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Director's Message



Have You Heard?

ARF and Living Free have joined paws to bring to the community of Idyllwild the greatest 4th of July festival of all. It will be the cat's meow, I'm telling you. This joint fundraiser will allow Living Free, a very valuable shelter, and ARF, the only rescue on the hill, to continue saving, vetting and finding perfect homes for the abandoned and unwanted animals. It'll be "paw"some!

With that in mind, let us realize that even with money in our "paw"ckets with the good intentions of saving the animals, our hands are tied. Because we are a "rescue" and not a "shelter" we solely depend upon our generous community members to offer their homes as a foster home until the perfect match comes along.

Think you don't have time? Our foster of the year travels every chance she gets, and when she's home for a couple of weeks, that doggy door is opened and swinging. Don't worry about becoming a foster failure. You WILL fall in love, but remember that your love will allow the dog or cat to become socialized and safe. And eventually adopted.

Please become a part of the solution to give the abandoned and unwanted dogs a new leash on life.

Requirements: *Love and patience and a secure yard*

We supply: Beds, food, all medical care, treats, toys, leash, etc.

A shelter is a facility that HOUSES homeless, lost or abandoned animals.

A rescue is usually a non-profit organization funded by donations and run by volunteers. They rely on foster-based housing

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A non-profit organization

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4th of July Festival And Adoption Fair

Following the Idyllwild 4th of July Parade



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Chili Cook-off, Vendors, and Sponsors: 951-659-4687

Presented by Living Free & ARF

All proceeds help save abandoned cats and dogs.



Sadie Says

Caring For Your Dog's Feet

Hello from Sadie's Wellness Clinic!

Well, I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful weather. Hope you are enjoying walks with your fur babies. Yes, those walks are good for you both. Just a reminder to check your pets' feet when they get home. Dogs pick up pitch off the ground, and then small rocks, and other debris will stick in between the pads. This can be so painful for your pets. This pitch can be softened up with a little vitamin E or vegetable oil and then removed with a fine comb.

Also, in the heat, be careful of the hot pavement on your pet's pads. Our pets really don't complain because all they want is to please us. So be a good, and loving pet owner.

Don't forget to make your appointments for the clinic. Just call 659-1122 #2, and leave us a

message with your name (first and last), your pet's name, and reason for visit, along with a number where we may call you back.

Messages are picked up everyday and returned ASAP. Please be patient, as we are just a few volunteers who are very dedicated to this community's pets and their owners.

By the way Sadie's and ARF are always in need of dedicated volunteers who love working with or around animals. Come by on the weekends and fill out an application.

Thank you so much too Elaine Weiler, and J.R. Holmes for volunteering to help with our last Sadie's Clinic. We look forward to seeing you both at the next clinic on June 18th. 🐾

-Claudine and Teri



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Director's Message continued

to care for the animals. ARF is a rescue. We are not equipped with kennels and 24 hour on-site supervision.

Without the help of our community to assist us in educating our population about spaying/neutering, our micro-chip program, and responsible pet ownership, we end up with animals on our door that sometimes are never reunited.

And what makes our job most difficult is **we are very restricted on the number of days we are allowed to keep them without a foster home available.**

Please help us keep those tails wagging. We cannot do this without the help of our residents of our beautiful mountain community.

-Maria Lehman



Dogs Found Off-the-Hill: Where Should They Go?

ARF does its best to take in any and all found dogs, but there are limiting factors. If a dog is found by a hill resident beyond Garner Valley or in and around Hemet and brought to ARF, odds are very good that the owner won't come to the top of the mountain looking for Fido. Dogs found off of the mountain should be taken to either Ramona Humane Society, 690 Humane Way, San Jacinto, (951) 654-8002 or the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus, 581 S. Grand Ave, San Jacinto, (951) 791-2779. Which shelter will take the dog depends upon where the dog was found.

