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Five Legs Are Better Than One

Furry Foster Kids to be the New Norm in Pima County







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Gracie - Canine Writer - Gracie is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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 brother Andy, who is also a rescue. They both enjoy walks and car rides everyday. Gracie was $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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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The Leader of the Pack speaks!

Dear Readers,

I am so excited about this issue and the awe-inspiring stories we have for you about groups doing great work to help animals in Tucson. It is an exciting time for animals and their people in Tucson and we are thrilled to be a part of it.

The weather is warming up and we also have lots of great events to tell you about that help animals. We are happy to be sponsoring some of these events and hope that you will join with us in supporting them. Please make sure you check out our Calendar to see all of them.

In our cover story this issue, we present a fantastic group in the Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoptions. They are well-organized and very active and do whatever it takes to care for these sweet laidback dogs, many of whom are coming off racetracks injured and need lots of care. Although they are and have been raced, many are not aware that they are sometimes called, "couch potatoes" as they are actually a very easy-going breed. And in case you haven't heard, these dogs also save lives of other dogs because they are commonly used as blood donors. I hope you enjoy learning about this impressive breed and the inspiring organization that loves them so much.

We are also celebrating the opening of the new Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), which has moved into its brand-new shelter. This facility is stateof-the-art and is going to change the lives of animals in its care. The staff are also going to be able to help many more people and animals with the diverse programs they have to help the public become better pet parents.

Another great organization that is nearing completion of their new shelter is the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. This organization is over 70 years old. They have been in the same makeshift shelter that long, and we couldn't be happier that they are about to move into their new digs.

You will read more about these two great organizations, see some pictures, and read about their future plans in our Rescue News feature.

We are also sharing a story about another unique non-profit organization that offers no to low-cost services to the community and they need your help. ASAVET Charities was recently in a very serious crash that totaled their mobile veterinary unit. Thankfully, no one was injured but they are trying desperately to raise the money that the insurance didn't cover to get their vehicle repaired and back on the road to help animals. We are hoping that together, we can raise the \$30,000 that insurance would not pay.

Part of our mission at The Tucson Dog is to donate space to many different organizations every issue to promote their fundraisers and adoption events. We are only able to do this through the businesses who support our publication through advertising and sponsorships. I would like to ask you to please frequent these businesses and let them know you saw them in The Tucson Dog. In these ways they know their advertising is working and they will continue to support us and we can attract new businesses as well.

Thank you for the continued calls and emails about how much you love The Tucson Dog.

Wishing you all love, light and laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

13 Things Your Dog Knows About You – Part 1

Dear Humans,

By now, you know that we dogs are very smart and intuitive. We know more about you than you realize. With our heightened senses, we can tell if someone has good intentions or not, or if you are having a good day nd even if you are sick. This list will give you a good idea of what we can do. We are really tuned in to you!

- You're a generous person—or not. I make judgments about you based on your actions. University of Milan researchers had dogs watch some people sharing food with a beggar and other people telling the beggar to leave. Later, when the individuals beckoned the dogs at the same time, the pups overwhelmingly trotted over to the generous people.
- 2. When you have negative feelings about a person, I can hear your breathing pattern change, observe your body stiffen slightly and even smell the subtle pheromones your body emits. So if your in-laws suspect that you don't like them, it may simply be because, um, you don't really like them.
- 3. I know where you've been. You humans are like sponges. You pick up volatile organic compounds from everything you walk by or touch. If you just visited the supermarket, I will smell the butcher and fish counters, the food you bought and maybe even the people you stood next to at checkout. I can smell something 100 million times subtler than the faintest smell you can pick up.
- 4. You may have cancer. Some of us are being taught to detect different types of cancer by smelling certain chemicals that cancer cells can emit. In some studies, we were 88% accurate in detecting breast cancer and 99% accurate in detecting lung cancer.
- 5. You're coming home. We've learned your schedule and we know roughly when to expect you back at the house each day. But even if you get home at an odd hour, I can pick out the sound of your particular car coming down the street and I am always listening for it.
- 6. You've had a fight with your spouse. Even if you don't yell in front of me, I may notice your clipped tone of voice, the fact that neither of you is speaking, the stiffness of your posture or the agitated way you're walking or opening drawers. Some of us get sick to our stomachs when our owners are bickering so please remember that.

So, by now, you realize how really connected we are to you. Stay tuned for Part 2 with #7-13 in the May/June edition of The Tucson Dog.

Peace, Love & Biscuits,



Calendar of Events

Onsite Adoptions

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

Hermitage Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

Tues-Sat. 10a-5p 5278 E 21st St., Tucson (520) 571-7839

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Ajo Substation

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Pima Paws for Life

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265 S Church Ave., Tucson Bring your pups down to the museum and enjoy our peanut butter licking contest, art-making and specialty drinks for dogs and humans alike! More info: moca-tucson.corg or (520) 624-5019

Yappee Hour!

Pet Parent socialization group. Many meetups at Pet Friendly patios, walkabouts, pet events and more. Participants must be well-behaved. No aggressive dogs allowed. www.meetup.com/Yappee-Hour-Pet-Play-Dating/

Tucson Tails and Trails: Dog Friendly Hiking

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/

Special Events

MARCH

Pet Pics for Patrick's March 3rd - 12–3p Barrio Brewing Co. 800 E 16th St., Tucson St. Patrick's Day themed photos. You bring your pup and they will have all the props! Digital photos, only \$15. All proceeds benefit the homeless pets in your community. www.facebook.com/ events/2008226519500281/

Out of the Ruff for Goldens Charity Golf Tournament March 10th

El Conquistador Golf & Tennis 10555 N. La Canada, Oro Valley Benefits Southern AZ Golden Retriever Rescue. Online sign up begins January 10th. www.sagrr.org or call (520) 792-4653. Questions? contact@sagrr.org

Wag & Walk Your Way To Health Sat. March 12th 8a-1p Posada Java at La Posada

665 S. Park Centre Ave., Green Valley Health Fair for People & Pets, Fun Walk Everyone welcome & dogs on leashes Are highly encouraged to attend! Benefits Arizona Oncology Foundation; www.arizonaoncologyfoundation.org Donations of Pet Food & Pet Supplies Will help GV Community Food Bank and the Animal League of Green Valley. For more info contact: Karen Rencehausen at (520) 289-4866.

Howl-At-The-Moon Dog Walk Thursday, March 15th Come stroll under the moon.

\$15/Family includes bandana, water and a monster Cookie mid-way. 5:40p check-in for 2-mile 6:10 check-in for 1 mile Benefits SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue, which donates money to many local rescues for medical care. Registration forms: sbpetrescue.com Or contact Leslie at info@sbpetrescue. com

Wag & Walk Your Way To Health Sat. March 24th, 8a-1p

Posada Java at La Posada 665 S. Park Centre Ave., Green Valley Health Fair for people and pets. Benefits Arizona Oncology Foundation. Donations of food and pet supplies will help The Green Valley Community Food Bank and The Animal League of Green Valley. www.arizonaoncologyfoundation.org

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Steele Park, 300 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix \$20 registration day of the event to walk, includes T-shirt Benefits Transverse Myelitis Association (TMA), an international non-profit organization that supports adults and children with this rare disease. For more info: contact Barbara Sattler, bcsattler@gmail.com or call: (520) 405-1598. www.myelitis.com

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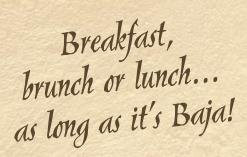
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Planning for your Pet Story by Jane Jacobs, Attorney At Law

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The simplest way to provide for your pet is to find a trusted friend or relative who is willing to care for the pet. Write a letter of instruction outlining your wishes for the care of the pet, if needed, such as special dietary requirements, preferred providers, etc. Make sure the letter is given to your elected caregiver either now, or at the time your

will is read.

A Pet Protection Agreement (PPA) is a written legal document that thoroughly outlines your wishes for your pet. The legal form is available online at various websites, including LegalZoom. For a fee, the program takes you through a series of questions that detail your chosen caregiver(s), instructions for care, and providers.

As most people know, a will is a device that gives instructions as to how you want your money and possessions distributed after your death. A



of funds, and the issuance of instructions, there is no assurance that the designated caregiver will not squander the money and/or dispose of the pet. Additionally, these options do not provide any oversight into how the pet is cared for, pursuant to your wishes.

Arizona law provides for the establishment of a Pet Trust. If you become unable to care for your pet, the trust allows for money to be set aside for his care. A pet trust is a legal document that sets forth funds, along with specific instructions as to who will care for the pet, how the money will be used, providers to be retained, special foods either preferred or required, boarders, groomers, walkers, sitters, etc, as well as final instructions for the pet after his eventual demise.

