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Director's Message

Idy Angel Saves Innocent Life

What could she have possibly done to deserve to be buried alive? Lil' Joli was found quite by accident in Hemet, buried in a five-foot deep hole, covered with plywood and a tarp, surrounded by construction netting. She hadn't fallen into the hole; she was placed in and sealed shut with no means of escape...in 100° temperatures.

Just by chance, Joel Feingold of Idyllwild heard her tiny cries for help.



To his disbelief, he found a 2 lb., 8-week old female puppy. Of course, doing the right thing, he brought her to his home. After a good bath, food, water, and love, he and his wife realized they couldn't keep her, so they asked for our help.

Observing her the first day, you would never believe she had just been rescued from a deep, dark hole. As resilient as they come, Joli wagged her little tail, found a toy, and proceeded to play with Rhett and Gatsby, our little kittens, then put the past behind her.

Joli is currently in a trial home with two loving humans and a small four-legged friend. But on top of that, the human angels who saved her have offered to be her godparents for life. Joli will know only love and kindness from now on and share the sunlight with all four humans who were kind enough to make room for this little girl. (See additional photos page 10).



-Maria Lehman



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President's Message

Kittens and Cats Are Waiting for You



Kitties! Our two male kittens, Rhett and Gatsby, are available for adoption at the ARF House. These little guys are about 4-5 months old, and they are just as cute as can be. They are both very playful and have wonderful personalities. Rhett seems to be fearless and enjoys playing with our little dog, Juliet, when she visits the cattery. Gatsby, on the other hand, couldn't care less about the dog and is a little more independent than Rhett. He's much too busy chasing the stuffed toys around the cattery to be bothered with our dog. However, both Rhett and Gatsby love to be held and will purr for you all day long. If you, or someone you know, are looking to adopt a kitten—or kittens—both Rhett and Gatsby will bring joy and laughter into your home. Personally, I hope someone can adopt them together. They aren't brothers, but they have had each other since they were first brought to ARF, and I hope they can continue to live together with a caring family.

I also want to mention our adult cats. If you would like to adopt an adult cat, we have some wonderful cats for you. Currently, we have seven adult cats, and I'll mention just a few here. Bill is possibly the coolest cat in the cattery. He's a beautiful orange male and enjoys watching the kittens play

from his perch high above the mayhem of the cattery. Mrs. Magoo is a gorgeous gray and white female. She enjoys having her head scratched, purrs like a motorboat and would make a wonderful addition to any family who wants a single cat. Both Bill and Mrs. Magoo are available for adoption, but there are several more wonderful cats, like Heidi, Pepper and Heavenly Whiskers, who also deserve a good home. If you think an adult cat might make a good addition to your family, please stop by the ARF House, meet them, and take one home.

We're going to be having a rummage sale and a special "Clear the Cattery" event Labor Day weekend. We'll have lots of items for sale, and we'll be offering a special discount on feline adoptions. We'll also be serving lemonade, popcorn, and nachos, so if you're out and about on Saturday, September 5th, please stop by the ARF House to enjoy some popcorn and lemonade, say hello or perhaps adopt a kitten or cat.

Finally, I want to thank the ARF board members, all the volunteers, and the Idyllwild community for all their support and help. Without these generous people, ARF simply wouldn't exist.

-Chris Martin

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By Lois Sheppard

The Faces of ARF Working Hard for Mountain Pets



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L to R: Baxter, Bonnie Blue, Lucy



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Trainer Talk

Inflicting Pain Creates More Problems

Pinch collars, choke chains, electric collars - my stomach turns when I see a dog wearing one of these punitive devices. Ask the dog's guardian why she uses one of these collars on her beloved pet, and odds are she'll say it's because he pulls when being walked. Then ask her why she thinks it works, and the only answer that makes sense is it works because *it inflicts pain*. At best, these collars are only quick fixes that can create more problems than any they might temporarily solve. Remove the punitive device, and the undesired behavior will return.

While it's true that the dog might be less tempted to pull her owner down the street when she knows her collar will inflict pain, the fact remains that she doesn't know what it is her owner *wants* her to do. The focus in this case is on what she *isn't* to do. If this dog was taught *what her owner wants her to do while on a walk*, the painful (and sometime injurious) collar would be unnecessary. Win-win!

Another solid reason to ditch those punitive collars for good is the negative associations which can be made and the reactive/aggressive behaviors that are often associated. Let's say that while on walks your dog wants to either eat or greet other dogs, and this behavior is unacceptable to you. For the next walk, you put a choke chain or pinch collar on your dog, and the when another dog comes into view, you yank on the leash to control your dog. This yank creates pain as you drag your dog in the opposite direction. What was your dog seeing at the same time he experienced the pain inflicted by the collar? The other dog! The association of other dogs and pain has been created. Odds are after experiencing this type of situation a few times, the next time he sees a dog, he will have a negative reaction and will very possibly want to "get that dog before it gets me." After all, the last time he saw a dog, it caused pain! AND EVEN WORSE than having a negative association with other dogs would be a negative association with people, especially

children.

The Merck Veterinary Manual, in Behavioral Problems Associated with Canine Aggression, states: "Almost without exception, physical punishment, including the use of prong collars and electric shock collars, alpha rolls, and dominance downs can make an already aggressive dog worse. Owners should be discouraged from using these techniques."

