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- 10am Welcome to Dogtoberfest – Larry Mac from 96.1 KLPX (Stage)
- 10:15a Blessing of the Animals – St. Marks Animal Ministry (Stage)
- 10:30a Tucson Musical Canine Freestyle Club Demo (Demo Arena)
- 11am Parade of Adoptable Dogs (Stage)
- 11:30a Desert Disc Dogs Demo (Demo Arena)
- 12p Best Trick or Talent Contest (Stage)
- 12:30p Agility with Top Dog Training (Demo Arena)
- 1p Tucson PD K-9 Demo (Demo Arena)
- 1:30 Best Looking Dog Contest (Stage)
- 2p Desert Disc Dogs Demo (Demo Arena)
- 2:30p Best Owner/Dog Halloween Costume Contest/Adults (Stage)
- 3p Best Owner/Dog Halloween Costume Contest/Kids 2-11 (Stage)
- 3:30p Parade of Adoptable Dogs (Stage)

GOING ON ALL DAY:

- Lots of lovable dogs for adoption.
- Contests, Demos and Prizes
- Many vendors and booths
- Lots of dog games:
Sniff or Treat, Agility, kiddie pools, Frisbee, and more!
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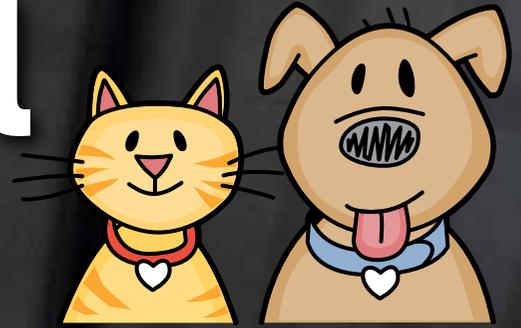
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

Summer is coming to an end and Fall is on the way. It's a great time of year to enjoy our "best friends" and we have a lot of fun heading your way.

We are hard at work on our big Dogtoberfest & Adopt-a-thon event taking place on October 27th at The Gregory School. We have lots in store for you and your family, including your four-legged members. You can find out more about it in this issue and see some pictures from last year.

In addition to that event, The Tucson Dog magazine is happy to announce our 1st Tucson Dog Cover Dog contest! We are searching for a cover dogs for our Holiday edition, (Nov/Dec). We invite you to bring your rescue dog/s to the new Tucson Rescue Now Adoption Center at the La Encantada Mall (formerly the Humane Society store) and enter to win. You will find all the information in this issue of where, when and how in our ad. The donation to enter your dog is only \$10 and all the monies will go directly to Tucson Rescue Now which is a 501c3 non-profit. Our amazing cover photographer, Candice Eaton, will be shooting the pictures on Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th. Voting will be online on our website at www.thetucsondog.com and the winners will be announced at Dogtoberfest!

On our cover this issue is a man you may know already from his fascinating television show on CBS Saturday mornings, Lucky Dog. Brandon McMillan rescues dogs from shelters, trains them and then finds them a loving home! We caught him when he visited Tucson to appear at the Humane Society's 75th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser. Earlier in the day, he met with some local trainers at the Humane Society to show them some of the techniques he uses to help these Lucky Dogs!

A big thank you to the Humane Society for allowing us to be at both events where we found out more about Brandon and his positive training methods. I really enjoyed reading this story and I know you will too!

In an effort to bring you stories that are educational, relevant and important, we bring you information about the studies that are going on regarding cancer in our pets from The Morris Animal Foundation. It seems as though cancer has almost become an epidemic. I have been wanting to do this story for a while as I think it is so important. Like many I know, I lost my previous dog, my beloved Bernie to cancer and we need to find a cure. We will continue to bring you more stories like this so we can all become more informed about what is happening to our animals and how we can protect them.

Also in this issue, we are remembering a local legend, Pat Hubbard, who was a hero for animals in need. I was very fortunate to meet her before her passing but did not know a lot about her until reading this story. It was beautiful to hear about her from several people who knew and loved her. The Tucson community was very fortunate to have her and will never forget all the wonderful things she did for animals and humans alike. Thank you Pat, for the beautiful life you shared with everyone who met you!

I look forward to seeing you all at Dogtoberfest as we celebrate the love we share with our beloved dogs every day! Who knows, you may even find a new "best friend" too!

Wishing you all, love, light and laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

FALL SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PETS

Dear Humans,

I love the Fall season as things start to cool down and I can spend more time outdoors. You know, it is my job as a canine to give you good advice to keep your beloved pets safe and healthy. Below are some tips to prepare for the upcoming Fall season. But Fall can also be a time of lurking dangers for us fur kids. From household poisons to cold weather hazards, there are some things you should think about.

1. Be Cautious of Rodenticides and Cold Weather Poisons

The use of rat and mouse poisons increase in the fall as rodents look for shelter from the cooler temperatures by trying to move inside. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets and, if ingested, the results could be fatal. If you must use these products, please do so with extreme caution and put them in places inaccessible to your pets.

2. Anti-freeze

Many people choose Fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants—though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.

3. Keep School Supplies Out of Paws' Reach

School is back in session and those of you with young children know that means stocking up on items like glue sticks, pencils and magic markers. Although these items are considered low toxicity to pets, gastrointestinal upset and blockages can occur if ingested. Be sure your children keep their school supplies out of your pet's reach.

4. Steer Clear of Mushrooms

Fall and spring are mushroom seasons. While 99% of mushrooms have little or no toxicity, the 1% that are highly toxic can cause life-threatening problems in pets. Since most toxic mushrooms are difficult to distinguish from nontoxic ones, the best way to prevent pets from ingesting these poisonous plants is to keep them away from areas where any mushrooms are growing. Please visit the ASPCA's Poisonous Plants page for more information. **Contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately if you witness your pet eating a wild mushroom.**

5. Watch Out for Wildlife

Autumn is the season when snakes are preparing for hibernation, increasing the possibility of bites to those unlucky pets who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet parents should know what kinds of venomous snakes may be lurking in their environment—and where those snakes are most likely to be found—so pets can be kept out of those areas.

I hope these tips are helpful and you have a safe and healthy Fall season.

Peace, Love & Treats,
Gracie



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 7th, 10a-1p **80's Dog Paddle Swim Party in** **Town of Marana**

Plus \$10 Microchips from
No Kill Pima County
Ora Mae Harn Park Pool
13250 N Lon Adams Rd
30-minute swim for your dog, requires
reservation: maranaAZ.gov/recreation or
520-382-1950. Microchips for dogs only, no
appt, no limit.

Saturday, Sept. 7th, 7:30a **Shotgun Start**

4th Annual Putt for Paws

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Ventana Canyon Golf & Racquet Club
6200 N. Club House Ln.
Raise your paws if you're excited for the
18-hole scramble, shotgun start, prizes,
kegs along the course, a complimentary
bloody mary bar, lunch AND MORE! Best
part? All proceeds benefit homeless
pets in your community.
[https://www.facebook.com/
events/642782429552133/](https://www.facebook.com/events/642782429552133/)

Saturday, Sept. 7th 10a-2p **Pups in the Plaza**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Park Place
5870 E. Broadway Blvd.,
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Join us on the 1st Saturday of every month
for Pups in the Plaza! PAWSH Park Place's
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Victoria's Secret at Park Place. Decide to
make one (or more) of these pups part of
your family and enjoy 25% OFF ALL PAWSH
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Every Tuesday 5p-8p **Rattlesnake Avoidance Training**

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635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
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teach your dog to keep his nose out of a
rattlesnake's business.
<https://www.hssaz.org/rattlesnake>

Every Wednesday and Saturday **starting at 9a**

Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
(turquoise building)
635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85705
Vaccinating your pet against canine or feline
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good health. HSSA hosts a low-cost
vaccination clinic every Wed and Sat. Pets
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are limited to the first 30 pets. Suggested
sign-in is 8:30am (Saturdays fill up quickly).
[https://hssaz.org/services/clinic/shots-
vaccinations/](https://hssaz.org/services/clinic/shots-vaccinations/)

Ride with the PACC **In the 2019 Tour de Tucson** **The event is on** **November 23rd 2019**

PACC is looking for cyclists of all ages and
Abilities to make a difference for pets in the
community. There will be two practice rides
per month and anyone can take part in
team practice rides regardless of ability or
registration. For more info, email:
Sara@FriendsOfPACC.org

Sunday, Sept. 15th 11a-3p **My Spoiled Pooch Adoption Event**

6979 E. Broadway Blvd, Ste. 131, Tucson
Dogs for adoption from Dane Haven, Inc.

Friday, Sept. 20th 4-8p **Tucson Rescue Now Adoption** **Center Fundraiser**

La Encantada Shopping Center
Join Tucson Rescue Now for their pre-grand
opening. Fundraiser at their new store
and adoption center. Tickets are \$25 and
includes food, beverages & music. You
can also sign your dog up for The Tucson
Dog magazine's Cover Dog Contest with
2 chances to get your dog on the Cover!
\$10 per entry and all proceeds go to
Tucson Rescue Now. Tucson Rescue Now
is a 501c3 Non-profit organization. More
info: Call John at (206) 718-3309 or email:
Jgrescuenow@gmail.com

Saturday, Sept. 21st **Paws and Pages**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
HSSA Main Campus - 635 W. Roger Rd.
Kids ages 5 to 11 years old are invited
to read to shy, sick, and long-term pets
at HSSA. Kids will build their confidence
reading while pets build their confidence
with people. Registration is required and
space is limited. www.hssaz.org/read

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Fri, Sat, Sun - Oct 4th, 5th & 6th **Tucson Dog Cover Dog** **Contest & Photo Shoot** **Tucson Rescue Now Adoption** **Center - La Encantado Shopping** **Center (Formerly HSSA store)**

Want to see your adopted dog on the cover
of The Tucson Dog Magazine? Come join
the fun and help a good cause!
You will have two chances to win as we are
looking for 2 Cover Dogs for our Holiday

issue, (Nov/Dec) Our Cover photographer,
Candice Eaton will be taking photos
Friday Oct. 4th from 5:30-8p, Sat. Oct
5th and Sunday Oct 6th from 9a-12noon
& 1-4p. Donation of \$10 per entry with
all proceeds going to Tucson Rescue Now
Adoption Specialists which is a 501c3
non-profit rescue. Voting will be online at
www.thetucsondog.com. Winners will be
announced at The Tucson Dog Magazine's
Dogtoberfest on October 27th, at The
Gregory School. More info at (520) 345-
2801 or ann@thetucsondog.com

Saturday Oct. 5th, 10a-4p **1st Annual Sip and Drool**

Benefitting Dane Haven, Inc.
Medella Vina Ranch
4450 s Houghton Rd., Tucson
Live music auction raffles food wine
shopping. Tickets \$10 on line \$15 at the
door Tickets at: [https://www.eventbrite.
com/e/first-annual-sip-and-drool-tickets-
68613377459?aff=eand](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-annual-sip-and-drool-tickets-68613377459?aff=eand)

Saturday, Oct. 5th 10a-2p **Pups in the Plaza**

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family and enjoy 25% OFF ALL PAWSH
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Oct. 11th-13th **Tucson Meet Yourself**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Downtown Tucson
Tucson Meet Yourself and meet your new
best friend. HSSA will be onsite all weekend
with adoptable pups
and sweet swag for sale!