The other, biggest limiting factor in ARF's keeping a dog whose owner cannot be found is the availability of a foster. Right now, ARF has only four fosters, all of whom have dogs of their own. If the dog in ARF's care does not get along with the dogs of the available foster, ARF is "in a pickle." With so few fosters, ARF's hands are often tied.

The hard working volunteers at ARF appreciate the community's understanding in this matter. If ARF had more fosters, more dogs would be kept on the hill to find their forever families. 🐾

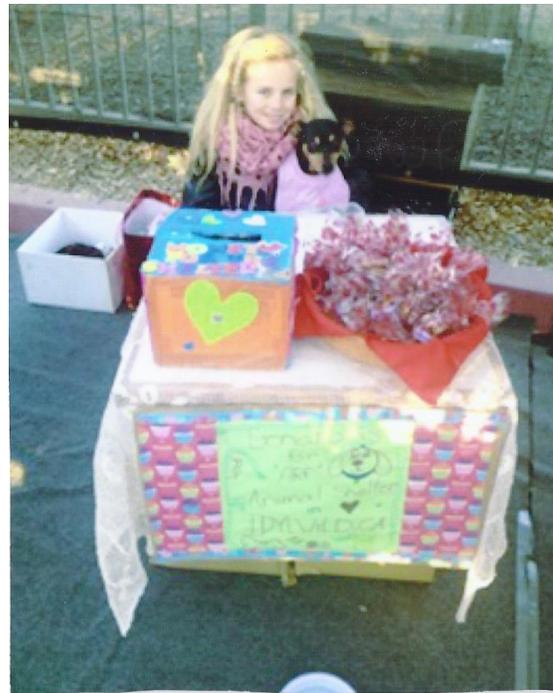
Young ARF Angel Raises Funds

Addy Vilardi, granddaughter of Mountain Center's Olivia Johnson, is one of ARF's youngest angels. Addy worked hard to bake BarkBQ and PeaMUTT Butter dog treats, which she then sold at the College of the Desert Street Fair to raise much-needed funds for ARF.

Addy and her dog Derka Derka bundled up in anticipation of the cold February weather, and with the help of her grandmother, Addy set up a beautifully decorated table to display her goods. Addy spent the day collecting a total of \$25 in sales.

Addy and Olivia proudly delivered the hard earned donation to a very happy ARF Director Maria Lehman.

ARF's dogs, cats, and humans thank Addy for her caring and compassion. 🐾





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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



Enter your domesticated family pet! Dogs, cats, goats, horses, guinea pigs... Sammy the Squirrel who visits your deck? Uh, no.

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!

This form will be displayed with your pet's photo. PLEASE *print clearly*, and do not write in the red square. ➡

Pet's name: _____ M / F

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 between 9 and 10 a.m.

2nd Way Your Pet Can Become Famous on July 4

Strut Your Mutt

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

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

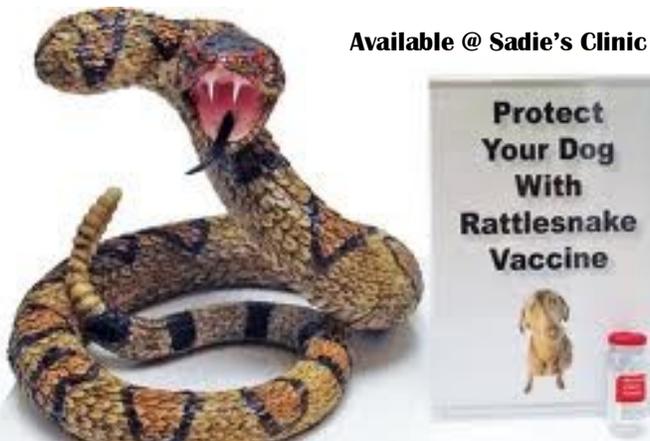
1. Sign up and pay the entry fee at the ARF/Living Free Booth at the July 4 festival by 2:30 p.m.
2. Be at the competition venue by 2:45 p.m.

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.

