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Director's Message

2016 Was a Very Good Year

As 2016 rapidly approaches its end, I cannot help but take a look back at ARF and its accomplishments of this year. I am so very proud of the core group of volunteers and all of their hard work. What have we all accomplished? Let's take a look at just a few...

Another successful year of fund raising through events and grant writing: Our second annual beer festival was a rousing success, and the funds raised there were complimented by monies raised at yard sales and at our booth at the Christmas Tree Lighting event. We received several generous grants which have allowed us to create special funding to provide extended medical testing and procedures for our older pets. We may now offer assistance to low income families needing help with affording medical care for their pets. Other grants provided much needed funding for many ARF necessities. And of course, ARF would be no where without community members' donations of cash, food, and supplies that come to us on a regular basis.

High numbers of dog/cat intakes and adoptions: Considering what a small rescue ARF is, our adoption numbers were wonderful in 2016. With the addition of a few more foster families, we were able to accept more dogs to eventually be adopted. And when the chips were down and dogs needed fosters so we wouldn't be forced to take them to the shelter, several community members stepped up to help on a short-term basis.

Hard labor: ARF's board members, with the assistance of loyal volunteers, painted the cattery, cleaned the ARF yard (several times!), and spent hours organizing contents of several storage sheds.

Search and Rescue: More than 50 lost dogs were either picked up and held or actively searched for by ARF.

The important thing to remember is all of the above was done by kind-hearted, compassionate, animal-loving volunteers. We all loved doing it and will do it again in 2017. Maybe you will consider joining this wonderful group of volunteers in the new year??

Happy holidays from ARF!

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.

Pirate came to ARF when his guardian became too ill to care for him any longer. Pirate was enjoying a wonderful life with his fosters Lane and Rosalind until the day he met his forever parents, Pandora and Tapio Markkula, and his feline sister Kissa. His new family told me all about Pirate in his new home.

We lost our dear Daisy dog in October at the age of 17. We adopted her in Ft. Lauderdale FL in 2000 as a puppy of 6 months old. We were the third family to adopt her from the Humane Society of Broward County. We were patient and she was with us for the next 17 years. Three weeks after losing Daisy we were ready to bring another dog into our family.

We have had a vacation home in Idyllwild since 1991. We receive the *Town Crier* weekly in Rancho Cucamonga and saw Pirate's picture for several weeks. We called to see if he was still available and made arrangements to come up to see

him. Tapio kept saying "now this is just a look see" but in my heart I knew we would be bringing him home.

Pirate was pretty shaggy when we got him, but I really like the shaggy chic look. He is partial to women and has become my personal lap warmer. He is very good with cats, and our cat Kissa is very intrigued by him...she would never lay close with Daisy but will now jump into my lap when Pirate is there. He just ignores her. This is amazing. We have had Pirate for one month now. He will go on walks with Tapio and has had his first hair cut. He jumped into our bed the first night he was here and has slept with us every night since. He is a cuddler and loving dog...doesn't bark (only to alert) and will sit up for everything...loves to ride in the car.

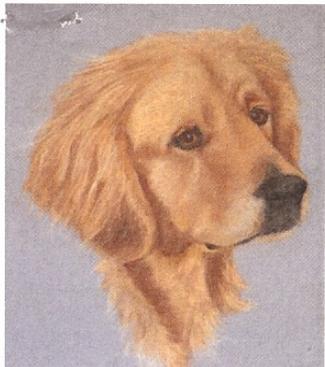


Daisy was our first adopted dog, and Pirate is our second. Unless one lands in our yard accidentally needing a home we will adopt forever and highly recommend this for everyone.

We kept Pirate's name because he has had it for 8 years, however we are having difficulty and seem to call him anything that starts with a "P" i.e. Patriot, Punkin, in face when I called the Vet for his checkup




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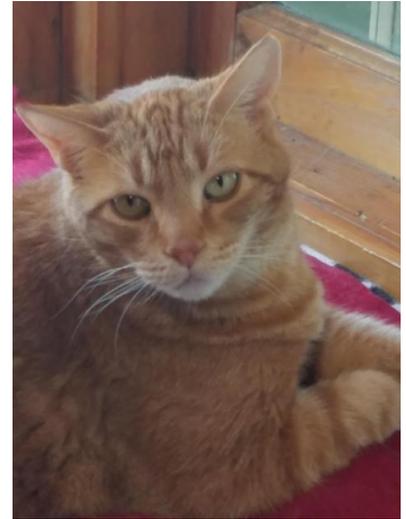


Nala

Nala, a boxer-mix, is ARF's newest canine family member. She will be 2-years old next month. Nala is an active girl who is housetrained and has very good manners. She is NOT barky and won't jump on your guests.

