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Director's Message

Remembering Seiger

Sadly we lost our Seiger. Complications with the staple or the buckshot that were imbedded in his body had moved and perforated his intestines. We are so very thankful to Rob and his family for giving him a loving happy home for his last months of life on this earth and giving him a reason to smile again. Seiger will surely wait for Rob at the Rainbow Bridge.

Paws up to you Seiger. We will continue to look for the monsters that caused this. We love you.

The following is a letter from one of our very loved and special volunteers, Shela Boynton.

"Tears are flowing all over the mountain as residents who knew him learn about the sad passing of Seiger, the magnificent German Shepherd rescued by ARF about 6 months ago. A community had come together in response to the story of his abuse, helping to fund the medical care he needed as a result.

He lived long enough to know the love of his own family. But it was the previous mistreatment that eventually caused his death.

Many of us are left so in need of understanding how anyone could hurt or neglect an animal as trusting and loving as Seiger, or any other animal for that matter. We are left feeling like there must be something we can do about this kind of subhuman behavior. Most of us would not be able to comprehend or handle the



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Sadie Says

New Year's Resolutions for Your Pets

It's that time of year again! Most of us have likely kicked off 2014 with a resolution or two, but have you considered what you can do to make sure this is a happy and healthy year for your four-legged family members?

Exercise-- Not only will an exercise routine help protect your dog's health (as well as your own), but a daily walk and regular playtime are two great ways to spend quality time with your pet. Keeping your dog active will also help him or her maintain a healthy body weight which, in turn, will reduce their risk of heart and joint problems, diabetes, and many other potential health issues. As for your cat, resolve to spend about 10-15 minutes a few times each day engaging your feline friend in some form of activity.

Wellness Exam-- An annual visit to your veterinarian will not only help your pet stay healthy, but preventative care is less costly than a health issue that is allowed to develop and escalate. Keep your pet's vaccines up to date and be sure to have your dog tested for heartworm (a potentially deadly parasite that is a threat to all dogs living up here on the Hill). It's also a good idea to keep a log of your pet's vet visits and medications for future reference.

Heartworm Prevention-- Once your dog has tested negative for heartworm, be sure to administer monthly heartworm prevention medication to make sure they stay healthy and heartworm-free.

Good Nutrition-- A balanced diet and high-quality food are as important to our pets as they are to us humans. Poor skin, muscle tone and weight gain can result from a poor diet. Also, avoid feeding your animals table scraps as "people food" can cause your pet to develop health problems such as obesity and pancreatitis.

Good Grooming-- Regular grooming, including bathing, toe nail clips, brushing teeth and hair coat, and parasite control are an important part of keeping your pet healthy. For skin and coat

problems that don't resolve with regular grooming, please see your vet as there may be an underlying medical condition.

Safety-- Take a moment to assess the toxic chemicals and other safety hazards in your home and yard. Where are household chemicals stored and are they accessible to your pets? If you use toxins such as rodent poisons, can your pet access the rodents? Is the fencing in your yard secure? Would it be possible for your pet to escape or to get caught on a fence or tree and choke while you are away? Attention-- Too many pets are left outside in all kinds of weather while many inside pets are also left alone much of the time by their busy owners. Take the time to focus on your pets, engage them in regular activities and playtime, and deepen your bond with your furry family member.

Maintenance-- Litter box scooping, yard clean up, cage cleaning, and fish tank maintenance are some of the less pleasant aspects of pet care and yet they are very important to our pets' health and well being. Poor sanitation can lead to behavior problems (i.e. litter box avoidance) and health problems such as skin infections and the spread of communicable diseases.

Microchip--And, finally, resolve to microchip your pets (we can help you with that at ARF!) to greatly increase your chances of a happy reunion should your dog or cat ever become lost.

When it comes right down to it, the things that are good for us (preventative healthcare, a healthy diet and exercise, good hygiene and safety practices, and cultivating relationships) are good for our pets. And with that, Sadie says, "Happy New Year" to you all!





Mayoral Musings

Hello Everyone!

It's we Mayors of Idyllwild. We wanted to let you know more about our 2014 Calendar, the important information in it, and how to get a copy while supplies last.