> Arizona Revised Statute § 14-2907 provides for "the creation of a trust for designated domestic or pet animal." Once drafted, the trust is funded with money or assets that are to be specifically used for the benefit of the pet(s). A trustee is named, and assigned to govern the provisions set forth in the trust instrument. The trust terminates when all pets covered by the trust have died. At that time, any assets remaining in the trust are disposed of according to the instructions in the trust, the will, or according to Arizona law if no directions are included.

A pet trust will provide for the care of your pet immediately if you die or become ill. Assets left in a trust avoid the probate process, and are available sooner.

When considering the establishment of a legal instrument for your pet, you should consider your financial resources, and the resources necessary to care for your pet. Make sure to determine the cost of the care, as outlined in your instructions. If necessary, consult with your financial advisor to determine what portion of your estate should be allocated to the pet's care. Any provision established in the trust should be feasible in order to avoid the trust becoming insolvent.

If you have an estate-planning attorney, consider discussing these options along with your other plans. It is worth exploring the available choices in order to provide ongoing care for your pet. These much-loved family members enhance our lives, and they deserve a level of planning that will keep them safe, and provide for their future unconditional love and loyalty.

will allows for the transfer of ownership of your pet from you to another person. You can also leave money to another person. However, a will does not provide any continuing obligation for the executor of the will to see to the well being of the pet once the administration of the estate is complete. If you choose this option, you should have some confidence that your chosen caregiver will have the integrity and commitment to care for the pet long-term, and apply any gifted financial support to the pet.

If you have no trusted person with whom you would like to leave your pet, you can contact a local animal welfare organization. Some organizations will arrange to have your pet placed with a foster family, or a foster-to-adopt home. A listing of Arizona rescues and shelters can be found at: http://www. animalshelter.org/shelters/Arizona.asp

In the options listed above, there is no protection or monitoring of the funds or assets provided for the pet. Although these options allow for the transfer





ATHENA (A552435) - I am a spayed female, tan and black German shepherd dog mix. The shelter staff think I am about 7 years old. I am a hard worker who is hopeful for the future. I know how to appreciate a good walk. I have been at the shelter since January. Now that the weather is warmer, let's break out the doggy pool and cool off. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



REX (A498011) - I am a neutered male, sable boxer mix. The shelter staff think I am about 3 years old. I have been at the shelter now since November. In that time, I've been good with the other dogs, and can even play in a group. If I have to wear dog clothes, I think that I would prefer something in flannel. My favorite smells are fresh cut grass, new shoes, and just baked bread. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



ROGER (846657) - I am a 3-year-old boy who is waiting for his fur-ever home! I am a playful pup who hopes to find a home with lots of dog toys! I am very smart and already know how to sit! If you have any kids or dogs currently living in your home, please bring them to HSSA Main Campus at 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd. to meet me! Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



CHICO (848534) - I am a 2-year-old boy looking for my fur-ever family! I am a playful boy who is looking for an active family. I hope my new family gives lots of belly rubs and enjoys playing fetch! I would do best in a home without cats, but would love to meet any female dogs or older kids that live in your home! Bring them to meet me at HSSA Main Campus. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173 **ANNABELLE** I'm a 6-year-old Chihuahua mix around 10 pounds. I am super sweet and very loving. I'll stand, wag my tail, and dance to be picked up when you come home. I have been wanting to play with the other dogs at the home I'm at now. I love my crate, so if you do not want me on the bed, just leave my crate door open and I will sleep in there. Tucson Cold Wet Noses adoptions@tucsoncoldwetnoses

BUDDY BOY I'm an 8-year-old boy that weighs 65 pounds. I have lived with other dogs. I need to eat in a crate as I don't like to share my food or toys, but I am working on improving this. I love kids, even the little ones who crawl all over me and pull my ears. I love to snuggle with you and put my head on your lap. Tucson Cold Wet Noses adoptions@ tucsoncoldwetnoses.com

UNO I'm a real sweetheart and cuddle bug with a shy and timid nature. I pass the days away playing with my foster siblings and get along great with my cat brother. I am kennel trained, potty-trained (on a schedule) and have mastered sharing my food. I like walks, but loud noise and cars still spook me, so I ask kindly, take things slow with me, and I will love you forevermore. Miss Maggie May's Rescue 520-603-6908

HENRY I'm a 10-year-old terrier mix that weighs 9 pounds. I have a heart murmur and an enlarged heart and my medication costs about \$45 a month. I'm slightly blind and deaf, but I get around well. I get along with the other dogs in my foster home, as well as the resident cat. I would love a home where I will be pampered in my old age, one without small children or high energy dogs. Miss Maggie May's Rescue 520-603-6908









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Source: Humane Society of the United States

LUCY I am a very shy, sweet girl who is almost 2 years old. I like a clean and full water bowl. How would I describe who I am? Don't call me fluff, though I may by fluffy. Don't call me rough, though I may be ruff-y. Call me your friend, and I'll be there for you to love me. Pima Paws for Life 520-867-1193



MOLLY BROWN I'm one dynamic little pooch. I'm a bright, adventurous 1 1/2-year old that loves to walk and is quite exuberant. I'm about 20 pounds and would benefit from a home that will continue to work on my manners. I'm house broken, and know how to use a doggy door. I do like to chew, so my adopter will need to ensure she has appropriate items to keep me busy. I need to be an inside dog. RAD Rescue, Inc. 661-400-5151

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MARLEY I'm a 5-year-old shar pei mix that was failed by her original owners. I've made incredible progress in terms of trusting people. I love my foster family. I'm a bit leery of kids, so a home without young children is best. Also, I tend to be a bit of the "fun police," so a home with calm dogs or no other dogs would be ideal. I have some skin allergies, so fish oil and a good grain free food would be necessary. Pei People 520-730-5183 **CHLOE** I'm a 3-year-old girl making the most of her second chance at life! I lost the use of my hind limbs after being hit by a car, but that's not slowing me down! This rock star is ready to take on any adventure that comes her way! I adore everyone I meet, get along great with dogs of all sizes, and even love my feline friends. Save-A-Bull Rescue: www. saveabullaz.org

BENCE I love walks, hikes, and playing fetch in the backyard. I'm house and crate trained, know my basic commands, and am learning how to be a gentleman on leash. I've endured many struggles in the past, but I'm training to help gain back my confidence. I would do well in a home with no young children, but other dogs or cats are fine. I would do best in an active home. Save-A-Bull Rescue www.saveabullaz.org

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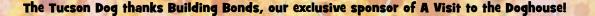








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broke ground for their new Tucson home. HSSAZ has been in their current location for over 70 years. Their highly anticipated move will improve the lives of the shelter's pets and the people who care for them.

According to Brandy Burke, Chief Operations Officer, "There has been a lot of excitement as we have been preparing for the move to our new location at 635

West Roger Road. Our new campus affords many benefits in relation to proper kenneling and healthier habitats for both cats and dogs, increased operational efficiencies, and an overall happier place for staff, volunteers, public visitors



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governmental financial support; they rely on donations and grant funding. The Tucson community has always been supportive of their efforts, and they need your help now in order to make their move a reality.

According to Chief Development Officer Diana Cannon, the organization needs to raise an additional \$3,000,000. To make a donation, please call: (520) 321-3704 ext. 11, or email her at: dcannon@hssaz.org.

Currently, the Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. For updates and additional information, be sure to follow HSSAZ on Facebook, and visit their website: http://www.hssaz.org/building/



Welcome Center

HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE **By Claire Sheridan Photos Courtesy** of Vanessa Ford, HSSAZ

On December 14, 2017, The Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA)



Clinic

and the pets in our care. We envision the future impact to be a renewed focus on growth of our existing programs and services, and we will be able to create new programs that benefit pets and people in our Southern Arizona communities. It's a very exciting time for HSSA, and for our community!

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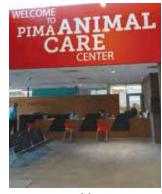


PACC GETS A HOME IN TIME FOR THE NEW YEAR Story & Photos by Claire Sheridan

On December 28, 2017, as many people celebrated the lull between the holidays and New Year, there was a huge flourish of

activity at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC). On that day, the staff held the official ribbon cutting ceremony and opened Phase I of its new building to the public. The move-in process actually began much earlier; by the end of the day on December 18, 450 shelter pets had found out that their new temporary digs were much more palatable than the old ones had been just that morning.

Among the biggest improvements for the animals in the new space are: the new state-of-the-art veterinary clinic, the fact that all of the dogs now have indoor/outdoor accessible kennels, and cats have large areas where they can roam freely. Humans will notice vast improvements in the public spaces, including areas for Pet Support where folks can come for help with their existing pets, and the new welcome area for adoptions area which now sports a spacious waiting and reception space.