When a kind man walked into ARF one weekend, carrying the most adorable puppy you could imagine, ARF's staff couldn't get enough of her. Mrs. Beasley, who appears to be a Border Terrier mix, was found alongside Hwy 74. She was young and scared, but soon became comfortable with anyone willing to love and pet her. She easily won the hearts of Frank and Kathleen Heuser. Here is her story...

Q. Please tell your story. How did you come to make this ARF adoption?

A. We had recently lost our 14 ½ year old Spaniel mix, Daisy. Just for the fun of it, Frank stopped in at ARF thinking that sometime in the future we would adopt a dog from ARF. Low and behold, there was this loveable little Terrier mix just begging for a home.

Q. How did you come to know about ARF?

A. We are Idyllwild part timers who regularly shop at Gary's deli. We have one of the 2014 ARF calendars and ARF is in the back of our minds. We also read the ARF column in the Town Crier.

Q. Do you have any cute/unique stories about your adoptee?

A. Winnie (see below) likes to dig in our West Los Angeles back yard. She digs a hole with her feet, puts a bone into it and then uses her nose to cover it up. She then uncovers the bone and repeats the process. Winnie has completely bonded with Kathleen. Frank can be showering her with attention, but

the moment: "Mommy" walks into the room, Winnie jumps to greet her.

Q. Is this pet your first pet adoption (from anywhere)?

A. This is our second pet adoption. Our first (Daisy) had been abused as a puppy, and we adopted her as an adult dog. Although she grew to love us, she did not display the same degree of affection we are seeing from Winnie. Kathleen teaches piano and many of her young students (who also come from dog-loving families) have met and played with Winnie who is energetic, loving, playful and already knows how to fetch!



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

A. We are all adjusting. Winnie loves to play. This contrasts with the older dog we recently lost (Daisy slept much of each day). We love Winnie's energy and are working at the challenges of living with a puppy.

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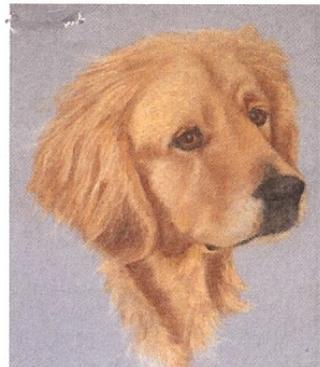
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Trainer Talk

Dealing With Barking Neighborhood Dogs

I recently received an email from a mountain resident who is concerned, rightfully so, about the disturbance of peace by her neighbor's dogs. This is a problem we all have dealt with, and if you haven't, lucky you! The wise and caring owner of dogs who are nuisance barkers will seek out a trainer who can help them identify the reason for the barking and then help them put together a plan to elicit more desirable behavior from their four-legged family members. Unfortunately for the neighborhood (and the dogs), not all dog owners take this approach.

First let's take a look at possible causes of nuisance barking. I say "nuisance" barking to distinguish this type of barking from "alert" barking, which is one of the reasons we might want to have dogs. Alerting us to changes in our environment, such as trespassers human and non-human, is a good thing! Nuisance barking, however, appears to have no purpose other than to annoy neighbors who are simply looking live a peaceful existence. The poor, annoyed neighbors might say, "That dog barks for no apparent reason!" But let's try to remember that all behavior is influenced by environment.

Dogs that are heavy-duty nuisance barkers are responding to their environment. Are they outside all day with no human interaction? Are they left to their own devices, expected to entertain themselves? Most likely. And how is a dog to entertain itself? Certainly Fido might dig a few holes and chew on a stick. Once the entertainment for that 30 minutes has passed, then what? Being outside, Fido will find so many things demanding his attention and response, including squirrels, deer, Mr. Wilson from next door, and other dogs. He will bark, whine, and pace in response. Let's face it...Fido is B O R E D. What is an owner to do? What is the irritated neighbor to do?

Responsible owners will seek help developing a plan to give their dogs what they need in order to diminish or eliminate the nuisance barking. This plan could include an effort to provide things that will give the dogs something to do, use of a training aid such as PetTutor, crate training, or maybe hiring a dog walker to stop by each day. And when these owners have a plan and *follow through with it*, neighbors will rejoice! But what about the neighborhood where the owner is non-responsive to the needs of her dogs *and neighbors*?

