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# The Tucson Dog



**CATS & HORSES TOO!**



## Cover Story

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For The Animals at The Animal League  
of Green Valley the Grass is Greener**

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Dogs In A Pickle

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By Timothy Krone, DVM  
PCC Veterinary Sciences

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**Gracie - Canine Writer** - Gracie is a 1½ year-old former shelter dog who loves giving pet parents tips on how to keep their four-legged friends healthy and happy with her column, "Greetings from Gracie." She loves playing with her new brother Andy, who is also a rescue. They both enjoy walks and car rides everyday. Gracie was 4½ months old when she adopted TD Editor, Ann Herrington. She loves traveling and has fallen in love with Tucson and the many friendly animal lovin' people and their pets she has met.

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*We picked up a copy of your paper at Stray Dogs and were thrilled to see and read it! Please add my email address to your email list.*

*Thank you for a great paper! Tucson needs it for certain.*

*Regards,  
Barry - Marana, AZ*

## The Leader of the Pack speaks!

Dear Readers,

Welcome to beautiful fall in Tucson. Now that the weather has cooled down, there are many events happening outdoors to enjoy with our four-legged friends. We are so excited to continue sponsoring events and organizations that help animals in this wonderful, caring community.

I love this time of year, not only for the weather but for the upcoming holidays. I always seem to get a little melancholy but also a heart of gratitude. I think of people (including four-legged ones) who have passed and the appreciation I have for those that are here now that I am honored to share my life with. I also feel so lucky that I get to do what I love every day helping animals. I can't imagine doing anything else. I am especially grateful this year for the community of Tucson who has embraced our publication and our mission here. But there is also great need this time of year so I hope you will all join us in supporting the people and animals that surround us. Everyone has something they can contribute whether it is donating their time or money. Tucson is a very loving, generous community and I am so proud to be a part of it!

On our cover this issue is an incredible shelter located in Green Valley doing a great job helping animals in their care. The Animal League of Green Valley is a rare gem with an all-volunteer staff which is unheard of in the world of sheltering. The programs they offer are extraordinary such as the one for senior dogs or cats where their veterinary care is paid for life after they are adopted. They also have a Medical Outreach program that provides vet care for low-income families. Everything about this shelter is different as you will read in this amazing story. This is a place worth supporting in every way!

We also have some special features in this issue like the story about how several Tucsonans worked together to help Hurricane Harvey dogs. The story starts with Megan Rombalski who saw the news coverage and felt she had to do something and boy, did she ever. I'll admit, this story gave my tear ducts a workout! Of all the stories we have done over the years, I am still in awe when I read one like this. Megan rallied a lot of other people to help on her journey and the result was a lot of much needed assistance for Hurricane Harvey's most helpless victims. Animal people are truly incredible, aren't they?

We have so many other remarkable stories this issue too: Vets & Their Pets, Dogs In Blue: The K9 Beat, Kids and Animals and more. Each one is awe-inspiring and I know you will love them as much as I did.

And in this time of gratitude, I would like to ask you a favor. Please support the businesses you see advertised with us and let them know you saw them in The Tucson Dog when you visit them. We have received many emails and calls from readers telling us how much they love the magazine and how happy they are we are here supporting the animals in this great community. We are only able to do it because of the businesses who support us and you, our fabulous readers! Thank you so very much!

From all of our Staff at The Tucson Dog magazine, we want to wish you and yours a very happy and safe Holiday Season and we will see you again for another fantastic year in 2018!

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann

## Greetings from Gracie



Dear Humans,

With the holidays upon us, which we furry people enjoy being a part of, I thought it was a good time to give you some tips to keep us safe through the Holidays!!

**Food & Exercise:** First, it is important to keep up your best friend's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. If you are traveling in a car, make sure you make frequent potty stops along with a little leg stretching.

**Oh, Christmas Tree:** Make sure you securely anchor your tree if you have one so it doesn't tip and fall, causing injury to your pet.

**Avoid Mistletoe & Holly:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea and that's no fun for anyone! And did you know, many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure if cats ingest them? Opt for artificial plants or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

**Tinsel Town...not!** Kitties especially love sparkly, light-catching "toys" that are easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. If ingested, it can cause obstruction in the digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and may possibly lead to surgery. Brighten up your tree with something other than tinsel.

**That Holiday Glow:** Please don't ever leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock them over. Not good! If you leave, put out the candle.

**Totally Wired:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paw's reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus while broken ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

**Skip the Sweets:** By now, you know not to feed us furry people chocolate or anything sweetened with xylitol but do you know the lengths to which a motivated pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep us away from the table and unattended plates of food and please secure the trash can lid so we can't get into it.

**Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. We can join in the fun with our own designated treats. We love treats!

**Stocking Stuffer Treats:** I have a stocking that my mom hangs every year and she fills it with safe and healthy treats for me and I LOVE IT! Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible like Kongs that can be filled with healthy foods! Yum, I love that!

**Put the Meds Away:** Yes, I have experience with this one. When I was a puppy, a family member came for a visit and left his meds in one of those plastic pill containers around and I got into it. That was not fun! My mom made a call to the Pet Poison Control Hotline and then it was off to the vet which was not fun at all. Whether it is you or a friend that is visiting, please lock the meds up in a secure place so we can't get to them. We can't help ourselves sometimes; we are just curious creatures.

Well, I hope these tips help you have a safe and happy holiday with your furry friends and I'll be back next year to give you more great information.

Peace, Love & Biscuits!

Gracie 



# Calendar of Events

## Ongoing Adoptions

### Animal League of Green Valley

Onsite Adoptions  
7 days a week – 10a-2p  
1600 West Duval Mine Rd.,  
Green Valley  
(520) 625-3170

### Hermitage Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

Onsite Adoptions  
Tues-Sat. 10a-5p  
Until August 25th. Located at  
4501 E. 22nd St., Tucson  
(520) 571-7839

### Hope Animal Shelter

Onsite Adoptions  
Mon-Thurs, by appointment  
Fri., Sat., Sun noon-4p  
8950 N. Joplin Lane., Tucson  
(520) 792-9200

### Humane Society of Southern AZ

Onsite Adoptions  
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Mon-Sat 11a-6p  
Sun: noon-5p  
Closed Major Holidays  
3450 N. Kelvin Blvd., Tucson, AZ  
(520) 321-3704

Pawsh at Park Place  
Mon-Sat. 10a-5p  
Sunday 11a-5p  
5870 E. Broadway Blvd.  
(520) 881-7406

Pawsh at La Encantada  
Mon-Wed. 10a-7p  
Thurs-Sat 10a-8p  
Sun 11a-6p  
(520) 327-6577

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(520) 327-0010

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(520) 289-2747

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4000 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson  
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4:30-6:30p Wed  
1259 Well Road, Ajo  
(520) 387-7502

### Pima Paws for Life

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A group for people interested in dog friendly hikes in Southern AZ. All hikers welcome. If you are bringing a dog, he/she must be well socialized with people and other dogs. For more info go to: [www.meetup.com/tailsandtrails/](http://www.meetup.com/tailsandtrails/)

## Special Events

### NOVEMBER

### Dogtoberfest for Handi-Dogs November 5th, 10a-2p

The Gregory School  
3231 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson  
\$5 per person (dogs FREE)  
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Games, Contests, Prizes, Raffles,  
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More info: (520) 326-3412 or  
[www.DogtoberfestAZ.org](http://www.DogtoberfestAZ.org)

### Sips for Seniors November 12th 3-5p Sentinel Peak Brewing Company

4746 E. Grant Rd, Tucson  
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PAAC Senior Dog Adoptions  
Mega Raffle Prize  
Come out and support Adopt A Senior Dog month with this Fun Fundraiser!

### Pet Safety First Aid Class November 18th 1-5p

Southern AZ Humane Society  
3450 N. Kelvin Blvd, Tucson  
Registration \$50 includes Pet Safety & First Aid Manual.  
Class includes "Hands On" skills & Training & Certificate of Completion.  
More info email:  
[lkoopmanleyva@hssaz.org](mailto:lkoopmanleyva@hssaz.org)  
Or call: (520) 321-3704 ext 142

### Fall Fundraiser for Equine Voices Sunday, November 19th Dinner with Silent and Live Auction

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Or contact Angie at (520) 398-2814  
Or email [angie@equinevoices.org](mailto:angie@equinevoices.org)

### DECEMBER

### Jingle Balls Comedy Ball Wed. Dec 13th – 6p at Laff Comedy Cafe

2900 E. Broadway Blvd., Unit 154  
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Tickets \$20 per person until Dec. 5th  
After Dec 5th. \$25 per person  
\$25 at the door if not sold out  
More info: [LeeAnn@PimaPawsForLife.org](mailto:LeeAnn@PimaPawsForLife.org)  
Or call: (520) 358-6875



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Details and tickets:  
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### Fur Ball Paws Vegas Sat. Feb 24th – 6pm

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
102 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson  
Benefits Pima Paws For Life Shelter  
\$60 per person or \$100 per couple  
Tickets go on sale Dec. 1st  
More info: [LeeAnn@PimaPawsForLife.org](mailto:LeeAnn@PimaPawsForLife.org)  
Or call: (520) 358-6875

## Shopping to Benefit Animals

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### Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary Gulliver & Friends Boutique & Thrift

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### Humane Society of Southern Arizona

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5870 E. Broadway Blvd.  
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**Entry to Shady Lane**

## Dogs Are Keeping Things Cool on Shady Lane

Story and Photos by Claire Sheridan

On the far east side of Tucson, near the end of Shady Lane, there is a place that is clearly a home, not merely a house. The owner of Shady Lane Living Home, Audrey Barone, started the business in 2000, after her husband passed away. The

first residents to receive her care were her own mother, and then her mother-in-law; from there, Audrey turned her home into the state-licensed care facility it is today, now equipped with 10 beds.

Walking in the front door, you are initially struck by the impression of entering not a "care facility," but a home. You are also likely to be greeted by Baby and Milo. The home's two Chihuahuas add an even homier touch to the place, as they roam freely, doling out love to the residents.



**The great room and Milo**

Each dog's story speaks volumes about the people who make this house a home. Both Chihuahuas are rescues. Baby, a black male, came to the home about 3 years ago as a stray. The residents gave Baby food and water, and, with Audrey's blessing, they welcomed him into the home.



**Baby close up**

At 87 years old, resident Betty Trinqué has lots of wisdom to share. Originally from Michigan, Betty spent her entire career in the medical profession, working for doctors, and caring for people. She moved to Tucson because her children live here. "If you don't take good care of yourself when you are younger, you won't be well when you are older. I'm in good health, and very lucky." She also said that during her work, it was always important to her to "take care of people as I would want to be taken care of." Of Shady Lane Living Home, Betty said, "So far, no complaints, and it's very clean."

Betty is a huge dog lover. She recalled having at least 3 different dogs, one of whom was given to her son by a friend of the family. She recalled her husband's love of larger dogs, but she loves dogs of all sizes. This was clear from the interaction between Betty and Baby. Betty was recovering from a cold, and Baby was by her side virtually the entire visit. Betty said, "It's like he knows who's not feeling well, and who needs him. He visits many of us at night, but I feel like he is my dog."



**Baby & Milo visit Betty Trinqué**

loved Betty and were eager to spend time by her side; undoubtedly they could sense that they found a true dog lover.

Another resident, Charlene Schumacker, also loves the dogs. She said, "They love to cuddle everyone. I've never had dogs before, and this is cool because the dogs love us and come to visit us in bed at night- it's cool." Charlene said that she loves living at Shady Lane because, "It's good, easy; I have my scooter and can visit people. Everybody here checks on everybody else, it's a community. If someone's having a hard time, we can come together and help each other out."

