



# Ruff Times



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## Director's Message

### Sharing Our Thanks

*Tis the time to be thankful, but the hard working volunteers here at ARF are always thankful. You see, we have much for which to be thankful. We have a wonderfully supportive community that steps up to support us in our mission to help pets on this mountain.*

*We have a caring, compassionate landlord who understands the complexities that come with everything from a maintaining a cattery to bills to be paid on a strict budget.*

*We have businesses that support us through hosting collection boxes, buying ads in this newsletter, posting flyers, and making sure we have what we need for special events.*

*We have an ARF angel in Portland who makes sure the ARF Gift Shop is stocked with beautiful handmade dog sweaters, at no cost.*

*We have angels all over this mountain who make monthly donations of either cash or supplies.*

*We have residents and visitors alike who share their love and support by dropping a dollar here and there in collection boxes around town.*

*And we have selfless, compassionate, and loving families who foster our pets awaiting forever homes.*

*And we have you, our faithful readers, who help us spread the word of helping pets in need.*

*Thank YOU, and we hope your Thanksgiving holiday is a peaceful, loving one.*



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# ARF...at a glance



What's the low-down with ARF? Take a look at ARF's stats as of mid-October. All of this with only 12 volunteers and 10 fosters!

## Community Outreach Communication

Facebook Page  
Website: arfidyllwild.weebly.com  
Monthly e-newsletter  
"Creature Corner" in *Town Crier*  
Listings on Petfinder.com  
Mailings with Mayor Max  
Post Office Notice Board  
Adoptees Display Case @ ARF House

## Search and Rescue Program

ARF launched a new program where a lost dog is reported to the S & R Hotline (951)663-6642 and volunteer Robert Hewitt is dispatched to search for the missing pet. In just the first five weeks of this program, nine dogs were reported missing, and all nine were found and reunited with their families!

## Rescue & Adoption Statistics

In 2011:

36 cats rescued, 22 adopted out  
34 dogs rescued, 32 adopted out

As of mid-October, 2012:

45 dogs rescued, 34 adopted out  
42 cats rescued, 34 adopted out

- ◇ 11 dogs and 4 cats were adopted out free of charge.
- ◇ Two adoptions were granted with an extremely flexible adoption fee\* payment plan.
- ◇ After grant funding was depleted, ARF paid for 14 spay/neuters out of its operating budget.

ARF is in continual contact with all foster families on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to address food, litter, medication, and veterinarian visit needs.

\*Adoption fees cover ARF's costs for spay/neuter, vaccinations, and other medical care.

## Community Outreach Programs

### Sadie's Clinic

*Dr. Michael Nastro DVM is on the hill at Sadie's Clinic (located at the ARF House) every other Friday to do vaccinations, well-pet checks, and to see dogs and cats who are ill or injured. All services are at reduced fees.*

### Chip-a-Thon

*ARF now microchips and registers any dog for FREE! ARF's interest is the safety of dogs in the unfortunate event that it becomes separated from its family.*

### Disaster Resources for Pets

*ARF and Sadie's Clinic, in conjunction with organizations on the hill dedicated to disaster preparedness, have worked together to create a plan to care for pets of this mountain community in the case of a disaster. ARF/Sadie's has established two emergency centers for sick or injured pets.*

### Sadie's Clinic Speakers' Series

*The Speaker's Series, launching November 18, 2012, is geared toward animal wellness, and each month a presentation will address a new topic. Presentations are free. Topics address will include pet acupuncture, dog aggression, pet Reike, pet nutrition, pet communication, to name a few.*



# Mayor Max Muses

## What do pets really want?

I think it is interesting that people think that dogs are very different from humans because, I guess, we don't talk much. While it's true that we don't talk in the human sense of the word, we are still living, breathing, sentient beings. For example, let's say you became mute for some reason. Would that now mean that you wouldn't mind being left alone or in the backyard for hours? Would it mean that you wouldn't want communication? Would it mean that you don't get hungry as often? Would it mean that you don't need to go to the bathroom so often?

