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Director's Message

"It Takes a Village" in Action

Chopper and Richee: All together there were 4 days, 40 to 50 phone calls, several Facebook posts, 15 – 20 posted flyers, 5 fosters homes, 2 shelters/rescues, and 15 humans volunteering endless hours, not only by day, but by the light of the moon. Was this a community effort for a large-scale rescue from an animal hoarder? Nope. *Just one lost dog.* One dog...Chopper, a strong, well defined, determined intact male, white pittie with a black patch over his right eye, and a heart of gold.

We've learned that his adventure began at the Keenwild station, hiking on trails with his family. He escaped, and they searched to no avail. Meanwhile, he had made his way up the hill to Idyllwild (We still haven't figured out that piece of the puzzle). Before nightfall, our first phone call and email came in that there was a white pittie left in an outdoor ARF pen. Upon our arrival, there was only an empty cage with the tarp ripped off the top.

Next came a Facebook post that evening that a white pittie was found, caught, but alas had escaped. Morning came, and along came a gentleman who had been hiking with Chopper in tow . He also had placed Chopper in the large dog run, but before he could even return to his hike, Chopper was nudging him on the leg. He had opened the latch on the gate! Chopper was returned to the dog run, the kind man placing a stick in the latch. Ha! Foolproof. Not for this guy.

Chopper scaled the 6-foot fence and was once again running alongside the jogger. Eventually, Chopper spent the day at ARF, getting bathed and fed, assessed, and socialized. No tag, no chip, and he did not look familiar.

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Sadie Says

Happy Spring!

Things are rolling along at Sadie's, as usual. We have a great team that works very well together to give the best possible attention and care to your pets.

There does seem to be some confusion as to what a wellness pet clinic has to offer. *We are not a hospital.* We take care of all vaccinations and can provide many medications. We do heart worm tests that need to be repeated every two years in order to be able to purchase your Iverheart prevention from Sadie's, at our cost.

We treat all kinds of infections such as ear, eye, skin, and more. We provide rabies certificates with the vaccinations. It will be rattle snake season soon. So it is time for those booster shots. If you have never had the rattlesnake series, it is a series of two shots, one month apart, followed by a yearly booster.

It is best to always have a back up plan for your pets in case of emergencies because Clinic is only once a month. Sadie's is a great convenience for all of us here on the mountain as it is so much easier than taking pets off the mountain, especially if your pets get car sick. If needed, you can get a list of off-mountain vets by calling ARF or pick up a list at the ARF

House. The health of your pets is very important to all of us at Sadie's/ARF.

Payment for clinic services is by cash or check. Sorry, but we do not accept credit, or debit cards.



The Groomer Says...

I have noticed a rise in the number of ticks when grooming pets compared to previous years. Ticks are very bad for the health of your pets. So, if you hike with your dogs, or if they spend a lot of their day outside, please check them at least weekly. If you are not up to removing them yourself, you can have it done by your groomer or at Sadie's Clinic. If you find ticks on you pet and you prefer to bathe at home, please use a non-toxic tick and flea shampoo or request that your groomer also give your pet a tick and flea shampoo along with there regular shampoo. There will be a small extra charge for this by most groomers.

-Claudine Ellis

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? We're talking about cars here...

Consider this: CATS have the JAGUAR, BIRDS have the FALCON, HORSES have the MUSTANG, even FISH have the BARRACUDA! and what do DOGS get? A bus named after a hound... shameful!

Some creative suggestions follow:

The J.R.T. -

small, sporty & spunky...

ready to RUN FOR FUN!



The AUSSIE -

the perfect way to keep your family together...

so smart, it almost drives itself!



The HUSKY -

gutsy and dependable, your best partner in adventuring!



The GOLDEN -

stylish, user-friendly, full of energy but great to relax with, too!



By Lois Sheppard

Lois Sheppard 2014

It Takes a Village...continued

Phone calls were made, flyers generated and posted, and his picture was spread throughout the media. Surely someone was missing this guy, because he was surely determined to find his people. A foster family was found for the night. All was good, because we could rest knowing that Chopper is safe for the night. After several attempts of trying to keep him fenced and secure, the foster had to put him in a heated garage with plenty of bedding. But Chopper had other tricks up his sleeve (paw). He opened a sliding door and yes, escaped again. Enter another outstanding Idyllwild human, who found him wandering on the dark streets.