Saturday, Oct. 12th 1pm-5pm **Pet First Aid**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
HSSA Main Campus - 635 W. Roger Rd.
Participants will learn how to conduct pet
CPR, treat medical emergencies, prevent
emergencies, learn how to assist their vet
in treating their pet, keep animals safe
from local environmental hazards, avoid
poisonous plants and household dangers,
and identify and react to cruelty and neglect
issues. Space is limited and registration
is required. [https://hssaz.org/services/
education/adults/pet-first-aid/](https://hssaz.org/services/education/adults/pet-first-aid/)

Saturday, Oct. 12th, 9a-12 noon **Spooky Pawchanga**

Cherry Avenue Center - 5085 S. Cherry
Ave., Tucson. Hosted by City of Tucson Parks
& Recreation. Join them for a fun morning
of Doggie Trick or Treat, Pawrade and Dog
Adoptions. Doggy Demos, face painting,
arts & crafts, Vendors and other resources
plus a movie! Lunch will be provided. More
info: call (520) 791-4497 or Email: [TPRD-
Cherryavenue@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TPRD-Cherryavenue@tucsonaz.gov)

Every Saturday in Oct. **Nordstroms Rack Fundraiser**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
Nordstrom Rack - 4320 N. Oracle Rd.
Shop to save a life for the month of October!
Nordstrom's Rack on Oracle will be hosting

HSSA and all our fashionable supporters.
Make a donation and receive 10% off your
entire purchase! Adoptable pups will be
on-site from 11a-2p.

Saturday, Oct. 12th 6p-8p **Leaps for Lives 7th Annual** **Fall Showcase**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
DeMeester Performance Center at
Reid Park - 900 S. Randolph Way
The Humane Society of Southern Arizona
is excited to announce that they will be the
beneficiary for this year's showcase! There
will be food, raffle prizes, and dance!
Well-behaved, vaccinated and leashed
dogs are welcome! No retractable leashes
please. [https://www.facebook.com/
events/477498566409517/](https://www.facebook.com/events/477498566409517/)

Saturday Oct 19th 10a-6p **Dirty Dawg Dog Wash Fundraiser**

Benefitting Dane Haven
3055 N. Campbell, Ste 133 Tucson 85791
100% proceeds goes to Dane Haven, Inc

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Saturday, Oct. 26th 1-5p **Oh My Dog! Book Signing**

The Tucson Rescue Now Adoption Center
La Encantada Shopping Center
Meet author Barbara Berlier & Pick up a
personally signed book. A portion of the
book sales go directly to Tucson Rescue Now

Sunday, Oct. 27th 10a-4p **The Tucson Dog Magazine's** **Dogtoberfest & Adopt-a-thon**

The Gregory School
3231 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson
Hosted by Larry Mac from 96.1 KLPX
And Meredith from 94.9 MIXfm
Join The Tucson Dog for this Mega event!
There will be lots of lovable adoptable dogs
for adoption, tricks & treats, contests, prizes,
demonstrations, dog games, clinics, Kids
Zone, Food Trucks, and lots of vendor
booths! For more information or vendor info,
Call The Tucson Dog at (520) 245-2801
Or email: ann@thetucsondog.com

Sunday, Oct. 27th **from 4:30p-8:30p** **Equine Voices Rescue &** **Sanctuary Fall Fundraiser**

Tubac Golf Resort & Spa, 65 Avenida de
Otero, Tubac, AZ 85646
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Special Feature

Everyone's Invited to The Tucson Dog Magazine's Dogtoberfest & Adopt-a-Thon

Story by Ann Herrington Photos Courtesy Sean Holmquist, Sean's Artography



Earlier this year, The Tucson Dog hosted its 1st Annual WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon at Reid Park and it was a huge success! We were overwhelmed by the turnout and learned so much from our first event, we are already starting to work on the 2nd Annual WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon which will be on March 15th 2020.

We had always planned to host a similar event and shortly after WOOFstock took place, an opportunity came our way. Handi-Dogs, who had been hosting Dogtoberfest in Tucson for several years decided they weren't going to be able to host. So we spoke with them and with their help, stepped in to bring our Dogtoberfest event to Tucson that we have been doing for many years in Prescott. Like WOOFstock, it features a major Adopt-a-thon component to help just as many rescue and shelter animals find homes. We would like to thank Handi-Dogs for working with us to help make this a smooth transition.

We will have a schedule of events going on all day for you to participate in. You'll enjoy an assortment of food and beverages and raffles where you can win great prizes in addition to all the fun! There will be contests like Best Looking Dog, Best Trick or Talent, and Best Halloween Costume Contest. We will also have several demonstrations going on throughout the day like the Tucson Police K9 Unit, The Desert Disc Dogs Tucson Musical will also have a Kid's Zone with games, prizes, face painting, a Balloon Twister and more. And don't miss the Caricature Artist who will draw a picture of your dog! See a complete schedule of events in this issue.



Once again as with WOOFstock, our event will be hosted by our exclusive dog-loving radio partners at Lotus Broadcasting. First up will be Larry Mac from 96.1 KLPX radio followed by Meredith from 94.9 MixFM. They bring a lot of fun to our events and do a great job at making sure everyone has a great time!

The Tucson Dog needs volunteers to run this event as well as volunteers to assist rescue and shelter groups walk dogs and relieve them at their booths for breaks and food. Each volunteer receives and wears a special Volunteer event T-shirt which helps identify them from the rest of the crowd attending with their dogs. If you would like to find out more about volunteering, call The Tucson Dog at 520-345-2801 or go to the Dogtoberfest page on our website at www.thetucsondog.com.

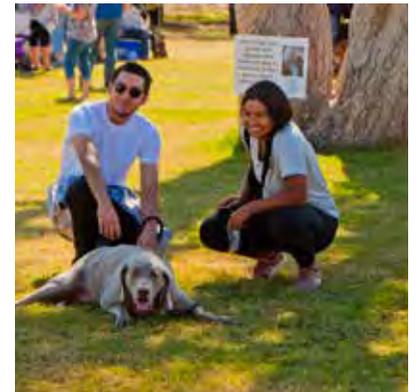
And stop by The Tucson Dog booth to pick up some event merchandise like Tote Bags, T-shirts and more.



And we would love to hear from you, our fabulous readers, about what you are enjoying about The Tucson Dog and what you would like to see in the future!

The event is supported by many area businesses which is how we invite rescue and shelter groups to attend at no charge. Our only hope is that all the dogs they bring find their new forever homes! Booths are still available if your company would like to be a part of this great event. Call (520) 345-2801 or email ann@thetucsondog.com.

While Dogtoberfest is a lot of fun, it can also be a stressful environment for some dogs. If your dog is easily stressed or not friendly, we recommend you leave your dog at home and bring him back all the goodies you will find at Dogtoberfest.



We want everyone to have a good time so please follow these helpful guidelines:

1. **Limit 2 dogs per person.**
2. **All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.**
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We would like to thank all the businesses who support Dogtoberfest and a special thanks to our Title Sponsors, Adobe Veterinary Center, Camp Bow Wow, 94.9 Mixfm and 96.1 KLPX.

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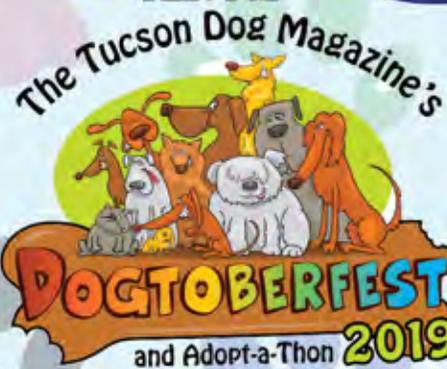
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Welcome to Rainbow Bridge

In Memorandum: Many of you have read the story of Rainbow Bridge. It tells the story of where our pets go when they die and how they will be waiting for us to arrive when it is our time. A while ago, we found another version of this story as it relates to the tragedy of September 11th 2001. Welcome at Rainbow Bridge is the true epitome of the loving, forgiving nature of our beloved pets. In Memorandum of all that was lost on 9/11. May we never forget!

Story by Alexander Theodore Bovier

On the morning of September 11, 2001, there was an unprecedented amount of activity at the Rainbow Bridge. Decisions had to be made. They had to be made quickly, and, they were.

An issue, not often addressed here, is the fact that many residents really have no loved one for whom to wait. Think of the pups that lived and died in hideous puppy mills. No one on earth loved or protected them. What about the many who spend unhappy lives tied in backyards? And, ones who were abused. Who are they to wait for?

We don't talk about that much up here. We share our loved ones as they arrive, happy to do so. But we all know there is nothing like having your very own person who thinks you are the most special pup in the Heavens.