Phyllis had a cat once that got into a fight with possum, and the possum bit off

her cat's tail. Upon taking the cat to the vet, the vet said, "Oh, the cat's not in any pain." Now, Phyllis knew the cat was in pain, because the cat was in so much pain, the cat's face was completely distorted and didn't look like her cat. The eyes were fixed and huge, and the cat held itself in a stiff rigid position, but it did NOT cry. Phyllis assured the vet that the cat was in pain and ordered some pain relief medication. Believe me, if you get your finger, or arm, or leg cut off, you will feel pain even if you can't speak.

A cold hard floor is a cold hard floor. Ten hours without going to the bathroom feels about like what you think it would feel.

Being ignored hurts our feelings.

We like love and communication as much as you do.

We do feel love and concern for our children.

Please be more sensitive with your pets. Ask yourself this: Would you like that treatment yourself?

Thank you for taking better care of your pets. No matter how good you are at it, I bet you know you could be better. Keep working on it. Pets pretty much want what you want. If you doubt it, try coming back next lifetime as a pet, and see how you like it.

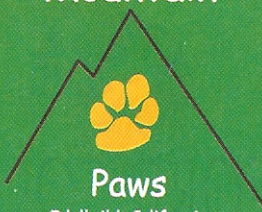
Love always,

Mayor Max



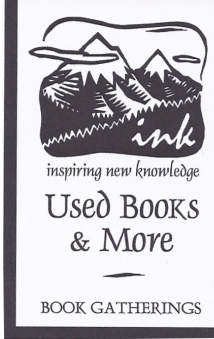
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## Sadie Says

# Thanksgiving & Your Pets

The holidays mean celebrations complete with lots of family members, friends, and LOTS of food! The average American gains, surprisingly, only one pound during the holiday season. That's not so much, but one pound on your pooch or kitty could have a significant impact. And what goes into your kitchen trash could pose a serious threat to your four-legged friends.

With this in mind, we offer the following suggestions for you and your pet. The last place you and your pet want to be is at the emergency veterinary hospital, especially while Grandpa and Aunt Dorothy finish all the pie!

- Avoid sharing rich and/or fatty table scraps with your pet. This includes turkey skin,

stuffing, and gravy.

- Do not give your pet bones from your turkey carcass. These bones are known to splinter and can get stuck in their throats, stomachs, and small intestines.
- Once you've carved your turkey, bag your carcass and take it out of the house immediately. Your pet will be tempted to investigate the wonderful smells coming from a container inside your home. Once outside, dispose of your turkey carcass in a pet-proof, garbage can with a tight-fitting lid.
- Remember that onion, grapes, raisins, chocolate, and uncooked dough are all serious poisons for your four-leggeds. 🐾

## Speakers' Series Schedule

**NOVEMBER 18:** Miles Thomas *Acupuncture and Your Pet* Mr. Thomas is the new owner of Idyllwild Community Acupuncture.

**JANUARY 6:** Nan Arthur *Aggression in Dogs* Ms. Arthur is the author of Chill Out Fido and owner of Whole Dog Training in San Diego. [wholedogtraining.com](http://wholedogtraining.com)

**JANUARY 19:** Dr. Monica Diedrich, Pet Communicator *Inter-Species Communication* On this day, Dr. Diedrich will be working with individuals and their pets, as well as speaking 12:30-2:00. [Petcommunicator.com](http://Petcommunicator.com) (NOTE: This event will be held at the Nature Center. **More details to follow**)

**FEBRUARY 17:** Dr. Susan Foster *Energy Healing (Reiki)* PhD. in Clinical Psychology

**MARCH 23:** Margarat Nee *K9 Wellness Support, Nutrition for Dogs* [theartofdog.com](http://theartofdog.com)

**APRIL 21:** Janice Murasko *Safety First! Children and Dogs* Bring your kids!  
[mtpawly.com](http://mtpawly.com)

Speakers' Series events will be held at Mountain Pawlytechnic Canine Education, 23400 Hwy 243 in Pine Cove, 3 to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted. These events are free of charge and open to everyone. Please, no dogs. Questions? [shelab@greencafe.com](mailto:shelab@greencafe.com) or [janicemurasko@yahoo.com](mailto:janicemurasko@yahoo.com).

