

# SPECIAL MOUNTAIN LIVING UPDATE

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## PUPPIES BORN IN THE WILDS SURVIVE!

CIMARRON (Nov. 12)

John Marr and his hunting partner Larry Bailey, from California had set up camp near Arrowhead hoping to tag their prize elk. Instead, they spotted a white female dog with a litter of four pure white, fluffy pups with blue eyes holding up in a den near their campsite. For several days, they had tried feeding them, but the female had been keeping them at bay with pseudo-attacks of snarling and growling to protect her litter.

John reported his find to Kathleen and James Belgard, owners of the Inn at Arrowhead; and they spread the word.

Ron and Rose Black found John walking down the road with a box full of three pups. They helped him back to his campsite, whereupon the female and her other pup were already adjusting. The mother had brought one pup to the campsite hoping for food and warmth; which allowed John to hike through the snow to her den and retrieve the other pups.

Ron and Rose suggested taking the canines to the Inn immediately instead of having them spend another night on the cold mountain. The female was still skittish and was slowly learning to trust John. It was like watching the “dog whisperer” in action. John petted her and talked soothingly to her, lulling her into a sense of trust and confidence. He then picked her up bodily and placed her in the back of his truck with her pups. Whew! He took the chance that she would not rip him apart. Even in her state of dehydration and malnutrition John claimed, “She was really heavy!”

Eric Johnson and Star Misner brought plenty of dog food to the Inn and promptly proceeded to feed the canines. Alas, after being fed, pampered, and warmed by the Inn’s fireside by all involved in this heartwarming rescue, the pups were doing better.

Written by Rose Black







Eric is our new assistant Fire Chief and thinks it was a "great Search and Rescue effort"!