Last Tuesday morning a request rang out for pups not waiting for specific persons to volunteer for special assignment... An eager, curious crowd surged excitedly forward, each pup wondering what the assignment would be.

They were told by a solemn voice that unexpectedly, all at once, thousands of loving people had left earth long before they were ready. All the pups, as all pups do, felt the humans' pain deep in their own hearts. Without hearing more, there was a clamoring among them- "May I have one to comfort?" "I'll take two, I have a big heart." "I have been saving kisses forever."

One after another they came forward begging for assignment. One cozy-looking fluffy pup hesitantly asked. "Are there any children coming? I would be very comforting for a child 'cause I'm soft and squishy and I always wanted to be hugged." A group of Dalmatians came forward asking to meet the Firefighters and be their friends. The larger working breeds offered to greet the Police Officers and make them feel at home. Little dogs volunteered to do what they do best, cuddle and kiss. Dogs who on Earth had never had a kind work or a pat on the head, stepped forward and said, "I will love any human who needs love."

Then all the dogs, wherever on Earth they originally came from, rushed to the Rainbow Bridge and stood waiting, overflowing with love to share-each tail wagging an American Flag.

A VISIT TO THE



DOGHOUSE

All the dogs on these pages are available for adoption now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please contact the group listed with the picture.



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If just one of every five Americans wanting to add a cat or dog to their family in the next year adopted from a shelter, not one single healthy, treatable cat or dog would lose his life in a shelter.

Source: Humane Society of the United States



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Special Feature

2019 El Tour de Tucson: Friends of PACC Ride for a Purpose

Story and photos by Brian Pettepiece

Tucson is all about community, and nowhere is this more evident than with the Friends of Pima Animal Care Center (PACC). Friends of PACC raises much needed funding for the Pima Animal Care Center so they can continue to promote animal welfare throughout Pima county and provide important shelter accommodations for pets in need. Cyclists signing up to ride with Friends of PACC's team in this year's El Tour de Tucson will be cycling for a purpose, to raise much needed funds for the organization as they continue their important work supporting PACC and all that they do for the Tucson community and the animals who reside here.

This year's El Tour de Tucson, Arizona's largest cycling event, is taking place on November 23rd. This will be the Friends of PACC's second year participating in the Tour and this year is promising to be the best yet in terms of participation and fundraising. Jennifer Camano, the Executive Director for Friends of PACC, emphasizes the important fundraising that they do for the organization by stating that this past year they raised over 1 million dollars for them. Funds like these enable PACC to continue assisting animals in need and providing much needed animal services such as adoption and medical care.

The minimum fundraising goal for each rider is only \$150 to participate in the Tour as a rider with Friends of PACC. And for a donation level of \$250, riders also receive a jersey. "Participants can ride anywhere from a quarter mile to a hundred miles. We want people to participate. We want families to come out and feel like they can give," Jennifer says. Giving to a worthy cause is what Friends of PACC is all about, and cyclists riding with their team have fun while also doing something great for the community.



From left, Jennifer Camano, the Executive Director of Friends of PACC, and race participants Jim and Lisa Dobbin

Jim and Lisa Dobbin are participants in this year's Tour as registered riders with Friends of PACC. They relocated to Tucson from Washington state last year and started looking for worthy animal organizations to support when they arrived. "We started doing our research online to find a good organization to be involved with and found PACC," Lisa says. Previously a foster parent of an adorable donkey whom she adopted, and having operated a donkey rescue, Lisa quickly recognized the value that PACC held for their new community. Also avid cyclists, when they learned of Friends of PACC's participation in the Tour they were eager to take part. They quickly joined the planning committee and began to help spread the word.

Last year Friends of PACC had 31 cycling participants in the Tour and raised almost \$12,000 for PACC. This year the goal is to far exceed that number and Jennifer says that they have budgeted for 50 riders in this year's Tour – at the time of this writing they have 20. Each rider is responsible for raising their own donations. Jim has so far personally raised \$835 dollars through donations from friends and colleagues. His goal is to hit the \$1000 mark and if he surpasses that it will make cycling in the Tour even more meaningful for him. He's also been recruiting other riders through social media and networking, continuing to spread the word.

Jim and Lisa started training for the Tour in May. Regular training sessions have been organized for participants to ride together as they train. Jim rides over 30 miles, three days a week. But he says that riders are under no requirement to ride a certain number of miles in the Tour or during training sessions. He says that some of the people participating in training sessions only ride a few miles



Cyclist participant Jim Dobbin trains regularly for the El Tour de Tucson

with their fellow team members and that's perfectly fine. Friends of PACC wants everyone to feel able to participate.

This year Friends of PACC has all new jerseys for their riders to sport and they're creating quite a buzz. They are a bright blue, decorated with an adorable illustration of a dog and a cat riding bicycles, with Friends of PACC emblazoned on the front. These unique jerseys are free to participants who raise at least \$250 in donations. Friends of PACC is proud to support their team with these new jerseys. It lets them show their thanks for all the work the team has contributed to make this year's Tour an outstanding success thus far.

Recently, Friends of PACC received some fantastic news. A donor has agreed to donate \$100 per rider, for up to 150 riders! This means that if they reached the maximum riders, Friends of PACC can receive an extra \$15,000 in donations! As each additional rider increases that donation amount, they are on the hunt for more participants. They want to emphasize that everyone is invited to participate.



Friends of PACC's new jerseys will help their riders stand out in the pack
Photo Courtesy friends of PACC

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It's contributions such as the per-rider donation and the incredible financial support that Jim and Lisa have received from their friends that reinforce the real feeling of community that Tucson has, especially in supporting animal causes. And that's what Lisa likes about living here. Regarding Tucson's unique local feel, Lisa says, "we've just found that it's a really incredible sense of community here." Lisa is proud to be a part of Friends of PACC and to participate in the Tour de Tucson fundraising. "The money is going to such an incredible cause. Every dollar is helping one of those dogs."

To participate in El Tour de Tucson as a rider with Friends of PACC visit www.FriendsofPACC.org and learn more about the sign up process. Training sessions are taking place now and will continue until the Tour. Everyone is invited to take part, from avid cyclists to casual bike riders. And with no distance riding requirements, there's no reason not to sign up and have some fun! All funds raised directly support Friends of PACC as they assist Pima Animal Care Center in continuing their mission of assisting animals in need in our community. As Lisa says, "In the end, it's all about the animals."



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Special Feature

Morris Animal Foundation – Searching for Answers: Cancer and Golden Retrievers, A Lifetime Study

Story by Colleen Keefe

When you think of cancer, typically you think of humans. But have you considered that your pet may be prone to the disease? Well the Morris Animal Foundation has. In fact, the world-renowned organization is currently conducting a lifetime study of Golden retrievers looking to help the breed.



Whistler

Brigette took her dog Whistler, a Golden Retriever, to the vet when she noticed a lump on his neck. A specialist confirmed that her sweet pup had lympho-sarcoma. "He was the first dog I ever had. We took a cross country trip from Wisconsin to Arizona for a teaching job," Brigette said. Despite treatment, within a few short months, her beloved Golden passed away.

Dr. Missy Simpson has been the veterinary epidemiologist at the Morris Animal Foundation for the past four years and is working on the study. It began after a few people at the foundation recognized the unmet need in veterinary medicine. "In human medicine, we can rely on a vast amount of studies for valuable information. Many of the health recommendations doctors give us every day come from those studies. Prior to The Lifetime Golden Retriever Study, that basically didn't exist in veterinary medicine," Dr. Simpson explained.

The foundation began enrolling dogs in the study in 2012. To be included in the study, participants had to have a Golden Retriever who was young and healthy, and lived in the lower 48 states. The dogs needed to be between two months and two years old and free from any chronic or life-limiting illness at the time of enrollment.

So when Brigette learned about the study, she enrolled her Golden pup Surf in Whistler's name.

"We've been following them ever since, to ultimately identify risk factors for some important cancers. But the way the study is structured, we can also look at other important health outcomes," Dr. Simpson said. Enrollment for the study completed in 2015 with 3,044 Golden participants. Because of losses due to death, and a small amount of attrition, the study now has about 2800 dogs.

Each year owners fill out a comprehensive online questionnaire. It covers everything from travel history, physical activity and nutrition to living environment, environmental exposures and genetics. "We try to get as much detail about these dogs' lives as we can," Dr. Simpson said. Brigette said the questionnaire included questions like "What is the dog dish made of?" and "How much time does your dog spend in the sun?"

Then the veterinarian does a thorough physical exam and collects several biological specimens. Brigette said Surf gave toenail, hair, blood, and urine

samples. The vet also fills out an online questionnaire, which gives a complete health and vaccine history, and any major diagnoses given in the prior year. Scottie McGowan, director of Rescue A Golden said the rescue has taken in Golden Retrievers in all stages of cancer. "We do not turn away for age, illness or injury. I personally have lost three dogs to cancer – all Goldens," McGowan said.



Surf & Apple

Lymphoma often presents as a lump under the skin. A dog that acts thirstier than normal can also be a clue. These are signs to take your dog to the vet. If cancer is diagnosed, tissue samples are collected. The vet then fills out an additional questionnaire. Overall there are currently about 100 cancer diagnoses in total. Though cancer outcomes are the main focus, the study provides data on all major health conditions such as hypothyroidism, another common diagnosis for Goldens.

"We chose Golden Retrievers partly because cancer is very common in this breed of dog. We also picked them because they are quite a popular breed so we knew we could hit our enrollment goals. And Golden Retrievers tend to be pretty cooperative dogs so we knew that they would most likely go along with their sample collection at their annual exam," Dr. Simpson explained. The study lays the foundation for even more research in the future, revealing important risk factors for diseases that are so devastating in dogs. "One happy part of this study is that our cohort overall is quite healthy. We'll just have to wait and see how things go," she said.

"One of the most exciting things that I've learned since I've been working on the study is how amazing our owners and veterinarians are in terms of how dedicated they are not only to the study, but to these dogs. They do a tremendous amount of work on this study and it wouldn't be possible without them. It's been such a pleasant thing to be able to work with them," she continued.