## Trainer Talk

### Being a Good Dog Parent

Being a good dog parent involves much more than providing a dog house and some kibble. A good dog parent is fair. A good dog parent takes time to teach his/her dog, works to communicate with him, and is consistent in dog-human interactions. A good dog parent is also her dog's advocate.

In order to get started on the right foot as a good dog parent, one must understand dogs. Understanding a few simple facts about your canine family member can go a long way. Understand that: 1) Dogs are amoral. They do *not* understand right from wrong, but they *do* know safe from unsafe. 2) Dogs are opportunistic and self-centered. What's in it for them? 3) Dogs are social. 4) Dogs are very capable of learning from their actions, and they do. 5) Dogs explore the world with their mouths.

Once a dog parent understands these five facts, training and living with a dog becomes much easier. So how does a pet parent use this information to his and his dog's advantage? He should put himself in his dog's place and try to see the world from Fido's perspective.

First of all, be fair. Remember that dogs are amoral and that they don't do things to "get back" at their owners. They are incapable of doing so! They are constantly learning, and their learning includes exploring the world with their mouths. They take advantage of opportunities when they can.

Help your dog learn. Be a good teacher! Punishing a dog for something she does is not nearly as effective as teaching her what you want her to do. Guide her into making good decisions.

Communicate clearly with Fido. Use positive reinforcement when you catch him doing desirable behaviors. Let him know what you *want* him to do! When he is doing something unacceptable, interrupt the behavior and help him understand what it is you *want* him to do instead.

Inconsistency not only confuses a dog, but it can cause fear and anxiety, and this can lead to behavioral problems. When you give Fido a bite of your sandwich during lunch, but then punish

## FREE Chip-a-Thon!

Your dog should not pay the price during this tough economy, and to make sure she doesn't, **ARF will micro-chip your dog this Friday\* at Sadie's Clinic for free.** Get your four-legged buddy micro-Chipped so that she may make her way home to you should you be separated.

Can't make it to Sadie's this Friday? Keep your eyes and ears open for more Chip-a-Thon dates to be announced very soon.

\*Make an appointment to avoid waiting 659-1122

him for begging at the table during dinner, you are sending mixed messages which serve only to confuse him. Just as a good parent does with her toddler, a good dog parent should set household rules and stick to them. If the rule is Fido is not allowed to jump on people, make sure the rule is always followed by all family members *and house guests*.

Be your dog's advocate! A dog who feels safe is a much happier dog, and a happier dog is a welcomed member of the family. Protect your dog from overwhelming situations, and avoid putting her in stressful places. If your dog shows signs of stress around groups of active children, don't take her to the playground. Don't assume that your puppy wants to be surrounded by a group of well-intentioned people. **Learn to read your dog's body language!** The ASPCA web site provides a great resource for this. Doing so can help you protect your dog from being placed in a stressful, frightful situation, AND it can help protect people from being bitten by a dog whose only method of speaking up for itself is through its actions. 🐾

Janice Murasko  
KPA CTP APDT

# So, Just What is This “Chipping” Thing?

No doubt you've heard ARF, time and time again, encouraging dog owners to get their dogs “chipped.” “Chipped” is just an abbreviated way of saying microchipped. But what, exactly, is this microchip thing all about?

Microchipping involves using a syringe to insert a microchip between the scapula (scruff of the neck). The particular injected chip is associated with a unique ID code that is registered to your pet. After the initial “chipping,” an ARF staff member will enroll your dog's ID code along with your contact information. Should your dog be scanned at a shelter, rescue, clinic, or animal hospital, the code on the chip will identify the dog as yours.

Why have your dog chipped? Consider this: Getting lost is the NUMBER ONE cause of death for pets...and one in three pets goes missing during its lifetime. Without ID, 90% of pets never return home.