If you haven't yet spoken with your neighbor about the nuisance barking, please do. If you have, and there has

been no attempt to resolve the matter, you will need to turn to officials for assistance. The County of Riverside has enacted an ordinance especially crafted for the unincorporated areas of the county. This ordinance clearly delineates the rights of neighbors and the steps to be taken to address the issue.

Section one of this ordinance says:

The disturbance caused by excessive, unrelenting or habitual noise of any animal is disruptive of the public's peace and tranquility and represents an unwanted invasion of privacy of the residents of the unincorporated areas of the County of Riverside. At certain levels, the excessive, unrelenting or habitual noise of any animal may jeopardize the health, safety or general welfare of residents of the County of Riverside and degrade their quality of life.

To read the entire ordinance, click on this "County of Riverside ordinance" link:

[County of Riverside ordinance](#)

And let's not forget that the dogs are also suffering a degradation in their quality of life.

Granted, it is uncomfortable for many of us to contact authorities, to "rat out" our neighbors, but in doing so, you will help not only yourself, but the dogs as well. The dogs are only responding to their environment and have no control over the matter. Odds are they are no happier about the situation than are the neighbors are.

-Janice Murasko
KPA-CTP APDT




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Help them find a home

Adoptees of the Month



Ethel
Mertz

Ethel Mertz came to ARF with her buddy Fred. Fred is with his forever family, but Ethel still waits.

Ethel is a young German Shepard mix that loves to go for walks, play with humans, and other dogs. She also likes to chew, so good marrow bones or non-destructive toys are best for her. Ethel gets up early to go out to do her business, but then will come back to bed for a while after a few kibbles to eat. She would do well with a loving family who has another playmate for her, or for an active individual who would take her everywhere and be best buds.



Mama
Pepper

Those gorgeous eyes will meet yours as you walk into the room. Mama Pepper knows you have come in to visit just her. She will be the first to greet, and then surprise you with a couple lyrics of the new melody she has been working on. Musical notes mixed in with a tiny meow.

She loves water play, and knows her manners with the litter box, and other felines. How can you resist? Mama Pepper is about 3 or 4 years young. When she came into ARF she brought with her a litter of babies. PCWD was kind enough to foster her till the kittens were adopted. And then Mama came back to ARF. She has the calmest energy of the cattery. She loves the sunshine, a soft bed, and loves to sing.

Baxter's Buddies continued

Q. Did you keep the name ARF had assigned to your pet, or did you change it (and is there any sentimental, specific reason for the new name?)?

A. We added to her name. We call her Mrs. Winifred Beasley, Winnie for short.

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

A. The love coming from an adopted pet is amazing. These little beings fill your home with joy. What was a somewhat sterile house immediately becomes a delightful home filled with happiness. The people at ARF are so caring about sending a pet home. We welcomed Winnie home already micro chipped, with food, bedding, toys, and wonderful medical care. And since she had been rescued as a very young puppy, the ARF foster families had already successfully housebroken her and socialized her well.



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, clumping cat litter, canned cat food, chew bones

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.

When a Dog Goes Missing...

ARF's Search and Rescue team does its best to be available any and every day to assist dog owners in searching for their missing dogs. It is a very small team of volunteers, so unfortunately there will be times when the team members are off the hill, engaged in a family event, or maybe ill. In the case where there is no S & R team member available, ARF will still help by getting the word out via Facebook and on its web site.

When a dog goes missing, the owner should immediately call ARF's S & R at 951-663-6642. If the call is answered by voice mail, the owner should leave his/her phone number, preferably a cell phone number. Once the call has been made, "missing" signs *with the dog's photo*, should be posted near where the dog was last seen. The owner should then gather friends and neighbors to help with the search.