"It's really rewarding to be part of something so groundbreaking," Dr. Simpson said. "When I was offered this job, it felt like a dream come true and the potential for this study in terms of helping dogs live a longer, healthier lives is enormous. It's just very exciting to be a part of it every day."

The Goldens in the study may not see health benefits, something their owners understand. But their participation may help many future generations. "This is why all the dogs in the study are called Hero Dogs," Dr. Simpson said.

Surf is Hero #657.



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Kitty Korner

PAWSitively Cats No-Kill Shelter 1st Annual Pop-up Cat Café

Story and photos by Colleen Keefe



Surrounded by cats, Mary Graf happily gives this feline a neck scratch at the Pop-up Cat Café. It was difficult to say who enjoyed it more.

PAWSitively Cats No-Kill Shelter held its first annual Pop-up Cat Café this summer and let's just say the event was *purrrfect*.

The purpose of the event was to bring community awareness to the non-profit, generate donations, and cultivate potential volunteers and prospective adoptive and/or foster homes for the felines. And according to Sheryl Campbell, executive director of PAWSitively Cats, that is just what they did.

The organization began nine years ago in July of 2010 at a low-income trailer park where Campbell worked as rental manager. Campbell started rounding up strays to be spayed and neutered, and the shelter has grown substantially from there. "It was tough going that first year, I didn't think we were going to survive, but we did," Campbell admitted. Then in 2012 while seeking assistance for 60 cats, most of which were kittens, Campbell took on 450 cats from another rescue. For more information on how PAWSitively Cats began, read the September 2017 issue at www.thetucsondog.com.

The Pop-up Cat Café brought friends of felines together who gathered at the shelter on Tucson's eastside at 1145 N. Woodland Ave. The non-profit boasts 2,500 square feet of free-roaming felines. Currently, 175 furry occupants reside there and can be found on sofas and chairs, tables and countertops, perches and posts.

Five foster families provide homes for 27 kittens. An additional four foster homes take adult cats that are not likely to be adopted due to age or a medical condition. "All foster homes are volunteers. We pay all the expenses, they just have to do all the work," Campbell said. Adult fosters agree to keep each cat for the remainder of its life, assuring the feline a stable, loving and final forever-home. Cats like Happy Cat who outlived her 90-year-old person.

The 21-year-old cat came to PAWSitively Cats with only eight or nine teeth that all had to be pulled due to a severe gum infection. She was considered "high risk" and not expected to live through surgery. But she did, and Happy Cat will be celebrating her 23rd birthday later this year. "She chases a laser pointer and crickets, takes over her foster dad's life and lap, and outdoes her 13-year-old [feline] foster sister," Campbell reported.

The event hosted by Grumpy's Coffee Truck brought approximately 150 cat lovers to the shelter. Together, felines and friends became acquainted with each other. As guests sipped on coffee and meandered throughout the venue, cats took advantage of the opportunity to be pet, held, cuddled or scratched. Seriously, who doesn't love a good head scratch?



Echo Jordini takes a break from sipping coffee to cuddle this tabby. Jordini came to the event to support the sanctuary.

Many of the attendees came out to support the efforts of the shelter, while some simply came to pet and swoon

over the cats. Other patrons came with a more serious mission in mind – searching for that special connection with a cat or kitty to bring into their family.



After the recent loss of his older cat, Travis Teeter was "testing the waters for adoption".

Travis Teeter, whose cat of 21 years recently passed, "was testing the waters for adoption." He spent a great amount of time with a velvety black cat. He wasn't alone in his quest. Brittany Garcia and her 8-year-old son Damian Burrell came in search of a cat or kitten they could call their own. The pair introduced themselves to many of the feline friends at the event.

Approximately 40 volunteers donate their time and efforts to the shelter.

Some of their tasks include brushing cats, reading to cats, changing kitty litter and sweeping and mopping - a never ending job. Campbell said that three or four of her regular volunteers routinely spend half a day at the shelter "working themselves silly". The sanctuary also works with DES and Workability, a program designed to help special needs adults learn valuable work skills in order to eventually gain employment. The program participants occasionally arrive at the shelter ready to volunteer with their one-on-one attendant. Campbell said she is grateful for each volunteer that helps the cats.

Samantha Olchard, who "came to look and pet cats" helped her 5-year-old daughter Elise and a reluctant kitty to overcome their fear of the other. Within a short amount of time, the two were enjoying each other's company. The encounters were beneficial to all – feline or human. Seven cats found their forever family, two were placed in new foster homes, and "attendees were generous," Campbell reported.



A reluctant kitty and kid – Samantha Olchard introduced her 5-year-old daughter Elise to an equally shy kitty. The pair quickly became fast friends.

"It's very difficult to keep donations coming in," Campbell admitted. We always need to bring in new people, even if they are just donating small amounts of money. And that's ok, the more people that do that, the better. It's better than getting one or two people who will give you a \$1,000. I'd rather have ten people give me \$10 dollars, because maybe they will give the shelter \$15 one month," Campbell explained.

The shelter spent \$47,000 on veterinary care for the month of June. That figure included the discounts they customarily receive. PAWSitively Cats has a Facebook following of more than 3,000. "If 500 [followers] donated \$10.00 a month, that would be an awesome gift," Campbell said.

PAWSitively Cats has rescued thousands of cats over the years. But the need for help continues. "I'm in it for the long haul, long term," Campbell said. "We made a commitment to them."

For more information, or if you would like to donate, volunteer or adopt, go to www.pawsitivelycats.org or on Facebook at PAWSitively Cats No-Kill Shelter.

The Scratching Post

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All the cats on these pages are available for adoption now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please call the group listed with the picture.



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Cover Story: Celebrity Dog Trainer Brandon

Story by **Bonnie Craig** Photos by **Candace Eaton**



On a hot July day, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA) was abuzz in anticipation of their 75th anniversary celebration. As the clouds began to move in, excitement filled the humid air, as in addition to the evening's upcoming festivities, a very special guest was in the building. None other than Brandon McMillan, dog trainer extraordinaire, and Emmy

Award winning host of the popular CBS show, *Lucky Dog* was signed on as keynote speaker for the event. He made the most of his day in Tucson, touring the facility and putting on training demos at the HSSA including a hands-on training for their New Beginnings Program and the "Training the Trainers" event.

No matter how good a trainer is, they can always learn new tricks, and several Tucson trainers were lucky enough to learn from someone who has honed a unique and innovative approach to dog training. Brandon McMillan focuses on dog training these days, but he got his start working with wild animals. His father and uncle laid the groundwork for this less than conventional life path by finding work cleaning train cars for a circus, and from there, gradually learning about the care and training of animals of all shapes, sizes, and temperaments. This eventually led to a life built around training animals for a different entertainment industry- film and television. Brandon grew up around all manner of wild animals and went on to train and wrangle them for movies such as *The Hangover*, *I am Sam*, *The Jungle Book II* and many other films, television shows and commercials. Eventually, however, he became disillusioned with the industry and its lack of respect for both trainers and animals. He knew he needed a change, so he walked away from it all into an unknown future.

Although something of a gamble, this future turned out to be very bright, not only for Brandon, but for a lot of very lucky shelter dogs. Around this time, Brandon lived near an animal shelter which he frequently passed during walks. He would hear the desperate barking every time and finally, one day, decided to go in. He was so moved by what he saw there and began to consider how his training skills could help these dogs. After betting his uncle that he could make a movie dog out of a shelter dog, and winning, Brandon knew he had what it took to rehab these often broken down dogs, and the seed for *Lucky Dog* was sewn.

Another door opened for Brandon in the world of altruistic dog training when a veteran friend approached him with a tragic story. Another veteran he knew had been severely injured by an IED detonation. He learned that there was a wait of over five years to receive a service dog. Brandon agreed to train a dog for the disabled vet if someone would donate one. They did and he did, but when he went to deliver the dog, Brandon ended up working with a whole group of vets, inspiring him to cofound Argus Service Dog Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to training and pairing service dogs with disabled vets and others with disabilities.

Brandon brought all of this experience to share with the HSSA for the "Training the Trainers" Event. Several HSSA staff and volunteers, as well as area dog

trainers gathered Saturday afternoon to see him in action and try out some of his techniques. To begin, Brandon requested that a shelter dog with little training be brought out, and while waiting, explained some of his approach to training. He believes that in order to train both the dog and the owner, it is important to



keep it simple, so everyone can retain it. His seven common commands include sit, stay, down, come, off, heel, and of course, no. As he began to explain the element of control, in lurched Plugsy, a bulky one-year-old male Pitbull. He was sweet as can be, but very excited, and all over the place. Brandon now had the perfect volunteer. He went on to explain that an element of control can be a table on which to elevate the dog, or just a leash, which he considers the most important training tool. Either way control is the first step in his control, train, treat regimen.

With that in mind Brandon began to teach Plugsy some control. Using the leash to keep him from grabbing treats as they were laid down, a volunteer slowly let it slacken. As Plugsy began to understand that it wasn't just a treat free-for-all, he began to focus instead on what actually got him a treat- self-control. Most of us have heard that repetition is key to learning, and this is another of Brandon's training strategies. As a lifelong martial artist, he recommends a similar type of drilling when training dogs. Again, using the treat and leash combo, he coached a volunteer to teach Bella, a very energetic one-year-old boxer mix, the down command, one Brandon considers the best for control.

He showed a variety of other very intuitive tricks for training, such as bracing the leash for leverage around the waist when a dog is pulling, thus allowing a person's body weight rather than simply upper body strength to control the dog's movement. Another genius trick used to curb jumping up is to gently grab hold of a dog's paws when they do, letting go only after they have tried to pull away, realizing that jumping up might not be as fun as they had initially thought. In the short amount of time spent on these demonstrations, there was a perceptible change in the behavior of the dogs. In attendance at the event,



McMillan Takes Time Out to Help Tucson Dogs

Rachel Molyneux, a trainer with Sol Dog Lodge said, "I think the piece that made the biggest impression to me was Brandon's ability to create behavioral change via simple exercises that resonated with all of the audience, regardless of skill set or experience level. It was a nice reminder to me, as a professional dog trainer, to keep material relatable and easy to practice for the owners we help." So, training the trainers to train the owners to train the dogs seemed to be the order of the day.