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December was full of many gifts for PACC. The Petco Foundation left an unexpected present under the tree, just like a visit from Santa. From Petco, PACC received a grant for \$250,000 to continue and grow their community-based programs. Among these programs is the bottle baby kitten initiative, which pairs orphaned kittens that require near-constant feeding and

care with local Alzheimer's facilities. The nonprofit organization Friends of PACC donated \$2500 worth of nylabones—enough for every dog to have his or her own while in the shelter, also just in time for Christmas.

The construction continues on the campus, where the old building is being remodeled. This project will provide additional space, which will allow the county to take down the temporary large tent that currently provides quarantine space for ill dogs. The target is to open the remodeled, repurposed buildings

prior to the summer months so that dogs may find repose in air-conditioned splendor in time for the hot summer.

To keep up with the many changes happening at the shelter, be sure to follow them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ pimaanimalcarecenter. There you will find

frequent updates, cute faces needing homes, and announcements about volunteer opportunities.

Top: PACC Construction Zone- remodeling the old space for new use

Bottom: PACC entrance





Business Spotlight

Dogtopia Oro Valley

Story By Zach Fitzner Photos Erin Moody & Dogtopia



When I went to interview Theresa Leal-Holmes about Dogtopia, I didn't expect to meet her whole family. However, I ended up learning that the family inspired the business and were deeply involved in it. While Dogtopia is a franchise with more than 60 locations in the US and Canada, Theresa and her family's passion for the dog care business is homegrown.

Dogtopia Oro Valley is owned

by Red & Stella LLC, which is named for Theresa and her sister, Pamela's mother and father. Theresa and Pamela were quick to regale me with tales of animals from their childhood. They told me that, in a time when few veterinarians were around, their mother once set a cat's broken leg using Popsicle sticks as a splint.

The whole family, including the patriarch Red, joined in listing all the pets they had growing up; they told me not only about cats and dogs, but also the lizards, mice, turtles and chickens they had. The chickens were raised from eggs in the class where their mother, Stella, worked as a teacher's aide. Chickens raised from eggs were once used in classrooms to teach students about the life cycle and reproduction. The chickens ended up being roosters and more than they bargained for.

Another sister operates Silver Whoof Shelter, a shelter for unwanted, displaced & maltreated dogs. Pamela told me about the shelter and about Dogtopia, "It's hard to have a bad day when a dog's around."

The Leals told me that among 7 sisters and their dad, they have 25 dogs. During the interview, two pugs were very much in attendance. I was told that, when their mother was in the hospital with an injury from a painful fall, to motivate her to take physical therapy seriously, they promised her another pug. The promise of a pug was enough to drive Stella to work hard at her physical therapy, which she was almost kicked out of, and Lola was her reward Pug. Lola is clearly the younger of the two pugs, and during

my visit she was a bundle of rambunctious energy.

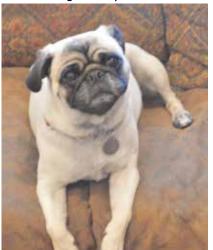
The family was quick to tell me how excited they are to be opening a Dogtopia. All caretakers and dog watchers working for Dogtopia are thoroughly trained. The Leals said that even after years as dog owners, they learned important lessons about dog behavior from Dogtopia's training.



Dogtopia offers up to 10 hours of open play per day for their canine clients. There are three play rooms separated according to size and temperament of the dogs. Initially, dogs are screened to assess their temperament for open play; after screening they're monitored in play rooms, which are equipped with web cameras where clients can watch their dogs at any time. Theresa

explained to me that the old model for dog boarding allowed dogs to bark endlessly. However, Dogtopia's mission is to truly enrich dogs' lives and interrupt negative behaviors, such as ceaseless barking, with positive distractions.

Dogtopia doesn't discriminate according to breeds; instead they evaluate every dog according to his or her own personality. Leal said, "Working with dogs like Rottis and Pits is really exciting."



Dogtopia's facility is state of the art; with environmental scientists, behaviorists, and veterinarians on the board, they draw on experience from other stores to perfect the overall model. Specially formulated cleaners are used to disinfect the whole facility, and special air filters also contribute to a healthful environment for dogs. When you walk into a Dogtopia, it doesn't smell of dogs, it smells kind of nice.



The pet industry is growing. Increasingly, more people are busy with professional lives, and they want their dogs to have good, fulfilling lives. Dogtopia is a sound business, and there are plans for eventual expansion to three additional locations in the Tucson

area. Dogtopia's not just a place dedicated to making money; the Leals and their business support shelters through sponsorship. They also give a free day of doggie daycare to dogs recently adopted from Pima Animal Care Center. Pamela told me, "Everybody's in business to make money, but we did this because of our love of dogs."

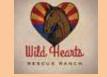
Dogtopia Oro Valley plans to have its grand opening in mid-March, as fate would have it, the same time as Stella's birthday.

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of TNR: Tucson Guide to Community Cats Story & Photos by Devon Confrey



There are a lot of cats in Tucson. Kind souls and shelters take in as many as they can, still more remain outdoors. Advocates here, particularly those at Tucson Feral TNR Advocates, agree that Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is what helps animals and people most. Here is an alphabet break down of this modern philosophy and method so that the rest of us understand:

Altering, also known as fixing, spaying or neutering. Altering cats that live on the street stops them from adding to overpopulation. Taking these cats to shelters can be a gamble and may be unsustainable. Euthanizing them may be inhumane and pointless if more will come and take their place.

Vince and his blanket under the trailer

Borrowing humane traps lets

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Tucson Feral TNR Advocates provide information of where to go in town to find traps on their website.

Community cats are cats that roam free outside. When they find a place that's good for them and safe, they make home there. Most don't miss the indoor lifestyle.

Deterrents hold cats away from people who don't want them near. Things like motion-sensor sprinklers, closing dumpster lids, or boarding up hideaway spots work better at keeping the animals away than physical removing them.

Ear tipping marks cats that have already been fixed, so they don't get hassled into being taken in twice.

Feeding community cats is an easy way to improve their lives and interact with them. However, a fed cat is a healthy cat, and one that will have kittens. So if you're going to do that, take responsibility for getting them fixed.

"Greetings," meows a fixed outdoor cat, Vince, looking up from his food bowl as a customer goes past him into the store.

Hidden shadow of a kitty in a front yard garden. Her view of the world is different. She walks pathways behind fences. Now, atop the outer wall.

Inside cats and outdoor cats shouldn't mingle because feline diseases might spread. Even if you don't have any other pets, the outdoor cat may not want to live inside.

Jump on board. Putting up an outdoor shelter that's safe and weatherproof, along with food and water, can be an alternative to adopting a feral cat.

Kittens shouldn't be trapped or taken in if they're young. They're better off with their mother and can't be fixed until they're a couple months old anyway. Even if they're alone, keep an eye on them from a distance, their mother may be running errands.

Low-cost altering encourages TNR. Clinics like Santa Cruz Veterinary and Altered Tails Tucson offer affordable options for fixing cats.

Mild climate most of the year means cats tend to make Tucson their home for longer periods of time.

Nearby, in a church parking lot, live a mother cat and her kittens.

Outreach lets the folks in a neighborhood, apartment complex, or workplace, wherever the community cats may be, function as a team. A discussion early on about what can be done prevents confusion, and spreads awareness about a topic where modern ideas about what's right have changed before.

Pima County Animal Care Center has made its community cat program more local in 2018. PACC's contract with the Best Friends Animal Society, an organization that helped start the program in 2014, ended last year.

Questions are important. Tucson Feral TNR Advocates is a place to find answers about feral cats. They list Alley Cat Allies, a larger cat advocacy network, as a further resource for learning.

Returning altered cats to where they were trapped is the law in Pima County. Relocating them is abandoning them. Abandoning them is illegal, and it is not good for anybody.

Strays are community cats that are friendly to people. Sometimes strays find

homes after being brought into a shelter,

but more often, there are more strays than

for the shelters can house.



Vince watches from a distance

Territorial behavior leads cats to spread out, filling the spaces that have resources to support them. Unlike strays, feral cats are not friendly, and they don't want to be pets.

Under the shade and with plenty of water, an outdoor cat survives a day in the heat of the summer in Tucson.

Volunteers sustain TNR programs and look out for community cats.

Wildlife biodiversity is affected by feral cats. Cats are included in statistics about bird populations dying. They take the blame, even when cats are the result of people living in a place.

(e)Xaminations help feral cats get treatment for infections or injuries and improve their lives. Tests for FeLV (feline leukemia virus) or FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus), however, if positive, may keep some from letting the cats continue to live.

You can still show your love for a scaredy cat, in ways that don't involve getting too close.

Zero cats, a number to work toward. After almost 1,300 feral cats were euthanized at PACC in 2013, in 2014 the Pima County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to change to the law and allow for TNR. Now, significantly fewer cats are being euthanized.

Visit Tucson Feral TNR Advocates at Tucsonferalcat.org for more information.