Milo climbed onto Charlene's scooter, and into her lap. Between kisses from Milo, a beaming Charlene said to him, "You really make my day, you know." Smiling as Milo snuggled in her arms, Charlene confided, "He surprises me every time."

Milo is probably also pretty surprised by his good fortune. Sondra Papst, the home's manager and a caregiver, found Milo during her son's baseball game. "This little dog was running around on the field. They had to stop the game. I tried to chase him off the field so they could keep playing, but the little guy kept coming back." The dog had no collar, so another mom took him home and worked to find his owner. Failing that, she began the task of trying to find Milo a new home. For some reason, Sondra just couldn't forget the friendly, happy-go-lucky little dude; she felt like he would be a really good fit at work, not only to give the residents company, but also to give Baby a friend. Sondra told Audrey about the dog who is now known as Milo, and Audrey agreed to give it a trial run. It was love at first sniff, and he hasn't left since.



**Milo loves on Charlene Schumacker**

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**ALYONA** (A608173) - Hi there! My name is Alyona. I am a 2-year-old chow chow and Australian cattle dog mix who is spayed. Right now I'm living at a shelter, but I would love to get out and go to live someplace where I can stretch my legs. Do you think your home would be right for me? Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**JAYSON** (A613752) - I'm Jason. I'm a 2 1/2-year-old Australian cattle dog with red and blue coloring. I'm neutered and ready to be adopted. Since I arrived here at the shelter last month they have been saying that I am an expert sniffer. Not that I'm one to brag, but if you have any new smells that need identifying and classification, I'm your boy. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**RUSTY** (835587) - Hi, I'm Rusty! I am a very affectionate 2-year-old male pit bull mix! I am a ball of energy that will do best in an active home. I would love to meet any kids or dogs that you have to make sure we are the perfect match. I would love to learn some basic obedience training and bond with you. Could you give me the time and attention I deserve? Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



**ANDIE** (845602) - Hi, I'm Andie! I am a 1-year-old female pit bull mix looking for my fur-ever home! I am a very shy girl at first but once I get to know you I am very loving. I have a lot of energy so I would like to go to an active home. I would love to meet any kids or dogs currently in your home. I like older kids best. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173

**FRIDA** Ready? I'm Frida Mae! I'm a 7-year-old basenji and boxer mix. I'm a medium size dog, but that won't stop me from jumping in your lap! I love chasing lizards in the backyard, so make sure you have a fence that I can't jump over or dig under. I get along with other dogs fine usually, and I can listen to commands, especially when there are treats involved! Tucson Cold Wet Noses 520-235-6309

**MONCHICHI** Pleasure to meet you. I'm a 7-year-old long-haired Chihuahua boy with a sad story. I was dropped off at a shelter with a big cut on my leg, but some nice people took me to the vet, and now I'm better. I take medicine for Cushing's Syndrome, which is inexpensive. I love toys, soft beds and cuddling. I would do best in a home without small children. Tucson Cold Wet Noses 520-235-6309

**NAOKI** Hey, I'm Naoki. I'm a cute small pup who is looking for a special family that will take me in while I undergo some medical care. My foster mom calls me a princess, and I am, but there are some things you may need to know. I can't use my rear leg, but that doesn't stop me. I really enjoy squeaky toys. I am pad trained and will also go outside. Miss Maggie May's Rescue 520-603-6908

**FIFI** Fifi, that's me! I'm a little dog that loves to sit with you and be petted. If you have dogs I would like to meet them, but I'm so not into cats. I would love to keep going on walks and get better at leash manners because sometimes I get barky. One of my legs is shorter than the others, so when it comes time to run, I just use three. Miss Maggie May's Rescue 520-603-6908



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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*



**JOEY** Joey here. I'm a 4 1/2-year-old boy. If you choose me, I will always give you my undivided attention. My favorite thing to do would be to sit at your side and be loved on. I am missing an eye. To be honest, my ideal situation would be to live with someone who works from home so we could spend a lot of time together. Pima Paws for Life 520-867-1193



**ADELINE** Please, call me Addie! I'm a 4-year-old pit bull mix. I'm a professional cuddler hoping for a special forever home. I have immune-mediated polyarthritis so I wear leg braces for daily activities. I may not be a sprinter, but I am a rock star, and I do enjoy a leisurely walk from time to time. Or curling up next to you while you watch your favorite movie. Be careful though, I might sneak in a kiss! Save-A-Bull Rescue [www.saveabullaz.org](http://www.saveabullaz.org)



**TOBY** Well, hello! I am Toby. I'm a 1 1/2-year-old American bulldog looking for a forever home to help me make the most of my second chance at life. I love people. Even kids! I just love everyone I meet. I'm an active boy who would love to accompany you on your jogs, hikes, or walks around the neighborhood. I also know basic commands, and I'm eager to learn new tricks. Save-A-Bull Rescue [www.saveabullaz.org](http://www.saveabullaz.org)



**PINTA** Ta-da! I'm Pinta! I am a 1 1/2-year-old terrier mix. I can't wait until I find a family that will take me camping, and help finally achieve my dream, jumping into a giant pile of leaves. I've been with SAFE since September, but I'm ready now for a change of scenery. A nice bed, a warm home with good food, sign me up! Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**BANDIT** Heya, I'm Bandit. I am a 6-month-old Australian cattle dog mix puppy. Take me for a sniff walk and show me the world and I'll be your new true blue friend. In the mornings I'll lay out in a beam of sunlight and take in the warmth. When you get home at the end of the day, I'll run to the door to meet you. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**LANA** Introducing Lana Mamma! I am a stunning 2-year-old American pocket bully. Wow! I am always happy and silly like my brothers and sisters. I am so loyal to my people, I will follow you everywhere :) I am short and my ears are cropped. I have raised enough puppies and now it's time for me to find a fabulous home for myself as an only dog. I deserve it! Smiling Dog Rescue 520-977-8000



**TILLY** Great to meet you! I'm Tilly. I'm a precious, sweet, senior, boxer mix that is a terrific companion. I am good with other dogs and incredibly patient with children. I am completely housebroken. I make new pals easily. Also I am a good watch dog. I am a healthy and happy girl that loves to please her family and who can be a loyal friend. Ruff! Smiling Dog Rescue 520-977-8000



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# VETS & THEIR PETS



## Darcey the Natural-Born Service Dog

Story and Photos by Rhishja Larson



**When Vietnam-era veteran Nash Lopez went to look at a litter of puppies, he had no idea that his future service dog Darcey would be the one to pick him!**

Nash Lopez served his country for 20 years in the US Air Force. During his tour in Vietnam, he was an avionics technician, specializing in the famed U-2 high altitude reconnaissance planes.

However, when the U-2s were flying, Nash found himself with time on his hands.

"They recruited me to go and pick up cadavers and body parts. And dog tags and stuff, so that we could identify them."

The grisly assignment took its toll on Nash, who returned home angry, depressed, and addicted to alcohol. "It ended up ruining my first two marriages," he says.

Nash left the Air Force in 1978 and started working for Bombardier

Aerospace in Tucson. He met his third and present wife, Susan, who he credits with his recovery.

In 2007, Nash retired from Bombardier. But his retirement was not off to a good start.

"About two months after retiring from Bombardier, I started having nightmares. I would have a nightmare that I was fighting. I was thrashing and tearing the bed up. My wife told me I was going to have to find out what was going on and take care of it."

Nash went to a neurologist who informed him that he had post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). She explained that since he did not have a job to do every day, the stress of the Vietnam War was coming out in the nightmares. Nash had the diagnosis confirmed by the VA hospital. He was prescribed medications for depression and anxiety, which he says have helped.

Meanwhile, Nash and Susan suffered the heartbreaking loss of their two beloved pugs. "We said we would not get any more dogs."

But that all changed one day seven years ago, when Nash came across some puppy photos while surfing the internet. He couldn't resist, and asked Susan if she wanted to go take a look. "And she said yes."

By the time Nash and Susan arrived at the home where the puppies were, it was dark outside. Nash picked up one of the puppies - "a big old fluffy thing" - to get a better look.

"We got up to take the puppy into a more well-lit room, and as I was closing the gate behind me, Darcey was right there, as if to say, 'You're not going without me!' And so we said we would take both of the puppies."

Nash and Susan discovered that Darcey, and her fluffy brother Dexter, had completely different personalities. It was clear from the beginning that Darcey loved to work and to learn. She passed her obedience training with flying colors.

Darcey continued to amaze Nash and Susan with her natural empathy and intelligence. She instinctively knew what to do when Nash was experiencing a nightmare.

"One day, I was feeling a lot of anxiety. I decided to take a nap so I crawled into bed. The next thing I know, Darcey was laying across my chest. She knew something was wrong."



**Natural-born service dog Darcey completed her service dog training in just six months, rather than the usual year to year and a half.**



**It is challenging for dogs to pick up credit cards, but Darcey has mastered this task.**

The couple decided that Darcey would make the perfect service dog for Nash. They worked with Handi-Dogs, a non-profit that helps seniors and people with disabilities train their own dogs to be their service, therapy or well-mannered companion dogs.

It typically takes a year to year and a half to complete the training and become certified, but since Darcey already had strong obedience skills when she started at Handi-Dogs, she flew through the program in just six months.

Darcey is trained to perform the following services:

- Diabetic alert (she "muzzle bumps" Nash to alert him to low blood sugar)
- De-pressure for anxiety
- Brings keys, phone, credit cards
- Picks up Nash's cane and brings it to him
- Presses Nash's Life Alert button when he needs her to
- Opens handicapped entrances to public buildings by pressing the button
- Gets clothes out of the dryer (which helps Susan, too!).

Darcey is also the star of the Handi-Dogs film "Where I Belong", which is about the rescue to service program (<http://www.handi-dogs.org/home/where-i-belong>).

Nash says, "I never met a dog that was smarter than I was - until Darcey."



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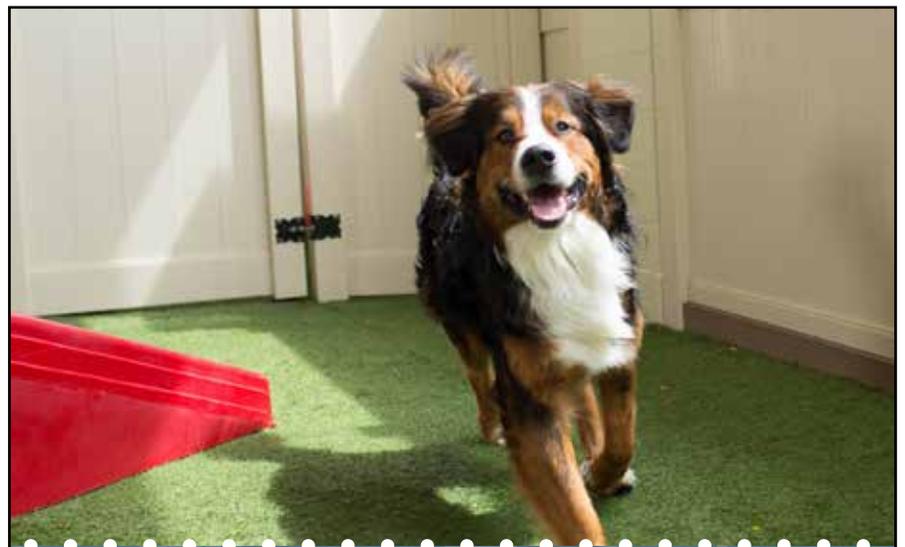
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# Kitty Korner



## A Special Place For Cats: Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians

Story and Photos by Devon Confrey

Fear not the rocking chair, for it will become a scratching post in a nursing home for cats. Hearts That Purr Feline Guardians has recently become such a place, where a few cats can go, permitting space, for end of life sanctuary. For a donation, the cats are cared for after their owners are no longer able to be their pet parents.

