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Director's Message

Support ARF, Have Fun!

Hard working volunteers are busy putting together ARF's inaugural Pet Expo, which will be held July 13, at the Idyllwild Community Center from 11 until 5. This event will serve many purposes including pet education and fund raising in a fun way to bring together pet lovers of all kinds.

Because Idyllwild and its surrounding communities are so pet-oriented, we at ARF decided this type of celebration was long overdue. What better way to bring together pet-related organizations, artists, and vendors? There will be something for all, whether or not they have a four-legged family member. And you never know...those without a pet just might have one by the end of the day!

You will find more details about this exciting day on page 5 of this newsletter. Please mark your calendar and stop by for some fun. You're sure to be delighted with what you find, especially the *Strut Your Mutt* and *Crazy Dog-Tricks* contests. Attending the Pet Expo is a wonderful way to support not just ARF, but many others who are pet advocates. You'll also have a lot of fun!



-Maria Lehman

Pet Expo



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pet Expo

July 13

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Idyllwild Community Center

ARF "Strut Your Mutt" Dog Show*

Idyllwild's version of the AKC Westminster Dog Show

Enter your mutt (sorry, no purebreds, designer dogs) in one of five categories. All entrants receive gifts, winners receive prizes!

Crazy Dog-Tricks Contest*

Is your dog the life of the party with its tricks?

Show the world and maybe win a prize!

Vendors Breed Rescue Groups

Raffles! Pony Rides Pet Education

Balloon Animals Live Music BBQ

* *Strut Your Mutt* and *Crazy Dog-Tricks* entry forms available at the ARF House, arfidyllwild.weebly.com, Mountain Paws, Mountain Pawlytechnic Canine Education




Sadie Says

Summer Heat Danger: Be Alert!

With temperatures on the rise, so is the risk for brain damage and heatstroke for dogs left in cars! Even with windows left open a few inches, your dog is in danger. And it takes only minutes. At a moderate 78 degrees, the inside of a car can reach **between 100 and 120 degrees within 15 minutes.** On a 90 degree day, your car becomes a **160 degree inferno in just 10 minutes.** If you doubt what that can do to your dog, try it out on yourself.

What should you do if you see a dog in distress and the car is locked? Try to locate the owner immediately. If that fails, Idyllwild Fire Department says it will respond and, if necessary, either force open the car door or take out a window

to save an animal. Their number is 659-2153. If they are unable to respond immediately, and you feel the situation calls for it, get a witness to confirm your observations, and take whatever action is necessary to get the dog out of the car. Don't leave the scene until the situation has been resolved.

Once the animal has been rescued, take him or her into an air-conditioned area, offer water, and apply cool (not icy) compresses to the groin, stomach, chest, and paws. If possible, immerse the dog in cool (not icy) water for two minutes, or douse with a hose. Transport to a vet in an air-conditioned car as soon as possible. 



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Trainer Talk

Getting What You Want From Your Pet

I recently saw a wonderful posting on Facebook that said training a dog is not an option, but rather an obligation. Well said. Just as parents are with children, pet parents are obligated to help their pets become respectful, healthy, and contributing members of the family. How sad it is when a pet parent speaks disparagingly of his dog's behavior when he has not given the dog the opportunity to succeed through healthy training.

Without guidance from her owner, a dog will do what dogs do, and often that is contrary to what the human family finds acceptable. When a dog is punished for barking, jumping, chewing, etc., it is generally confused. After all, she was doing only what she knows to do. A responsible pet owner will invest time and energy (and a few bucks) into training that teaches the dog *what to do*.

Pet parents also have to learn to examine their own behavior when interacting with Fido and Fluffy. Often a pet's undesired behavior is inadvertently reinforced by the humans in its life. Participation in a legitimate training program will teach owners ways to reinforce desired behaviors, helping the pet make good choices.

A wise parent knows that when her children are bored, trouble is just around the corner. The same might be said about the wise pet owner.


Imagine being locked in a room for eight hours. In this room there is a sofa, a pillow, and a braided rug. That's all. No television, radio, book, magazine, newspaper, computer, iPad, iPod, etc. You get the picture. Eight hours. Eight long hours of sitting, napping, silence. Might you find yourself picking at that loose piece of yarn on the rug? How about the thread hanging onto the corner of the pillow? After all, you need to do *something* to pass the time.

Now imagine your dog left at home alone for eight, long hours, with nothing to do. Might he begin to occupy himself by investigating items in the room or by digging and digging and digging in the yard?

Respecting a pet's intelligence by recognizing its need to be productive on some level can go a long way in eliminating destructive behavior.

If attending "doggy school" isn't possible, consider reading a book on training. Don't Shoot the Dog by Karen Pryor, The Other End of the Leash by Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., and Do Over Dogs by Pat Miller are excellent choices.

When choosing a trainer, ask about the methods used. Physical corrections are unhealthy, and often dangerous ways of training. Choose a trainer who will respect your pet's intelligence and emotional well-being.

