

# ICARE News

## Izard County Animal Rescue Effort

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### It's Been A Tough Year

We all know it's been a tough year for all of us. The economy has not been good for you or for ICARE. In spite of this, so many of you reached deep into your pockets and gave what you could to continue to help animals in our area. For this, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. All of these little guys and girls, and so many others who have found forever homes, are pretty darn thankful to you also.



ICARE volunteers haven't been sitting around just waiting for times to get better either. Here are a few photos of a couple of our events that brought in much needed funds (again, thanks to YOUR sup-

port).

Our Dog Wash & Dips in July and August were hot, wet, and lots of fun for our volunteers plus providing protection for pets from fleas and ticks. A Rabies Clinic was provided in conjunction with our Dip Day in July.

*This big guy is enjoying his bath!*



*Dr. Nanci Solis providing rabies shots.*

In September, we had lots of cooperation from the weather. It was a beautiful day for ICARE's Annual Poker Run.



*Lots of nice bikes.*

*And lots of good food.*



Many thanks to Lisa & Shane for letting us hold these events at Corner Drugstore! Don't forget our Annual Chili Supper & Auction on Oct. 29 and Pet Photos on Dec. 3.

### Lady Russell

Carl Russell adopted Lady from ICARE in August 2010 and has been training her to be a service dog. Here they are making the day a little brighter for residents of a nursing home in Calico Rock.



### ASPCA Grant Awarded to ICARE

On September 1, 2011, ICARE was notified that an application for funds for our Voucher Spay/Neuter Program for low-income residents of our county had been approved. The ASPCA generously approved funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to be used to support this program. This will allow us to alter many pets of low-income residents of our county and to reduce the number of unwanted litters that would otherwise be born in the coming months.

All of us at ICARE are very grateful to the ASPCA for providing these much-needed funds. To find out if you qualify for the program, please call ICARE at 870-368-5000 or call Marleen at 870-297-8783. If you qualify, we will send you an application and get your pet fixed.

### Do You Wonder Where Your Donation Goes?

\$ 5 Treats a dog for internal parasites (worms).

\$12 Protects a large dog from fleas & ticks for one month.

\$11 Provides a series of 3 puppy shots.

\$20 Will feed a large dog for about a month (we use over 1,000 lbs. of dog food a month)

\$75 Will spay a dog and get a rabies shot (we've spayed/neutered almost 180 foster animals this year). All our dogs & cats are spayed & neutered before being adopted.

## ICARE Volunteers Rock

There just aren't enough homes for all the litters of puppies and kittens born each year in our area. So far, this year alone, ICARE has taken in over 190 animals and found forever homes for over 170 animals. Still, we always seem to have more than 100 animals in our foster/adoption program waiting to be found by their special person. Far more often

than we'd like, we simply have no room to take in more animals in need.

Remember also, that once ICARE has taken an animal into our system, we provide not only food and shelter—we provide routine health care (flea/tick control, vaccinations, parasite control), any veterinary care they may need (illness, injuries), and,

last but not least, every animal is spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

ICARE volunteers donate hours upon hours upon hours of their time (and, many times, their money) to make it work. Why do they do this? Because every single one of them can truly say "I Care." They don't just talk the talk—they walk the walk. **Every day.**

## What About the Litters?

What is ICARE doing about all these litters of puppies and kittens? We are providing financial support to make spay/neuter services affordable to area residents.

Almost 70 animals were altered this year through a SNAP grant that ICARE was awarded.

Our In-Between Program, which began in September of 2010 and is funded solely by ICARE, has provided coupons to defray the cost of spay/neuter services for over 100 animals.

Our low-income program has already issued over 55 vouchers this year and is on-going, funded

by ICARE and grants. Thanks to a recent grant from the ASPCA, the voucher program is going strong!

That's what ICARE is doing—providing ICARE funds and scrambling for grants to help area residents get their pets spayed and neutered BEFORE they have another litter!

## Poppy Has A Home

Poppy has been in need of a home for a long while. He just loves people. Jody Kever, Administrator of Pioneer Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Melbourne wanted a more homelike environment for the residents of the facility. Many homes have pets. Voila! PNRC adopted Poppy from ICARE and, so far, it appears to be a match made in heaven.



*Poppy on hallway patrol.*



*Gotta' help the nurses!*

*Poppy visits with a resident.*



*Been workin' hard! Naptime!*