The small organization operates with a personal touch that larger shelters can't. For older cats, who may be in mourning and shock, and whose general health decline may get overlooked, this special attention makes a difference.

Around 20 resident cats occupy different rooms that snake along the 5-acre property, separated by family, and diet, and by who gets along with who without too much growling.

Brothers Hewey and Tudley always stick together, and the same with siblings Foxy, Munchy and Thelma. Gizmo walks all around. Peyton, Pompon, Calico, and Minou enjoy each other's company as long as they have enough space. Duchess can't hear well and doesn't play nice, but she likes looking in at others through the door.



**Calico had an infection when she first came to live at Hearts That Purr. Since getting better she gained two pounds.**

Before Hearts That Purr agrees to take in a cat from an owner, they gather information about how that owner would take care of them if they were still around, including favorite toys, when and what and how much they're usually fed, and what gets on their nerves.

About half the cats come to Hearts That Purr this way. The rest are rescues from shelters where they otherwise wouldn't fare well. In total, 11 cats moved in last year.

In all the rooms the AC blows, and a radio plays quietly, or a large window offers a view of birds or the mountain. Books and art about

cats line the walls, and toys are all over the floor. After lunch on a Sunday, all the cats were a little sleepy.

Jeanmarie Schiller-McGinnis, Hearts That Purr's founder, poured out some cat treats for a new intake, JJ, to see if the "cookies" would entice him to come out from the tree where he was hiding. As he crawled out, she said that he likes these, even if they're not great for his diet, that they may improve his quality of life, and that he may need that extra mass down the line.

"That is our goal, to make this feel like home for them," Schiller-McGinnis said.



**Hewey (front) and Tudley catch a few rays on a bed by the window.**

Notepads that keep track of each cat are organized on the kitchen counter in a line, along with their medications. Weigh-ins and vet trips are logged. The caretakers that work here come to know the cats personally.

Some cats are adopted out to suitable homes that promise they'll love the senior kitty for all the time they've got left. For a lot of the cats taken in, Hearts That Purr is their last home.

"If I can give them more days that are good days, then I will," Schiller-McGinnis said. The organization is supported by volunteers and runs on donations.

Schiller-McGinnis took in the first cats and began the organization in March of 2014, after looking for a place she'd want to leave her own three, sometimes difficult cats if she and her husband were to suddenly become incapable of care, taking her experience with her of having done work in the nonprofit animal shelter world.



**Tipper (front) and Uno come out from their naps for look for treats**

"If I can't find a place, I'm going to create one," Schiller-McGinnis said.

Hearts That Purr pairs 17 of their cats with people over 55 who would like to live with and take care of a cat but may not want to adopt their own in case they can't always commit to being there for the pet.

Schiller-McGinnis said that she doesn't plan on scaling up Hearts That Purr to house more cats, but she hopes that the organization can

serve as a model for others across the country, for when family and friends aren't able or willing to take in new cats.

"For somebody to say we found a home for all the cats, it's a huge relief," she said.

One owner waited to move on to a final hospice until she could find a home where her four cats could stay together. Another owner died, and their cat ended up at a shelter, without anyone knowing its name before Schiller-McGinnis did some digging and found their address and talked with a neighbor. A few owners had plans in their wills for how to proceed with their pets after they had passed.

"People don't know how much people care for their animals," Schiller-McGinnis said. The bond may be an intimate part of person's life that they may not share publicly with everyone.

Some owners leave things behind to be left with the cats, like photographs, or beds or toys. One left a chair that the cat liked to lay on. Another, an urn with ashes.

Hearts That Purr can be contacted at 520-297-3780 or [info@heartsthatpurr.org](mailto:info@heartsthatpurr.org). More information can be found on their website [www.heartsthatpurr.org](http://www.heartsthatpurr.org).



**Gizmo, 18, sits to watch birds coming to a feeder outside.**

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**SNICKERS** (34916398) - Well, hi! I'm Snickers. I'm a 3 1/2-year-old brown and black domestic shorthair. I am healthy and spayed. If you leave your dresser drawers open a crack, I will find a way to crawl in there with all the clothes and purr and keep them warm. Please understand that as a cat I must nap at least 20 hours a day. In my dreams I dance with rabbits. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**THEODORE** (30763398) - Theodore, here for your adoration. I'm a 2-year-old orange domestic shorthair mix. I look small, but I've been neutered, and I'm ready to be adopted. I make sure to clean my whiskers and my ears twice a day. I like to help when you're folding laundry. Set your glass of water down for too long and it will soon be mine. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**HANA** I am the one and only, loveable and charming Hana. Most of the time I just like being held and pet, but every now and then my playful side comes out in short bursts, in something my foster mom calls the "zoomies." I just can't help but make people smile. My foster mom thinks it has something to do with my extremely gentle nature and expressive face. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0545



**BOCEPHUS** I'm Bo. I'm a 7-year-old chocolate point Siamese. I prefer to be with just cats or be the only pet. I'm a sweet boy who wants to be near my foster human and give a head bump. I don't like being picked up, but I will love you just the same. I have special food for my kidneys that's helping me deal with some signs of beginning renal issues. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0545



**BRIE** (A613776) - My name is Brie. I'm a 2-year-old tortoiseshell domestic shorthair. I am spayed and ready to be adopted. I like keeping my claws sharp on the scratching post and teasing neighborhood dogs through the window. I can curl up to fit comfortably in a box made of cardboard, no matter the size. My favorite spot to lie down and rest my head is on the arm of the couch. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**MICHAEL** (A609477) - Meow, my name is Michael. I'm a 1-year-old blue tabby domestic shorthair. I am neutered and all set to move into a new home. If you're looking for a good pet that will wake you up in the morning and then make you want to stay in bed, look no further. I'm a big kitty who knows how to stay hidden, and also how to make a scene, when I need to. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**BERNIE** (841945) - Hi, I'm Bernie! I am a 5-year-old brown tabby. Don't let my tipped ear fool you, I have lived my whole life indoors. I did not like being in a kennel so the nice people at HSSA let me spend my time here in an administrative office. I am an easygoing cat with a sweet disposition and will allow petting. New people can be scary until I get to know them better. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



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**CALLI** Hey, I'm Calli. I'm a wonderful and loving girl who loves to snuggle up for a good petting. I love hanging out on shelves or in blankets, and I especially love the occasional belly rub. I am up to date on my vaccinations, spayed, and house-trained. I can hide a sock so well that you will never find it again ever. I am okay with watching a movie, as long as you are paying attention to me too. PAWSitively CATS No-Kill Shelter 520-289-2747



**LAURA** Hi, Laura here. You would not believe that I was once a skinny girl. I was rescued from Pima Animal Care because I needed some TLC. When I was ready, back in January, I was transferred to live at HOPE. I'm just a young girl who loves human companionship and am doing well with the other cats. I'm not sure how I feel about dogs and kids but if you respect me I'm sure I'll be fine. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



**JIMMY** Hello, I'm Jimmy! Do you like to talk? Me too, especially when I come to a new place. I am an easy going cat and get along with other cats. It was hard for me to adjust to being inside all of the time when I first came to the shelter, but I've learned that being safe inside is a pretty good life. Mostly I want your love, and I hope that includes belly rubs. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



**BRANDI** I'm Brandi. I'm a beautiful gray and white kitty. I can be a bit shy when you first meet me. Although, if you have some treats and approach me softly, I may give you some meows and allow you to pet me. I need a kind and patient family to work with me and allow my inner lovebug to shine through. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



**BEEMO** I am Beemo. I'm a sweet, shy kitty looking for her forever home. I want to learn all the great stuff about being a cat. I want to knead my paws into pillows and purr. I want to shed in places that are hard to clean. I want to watch birds from the window, and chitter back at them the noises they make. I would like to sleep in a basket of shoes. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



**COCO** Greetings. I'm Coco. I'm a 1 1/2-year-old domestic longhair boy with golden eyes that will see right into your soul. I'm very playful, and I love to chase the red dot. I'm getting quite good at it and one day, I am certain, I will actually catch it. I also love back scratches. I'm not a big fan of dogs. I tolerate other cats when they are kittens but really I would thrive if I could be the only cat. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889



**JADE** Hi, I'm Jade, a jewel and hidden gem! I'm a senior cat. I'm told I have the cutest meow. I will greet every new person at the door and follow what's going on from my favorite spot. I'm an adorable diva with a big purr heart. I tolerate my foster siblings of all shapes, sizes, and both genders in my foster home. I'm a calico thus I'm the boss. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889



**BENNY** Hi! I'm Benny, a 2-year-old lover. I enjoy being petted and getting attention. I'm even willing to walk on a harness. I get along with other cats, dogs, and kids. Really I'm just an easygoing guy. I'll help you prepare coffee in the morning in exchange for some kitty treats. If there is a moth in the house I will stare him down for you until he flies away. Tucson2Tails 520-812-5682



**SMOKEY** Hi! My name is Smokey and I'm a beautiful mellow lady. One of my favorite pastimes is to relax near my people. Of course I still enjoy adventuring during the day. Once I have worn myself out from the day's adventures, I really like to be pet. I will always show my gratitude by purring the night away. Only sometimes will I sprawl out in front of you and block your path. We Save Kitties at Risk info@wskr.org



**RILEY** My name is Riley. I am a 3-year-old male cat who is very sweet, but shy at first. I love to play. I will chase toys and wrestle around with them. I am sensitive. If you are feeling sad I will try to find you and lay nearby and be of comfort. You may hear me in the middle of the night, running around, keeping an eye on the place for you. Pima Paws for Life 520-867-1193



**PENNY** Hi. My name is Penny. I'm a lovely 7-year-old chocolate lady. Cats have diverse interests, but my mom said that catnip toys and catching bugs are my enduring favorites. I've lived with a dog and other cats, but mostly I loved spending time with people, getting head scratches. I've been told I tend to overeat. If you'll have me, I'll diet and watch TV right along with you! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

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## Area Shelters

**Animal League of Green Valley**  
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Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 625-3170  
www.talgv.org

**HOPE Animal Shelter**  
8950 N. Joplin Lane  
Tucson, AZ 85742  
(520) 792-9200  
hopeanimalshelter.net

**Humane Society of Southern Arizona**  
3450 N. Kelvin Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
(520) 321-3704  
hssaz.org

**PAWSitively Cats No Kill Shelter**  
1145 N. Woodland Ave.  
(520) 289-2747  
savecats@PAWSitivelycats.org

**Pima Animal Care Center**  
4000 N. Silverbell Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 724-5900  
Ajo Substation  
1259 Well Road  
Ajo, AZ 85321  
(520) 387-7502

**Pima Paws for Life**  
2555 W. Zinnia Ave., Tucson  
(520) 867-1193  
info@pimapawsforlife.org

**The Hermitage Cat Rescue & Sanctuary**  
4501 E. 22nd St. (through Sept.)  
5278 E. 21st St., (by mid-Oct)  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 571-7839

## Local Rescues

**Animal Rescue Foundation Tucson**  
ARFTucson@gmail.com  
(520) 319-9292

**BARK (Baby Animal Rescue Koalition)**  
Find us on "Facebook"  
At Baby Animal Rescue Koalition  
barkntucson@AOL.com

**Cochise Canine Rescue**  
P.O. Box 87  
Pomerene, AZ 8562  
(520) 212-1718  
info@cochiseaninerescue.org  
www.cochiseaninerescue.org

