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<u>Director's Message</u>

Open Your Home to Help

Fostering a dog or cat is so rewarding. Do you have a fourlegged at home that just needs a friend to play with? Are you thinking about adopting a dog, but you're just not sure if it will fit in your lifestyle? Or maybe you want to start walking this spring, and would love to have a dog as a companion.

Not ready to make the big commitment for a lifetime dog? Then fostering is for you.

And it's so easy. ARF supplies everything you could need.



Food, medical care, treats, bed, toys, and training! You supply the love.

Please seriously consider making a small sacrifice, a small adjustment to your routine, and welcome a rescue dog into your home for just a short period of

time. The joy will last a lifetime.

The more fosters we have, the more dogs we can save. Please help us.

-Maria Lehman



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Sadie Says

It's Rattlesnake Season Again!

We just want to make everyone aware that it is rattlesnake season in Idyllwild, so be very careful when you let your dogs out to root and snoop. An animal bitten up here would have to be transported to a veterinarian off of the mountain for treatment.

At Sadie's, Dr. Michael provides a series of two rattlesnake vaccinations approximately two to four weeks apart, that would be followed by yearly booster vaccinations. The rattlesnake vaccination, if you act quickly, can allow you enough time to get your pet off the mountain and to a veterinarian for treatment. It can also lessen the severity of the bite. So please consider making an appointment for your pet's rattlesnake vaccinations. Please, also check your property for wood piles and other hiding places for snakes.

You may make appointments for Sadie's Clinic by calling 659-1122, and press option #2 to leave us a message . Calls are picked up daily, and returned in the order they are received. We try to return calls with in 24 hours. Please leave your name (first, last), pet's name, reason for appointment, and a return call number. Your pets are very important to us.

The Groomer Says...Goodbye to Your Dog's Wintercoat

As you all know, the warm weather is creeping up on us. What does this mean for your pets?? Well it means keep that water bowl full of clean , fresh water all the time. They need good shelter from the sun, just as they did from the cold.

Get your brushes and combs out, and get rid of that cotton undercoat. It is the undercoat they acquire during the cold months for warmth that makes them hot in the summer. Your dog does still need its fur, minus the undercoat, for protection from the sun and many other things. It's like the hair on your head; remove it and you get a sunburn or worse. At least people can put a hat on to protect themselves from the elements. If you can't handle removing the undercoat yourself, make an appointment with your groomer. This is a vary hard job, and you need the proper tools to do it correctly, especially if you are working on a large dog with long hair. Your pets will feel so much better when they are rid of that winter undercoat.

The regular coat works as insulation from the cold with the undercoat, and it protects them from the sun in the hot months when the under coat is removed. I realize it is much easier to shear your large dogs down, but it is not always in your pet's best interest. So discuss to shear, or not to shear, with your groomer first. Shearing down is a much easier job for a groomer than to remove matt and shed out of an undercoat. As I mentioned before , it's not always in the pet's best interest, especially if your dogs spends a lot of time outside. So please take care of your pets' summer needs. They will love you for making them comfortable. This article pertains mostly to the larger dogs such as Australian Shepherds, G. Shepherds, Huskies, Chow Chows, and the medium-to-large mixed breeds that also have this undercoat problem in the summer months. Remember your continued brushing of your pet will make it much easier when it does come time to get rid of this under coat.



Mayoral Musings

Hello everyone!

Mayor Mitzi, Mayor Mikey, Pookie, and I, Mayor Max, want to personally invite you to our BIRTHDAY PARTY celebration!

Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, JUNE 7th, from 1-4pm at the Idyllwild Nature Center at 25225 Highway 243, Idyllwild (951) 659-3850. Here are a few details about our party!

• We are going to have some fun food and beverages at the party, especially PIZZAS AND BIRTHDAY CAKE!! We will have three kinds of pizza: Pepperoni, Deluxe, and Cheese! We will also have other fun food!

• There will be music entertainment by KEITH McCABE.

• We will be premiering our new movie, WILD DOGS! More details are below.