George now sports beautiful teeth after having a visit to the dentist. He is an older cat who loves to be petted, and he offers endless love in return.

Please come by the ARF House to meet George and Nala on the weekends, or call for an appointment during the week.



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Sadie Says

Winter Weather Danger



Happy holidays from Dr. Nastro and the clinic volunteers! Sadie's Clinic had a very busy and successful 2016 and is looking forward to a great 2017.

Some reminders to keep your pets safe during the winter, compliments of WebMD:

When cats and dogs are exposed to the cold for too long, their body temperature -- which is usually between 101°F and 102.5°F -- can drop fatally. Here's what you need to know as you keep a close eye on your pets in winter.

Hypothermia Symptoms in Dogs and Cats

- violent shivering, followed by listlessness
- weak pulse
- lethargy
- muscle stiffness
- problems breathing
- lack of appetite
- rectal temperature below 98°F
- coma
- cardiac arrest

Hypothermia Treatment

- Wrap your pet in a warm blanket or coat (you can warm blankets and coats in the dryer for a few minutes).
- Bring your pet into a warm room.
- Give your pet a solution of four teaspoons honey or sugar dissolved in warm water to drink. You can also put 1-2 teaspoons of corn syrup on the gums if your pet is too weak to drink. This provides an immediate energy boost.

Baxter's Buddies continued

I listed his name as Bandit...they called to re-schedule the appointment for Bandit and that was when I realized the mistake I had made. It is getting easier however we still refer to him as "she and her" most of the time.

We absolutely recommend anyone needing a dog or cat (or any animal) to check with your local Humane Society or Animal Rescue and give a homeless pet a forever home.



- Place warm, towel-wrapped water bottles against your pet's abdomen or at her armpits and chest, then wrap her in a blanket. Do not use hair dryers, heating pads, or electric blankets to warm up a hypothermic pet as this may result in burns or cause surface blood vessels to dilate, which compromises circulation to vital organs.
 - Call your veterinarian immediately.
- The best way to manage hypothermia is to avoid it. Keep your beloved fur babies indoors during the winter, especially on our very cold days and nights. No dog or cat should be left outdoors on this mountain. Dangerously cold weather and predators are a recipe for disaster!

Emergency veterinary hospitals open **24-hours** or **after hours** closest to our mountain communities:

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Teri Hardy
Director of Sadie's and Animal Welfare



A Home for the Holidays

We're helping these cats at ARF find a forever home this holiday season by donating 50% of their adoption fees through December and January.

For more information, please contact ARF at 951.659.1122 or email us at info@idyllwildarf.org.



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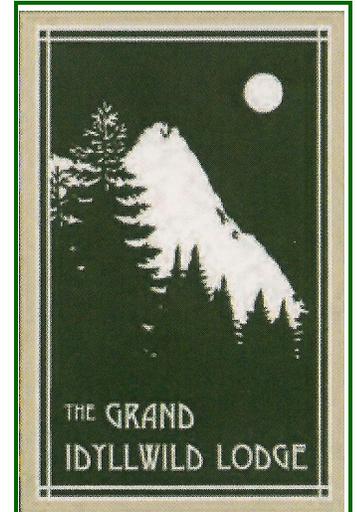


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The ARF House will be closed on Christmas Day, and open for just a few hours in the morning of December 24. We will be open on December 31, but closed on January 1. We wish you all a very wonderful holiday season.



From the Mailbox

Binky Thanks ARF for Finding Her a New Forever Family

Last month ARF received a lovely letter from Binky the cat who was adopted very recently. Binky and her buddy George came to ARF when their forever dad passed away. Binky has given us permission to reprint her letter for you to read.

Dear ARF,

Happy Thanksgiving to all my friends. This letter is to bring you up-to-date on my new family. My new mom and dad have adapted quite well to my needs, which include sleeping every night on their bed and pillows, lounging during the day in self-created burrows of fabric, on pillows in front of the heater, or wherever I damn well please, pretty much.



Breakfast is served in my mom's bathroom, and in the evening, I'm comfortable with a European dining experience around 9:00. The 3 dogs are wimps, so no trouble there. Alice Faye is the other cat (she was turned into ARF twice, so she's got a record) therefore you can only imagine the attitude. She now has a scratch on her nose and we haven't spoken since.