After several late night phone calls, he was able to find a secure in-home place for the night. By the light of the moon he began posting signs, in hopes that someone would see them come daylight. But this was meant to be only an overnight stay. By morning, Living Free agreed to help ARF and our community by holding Chopper secure while we continued to search for his owner.

Meanwhile, Richee, Chopper's owner in Hemet, was sleepless for days, worried about his best pal and started to search the internet. Through several posts in the media, he found Chopper, and after school drove up to be reunited. Since then, we have learned that Richee and his brothers gave all of their Christmas money last year to have Chopper brought back to them from Texas where they had to leave him when they moved. He had just been reunited with them in January, 2015.

Richee had been just as determined to find him as Chopper, and Chopper was to find

Richee.

With the help of ARF, Chopper is now neutered, will be chipped this month, and is beginning training with our trainer, Janice. Thanks to Living Free that was also willing to help in this endeavor. This happy ending was made possible by our village of Idyllwild and Living Free.

Many community members could have easily turned their heads, voiced "not my problem," and chosen to not get involved. After all, this was an intact, young, strong, but loving male Pitbull. But this community chose to see him first as a dog, then as a lost dog, and lastly as a Pitbull.

The amazing efforts of our town allowed Chopper to be reunited. Each and every one involved stepped out of his comfort zone, and changed his routine, with one

thought in mind- Chopper needed to be safe and brought back home. And this should put a smile on all of our faces, as it does mine. This makes me proud to call Idyllwild my home, as it should to us all.

Thank you to all the cast members: Lisa... who posted the first sighting; Cammie Sue... who tried to contain him; Bill Bailey...the jogger; Marylou, Barb, Claudine and me...ARF volunteers; Jerry and girlfriend...1st fosters; Vic and Kate...moonlight flyer posters, among many other things; Patty...2nd foster; De...checking possible owners; Steve at Living Free...who finally kept Chopper safe; Idyllwild...who stood together in this effort; and last but not least... Chopper, for being so determined to be reunited and in doing so made our village residents proud of each other.



-Maria Lehman





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.

Little Lola and her best friend Tammy found themselves homeless when their parents moved off the hill, leaving them behind. Happily, they are both now in the truly forever homes. Here is a letter ARF received from Lola's new forever mom Sylvia Murray. Little Lola is now a resident of Colorado!

Dear ARF,

Thank you so much for finding me the most perfect pet ever. I adopted a dog named Lola in October 2014. My sister Maureen Charles is such a special person, and I am so grateful for her and you in helping me find my new little soul mate. I had a few months earlier lost my little Chihuahua named Paco. I thought that I wouldn't be able to get another dog because I loved him so much.

One of your special workers drove down from the mountains to my sister's house some 80 miles away, just to show me Lola. Lola was scared and very attached to your worker when she arrived at my sister's. She was a



frightened, unsure little gal indeed. My sister flew her for me upon my return to Colorado. Lola did well on the airplane, despite the small under-seat cloth bag she was traveling in.

She came to my ranch in Colorado and did very well indeed. At first she tried to chase off my cats, but soon adapted to them and figured out that they were not going to leave, and she now kisses them. She immediately took a liking to my 90-lb Pitbull-lab cross female dog. She pays no attention to the four horses I have.

Since then she has adapted well to all whoever comes to visit at my house. She seems to like the music that we play and is pretty much glued to my side about 90 percent of the time. She has beds in our bedroom, in the living room, in the dining room, and also downstairs in our musical instrument building shop. She covers herself up at night with her blankets.