• We will be giving out our new business cards which are car and refrigerator magnets to every-



one who attends our birthday party! • THERE WILL BE OTHER FUN SURPRISES AT OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY!

There is NO cost of any kind to come to our birthday party. We just want to see you and spend time with you.

We know from the past Mayoral parties that sometimes people like to bring gifts. We do love gifts, and our favorite gift in that case would be a donation of some kind to Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) which could be cash or supplies, like pet food or kitty litter. Any and everything is welcome and greatly appreciated. Also, we Mayors love tennis balls, and Pookie loves Braunschweiger! We Mayors love stuffed animals too, but we still shred them with excitement and gusto, so if you bring a stuffed animal, please know we will be completely delighted to shred your gift in five minutes!

Again, do not feel obligated to bring anything. We will be delighted with joy just to see you! All friendly people and their friendly friends, family, associates, and pets are welcome!

We love you, and we look forward to seeing you at our party.

Love always,

The Mayors of Idyllwild Mayor Mitzi, Mayor Max, Mayor Mikey, and Pookie Too!

ABOUT THE MOVIE RELEASE OF WILD DOGS!

We Mayors of Idyllwild and Pookie Too! are happy to announce that our new movie, WILD DOGS!, will be premiered at our birthday party.



The fun won't end with the annual Idyllwild July 4 Parade this year! Once you've enjoyed the parade, move onto the center of town and to the community center to celebrate our independence AND to support the two of the greatest animal rescues around!

ARF and Living Free have teamed up in a giant fund raiser that will include live entertainment, a chili cook-off, a dunk tank, a beer and wine garden, a food court, vendors, crafts for the kids (including a raft race!), Mr. & Ms. Idyllwild voting, "Strut Your Mutt" and "Crazy Dog-Tricks" contests, and a huge animal rescue fair. The center of Idyllwild will be the location of the July 4 festival, while the community center will be animal adoption central. The festivities will run from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., when the winner of the chili cook-off will collect his or her \$300 prize.

Volunteers are needed for short shifts to help staff the many venues and for set-up and take-down. But not to worry-volunteers will have time to enjoy the festivities. Even if you are unable to volunteer, you can support ARF and Living Free with your attendance.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for vendors and artists to share and sell their wares. Vendors and artists should reserve their spots ASAP by calling or emailing Clay at 951-659-4687/chelgren@living-free.org.

And now is the time for self-proclaimed chili experts to prove that they have the recipe of all recipes. Enter as an individual OR make it a group effort. Belong to a club? How about you and your co-workers? The chili cook-off, which will take place in the center of all the action, will give attendees an opportunity to purchase a ballot for \$5, sample the contestants' creations, and vote for their favorite. The winner will collect a \$300 prize, a trophy, and bragging rights. Those interested in entering should contact Janice Murasko at janicemurasko@yahoo.com or by calling 951-659-6385. *We double-dog dare ya*.

ARF Dog Stars in Student Film

When Janice Murasko was contacted last December by the film department of the Idyllwild School of the Arts asking if her actor dog Baxter would consider acting in a student film, she of course said yes. But once the writer and director of the film Paul Jung met Baxter, he knew it wouldn't work. Baxter's size was just too large for what he had in mind. Being a trainer, Janice began to think about her many "students" and came up with a perfect nominee.

Janice called Cid and Ann Castillo, parents of Chica, a star student. The Castillos enthusiastically agreed to put Chica in the film. "Although Chica had no 'set training,' I knew she was smart enough that we could make it work," said Janice. She was right, and Chica came through with flying colors.

The film, titled "Dog" will premier in mid-May at the school's film festival. Watch ARF's web site and Facebook page for details. You won't want to miss it!



Above: Chica on set. Below: Chica takes a welldeserved "toy break" between filming scenes.

Chica greets writer/ director Paul Jung.

Your Pet Could Be Famous!