First, here's what in the calendar:

- 68 Full-Color Photos of the Mayors and PookiToo! This includes baby pictures of the Mayors.
- A write-up about the role and purpose of the Office of the Mayors of Idyllwild and how they help the Community of Idyllwild and surrounding areas.
- The Mayors' and Pookie's Public Service activities in October, November, and December 2013, including an update of Idyllwild's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and all the people and organizations that helped to make it happen. ARF is one of those supporters, of course!!

Fun stories that include:

- ◇ Our Journey to Idyllwild
- ◇ Our Antics and Mischief
- ◇ Pookie Mueller, our Puppy Rearing Professional (PRP), her ARF rescue, how she survived ongoing coyote assault at Lake Hemet, her adoption, her role in the Mayors' Offices, her thoughts, and her Nanny Contract
- ◇ Our Ancestry (we are descendants of Mayor Max, the First's, lineage)
- ◇ Where you can find us every day and how to reach us via any form of communication
- ◇ The Martian Series (Mitzi has secret fun powers)
- ◇ Why Mayor Max was selected as the Mayor, which makes Mitzi and Mikey the Deputy Mayors
- ◇ Information about Tashi, another ARF Rescue Dog and Pookie Mueller's BF Forever (aka: BFF)

- ◇ The unique personalities of the Mayors and how they differ
- ◇ How the Mayors like to play
- ◇ Mitzi's many career aspirations
- ◇ How to make positive energy create a wonderful life
- ◇ Why the Mayors love Idyllwild
- ◇ And last but not least, what you can do to help ARF and to save more animals. This is our most cherished activity, and we appreciate your help in any and every way.

Pookie sincerely thanks you for rescuing her. She says if you have helped ARF in any way, you are one of the people that enabled her to be rescued. Thank you so much.

If you live in the Idyllwild area, you can obtain a copy of the calendar at ARF, Mountain Paws, Jo'An's Restaurant, Marge Muir's Real Estate Office, Wooley's, Village Market, Mountain Center Café, The Spruce Moose, Gary's Deli, and when you see the Mayors at the Mayor Mobile. The calendars are free. However, ARF and Mountain Paws are requesting ARF donations for the calendars. We sincerely appreciate your help which is vitally needed.

If you are not local to Idyllwild, send Mayor Max a private message on Facebook with your address, and we will mail you a copy. If you are NOT on Facebook, just call and leave a voice message at the Mayors' direct line, which is 951-659-0283, or email us at max@mayormax.com with your information.

Love always,



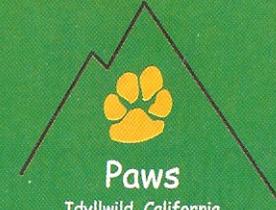


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Volunteering

Solutions for Busy Wanna-Be ARF Volunteers

We at ARF understand that so many would love to volunteer, foster, or donate much-needed money, but jobs, family, and financial circumstances often get in the way. Fortunately, we've found two ways that any and everyone can help, and they don't involve any monetary donations, taking an animal into your home, or time away from the family.

Do you use the Internet? Instead of using Google, Yahoo, or Bing as your search engine, use Goodsearch.com! Every search you initiate earns cash for ARF! And even better yet, if you shop online, a percentage of your purchase price will be donated to ARF. And getting started is easy. Go to Goodsearch.com, register with your email address and a password, select Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild as your preferred charity, and voila! You're ready to start earning cash for ARF.

On the Goodsearch homepage, you will see several tabs. The tab "Goodshop" allows you to connect with dozens of very popular online shopping sites, including Amazon, Pottery Barn, Gap Kids, Ancestry.com, Lands' End, and Kohl's, just to name a few. When you shop with these merchants, by linking through Goodsearch, your purchases earn cash for ARF.

You may fulfill your new year's resolution to be more "green" by recycling and at the same time help ARF. ARF is collecting inkjet cartridges and small electronics to recycle in turn for cash. Items that will help ARF earn cash to care for so many cats and dogs include:

- Inkjet Cartridges
- Cell Phones/Pagers
- iPods/MP3 Players
- iPads/Tablets
- eBook Readers
- PDA's
- Digital/Video Cameras
- Mobile Hot Spots

GPS & Radar Detectors

Calculators

Video Games & Accessories

Video Game Consoles & Handhelds

These items may be dropped off at ARF (if we're not open, please leave them on the front porch in a box or bag). If you're local, we'll pick them up (call 951-659-1122), and if you're off the hill, we'll be happy to send you a pre-paid mailing label.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance for your help. 