Your dog has a collar and an ID tag, you say? Remember, dogs often slip out of collars and tags can be torn off. If your dog is stolen, the tags can be removed, *but the chip cannot*.

You are very careful to keep your dog indoors, with you at all times? Wonderful! But can you positively guarantee that while traveling, you and

your dog won't be separated? Can you be absolutely certain that in an emergency or natural disaster, situations won't ever be out of your control? Is it possible your handyman could be distracted and inadvertently leave the back door open?

What about the cost? If cost is an issue for you, ARF has the solution. You may get your dog(s) chipped for FREE. This includes the cost of the actual chip and lifetime registration. Call ARF/Sadie's Clinic at 951-659-1122 to get more information and/or to make an appointment. Chipping is available at Sadie's Clinic during clinic hours (every other Friday).



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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.

*Bojangles, who was originally named Bo Peep (oops!), is the subject of this month's profile. BoJangles is the sweetest LITTLE kitten we at ARF have seen in quite a while. ~~She~~ he became known to ARF volunteers as "the flying monkey," "Superman," and "Crazy Kitty," with his ability fly from any cat tree onto any person's shoulder or head. But he stole everyone's heart, especially the heart of one volunteer who took him home to foster. But now Bojangles is a member of a wonderful family. Lon Haber, his new "dad", tells his story.*

## **How did you come to make this ARF adoption?**

I have had cats for my entire life and for many years had 4. Two of them lived to be 19 and 17 and they both recently died, within the past year, and we were ready for a new family member. Originally we went looking for a puppy, but it was early Sunday morning and ya'll (ARF) had just opened and no dogs were there. I peeked into the kitty room to see the most beautiful black and white kitty directly across the room from me, sitting proudly on his kitty tree as the sun shone on him through the window. I knew at that moment we were meant for each other.

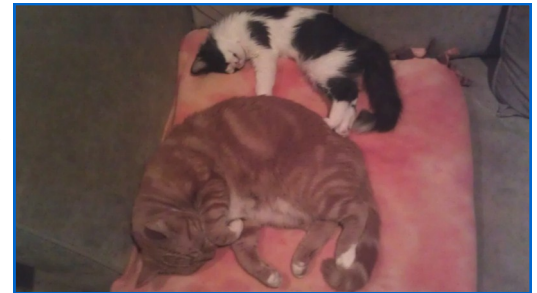
## **How did you come to know of ARF?**

My friends who are Idyllwild residents have adopted from ARF before and they suggested it.



## **Do you have any cute/unique stories about your adoptee?**

He is the most loving and incredible little boy in the world. He is wild



and spontaneous and loves to snuggle, give me kisses, ride or sit on my shoulders and play like a wild cat.

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

As he shows himself to us and grows each day, we have different names for him. We elongated Bojangles to give him a proper Southern Gentleman's name of Beauregard Jangles the First and sometimes call him Bo... but for some reason the name Koz (or affectionately Kozi) has become the name he responds to most. Interestingly enough Bojangles aka Kozi is pretty much the masculine combination of our two female cats that were with me since freshman year in college (and I'm now 35) and had the most entertaining and loving dispositions. In her golden years, I would call Cleo, Cozi... and one morning as Bojangles was waking up and looking toward me I called him Kozi and he came running!

## **Do you have any words of encouragement or recommendation for someone considering pet adoption?**

Do it. Animals are better than people and will love you forever. Just as long as you're a responsible and thoughtful and loving person who will care for an animal and let them be as free as possible, I can't imagine a better thing to do (that and having babies).



## Support ARF While Having Fun Thanksgiving Weekend

Shopping, shopping, shopping! The call of the holidays! Get a head start on your holiday gift buying while supporting local artists, non-profits, and businesses on Thanksgiving weekend in Idyllwild.

On Saturday, November 24, you can check off some of the gifts on your list AND support ARF and its mission at the same time.