On July 4, your pet will have three opportunities to become an Idyllwild Star as Winner of Mr/Ms. Idyllwild, Strut Your Mutt, Crazy Dog-Tricks Contests

Mr. & Ms. Idyllwild



Who may enter: any full or part-time Idyllwild family pet

What do the winners do? They represent the animal members of our fine community. They look cute. They make appearances at community events if they want to. They get their photos taken for the newspaper.

How are the winners chosen? Voting will take place at ARF/Living Free July 4 Festival. Votes are 25¢ each. Most votes win!

	Pet's name:	_ M / F
This form will be displayed with your pet's photo. PLEASE <i>print</i> <i>clearly,</i> and do not write in the red square.	Favorite activities:	
	Favorite toy:	
	Favorite treat:	
	Why s/he should be voted Mr/Ms Idyllwild:	

How to enter your pet: Submit the form above, along with a photo of your nominee, *no larger than 4x6*, and \$10 to:

ARF, P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, 92549

OR drop off to the ARF House (you may leave it in the mailbox on front deck) OR bring it to the festival voting booth on July 4 <u>between 9 and 10 a.m</u>.

2nd Way Your Pet Can Become Famous on July 4



It's Idyllwild's version of the AKC Westminster Show! Enter your **mutt** in one of five categories:

extra small, small, medium, large, extra large A panel of judges will choose the "best" of each size. The five "Best of Size" will then compete for BEST IN SHOW.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of Best of Size and Best in Show.

Entrants must meet the following guidelines:

- 1. Dog must be a mutt (Sorry, but no AKC recognized breeds)*
- 2. Dog must be well-behaved in the presence of people and other dogs
- 3. No costumes
- 4. All dogs must be on a leash at all times
- 5. Each dog must have its own handler

How does Strut Your Mutt work?

The handler will "strut" his/her mutt in a large circle in front of a panel of judges. Judges will consider:

- Grooming/appearance
- · Well-mannered while walking with handler
- Personality
- Hygiene and modesty (refrains from pottying while in the ring)

HOW TO ENTER YOUR MUTT

Register your mutt at the ARF/Living Free Booth at the July 4 Festival no later than 1:30 p.m., pay your entry fee of \$10, and get your contestant number. Competition will commence at 2:00.

*Idyllwild's pure bred dogs are invited to enter the Mr/Ms Idyllwild and Crazy Dog-Tricks contests.

3rd Way Your Pet Can Become Famous on July 4



Crazy Dog-Tricks Rules

- 1. ANY dog of any breed (mutts, purebreds, etc.) may enter.
- 2. Each entrant will be allowed to perform one trick or concise set of tricks.
- 3. Because we love dogs, each dog will be allowed several "do-overs" if necessary.
- 3. Each entrant must be registered no later than 2:30 p.m. on July 4.
- 4. All entrants must be "ready to go" at the event no later than 2:45 p.m.

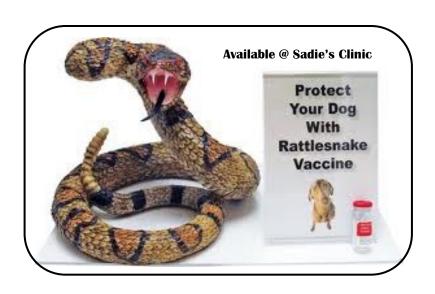
How to Enter

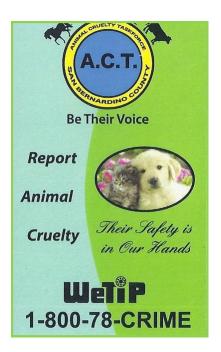
- 1. Sign up and pay the entry fee at the ARF/Living Free Booth at the July 4 festival by 2:30 p.m.
- 2. Be at the competition venue by 2:45 p.m.

The competition will commence at 3:00 p.m.

Questions?

Email or phone Janice at: 951-659-6385 janicemurasko@yahoo.com





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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.

This month I'll share the story of three lucky ARF cats, Valentino, Bina, and BB. Their mom, Trish Tuley shared with me the story of how they all became one big family. Gosh, I just love these good endings!