The order of the evening was just as important. On the muggy tail of a monsoon storm the doors opened on the HSSA's 75th Anniversary Banquet. The night had much in store as people greeted one another and sipped drinks while checking in for the event. Once everyone had found their places and after the opening comments and videos, the silent auction began. During its course there was some great stuff on offer such as a guitar signed by the Rolling Stones,



an original Diana Madaras painting, a Mexican vacation package and the coveted exclusive cover of the HSSA's 2020 cat calendar. The fundraising was off to a great start after this and went on with pledges at various levels from the audience. The first pledge, a whopping \$25,000 came from Linda and Tom Grissom who were not only responsible for covering costs associated with bringing Brandon in as keynote speaker, but also instrumental in getting the New Beginnings program

off the ground. This exciting program lets Department of Corrections crew members help train shelter dogs and has already proven mutually beneficial.

After numerous other generous donations, it was time for Brandon to take the stage and deliver the keynote speech. He shared his background story, as well as several of his most memorable success stories. One featured a special little terrier mix name Charlotte who had been confiscated by animal control due to severe neglect. She was tied up with no food or water, and one eye and a front leg were badly injured. The leg had gone untreated long enough to heal into a useless encumbrance. At the shelter her eye and leg were removed, Brandon came to spring her, and Charlotte began her rehabilitation, which was ultimately a great success. By the time the little tripod was ready to meet

her new family, she was running and playing with the rest of the *Lucky Dog* pack like it was nothing. Charlotte was adopted by a woman named Avery who already had a special needs dog named George, and it was a perfect fit. At this point in Brandon's presentation, some surprise guests walked out on stage. Avery and Charlotte were all smiles and licks (respectively). It was clear that the pup was overjoyed to see her rescuer again.



Later on, good old Plugsy was back, along with pals Bella and Ricky, to do a live demonstration with Brandon. Similar to the earlier training at the HSSA, he demonstrated several of his most effective strategies for the audience. As a side note, at the time of this writing all three pups are available for adoption, in case anyone would like a dog who received celebrity training!



Overall, the day and night were a huge success. The numbers don't lie. 480 animal lovers attended the fundraiser dinner, and at the time of this writing, the gross revenue from the event sits at a lofty \$142,000, with plans to allocate \$94,000 to the New Beginnings Program, and the remaining \$48,000

going to general operations. "It's always great to see so many passionate supporters of pets under one roof," says Randy Peterson, HSSA Director of Development, Marketing & Communications, "including so many of our staff and volunteers who took the time to join us in celebrating 75 years and more than 1 million pets helped since 1944." The success of Brandon's visit and the HSSA fundraiser was made possible by everyday people, showing that when we get together and commit to affecting change, anything is possible.



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Special Feature

Remembering Local Legend, Pat Hubbard

Story by Emily Dieckman Photos courtesy Jennifer Hubbard



Pat Hubbard dedicated her life to making the world a better place for people and animals

Local animal welfare activist Pat Hubbard, who passed away in May, was a champion for and friend to both animals and humans.

Some people are animal lovers because they prefer animals to humans. It was Charles de Gaulle who first said, "The better I get to know men, the more I find myself loving dogs." And that's a common refrain among animal lovers and people in the animal rescue community even today: that animals are just better than people.

But Tucson animal activist Pat Hubbard, who passed away on May 19, 2019 at age 70, was a person whose kindness and warmth extended to all living beings, especially the underserved, according to her loved ones. Mike Duffey, a retired sheriff who is now the animal cruelty investigator at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSAZ), worked with Pat for more than two decades. He says that, though he and Pat were about the same age, she was the first positive role model of a mother he ever had.

"Working with her was like working with a really kind and considerate mother," he says. "She was not a 'my way or the highway' type person. She was willing to hear both sides of an argument and work toward the best solution. She would work with anybody on any topic."

Over the years, Pat just about did work with everybody on every topic. She worked at HSSAZ from 1989 to 2016, as everything from a kennel technician to the community outreach and education coordinator. She also spent 10 years as board president for the Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona, 20 years on the board of the Pima Animal Care Advisory Committee and was on the board of the Great Dane Club of Tucson. Most recently, she worked for the veterinary nonprofit Asavet.

One of the people Pat worked with most closely over the years was her daughter-in-law Jennifer Hubbard. Jennifer first met Pat when she started dating Pat's son, 30 years ago. They spent 22 of those years working together at HSSAZ, including four spent sharing an office. They also lived next door to each other for 25 years. That's a lot of time spent in close proximity to a mother-in-law. But Jennifer loved it.

"She's just such a genuinely nice, warm, accepting person, and it's hard not to connect with her over anything," Jennifer says. "She was kind of like a mother: really gentle when you needed her to be, but also stern when you needed her to be."



Not just a friend to cats and dogs, and not just a friend to humans, Pat Hubbard loved living creatures of all types

The people who love Pat—and there are many—all agree that she was an expert at striking a balance between being kind and effective. For example, she started the HSSAZ Safe Haven Program, which provides animal care for pets of domestic violence survivors, nearly two decades ago. Some individuals are less likely to leave an abusive situation if they have to leave their pets behind, so providing a place for the animals to stay means keeping the animals safe so their humans can be safe too.

Pat, Duffey and former HSSAZ director of cruelty prevention Marsh Myers also lobbied to amend sections of Arizona law, increasing the penalty for certain kinds of animal cruelty from misdemeanors to felonies. When they found success in changing the statute, the trio decided to take it a step further, and, in 1999, they launched the Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona. The organization is designed to help law enforcement, provide public education and prevent violent crimes toward animals. Duffey says in the last 20 years, organizations across the country have created similar programs. Pat, everyone agrees, was a critical part of making it happen.

"From day one – and this was true of the entire time I knew her – she was always upbeat. She was always optimistic," Myers says. "She had to make more hard decisions than probably anyone, overseeing literally thousands of animals.... Some people crumble under that, and some people channel that. Pat was very much someone who channeled it."

Jennifer remembers the knack Pam had for communicating, even with people who didn't agree with her. She was calm, pragmatic and convincing. And, though she didn't have a formal education beyond high school, she was intelligent in a way that made people want to really listen to what she said.

"She was so smart, and so knowledgeable, and she had so much information," Jennifer says. "She knew how powerful that was, and wanted the rest of the community to have that knowledge about animals and animal cruelty, too."

Pat and her husband, Dan, were married for nearly 50 years. They have three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jennifer guesses



Pat and her family at Thanksgiving 2018

Pat owned hundreds of animals over the course of her life, and Myers guesses she saved tens of thousands of animal lives. She impacted countless others, and her legacy lives on in the many creatures—four-legged and two-legged alike—that loved and were loved by Pat Hubbard.



Pat and some of her coworkers from ASAVET, a mobile spay and neuter organization



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Special Feature

Southwest Oasis Labrador Rescue – A Labor of Love

Story by Colleen Keefe Photos JoAnn Rolf, SOLR



Gracie came to the rescue malnourished with skin lesions and Valley Fever.

Susan Krase was working as a patrol officer for the Tucson Police Department when she received a call for a welfare check. It was March 2001. Upon arrival to the residence, Krase discovered two old Black Labs alone with their deceased owner. As per protocol, she called animal control to take the dogs to the pound. But Krase didn't want the pups to "sit there", so she went above and beyond, and started researching Lab rescues. Linda Wilcox, who worked for the rescue in Phoenix was willing to take the dogs.

Fast forward 18 years, Krase is the president and founding member of Southwest Oasis Labrador Rescue (SOLR). A Tucson native, Krase spent 18 years with another Lab rescue. She and several members of that group started SOLR in February of 2019. The goal was to continue to help dogs in Arizona, but to expand to Mexico, New Mexico and Texas where the need for rescuing was high. And so, Southwest Oasis Labrador Rescue was formed. Krase reports that there are now four Lab rescues out of Arizona, but they are still overloaded. Of the rescues, SOLR is the only one based out of Tucson.

Dr. Nausley, the medical director at Briarcrest at that time, was instrumental in helping the rescue get off the ground. Dr. Nausley contacted the group and connected them with a Greyhound Rescue, who took the new group under their wings. "While we were waiting for our non-profit status, Dr. Nausley treated the Labs so we could continue to save them. Meanwhile we were holding fundraisers to pay vet bills," Krase recalled. At one point, a litter of seven puppies came in from Mexico with unidentified severe infections. Dr. Nausley was able to save five of them after hospitalization and IV fluids for the pups.

Pounds from El Paso and Las Cruces contacted SOLR for help due to a lack of resources in their area. "The ones in Mexico are really bad, they're so beaten down, as far as medical-wise that saving them means the world to us. We can save these dogs that otherwise wouldn't have a chance," Krase said. The group has a heart to "do true rescues and save these dogs," she said.

It began with one Lab

Shortly after the welfare check incident, Wilcox asked Krase to transport a pair of 9-month-old wild Chocolate Labs from the Humane Society to the Phoenix rescue. The shelter contacted the Lab rescue hoping they would take the uncontrollable pair of male pups that otherwise would have been euthanized. The two unneutered dogs had never been indoors. "Whenever anyone would come by their run, they would fly up to the top of their cage," Krase recalled.

Then she saw him.

The puppy was standing in the doorway with an Elmo toy hanging from his mouth.

"I spent 30 seconds with him and fell absolutely in love and knew what I wanted to do - I wanted to save these Labs and adopted him instantly. This dog needed a chance and I was willing to spend every waking moment doing it. The dog was out of control, wild – the neatest dog I've ever owned." Krase said. She named him Oakley. A friend and fellow officer adopted his brother. Krase, who was part of TPD's Animal Cruelty Task Force when it started, said she was one of the "animal people" on the force. She spent 2 years as an officer in Oakland CA, and 9 years with TPD. Krase retired due to an on-the-job injury. Lucky dogs.



