

# BARC News

Benevolent Animal  
Rescue Committee &  
Bear Mountain Dog Rescue  
Christmas/Winter 2008

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## MEET OUR PETS – Apple Valley PetSmart

BARC is now showing adoptable pets at PetSmart in Apple Valley every other Saturday—thanks to our lead kennel tech, Ginger Stuart and volunteer Joyce Vlahos.

“Maxwell,” one of our large Lucerne dogs, just got adopted last week after his debut at the Apple Valley PetSmart.



“We are very excited to be showing some of the large dogs housed in the Lucerne Valley facility, at the store every other Saturdays. This will give these large dogs the extra exposure they so desperately need to find the perfect home!”, says Ginger Stuart, who runs the BARC Lucerne Valley facility for large dogs.

**Thank you, Ginger, for all the hard work and love you show our dogs!**

BARC also features pets every other Saturday at our two Inland Empire locations: **Petco - Redlands** 27580 West Lugonia Ave. Redlands, CA 92374 and **Petco - Fontana** 16639 Sierra Lakes Pkwy Fontana, CA 92335, in addition to our new Apple Valley location at **PetSmart Apple Valley** 19011 Bear Valley Rd., Apple Valley, CA, 92308.

**Help the many, many “throwaway” pets that need rescuing!**



There’s definitely that chill in the air, as we head into winter! Our dogs are enjoying the cooler weather, as well as visits from potential adopters.



With summer vacations over and school in session, this is a great time to adopt a new addition for your family, don’t you think? **Keep checking out our website and note that we have some pretty amazing dogs and cats available for adoption!**

The more adoptions we have, the more rescues we can do. This is crucial right now, as our facilities are constantly at capacity, and the county animal shelters continue to burst at the seams!

**The housing crisis is not over, and sweet, loving pets are abandoned.** While we at BARC/BMDR continue to “hang in there” and take in as many dumped animals as we humanly can, times are tough for us as well. With donations down, the bills still have to be paid, and we struggle to “eek” by each month. With the exception of the kennel staff, we volunteer our time for the animals.

**BARC/BMDR was one of the two organizations awarded the "Humane Heroes" award in the "Rescue" category during POPCO's 10th Anniversary Award Ceremony.** Congratulations to all of our donors, staff and volunteers for helping to make this possible!



Remember, our facilities are **no-kill**, meaning that our dogs and cats will stay with us as long as it takes for them to find that perfect home. During that time, they still need food, care, cleaning, and vet care.

***We need your continued support! BARC/BMDR exists solely on donations. We don’t receive help from the government or from large corporations—just wonderful individuals like you donors!***

## HOW CAN YOU HELP BARC/BMDR?

In addition to using the enclosed donation envelope to help BARC/BMDR put an end to animal suffering—*one pet at a time*—here are some things you can do:



1. **Becoming A Foster Parent:** Due to the housing foreclosure crisis, our facilities are constantly at capacity. The more committed foster parents we have, the more dogs we can rescue!
2. **Cell Phone & Cartridge Recycling Center:** The recycling center that used to give us \$ for these items is no longer in operation. We need a new center that can give us cash for the many cell phones and cartridges we've collected!
3. **Help at our Pet Adoption Shows:** We could sure use help in transportation of animals to the shows, which includes loading/unloading crates, setting up pens and meeting with prospective adopters. Shows are held every Saturday from 11am – 3pm at PetCo in Redlands. We will also be showing in PetSmart in Apple Valley. Our lead kennel technician, Ginger Stuart, will be coordinating the Apple Valley

shows, which will be about 2 Saturdays per month. Let us know if you can help!

4. **Fundraising-Fundraising-Fundraising:** During these challenging economic times, donations have decreased, but not our costs! *If you have any ideas or opportunities to help us increase our revenues, please let us know, either by phone, letter or e-mail.*

5. **Physical Donations:** We always need dog food, cat food, detergent, leashes & collars, paper towels, disinfectant cleaner, dog beds, towels and blankets.

## HAPPY ENDINGS

BARC/BMDR *love* our happy endings!

We're especially thrilled when a long-term resident finds that perfect home.



Remember “Annie,” the gorgeous malamute mix who’s been with us over 4 years? Well, here she is getting a back rub and loving head pats from her new owner!!

Annie has been placed in a fabulous home in the high desert area. She is very loved and has made herself “at home” as soon as she walked into the door!

“Cindy” (original name was “Fancy”), the active border collie mix, also found a home recently—to another BARC/BMDR adopter!

*Since the large dogs take a lot longer to place than the little guys, it is truly a celebration when they find that perfect home!*



Here's an example of our monthly expenses to keep rescuing and caring for homeless pets:

Kennel Staff: \$4,800 | Mortgage: \$2,800  
| Utilities: \$800 | Veterinary: \$2,000 |  
Transport: \$800

Please note that these are bare-bones monthly expenses just to keep our facilities open.