All in all it's working out and my thanks for approving my new parents. I think they're pretty dang cool.

Give George a hug (we don't kiss).

*Best to all,
Binky Bernice Killingworth*



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Watch for the big announcement on Facebook, the ARF website (www.idyllwildarf.com), and posters in town to learn how you and your dog, cat, or "other" can help you win some **AMAZING** valuable prizes!

This mountain Community rocks!

The ARF dogs, cats, and volunteers are so moved and touched by the generosity of all the community members who repeatedly filled the ARF wish list at the Fairway. We thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. Your donations will help keep ARF up and running through 2017.

Puppy hugs and kitty kisses!
We love you!



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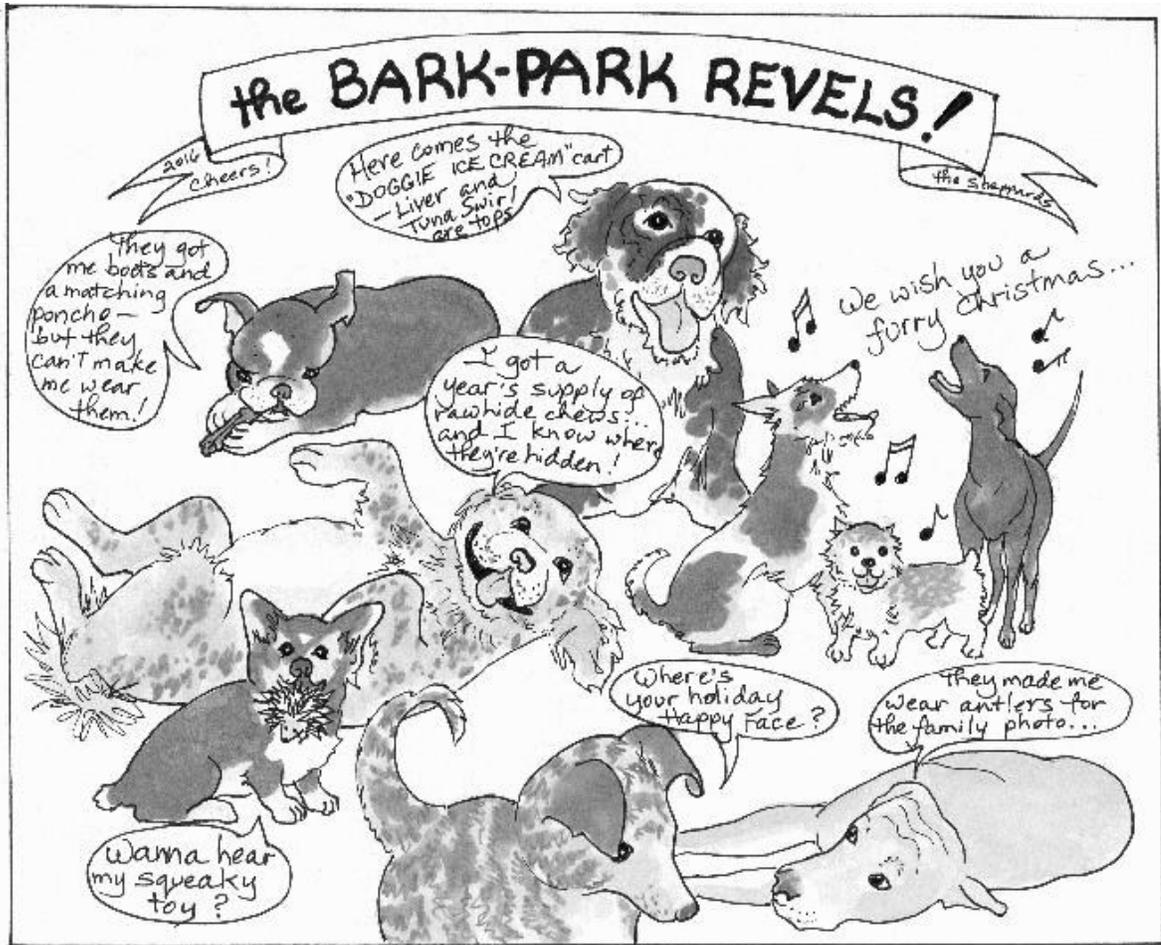
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When you call us during the week, please leave a message. A volunteer checks the messages often throughout the day, every single day of the week. We will return your call as soon as possible.

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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