We take her everywhere with us in the car, and she just loves to go. She has not been destructive at all and has not had one accident in the house. I work part time for a vet, so her

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Chris Singer

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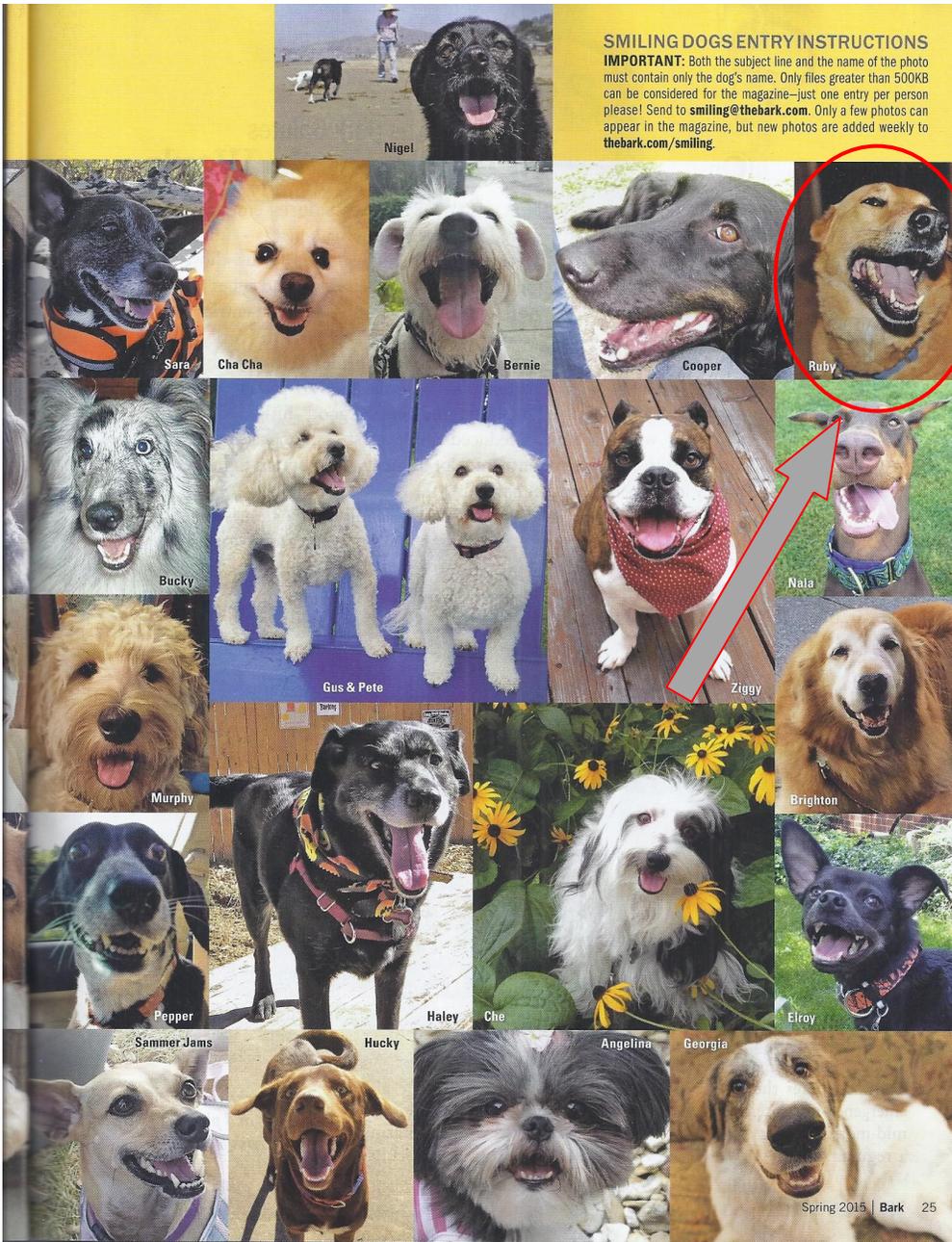
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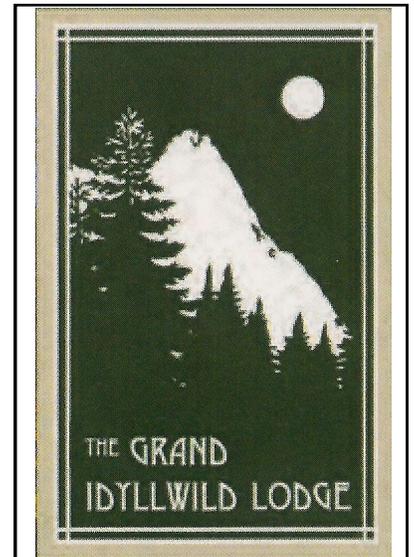
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ARF Alumna in National Magazine

Ruby, an ARF dog adopted by Gary and Debbie Martin, is pictured in the spring 2015 edition of *Bark* magazine. Ruby's adorable face is in the magazine's "Smiling Dogs" feature. We are pretty certain that if you produce your copy of *Bark*, Ruby will pawograph it for you!