Anything else, such as repairs, capital improvements, special projects are extra and are not even considered during these tough economic times. ***Please be generous with our dogs and cats during this Holiday Season!***



## FEATURED PETS—SOME SAY BIGGER IS BETTER!!

Sometime the big guys tend to be overlooked in favor of the small dogs but we know that some say that BIGGER IS BETTER!! For that reason BARC has extended its efforts by showing off its larger dogs as often as possible at the Apple Valley PetSmart every other Saturday from 11-3 pm. ***We love our large dogs but unfortunately, other shelters tend to euthanize large dogs.*** We know at times is difficult to take a large dog and can take a few years to adopt out a large dog (especially black dogs) but ***we are glad when we do, and so are the folks to adopt them!***

If you like to run or go on long walks, you won't find a better running buddy! If you live alone, a large dog will make you feel safe.

Considering a large dog for your family?

See what we have to offer @ [www. BARCONLINE.COM](http://www.BARCONLINE.COM)



## KUDOS TO OUR DONORS

*Thanks to those who have donated to BARC/BMDR during the past quarter:*

Donna Blatherwick, Dora Huff (& Cassidy), James & Leslie Stepan, James Rose, Joan Synovec, Laura Toller Gardner, Mollie Wilson, Mona Foose (In memory of Jazzie), Norvel & JoAnn Martens, Philip Zywiciel, Sharon Knapik, Sara Kate Bernstein, Bernd & Lore Magnus, Mary Linsdey, Steve Goldring & Bob Wennersten (& Tippy), Nancy Naftel, Sheldon Silverman, Shelley Golden, Bill Downs, Dorothy Martin, Richard Speedman (& "Trooper"), Martin Wilkes (In memory of Kimberlie Wilkes), Denise DeSalvo, Joseph Contreras, Karen Kebrle, Mary Lou King, Elaine Wessel, Dale Nidey, Robyn Palmer-Butler, Arlene Shevitski, Bevann Moisi, Brad & Marion Nickey, Judy Johnson, Katherine Blanc, Bear & Ginny Thorkelson, Big Bear Lake Antique Car Club, Marcella Jiminez, Alvin Hammer.



## SPECIAL THANKS - SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

*We are made special because of the special caring actions of people like you!!*

Special thanks to the following volunteers, who tirelessly devote their spare time to help transport and staff our adoption shows:

The women of Beta Lambda from the University of Redlands-- Megan Gilpin, Melissa Minnesany, Jennifer Garcia, Jessica Murey-Collins, Suzie Silva, Amanda Ferguson, Faith Gonselez, Christie Burrows; and special thanks to Yvette Barnett and her sister Paula!

## THANK YOU 2008 BARC/BMDR BOARD MEMBERS

*Guiding our hopes into tomorrow!*

Carol Joob, Myriam Mourani , Becky Hawk, Ellen R. Baum, Mary Lindsey, Sue-Ellen Knapp, Liz White and Tammy Walker.



## Your 2008 Year-End Gift to BARC/BMDR

Your donation may significantly reduce your income taxes—give generously!!

1. **Gifts of Cash** – Lower 2008 income taxes simply by writing a check to BARC/BMDR before December 31, 2008. Make sure that your check and envelope is dated and postmarked before December 31, even if not received by that date. If your company or firm matches your gift, then contribution benefits can be greater.



2. **Gifts of Stock** – Gifts of appreciated stock are fully deductible up to a maximum of 30% of your adjusted gross income. And, as with a gift of cash, any excess deductions may generally be carried forward and is deductible over as many as 5 subsequent years. If you own stock, it is almost always *tax-wise* to contribute stock that has appreciated rather than cash. This is because a gift of appreciated stock offers a two-fold tax savings. When making stock gifts, you avoid any capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock. Second, you may receive an income tax charitable deduction for the *full value* of the stock at the time of the gift.

3. **Gifts of Individual Retirement Account distributions (IRA)** – Taxpayers 70 ½ years of age can direct qualified charitable IRA distributions to BARC/BMDR. Federal Law currently allows donations of up to \$100,000 per qualified individual. *This benefit expires midnight December 31, 2008.*

4. **Gifts of Real Estate** – Gifts of real estate provide an easy way to gain tax benefits. If you owned your residence, vacation home, office building, acreage, farm or vacant lot for many years, a charitable gift can offer especially attractive tax advantages. Your property may have appreciated in value through the years and its sale would mean a sizeable capital gains tax. By making a gift of the property to BARC/BMDR, you avoid capital gains tax AND at the same time, qualify for a fully deductible contribution equal to the full market value.



Did you know that over 93% of donation monies received is spent *directly* on the animals?

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We are a **501(c)3** corporation. All donations, adoption fees, donated items, etc. are tax deductible. We raise funds to help homeless animals and to promote spaying and neutering in the Inland Empire. Potential adopters can also make an appointment to view adoptable pets. We merged with Bear Mountain Dog Rescue in January 2006. Our parent company is OakTree Foundation, Inc. Federal ID # 93-1201887.