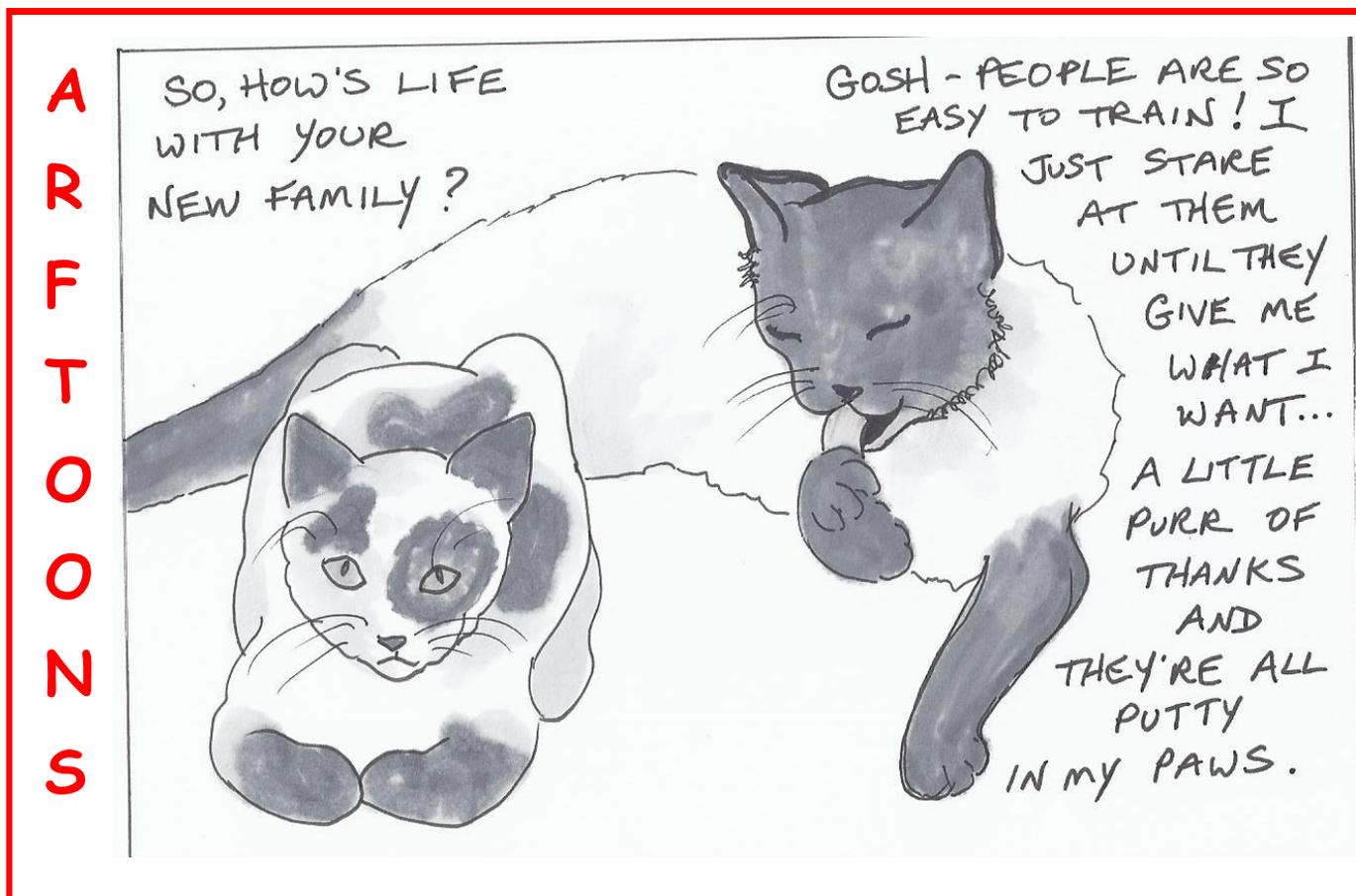
Although ARF does not chase down random loose dogs (that's a job for animal control), they still want to know about it. It could be the dog they are looking for! If a hill resident is able to coax a loose dog into his yard or car, ARF will scan the dog for a micro-chip and then do its best to find the owner.