**Fair (Foundation for Animals in Risk)**  
(520) 203-0201  
info@faircares.org

**In the Arms of Angels**  
(520) 873-8135  
inthearmsofangels@gmail.com

**Miss Maggie May's Rescue**  
(520) 603-6908  
missmaggiemay@cox.net

**RAD Rescue Inc.**  
Rehabbing and Advocating for Dogs  
radrescueinc.com  
radrescueinc@gmail.com

**RUFF Rescue**  
Ruffrescuetucson.com  
ruffrescuetucson@gmail.com  
Donna Dunham (520) 490-0401  
Sharon Burmeister - (520) 339-0841

**SAFE (Saving Animals from Euthanasia)**  
3661 N. Campbell Ave., #220  
Tucson, AZ 85719 (Mail only)  
(520) 349-8637 or (520) 250-5080  
www.safeanimals.com  
Staff@www.SafeAnimals.com

**Save-A-Bull Rescue**  
www.saveabullrescue.org

**Saving at Risk Animals**  
(520) 499-0546  
recueSara@earthlink.net  
Save the Pets AZ- (520) 477-2738

**Smiling Dog Rescue**  
(520) 997-8000

**The Sanctuary Project**  
(800) 691-9168

**Tucson Cold Wet Noses**  
Terri Goddard (520) 235-6309  
tgoddard@hotmail.com  
Signe Razzi- coldwetnoses@msn.com

**Tucson2Tails** (520) 812-5682  
Tucson2Tails@gmail.com

**Tucson's Cause For Canines**  
www.tucsoncauseforcanines.org

**Wild Hearts Rescue Ranch**  
(520) 661-4522  
wildheartsforcrow@gmail.com

## Bird/Reptile Rescues

**Tucson Parrot Rescue**  
Tucson Parrot Rescue-(520) 747-0554  
tucsonparrotrescue@gmail.com

**Tucson Reptile Rescue**  
(520) 991-9553

## Cat Rescues

**Hearts That Purr-Feline Guardians**  
(520) 297-3780

**PAWSitively Cats No Kill Shelter-**  
1145 N. Woodland Ave.  
(520) 289-2747  
savecats@PAWSitivelycats.org  
**The Hermitage Cat Rescue & Sanctuary**  
4501 E. 22nd St. (temporary home)  
5278 E. 21st St., (by mid-Oct)  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 571-7839

**SOS Cat Rescue AZ**  
P.O. Box 344  
Cortaro, AZ 85652  
(520) 445-3889  
info@SOscatrescueAZ.org

**We Save Kitties at Risk**  
info@wskr.org

## Feral Cat Assistance

**Tucson Feral Coalition**  
(520) 256-0443  
Contact: Alecs tucsonferal@gmail.com  
Info about TNR (Trap, Neuter Return)  
FREE Spay/Neuter of Feral Cats  
Low Cost Spay/Neuter of owned cats

## Specific Breed Rescues

**AIREDALE**  
Southwest Airdale Terrier Rescue  
Tucson, (800) 688-1402

**AKITA**  
Akita Advocates Relocation Team AZ  
Glendale (602) 882-5482

**AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG/HEELER**  
Arizona Cattle Dog Rescue  
Flagstaff (480) 442-ACDR(2237)  
www.ArizonaCattleDogRescue.org

**AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD**  
Aussie & Friends  
P.O. Box 121, Payson, AZ  
www.aussiefriendsrescue

Amazing Aussie Lethal White Rescue  
Mesa - www.AmazingAussies.com

**BASSET HOUND**  
Arizona Basset Hound Rescue  
Gilbert (866) 88-AZBHR

**BEAGLE**  
Southern AZ Beagle Rescue  
Tucson (520) 247-7720  
Information@soazbeaglerescue.com

**BELGIAN MALINOIS**  
Saving Paws Rescue, AZ  
German Shepherd &  
Belgian Malinois Rescue  
Phoenix (480) 737-6089  
www.savingpawsrescueaz.com

**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG**  
Arizona Bernese Mountain  
Dog Rescue  
(480) 415-5008  
www.bernesemountaindogrescue.com

**BORDER COLLIE**  
Arizona Border Collie Rescue  
Tempe (520) 906-0669  
www.azbordercollierescue.com

**CHIHUAHUA**  
Arizona Chihuahua Rescue  
P.O. Box 52713, Mesa AZ 85208  
(480) 844-2447  
www.azchihuahuarescue.org

Chiquita Chihuahua Rescue  
Small breeds & Special Needs  
(480) 299-4349

**COLLIE**  
Southwest Collie Rescue  
nmcollierescue.com  
(520) 896-9075

**DACHSHUND**  
Dachshunds Only Rescue  
Serving Statewide  
(602) 550-4088  
www.dachshundsonlyrescue.com

**DOBERMAN**  
Desert Harbor Doberman Rescue  
(602) 553-8433  
www.azdoberrescue.org

**GERMAN SHEPHERD**  
For The Love of German Shepherds  
Rescue Phoenix  
www.4TheLoveOFGS.petfinder.com

Saving Paws Rescue AZ  
German Shepherd &  
Belgian Malinois Rescue  
Phoenix (480) 737-6089  
www.savingpawsrescueaz.com

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER**  
Rescue A Golden of AZ  
Tucson (520) 360-4414  
tucson@golden-retriever.org  
scottiesgems@cox.net  
Phoenix (602) 494-WOOF (9663)  
www.Golden-Retriever.org

Southern AZ Golden Retriever Rescue  
P.O. Box 70059  
Oro Valley, AZ 85737  
www.sagrr.org  
contact@sagrr.org  
(520) 792-4653

**GREAT PYRENES**  
Arizona Great Pyrenes Association  
www.azpyrs.com

**GREYHOUND**  
Arizona Greyhound Rescue  
(520) 866-7411  
web@azgreyhoundrescue.org

## GREYHOUND continued

Greyhound Pets of Arizona  
(877) 454-DOGS (3647)  
www.gpa-az.com

Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption  
P.O. Box 175  
Tucson, AZ 85712  
(520) 955-7421  
www.sagreyhoundadoption.org

## GREAT DANE

Dane Haven Inc.  
Mesa (602) 388-4370  
www.danehaveninc.com

Great Dane Rescue of AZ Alliance  
Phoenix- www.greatedanerescueofazalliance.org

## JACK RUSSELL

Jack Russell Rescue of Scottsdale  
www.jrtconnection.com

## LABRADOR RETRIEVER

Arizona Labrador &  
Giant Breed Rescue  
Phoenix (602) 307-LABS  
www.azlabsandgiants.org

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue  
Glendale www.dlrrphoenix.org

## MINIATURE PINCHERS

Min Pin Haven Rescue  
(602) 402-3273 Pat Daigle  
Intake & Adoption Coordinator  
Minpinmom@hotmail.com

## PITBULL

Pittie Me Rescue  
Gilbert www.pittiemerescue.org  
Save-A-Bull Rescue  
www.saveabullaz.org

Save-A-Bull Rescue  
www.saveabullaz.org

Standing Proud Pill Bull Rescue  
(602) 791-5917  
www.standingproudpitbulls.org

## POODLE

Arizona Poodle Rescue  
(602) 325-1585  
www.arizonapoodlerescue.org

## PUG

Arizona Pug Adoption & Rescue Network  
(480) 964-3126  
www.aparn.org

## PUGGLE

Arizona Puggle Rescue, Inc.  
Tucson (520) 250-2034  
www.azpuggle.org

## ROTTWEILER

AZ Desert Rotti and Pals  
Sue Bergier Director azdesertrottis@Aol.com

## SAINT BERNARD

Arizona Saint Bernard Rescue  
(480) 951-8495  
www.saintrescue.org

## SCHNAUZER

Arizona Schnauzer Rescue, Inc.  
Chandler www.azchnauzer.org

## SHELTIE

Arizona Sheltie Rescue  
azsheltieresue.com  
(520) 896-9075

## SHETLAND SHEEPDOG

Arizona Sheltie, Inc.  
Gilbert (480) 507-7996  
www.azsheltieresue.com

## SIBERIAN HUSKY

Arizona Siberian Husky Rescue  
Scottsdale www.ashra.org  
(480) 498-1155 or 288-1914

## Paw It Forward-AZ

Husky Rescue  
(480) 498-1155 or 288-1914

## WEIMARANER

AZ Weimaraner Rescue  
www.arizonaweimaranerrescue.com

## WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER

Westie Rescue of Arizona  
(480) 488-5711

## YORKSHIRE TERRIER

Yorkshire Terrier Rescue  
www.yorkiefriendsrescue.com

## Equine Rescues & Sanctuaries

### Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

P.O. Box 1685,  
Green Valley, AZ 85622  
(520) 398-2814  
www.equinevoices.org

### Equine Encore Foundation

(520) 349-6008  
www.equineencorefoundation.org  
cfolch@gmail.com

### HEART (Happy Equine Acres Rescue and Therapy)

of Tucson- (520) 445-1510  
Contact@Heartoftucson.org

### Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch and Foundation Inc.

Theresa Warrel Co-founder, President  
(520) 266-0236  
HorsenAroundRescue@yahoo.com

**Wildhorse Ranch Rescue**  
Gilbert (866) 926-8007  
www.wildhorseranchrescue.com

## Pig Sanctuary

### Ironwood Pig Sanctuary

P.O. Box 35490  
Tucson, AZ 85740  
(520) 631-6015  
www.ironwoodpigs.org

## Therapeutic/ Therapy/ Service Animals

### 1 Veteran Foundation

Service Dogs for Veterans  
1veteranfoundation.org

### Handi-Dogs

75 South Montego Drive,  
Tucson, AZ 85710  
(520) 326-3412  
www.Handi-Dogs.org

### Pet Partners of Southern Arizona

Therapy Dog Training & Volunteering  
info@petpartnersoaz.org  
Therapyanimalsaz.org

## Equine Assisted Therapy Programs

### Angels in Autism/ Horses with Wings

(520) 820-3650

### T.R.O.T. (Therapeutic Riding of Tucson)

8920 E. Woodland Rd.  
(520) 297-2360

## TUCSON DOG PARKS

### Christopher Columbus Park

4600 N. Silverbell Road  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 791-4873.

### Gene C. Reid Park: Miko's Corner Playground

Country Club and 22nd Street  
use Picnic Place or Concert Place  
entrances off Country Club  
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
(520) 791-4873  
Named after Miko, a TPD police dog  
that lost its life in the line of duty.

### Jacobs Park

3300 N. Fairview Avenue  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 791-4873.  
This small off-leash area is located  
on west side of Jacobs Park.

### Morris K. Udall Park

7290 E. Tanque Verde Road  
Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
(520) 791-4873

### Palo Verde Park

300 S. Mann Avenue  
(south of Broadway, west of Kolb)  
Hours: 6:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
(520) 791-4873.