Susan Krase, president of SOLR holds Arlo, an 8-month-old Black Lab who was attacked by another animal. He was found hiding under a trailer.

The Work

SOLR currently has 12 Labs and several on the list waiting to come in. It has saved 34 dogs since getting its 501c3 status. The rescue has five foster homes that care for the dogs who presently are all in medical need. The dogs are given medical attention and any necessary training before they are available for adoption. Medical conditions range from Gracie who came in with severe Valley Fever, skin lesions, and malnutrition, to 8-month-old Arlo who had been attacked by another animal.

JoAnn Rolf, a retired legal secretary and lunch lady, is fostering Arlo. "We don't just take in perfect dogs. You can't save the world, but you can save the one in front of you," she said. Rolf fosters, does intake, and takes photos for SOLR. "I like the ones that people say are too damaged. Love does conquer all," she said.

SOLR needs help from the community. They are looking for donations, volunteers to help at events and foster families. But Krase emphasized that not all volunteer work is directly with the dogs. People are needed with computer skills, administrative experience, and for transportation too.



Ozzy and Max are great foster brothers who often teach new fosters like Chocolatta valuable lessons.

"It's been my life, it's been my heart and soul, being able to save these dogs, being able to see where they go for homes and staying connected with the adopters that have had them over the years and hearing the stories about them," Krase said. "It just takes your heart. It takes your heart when they come in, especially when they are broken, so when you get to take care of them and provide them the medical care they need, and send them on their way to a great life, it really does take a piece of you," Krase explained. "If it wasn't for him (Oakley), I don't think I'd have done as much as I did for the rescue. He changed me," Krase confessed.

If you would like more information on SOLR, or would like to donate/foster/volunteer, please visit www.solraz.org

Book Review

OH MY DOG! Personal Stories of How Dogs Enrich Our Lives

Author: Barbara Berlier

Reviewed by Allie Werhan

Almost everyone who has a dog is willing to talk about it. In fact, a sure-fire ice breaker at any gathering is to bring up the subject of something clever or amusing done by your dog. Even more amazing is that most of the people in this group will listen to each story without interrupting, although there may be some jumping from foot to foot and grinning and repeating "yes, yes, yes" interjections.

Barbara Berlier, a retired magazine journalist, has written a book about those people who want to share stories of their pooches. She interviewed pet owners. The readers can feel her respect and admiration for the dogs and how families grow with knowledge about their adventures.

No shortage of dogs exists, nor of happy people with stories to tell Barbara who sought out these people and some of them sought her out. The common thread running through the stories was this: Almost all these dogs were rescues, or taken from shelters, sometimes only moments before they were to be euthanized. Others had been in shelters or kennels or back yards for so long, they didn't know any other way of life until their rescuers snatched them out of those environments and delivered them into a safe clean home, full of love and health and a desire for only the best for each dog.

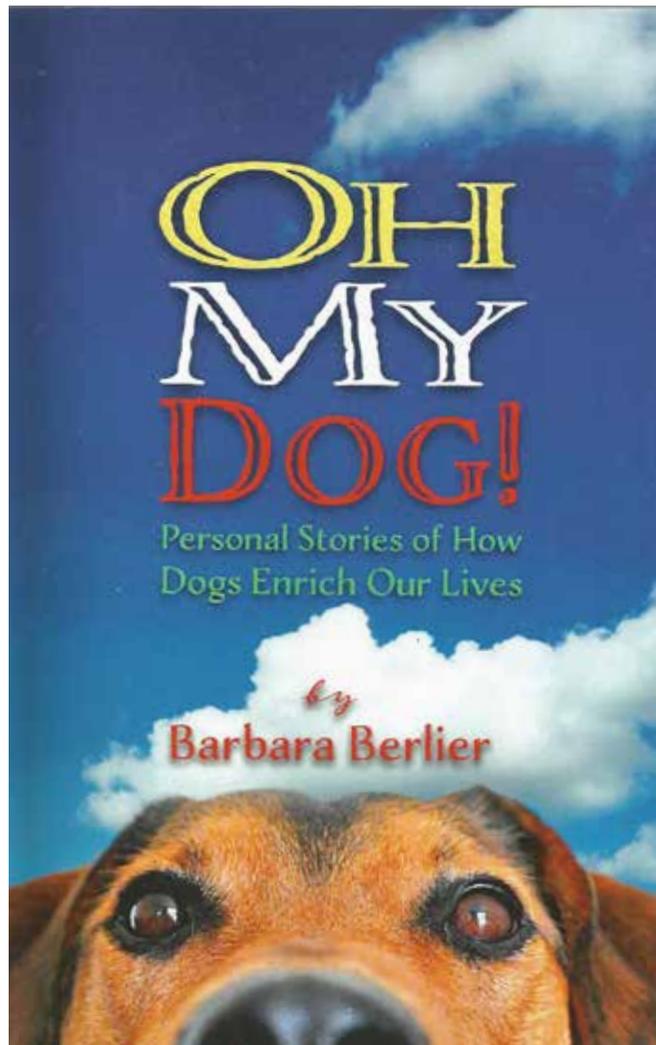
Many dogs (and cats too) languish for years with no relief. Sometimes it's because no one knows they are there. Or maybe no one cares. If you visit a shelter you may see animals who have retreated to the back of their cage, waiting patiently but without hope that the next person through the kennel will be their rescuer. Barbara has given herself the goal to make us aware of these sad souls and to exert our best effort to give them the life and love they deserve. By telling these lovely stories of rescue, relief and joy, she helps the reader understand the need for what each can bring to the animals, and how simple the first step is. There is a lot of help available for those who see the need and want to help. Many rescuers stand ready to show the way, to explain and train others in the business of rescue.

Some of Barbara's stories begin like Bernie's. Pete spied Bernie with a group of rescue dogs and adopted him. He fit into the family. Pete and Lorri nursed Bernie through puppyhood, and taught him how to play gently with other dogs and people. They treated him with love and affection and he responded with the same.

Ann lost her beloved adopted dog, and was inconsolable, but Pete and Lorri offered that she take Bernie for a while to ease her pain. Bernie worked

his magic and soon he was Ann's dog, bonded with her for life through all the ups and downs that brings.

As the vow goes, "till death do us part" and we have to face that. But life is about chasing Frisbees, cuddling on the couch, laughing and playing and sharing quiet times together. This delightful book captures the fun in life shared by humans and dog. Dogs have a calmer acceptance of the sad part and share that calm with their human friends.



It seems that dogs can become like the children in the family, even be treated as children. People call themselves the "dog mom" or "dog dad." These titles express loving relationships. People share companionship in many ways. Barbara's stories express those. She speaks of the dogs who go to war, and often don't come home. The dogs offer protection and companionship to the soldiers. Often the soldiers and dogs form very strong unbreakable bonds. The dogs need to go home with the soldiers; not always an easy task. During the war, in the war zones, the dogs give the men something to hold on to from home.

Many of the families want companions for their own travels, or new homes or new people. A dog brings comfort and familiarity to a new situation.

This book, "Oh My Dog!" is the sort of book you can sit down and read cover to cover. If you do, I guarantee you will go back and reread the stories again at a slower pace. Then it also can be a book to read a bit here and a bit there, dipping into a story then taking time to think or ponder. It would be fun to read aloud, maybe to your dog.

Mostly it is a way to contemplate all the wonder and joy to be found in dogs, and to remember the ones you have known in your past, or whose lives you currently share, or those who are in your future. Now, isn't that an amazing feat? But then, the subject is not only amazing, but also profound, a dog rescued out of despair and brought to share your life. It is a beautiful thing Barbara has done.

You can meet the author and pick up a personalized, signed copy of *Oh My Dog!* at two book signings in Tucson in October.

Sat. Oct. 26th, 1-5p at Tucson Rescue Now Adoption Center at the La Encantada Mall. (Formerly, The Humane Society of Southern AZ store.

Sun. Oct. 26th, 10a-4p at The Tucson Dog Magazine's Dogtoberfest at The Gregory School.

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Business Spotlight

Acoma Animal Clinic - One Stop Shop Provides One Vet for Your Pets

Story and photos by Emily Dieckman

Acoma Animal Clinic provides top-notch service in a family atmosphere.

In early 2019, a cattle dog came into Acoma Animal Clinic after falling out of a car, getting run over and being left with a bad fracture on his leg. His owners had taken him to three or four other places in town, all who said he would need to have the leg amputated. Dr. Richard Livingston at Acoma Animal Clinic believed he could fix it.



Dr. Richard Livingston in the waiting room of Acoma Animal Clinic

including dogs, cats and horses. He even raised pigs for 4H.

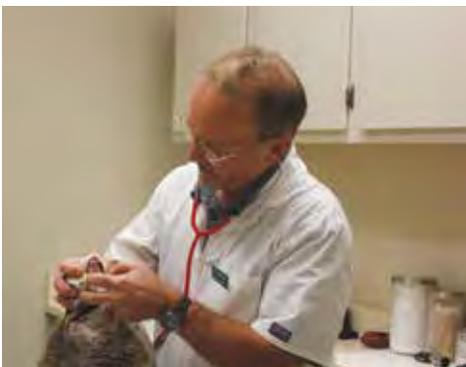
"I liked raising and catching little animals and recuperating them—like tadpoles, mice, frogs," he says. "I wanted to work with animals. I knew that always."

That love of creatures and critters (he has a particular fondness for bearded dragons) has carried him through a successful career. After graduating from Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1980, he started his first clinic in 1981. Until 2010, he also owned a clinic in Flagstaff, and would travel back and forth between the two. He says that's where he learned to be something of "a jack of all trades."

"One of the things about having a clinic in a rural town for so long is that I learned to do all the things you'd normally send to specialist," he said. "Tons of orthopedics, a lot of procedures that are pretty advanced."

This includes everything from bone surgeries and fracture repairs to lump removal to spaying and neutering. It's the type of place people can go whether their dog is having a medical emergency, their hamster needs a checkup or their cat is having a dental issue. They also offer laser therapy and stem cell therapy to reduce pain and inflammation or even accelerate wound healing. A high-end digital X-ray machine allows him to take clear images and determine whether exploratory surgery is necessary. He even offers a little bit of training for dogs that are unruly or that have a tendency to bark or growl at strangers.