Our youngest Kitty died unexpectedly, and Dore and I were both devastated. So we looked in the paper and there was Valentino. We called ARF right away - Valentino had already been placed. So we planned to go the next day to Living Free. However, that morning I went to the Nature Center where I volunteered, and when the kitty story was relayed to the staff there, one of them smiled and said "See that black kitty over there? That's Valentino – he's smart – he figured out how to open the exterior door and get out, so the Nature Center can't keep him." I got him! I immediately drove him to our house - he meowed loudly all the way.

I stopped at Dore's shop, ran in and exclaimed "Guess who I have in the car? "

" A kitty" he said excitedly.

"I have Valentino". We were both thrilled. We let him explore around in the living room for a while, and then I held him for an hour. He is a wonderfully affectionate, loving companion.

After a year or so we lost our two old kitty girls. On a road trip last year, we decided to get kittens - two - brother and sister - black. When we got home we looked in the paper, and there they were - Bina (aka Turpentine) and BB. Hard to convey what a closely bonded threesome they are. From the



beginning Valentino (aka Kitty Boo) was surprisingly nurturing to the baby kitties. He was constantly grooming them and they adored him. They all continue to be best buddies. Thanks. ARF!





Boo & Bina

Baby kitties



BB & Kitty Boo

Three ver good friends



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Trainer Talk Dogs and Dominance: What's the *Real* Story?

With the proliferation of dog training television programs, the discussion of dominance and pet dogs is commonplace. "Little Lulu is the alpha dog!" "I am the leader of my pack!" "Fido plays like that because he is showing dominance!" Dominance is likely offered as an explanation for many dog behaviors, and some trainers believe dominance is the path to well-trained dogs.

What is the definition of dominance when it comes to domestic dogs? The first definition relates to interactions between dogs. In this usage, dominance is defined as the power to control access to desirable resources and refers to the relative status of two dogs. In the absence of two dogs, an individual dog cannot be described as dominate because this definition refers to two.

The second, and more controversial definition relates to the dog-human interaction. Trainers who follow the school of thought that the human must be dominate believe the human must exert this dominance in order to get the dog to "behave," such as in staying off of the furniture, not walking through the doorway first, and making a resting dog move rather than walking around him. Today, fewer and fewer trainers subscribe to these ideas than in the past.

Dominance between dogs has undergone more study recently by scientists. Ethologist, Becky Trisko, PhD, studied a group of 24 dogs that regularly engaged with one another at daycare. What she found was a dominance hierarchy among the dogs, but only about 30 percent of the pairs had clear dominance relationships. Dominance rank correlated with age (older dogs tended to rank more highly), but not with size. Contrary to common belief, *neither mounting nor performing chin-overs were relative to status.* Not once in 224 hours of observation did she observe an "alpha roll."

Trisko observed that dominance was not about coercion, force, or fighting, but rather it was about an understanding by both individuals of their relative social status. In relating her studies to and discussing the use of dominance by humans to train dogs, Trisko said, "Dominance has been wrongly equated with aggression and used to rationalize the use of physical force and intimidation by humans toward dogs. Misunderstanding of the concept of dominance have led to unnecessary physical punishments and abuse of dogs by humans."

Alarmingly, there is evidence that such training styles can create problems. In a 2009 study by M.E. Herron, it

was found that these dominance reduction techniques were counterproductive. The confrontational methods associated with training styles that insist humans "get dominance over" the dogs caused aggressive responses in 25 percent of the dogs. Techniques such as grabbing a dog by the jowls and shaking, hitting or kicking, staring, performing alpha rolls (also called "dominance downs"), and physically forcing a dog to release an item were more likely to result in aggressive behavior than were gentler, positive methods.

If we take a look at what we know about dominance between dogs, we see that using forceful methods can actually create problem behavior as well as an increase in a dog's fear and anxiety. "If dominance relationships between dogs and humans are at all similar to dominance relationships between dogs, then dominance does not apply to all relationships, and when it does apply, it does not require the use of intimidation or physical force," said Trisko.