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



PINTO (A602256) - I am a spayed female, blue and white domestic shorthair. I pride myself on my purr, which is perfectly in tune with the key of C. The shelter staff think I am about 3 years old. I have been at the shelter since January. I'm a very sweet and very pretty gal... come meet me at Petsmart on Orange Grove and River! Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



HANDSOME (A565537) - I am a neutered male, brown tabby and white domestic medium-hair. The shelter staff think I am about 4 years old. I enjoy sinking my claws into the pages of a good magazine. I bet there is a pillow in your home already that is the perfect size and comfiness for me. I have been at the shelter since January. I'm at Petsmart on Grant and Swan. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



CLEMENTINE (849092) - I am a 7-year-young girl looking for my fur-ever family! I am a sweet but shy cat. My dream home would have a scratching post and a comfy bed for me to nap in. Great news, my adoption fee is only \$50! In the past I have done well with some dogs but prefer to be your only cat. Come fall in love with me at HSSA Main Campus at 3450 N. Kelvin Blvd. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



MARBLES (849604) - I am an energetic 1-year-old boy who can't wait to meet the purr-fect family! I am a very outgoing and friendly boy. I love to play with the feathers here at HSSA and enjoy getting treats! Come fall in love with me at PAWSH Park Place at 5870 E. Broadway Blvd., or give an adoptions counselor a call. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



MONKEY (37142259) - I'm a black and white domestic shorthair boy who is almost 1 year old! My ears are pointy and my tail has a mind of its own. The middle of the day is too long for me, and I usually end up needing to take a nap. I may be young, but I'm a Tucson native and a Wildcats fan, so I'm excited for the basketball season. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637













AMBER (33576066) - I'm a 3-year-old brown and beige medium-size tabby. From a perch up high is my favorite place to look out at the world. My favorite time of day is daytime, because I like how the sun feels and makes everything bright. Some of the other cats tease me, because I say I believe in mer-mice, but I think that they are out there. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637

GANDALF The wizard Gandalf is ready for his new home! I love being held and babied. I would do best with a seasoned cat mom or dad, who has experience with the naughty stage of kitten hood and has another kitten around the same age or extremely playful adult cat. I love attention, and I cry all day for it, and for someone to play with me. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0546

DELILAH I'm a quiet girl with a lovely temperament. I'm delicate in my movements and sometimes a bit of a diva. I like to play with my brother Ant as we are the two biggest of our siblings, of which there are five others (Bear, Charlie, Frank, Gale, and Hank) available to be paired with if the new adoptive family would like siblings to adopt. My favorite past times include grooming and play fighting. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0546

VIOLETTA You're not going to believe how I ended up at HOPE. I had a family once, but they said they didn't have time to take care of me. How silly is that? HOPE rescued me, and everyone here has fallen in love. I'm an easy going girl, and love a little affection. One of my favorite things is being brushed. You should come meet me. You'll be impressed by how tall I am. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200

FELIX I've been through a lot, and can't wait to find my perfect forever home. Even though I'm 15, I like to play with the wand and run through cat tunnels. I'm a very social guy when I want to be, but when you don't pay attention to me... I get a bit feisty. I am looking a peaceful pet-free and kid-free home. If this sounds like your home and I sound like your kind of guy, I think we should meet soon! HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200

SUNNY I was on my own at a Tucson mall and called a dumpster my home. My foster mom cleaned me up and I smell great now. I love chasing my toys around, play nice with strings, feathers, and mice, and don't mind head or chin scratches at all. In my current foster home, I live peacefully with other cats and help my foster mom get ready in the morning by supervising her routine while chilling in the sink. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889





PEANUT My name is Pea(nut) and I'm a sweetheart. I know, you hear this a lot, but it's true when it comes to me. I appear a little shy at first, especially with strangers, but I will warm up quickly as soon as I have sniffed everyone out. With slow introduction I would be also good with dogs as I lived with three small terriers in my previous foster. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889



TWIZZLER I'm a gorgeous ginger boy who needs quiet. I'm not fond of electronic things or noises and I'm easily startled by them. I'm also not happy when I'm around dogs or kids. Sometimes I worry about smaller things. Like what's under the fridge. Or where the laser light red dot goes after it disappears. Or why people sometimes smell like other animals I've never met. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



CLAIRE I'm sassy and very much an independent cat. I enjoy time out on the catio taunting the birds or laying out on a cat tree. Although I may not be cuddly and don't like being picked up, I make up for it by being playful and will chase a laser light all day if I can! I'd be best for an active family with older children. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



KALI I was found by a great family who helped me gain some much needed weight and got me fixed and vaccinated. They contacted T2T for help finding me a home. I lived in a foster home with young kids, cats, and dogs. I'm a very happy and sweet girl, so pull out the finest ball of yarn for my arrival. I'll be at Petco for a little while so come meet me! Tucson2Tails 520-812-5682









ALLEN I'm a silly and playful kitten. I love treats and wet food. I purr at the site of people I know and I enjoy cuddles between play. I'm neutered, microchipped, and up to date on shots. I would be good in a home with other animals or children. As the flowers begin to bloom this spring be sure to take a moment to stop and remember how lucky you are, to not have an allergy to cats. Tucson2Tails 520-812-5682

RILEY I am almost 4 years old. I am a mellow boy who loves to be pet! As much as I love every day of being a cat, sometimes I wonder what it's like being a person. Yogurt is a human food I'd be interested in knowing more about. Not quite a liquid, not quite a solid, it seems to exist in a state somewhere outside the rules of the physical world. Pima Paws for Life 520-867-1193

TUTONE Pick a house. Show up every morning and evening. Get fed. Go looking for your lost owner during the day, then come back and sit there looking forlorn. Look wistfully inside, and convey the obvious desire to be a house cat! Well, most of it worked. Except I didn't get to stay because of the dog, but I'll bet someone else will fall for my moves in a minute! I'm a loving, handsome 7-year-old guy! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

BRITTANY I'm a 3 1/2-year-old dilute calico lady. Having lived a quiet life with just my dad, it may take me a while to settle into a new home, but I promise that once I'm in a place where I can relax and learn trust again, I'll be the loving companion I've always been. Why not make your home the next frontier I'm destined to explore? Life's full of wonderful surprises if you just let them happen! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

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Cover Story Every Greyhound

Story by Claire Sheridan Photos Courtesy of Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption

Since 2012, nonprofit Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption (SA GREYS) has found permanent homes for over 500 dogs. Based in Tucson, the all-volunteer organization has a passion for helping these gentle creatures and educating people about them. Often mislabeled as high-energy, Greyhounds are actually sprinters, not marathoners. After their relatively brief, if sometimes very fast, runs they are most content to have soft places to hunker down.

Dogs who need the organization's help come from all over Arizona; some have even hailed from Kansas, New Mexico, Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas. In addition to finding forever homes, one of the group's major efforts is providing complex, often costly medical care to sick and injured Greyhounds.

The group has tasked itself with identifying caring and responsible homes, rescuing sick, injured and abandoned Greyhounds, returning lost Greyhounds to their owners, teaching the principles of kindness and humane dog care, promoting birth control by neutering/spaying all intake animals, providing pre-adoption health services and providing residential foster care to assist Greyhounds in becoming acclimated to a home environment.

SA GREYS has cared for 143 former racing Greyhounds; all have been rehabilitated from serious injury and/or illness. In their retirements, these dogs now enjoy life as couch potatoes in their forever homes. Getting them to that



point requires the dedication of volunteers and veterinary staff. In the first five years, the group has spent nearly \$900,000 in order to house and treat the animals under its care.

Money raised by SA GREYS for the treatment of the racing retirees goes into a fund they

call Jackie's Fund, in honor of their first dog who had costly veterinary expenses and a long recovery. Check out their website for stories of all the individual dogs that have benefitted from this fund. (www.sagreys.org/jackies-fund-gallery/)

Even though Tucson's Greyhound racetrack has closed, Greyhounds continue to be relinquished to SA GREYS from other racing or breeding farms. Because Greyhounds have a unique blood type that makes them universal donors in the dog world (the equivalent of having type 'O' blood if you are human), there is no shortage of dogs that could require assistance from SA GREYS. The most recent group of SA GREYS' dogs came from a blood bank in Texas that was shut down.

501(c)(3) status precludes the group from taking a political stance for or

against Greyhound racing. This operational policy also helps SA GREYS to grow and maintain their relationships with those that surrender racing Greyhounds to their adoption group.

When they have a new intake of Greyhounds,



volunteers come together for Spa Day, when dogs receive baths and are groomed. Every dog is thoroughly inspected for injury. After spa and playtime, the dogs are ready for their close-ups; photos are taken and volunteers establish a unique individual profile for each Greyhound. At the conclusion of Spa Day, all dogs are given their own new beds and stuffed toys.



Only after a Greyhound has been medically cleared, including completion of spay/neuter surgery, is he or she made available on the group's website. Each week, a different hound is featured on Facebook and on their website. In Tucson, SA GREYS holds in-person meetand-greets twice a week.

