



# ICARE

*Inyo/Mono County Animal Resources and Education*



## About ICARE

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Inyo/Mono County Animal Resources and Education (ICARE) is a local 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 1997. We receive **no government funding and have no paid employees**. Your donations go directly to the animal welfare programs described under Programs below.

- 🐾 ICARE is dedicated to the welfare of the Eastern Sierra's companion animals;
- 🐾 ICARE provides low-cost dog and cat spay/neuter surgeries for pet owners in financial need;
- 🐾 ICARE promotes adoptions from our local animal shelter through adoption specials; and
- 🐾 ICARE increases public awareness of the pet overpopulation crisis and other animal welfare issues through our web site and social media.

## Programs

**Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Assistance** prevents the birth of unwanted litters. ICARE, in cooperation with local veterinarians, provides financial assistance for Inyo and Mono County pet owners who would otherwise be unable to afford vital **spay and neuter surgeries** for their pets (**\$700,000 spent on 16,000 since 1997**). ICARE also pays the cost of spaying/neutering all Inyo County Shelter animals, which makes the cost of adoption more affordable.

**Stitch Fund** - The ICARE "Stitch Fund" was established in 2002 to provide lifesaving veterinary care for ill or injured Inyo County Shelter animals, so they can recover and be placed up for adoption. To date, **\$140,000 has been spent saving the lives of 312 special needs Shelter animals**.

**Adoption Specials** - ICARE pays the cost of adopters' spay/neuter deposits bringing the adoption cost to just \$10. In the past 23 years, we have paid **\$41,754 in adoption sponsorship fees**.

## Accomplishments

♥ **New Animal Shelter** - Since 1996, ICARE has provided hundreds of volunteer hours and spent thousands on improvements to the **old** Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine. In 2015, **ICARE raised \$416,000 to build Inyo County's NEW Animal Shelter!** What a blessing this is to our homeless cats and dogs, as well as the hard-working Shelter staff who care for them as they await adoption.

♥ **Shelter Impounds** - Inyo County Animal Shelter **impounds** (strays and owner turn-ins) **have decreased 52%** (from 1,164 in 1995 to 553 in 2023). In the past 27 years ICARE's spay/neuter program has prevented the birth of thousands of kittens and puppies, which equals fewer and fewer cats, kittens, dogs and puppies ending up at the Animal Shelter each year.

♥ **Shelter Adoptions** at the Inyo County Animal Shelter have **increased an incredible 408%** (from 82 in 1996 to 335 in 2023). Adoption promotion, as well as the ICARE Stitch Fund helping special needs Shelter pets become adoptable, has all contributed to this success story.

♥ **Saving Lives** - Most importantly, as a direct result of ICARE's animal welfare programs, **the number of cats and dogs euthanized** at the Inyo County Animal Shelter **has dropped an amazing 98%** (from 1,784 in 1995 to 33 in 2023). We know one is too many, but together we are getting there.

**None of this would be possible without the incredible support**