Whether you read a training book or two by a respected, professional trainer or participate in a training class, your pets and your family members will thank you. 

Janice Murasko
KPA-CTP APDT

R.I.P. Betty Spaghetti

Betty was a female brindle pit with a love of life. Her favorite pastime was to escape out of her yard, and frolic with the butterflies. She never ventured far from her water bowl, or her best bud, A.C., a corgi/Chihuahua mix, who often escaped with her.

Betty was rescued from the Anza hoarder a year ago. Her home was an 8x10 enclosed pen, far away from the house, alone, and in the mud. Her tail still wagged, she smiled, and did the pitty butt-dance, and that's all it took. Our foster said, I want her. And Betty lived her life out with comfort, love, walks, and good memories.

With a broken heart we say "paws up" for one last time to our Betty, who lost her battle with cancer.



pet Expo

July 13

Inaugural Event Promises a Good Time for All

Mark your calendars and plan on a good time at ARF's first ever Pet Expo, July 13 at the Idyllwild Community Center. The Expo will kick off at 11 a.m. with vendors, pony rides, entertainment, pet education, and much more, continuing until 5 p.m.

The highlight of the event will be two contests for dogs of all kind; *Strut Your Mutt*, a unique version of the AKC Westminster Dog Show, will determine which mutt is the Best in Show, and *Crazy Dog-Tricks* will showcase talented dogs and their special tricks.

A panel of judges will determine the winners in five categories of mixed-breed dogs in *Strut Your Mutt*. Entrants (no purebreds, designer dogs) will be placed into categories based upon size (extra-small, small, medium, large, extra-large). A "Best of Size" will be chosen in each category, with the five winners competing for "Best in Show." All winners will receive prizes provided by Mountain Paws Pet Boutique, with the name of Best in Show winner displayed on a perpetual trophy. Additionally, Mountain Paws will give each *pre-registered* entrant a gift bag.

Any and all dogs (including purebreds/designer dogs) with a special talent are encouraged to show what they know in the *Crazy Dog-Tricks* competition. You never know when a talent scout may be nearby!

The entry fee for each contest is \$10 per dog, and entry forms may be downloaded at [arfidyll-](http://arfidyllwild.weebly.com)

wild.weebly.com or picked up at the ARF House, Mountain Paws, or Mountain Pawlytechnic Canine Education. Contestants may also register on the day of the event.

Human visitors will find much to enjoy at the Expo! Many different breed rescues will be on hand, as well as many organizations such as START and Project Coyote. Pet service vendors will offer pet lovers irresistible goods and services, children will want a balloon animal and to ride a pony, and everyone will find it difficult to pass on the BBQ. Live music will pull it all together.

As part of its continual effort to raise funds to aid pets in need, ARF will offer the chance to win valuable prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold all day, with the drawings taking place in the late afternoon.

As always, volunteers to help with the Expo, both prior to and at the event, will be greeted with open arms. Just give ARF a call!



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Baxter's Buddies

Who are Baxter's Buddies? They are his fellow ARF adoptees and their stories. Each month, Baxter will share the story of an ARF rescue, adopted into a loving, forever family.

I have another heartwarming story for all of my readers. This one is about a little girl named Gypsy who found her forever home right here on our mountain. Gypsy was brought to us by the relative of an ARF volunteer. She was found wandering the streets, dirty and matted. After posting signs and looking for her owner for a week with no luck, ARF had her groomed and took her to the vet before sending her off with her new mom and dad. Gypsy's mom, Dottie, told me all about her.

Dottie told me that this is her first dog adoption and that it happened because when she saw Gypsy, she "fell in love at first sight." Since coming into Dottie and Mel's home, Gypsy has become a true member of the family. "Gypsy gives us older people much more to live for, like having a new baby. Gets us walking and something to look forward to every minute."

Dottie and Mel did not keep the name ARF had given their new family member, but changed it to Gypsy because she had been living on the streets just like (you guessed it) a gypsy! Prior to working with ARF to adopt Gypsy, Dottie and Mel say that although they were aware of ARF, they didn't know of all they do until they made this adoption. Dottie now says she highly recommends ARF and their wonderful work.

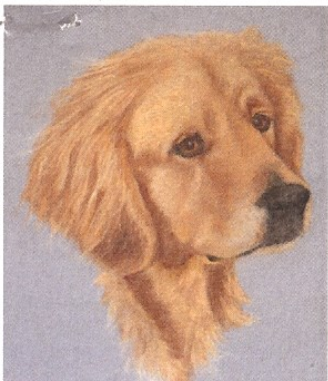


ARF Wish List

It is so easy to help ARF in its mission, even for those who are short on time and just cannot volunteer. ARF has a "wish list" of items that are vital to its daily operations. Please consider picking up one or more of these items and dropping them off at the ARF House. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!

dry adult dog food, canned dog food, laundry soap, bleach, cleaning supplies, dog treats, paper towels, canned cat food, clumping cat litter

For those who have a little time to spare, volunteers are needed for spring yard clean up, gardening, walking dogs or taking them on short hikes. Please contact ARF at 951-659-1122.