The January "Grey Winter Festival" fundraiser featured a fashion show with Greyhounds strutting their

way down the red carpet. Ticket sales covered the cost of putting on the event, and a silent auction raised money. Former Arizona Legislator Bruce Wheeler, who sponsored the bill that put an end to Greyhound racing in Tucson, was

in attendance. He had the opportunity to meet some of the dogs whose lives were changed by the bill he sponsored.

Rogue is one of the medical miracle dogs saved by SA GREYS; he was attacked by a group of Greyhounds at Tucson Greyhound Park. Rogue was severely injured and required hundreds of staples all over his body to repair the damage. Miraculously, he healed almost completely within six weeks. His



Bruce Wheeler at Greyt Festival

adopter said, "...he has been one of the most rewarding and easy-going dogs I have ever owned. He loves to meet new people and dogs whenever he can... Rogue continues to blossom; the more time passes he acts like one of the pack



Rogue injured in attack

and has grown into his own personality. He plays with toys and gets excited for walks. We love him more than I can put into words."

In June, on the last day of racing, the curtain call at Tucson Greyhound Park, a dog named Fini (French for "final")

Gets A Silver Lining

broke a leg- not in the theatrical sense! Dr. Nausley at the Briarcrest Veterinary Care Center opened the clinic on a Sunday to treat Fini. After his recovery, Fini was adopted by first-time Greyhound owners, Alisha, Scott, and son Jace.

This is what Fini's new mom Alisha had to say about him:

Fini went into surgery and was on the long road to recovery. I paused for a moment and wondered if it was a bad idea to consider a dog that had a traumatic past. I decided it wouldn't hurt to ask about him and it wouldn't hurt to meet him. Fini's foster mom, Carol, said Fini would welcome the visit of another dog and had never met a child before. She invited the whole family over. We piled in the car and drove to Carol's house.

When the front door opened a very large Fini was standing full alert, eyes locked on us, his tail methodically moving back and forth. As we approached, I could see Fini's excitement building. As we walked in, we were trying to be mindful of his recovering leg and move slowly, since we were strangers to him. Fini just bulldozed into us. He kept smushing his head into our waists and trying to get us to pet him. I bent down and just wrapped my arms around him. The funny thing was, I didn't feel like I was meeting him for the first time. I felt like I was being reunited with someone I hadn't seen in a while, someone that I had missed very much. It felt like Fini was saying, "What took you guys so long?!?" I looked up at Scott who had the world's largest grin on his face. When our eyes met, he just started nodding his head yes. Could it be? Had we finally found our greyhound? Fini was so happy to meet our other dog. They smelled all over each other and then both relaxed.

Fini was most interested in our five year-old son. Carol reminded us that Fini had never met a child before, so we were very cautious and ready for any reaction Fini might have. There was an instant magnet between Jace and Fini. Fini bounded over on his three good legs to see what Jace was up to, then returned to us for more pets and love. And that was that. I knew without question that this sweet goofy quy, with three functioning legs, was our dog.

Fini fit seamlessly into our life. He quickly adjusted to the routine of the house, started getting thorough use of his squishy beds and the cactus in the backyard has never been a problem. His broken leg healed and for nine months things were great...until the unthinkable happened.

One evening while Fini was out charging around the backyard, he rebroke his leg. We rushed him to Briarcrest so that he could see the veterinarian who had worked on his original break. Dr. Nausley said that one of the original fracture sites had separated again, but that all of the others had healed very nicely. He put Fini back together once again, this time with a large rod drilled between his bones. To my surprise, SAGA covered the cost of his second surgery! Never before had I seen, or even heard of, a rescue organization that would take the financial burden of a dog that had been adopted. SAGA stood by Fini and stood by us. It was quite clear that we were part of an organization that would always go the extra mile for their hounds.

Today, Fini is doing well. As I write this he is laying right next to me on his squishy bed, all four legs are sticking straight up in the air including his casted leg. He has bounced right back and though he is on the road to recovery again, he seems happy that we can do it as a family this time around. He has brought us so much joy that I cannot imagine

a more perfect dog. Ironically, it turns out that Fini is not the end, but rather the beginning of something wonderful.





Rogue the reindeer has recovered

Riley arrived in her forever home after being fostered for several months while she recovered from a hock broken in a race. Riley immediately enjoyed her new Greyhound sister but was very fearful of virtually everything else. She first thawed to the women of the house, but it took patience for her to warm to her new dad, Ron.

Her mom, Sherri, said, "Ron set out to earn her

trust; sometimes sitting on the floor for hours, speaking to her in a soft gentle tone, and waiting for her to come to him. I will never forget the first evening when Ron was standing in the kitchen, and Riley walked over, leaned against him and turned her eyes up toward him. Since that day, she has been glued to his side like a Velcro strip, and out of the ashes of her unknown background of abuse, has blossomed a courageous flower. She is still delicate and timid but has grown so vividly before our eyes. Her courage seems to have evolved and revolved around one common theme 'Time with Ron'. Shelby and I have always said that if Riley could have the ability to speak two human words she would choose the words, 'Where s Ron?' Her frightened, darting eyes have turned

to soft brown relaxed eyes. She is loving to all, but when given a choice, the first place she gravitates is to Ron for quiet time. The story of Riley and Ron is a success story that offers hope to every abused, neglected, and exploited dog."

Riley and Ron were television stars this year, as they participated in the "Best In Couch Potato"

category on Hallmark



Fini's broken leg in a cast

channel's American Rescue Dog Show. It just goes to show how much progress an animal can make when loving humans care.

Thanks to the folks at SA GREYS for sharing these stories and photographs. Every animal deserves a forever home, and Tucson Dog is grateful for the part each of these awesome volunteers plays in helping Greyhounds find theirs.

For more information about the group, or how you can help and/or adopt a Greyhound, contact Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption at:

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Special Feature



Getting Another Chance: Pima Paws For Life Story & Photos By Claire Sheridan

In January, the nonprofit Pima Paws For Life celebrated its fourth anniversary. The organization's mission is "to partner with our community in creating a No Kill Pima County; to collaborate with other local animal welfare agencies



Pima Paws for Life Staff

to broaden the safety net for homeless animals in our community; and to find loving homes for every treatable and adoptable animal in our care."

At the time it was formed, Pima Paws For Life's mission was to help address the medical needs of the animals housed at Pima Animal Care Center

(PACC). Four years ago, a homeless animal entering the county shelter had approximately equal chances of finding a home or being euthanized because of space, behavioral or medical considerations. For the seriously ill or injured, the chances were even lower that he or she would make it out of PACC alive. Pima County has made progress in huge leaps and bounds in the time since, largely due to the efforts of community grassroots organizations such as Pima Paws For Life.

With a capacity for approximately 30 dogs, and 30 cats, Pima Paws For Life is housed in a rental property in the Flowing Wells area of Tucson. They moved to their current location approximately a year and a half ago from another rental property a few doors away on the same street.

One of the main challenges the organization faces is the need for storage space. Operating out of an administrative office inside a single-wide trailer, Kimberely Walker dreams of one day being able to house the animals they care for in

a more home-like setting. Kimberely was involved in No Kill Pima County, the advocacy organization, from its early formation, but she soon split to pursue her dream of opening a physical shelter location. She said she, "has been doing rescue my entire adult life, since my first part time job at 14 years old. I have always wanted to devote myself to physically helping animals."



Trailer Office

provides some medical services at

a discounted rate to Pima Paws For Life. Veterinarian Dr. Farrell often provides care for the animals, many

of which have complex needs. Pima

Paws For Life often takes animals

that are seniors. These seniors

often require ongoing care and procedures such as dental cleanings

to optimize their health.

The shelter partners with Orange Grove Animal Hospital. The hospital



Kimberely Walker with Puppies

with Puppies When adopters take home animals with ongoing medical needs, they are provided ith a month's supply of medication for their new furry friends. It is very common for Pima Paws For

Life's pets to be on Rimadyl, a customary drug to combat pain and stiffness often associated with the arthritic issueshat come with increased age.

The cats at Pima Paws For Life are housed in a separate building from the dogs. Although it is a very small space, the cat building is further divided in half, with separate air handling systems so that contagiously ill cats may be



Kitty in the Catio

quarantined from the general population. It is common for general population cats to include every age from barely weaned kittens to geriatric cats.

Dogs live in individual chain-link enclosures inside a building that was perhaps once a garage. The staff moves the dogs into one of three outdoor enclosures



twice per day. The dog building features a smaller separate space where special cases may be housed. On the day of Tucson Dog's visit, this area had a very young litter of puppies and their mother. The mother and father of the litter arrived at Pima Paws For Life days before the litter was born. All are healthy now, although mom and dad were neglected and underweight when they arrived

Inside the Dog Kennels

six weeks earlier.