When S & R is out looking for a dog, hill residents will notice a vehicle driving very, very slowly through neighborhoods. Fear not! They are not stalkers. All ARF S & R vehicles are clearly identified by signs on both sides that say "ARF Search & Rescue."

We are here to help, but the best thing for your dog is to make sure it is SAFE AT HOME.



-Robert Hewitt
ARF Search and Rescue Director



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July 4 Festival and Adoption Fair Chili Cook-Off Rules and Regulations

Win
\$300!!

- ◆ All entries must be received no later than June 15, 2014.
- ◆ All contestants must comply with Riverside County Health Regulations. The following guidelines will assist you in doing so.
- ◆ Contestants may begin cooking at **7:00am** with judging sample distribution commencing at **2:00pm**
- ◆ **All food items must be prepared and cooked on premises.** You may slice and dice veggies beforehand **ONLY IN A CERTIFIED KITCHEN.** Any chilled items must be in closed ice chests with adequate ice to keep them cold (40 degrees or below).
- ◆ **All chili must be prepared from scratch.** You may not use pre-measured processed chili mixes, such as “add meat” type pre-packages.
- ◆ Each contestant will provide his/her own ingredients, **THREE** complete set of utensils, and accessories necessary to cook his/her chili. This includes water for cooking, tables for food preparation, cook stoves, and fuel. Only compressed gas elements are permitted. Electrical will be available.
- ◆ All cooking of meats or vegetables will be done out in the open at the rear of the booth. Once chili is cooked it must be brought into the tent and kept warm (140 degrees or hotter) until judging time.
- ◆ All food must be covered at all times.
- ◆ Minimum amount of chili prepared should be 5 gallons. Judging will be done by those in attendance who purchase a ballot. Small plastic sampling cups will be provided for distribution of chili for judging.
- ◆ Following the judging at 3:00 p.m., any remaining chili may be sold to anyone in attendance, but only after the judging is completed.

The big award will be presented at 4:00 p.m.
Best Chili wins \$300, trophy, and bragging rights
Second and third places each receive a trophy

- ◆ Any unsanitary condition or non-compliance with health regulations must be corrected immediately or the contestant will be eliminated from the competition.
- ◆ No smoking, no dogs in/around booths.

Entry Fee (\$100.00*)

*All entrants are encouraged to secure a sponsor! Sponsors (businesses or individuals) cover the entry fee and then have the option to advertise on/at the contestant's chili booth on the day of the event.

Sponsors secured by June 15 will be listed in pre-event publicity.

TO ENTER: Send your name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and payment (payable to ARF) to ARF, P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, 92549

Kids and Dogs Need Supervision

Standard advice for children and dogs is that an adult should supervise the interaction. The problem with this blanket advice is that everyone has a different definition of supervision. To some, supervising is “checking in” every so often and to another it could mean just being in the same room.

Below is a chart showing the different types of supervision, with types 4 and 5 being the safest for both child and dog.

When a child interacts with a dog, she should be under the guidance of an adult who understands dog body language and knows how to orchestrate the interaction.

The child should be taught that she should not

pet the dog until the dog invites her to do so. The invitation should be followed by a short petting session (just a few pets). She then needs to let the dog tell her either he wants more petting (nudges hand, wags tail, wiggles closer) or is finished (walks away, body tightens).

Everyone needs to understand that dogs do NOT like to be hugged, and when petting a dog that is new to you, he should be pet on his side or on his chest, not on the top of his head. 🐾

Note in photos →
The dogs are *not* enjoying the hug.
At best, dogs tolerate a hug.



The 5 Types of Supervision

<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
ABSENT	PASSIVE	REACTIVE	PROACTIVE	ACTIVE
Adult not in room with dog and baby/toddler	Adult in same location but distracted and not watching	Responding after dog or child is too close	Planning and preparing safe separation.	Full awake adult supervision

