



# ICARE



## Inyo [and Mono] County Animal Resources & Education

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

### Best Year Ever for Pets of the Eastern Sierra!



Stewie was adopted by John & Julie Estridge of Mammoth Lakes

ICARE promotes Inyo County Shelter animals for adoption through our web site, radio and newspaper ads. **adoptions have risen an incredible 267%** over the past fifteen years with a mere 82 animals adopted in 1996 compared to a **phenomenal 301 animals adopted in 2011**. We are very grateful to devoted Shelter Manager, Julie Laughon, and her part-time assistant, Katie Bird, for their tireless efforts on behalf of our homeless pets..

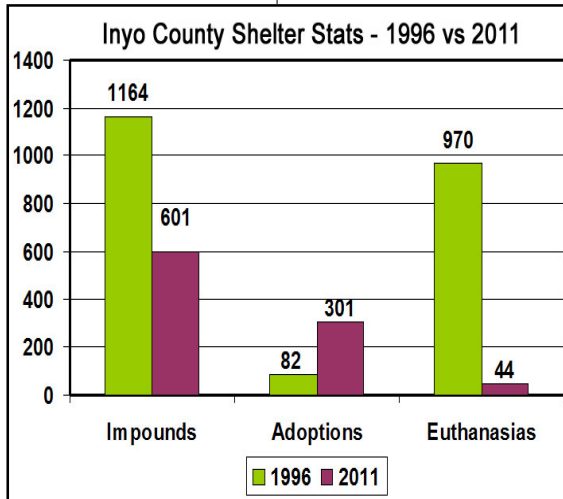
The main goal of all of our animal welfare programs is to lower the number of cats and dogs that are euthanized each year at the Inyo County Animal Shelter. We're encouraged by the fact that 2011 ended with only 44 animals (35 dogs and 9 cats) being put to sleep versus 970 in 1996. **That's a mind-blowing 95% reduction in euthanasias!** Of course, we believe that even one animal killed is a tragedy and we will continue our work until that number is zero.

ICARE is a 501(c)3 non-profit

organization with no paid employees, no government funding or office space rent. Every one of our programs is supported by you, our kindhearted donors (see page 2). We hope you will continue to partner with

**D**ogs and cats of the Eastern Sierra had an amazing year! The year-end Inyo County Animal Shelter statistics tell the story. They show us how we are doing with our goal of reducing pet overpopulation, especially through our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program. The number of cats and dogs impounded at the Shelter is one indicator because fewer animals born means fewer homeless pets end up at the Shelter. This past year that number came in at **601 cats and dogs impounded** (compared to 1,164 in 1995 or a **48% decrease**). Since 1998, ICARE has provided **low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for over 9,100**

**cats and dogs** in need for a total cost to date of \$373,000. Think of the number of litters that were prevented thanks to this valuable program!



us to continue the lifesaving work for the Eastern Sierra's cats and dogs in need. The truth is, we truly could not do it without you! 🐾

### 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



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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 2011 (see chart below). ICARE is grateful that our programs are supported by you—our members and donors. Your faithful support of our mission for companion 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 2011 were \$59,957 with the Spay/Neuter Program accounting for 71% of the pie. 868 cats and dogs were sterilized this past year at a cost of \$42,409. Since 1998, the Spay/Neuter Program has helped sterilize over 9,100 cats and dogs for low-income pet owners. This has prevented the birth of thousands of unwanted pets and significantly reduced Animal Shelter impounds and euthanasias.

The ICARE Stitch Fund paid for veterinary care for 23 sick/injured Shelter animals in 2011 at a

cost of \$11,811 or 20% of expenditures. These special needs pets are being given a second chance thanks to your donations. If you'd like to learn more, please see the back page.

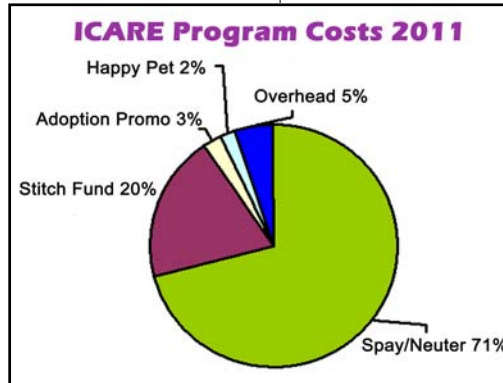
Promotion of Shelter animals for adoption accounted for 3% (\$1,630) of expenditures in 2011. We're grateful to the *Inyo Register*, *Mammoth Times*, KIBS and KSRW Radio and TV Channel 33 for featuring Inyo County Animal

Shelter pets for adoption, mostly at no cost.

The Pat Nahin Happy Pet Fund provides environmental enrichment for cats and dogs during their stay at the Inyo County Animal Shelter by providing beds, toys, treats and other items of comfort. \$1,086 was spent in 2011 or 2% of the budget.