### Purple Heart Park: Ivan's Spot

10050 E. Rita Road  
Rita Road near Rees Loop  
Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
(520) 791-4873.  
Named after Ivan, a TPD police dog  
lost in the line of duty

### Sixth Avenue Dog Park

2075 N. 6th Avenue  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 791-4873.

### Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

3482 E. River Road  
(River Road and Dodge Road)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

### Flowing Wells Park

5510 N. Shannon Road  
(north of Curtis Road)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

### George Mehl Family Foothills Park - Smiling Dog Ranch

4000 E. River Road  
(River Road and Pontatoc Road)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

### McDonald District Park

4100 N. Harrison Road  
(Harrison Road and Prospect Lane)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

### Northwest Community Neighborhood Park

7601 N. Mona Lisa Road  
(Mona Lisa Road and Magee Road)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

### Star Valley Park

6852 W. Brightwater Way  
(Brightwater Way and Wade Road)  
Hours: Dawn to dusk  
(520) 724-5000

## ORO VALLEY DOG PARKS

### Naranja Park

810 W. Naranja Dr., Oro Valley  
Hours: Open daily · 6AM-10PM  
(520) 229-5050

### James D. Kriegh Park

23 W Calle Concordia,  
Oro Valley, AZ 85704  
Hours: Open daily · 6AM-10PM  
(520) 229-5050

## SAHUARITA DOG PARKS

### Quail Creek Dog Park

1905 S Old Nogales Hwy,  
Green Valley  
Hours: Open daily · 6AM-10PM  
(520) 822-8896

### Anamax Dog Park

17501 S Camino De Las Quintas, Sahuarita  
Hours: Open daily · 6AM-10PM  
(520) 445-7850

**Story by Claire Sheridan • Photos courtesy of Julius Schlosburg**



**Ally in The Kissing Booth Fundraiser**  
Photo Credit TALGV Volunteer Ann Wyland

"A Home For Every Pet," the mission statement of The Animal League of Green Valley (TALGV), is the goal the shelter staff strives toward every day. The facts are staggering. The entire organization, from its executive director on down, is comprised of volunteer labor—there is not a single paid staff position. The number of programs they run is unbelievable, and the community benefit is perhaps incalculable. The volunteers come from every imaginable background; they include retirees in their 90s and teenagers who participate in YIP (Youth Intern Program). All

of these people who come together to support the mission have one thing in common: their deep abiding love of animals.

Opening its doors in 2001, TALGV, a no-kill shelter, was the brain child of Margaret Roesch and partner, Bert Cowper. The inspiration came to Roesch from her work at Hospice; many of the dying people expressed concerns, not for themselves or their families, but for the animals they would leave behind. Determined to help, Margaret first galvanized a group of volunteers as foster families for the pets of the deceased before she marshaled the resources necessary to build the shelter. Today, the shelter has a maximum capacity of approximately 70 dogs and almost too many cats to count! Additionally, they board between 30 and 40 more dogs in the community at veterinarian offices and foster homes.



**TALGV Entry** Photo Credit Mark Dillan

Volunteers continue to be the glue that holds everything together. Open to the public 363 days a year (closed Christmas and Thanksgiving), volunteers work shifts at the adoption center, thrift store, and provide animal care while visitors look for treasures in the store and new furry family members in the kennels. Most impressive is the work that goes on after the public goes home. The day begins early, by 5 AM. Volunteers descend on TALGV like worker bees returning to the hive. They bring with them enthusiasm, good humor, and a passion for cleanliness that makes Mr. Clean seem like a slob.



**It's Our Shoe**

Photo Credit TALGV Volunteer John R. Stockbower

Compared to many shelters, the peaceful atmosphere while walking through the corridor of the kennel areas is striking. First, you may notice the smell—or rather, the lack of smell. Absent is the kennel odor, some combination of bodily waste and animal food, so common in many shelters. Second, there is the sound; absent is the chaotic barking that is the hallmark of

the shelter experience. Also missing are dogs clambering on chain link fencing, desperate for human interaction or eager to communicate their displeasure with their surroundings. In short, this is less a shelter, and more like an upscale boarding facility. Heck, you might be tempted to reserve a run for yourself!

Each indoor dog enclosure offers access to an outdoor run. There are also exclusively outdoor dog areas, each equipped with several shelter options ranging from dog houses to shade-sail covered areas.

There is no detail too small. Each animal receives a thorough evaluation; a bio of the animal is written up and posted on the kennel door for visitors and prospective adopters to read. Indoor dogs have doors to the corridors, which recently had large double-pane glass windows installed at the level where a dog door would be. This feature allows the dogs a proper view, which is thought to be one reason why dogs in typical chain-link shelter enclosures may jump and "hit the fence," to better see passersby.



**Outdoor Doggy**

Felines also have it made in the shade; cats enjoy the freedom to choose whether they hang out on a cat tree indoors or chase a toy in the outdoor "catios" that are attached to their enclosures. A keen eye has seen to it that there are aesthetic details, which contribute to the overall human-visitor experience.



**Cat & Mouse**

Photo Credit TALGV Volunteer John R. Stockbower

The cat enclosures have screen doors with wrought iron security-type bars that artistically feature cut outs of cats. Several enclosures also feature solid doors in addition to the screen doors; these doors may be closed, and a specialized air handling system turned on, effectively creating a quarantine in the event that animals carrying contagious airborne illness are brought into the shelter.

TALGV has many extraordinary programs. For example, if you adopt a senior cat or dog (defined as at least 10 years old, or an over 8-year-old dog weighing over 65 pounds), TALGV will pay for the veterinary care of that animal for life.

This program alone does immeasurable good, as senior dogs and cats often languish in shelters because prospective adopters fear the costs associated with providing veterinary care and end-

# For The Animals at The Animal League of Green Valley the Grass is Greener

of-life care for older animals. They use community resources, including foster families and local veterinarians who have extra space to increase their capacity to house animals. With even greater impact, TALGV looks for ways to help animals living in homes where their humans have difficulty meeting their needs. Through the Medical Outreach program, TALGV provides veterinary care for low-income families. Established in 2006, the Medical Outreach program has rapidly grown, consuming a huge chunk of the organization's annual budget. This program provides veterinary care beyond spay/neuter services; types of care provided include vaccinations, medications and surgeries.

In 2016, the organization spent \$232,055 on providing Medical Outreach care to the community. While this may seem a high figure, the cost of keeping pets in loving homes is smaller than the cost of building additional shelter space and caring for the pets as residents of TALGV. According to TALGV, "This increase is due in part to the fact that we are seeing more severe cases, treatment costs have risen, and there are more qualifying, low-income families. Without our medical outreach program, many families would be forced to relinquish their pet. The clients are referred from social service agencies such as the Community Food Bank... This medical outreach program has become one of our most costly, but most important, as we see every day how much helping pets helps the lives of their people. ...[the services] make it possible for the pets to continue providing companionship to the families with whom they live."

If the volunteers are glue, then their volunteer leader, President & Executive Director Jean Davis is Super Glue. Having been a volunteer since 2003, Davis' dedication and unwavering commitment to TALGV's mission are clear. A former 8th grade teacher, Davis is a passionate, no-nonsense leader, whose dealings with middle schoolers provided her all of the experience she needs to deal with animal antics and volunteers alike. She is a rare person who has a combination of people and animal skills. Her commitment to the strategic plan of maintaining all staff as volunteers comes from her belief that volunteers produce a higher quality of work than would paid staff, and that spending money on the animals should be the priority.



**President Jean Davis**

Davis attributes TALGV's success in part to the founder's foresight to leave the organization the physical building; having a paid-for building means that they can focus on doing the work without concern for losing the space. She noted that the facility's accolades are the result of the many hours, hard work, and dedication of TALGV's 600-plus volunteers. Last year, the volunteers performed 124,839 hours of work. Every day, each TALGV department has a



**Jean Davis At The Helm**  
Photo Credit TALGV  
Volunteer John R. Stockbower

volunteer coordinator; the members of its Board of Directors all have additional responsibilities from scooping litter to medicating dogs, no one is "just" on the board.

Seven-year seasoned volunteer, Dennis O'Hara, is a favorite among the dogs. Having served as TALGV's Santa Claus in previous years, it's easy to see the twinkle in his eye. He readily shares a brilliant smile with animals and humans alike. "I give love without making them jump through hoops of fire. I love bringing a shy dog out to help it get adopted."



**Dennis O'Hara saying goodbye to Harley who was just adopted**  
Photo credit Claire Sheridan

Michelle Miner is one of the thrift store's coordinators. She explained that, in addition to running the on-site store, another way that TALGV raises revenue is by hosting estate sales. The thrift store team comes to the donor's location, prices the items, staffs the sale, and cleans up after, all for the same percentage (25%) that other for-profit groups charge for the service. On rare and lucky occasions, estate sale donors will opt to give the entire proceeds from the sale to TALGV. If you dread organizing the sale yourself, visit TALGV's clean and well-laid out thrift store; if it is any indicator, the estate sale service would be a huge relief for a great cause.

Whatever platitude you choose—greener pastures, the grass is always greener—the animals at The Animal League of Green Valley are lucky to be in the care of the volunteers, and the community is much richer as a result of the organization's good works. So, saddle up and head to the greener pastures of Green Valley to check them out!



**PHOTO 10 Coordinator of Thrift Shop, Michelle Miner With the Holiday Goods**  
Photo Credit Claire Sheridan

For more information on how you can donate, get involved, to get your fix of cute animal pictures, get a jump on your holiday shopping, or perhaps find a new friend to share your home and heart, check out The Animal League of Green Valley's website at: [www.talgv.org](http://www.talgv.org), call 520-625-3170, or visit them at: 1600 West Duval Mine Road, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

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# Working Dogs



## Handi-Dogs: A Service to the Human Canine Community Story and Photos by Bonnie Craig

Dogs fulfill so many important roles in our society. They are companions, ranch hands, rescuers, and protectors. One thing they have in common is the drive to please their people. This trait is key in service dogs, who make life easier, safer, and increase independence for so many people. Tucson, Arizona has the honor of being home to Handi-Dogs, one of the nation's preeminent service dog training facilities.

Founded in 1973 by Alamo Reaves, Handi-Dogs was incorporated in 1977, and gained 501(c)3 nonprofit status in 1978. Since its inception, the facility has trained over 300 service dogs, but its approach is slightly different than many other such organizations. Handi-Dogs does not breed service dogs, but rather educates community members and their dogs. There are several options for private and group training classes at the Handi-Dogs facility. Pet training classes, therapy dog training classes, and in-home assistance classes are offered, as well as service dog classes. In addition to these, along with founding partners Pima Animal Care Center, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, and Arizona Greyhound Rescue, Handi-Dogs has begun to implement its new and exciting Rescue to Service program.

The Rescue to Service program began in early 2016 when the group started sourcing potential service dogs from local shelters and rescues. The dogs are then paired with fosters for training, and later adopted as service dogs, at which point the adopters continue classes with their dogs. Not every dog is cut out to be a service dog though. In fact, Handi-Dogs President and CEO JoAnn Turnbull tells us that few dogs can do service work. After an initial evaluation, about 60% of preselected shelter or rescue dogs make it into the program. If they do, these service dog candidates will spend a minimum of three months with pre-trained fosters who work with them daily and attend weekly classes. During this time, people interested in a service dog can come and observe classes to see which dog they may begin to bond with.



**Bailey with Turnbull**

About 50% of dogs make it past the foster phase, those that don't most often going straight to their forever homes with their foster or other interested community member. Those that do will then be adopted and begin individualized training geared specifically to their new owner's needs. These needs are diverse, and well accommodated by the Handi-Dogs training program, which caters to a wider range of requirements than most organizations. Some of the tasks the dogs learn to perform in response to or in anticipation of their people's physical or mental disabilities are related to diabetes, hearing impairment, seizures, mobility issues, PTSD, and panic attacks. They can provide seizure response and stability when walking. They can also help to brace their human when trying to get up, open doors, turn on lights, retrieve objects, and can even learn to recognize when their owner is having a panic attack and locate and lead them to the nearest exit.

There is a responsibility to the dogs as well. As Turnbull points out, it's important to "Look at both ends of the leash." This is taken into account seriously when dogs go through the selection process. Not only are potential service dogs evaluated for their ability to perform their duties in a wide variety of environments, they're also evaluated for their ability to be comfortable in these environments themselves. The wellbeing of the service dogs is very important to Handi-Dogs, and the trainers keep this in mind as



**Durango works on his focus**

they work with fosters and adopters to achieve their dogs' training goals.

At one of the weekly classes for potential service dogs, Racheal Pfister, Handi-Dogs' Rescue to Service trainer, leads a group of fosters and their dogs in a foundational training. She initially stresses the great importance of plenty of exercise for these dogs. She explains that, "A regular walk around the block is not enough." His foster says that before the daily two-mile walk with Durango, an exuberant young dog in the program, she first takes him running alongside her bicycle.

