, another complication arose in mid-November. The wire stabilizing the bone on her left back leg was so sharp it punched right through the skin. So, back to the Bishop Vet Hospital where Dr. Chong surgically removed the wire, as well as the pins that were no longer necessary.



In three months of Dot's eight months of life, she had already endured four surgeries! But, her cheerful personality never wavered for a moment. Then, after four months of foster care, Ted and Lisa decided, right before Christmas, to make it official and adopt Dot.

Ted says, "I have so much respect for this tiny creature who has been through so much and with such bravery. I knew I wanted her to be a permanent member of our family." Lisa adds, "We've fostered a lot of Shelter dogs and puppies over the years and we are happy when they find loving adoptive homes. But, there was just something about Dot that got to me. I shudder to think what could have happened to her without the Stitch Fund. She's one of the many Shelter animals who deserves a second chance." 🐾

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Message from the President, Ted Schade:

Your Donations Help the Eastern Sierra's Cats and Dogs

Take a look at how your donations to ICARE helped pets in need in 2008 (see chart below). ICARE is proud 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 Spay/Neuter Program, promote the adoption of Inyo County Shelter animals, and educate the public about responsible pet ownership.

Total program expenditures for 2008 were \$49,448 with the Spay/Neuter Program accounting for 66% of the pie.

800 cats and dogs were sterilized this past year at a cost of \$32,677. Since 1998, the Spay/Neuter Program has helped sterilize over 7,000 cats and dogs! This has prevented the birth of hundreds of unwanted litters and reduced Shelter impounds and euthanasias.

The Stitch Fund paid for veterinary care for twenty sick/injured Shelter animals at a cost of \$9,709 or 20% of expenditures (see Dot's cover story). Two dogs, Cubby and Axel, had elbow

dysplasia surgery; another, Leroy, had eye surgery; while yet another, Brandi, had an elbow replacement. Several Shelter cats and kittens also received veterinary treatment, including Spence who had surgery for a urinary tract blockage.

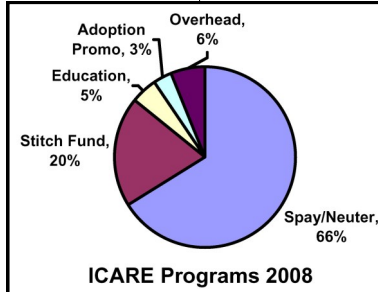
Our Education Program accounted for 5% (\$2,429) of 2008 expenditures and subsidized 50% of the cost of obedience classes for dogs and puppies adopted from the Inyo and Mono County Animal Shelters.

Promotion of Shelter animals for adoption accounted for 3% (\$1,668) of expenditures in 2008. We're grateful to the *Inyo Register*, *Mammoth Times*, KIBS and KSRW Radio and TV

Channel 33 for promoting Inyo County Animal Shelter pets.

Overhead costs; e.g., monthly telephone bills, postage and office supplies, accounted for just 6% (\$2,965) of expenditures. Because ICARE has no paid employees, 94% of your donations go to programs that directly benefit the animals. How many charities can make that claim?

Thank you all for making it possible! 🐾



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Community Makes a Big Difference for Pets by Lisa Schade

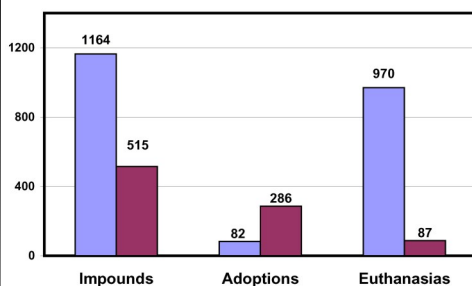


Dogs and cats of the Eastern Sierra had another great year! The year-end Animal Shelter statistics tell the story. These stats reflect how we are doing toward

our goal of reducing pet over-population through our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program. The number of cats and dogs impounded at the Shelter is a good indicator. This past year that number was at an **all time low of just 515 cats and dogs impounded** (compared to 1,164 in 1995 or a **56% decrease**). Fewer animals born means fewer homeless pets impounded at the Shelter. Since 1998, ICARE has provided **low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for over 7,000 cats and dogs** in need for a total cost to date of \$235,000. Think of the number of litters that were prevented thanks to this valuable program.

ICARE promotes Inyo County Shelter

animals for adoption through our web site, radio and newspaper ads. Consequently, **adoptions have risen a dramatic 249%** over the past decade with a mere 82 animals adopted in 1996 compared to a



Inyo County Shelter Statistics ~ 1996 vs. 2008

whopping 286 animals adopted in 2008. Check out ICARE's web site for up-to-date photos of dogs and cats available for adoption at the Animal Shelter at www.ICAREforPets.org.

But, most importantly, the main goal of all of our animal welfare programs is to lower the number of cats and dogs euthanized at the Inyo County Animal

Shelter. I'm proud to report that 2008 ended with only 83 animals (24 dogs and 63 cats, most of which were unadoptable) put to sleep versus 970 in 1996. That's an incredible **91% reduction!** Of course, we believe that one animal killed is one too many and we will continue to work to bring that number to zero.

ICARE is a non-profit organization with no paid employees, no government funding or office rental space. Every one of our programs is supported by you, our compassionate donors (*see page 2*). You have all been very kind and supportive. We hope you will continue to partner with us to keep up the amazing work for the Eastern

Sierra's cats and dogs in need. The truth is, we could not do it without you! 



Shelter Angels



Julie Laughon

Ask Inyo County's Animal Shelter Manager, Julie Laughon, what the favorite part of her job is and she quickly responds, "Finding loving homes for the cats and dogs in her care." Julie has worked at the

Animal Shelter in Big Pine since 1996. She can tell you some heartbreaking stories of abandoned animals, but she would rather focus on the happy endings. Her part-time assistant, Shelter Attendant

Katie Bird, agrees that what they do is all worthwhile when they see an adopter leave with the cat or dog of their dreams. Julie and Katie both love animals and it shows in their dedication to the Shelter pets. Please stop by the Shelter on County Road in Big Pine and say thank you to these angels. 



Katie Bird

What do you get for a mom who loves animals just about more than anything in the world? Well, Nancy Wallan came up with a beautiful way to honor her mother, Pat Nahin of Bishop. She knows that Pat and her husband, Ed, have a soft spot in their hearts for the Inyo County Animal Shelter and are long-time supporters of ICARE. They even adopted their two darling dogs, Barbie, a gorgeous Pit Bull, and Blue, an adorable miniature Australian Shepherd, from the Big Pine Animal Shelter.

So Nancy contacted ICARE with a proposal to set up a special fund that would enhance the well-being of pets during their stay at the Shelter. The fund was dubbed the "Pat Nahin Happy Pet Fund" and, with that first donation, ICARE was able to purchase four large

Pat Nahin Happy Pet Fund



Pat Nahin with her adopted dogs, Barbie and Blue

(www.kuranda.com). The beds were an immediate hit with the Shelter dogs and puppies who, up until then, had been sleeping on a cold, hard concrete floor.



When Christmas rolled around, more members of Pat and Ed's family (Jim and Marianne Nahin, Warren Wellen and Tina LaMonica, Steve and Celia Nahin)

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