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Baxter's Buddies continued

medical care is free as well as her vaccinations. She was given a clean bill of health.

We have changed Lola's name to Darbie DuBois. She answers to it, and she is in our hearts planted real deep. You guys are such a blessing, and I am so thankful to your organization and staff. Keep up the good work. One of your dogs is a traveler and lives here in the Rocky Mountains. God bless you all for all of your hard work and concern.

Sincerely,
 Sylvia Murray
 P.S. She is my best friend!



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Trainer Talk

New Dog for Your Family? Choose Wisely!

Time to add a dog to your family? You'll no doubt look at your friends' dogs, consider size, and long for those adorable pooches on your favorite television shows. But what about the dog's innate behavior? What controls a dog's behavioral responses? Genetics. Genetic programming determines a dog's breed-specific behavioral repertoire, but it can be modified through learning.

Don't be surprised if your Sheltie enjoys barking at and chasing the kids in the park; she's herding! Does your Beagle make your crazy on walks with his sniffing every weed he passes? He's doing what he was bred to do! Wonder why your Jack Russell continually digs holes in the yard? She's probably in search of gophers.

Knowing a bit about breeds can help you make a wise decision in choosing a dog to become part of your family. As you consider getting a dog, whether it be your first dog or one you'd like to join your current pet family, ask yourself some questions and answer honestly.

Q. Is my family a very active one? And if it is, do the activities lend themselves to including a dog? If you can honestly answer YES, then a high-energy breed such as a Jack Russell, might be an okay choice. JRs need lots of exercise, but they also need lots of continual training and mental stimulation. A JR absolutely needs an owner and family very committed to *training and exercising on a daily basis*. What kind of active family is yours? A family that is very active with the kids' soccer games and marching band, and the parents' PTA and ambitious careers is probably the wrong kind of "active family." This active family's dog will most likely spend many hours at home, alone.

Unfortunately, many high-energy breed dogs find themselves members of families that chose them based upon "that cute dog on TV," not recognizing that the dog on TV was highly trained.

Q. Would my family enjoy the company of a dog that prefers to nap over chasing a ball? If you can honestly answer yes to this question, you'll need to choose a dog just as carefully as the family who wants an active breed. A Pug or rat terrier would be very happy on the sofa next to you as you enjoy your favorite NFL game. If you have children who hope to have a dog chase and retrieve a ball in the backyard, you'll need to look elsewhere!

But you don't need to look at purebreds to help you decide on the perfect dog for your family. A veterinarian or trainer can help you make an educated guess as to the

breeds that make up that loving mixed breed (a.k.a. mutt) you're eyeing at the shelter or rescue. Having an idea of the breeds that have made the mutt will give you an idea of the dog's genetic tendencies. If you really want to know the breeds in this dog's make-up, you can have a DNA test performed. Just ask your vet.

To be absolutely sure if a particular mixed breed is right for your family, work with the shelter or rescue to take him home for a trial period, but remember to factor in the "honeymoon" adoption period. The first week or two don't always give you an accurate picture of the real dog. Once he's acclimated to the new environment, he becomes more comfortable with being himself.

Regardless of what breed, or breeds, you bring into your family, you'll want to invest in some training to ensure a positive environment for both your family and your dog. **And please remember that if you want a particular breed of dog, there is no need to buy one from a breeder. There are local, or nearly local, breed-specific rescue groups with the perfect dog waiting for you!**

FYI: Page 6 of this newsletter has a list of breeds divided by energy level. This might help those considering bringing a new four-legged into the family.

🐾 -Janice Murasko
KPA-CTP



Breeds by Energy Level

Here is a list published by *Pets Plus* that divides breeds by energy level. NO doubt you have met a particular breed on this list that does *not* fall into the category in which it's listed. Each dog has its own individual personality, so use this list as a guideline only. It can be useful, as well, when choosing mixed breeds.

