





Jasper

July 2016 Jasper came down with Immune Mediated Neutropenia a rare auto immune disease involving white blood cells. I am very fortunate to have a veterinarian who went to great lengths to do research on this rare disease so he could treat Jasper. Unfortunately the few articles available on this illness did not talk about longevity of the subjects because in general they don't live a long time.

The treatment for this disease is high levels of Prednisolone for many months, decreasing slowly. Prednisolone is a lifesaving drug, but it also has many bad side effects. When he is taking the drug he becomes ravenous and his mind is focused on food and anything that could remotely be called food. Other side effects including muscle atrophy, increased thirst and urination, mood swings, hunger and panting.

After many months of Prednisolone he goes into remission. Jasper has had to be treated three times. My goal now is to keep his immune system as healthy as possible. Diet is an important part of keeping him healthy. I am working with another veterinarian who specializes in Chinese medicine and acupuncture. Actually he likes the

acupuncture treatments, he spends an hour getting a massage while he has needles stuck in him that he does not even feel.

Even with his illness he has never wanted to stop working.

~ Adela ~

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Using Technology for Cemetery Preservation

Cemeteries provide a lasting reminder of earlier generations, but are often in a state of neglect and disrepair. However, there are several innovative technologies available to help locate, map, protect and preserve these sacred spaces.

ICF was excited to participate with the Montana History Foundation when they had their Technology for Cemetery Preservation workshop. They filmed the different speakers and demonstrations and are providing this video on their web page for anyone interested.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5nsS0S2Lmxk>

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What lies beneath the old county jail?

Forensics dog sensed something in basement

The *Standard* wasn't even looking for a good Halloween story, but an expert in canine forensics and his dog, Kayle, while touring the old Jail Museum in Silverton last week, made a discovery that qualifies as a bit spooky.

"My dog is trained to find scent from old human remains," explained John Grebenkemper, Ph.D., of the Institute of Canine Forensics in California.

The dog even recently helped search for remains of the aviator Amelia Earhart.

But he pointed out that the dog

also alerts on decomposed remains thousands of years old.

"I was just driving through as a tourist," Grebenkemper said on Thursday, Oct. 18.

He decided to stop in at the San Juan County Historical Society Museum, which includes the old County Jail built in 1902.

"We got down into the mineral room (in the basement of the jail). She started sniffing around. Sniff, sniff, sniff," Grebenkemper said.

"It seems liked there was something between the rocks on the floor and wall that interested her. Then she did her alert."

Grebenkemper said that "it isn't uncommon in old buildings. It

doesn't mean there's a body under the floor," though he would not rule that out.

But he said "it could also be that someone died and was placed there and some of the scent went into the ground."

Grebenkemper informed museum officials of his dog's find.

"I brought them down to show it to them," Grebenkemper said.

"I wouldn't recommend trying to dig up a body," he said. "Ninety percent of cases like this are never excavated," Grebenkemper said.

"When you find a bone, call the coroner, but you don't call over a dog alert."



ABOVE: Kayle, a dog trained to find human remains, noses around the floor of the basement of the Old County Jail.

BELOW: Kayle signals that she found decomposed human remains.



Thank you

In June 2018 we had a wonderful experience working with the Montana History Foundation, and participating in the Cemetery Preservation Technology Workshop. Part of the workshop was having people bring different technology and expertise to the historic cemetery of Marysville MT. We had the wonderful experience of meeting and talking to Fred Earl who grew up in the historic gold rush town. He was very excited and proud that so many people came to his "home town cemetery" to help preserve and uncover lost information. As a thank you to John

& Kayle, Jasper and myself he took pictures of our dogs and created these wonderful wall art sculptures. They showed up as a surprise in the mail.

~Adela~



Recovery Work Continues on the Camp Fire



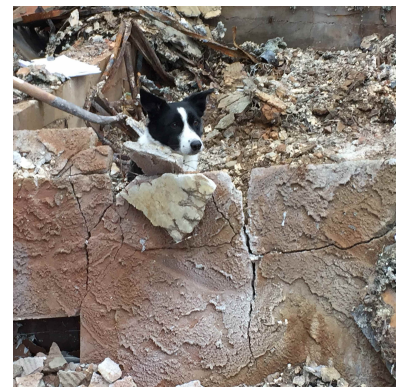
Cremains Recovery Teams continue to work the destruction left by the Camp Fire. As of this writing, we have searched the ruins of 67 homes and recovered 83 sets of cremains. We have 87 more requests to go, with more coming in all the time. It's apparent that there is a great need for this sort of service. In between searches, representatives of ICF, ALTA, and ESA have been meeting with government officials to raise awareness and are working toward **cremains recovery becoming part of the standard state and federal response to wildfire disasters.**



There's a story behind each one of our recoveries, with a relieved and grateful family. Larry Aiken's family is pictured above with a cremains recovery team. This is their story... The Carr Fire prevented his family from holding Larry's scheduled military burial. It was re-scheduled for November, but the Camp Fire destroyed his wife's house, along with Larry's ashes. The family had been told that the cremains had to be confirmed to be Larry or he could not be buried in a military cemetery. Larry's family was heart-broken, but hopeful that we could help. <https://kmp.com/news/local/central-valley-family-dads-ashes-in-paradise>

A team of human (c)remains detection dogs and archeologists searched what was left of home. They were able to locate and recover not only Larry's cremains, but also the identification tag that accompanies them, proving that these were, in fact, Larry's remains. And now his family can give him the final resting place he wanted.

Larry's daughter, Molly, said, "[Your dogs] did an incredible job today and nothing was possible without them. When Piper [alerted] my heart was full of hope and when your gifted team scraped through the ashes to present my dad I didn't think I could ever be any happier than that unforgettable moment. "



We are accepting donations to help defray the expenses of our volunteer teams of dog handlers and archeologists to continue our work and help these families. Please keep our efforts moving by sharing our Go Fund Me page.



Because no one should lose a loved one twice...

If you are an archaeologist interested in helping our team you can go to <https://www.altaac.com/cremains-recovery>.

The Team:

[Institute for Canine Forensics](#) (ICF)

[Alta Archaeological Consulting - Professional Archaeologist](#) (ALTA)

[Environmental Science Associates](#) (ESA)

Our service is offered free to the fire victims. Our team members do this on a volunteer basis; your donation will help to defer their costs. Basic expenses (travel, food, and shelter) to search 100 homes for cremains are estimated to exceed \$29,000 (and we have over 150 requests.) Any unused donations will be reserved for future volunteer responses. ICF is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization; you will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

You can also help by sharing this with others, including victims of the fire. The important information below needs to get to those who need our services immediately, in order to help facilitate the recovery of cremains:

- Do not disturb the area where the cremains may have been. (We have an over 90% success rate, but only if the site is undisturbed.)
- Protect the area; contact officials and tell them there are human cremains on the site.
- Contact the Institute for Canine Forensics as soon as possible (408-981-7831) to sign-up for assistance.

Check out our past issues on
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