



ICARE

Inyo/Mono County Animal Resources and Education



About ICARE

Inyo/Mono County Animal Resources and Education (ICARE) is a local nonprofit organization founded in 1997. We receive no government funding, have no paid employees and your donations go directly to the programs listed below. ICARE:

- ▶ is dedicated to the welfare of the Eastern Sierra's companion animals;
- ▶ provides low-cost dog and cat spay/neuter surgeries for those in financial need;
- ▶ promotes adoptions from our local animal shelter on our web site & Facebook page; and
- ▶ increases public awareness of the pet overpopulation crisis and other animal welfare issues through our newsletter, web site and newspaper articles.

Programs

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Assistance - To prevent the birth of unwanted litters, ICARE, in cooperation with our local veterinarians, provides financial assistance for those who would otherwise be unable to afford vital spay and neuter surgeries for their pets.

Trap, Neuter & Return Feral Cat Program - ICARE lends cat traps and provides funding for the cost of sterilizing feral cat colonies.

Stitch Fund - The ICARE "Stitch Fund" was established in 2004 to pay for lifesaving veterinary care for ill or injured Inyo County Shelter animals to give them an improved chance of finding loving homes. To date, over \$79,000 has been spent helping special needs Shelter animals.

Happy Pet Fund - enhances the well-being of cats and dogs during their stay at the Inyo County Animal Shelter by providing beds, toys, treats and other comforting items.

Obedience Classes - ICARE subsidizes 50% of the cost of Obedience Classes for dogs/puppies adopted from both the Inyo County and Mono County Animal Shelters.

Accomplishments

♥ ICARE has provided hundreds of volunteer hours and funded \$35,000 in improvements to the *old* Inyo County Animal Shelter in Big Pine since 1997. In 2015, ICARE raised \$416,000 for Inyo County's \$800,000 brand NEW Animal Shelter in Big Pine, California!

♥ In the past 18 years, ICARE has spent \$530,000 (from our amazing donors!) on 12,210 spay/neuter surgeries for cats and dogs in need. This has prevented the birth of thousands of unwanted kittens and puppies. Consequently, Inyo County Shelter impounds (strays and owner turn-ins) have decreased 47% (1,164 in 1995 to 609 in 2015). We helped 722 cats and dogs with the cost of their spays/neuters in 2015 at a cost of \$40,000.

♥ ICARE's promotion and photographs of Inyo County's Shelter animals increased adoptions by 407% (82 in 1996 to 334 in 2015). The *Inyo Register* has published nearly 2,000 ICARE photos of Shelter cats and dogs in their "Pets of the Week" feature since 1997!

♥ Most importantly, as a direct result of all of ICARE's animal welfare programs, the number of cats and dogs euthanized at the Inyo County Animal Shelter has dropped an amazing 97% (from 1,784 in 1995 to 49 in 2015). Of course, one is too many, but we're getting there!

**None of this would be possible without the incredible support
of our faithful members and donors. Thank You! J**