Famed Applied Behavior Analysts, Marion and Bob Bailey, in the APDT Dog Trainers Resource article, "The ABC's of Behavior," make the following assertion: "Aversives in general, and punishment in particular, may have bad consequences for the dog and trainer. They can produce uncontrollable fear, not only of the trainer, but the entire training situation. Aversives can suppress virtually all behavior. They may also encourage aggressive responses. More acceptable alternatives, such as reinforcement, should always be considered before using aversives."

Is it possible to teach your dog what you WANT it to do while on walks? Absolutely it is! Contact a certified positive reinforcement trainer OR check out professional online videos that will help you teach your dog what you *want* it to do. One option can be found at:
<http://www.video.clickertraining.com/KPDLVD110R-06>.
 Just be certain that the advice you get and are using come from a certified positive reinforcement trainer.

-Janice Murasko
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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.

Any of you who visited the ARF cattery in the past year probably were lucky enough to meet Tommy. Tommy was the unofficial greeter who welcomed visitors with open arms, twisting his way through legs and purring in laps. Tommy was lucky enough to have found his forever home with Laura and Dave Mohlenhoff earlier this summer. Here is his story...

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

We had been looking for a friend for our 6-year old cat Minnie after her companion cat passed away.

Q. How did you come to know about ARF?

We live in the desert but spend as much time as possible in Idyllwild in the summer. We attended the ARF beer fest this summer and learned more about ARF there.

Q. Do you have any fun stories about your pet?

Tommy is just the coolest cat. He loves being right in the middle of everything, and he is always talking to me. I am his person, and he takes it upon himself to keep me informed at all times. He fits right in with the rest of the gang-two dogs and our cat Minnie. He is our cat, and we are his people.

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

No, we always try to adopt rescues.

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

We left it as Tommy because it fits him. He is our Tommy cat.

When I met Tommy at the shelter he seemed very well-adjusted, but it is heartening to see him now. He clearly need-

ed his own family to love. He is thriving, and we just love him to pieces. Hard to imagine a cat feeling grateful, but he is so smart. 



Do you have an ARF adoptee you'd like to tell us about? We'd love to hear how your lucky pet is doing. Please contact Baxter via Janice at: janicemurasko@yahoo.com

If your dog doesn't do what you ask, it doesn't understand what you want.

End the frustration! Train your dog!

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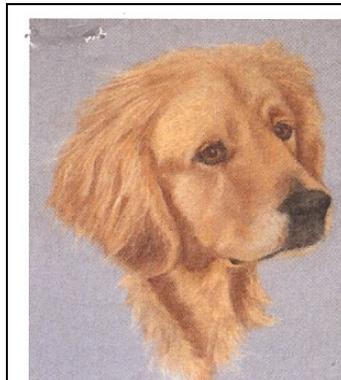
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Sadie Says Pet Wellness is Priority #1

Sadie's is still averaging about 28 to 34 appointments at each clinic. We all stay very busy on clinic day. No one takes breaks, but who needs them when you get to help such wonderful patients and their parents! Don't forget that it is rattlesnake season, and we have been giving a lot of rattlesnake vaccinations in addition to all the regular vaccinations your pets need to keep them protected from getting sick. Your pets don't have to travel off the mountain for many of the services that Dr. Nastro provides.

We offer heartworm testing, which allows you to buy your heartworm from Sadie's at cost. Additionally, Dr. Nastro performs wellness check-ups, as well as treating a number of different types of infections, providing antibiotics, blood work, and much more.

I have noticed one problem. Many of our cus-

tomers do not keep their dogs on short leashes. We ask that all dogs be kept on short leads for the safety of all people and other dogs in the building. We have a small waiting room; if all visitors keep their dogs close to them on a short leash, there will be no problems. Dogs can become very protective of their owners, and little dogs seem to think they are much larger than they really are. So big or small, please keep your dog close to you *on a leash*. Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

Don't forget to keep your pets well hydrated, and provide shade for your outside pets during the heat. As always your pet's health and well being are very important to us.

See you at the next clinic,
Claudine, Teri, Peg, & Dr. Nastro



ARF Board Welcomes New Member

ARF now has a much-needed director of volunteers. Peg Gallo will now take the reins and recruit, train, and schedule volunteers. If you'd like to be one of ARF's angels, please leave a message for Peg at 951-659-1122 or via email: info@idyllwildarf.org.



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AIR TEMP	ASPHALT TEMP
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ARF Rummage Sale

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Come Join Us!

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Adoptees of the Month



Always thought you'd like a Jack Russell Terrier, but its high-energy made you think twice? Well, LEFTY LOU is the Jack Russell Terrier for you! She is 10-years old, but you would never know it. She has the fun-loving personality of a JRT, but her maturity makes her suitable for just about any family.

She loves, loves, loves her toys! She will let you know when she needs to go out and will make someone a great little watch dog. She does bark to alert to strangers, which can be good. She is spayed and up to date on her shots, and her teeth are very clean. She loves to run around, but also loves to cuddle.

Come by the ARF House to see this cute little bundle of joy.



Fun-loving kittens Rhett and Gatsby are awaiting their forever home, hopefully together since they enjoy each other so much. You'll no longer need your television or video games with these two in the house! They'll entertain you and your family for hours on end.

Stop by the ARF House on Saturday or Sunday to meet these two characters, or call ARF to make an appointment for a weekday introduction.



Rhett



Gatsby

Rescued From Its Grave, Pup Gets New Life



Fortunately, Joel Feinstein heard the puppy's tiny cries for help. He uncovered her grave, got her into his air-conditioned vehicle, and took her home to safety.



Little Joli, named in honor of the man who saved her, is now enjoying life with a wonderful Idyllwild family. See the complete story on page one.