As Pfister stresses the importance of the "leave it" command, class clown Jackson is so excited he's having a hard time focusing. She brings him to the front for a demonstration, and in no time he is focused and waiting for a treat rather than grabbing for it.



**Jackson found his focus**

Turnbull's foster dog Bailey is sweet and calm, but Turnbull says she may lack the motivation she needs to succeed in the program. Daniel Horschler, who works for the University of Arizona's Canine Cognition Center feels that his lab mix foster, Belle, will make a great service dog. She's even tagged along with him to work, and did very well with all the stimulation. Kim Dylewski has brought her foster dog, Cowboy, a handsome six-month-old 60 pound shepherd mix, who is extremely attentive during the focus exercise. She jokes, "He's doing a terrible job. I guess I'll have to keep him."

Handi-Dogs is ahead of the game when it comes to owner trained service dog organizations. Although there is no certification required to train service dogs, something Turnbull finds problematic, Handi-Dogs chose to become certified. They attained accreditation from Assistance Dogs International in December of 2016, making them the only organization in the state to have earned that distinction.

Despite this high honor, Handi-dogs is still in need of donations. To keep services accessible, clients only pay only about 15% of operation costs in tuition. Handi-Dogs receives no government funding, so they rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses to keep doing this incredibly important work. They are always accepting tax-deductible donations, and are always in need of new fosters. In addition to this, material donations are gratefully accepted, including:

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# Special Feature

## Tucsonans Rescue Hurricane Harvey Dogs In A Pickle

Story by Claire Sheridan

As Texas struggles to recover from Hurricane Harvey, 14 Houston-area dogs are finding their forever homes in the Sonoran Desert. Like many folks, Tucson-area resident Megan Rombalski watched news coverage of the storm's aftermath and she, "felt I had to do something; people needed so much more help than what FEMA and the Red Cross could provide."

Rombalski came up with a plan. Borrowing her childhood horse trailer from her parents, Rombalski hitched it to her pickup truck and proceeded to gather donations to drive to the Houston area. With the help of two others, Emily and Walter, Rombalski drove straight through to Houston. After spending several days off-loading the trailer, providing food, water, and pet food directly to people on the streets and to the Southeast Texas Humane Society, Rombalski realized she'd be traveling back to Tucson with an empty trailer. It was then that she took an even bigger leap.



**Donated Items outside the Southeast Texas Humane Society**

*Photo Courtesy of Megan Rombalski*

From the ground in Texas, Rombalski began remotely networking back with Tucson. Tucson-based charity Cody's Friends helped coordinate; they provided pet supplies for four different Tucson truckloads headed to Texas. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona and a pit bull rescue called Save-A-Bull agreed to provide temporary homes and help with permanent placement of the dogs Rombalski brought back in the horse trailer.

Rombalski received a request from Tucson: the group Veterans On Patrol had been out to Houston to help. One of their members, Edward, had elected to stay behind to help as long as he could. Could Edward hitch a ride home on the Rombalski Dog Train? The answer was, of course, yes. Edward rode in the horse trailer



**Veteran On Patrol Edward & Harvey Dog**

*Photo Courtesy of Megan Rombalski*

with the 14 crated dogs all the way home, tending to the dogs' needs, and falling in love with his new forever buddy, Sergeant, along the way.

The dogs came from Greenville and Terrell, Texas. Veterinarian Dr. Karri McCreary of the Greenville Animal Hospital assisted with the rescue and heartworm tested each of the dogs. Heartworm is more prevalent in Texas than it is here in Tucson; Rombalski tried her best to avoid importing insurmountable problems in the dogs they brought home. Several of the dogs were pit bull types. According to Rombalski, "pit bulls are not positively viewed in Texas, and we heard a rumor that the ASPCA in Texas was euthanizing dogs just because they were pit bulls." A pit bull named Pickles got a ticket on the Rombalski Dog Train to Tucson in spite of his heartworm-positive status.

Pickles is temporarily being fostered by Rombalski through Save-A-Bull. The woman with the big horse trailer and even bigger heart couldn't say no to the handsome,



**The Rombalski Dog Train & Megan-** *Photo Courtesy of Megan Rombalski*



**Pickles**

*Photo Courtesy of Photographer Michael Kloth for Save-A-Bull*

loving, well mannered guy. Fortunately, the veterinarian determined that Pickles' case of heartworm was less severe, meaning he probably has had it less than 6 months; it will be curable with medication, and he will not require surgery. Rombalski, who had pets of her own prior to the trip, will be keeping one Greenville rescue—a mix named Beau—and she is temporarily providing foster care for Pickles.

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona took in the remaining 11 Texas dogs. As of press time, 4 had already been adopted to loving homes here in Tucson.

Save-A-Bull, the rescue that has Pickles under their care, was started by University of Arizona graduate Emily D'Amore and her fiancée Parker. The couple grew up with dogs, and once settled into their own home, they adopted Gus and Kenna, both pit bull mixes. Growing up in an affluent suburb of Philadelphia, D'Amore never had any exposure to pit bulls; in her hometown, people typically had purebred dogs. When she moved to Tucson, Emily became a foster for Pima Animal Care Center (PACC). That led to her working at PACC. After about a year as a medical and behavioral evaluator, she came to realize that she desperately wanted to do more for pit bulls because they are such great, often misunderstood dogs. At press time, the rescue had 5 pit bulls in their care. "We are focused on quality over quantity right



**Pickles In Foster Care**

*Photo Courtesy of Megan Rombalski*



**Pickles & Friends with Save-A-Bull At Tucson Botanical Gardens Adoption Event**

*Photo Claire Sheridan*

now. The dogs we do pull get everything they need. They all go through training and enrichment, and are matched with a foster family who can handle their needs. We want our dogs to be breed ambassadors," said D'Amore.

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# KIDS & ANIMALS

## Harper Culliney: A Born Animal Lover

Story by Claire Sheridan



**Harper, Age 3, Holding A Family Chicken**

Ranch for Animals and Kids (TRAK), here in Tucson. TRAK's goal is to give kids exposure to animals; many of the children have special needs. Harper has the distinction of being the youngest volunteer. Although she is only 9, the staff at TRAK made an exception to their volunteer age requirements because Harper takes direction well, is mature, and she focuses on safety while working around the horses.

In order to become a volunteer, Harper completed a training class where she learned to care for the animals. Shockingly, mucking stalls is among her favorite chores! Harper said she thinks it's funny to watch the horses trying to stick their noses in the muck carts while she's cleaning the stalls. Additionally, she brushes the horses, and walks the turkey... Yes, you read that right, after mucking stalls, Harper



**Harper with Goats**

On the home front, Harper lives with her mom, dad, 11-year-old brother Reece, two cats, and two pretty ginormous dogs. Her dogs are as unusual as she is: one is an Anatolian Shepherd and Great Pyrenees mix, the other a Pyrenees and Kuvasz mix. All three giant breeds are herding and working dogs, known for being strong and protective. According to the American Kennel Club, the Kuvasz is the smallest of the three, and typically weigh between 70 and 115 pounds. Although she is a born animal lover, Harper says her brother is not as much. He thinks that "horses smell," and the family dog, Pablo, "sometimes tries to trip him." While he may not love animals as much as she, the siblings worked together to raise money for animal rescue by selling juice they made from tangerines picked off the family tree, so he obviously cares about animals!

No one seems to know exactly when her love of animals began, but it seems that it might have been from birth. Harper Culliney is a 9-year-old with a big love of animals, pretty much all animals but especially BIG animals. She is charming and confident; her young age is in as sharp contrast to her mature bearing as her relatively slight stature is to her love of large animals, some so large that they dwarf fully grown adults.

Among Harper's favorite animals is Little Doc, a horse who is part Clydesdale, whom she knows from riding him at the organization Therapeutic



**Harper Running Barrels**

walks TRAK's ranch turkey on a leash! The first time she did this she said, "It freaked me out," but now it is just part of her routine.

At TRAK, Harper has worked with goats, sheep, mini-horses, pot-bellied pigs, rabbits, full-sized horses, and, of course, the turkey. Her favorite animals are the horses. One thing she likes about them, which is not often noted as a favorite characteristic by people who like horses: "I like the smell of horse."



**Harper and Walker**

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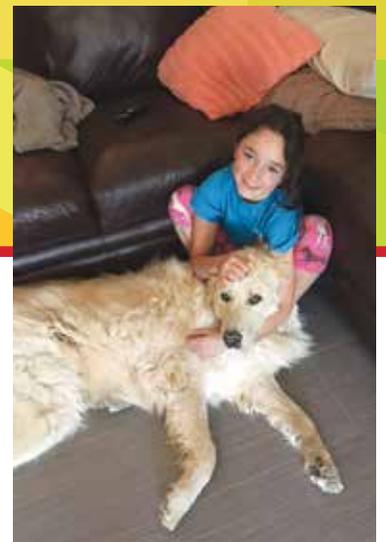
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**Harper with Cruz, Family Great Pyreneese**

Perhaps Harper's seemingly genetic predisposition for love of animals comes from her grandparents, both sets



**Harper With Two Pit Bulls Helping Out at Dog Adoption Drive**

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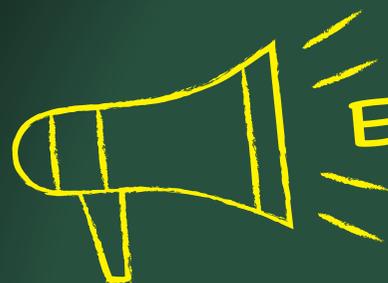
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# Horsin' Around



## Voices Whisper in the Desert: Equine Voices Horse Rescue

Story by Claire Sheridan



**All of the Horses  
Feel This Way**

Photo Credit Claire Sheridan

Usually at the top of the list of places that have spiritual significance in Arizona are Sedona, the Grand Canyon, or Havasupai. Although a beautiful place, the census-designated area Amado, south of Tucson and Green Valley, doesn't normally make the cut. However, because it is home to the horse rescue, Equine Voices, Amado definitely has spirit.

Karen Pomroy, the rescue's founder, is clearly the lightning rod for this energy. The spirit of this place is palpable as soon as you pull through the ranch gates. Started in 2004, Equine Voices has grown steadily, becoming one of the foremost horse rescue organizations in the United States. They are accredited by both the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and the Homes for Horses Coalition.

Amazingly, Pomroy never intended to start a horse rescue when she bought Jumpin' Jack Ranch. She planned to use the existing barn to give a home to six horses—the barn's capacity. "But one day, I looked at the horses and thought, 'I can do more to help horses like you.'" And thus Equine Voices was born.

Pomroy's story is as moving as the stories of the horses she's rescued. When the former sales and marketing professional from LA started the ranch, she worked as a waitress to make ends meet. At one point, "One bale of hay in the barn, \$1000 to my name, and I had 24 horses that were in my care—it was a very, very scary place to be." Equine Voices is a labor of love, led by a woman who has had the courage to risk everything for a cause she's passionate about.



**The Horses** Photo Credit Claire Sheridan

In the 13 years since its inception, the rescue has saved over 1000 equines, including horses, donkeys, and burros. Along with Pomroy's efforts, this work has been done primarily by a committed group of volunteers.

The equines come from all over. Most are rescued from horrible conditions. Some have been used as drug runners, brought in near-death condition to Equine Voices by the Border Patrol. Others are rescued from abusive and neglectful owners.