"Dr. Livingston has a big heart and he helps a lot of people," said veterinary technician Tiffany Thompson, who has been with the clinic for almost nine years. "And we know a



Dr. Livingston checks out the pearly whites of Casey the clinic cat

lot of our clients by name, and their pets by name. Some of our clients have been here since before we've been here."

Now that he's based in Tucson, Dr. Livingston always gives people the option of a referral to a specialist. Specialists, he says, have the expertise to do a better job. But he's learned how to do a lot on his own along the way and can do it for about half the cost. He enjoys how rewarding it is to take on challenging cases, like that of the cattle dog.

The office staff is mostly made up of veterinary technicians, but two important team members have only "Office Cats" as their official titles. Casey and Star run



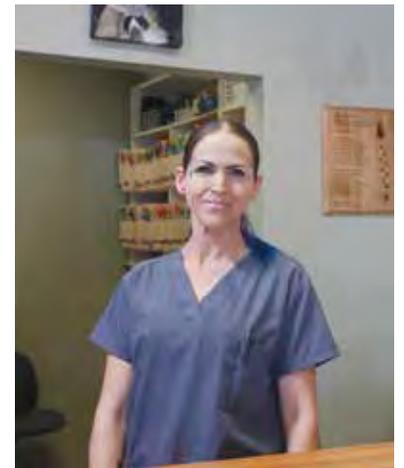
The walls of Acoma Animal Clinic are decorated photos of staff and client pets

"We're all kind of a family here. We all know each other, and we actually like everyone we work with," says Stacy Wadsworth, a receptionist who's been with the clinic for three years. "Dr. Livingston is very generous with his time. He'll help you out with your animals. He's got a kind heart and a lot of patience."

His love for animals hasn't waned over the years. Including some of their grown children's pets that they're taking care of temporarily, he and his wife have four cats and three dogs. When his children were younger, there was an even wackier variety: always some sort of ferret, one 10-12-lb iguana, and even a boa constrictor that got up to 6 feet before they decided to give it away.

"I just like dealing with animals all the time," he says, adding that, with great horned owls living in his backyard and frequent bobcat sightings in his neighborhood, even wild creatures seem to sense his affinity for the animal kingdom. "My backyard is like a zoo, practically."

Acoma Animal Clinic is located at 6781 N. Thornydale Road, #207. Call 441-3860 or visit acomaanimalclinetucson.com for more information.



Veterinary Technician Tiffany Thompson has been with the clinic for nearly nine years



Clinic receptionist Stacey Wadsworth manning the office phone



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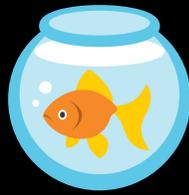
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Camp Bow Wow

Story and Photos by Brian Pettepiece



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From the first look at the building it becomes evident that Camp Bow Wow is unique. The building entrance is lined with wooden beams reminiscent of a camp lodge, the front desk is made of wood resembling a log cabin, and the smiling face behind the counter greets you and your pup with a welcoming smile. Right away you can sense that your pup is in for a treat.

One of the most unique things about Camp Bow Wow is their phone app. Puppy parents can check in on their furry child throughout the day by viewing cameras placed in each area of the facility. Having access to live video of their pup can help owners to feel reassured that their dog is being well taken care of throughout the day and is having a great time at camp.

With multiple sized cabins to choose from, dogs of every size can feel right at home in their temperature-controlled surroundings. Cabin sizes range from the smallest, called Teacup Condos, right up to the largest Cabins at 5’x10’. In addition to the regular Cabins there are also individual private suites for pups that may be recovering from surgery, or that have special physical needs requiring them to be kept apart from other pups. These private suites are also equipped with a camera so the parents can keep an eye on their furry child using their app.



The log cabin front desk adds to the away-at-camp feel

of each pup’s eating habits, any special diet needs, their medications, and who their owners are. Camp Counselors undergo extensive training to ensure that each pup receives the level of care that their campers expect and are trained in proper handling techniques to ensure that their stay at camp is as delightful and stress-free as possible.



Camp Bow Wow Counselors. Each Counselor receive special training in handling and preparedness techniques

Personal care is a priority for the Counselors at Camp Bow Wow. Each Counselor takes the time to learn each camper’s name and to build a rapport with them. In addition, each Cabin has a wooden plaque outside the door where the staff keeps track

The owner, Linda Burkett, started Camp Bow Wow three years ago. After retiring from the corporate world, she moved to Tucson and quickly became frustrated that she couldn’t find a daycare and boarding facility that she was comfortable taking her dogs to. So, she decided to start her own. Over the years she has worked with several dog rescues and has always had a special place in her heart for dogs. “They all have their own personalities and they all get to know you” Linda says, then adds, “what makes me feel really good is when the parents say ‘we’re going to Camp Bow Wow’ and their dog beats them to the car.”

Much like regular Camp, Camp Bow Wow staff recommends bringing your pup’s own food, their favorite treats and toys and their own blankets or bedding. Having things of their own helps them to feel at ease if it’s their first time visiting Camp or if they aren’t used to being away from their parents for very long.

Another great benefit of Camp Bow Wow is that it’s a nationwide franchise. What this means is that if you are travelling to a different city with your pup, the company already has them in their records. This allows you to take them to any of their more than 160 Camps around the country hassle-free.

Linda recommends booking early if you’re looking for boarding over the holidays. They generally book up by the middle of October for that time of year so plan ahead and book early if you think you’ll be needing daycare or boarding for your pup(s) over Thanksgiving or Christmas.

As for camp activities, there are four large play areas for campers, with both indoor and outdoor sections. In addition, to keep them feeling their best, campers are also given nap times where they can relax and unwind. Campers are separated



Happy camper hanging around in the play area

by both size and temperament. As an example of temperament grouping, Linda talks about one of their campers who is a Great Dane but lives with chihuahuas. Because he’s so used to being around very small dogs, he just isn’t comfortable around dogs his own size. This is another example of the personal care and attention to the Campers paid by the staff. Other camp amenities include dog grooming and training services.

Camp Bow Wow’s counselors and staff would love to have your beloved pup come visit them! They are open 365 days a year. Boarding and daycare are available Monday through Friday 6:30am – 7pm and Saturdays 7am – 7pm. On Sundays and holidays, they are open for boarding only, from 7am – 10am, and 4pm – 7 pm.

Camp Bow Wow is located at: 16725 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ 85739 or call: (520) 742-6476. Their website is: campbowwow.com/tucson

TRN OPENS NEW DOG ADOPTION CENTER



John Gilbert and Jace Powers founders of Tucson Rescue Now, are excited to announce the **OPENING OF A NEW DOG ADOPTION CENTER**, located at La Encantada shopping center. Where the Humane Society had a store for 8 years.

The new location will be a permanent adoption center for TRN a Non-Profit 501 c3, who has participated in many adoption events helping many senior dogs from Pima Animal Care Center find forever homes.

The new TRN center will be open six days a week to **ALL RESCUES, FOSTERS AND OTHER SHELTERS**. A place the dogs can come, where they have the opportunity of more exposure for people to see the dogs and visit with them in a relaxed comfortable atmosphere, while lounging on soft couches

The center will be a community adoption opportunity for dogs and humans to meet to find their perfect companions.

Rescues and Fosters can make appointments after filling out an application, for scheduling when they want to bring their dogs. Schedules for showing dogs will be on a first come basis, All adoptable pets must have completed up to date vaccination and shot records, can not be sick, and not dog reactive.

TRN will be opening the beginning of October, and taking appointments starting September 15th

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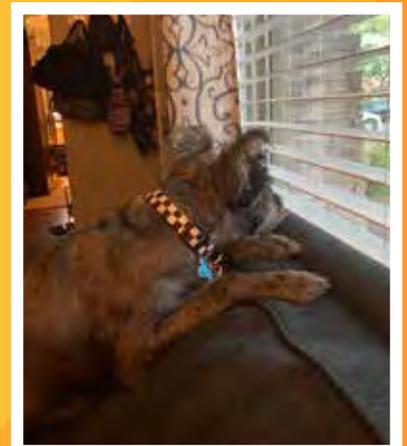
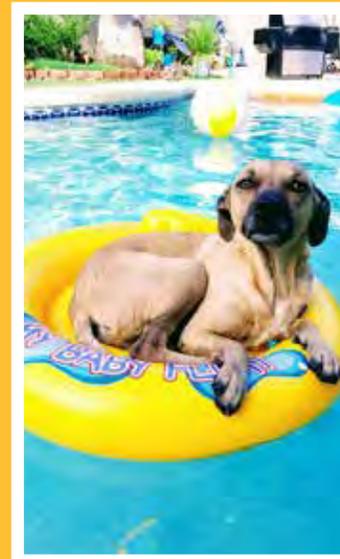


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Rocky telling his life story
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Violet relaxing
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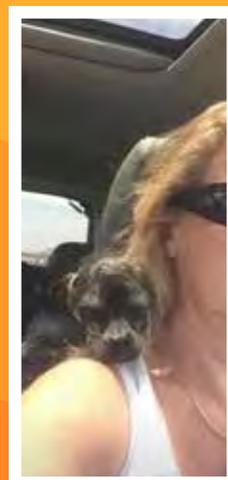


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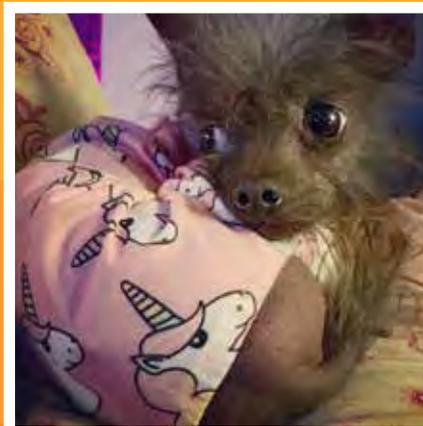


Sebastian playing in the mud
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Guido/My navigator
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Monkey enjoying the good life after being rescued from a hoarding situation
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Chevy being Chevy
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Charlie being too cool
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The Soothing Spirit of Donkeys – Zen Donkey Sanctuary

Story and Photos by Colleen Keefe

For centuries donkeys have been given a bad rap.