Low Energy

Australian Terrier
Brussels Griffon
Chihuahua
Japanese Chin
Maltese
Pekingese
Pomeranian
Toy Fox Terrier

Low to Moderate Energy

Dachshund
French Bulldog
Havanese
Italian Greyhound
Miniature Pinscher
Papillon
Pug
Shih Tzu
Shipperke
Yorkshire Terrier

Moderate Energy

Basenji
Boston Terrier
Bullmastiff
Basset Hound
Beagle
Bichon Frise
Border Collie
Bull Terrier
Dalmatian
English Springer Spaniel
French Mastiff (Dogue de Bordeaux)
German Shorthaired Pointer
Golden Retriever
Great Dane

Jack Russell Terrier
Keeshond
Labrador Retriever
Norwegian Elkhound
Poodle
Saint Bernard
Vizsla
Welsh Terrier
Whippet

High Energy

Alaskan Malamute
Boxer
Brittany Spaniel
Doberman Pinscher
Cairn Terrier
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
Chinese Shar Pei
Chow Chow
Cocker Spaniel
Collie Corgi, Pembroke Welsh
English Bulldog
English Mastiff
Great Pyrenees
Lhasa Apso
Miniature Schnauzer
Newfoundland
Old English Sheepdog
Samoyed
Scottish Terrier
Shetland Sheepdog
Shiba Inu
Silky Terrier
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier
Weimaraner
West Highland White Terrier

Moderate to High Energy

Akita
American Eskimo
Australian Shepherd
German Shepard
Rottweiler
Siberian Husky





Help them find a home

Adoptees of the Month



Who will be the “lucky” one this Saint Patrick’s Day? If you adopt Buddy, you will! Buddy is a 3-year old German Shepherd/golden mix male. An “A” student he is, too. He aims to please, and with consistent training, which is included, you too will be pleased. He enjoys the walk, and is currently learning proper manners on the leash. And a bonus is he’s not a barker, house trained, good with other dogs, although he is a bit anxious with the feline crowd.



You’ll be green with envy, looking into these Irish eyes every day. Match that with a gorgeous coat of champagne fur, and you have Mr. Bill. He is about 3 years old, and still loves to play, although cat naps in the tree are his favorite. Mr. Bill is good with all other felines, not sure about the canine crowd. He is a bit shy, but will warm up with consistent attention. And he will always give you his regal look as he poses for the camera.

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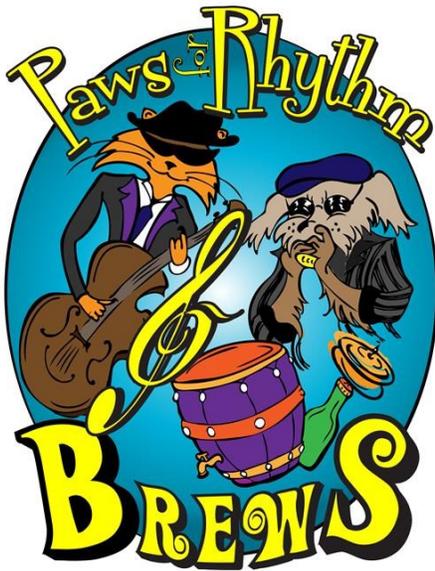
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Saturday, June 6

Idyllwild Nature Center

11 a.m.—3 p.m.

www.arfbeerfest.com



Raising funds for homeless cats & dogs



Mark your calendars and plan to join ARF at its inaugural *Paws for Rhythm and Brews* beer festival and home brewers' competition! There will be something for everyone including fine craft beers, fabulous food, a terrific blues band and dancing, a home brewing demonstration, a "stein holding" contest, wine for those who prefer, and soft drinks. Tickets will be on sale April 1 at www.arfbeerfest.com, on weekends at the ARF House, at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe, Mountain Paws, and from any ARF volunteer/board member.

Pre-sale \$25*

At the gate \$30*

Non-drinkers \$5

Under 12 years, free

*Ticket price includes a commemorative beer glass and tasting tickets.

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