Director's Message continued

reality of how often things like this happen, from cigarette burns, to purposefully turning a small dog loose in the wild to contend with the cold and coyotes, to just failing to be a responsible pet owner.

In honor of Seiger's memory, please do your part. If you see abuse or neglect, do something, if only to tell someone else who might be able to help. Be their voice, for they can not talk. Call WeTip..1-800-78-CRIME.

Rescue a homeless dog or cat. Spay or neuter your pets, and educate others about the horrendous numbers of unwanted animals put to death every day. Chip your dogs so they can be returned to you easily. Support your local animal rescue, ARF, if you do nothing more than thank them for all they do for the animals of this community and for you.

It is a nonstop, emotionally draining job to be confronted constantly by cruelty, neglect and ignorance. We don't see many of the consequences of these behaviors because ARF volunteers are doing their job. Fortunately, they have the reward of providing love, warmth, and comfort to rescued animals that unconditionally give far more than they ever ask in return.

Happy trails, Seiger. We won't forget.
Shela Boynton and Maria Lehman. 

Trainer Talk

So, Your Dog *Does* Know Sit

Training your dog isn't an option, it's an obligation. I will say this over and over, because I sincerely believe it is true. One response I have heard, more than once, is "but my dog already knows how to sit and is housetrained." Wonderful! Glad to hear it. But then I counter with this: *When your child completed 5th or 6th grade, odds are she was a fairly decent reader, knew basic math, and could tell you about the solar system. Did you then tell her she was finished with school? Of course not! And I bet you, as a responsible, caring parent, encouraged her to embrace the concept of life-long learning."*

Why, then, wouldn't we do the same for our pets? Dogs and cats are intelligent beings with great capability of learning many things. Responsible pet owners recognize this and honor their dog's (and cat's) intelligence.

Think back to your days in school. Remember the very intelligent kid who was always getting into trouble? Could it have been that he was simply bored? Of course it could have been! Now think about your dog, who, according to you is "very intelligent," yet continues to chew up your house when you're gone. Could he be bored? You bet!

When you scold your dog for an undesirable behavior, do you take time to teach him what it is you *want* him to do instead, or do you toss him outside after voicing your disappointment, expecting him to know *how* to behave better in the future?

Your dog is intelligent, and once you embrace his intelligence and begin honoring it with positive training, you will see a remarkable difference.

But back to the dog who is "already trained" because he sits when asked and goes outside to do his business. Why not respect his intelligence by challenging him to do more? Did you know that dogs can learn coping skills, how to relax, and how to deal with other canines who might not be so friendly? Your energetic dog just might be waiting for you to help him channel

his energy into agility or herding games! Or maybe he just wants to spend some time with you in positive interaction.

And how about *your education* as a pet parent? Have you ever stopped to wonder just how much you *really* understand your dog and his motivations? Do you know that dogs are amoral? They don't know right from wrong...they know safe from unsafe. Dogs don't know guilt...they know how to read your body language. Dogs don't harbor grudges and try to get even; they are naturally opportunistic and need their humans to practice sensible management. Do you know you have several options when dealing with unwanted behaviors, all of them effective?

Working with your best friend will develop a human-animal bond beyond your imagination. The idea that education is never finished isn't just for humans-it is for all intelligent beings. 🐾

Janice Murasko

Will you give us 60 seconds?

Before you step away from your computer, please take a moment to vote for ARF in the Animal Rescue Site's Shelter Challenge. It will take you approximately 60 seconds to cast your vote.

Just go to shelterchallenge.com, search for Animal Rescue Friends in Idyllwild, CA, and cast your vote. Winning shelters will receive prizes and cash. Voting continues through February, **and you may vote for ARF every day!**

Thank you
very much!



Why Neuter? Three Good Reasons

The following is compliments of the ASPCA

When it comes to “fixing” male dogs, specifically, there’s a lot of misinformation swirling around. (“It’ll make my dog fat” and “it’ll change his personality” are two common myths that we’d like to bust forever!) Some pet parents even express guilt over neutering their dogs. But trust us, he doesn’t mind, and here’s why:

1. Neutering provides major health benefits. Besides preventing unwanted litters, neutering your male pup prevents testicular cancer and significantly reduces the chance of certain prostate problems as he ages.
2. Your neutered male will be more at peace. Neutering won’t affect your dog’s working abilities, friendliness or playfulness! However, it will likely reduce undesirable, sometimes dangerous behaviors including urine marking, attempts to roam away from home, aggression toward other dogs and inappropriate mounting. These things stress everybody out—including him.
3. He won’t become a deadbeat dad. Every year, millions of dogs of all ages and breeds are euthanized or suffer as strays. You wouldn’t want your beloved pooch to be responsible for creating yet another unplanned litter, would you?