Overhead costs (monthly telephone bills, postage and office supplies) accounted for just 5% (\$3,021) of expenditures. Because ICARE has no paid employees, the lion's share of your donations can go to programs that directly benefit the animals. How many charities can honestly make that claim?

Thank you all for making it possible! 🐾

**Thank you for your Donations:** Gifts of \$50 or more listed

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## Happy Endings for Homeless Hounds by Lisa Schade



Jan and Marion Peca with Lucy

On March 28, 2011 Inyo County Animal Services (ICAS) received a call from a concerned animal lover. They reported three dogs that appeared to be malnourished and underweight living in a truck. ICAS found sufficient cause to confiscate the dogs and charged the owner with animal neglect and cruelty. One dog was in such bad shape that it had to be humanely euthanized. The other two dogs were transported to the Animal Shelter in Big Pine.

One of the dogs was an 18-month old Beagle mix named Angel and the other dog was a one-year old Treeing Walker Coonhound named Joe. They were both very underweight and tests



revealed they had several types of internal parasites. They were treated for the parasites and fed a special diet to get their weight up. But, due to the court case dragging on for months, neither dog was eligible for adoption in the interim. Finally, on August 24, 2011, (almost five months after their confiscation) Joe and Angel were officially made wards of Inyo County and were available for adoption.

During their five-month stay at the Animal Shelter, volunteer dog-walkers and County staff became very attached to

Joe and Angel. Everyone was pulling for these two formerly neglected dogs and celebrated each obstacle, both physical and mental, they overcame.

Once the dogs became available at the end of August, I contacted Jan and Marion Peca of Bishop who had asked me to be on the look-out for a female Beagle for them to adopt. Jan visited Angel at the Shelter at the beginning of September and, according to Jan, "One look into her eyes and I couldn't resist!" She called Marion at work and said, "We are getting a Beagle!" There were some rough patches in the beginning. Angel, who was renamed Lucy, hid out in one of their bathrooms the first few weeks. She was frightened by all the new noises around her. But, gradually, she became interested in her toys and started going for on-leash walks in the neighborhood. Marion even taught her to stop at each corner before crossing the street. Lucy sleeps in her own bed at night, but come morning, she hops into bed with Marion and Jan for some serious snuggle time. She doesn't want anyone to get up! Lucy's life is now filled with love, fun and security. She definitely has it made.

Joe was a much tougher sell. A Treeing Walker Coonhound is a lot of dog and not many people know or understand the breed. I featured Joe as a "Pet of the Week" in the *Inyo Register* three times between September and the end of November. Joe was the sole Pet of the Week in the Thanksgiving edition of the *Register* with a plea for a special adopter.

Jim and Eve Allen of Bishop are die-hard hound fans having rescued Beau, a Blue Tick Hound, almost 14 years earlier. They noticed Joe each time he was featured in the paper, especially after their beloved Beau passed away. Eve was recovering from foot surgery, so Jim took his daughter and grandchildren to the Animal Shelter over

Thanksgiving weekend to meet Joe in person. It was pretty much a done deal at that point with Eve's recovery the only thing standing between Joe and his new adoptive family. Finally, after living at the Animal Shelter for eight long months, Joe was officially adopted by the Allens on



Jim and Eve Allen with Joe

December 1. Integrating Joe into the household with all the new sights, sounds and smells was a challenge to this big, sweet hound dog. He was afraid of almost everything—the ceiling fan, the TV, the blender, the crackle of the fireplace and mirrors. But, Jim and Eve knew there was



a good dog inside just waiting to be set free. With the help of a dog trainer, they addressed Joe's issues, and he is learning good manners, as well as not to chase the family cat. Joe loves going for car rides and long hikes in the White

Mountains with his new buddy, Jim.

Although both of these dogs had a difficult start in life, thanks to the Pecas and Allens, they have found life-long, loving homes. 🐾

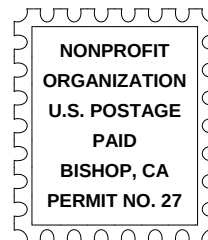
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## ICARE's Stitch Fund

helps ill or injured Shelter animals by  
providing them with the veterinary care  
they need to find loving homes.



**Linus** was running from fireworks when he was viciously attacked by a gang of dogs. He was brought to the Animal Shelter and the ICARE Stitch Fund paid for the surgery needed to close his wounds at a cost of almost \$1,100. Before the Stitch Fund was established in 2004, special needs Shelter animals were often put to sleep for lack of funds. If you'd like to be a hero and help ill or injured Shelter animals, see below.

Yes, I would love to help Shelter animals  
with my donation to the ICARE Stitch Fund!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to ICARE & send to:  
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## ICARE's 16th Annual Dinner

Catered by:



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**Saturday 🐾 April 14 🐾 6:00 pm**  
**Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop**

Dinner Tickets: Adults - \$15 🐾 Children under 12 - \$10

I cannot attend the dinner, but,  
Yes, I do want to help pets in need!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift to ICARE for:

🐾 ☐ \$50 🐾 ☐ \$100 🐾 ☐ \$250 🐾 ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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