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Director's Message

Busy Year Getting Busier

It has been quite a while since my last newsletter, and I'm going to try to make up for it now. Excuses? Only that my plate has been way too full with the Pets of the Year contest and the upcoming *Paws for Rhythm and Brews* beer festival. On top of these two great events, ARF board members have been kept on their toes with dog and cat intakes and adoptions.

The Pets of the Year contest raised approximately \$6,300 earmarked primarily for local low-income families who need help in veterinary care for their beloved pets. This money was put into an account which was started with seed money by way of a grant from the Idyllwild Community Fund. Already numerous dogs and cats have been the beneficiaries of this fund. A smaller portion of funds raised were set aside to assist in covering the medical costs that come along with older pets in ARF's care. You'll see just who won the contest in each of the three categories on page 7 of this newsletter.

The annual *Paws for Rhythm and Brews* craft beer festival will take place on June 3 at the beautiful Idyllwild Nature Center. Being our primary fund raiser, this event is what keeps ARF's doors open. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a very fun afternoon. Those who volunteer a shift get to sample beer (and wine!) the other shift. Please read more on page 6.

The hard working volunteers at ARF truly appreciate your support. We are here to serve the mountain communities of Idyllwild and could not do so without so many ARF angels.

Janice Murasko
Director of Operations



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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 tell the story of a dog who showed up late one evening, went to a very temporary foster, but never left. It's the type of story all ARF volunteers dream of. Zeus was dropped off in Mountain Center. ARF got the call about Zeus, but had absolutely no where to put him for the night. When the call for help went out, the Fenders stepped up. I interviewed Wendy Fender who tells how she, her husband Shane, and their son Kylan fell in love overnight.

Please tell your story. How did you come to make this ARF adoption? We saw on ARF Facebook that they needed a foster for the night when someone dropped off Zion on Highway 74.

How did you come to know about ARF? We live in Idyllwild. ARF is amazing

Do you have any cute/unique stories about your adoptee? We brought him home that night to foster him and immediately fell in love with him. He follows our 4-year old son around everywhere, and he and our other dog Ace a (Chihuahua terror) always have to sleep together. Zion can sit, shake, lay down. and roll over.

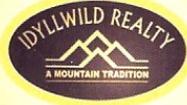
Is this pet your first pet adoption (from anywhere)? No we adopted Ace from Living Free about 2 years ago

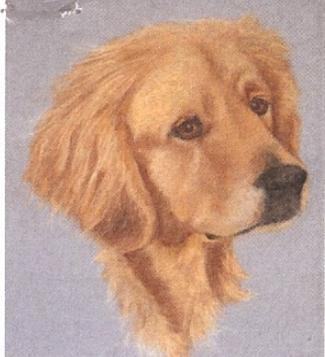
How has your ARF pet fit into your family's day-to-day lifestyle? He's amazing. He's wonderful with our son, dog, and chickens. He's a great addition to the family, very well mannered. Loves his car rides and walks.

Did you change the name ARF had given him? We changed it to Zeek.

Do you have any words of encouragement or recommendation for someone considering pet adoption? It's a great thing to do. They always deserve a second chance. 





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Adoptees of the Month



Charlie

Charlie is a very loving, affectionate Chi-mix who came to ARF when his forever parents passed away. He was originally adopted from ARF about 6 years ago. He is great with dogs, cats, and kids. He's house trained and easy-going.

Audrey is a fun, affectionate cat who would love a lap to call her own. She was in a very good home, but when a family member could find no way to circumvent the associated allergies, she came to the loving arms of ARF.

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Sadie Says

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Happy spring! Sadie's Clinic is up-and-running after a January and February hiatus. Dr. Nastro and his assistants Robert and Melanie are ready to see your precious pets to address their wellness needs.

Are your pets current on their vaccinations? Have you kept your dog on his heartworm prevention medication? How about a rattlesnake vaccination for your curious pup? Now that spring is here, the rattlesnakes are beginning to warm up. That means they will be out-n-about and would just love to take on your dog.

Keeping your dog safe from rattlesnakes includes creating a safe yard, *always* having her on a leash that is 6-feet or shorter, and vaccinating her so that should she be bit, you have time to get her to a vet.

And I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of the

very real danger of leaving your dog in a car on days where the temperatures reach 70° and above. Even with windows left open a bit, your car can turn into an oven. Play it safe and either leave your pup at home, or take him indoors with you wherever you're going. Additionally, when walking your dog on pavement, make certain his little paws aren't burning. Place the back of your hand onto the pavement for 10 seconds. If your hand is uncomfortable or burning, it is too hot to be walking your dog.

