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# ICARE News

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**"Puppies are nature's remedy for feeling unloved,  
plus numerous other ailments of life."**

**Richard Allan Palm**

## Be on the Lookout for Upcoming ICARE Events

- Watch for our float in the Pioneer Day Parade the first Saturday in May in Melbourne.
- See our booth at Dogwood Days in Horseshoe Bend.
- Monthly Dog Wash 'N Dip in Melbourne, starting in May. Dates to be announced.
- Musical and Silent Auction in June at Ozarka College in Melbourne.
- Doggie Basket Raffle tickets will be available at Pioneer Day, Dogwood Days, and at the musical in June.

ICARE was one of three organizations in Arkansas who received funds collected by the state through sale of spay/neuter license plates.

Many thanks to Steve of Steve's Shop in Violet Hill for fostering Blaize, a malnourished and abused horse, for two months. Without Steve's support, ICARE could not have helped Blaize.

### MEMORIAL

In memory of his wife, Nancy, and in honor of Savannah, the dog they adopted from ICARE, Jimmie Cwiklinski donated \$250 to ICARE.

## Year's First Fundraiser a Huge Success

ICARE kicked off the year's fundraising with the annual Paws and Claws Rummage Sale the last Friday and Saturday in February at the Izard County Fairgrounds in Melbourne. This, the ninth year for this event, was the most successful to date. We believe the secret to this success is the tremendous community involvement and support.

First, area residents clean out their closets, attics, garages, pack up items they no longer need or want, and then donate these items to ICARE.

Next, many ICARE volunteers put in many hours to unpack, sort, arrange, and price all the donated

goods: clothing, books, appliances, glassware—the list goes on and on.



Then comes the first day of the sale. ICARE volunteers open the doors to greet hundreds of people, again members of our great community. Bar-

gains abound, and there's always something for everyone. For those shoppers who need a break, a snack bar is on-site with everything from coffee and pastries to lunch and sodas.

This is a win-win-win event: 1) a good place to get rid of all that "stuff" that clutters; 2) a great place to purchase things you need and want at truly rock-bottom prices; and 3) a source of much-needed funds for ICARE to continue our mission of helping animals in Izard County.

Many, many thanks to each and every one of you who supported ICARE's Ninth Annual Paws and Claws Rummage Sale.

## ICARE's First PIP Graduate

Good Morning! My name is Skipper and I am ICARE's very first graduate of the Paws in Prison Program at the ADC Northcentral Unit in Calico Rock. I passed my training test with flying colors and even graduated early; I promise, I'm a very good boy. I just get

frightened easily so I'm looking for a very gentle home with people who understand how timid I am. Can you please help me? I have so much love to give; there must be someone out there who is looking for a BFF just like me. Love, Skipper

PS I've already been neutered and my shots are up-to-date.



More about PIP on P.2

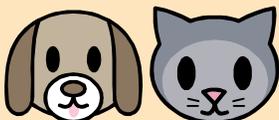


### ASPCA Grant Utilized in IZARD County

In October of 2011, ICARE (Izard County Animal Rescue Effort) was awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the ASPCA to fund our voucher program to spay and neuter pets belonging to residents of Izard County who meet the low-income requirements. These funds have now been completely utilized to alter forty-eight dogs and cats in Izard County. What this means is that countless puppies and kittens will not be born into a world that has no place for them; they will never suffer from neglect, starvation, disease or injuries because there aren't enough caring homes for them all.

ICARE is very grateful to the ASPCA for their generosity. For those of you who donate to national animal welfare organizations, we want you to know that the ASPCA helps animals everywhere through their support of local organizations. Remember – forty-eight dogs and cats in Izard County were spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies, because the ASPCA provided financial support to ICARE.

Many thanks to the ASPCA from all the ICARE volunteers.



ICARE continues to support spay/neuter through our SNAP grant (for dogs) and our low-income voucher program and coupon program (for both dogs and cats). Call us if you need to have your pet fixed.

### Lollipop—A Story of Tragedy & Survival

Article by Delories Brown

It was a cold, very dark night. I was winding through unmarked country roads. A dispatcher was guiding me to an abandoned home. Two Izard County deputies were waiting; waiting with the bodies of a Jack Russell and 1 of her 4 puppies. Three other puppies were clinging to life. One of the puppies died before I got home. Sadly, another died three days later.

Lollipop was determined to live. Her terrier tenacity was alive. She gained every day. Lollipop won the heart of anyone meeting her. She made the most of every day. When old enough, she was adopted by a couple from Russellville. They report that she is doing a great job of running their lives.



The owner of the Jack Russell, who had been a member of their family for years, said that he had left her with her newborn family inside the house with heat four weeks earlier. A neighbor/family were to feed and water them until space was made for the pets at the new location. Instead, all but one died slowly of starvation and dehydration. The responsibility falls back on the owner. He was fined for neglect.

### Paws in Prison

ICARE is participating in a wonderful win-win program sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Corrections. Selected dogs are fostered by inmates at the Northcentral Unit at Calico Rock. For several weeks, the inmates care for and socialize these dogs 24/7 and, under the supervision of a trainer, take these dogs through basic obedience

training. This serves to make these dogs better candidates for adoption while also providing many positive experiences for the selected inmates who are allowed to care for them.

The official first graduation is on April 25 but, in addition to Skipper (article on page 1), Brandi also graduated early and has been adopted into her new

home.



**Brandi with her new owner on adoption day.**

### Donations with Property Tax Payments

A recent decision by the Arkansas attorney-general no longer allows donations to non-profits to be collected along with property tax payments. While this has been very convenient for those who wish to support ICARE, it will not be possible in the future.

already sent donations directly to ICARE in lieu of a voluntary donation with their tax payments. If you have not done so and wish to continue to support ICARE, your tax deductible contribution can be sent to:

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You can also donate online through PayPal by visiting our website at **www.icare-ark.com**.

As always, your support and generosity is appreciated more than we can say. Without it, we would not be able to carry out our mission of helping animals in Izard County.