Simply summed up, we must understand the animal with which we coexist. Understanding how social dominance does and does not apply to dogs is part of knowing who dogs are.

> -Janice Murasko KPA-CTP APDT

Herron, M.E., et al. 2009 Survey of the use and outcome of confrontational and non-confrontational training methods. Trisko, R.K. "Dominance, Egalitarianism and Friendship at a Dog Daycare Facility." 2011



Help them find a home

Adoptees of the Month





Can it get any cuter than this? ARF didn't get Easter flowers this year. Instead we got a black, fluffy Papillion/Chihuahua/ Cocker mix. And so we named her Lily.

She is about 6 months old, and already earning "A's" in the form of treats of course, in puppy training school. She loves to walk, is good in the car, and in between beauty naps, she is all about

playtime.

She doesn't mind other dogs and is inquisitive about the feline crowd. Lily would love to have her own wardrobe too, as she will try on clothes for hours without a woof. She's not a barker, either. She will have her vet day this week and be ready for that very special someone this weekend.

My name is Meow-Meow. But I don't meow. I talk. Strange syllables and sounds come out

of my mouth once in a while, especially if I can't find you.

For the most part, I like other cats. I will keep you company at your desk, for sure. I am still a young male cat, fully grown, and I know my manners: litter box trained, and mother approved.

And truthfully, I am so ready to move on. The cattery is great, and ARF rescued me from the

streets when my owner passed away suddenly, but I sure would like my own human to purr with. How about you?

Mayoral Musings continued

The cast members are listed below. We have also listed their character names so you will know who they are in the movie.

STARRING:

- Mitzi Marie Mueller in her leading role as "Mitzi"
- Mikey Mighty-Dog Mueller in his leading role as "Mikey"
- Maximus "Mayor Max" Mighty-Dog Mueller in his leading role as "Max"
- Pookie Mueller in her supporting role as "Pookie"
- Glenn Warren in his supporting role as an extra as "Glenn"

The movie is getting great reviews among the actors, actresses, producers, directors, cinematographers, film editors, the extra, and the key grip. It has been decided that the film will be submitted to the Academy Awards for consideration for an Oscar in 2015.

After the premiere on June 7th, the movie will be in wide release!

While one person associated with the film wise-cracked that it looked like a series of home videos, we want to assure you that EVERY expense was spared in the making of this movie!

Don't miss the opening afternoon of WILD DOGS!

Spring Time is Time to Rethink Dog Safety

Ahhh spring time! We love it, our dogs love it. After spending much of the winter indoors, the opportunity to spend more time outside is very inviting for all. But dog parents need to remember that the sights and smells of the great outdoors are very inviting to Fido.

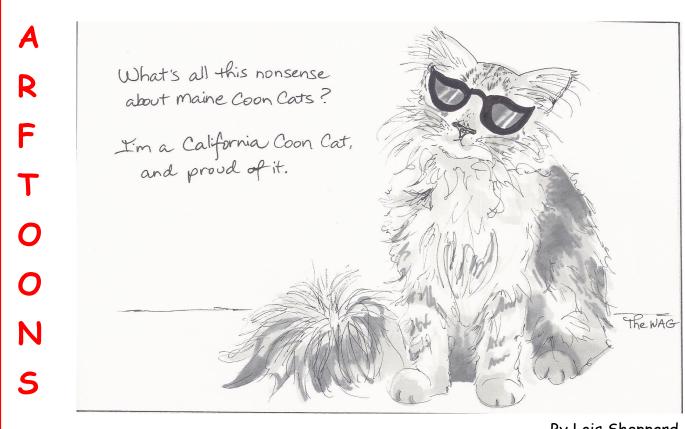
Before sending Fido into your *fenced* yard for the day, take a few minutes for a security check. Have any breeches in security, a.k.a. a hole in the fence, surfaced since last summer? Has the ground softened near the fence, inviting vigorous digging leading to exploration of the neighborhood? Did this last round of heavy winds weaken your fence? An ounce of prevention could mean the difference between having Fido comfortably at your side tonight and spending a sleepless night worried sick about your best friend.