Pet Expo

July 12, 2014

Attention pet-related businesses and organizations, artists, non-profits, and small business retailers:

Booth space at the 2nd annual ARF Pet Expo is filling fast.

Now is the best time to reserve your space before our July 12 event.

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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's buddy, Jack, found his forever home with long time ARF volunteer, Barb Reese. Barb learned that fostering a pet can help make the decision to give it a forever home.

Q. How did you come to know about ARF?

A. I have worked with ARF for many years as a volunteer.

Q. How did you come to make this ARF adoption?

Tiny little Jack wandered into someone's yard way back in Pine Cove at 5 1/2 months old. The woman picked him up and called it in. Signs were put up, but no one ever claimed him. We don't know where he came from. I fostered him, and of course, I fell in love with him and kept him.

Q. Do you have a cute story about your adoptee?

A. When I first got Jack I had my Chow mix, Toby and my Bailey, a Cavalier Mix, both with long fur. Jack immediately cuddled up in their fur with his head laying across their backs. He even does the same thing with the cats.

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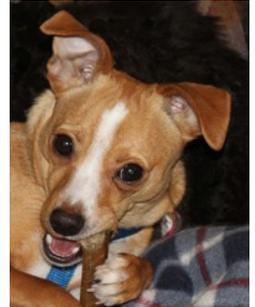
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He also sleeps under the covers every night, summer or winter. The moment he gets on my bed at night, he's burrowing under the covers and stays there until morning.



I took him to the Christmas tree lighting the first year I had him. Some kids came up to him and asked to pet him. When they started petting him, he sat down, cocked his head back with his eyes closed and just drank it all in. As a Chihuahua/Jack Russell, he's a lively dog, but when he's getting some love, he stands very still.

My Maine Coon mix Truman and Jack have played together since the beginning. They make me laugh with their antics, and I have lots of videos of their encounters.

Q. How has your ARF pet fit into your family's day-to-day lifestyle?

A. He has fit in perfectly from the beginning with my dogs and my cats. He loves to play with the cats! They're all bigger than he is!

Q. Did you keep the name ARF had assigned to your pet, or did you change it?

A. He named himself...Jack.

Q. Do you have any words of encouragement or recommendation for someone considering pet adoption?

A. Mutts and rescued pets are the best! Make sure the pet is a good match up for you and your family. And please, give the rescued cat or dog time to adjust to its' new environment. It doesn't happen over night. It can take time. A lot of these pets have been abused or abandoned and they need reassurance and lots of love and patience. And believe me, it's worth it every time you look into their eyes and see the appreciation and love they bring.



Catching Up With ARF Alumni



Domino



Bandit
(Bojangles)



Bonnie Blue

Please keep us updated on your ARF adoptee. We love to hear, and see, how they are doing in their forever homes.

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By Lois Sheppard



Help them find a home

Adoptees of the Month



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Boomer just can't believe he has lived at ARF for almost a whole year now. His birthday is February 27th, and even though he will be a year old, he still is a playful, mischievous kitty. He has bravely said goodbye to his brothers and sisters, and being the youngest of the cattery, has had to take matters in his own paws. So flipping the cat toys up in the air, scrambling to catch them, and tossing them across the room keeps him busy. Let's give Boomer his birthday wish to have his very own home and human.



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Chelsea is looking for her forever home to do her favorite thing...sit on her bed and just look pretty. This senior gal has a gorgeous coat with a tail to match. She is a shepherd mix, quiet, and shy at first. Chelsea loves to go for short walks, have a treat or two, and look pretty. She is good with other dogs and has no known health issues. And her birthday is just around the corner. Chelsea will be 10 years old on February 11th. Her wish is to have her own quiet home for the rest of her life.

DID YOU KNOW that in the months of October, November, and December 2013, ARF's Search and Rescue team was called to help find **29** lost dogs in the mountain communities?!? Please be sure your four-legged is secure at home.