Sandy Amy, executive director of Zen Donkey Sanctuary wants the public to know the truth behind these unfair misconceptions. Amy has devoted the better part of her adult life to the gentle creatures. She's had an affinity for animal welfare for as long as she knew what it meant.

"Our mission is to provide compassionate care to abandoned, neglected, sick, injured, at-risk -all the above - donkeys by making sure that they have a safe, loving and nurturing environment for their healing and restoration," she said. The sanctuary's goal is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome the gentle creatures. The organization formerly known as Zen Donkey Rescue that began 25 years ago, recently reorganized as a non-profit sanctuary to make provisions for the ones who will never be able to be placed.



Volunteer Liz Troutt is quite popular at treat time with donkeys Spirit and Issac, and Annie the horse. The animals love tortilla chips and peppermint candy. Whickey (German Shephard) and Zara (Pit Bull) patiently wait their turn.

Although the sanctuary's primary focus is donkeys, it accepts horses, mules, goats, potbelly pigs, waterfowl, and dogs - many of which have special needs. Zen Donkey Sanctuary is home, "whether they have two legs, four legs or even three legs," Amy said.

Classical music gently greets you as you enter the grounds and is continually piped into the sanctuary providing a calm peaceful environment for its inhabitants. The sanctuary adheres to a strict code of ethics.

"We don't buy, we don't sell, we don't breed, we don't trade. We try to adopt [out] when appropriate," Amy explains. She estimates that 40-50% of the animals she and her staff care for can't be re-homed, usually due to the magnitude of the injuries. "Maybe they walk funny, maybe they don't look as pretty as others - the majority of the animals that come here have really sad stories." Amy confessed.

Donkeys are very social animals and should always be kept in bonded pairs, as they form strong attachments to one another. Buddy was separated from his mom before weaning and was "passed around a bunch" before being put in with a horse. He had not seen another donkey since he was six weeks old, so he internalized who he thought he was. At the sanctuary "Buddy saw him [an Arabian horse named Stryder] and said, 'That's my brother from another mother.' He chose his bonded partner. They're kind of like Schwarzenegger and De Vito - they're the exact same age. They're twins," said Ronnie Smith, who lives and works at the sanctuary.

Amy's lifetime professional work was in human rehabilitation. "I'm retired now, but you'd never know it," she joked. She uses her large reserve of treatment approaches such as acupuncture, laser therapy and electrical stimulation, in addition to traditional care for the animals. Amy's husband who is an engineer, has created customized adaptive equipment like walkers and braces. He recently designed a sling for Annie, a baby goat with a spinal cord injury that rendered her unable to walk. Annie has just begun to put weight on her legs with the help of the device. The prospect of her walking again is now closer. "Any day you can wake up and

take care of an animal that almost never had another morning is the best thing you can do with your life," Smith added.

So why donkeys?

"For me the endearment and the love came when we adopted our first one about 40 years ago," Amy recalled. They named their new bottle-fed baby Eeyore. "He totally changed my world - he changed my perspective on equines. They are extremely intelligent animals, reliable and dependable."

It all began when the couple was living in New Mexico. They had several horses at the time. Amy spotted John Stiles, a nomadic herdsman and philosopher, pulling a donkey-driven wagon down Highway 14. She would follow the wagon tracks to find him, often bringing him homemade soup and bread, and feed for the animals. Stiles mentored Amy, teaching her how to live a simpler life - lessons she now lives by. The sanctuary and Amy's on-site home operate like it was 100 years ago. It's completely off the grid, self-sufficient and isolated. Stiles gifted Eeyore to thank her for her generosity and kindness.



Eeyore, Amy's first donkey and the inspiration for the Zen Donkey Sanctuary. Photo courtesy Sandy Amy

Amy believes they can offer more therapeutic restoration in humans than even horses. "They're just a mirror into our own soul if you really look," she continued.

Now back to those misconceptions about donkeys:

- **Misconception:** Donkeys are stubborn.
- **Truth:** Donkeys cautiously take time to assess their situation before acting.
- **Misconception:** Donkeys are dumb.
- **Truth:** Donkeys are independent thinkers who look before they leap.

"To me rescue is a lifestyle, it's not a hobby, you live it, breathe it, love it 24/7," Amy explained. "I don't have the heart to turn them back after they have gone through so much trauma. There's always room for one more," Amy admits. "Animals are my life, they are my passion, my purpose. I'm a firm believer that animals really make us better people," she concluded.



Amy uses a sling designed by her engineer-husband to help Annie, a baby goat with a spinal cord injury. Yara, a three-legged pit bull, supervises. The pup is "in charge of lost and found" at the sanctuary and collects "missing items" that can usually be found stashed in the barn.



IN THE BARN

All the Horses on this page are available for adoption now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please call the rescue group listed with the picture.



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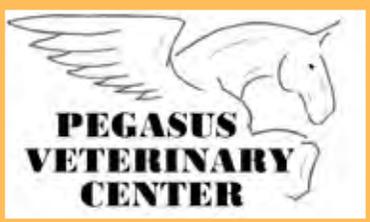
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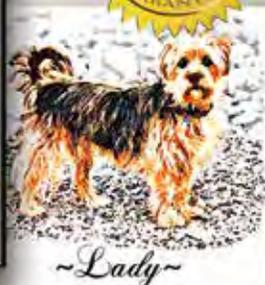
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From the Director's Desk

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

By Brandy Burke, Chief Operations Officer, Humane Society of Southern Arizona

Anniversary

By the time you pick up this copy of Tucson Dog Magazine to enjoy, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA) will have successfully completed our 75th anniversary celebration. Since our founding in 1944, we have helped more than one million pets as Tucson's largest non-profit animal welfare organization, and we thought that was worthy of a five-week long celebration.

Hopefully you were able to join us at one or more of our community celebrations that looked back at our history and our accomplishments while also always keeping an eye on our bright future. The largest of our anniversary events, a banquet gala at the Hilton El Conquistador featuring celebrity dog trainer Brandon McMillan, is covered in this issue. We also had adoptions specials

including our Family Fun Adoption Night and Educators Week; held our first Patriots Paws and Pages event with adults reading to pets during the 4th of July fireworks; hosted a one-day restaurant dining event called Woof Down Wednesday; and buried a time capsule at our new campus on West Roger Road (to be opened when we celebrate 100

years). HSSA even held a wedding at the shelter, under the theory that one loving couple could make our anniversary their anniversary – congratulations to Miguel and Alexandra!

Dog and Cat Training

As we look back, we also look forward. We are more than 'just a shelter'. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona has implemented programs to lead our community to long-term and sustainable changes in the way people view their companion pets. From our school-based education programs to our low-cost clinic services, partnerships with other nonprofits, and adoption and foster programs, we are leading the way to a better future for pets and the people who love them.

HSSA is thrilled to go public with a great new offering we call the New Beginnings Canine Program. This now one-year-old solutions-based training program has seen more than 50 of the hardest dogs to adopt get what they needed to find their Forever Homes – more time, more attention, and more training. This unique partnership with the Arizona Department of Corrections



New Beginnings



Patriots

utilizes members of our existing work crew to train under the auspices of Bailey Heater, HSSA's Behavior Program Supervisor. Bailey trains approved work crew members who then partner with unsociable, scared or previously neglected at-risk dogs to train them through an intensive eight-week long course centered on one-to-one interaction. The program not only helps the dogs find their Forever Homes, it also helps the men in the program build confidence and develop both a sense of responsibility and a sense of purpose.

While New Beginnings is for dogs looking to be adopted, HSSA is also rolling out Canine Good Citizen classes for the public's owned pets. The program is designed to recognize dogs which display good manners at home as well as in the community, and stress the importance of responsible canine ownership. All dogs who pass the 10 step CGC may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. Our next 6-week long class starts in mid-November. Please visit our website at HSSAZ.org and sign your dog up today.

Don't worry, our cats aren't left out! Opportunities abound for volunteers to work with our feline friends, through interactive play, enrichment and socialization. Seven days a week, you will find our cat focused volunteers and staff providing love and attention to those cats patiently waiting for their new family to arrive. Education and Outreach

Speaking of looking forward, we believe the children are the future. That's why HSSA is also proud to bring back our Fall Break Camp for kids, October 7th through the 10th at our main campus. This four-day program, modeled after our popular summer kids camp classes, is a shining example of our organizational commitment to education, one of HSSA's three guiding pillars. You can learn more about our Fall Break Camp on our website and Facebook pages.



Education

Annually, the HSSA Education team visits hundreds of classrooms in Southern Arizona. Our free school based programs bring humane education directly to students, providing interactive lessons on a variety of topics, such as basic pet care, animal cruelty prevention and animal-related careers. If you are an educator interested in bringing HSSA to your classroom, please visit our website and complete our Education Request form. www.hssaz.org/services/education/schools/

Advocacy

This past legislative session, HSSA participated in strong local and state advocacy initiatives with our lawmakers to pass House Bill 2671, which reached Governor Ducey's desk for his signature in May 2019. Under the new law, animal abusers will now face stronger penalties in the worst cases of abuse defined as the intentional infliction of cruel mistreatment towards an animal. People will be held accountable for their heinous acts and justice will be served. This is a win for pets and people who love them in our state.

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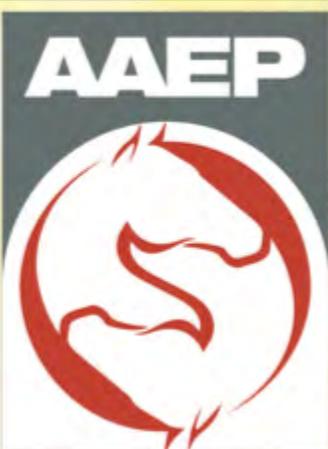
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