As a completely donor-funded organization, Pima Paws For Life is accountable to their donors. However, they refuse to cut corners when it comes to medical care. In Walker's words, "We will do what we can; as though they are my own pets."

Donors who support the organization on a monthly basis form the bedrock of their finances. No amount is too small; a gift of even \$10 per month helps Pima Paws For Life care for the animals. The organization is always looking for help from volunteers; they have a volunteer orientation class on the second Saturday of each month and a volunteer interest form can be filled out on their website.

"Rescue isn't just a verb—it's a promise." That is Pima Paws For Life's philosophy. The group never euthanizes animals for behavioral reasons, and they have only

infrequently euthanized suffering animals with no hope of recovery. Walker said, "Once we take an animal in, we make a promise. We will do everything we can, medically, behaviorally, and emotionally, to find a forever home."

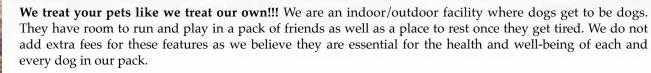
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Special Feature

Friends Indeed: Friends of PACC By Claire Sheridan Photos Courtesy of Michael Kloth for FOP



Friends of PACC (FOP), or just "the Friends" for those in the know, is an independent nonprofit organization formed to support the operations of the county's animal shelter, Pima Animal Care Center. Due to county law, PACC is an open-admission animal shelter; this means they cannot turn away any animal. As such, the lifesaving work done at PACC is often complex and many resources are required merely to stay afloat.

I Could Be Your New Friend

Although PACC is a county-funded entity, tax dollars only cover some capital expenses such as the building, procuring some of the necessary veterinary clinic equipment and staff wages. In order to help animals not only survive, but also thrive, greater

resources than tax dollars are necessary. This is where the Friends step in to offer a helping hand.

In the fall of 2017, FOP hired its first Executive Director, Jennifer Camano. A Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE), Jennifer joined the Friends with over 15 years' experience in fundraising locally. Having worked for such diverse interests as a charter school, the Children's Museum, The University of Arizona and the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Jennifer said she was thrilled by the opportunity to bring her expertise to the field of animal welfare. She said, "The causes I've gotten behind, I am 100% behind." Jennifer's track record of ethical and transparent fundraising leadership makes her an excellent fit for FOP.

FOP was able to create another full-time position, and they recently hired a Development & Marketing Specialist. Described by Jennifer

as having "mad marketing skills," Sara Wolfe Vaughan has an MFA in creative writing and a passion for rescue animals, including personally rescuing some from Dog Patch. She came to the Friends from Literacy Connects where she ran multiple programs. Sara's experience with animal rescue has given her the background to write about animal issues with great insight, and that



Caring for Pets in PACC's New Clinic



FOP New Executive Director Jennifer Camano

will come in handy for her new role.

FOP exists to supplement, rather than supplant the county shelter. The organization was created to take the fundraising element, which is so critical to providing quality care for animals, out of county government. Because FOP is a nonprofit organization,

they have greater flexibility in their ability to buy things like medicine and emergency

animal care supplies. County rules require

that items be procured through specific

vendors, usually with a significant lead time

for approval and order fulfillment. In normal conditions, the process is not a problem for

basic supplies. However, when it comes to

situations such as the intake of an orphaned litter of neonatal kittens that require bottle-feeding (something that PACC deals with routinely), that need's immediacy can be filled by the Friends.

A situation likely familiar for anyone who has dealt with human health insurance companies, the county has a list of veterinary medications that it will provide. When an animal requires a medicine that does not make the county's list, the Friends can make sure that the animal receives the recommended treatment.

Although FOP maintains a small surgical fund that occasionally supports medical needs of individual animals, the organization's goal is to help the greatest number of animals. When considering how they can help, the Friends attempt to do the greatest good for the greatest number of animals. This philosophical approach differentiates the Friends from many rescue organizations, such as No Kill Pima County or Pima Paws For Life. Those organizations frequently champion individual animals.

In the rare instance where FOP sponsors an individual animal's care, the decision is made in collaboration with leadership at PACC. PACC makes a request to FOP regarding individual cases when the need arises. Jennifer said, "It is critical to have a good working relationship between the two directors [of FOP and of PACC]. Kristen [Auerbach, PACC's Director] and I talk about the needs of the shelter and figuring out the boundaries between PACC and FOP all the time."

One of FOP's recent gifts to PACC has made a huge impact; the Friends purchased nylabones for every dog at the shelter at a cost of \$2500. These chew toys are helpful for behavior management because the bones keep the dogs engaged, which helps with the boredom of being in a kennel for long days. "They're washable, reusable, and smell like chicken," Jennifer said. Well, who wouldn't want one?!

The Friends have much work ahead of them, and their new leader is eager for the task. Jennifer said, "FOP helps capacity building for PACC...and plans to do more in the future. More is needed to create better outcomes for the pets at PACC."



Pick Me, I Wanna Be Your New Friend From PACC

FOP's current campaign is to raise money for a list of housewarming gifts for the animals at PACC. These include behavior evaluation equipment, real-life room furnishings, Kuranda beds and fixed play yard equipment. They plan to raise an additional \$40,000 with your help.

To help FOP to throw a housewarming party for the new location of PACC, head over to the Friends of PACC website: www.friendsofpacc.org



Angels in Autism: Healing the Hearts of Humans and Horses

Story by Bonnie Craig Pictures by Michelle Mastrangelo



The partnership between humans and horses is something we often take for granted today, although this ideally symbiotic relationship has existed for over five thousand years. From the beginning, there has been a certain mutual giving between us that has made the human-horse connection unique and beautiful. They are dependent on us for care and sustenance, but what they give us in return goes

far beyond labor and transportation; it includes an almost preternatural ability to understand us and intuitively adjust to our individual needs.

Angels in Autism LLC works in conjunction with partnering programs Arizona Behavior and Autism LLC and Equine Therapy Arizona Inc. (Horses with Wings). The organization utilizes the human-horse bond in order to help people with various disabilities. The facility staff seeks to aid clients in areas such as: impulse control, stress, interpersonal relationships, independence, and much more. They are changing lives, one human and one horse at a time.

Executive Director Michelle Mastrangelo, a horse owner since 1979, was aware of this amazing healing bond between horses and people for many years before she founded Angels in Autism. It was a combination of things that led up to its inception. Mastrangelo has worked with autistic children since 1979. After working for school districts for some time, she earned an international

certificate as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). Then, using her valid Arizona BCBA license, she began to work as freelance therapist, helping clients in their homes as well as her own. She eventually incorporated horses into her work.

Angels in Autism is currently working toward 501(c)(3) status to become a nonprofit organization. In the



meantime, their funding comes almost completely through the clients' insurance. Clients receive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, which incorporates horses as a part of a comprehensive program. While the majority of clients



ensive program. While the majority of clients are on the autism spectrum, the program also assists with a wide variety of other conditions such as learning differences, substance abuse, depression, and trauma. The organization serves a broad client age range as well, starting at the age of a year and a half and going into adulthood. There is no age cap for their services. All of these things make Angels in Autism accessible across demographic lines, so that the positive change it affects can be unconditional.

The resident horses of Angels in Autism exude a calmness that is infectious. All eleven of them come from some sort of rescue situation themselves, and in something that seems like gratitude and understanding, they return the favor. They are cared for by a team of twenty-five interns, many of them from the University of Arizona. Volunteer coordinator Amanda Lewis began work at the facility as an intern from the University's Health and Society program; she was hired on after graduation. She explained that the diversity of needs and duties



at the facility enables Angels in Autism to accept student-interns from many different University programs. Past interns have been studying everything from Agricultural Science to Social Work.

The wide variety of volunteer talents brought to the program allows it to continue working like a well-oiled machine. The horses are on a rotation between areas so they each get an equal amount of freedom, exercise, shade, and attention, as well as taking their turns helping the clients. Depending on their abilities, clients can interact with the horses in a variety of ways. Some interact with horses from the ground, while others ride. When riding, most clients are led on the horses by staff or volunteers in a large arena area. Depending on skill and experience level however, some clients do control their own reigns. Regardless of the type of interaction, there is that magical something about horses, which creates a healing space and energy for everyone regardless of ability.

Angels in Autism and its partner organizations are looking toward the future, and they continue to grow and improve their programs. In addition to their current programs, they are hoping to begin a veteran's program in the near future. This program would be offered to veterans free of charge. Currently there are rider spots open, and prospective new clients are encouraged to apply.

Volunteers are invaluable when it comes to keeping things running smoothly at the facility, and they are always in need of more. Although Angels in Autism has not yet finished attaining nonprofit status and donations are not yet tax deductible, they need them nonetheless. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted; they are also seeking: materials for a hay barn they hope to build, shade cloth, hay, Nutrena brand senior horse feed, MSM, and Horseshine supplements. To become a client, to volunteer, or to donate, go to www. angelsinautism.com, find them on Facebook, or call (520) 820-3650.