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Many people don't realize that most dogs enjoy fruit. Try sharing a bite of your apple with your furry friend, and you might be surprised. Puree your dog's favorite fruit, pour it into an ice cube tray, then once it's frozen you can surprise him with a frosty, frozen treat. For those dogs that are crazy about chicken, be sure to pick off the extra meat from that broiled chicken, put bits in an ice cube tray along with some chicken broth. Freeze and serve!

Bone appetit!



ARFtoon

By Lois Sheppard



Help them find a home

Adoptees of the Month



Oreo and Sandy love the morning sun. Both are about two-years old and get along just fine with most other four-leggeds, cats included. Oreo is a male black Chihuahua/Boston terrier mix. He is currently in training school, and has earned only A's. Good boy Oreo.! Sandy is a female tan Chihuahua/Jack Russel mix. She will greet you each and every day with her favorite toy in her mouth, ready for play and love. Both are available for adoption to a home with plenty of sunshine and love.

Protect Your Dog's Paws!

Concrete, pavement, and black-top get very hot in the summer months! Your dog's paws can be severely burned when walking or standing on these surfaces. Take caution to 1) keep them off of hot surfaces or 2) put them in dog booties, which are available at ARF.



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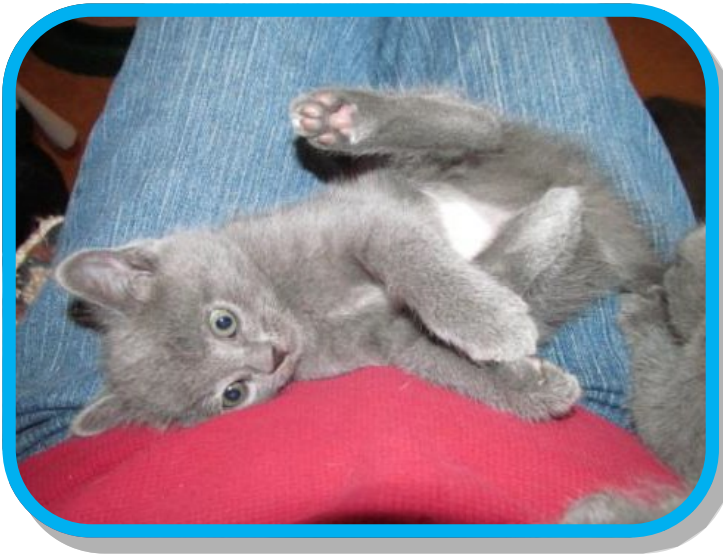


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Adoptees of the Month



Tippycanoe, Tyler II, Tutti Frutti, Teddy Bear, and T. Rex. Come in to ARF and get your kitty love! Three males and two females. They will be ready for their new adventure into your home in a couple of weeks. Hurry! These bundles of fur won't last long. They are all eight-weeks old, properly trained by a very good mama, who has been adopted.



The Day We ALL Dread

It's a fact of pet ownership that the odds are humans will outlive their pets. And the odds are that at sometime a pet owner will have to make the decision to euthanize his beloved companion. Being educated about the process of euthanizing a pet can help make the experience a little easier to handle.

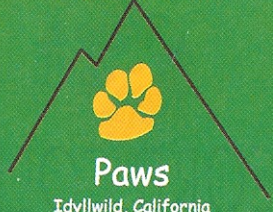
As sad and devastating as it is for the pet's humans, the actual act of euthanizing is very peaceful for the animal. It is completely painless. The pet is given an injection that contains a combination of pentobarbital and phenytoin. Pentobarbital is a barbiturate that used to be given to start anesthesia, but in this case, it is given as an overdose. The barbiturate literally causes the dog to fall asleep. The phenytoin severely depresses the respiratory system at the brain level, causing respiratory and cardiac arrest *without the pet's ever realizing it.*

How is a pet owner to know when the time has come to make the painful decision? The decision to euthanize a pet should not be made without first taking her to the vet for a definitive diagnosis. You might be relieved to discover that she needs only medication or therapeutic treatment. But when she is diagnosed with an ultimately terminable disease, or if the disease is painful, your pet's vet can help you keep her comfortable and content for as long as possible and tell you how to recognize the point at which, for all intents and purposes, her life is over.

Veterinarians and those who work with them (techs, office staff) suggest that the pet owner pay for the procedure prior to the actual event because it is most likely the owner will just want to get into her car and leave as soon as possible. The last thing she will want to do is chat with a receptionist and fill out paperwork. Pet owners are also strongly encouraged to stay with their pet during the procedure. Dr. John Berg, Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University says, "They (owners) get a good feeling from the fact that they were with their pet, that they didn't leave her by herself at the end. They get a feeling of closure, too. The dog looks at peace, and now they've seen the animal through her entire life and death; they've been there for the whole cycle."



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