Many horses are rescues that come from the pharmaceutical industry. Mares are subjected to tiny stalls, restricted watering, and kept pregnant to produce urine used to manufacture a drug used to treat symptoms of menopause. These horses, known as Premarin Mares, the namesake of the drug they are used to make, are separated from their offspring almost as soon as the foals are born. The mares are re-impregnated so they will continue to produce estrogen-containing urine to be turned into Premarin, while the foals are usually sold for slaughter or left to die of hunger. The lucky mares and foals end up at Equine Voices, where they will either be able to enjoy life as a horse should on the ranch, or be adopted to loving homes.



**Momma & Baby Nayla  
and Strawberry Moon**

Photo Courtesy of Equine Voices

Pomroy said, "I was unaware and unprepared for the emotional rollercoaster that comes... the cycle of abuse, the desire to help each and every horse...knowing that you can't...and the long hours to begin and maintain a rescue... because no matter how painful, no matter how many sleepless nights, we cannot save them all. But the quality of care they receive will never be jeopardized because I couldn't say no."

The organization's poster "child" and mascot is the huge horse Gulliver, himself a former Premarin foal. Now 13 years old, Gulliver appears on many of Equine Voices' promotional materials, and has even donated his name to the thrift store.



**Gulliver in front of Elephant Head**

Photo Courtesy of April Ribblett Equine Voices Executive Assistant

Equine Voices relies on grants and private donors to remain afloat. In addition, the organization runs Gulliver & Friends thrift store, which is more akin to an upscale boutique. The store was recently relocated to its new home in Tubac, next to the popular shop Gypsy Cowgirls. Volunteers staff the store and the items for sale are donated. All of the proceeds benefit the horses. Be sure to check out their holiday themed items for your holiday shopping needs, and shop with purpose!

On November 19th at The Tubac Golf Resort, you have the opportunity to support Equine Voices at their Fall Fundraiser. There will be a three-course meal, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, live music, and the possibility of winning a beautiful Jaguar XJ6, which was donated to Equine Voices for the event. For tickets (\$85) and more information, visit the Upcoming Events section of the Equine Voices website.

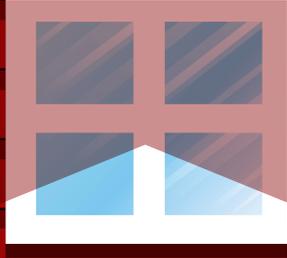
Special thanks to April Ribblett for her knowledgeable tour of the facility, and to Karen Pomroy for her compassion to take up this mission and commitment to making sure it outlives us all. To find out how you can get involved at Equine Voices, and for information on adopting a horse, burro, or donkey of your own, check out their website at: [www.equinevoices.org](http://www.equinevoices.org)



**The Thrift Store**

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## IN THE BARN

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**ANGELINA** My name is Angelina. I'm a beautiful 16-year-old Percheron and quarter horse cross who was rescued from a hormone farm in 2007. I am sweet, and get along well with other horses. I have had little ground training. I lead, I load, I pick up my feet, I love being groomed, and I am great with people. Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary 520-398-2814

**DAENERYS** I am Daenerys. I'm an extremely gorgeous and sweet 4-year-old double dilute grullo who is 16 hands. I had some hoof issues when I first came here last year, but now I am ready to be adopted to a forever home with an experienced horse person. My best buddy's name is Too, and I'd love if she could come with me. Happy Equine Acres Rescue and Therapy (Heart of Tucson) 520-445-1510



**HOKA** Hi, I'm Hoka. I am a sweet boy and I am now being halter-trained. I was rescued last November as a part of the large-scale International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros rescue. The rescue also took in four other mustangs along with me. Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary 520-398-2814

**KATIE ROSE** Hi, I'm Katie Rose. I'm a 15-year-old Connemara and Appaloosa mare. I'm 14.3 hands and I'm the athletic sort. I'm sound, strong, willing, responsive, and dependable under saddle. I'm excellent for trail, cattle work, or performance. Do you know the right home for me? Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch and Foundation 520-266-0236



**CHANCE** Hello, I am Chance. I'm a beautiful 22-year-old dun colored quarter horse mare. I get along well with other horses, and I lead and load and pick up my feet. Most of my life I lived on a hormone farm. I am ready for a change and a second opportunity. I would make a wonderful companion horse. Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary 520-398-2814

**PHOEBE** Hi there! I'm Phoebe. I am an 8-year-old quarter horse mare. I've been told that I am beautiful. I stand at 15.2 hands. When given the chance I am strong, confident, and awesome on the trail. I walk with purpose. Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch and Foundation 520-266-0236



**CARBON** Hey, I'm Carbon! I will be up for adoption soon. I'm a gorgeous 11-year-old Bay Arabian Appaloosa mare. I am 14.3 hands and 750 pounds. I am still very green. I only want to be adopted out to an experienced horse individual who will show they are a good match for me. Happy Equine Acres Rescue and Therapy (Heart of Tucson) 520-445-1510



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# Business Spotlight

## OK Feed and Supply: A Family Tradition

Story and Photos by Bonnie Craig

On the corner of Fort Lowell and Dodge, set against the backdrop of the Santa Catalina Mountains, sits a sweet slice of Americana with a progressive twist. It's hard to miss OK Feed and Supply with its iconic old west façade, and the life-sized plastic horse on the roof. Whether you need supplies for your ranch, your urban chicken coop, or your dog or cat, you can find them there, along with a friendly and helpful staff and a down home family feel.



The OK Feed guys

OK Feed was founded in 1936 by Orville Kelvin "Bum" Post, whose initials gave the store its name. It was run by the Post family until Doug Jordan bought it. The Jordans ran the place through many years, serving countless happy, loyal customers, until Doug was ready to retire and turned the business over to Will and Kylie Feurstock. Despite the changing of hands, OK Feed continued to maintain the same high standard of quality and customer care throughout the years. One customer who has been buying hay, supplements, and tack for his horses from OK Feed since the 1980's said, "I've been coming here since Bum Post owned it. They've always been good to me, always been here for me."

We caught up with new owner Will Feurstock on a bustling Saturday afternoon at the store. Will was in the grain industry for ten years and was a supplier to OK Feed before buying it from Doug Jordan in June of 2016. When asked about the transition, Feurstock said it was a smooth one. "We have a really good foundation." The staff stayed on, and Jordan still comes in once or twice a week to help out. The focus of the business hasn't changed either. They are still committed to providing high quality holistic and organic animal feeds at affordable prices. Feurstock explains, "The brands are affordable because rather than spending a ton of money on advertising, they're concentrating on quality." Because of the fact that so many of the products sold at OK Feed lack additives and preservatives, there are two separate cold storage areas on sight to keep them fresh.



Feurstock and Stella show off the cold storage

There are a few extra services and deals available to OK feed customers. Filling up a dog food punch card can earn you a free bag, and if you go in on Tuesday or Wednesday, you can get a dollar off hay bales or 40-50 pound bags of grain. Once per month in March through October, onsite snake avoidance trainings are held for dogs. This is a good idea for people who take their dogs hiking and camping in our area, as there are many venomous snakes in Southeastern Arizona, including coral snakes and 13 different species of rattlesnake. These are just a few of the ways OK Feed takes care of their customers.

It's not just the customers who are satisfied at OK Feed. The employees all love where they work. When asked about the job, every one of them mentioned that the workplace is like a family. Michelle Williams, who has worked there for seven years, says her favorite part about it is helping people and their animals. She is particularly interested in holistic animal care, and gets her own pet supplies from OK Feed. Lydia Heartley has been with them for over five years, and loves to see people concerned with feeding their pets well and giving them the best care possible. Derek Stella, who first helped out at OK feed at ten years old, enjoys the variety of people that come through.



Dogs are always welcome at OK Feed!



The ladies of OK Feed

Having worked for OK Feed for 19 years, Elaine Balch has enjoyed watching children come in to the store with their parents, and then return as adults. She recalls one customer who had come back in her 20's to pay for a rabbit she had apparently stolen years ago when she was a teenager. This wasn't the only thing stolen from OK feed. According to Stella, their horse statue was stolen from the roof not once but three times, but was miraculously recovered every time. Heartley told a story about an Australian man who had a layover at the Tucson Airport. He saw a man

wearing a hat that he liked. He asked him where he'd gotten it and the man directed him to OK Feed. The Australian man rushed there before catching his next plane and bought a hat of his own. A year later he came back for another one.

All and all, people's loyalty to and love for this mainstay of the Tucson community is plain to see. A family-run business taking care of families and their animals for over 80 years, OK Feed is as reliable as an old friend. When asked if any major changes are in the works, Feurstock hinted about the possibility of locally sourced vegetable starts, as well as a new brand or two on the shelves, but ultimately, he and his family plan to keep OK Feed and Supply just as we Tucsonans know and love it.



Another happy customer

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# Training



## “Making Choices”

Story by Kim Silver, Building Bonds

Is obedience training always the answer to pet behavior issues? The idea behind obedience training is that if we control the pet then we can control the problem. Obedience training has long been a traditional way to resolve pet behavior problems. What if instead you could improve your pet's behavior by simply giving your pet more choices and reinforcing the good choices he or she already makes? Contemporary approaches to behavior change involve giving animals choice and control, which fosters more confident, mentally enriched and thinking animals.

### Why is lack of choice a problem?

Pets who lack enrichment, confidence and choice are at a higher risk for developing behavior issues. Humans control nearly every condition of an animal's environment. We control what and when they eat, when and where they may go outside, and all their activity or lack thereof inside the home. Most decisions are made for animals. Pets consistently living with lack of choice may have increased stress levels, which is often an underlying cause of many behavior issues. Scientific research with animals has shown that animals with more control over their environment excel at learning complex behaviors, making decisions, increasing attention, lowering arousal levels and better health. When animals feel in control they are likely to feel safer in situations that might be new, difficult, or potentially frightening. It is important that animals always perceive they have safe options. When presented with unsafe or undesirable options, the choice factor is just an illusion. For example, if a dog is trained to come when called using an electric shock collar the choice options are limited: come to me or get shocked. That is not a true choice.

### Why do we limit choice for our animals?

Sometimes it is just habit or it is easier and faster. For some situations, it is faster for the human to force an animal to comply with our wishes. The dog who doesn't like baths or cat who doesn't like nail trims are often tricked, dragged or held down to accomplish the goal. Although it may have been an unpleasant experience for the animal, the human feels relieved to have achieved the desired outcome. The dog was bathed and the cat's nails were trimmed. Pet parents will often say that once the experience started the pet eventually tolerated it and let it happen. This is a phenomenon called learned helplessness. Learned helplessness is when an animal endures aversive experiences that it is unable to escape or avoid. The animal is not learning to tolerate it. He or she is shutting down. However, when we take the time, allow an animal to have a choice in the interaction, and teach an animal how to truly tolerate an experience, the long-term results are exponentially better.

### The opportunities for creating enrichment and choice for your pet are endless!

- Ditch the food bowl! Use your pet's food to fill treat dispensing toys and puzzles made for dogs and cats or make your own food toys. Hide food around the house and play "find it". Cat food can be hidden at varying heights around the house to encourage your cat to climb, get exercise, and forage. You can also use food for training reinforcement.
- Create sanctuary space in your home for your pets. This should be a place where they choose to go and they will not be bothered by other pets, children, or guests in the home. This can be a room or simply a crate. Use a space your pet enjoys and where he or she feels safe.
- For cats, create a "catio" or indoor window perch where they may watch the world outside. Cats should also have lots of vertical space throughout the home to escape children or other pets.
- Use walks to allow your dog to explore at his or her leisure. Keep the leash loose as you follow your dog. Take food with you and reinforce your dog for checking in with you by looking at you. This highly reinforced head turn toward you will build a strong connection between you and your dog that will translate to other situations. Check-ins become a helpful skill for dogs who lack confidence or experience new and stressful situations. The check in then allows you to give your dog the information they need to proceed with confidence.
- Capture your pet doing something you like and reinforce it with praise, play, food or other highly valued item your pet loves. The more you reinforce what you like, your pet will choose to offer it more.
- Always ask for consent from your pet when physically handling them. If they refuse you, know that you will need to build more trust to allow handling them in the future.
- Use positive training techniques to gain cooperation from your pet rather than coercing them. Clicker training or using a verbal marker such as "YES!" is very effective. Animals should always have the option to choose to end a training session. Avoid the use of training techniques that involve the animal evading discomfort or pain to get the desired behavior.
- Use positive associations with aversive situations to change how your pet perceives the experience. If your cat does not like his nails trimmed, start pairing a tasty treat when you touch his or her paw, pick up the clippers, and cut his or her nail. You may have to start slowly with just one nail at a time.