In response to a growing number of locals asking for dog and cat nail trims, Sadie's Clinic now sponsors a monthly nail trim clinic, which is held **the last Tuesday of each month**. Trims are \$15 per pet (cash only, please), and appointments may be made by calling 951-659-1122 and leaving your contact info in voice mailbox #2. Walk-ins are okay.

Responsible pet parents realize that caring for a pet requires lot of time and love. 🐾

Teri Hardy
Director of Sadie's and Animal Welfare

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Data source: Journal of the American Medical Association

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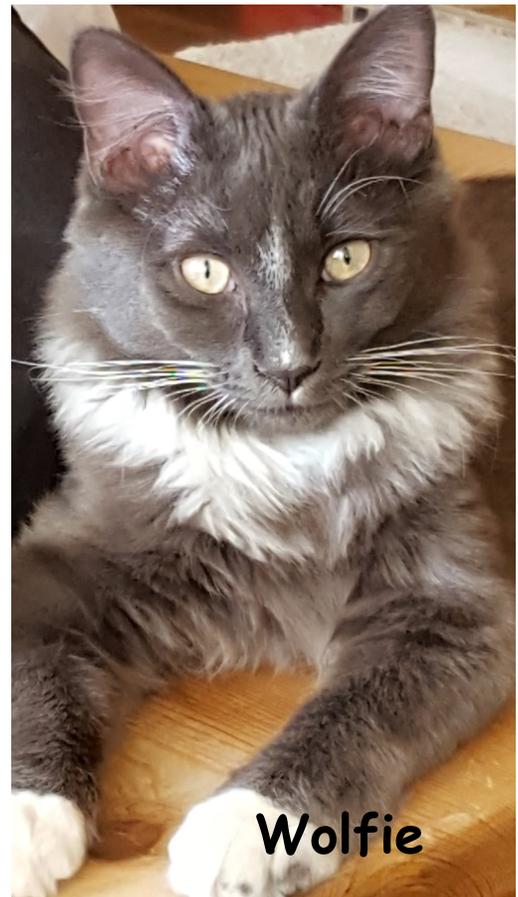
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All proceeds benefit the homeless dogs and cats of Idyllwild and surrounding mountain communities.

Everything you need to know: arbbeerfest.com



ARF's Pets of the Year



The month of February was a fun one, watching the balloting for ARF's Pets of the year. Friends and family cast votes, at a dollar each, to help their favorites win in three categories: Dog, Cat, and Other. After a tight race, Max the dog, Turbo the rat, and Wolfie the cat claimed the title of Pets of the Year for 2017.

Approximately \$6,300 was raised through votes. Monies raised have been placed into a fund to help local families afford much-needed veterinary care for their beloved pets.

ARF thanks everyone who entered a pet into the competition and a very big thanks to all who voted with their wallets. Look for the 2018 competition in January! 🐾

Runners-Up:

Dog category: 2nd: Stoli O'Rocks 3rd: Orca

Cat category: 2nd: Sunny, 3rd: Mitzi

Other category: 2nd: Roxi du Bar, 3rd: Fiona

See all photos and results at:

<http://www.gogophotocontest.com/arpetsofyear>

Volunteers Needed for Beer Festival

The annual *Paws for Rhythm and Brews* craft beer festival fund raiser keeps ARF's doors open. We at ARF know Saturdays are precious, and to show our appreciation to those who offer part of their day to help at our beer festival, we say, "Volunteer one shift, enjoy wine or beer the other shift." Our volunteers get to sample the fine craft beer and the wonderful Baily wines, along with enjoying the music of our fabulous blues band, the Super 100 Swing Loaded Blues Band. Some of our volunteers even enter the stein holding contest! If you'd like to be a part of the fun as an ARF volunteer, please email Janice at janicemurasko@yahoo.com. 

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We hope you understand...

Because ARF is an all-volunteer organization, we cannot staff the ARF phone except on weekends when the ARF House is open. And when a volunteer (or two) is on vacation, we are *really* stretched thin.

When you call us during the week, please leave a message. A volunteer checks the messages often throughout the day, every single day of the week. We will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have found a wandering dog and you have it in your possession, or if your pet has gone missing, please leave messages on both the ARF line 951-659-1122 and the search and rescue line 951-663-6642. We will return your call ASAP. If you spot a wandering dog, we can help by spreading the word on social media, but we cannot chase him as we are not trained, licensed, nor insured to do so. We will, however, assist dog guardians in the search of their missing pets.

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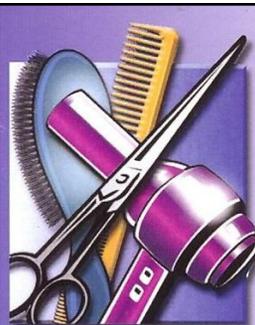
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