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Volunteer Spotlight

Five Legs Are Better Than One

Story By Emily Dieckman

How a PACC volunteer saves dogs' lives - and how they've saved his.

Near the Tucson fairgrounds, there is a house with 73 legs inside. Forty-eight of them are canine; eight are attached to ferrets; four belong to a hedgehog, and 13 are human. One of the legs is made out of metal.

The metal leg belongs to Edward McCarty. McCarty pretty much runs the show, that is when he isn't volunteering at the Pima Animal Care Center, the Tucson Society for the Blind, as part of a local amputee empowerment program, or being an active member of Tucson Lobos, which is the local wheelchair basketball team. McCarty shares his home with four other adults, including Shane, one of his basketball teammates, and Sunny, Shane's sister.

Some of the dogs in the house are fosters, but many are permanent family members. Two are service animals. McCarty has fostered and personally found new homes for 12 dogs over the last few years.

"We try to rescue animals by bringing them here, and fostering them, and finding them better homes," he said.

One of the five adults is always at home to look after the dogs – they have such a well-orchestrated system, and they can't exactly hire a dog-sitter. Every potential new boarder must be approved by all of the household adults, and get along with the house full of animals.

The dogs have space in the front yard, the backyard, and a side run. They rotate into the different areas depending on time of day and temperament – three aren't allowed into the front unsupervised, because they can jump higher than the height of the front yard fence. They have an open-feeding system inside, and the house goes through about 125 lbs of dog food each week.

"I don't see my life without these dogs," McCarty said. "All dogs have a purpose."

In their sweet, snuggly, sniffly way, the dogs have offered in return the gift that they give best: companionship, and a sense of purpose for their doting dad.

McCarty had a pet dog growing up, but everything changed when he survived a hit and run accident in 2008 left him with his right leg amputated, generators in his spine and a flurry of other health problems – including post-traumatic stress disorder.



Monster - Bull mastiff, Thelma - Cane Corso, Stitch - American Bulldog, Sunny - housemate

Disney - Black Lab



Edward with stepdaughter and Stitch - American Bulldog

When his doctor first suggested the idea of a service dog, McCarty was skeptical. That was until Bobo, the service dog came along and changed his outlook on animals, and his life. Bobo was at his beck and call 24/7, and never needed a leash. When McCarty felt himself becoming anxious or upset, Bobo was there to distract him.

"Animals are blessings," he said. "They'll die for you in a heartbeat. All you've got to do is love 'em and feed 'em."

A few years after the accident, McCarty found himself facing another slew of medical problems, and wound up in the hospital for a year. Unable to give Bobo the love and care he deserved, McCarty made what he said was one of the hardest decisions of his life: he gave Bobo to a woman he'd met through is volunteer efforts with Tucson Society for the Blind. She is a77-year-old blind

woman who was in desperate need of a trained service animal.

"I [did it] for the sole reason that he deserved to be loved," McCarty said. He didn't want another dog for years. He missed Bobo too much.

Eventually, though, McCarty started volunteering at PACC, reconnecting with animals and seeing a bright side – like how he could use his prosthesis to kneel down in parking lot asphalt to talk to kids about their new pets.

He also wound up with Disney, a black Labrador Retriever who acts as his new service animal, and Stitch, an 80-lb American Bulldog who thinks he's a Chihuahua.

The other 10 dogs officially belong to other members of the household or are fosters, but really, everyone's just one big family – from Monster, an enormous Bull Mastiff whose slobber has been

known to reach as far as the ceiling, to Astro, a tiny 15-pounder who's set to be adopted by a nurse from one of McCarty's doctor appointments. The 11 dog set up may be short-lived: McCarty said every time a dog gets adopted out, they head to the shelter for a new one.

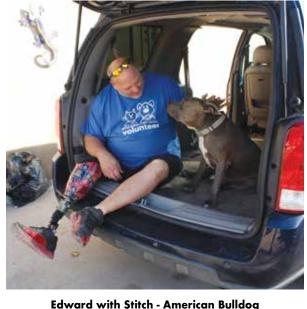
"He is thoroughly excited about taking in some of our harder to adopt dogs and fostering them in his home," said Gina Hansen, volunteer coordinator at PACC.

Most of the dogs they adopt are from PACC, but they like to keep an eye out on the Humane Society for dogs that are close to being put down. They don't believe in that.

"I enjoy it every day, so I don't ever stop," he says. "As long as I can breathe, we keep going."

McCarty jokes that he's like a virus – "I do good things and it spreads around," – but anyone looking at the house and yard full of laughing people, wagging tails, and McCarty himself – who is so active his doctors can't believe it – would agree it's a virus worth having.

"This is a zoo," said McCarty said, as he and Sunny do a quick demonstration of the chaos that ensues when you announce a car ride to the dogs. "This is our little lovely life we have."



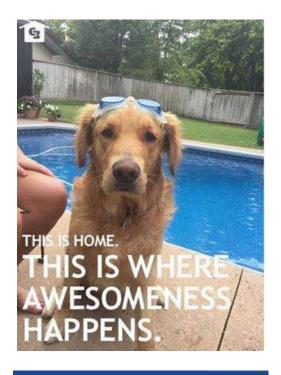


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Special Feature

Helping ASAVET Charities Turn a New Corner Story by Claire Sheridan Photos courtesy ASAVET Charities

Founded in 2014 by Tucson native and veterinarian Dr. Karter Neal, who also runs Santa Cruz Vet Clinic, ASAVET is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping animals and their owners. The organization provides affordable veterinary care locally through the clinic, and they travel throughout Arizona and New Mexico conducting MASH-style clinics.

On September 14, 2017, on the way to a clinic planned on the Navajo Reservation near Chinle, Arizona, the ASAVET Mobile Veterinary van was badly damaged in a one-vehicle accident.

Fortunately, there were only minor human injuries; the bad news is that the charity's mobile clinic van was a complete loss. Although they were insured, replacement costs far exceed what the insurance company will cover.

When the van was operational, ASAVET was able to provide services in both Arizona and New Mexico. New Mexico rules prohibit



Mobile Medical Van Accident

In addition, ASAVET's three

veterinarians perform surgeries

for Pima Animal Care Center

(PACC) on a rotating basis each

week. In 2016 they performed 293 surgeries for PACC;

that number grew to 3503

The charity performed 2688 surgeries at mobile clinics in

procedures last year.

providing veterinary services in unlicensed facilities, which means the mobile clinics cannot be held in community venues, as they can here in Arizona. Consequently, losing the van curtailed ASAVET's ability to provide service in New Mexico.



Volunteer Peter & Dr. Barrett

2016. In the past year, using Facebook, their website, and word-of-mouth, the ASAVET team was even busier; they averaged two mobile clinics per week in 2017. The mobile clinic performed 3509 surgeries. In total last year, between their work in the mobile clinics and at PACC, ASAVET helped an astonishing 7012 animals.

ASAVET's goal is to conduct three mobile clinics per week this year. They need help in order to realize this goal. The mobile van's loss has limited their ability to reach people and animals, especially in rural locations, which is often where services are most needed. Long-time Tucson animal champion, Pat Hubbard, who is the organization's Chief Operations Officer, said one of her goals is to secure grant funding specifically for services in 10 to 15 rural communities surrounding Tucson.

Currently the ASAVET team conducts wellness clinics in Ajo and Douglas. The Douglas clinics are self-pay for the patrons, as the town has limited access to veterinary care. ASAVET uses a University of Arizona building as its clinic space when in Douglas.

Hubbard said, "A lot of people believe these are irresponsible people who don't care about their animals. The reality is that people have to decide between

putting food on their tables and spaying or neutering their pets." She noted that one of the most rewarding aspects of the clinics is how thankful the people are; often both staff and pet parents are moved to tears. The mobile clinic may represent the one and only time that some animals ever see a veterinarian.



Giant 220lb great dane patient at Stafford Mobile Clinic

Each mobile clinic costs between \$3000 and \$3500, depending on whether or not vaccinations are also included. ASAVET seeks community sponsors to help pay for these events.



Tiny Mobile Patient

Hubbard said, "Many people can't afford vet care in the community... We provide affordable, quality care with a compassionate, well-trained staff. Dr. Neal does not gouge anybody. She comes from a shelter medicine background."

In addition to much-needed funds for constructing the van and conducting mobile clinics, ASAVET staff would ideally love to be able to hand out animal care sundries during mobile clinics. The items most needed are: pet food, toys, leashes, collars and bowls. Donations of surplus hospital supplies are always welcomed; the team uses drapes, gloves and even gowns. These items

ASAVET Team at Mobile Clinic

can be dropped off at the Santa Cruz Vet Clinic or you may call or email to arrange a pickup of the items by a clinic staff member.