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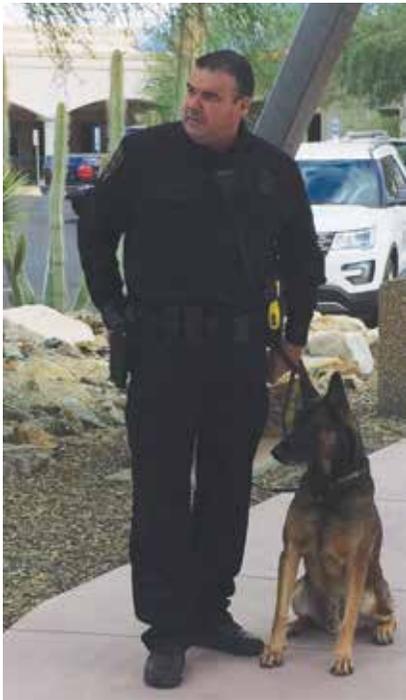
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# DOGS IN BLUE: THE K-9 BEAT



## Working the Oro Valley Beat With Bruno

Story and Photos by Claire Sheridan



**Officer Roger Reynolds & K9 Bruno**

Officer Roger Reynolds of the Oro Valley Police Department has been a law enforcement officer since 2002. Even though his partner, Belgian Malinois Bruno, only joined the Department in 2013, in dog years he's got Officer Reynolds beat for time on the force! Although we'll never know if Bruno always wanted to be a police dog, Reynolds wanted to be a K-9 handler for as long as he can remember.

As a kid, Officer Reynolds' family had German Shepherds. His uncle, a law enforcement officer, trained his family's first dog, and thereafter they had several more German Shepherds. Reynolds spent his first years on the force playing the decoy and "bite dummy" during training sessions for the department's other canines

before becoming a K-9 handler. In 2006, Reynolds attended the 12-week handler's academy, and has been handling dogs ever since.

Like most true dog people, Reynolds has outlived several of his best-friend partners. His first canine partner was Chance. Chance was trained as an explosives and patrol dog; a serious training injury necessitated euthanizing him very early in their relationship. The next dog, whom Reynolds refers to as his "official first partner," was Nikko. Nikko, an all-black German Shepherd, was trained in narcotics detection and as a patrol dog. They were a "very successful" team from 2006 until Chance retired in 2013. Shortly after, Chance passed away. Reynolds noted that this is not uncommon among police dogs who "live to work;" then; once they no longer have a daily job, many of the dogs lose their purpose and fade away.

Oro Valley Police Department uses a vendor that provides dogs who have been through some training prior to being selected for law enforcement service. After Chance, the K-9 Unit went as a team to find Reynolds' next would-be partner. Before Bruno, there was Max. After 5 weeks of training, it was clear Max simply didn't have what it took to be a police dog. Even after a short time, an attachment is formed from spending 24 hours a day, 7 days a week together. Reynolds has kept track of Max, who is now a hospital facility dog. Truly, police work is not for everyone or every dog!

Bruno came from Czechoslovakia; at 22 months of age, he had already attained Title II Schutzhund training certification. Schutzhund is a rigorous training that many dogs are unable to complete. With this strong sport-training foundation, the major task was to transition Bruno to working the street. Bruno currently holds narcotics



**K9 Bruno Official PoliceMug Shot**

*Photo Courtesy Officer Roger Reynolds & Oro Valley Police Department*

detection dog and patrol tactics certifications.

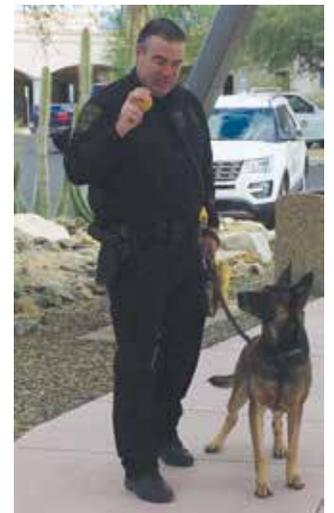
Oro Valley's K-9 Unit trains once per week, sometimes training with other agencies including the Tucson and Marana Police Departments, the Bureau of Land Management, and Border Patrol. Reynolds said, "We are fortunate to have the support of our Chief. He understands that what [training and effort] you put in, you get out. Networking in K-9 is huge; it keeps you on your toes and ahead of the curve. Everyone has different ideas to borrow from, and we always welcome the opportunity to train elsewhere."

Recently, the Bruno/Reynolds team had a setback in the form of a broken hand, which Officer Reynolds, a true animal lover, received as a birthday "present" from a horse he was training. The injury kept the team sidelined for three months while the bones healed. Almost immediately upon returning to duty, Bruno had one of his re-certification tests. "He flew through it with flying colors. All that did was speak volumes about all of the training opportunities we get. Even after extended time away, we picked up where we left off."

It's not all work and no play for Bruno, who loves nothing more than to chase his ball. At home, Bruno shares Reynolds' attention with 4 other dogs: a Rhodesian Ridgeback, a golden retriever, a heeler mix adopted from PACC, and a German Shepherd. Reynolds described Bruno as being cat-like in his desire for attention—he wants it on his terms, and when he's done, he's done.

The relationship between human and dog is a bond like no other. The closeness of a human police officer to a K-9 counterpart is even deeper. Besides spending 24 hours a day almost every day together, canine-handling police officers have to consider the

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**Bruno ate the pillow**  
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dogs in every plan they make— from what to have for lunch at work, to planning time off and travel, to how to park the car.

Reynolds summed up this deeply complex relationship beautifully: “The big thing to remember as a canine handler is that the dog is a tool— which is tough. As attached



**Cool Bruno Photo**  
Courtesy of Officer Roger Reynolds

to the dogs as we are, if a dog can save a life, we have to make that decision. Every K-9 officer has to come to terms with that. As much as you love that animal, that is its job. They are a tool, just like any other officer. It is easier to replace a dog than a human life, and you have to understand that.”

If you are not tearing up thinking about this, I encourage you to go watch the movie, Turner & Hooch, a reminder of the reality that K-9 handling officers face every day, albeit a fictionalized one. The Tucson Dog salutes Officer Reynolds and his cool canine Bruno both on and off the job. Thank you for working to keep our community safe.

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# Special Feature

## The Goldens Rule: Rescue A Golden of Arizona

Story by Claire Sheridan • Photos courtesy Scottie McGowan & RAG-AZ

"Goldens have such a spiritual essence that it makes me think they are angels sent down to teach us unconditional love and how not to take life so seriously." -Scottie McGowan

Every dog is special, and, as dog people, Tucson Dog readers undoubtedly have a special love for everything canine. However, it is no secret that many dog-humans have a favorite. How we chose our breed—or it chose us—we may never know, but, fortunately for many dogs, once a breed has made its way into the hearts of humans, there is no greater champion than a breed rescue volunteer. We humans can even become rabid with enthusiasm.

It would be difficult to find someone who doesn't like Golden Retrievers. Depicted in many a media outlet, from television and movies to advertisements, the Golden Retriever casts a well-known visage. American Kennel Club's 2015 and 2016 third most popular U.S. dog breed, Golden Retrievers are known for being intelligent, friendly, and devoted to humans.



**Biscuit Keeps Cool At The Chili Roast**

This year marks the 19th Anniversary of the group Rescue-A-Golden (RAG). For RAG Director Scottie McGowan, her breed of choice came down to information gleaned from a dog breed book. Returned stateside from Germany after serving in the Air Force, McGowan and her husband, both veterans, wanted a dog. "He wanted a Westie, I wanted a Golden—I won," says McGowan. Their first Golden, whom they had from cradle to grave, was their gateway dog. When that dog was 5 years old, they adopted a playmate through Rescue A Golden. That was in 2008; it's been a love affair with the rescue organization ever since.

With her background in nursing and as a former service member, McGowan knows a thing or two about running organizations. She initially became involved in RAG for her love of Goldens, but has stayed involved, and taken on a leadership role, because of the organization's wonderful integration. With a network of volunteers statewide, from Apache Junction to Douglas and all points in between, RAG's dogs come from all over Arizona. RAG functions like a well-oiled machine. The goal is to transition dogs from the surrendering home directly to a pre-approved home. They maintain a pool of potential adopters, about whom RAG learns many details; in order to make the list, families must undergo a home inspection and provide information about their lifestyle. Although each rescue is different, every RAG rescue receives the Gold Standard of care, including: spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccinations, Valley Fever titer, and any specialty veterinary care the animal needs.

RAG recently expanded their reach globally, taking in Goldens from Korea, China, and

Guadalajara, Mexico. Two dogs were rescued from the Korean meat industry; they were fortunate to be unusable as food because they were heartworm-positive. Both were successfully treated, and now live in loving homes here in Arizona. Guadalajara dogs come from a rescue organization there, with which RAG maintains a constant link; thus far they have brought in 10 Guadalajara Goldens.

The group works hard to get community exposure for their dogs. Some Tucson-area events they've attended this year include: 16th Annual Farmers and Artisans Chili Roast at the Farmers Market on Old Spanish Trail; Pima County Home & Garden Show, and a Meet & Greet Fundraiser at Bookman's on Ina. On Sunday November 12, 2017 you can see the dogs and humans of RAG at Bark in the Park from 10:30 AM to 3 PM at Reid Park. The Tucson Dog magazine will be a part of this great event and sponsor of the Best Trick contest. The winner will receive a prize and have their picture and story in the Jan/Feb issue of The Tucson Dog magazine. On November 24, 25 & 26, the group will be at the Artisan Craft Fair, also at Reid Park, from 9 AM to 4 PM.



**Meet & Greet Fundraiser at Bookman's  
Kids Love to stuff money in the dog's vests-**

At the Chili Roast, a 5 year-old boy named Drew, couldn't get enough of the RAG booth. In his short life, Drew has already lost two Goldens, one dog succumbed to cancer at only 2 years old. After two traumatic losses, the family is not ready for another dog, but Drew visits the RAG dogs at events, where he gets so much loving. According to McGowan, "Goldens are so intuitive, which is why they make such wonderful therapy dogs." RAG also taps into the silly fun-loving side of Goldens

at their events. At Bark in the Park, the group has a peanut butter licking contest; first and second place dogs each win \$10 gift cards to Pet Smart.

The work is bittersweet; RAG volunteers cry along with very sad humans who surrender their dogs, and they witness and partake of the joy of those receiving their new family members. "We all cry when a dog dies. Only one or two of us may have met the dog, but we all cry when we lose one of ours." The volunteers keep doing it because they are, "paid in woofs, tail wags, and sloppy kisses." Although the transitions are challenging, McGowan takes heart in knowing that, "Goldens bloom where they're planted, as long as there is love."

For more information, check out the group's website at: [www.golden-retriever.org](http://www.golden-retriever.org) or call their Woof Line at: 602-404-WOOF(9663)



**Drew Loves on Morgan  
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