At Café Aroma, from 1-3 p.m., local photographer and pet advocate Frank Bruynbroek will be signing copies of his newest book *COMPAWSION*. He will also be selling his 2013 calendars. A portion of his book and calendar sales will be donated to ARF.



*"In photographing rescued dogs Frank Bruynbroek has immersed himself in a project of deep and poignant beauty. Each portrait is a searing guided missile straight to the heart."*

— William Wegman

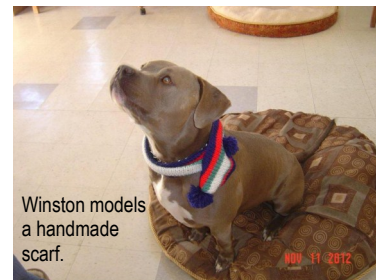
## EMERGENCY!

Pet poisoning is truly an emergency, so being prepared for this situation is crucial. The ASPCA has an pet poison hotline (888) 426-4435, but it's not the only one. You might also want to investigate [petpoisonhotline.com](http://petpoisonhotline.com) (Animal Poison Control Center). This site also offers an iPhone app and a link for emergency instructions.

Please be aware that these hotlines do charge for assistance-ASPCA \$65, Animal Poison Control Center, \$39.

ARF does not specifically endorse any one hotline, but it does encourage you to be prepared. Have a number prominently posted in your home.

At the same time, ARF volunteers will be hosting a booth at the tree lighting festivities where shoppers may find beautiful handmade dog sweaters and scarves. The sweaters and scarves are made with love and donated by a pet-loving Portland resident who is a true ARF angel. All items are available for a suggested donation. And to help ward off the cold weather, ARF will be offering hot cider and hot coco for a small donation. The booth will be open from 10-4.



Winston models a handmade scarf.



## FUN PET FACTS

- \*Survivors of the Titanic included two dogs: a Pekingese belonging to Henry Sleeper Harper and a Pomeranian belonging to Miss Margaret Hays.
- \*The oldest breed of dog native to North America is the Chihuahua.
- \*An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that 33 percent of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.
- \*An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.
- \*At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.
- \*Seventy percent of people sign their pet's name on greeting cards and 58 percent include their pets in family and holiday portraits, according to a survey done by the American Animal Hospital Association.
- \*Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs have about only ten.
- \*Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not sweat by salivating. They sweat through the pads of their feet.



Help them find a home



# Adoptees of the Month



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Faith was found running along side of the highway in the mountains. She was picked up by someone passing by and was found to have Parvo.

She was rushed to the vet and got excellent care. She is now healthy and ready to find her forever loving family.



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Heidi is an adult female tortie. She lost her human suddenly, and is looking for a quiet indoor home to lay in the sun. Won't you let Heidi into your heart and home? She'll be forever thankful.





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# Sadie's Clinic Speakers' Series

Sunday, November 18  
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## *Acupuncture for Your Pets*

Free admission, donations accepted  
3-4 p.m. @ Mountain Pawlytechnic  
Canine Education

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## No Room for Another Dog or Cat? Consider a Virtual Adoption!

Volunteers at ARF hear it every weekend: "I'd love to help by adopting another dog/cat, but I have no more room!" Heck, ARF volunteers themselves say this day in and day out! But there is good news! You can help that adorable dog or cat without bringing it into your home. You may *virtually* adopt that precious pet. The beautiful Siamese momma cat in the ARF cattery is the first to be virtually adopted.



You may "adopt" a pet for a month, months, or a year. The monthly costs cover food, a dog's monthly heartworm, and in the case of a cat, litter. You want might opt to cover the cost of the pet's spay/neuter or its vaccinations instead of a monthly adoption.

Interested? Contact us at 951-659-1122 or [info@idyllwildarf.org](mailto:info@idyllwildarf.org).



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"There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings and walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given."

Suzanne Clothier



ARF Volunteers Robert Hewitt and Marty Krieger work hard to complete the outdoor cattery at the ARF House. When the weather is not too cold, the window of the indoor cattery will be opened to allow ARF cats accessibility to safe time in the great outdoors.