There are a number of big-ticket items on the ASAVET wish list. Procurement of these larger items would give the team greater ability to help more animals. The items include a mobile x-ray machine, a mobile dental scale/polish machine and a commercial washer and dryer. Laundry is a chronic issue; the team currently uses a residential laundry machine set, which breaks down often. There is downtime while awaiting repairs. The staff is even known to do clinic laundry at home, all to make sure there is a fresh supply for the animals they serve.

An x-ray machine would enable more accurate and complete diagnosis in the field, while the dental machine would help improve not just the oral health, but also the overall wellbeing, of countless animals.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. Donations will

enable this amazing team of people to assist more vulnerable animals. The Tucson Dog thanks the ASAVET Team for its good work. Two paws up to our readers for supporting this awesome group.

To learn more, or to make a donation, contact ASAVET Charities at: http://www.asavetcharities.org 5408 S. 12th Ave., Tucson, Arizona 85706 Tel: 520-403-6947 Email: info@asavetcharities.org



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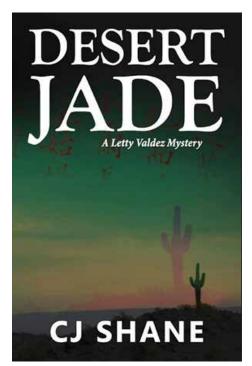
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Desert Jade by C.J. Shane Reviewed by Claire Sheridan

Have you ever read a book and thought to yourself, "I'd really like to be friends with that character?" Maybe invite them for dinner to hear their latest tale of adventure, or perhaps you'd go for a hike in the Sonoran Desert. *Desert Jade* features several such characters, chiefly among them is Private Investigator Letty Valdez. Letty is the kind of friend you'd want to have your back in times of danger, and who'd probably be a lot of fun over drinks.

Reading *Desert Jade*, I couldn't help thinking that Tucson has an author to fill the void left by recently

deceased best-selling Sue Grafton, who wrote the Alphabet Murder series. Similar to Grafton's style, C.J. Shane has crafted a first story that leaves you wanting to find out what the characters will be up to next. The parallels between Grafton's Kinsey Millhone and Shane's Letty Valdez don't end with their shared occupation of private eye; loyalty, the importance of family and friends, and intimate knowledge of their respective city-homes are other traits both characters exemplify. *Desert Jade* is mind candy in its purest form. Easily sharable across generations, Shane has a given us story that is as engaging as it is charming.

In addition to the Tucson setting— written by someone who clearly loves the area—Tucson Dog readers are likely to appreciate the book's canine character. Millie, a rescued pit bull, comes waltzing through the story just enough to get her dewclaws into your heart.

Shane said, "I think there are stories best told as fiction than as a fact-based report. *Desert Jade* came from the desire to tell a story that would touch people's hearts. Millie had a hard life until Letty rescued her, then Millie's life got a lot better. I wanted readers to know why it's important to rescue distressed dogs, and why it's important to provide good care for them. You know what they say, 'If you want a friend, get a dog.' Millie is Letty's friend for life."

Millie's real-life doppelganger is Sunday, a pit bull rescued by Shane's son. "I'm the doggie granny. I was shocked at the vast difference between Sunday's sweet, gentle personality and the ridiculous myths about pit bulls being so mean and aggressive. So I decided to write about a pit bull named Millie."

C.J. Shane will be teaching a workshop on self-publishing, Wednesday, March 14, 9-11 AM @ Blue Raven Art School. Check out her website www.cjshane. com, to learn more about the author and get updates on the release of the next book in the Letty Valdez series, *Dragon's Revenge*.

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Honors Students Help PACC Train Dogs for Adoption

By Ken Vorndran, Ph.D.

Phi Theta Kappa and Honors Club Advisor

The PCC Honors Program recently expanded its volunteer work with Pima Animal Care Center, helping get dogs adopted.

For the past four years, Honors students have volunteered at PACC walking dogs. This past fall, as the result of one student's Honors Project, some Honors students learned to not only walk, but also socialize and teach commands to PACC dogs. Socialized dogs that know basic commands are more adoptable.



As part of an effort to improve the project, this semester, Honors recruited Veterinary Technology students to the training. This spring, Honors hopes to increase the number of PACC volunteers that train the dogs. Volunteers will visit PACC at least one hour a week

to walk and/or socialize and train dogs assigned to them. Each student arranges a schedule with PACC that works around his/her class and work schedules.

In 2016-17, our Honors students donated more than 4,000 hours to various local causes. We are proud of their service work, as well as the level of commitment that they show to that work.

Email your animal care questions or request info on Pima's program to pimalovespets@pima.edu.

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Special Feature

Furry Foster Kids to be the New Norm in Pima County Story by Claire Sheridan

When you think of foster care, many things likely come to the fore—there are countless stories of children who have survived terrible ordeals before ending up in the system, and just as many stories of maltreatment children endure during their time in foster care. It is a system fraught with trauma, and few end up in foster care by choice.

In Pima County, the tables are beginning to turn as foster care gets another meaning. Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) is taking the lead in a national movement to get shelter pets out of the often stressful environment of the shelter and into loving, albeit usually temporary, homes. No matter how nice the buildings may be, animal shelters cannot compete with individual homes for

their ability to provide comfort to animals that await forever homes. The opportunity for individual attention from humans, perhaps long walks with a family or runs with an individual, and maybe even a couch or bed to share simply cannot be the reality in a building designed to be the temporary waypoint for large numbers of animals in need.



Foster Family The Klells

That is where foster care comes in. Kristen Auerbach, Executive Director at PACC, is focusing on growing the organization's foster capacity. She said, "PACC is going to have the largest foster program of any municipal shelter in the US, with four dedicated foster coordinators. Currently, PACC has about 800 pets in foster. Every medium and large adult dog and adult cat is available for foster or adoption and it's not harder to foster than it is to adopt. Fostering helps free up much-needed kennel space and is a humane alternative to housing animals for weeks in kennels. PACC averages anywhere from 700 to 1400 pets on site at any time and even with volunteer support, most pets only get about 15 to 30 minutes outside of a kennel each day. This is very stressful for animals who spend more than a few days at PACC."

To meet her goal, Auerbach sought and received grant funding from Maddie's Fund to implement the Foster Expansion Pilot Program. The program's main objective will be discovering what happens when foster care becomes the core of a shelter's operations. The grant provides salary funding for three additional foster care coordinators at PACC. Each coordinator is responsible for a specific population of animals under his or her care. The existing coordinator oversees infant, ill and injured animals. The grant funds additional foster coordinators for adult dogs, adult cats and a post-placement coordinator. The post-placement coordinator will work with caregivers to case manage and market individual cats and dogs in foster care.

For the grant's three-year duration, PACC will be tracking data including: number of cats/dogs/other pets placed in foster, number of fostered pets adopted from the shelter, number of fostered pets adopted directly from foster homes, fiscal impact of the program based on per-day costs of in-shelter care and average length of stay, length of stay of pets in foster compared

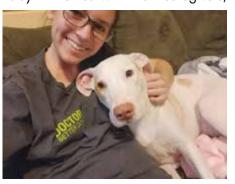


Foster Mom

time caring for shelter pets or folks who are not ready to make a life-long commitment to an individual animal but can share their love with pets in need. Fostered pets may or may not stay in homes with their caregivers,

and those who do may or may not share that home with other animals. The many variables of care ensure that resources are maximized, and anyone who is interested may participate, and many different types of needs and animals can receive care.

Auerbach also said, "Beyond meeting this critical need in Pima County, this pilot program [will]



to average length of stay of comparable

groups in shelter, number of volunteers

and foster caregivers involved in helping to place each pet, demographics of foster

animals (species, age, size, color, etc.),

foster family demographics and whether the rate of pets returning to the shelter

varies based on whether the pet was

adopted from the shelter or whether the

pet was adopted directly from foster care.

Foster care may be provided by virtually

anyone—fosters may be families

interested in teaching animal care skills

to their children, people in assisted living

facilities, college students willing to devote

Danielle Seto and foster dog Fiesta

serve as a foster-centric model for shelters across the nation. ...we [are] poised to show other large, municipal shelters with limited resources how they can dramatically increase their lifesaving impact by moving foster programs to the center of their operations." To this end, as part of the grant, PACC has been designated a Maddie's Fund apprenticeship site for the foster program; this means that shelter staff from around the country will be traveling to Tucson to learn the model that PACC is implementing, with the goal of replicating the work at their shelters of origin.



For additional information on how you can provide lifesaving foster care to animals in need, contact PACC at: www.webcms.pima.gov/government/ pima_animal_care_center, visit them in their new home at: 4000 N. Silverbell Road, Tucson, AZ 85745, or call: 520-724-5900. PACC is open Monday through Friday noon to 7PM, and weekends 10AM-5PM.





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