And this beautiful weather usually encourages parent and pet to get out for those walks that were shelved during the cold weather. *Please, do not walk your dog offleash.* Besides the fact that it is illegal, it is inherently dangerous. Even the most docile, well trained dog can fall victim to a speeding vehicle or an another off-leash dog, one that might not be so well behaved. At least when Fido is on a leash, his parent has some control in dangerous situations. Remember, a leash is not a punishment. A leash is a sensible measure of safety for your beloved four-legged family member.

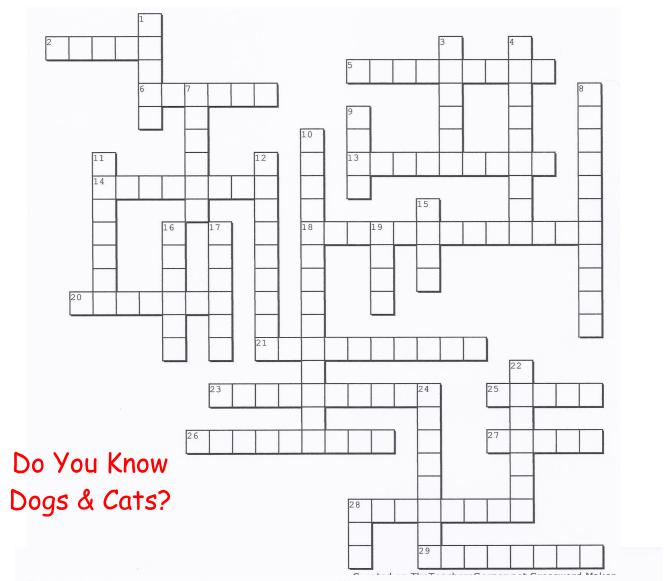
One other thought about leashing Fido. Even if Fido is the friendliest dog on the hill, should he lovingly bound toward a stranger and that stranger becomes frightened, he has put his owner in a precarious situation. If the frightened stranger falls and injures herself, Fido's owner could be held liable.

Of course, ARF's search and rescue team is always here to *help dog owners search for their missing pets*. And if a mountain resident finds a dog and has that dog in his possession, ARF's search and rescue will scan it for a micro-chip and then help find the owner and temporary housing.

> -Robert Hewitt ARF Search and Rescue Director



By Lois Sheppard



<u>Across</u>

2. cat-n-?

5. common threat to pets living in the mountains

6. dog

- 13. clean daily to avoid the stink (two words)
- 14. how a dog should be walked (three words)
- 18. dog cartoon from early 90s (three words)
- 20. competition for dogs involving obstacles21. age when puppies should start training
- (two words)
- 23. deadly disease for dogs
- 25. famous cartoon cat in 1950s
- 26. firehouse dog
- 27. famous dog who stared at Fraser
- 28. not an option, but rather is an obligation
- **29.** brushing, bathing, trimming

<u>Down</u>

- 1. favorite dog game
- 3. famous dog who loved Timmy

4. fastest breed of dog

7. what a responsible pet owner does for male pet

8. a vaccination can buy time in the event of this bite

9. the month may your pet run for Mr/Ms Idyllwild

10. where cats stretch

11. AKC category for Boxers, Rottweilers

12. sweet treat for humans, poisonous to dogs

- 15. cat's sound of contentment
- **16.** cat
- 17. one breed of hairless domestic cats

19. what a responsible pet owner does for female pet

22. AKC category for Border Collies, Australian Shepherds

24. a dog's favorite part of a walk

28. AKC category for Maltese, Pugs

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Target:

http://www.goodsearch.com/ target/coupons

And there are many, many more! Please give it a try. Just register with your name and email address, and enter Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild ARF as your chosen charity. Funds will automatically be sent to us. You'll be able to see each day how much you've earned on ARF's behalf through searching and shopping.

Thank you!!

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild (ARF) Is Raising Funds & Helping the Planet Through Recycling

