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As you would expect, she's gained a lot of attention in the last year because of this program and the positive effect it has had on her clients and the community. Tanya has been featured as the rising star in the Realtor publication Real Producers, as well as the volunteer of the quarter in HSSA's Humanely Speaking.



Tanya at the HSSA making a donation(above)  
Putt for Paws Flyer 2017 (Left)  
Tanya and one of her clients, Dena at last year's Dogtoberfest event(Bottom



## Putt for Paws

Putt for Paws is a golf tournament that Tanya created for the sole purpose of raising money for the HSSA. Keep an eye out for more details on this year's event, coming in September. Established in 2016, the Putt for Paws Golf Tournament is Tanya's biggest fundraising event of the year.

## How is this all possible?

Without her loyal clients and their referrals, none of this would be possible. A big thank you goes out to her clients for their continued support and trust. Her mission this year is to donate \$15,000 in the names of her clients!



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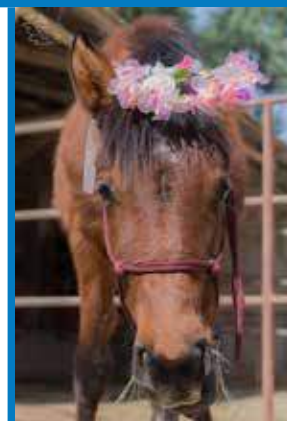
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## The Tucson Dog Staff & Writers



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## The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

I am so excited about this edition of The Tucson Dog for so many reasons. First, we are making some changes to the look of the publication with a new logo and layout. We think our new logo reflects more of a "Tucson" feel and we hope you like it as much as we do. The layout is designed to show off more of our advertisers who support the magazine and I ask you again, to please give them your business and let them know you saw them in The Tucson Dog magazine. Without them, we would not be able to donate so much to the shelter and rescue groups to show their animals for adoption and promote their fundraising efforts. We appreciate them and you for all your loyalty.

I would like to take a moment to say congratulations to Margie Dominguez and the incredible staff at Adopt Love, Adopt Local for the fabulous and successful adopt-a-thon event they put on in April. We were privileged to be a part of it as a sponsor and exhibitor. We met a lot of new friends and heard lots of great feedback from many of our loyal readers which was such a treat for all of us! And, the best part...over 120 shelter dogs and cats found their forever homes that day! Next to publishing the Tucson Dog, this is my favorite thing to be a part of!

We would like to remind you and invite you to another great adoption event coming up in May, called Love Pup Family Fest being brought to you by IHeartRadio. It will be held at Reid Park on Friday, May 4th from 5-9pm. You can find out more about it in this edition on page 4 and we will also be there to support this event. There will be lots of lovable animals for adoption so if you are thinking of adding a new four-legged member to your family, this will be a great time to do it. And please stop by our booth to say hi and play our fun Doggie Bean Bag toss and win some cool prizes! It will be a fun event and we hope to see you all there!

In our cover story, we bring you Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue. I learned a lot about this group including the fact that they not only rescue beagles, but other hounds as well and even some other small breed mixes. They work well with other rescues for the highest good of the dogs and it warms my heart to see that! They also have a great group of volunteers, including foster parents, who are essential for any rescue organization. Having an animal in a home rather than a shelter keeps their stress level down and ensures they will get lots of one-on-one attention and love, making them more adoptable in the end. Please join me in supporting this great organization and find out how you can help!

One of the other things I am very excited about this issue is our story in Kids and Animals. It is about a 6-year-old boy named Roman. I saw him in a video on Facebook introducing shelter animals that need homes, explaining all their wonderful attributes to the world. I was blown away when I saw this little guy and asked our intern Bella Wexler, who was our first Kids and Animals story and also a writer, to find him. As with anything Bella does, she knocked it out of the park! I loved finding out more about this young "Superhero" for shelter animals and I know you will too!

As we come to the close of our first year in Tucson, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Tucson Dog magazine. It has exceeded all my expectations and we look forward to another great year and beyond, spreading the word about shelter animals and how all animals enrich our lives every day!

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann

## Greetings from Gracie



### 13 Things Your Dog Knows About You – Part 2

Dear Humans,

In the last edition (March/April) I told you about the first 6 things your dog knows about you. It's really amazing what we can do, which is why I enjoy sharing my thoughts and ideas with you. We want you to understand who we are and what we can do in your life every day. We are so connected to you!

7. When you need protection: Do I sleep cuddled up next to your bed instead of in my usual spot when your spouse is out of town? Do I stay closer to your leg than normal when we walk through a dark area? I can smell the adrenaline your body releases when you're scared and I'm also more vigilant anytime someone in the household is missing.

8. You're going on a trip: I hate it when you leave, so I've learned to pick up on all the clues when a departure is imminent—suitcases pulled from the closet or the way you always spread clothes out on your bed. Some of us start to shake and pant because our anxiety spikes. Feel bad? One study found playing classical music for us when we're alone can help us calm down.

9. You're a sucker for our puppy dog eyes: Researchers have found that your body releases the hormone oxytocin (the same chemical that's released when you look at your baby) when we make eye contact with you. So there's a reason we gaze at you lovingly when we want something: It works!

10. What your intentions are: I can pick up nearly imperceptible signals in your body language—a darting of your eyes or the way you grab the leash—that tell me what you're planning. In one study, dogs were easily able to identify the location of hidden food simply by following a human gaze.

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12. Your baby is weak: I know your little one is a member of my pack, and I also know she's the most vulnerable. Because I have a strong instinct to guard my family members, I can be extremely protective. That's why I bark aggressively when someone approaches the stroller and why you should be vigilant if someone is playing with your child when I'm around. If I mistakenly think she is getting hurt, I may attack.

13. You're bummed out: I am a master at reading your body language and emotional state. One study found that I can tell if someone's sad simply by reading facial expressions (even if I'm looking at a photo of just half a face!). I'm also more likely to approach someone who is crying than someone humming or talking; an indication of empathy.

I hope you enjoyed reading about all the things we dogs can do, and how connected and in touch we are with you and your feelings, etc. I'll see you in the next edition where I will share more of my insights with you!

Peace, Love & Biscuits,

Gracie.








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**DUDE** (A491236) - My name is Dude. I'm a 5-year-old Shar Pei and Pit Bull Terrier mix. I've been at PACC since March. I like shopping for antique furniture and water bowls. Food time is my favorite time. I'm ready for this to be the best summer of my life. I've never seen a Slip 'n Slide before. If you take me into your life, I hope you can help me change that. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900

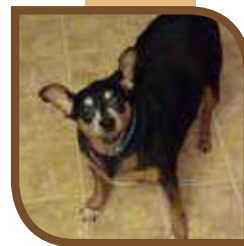


**WENDY** (851483) - Hi there. My name is Wendy! I am a 1-year-old girl who is ready to meet her fur-ever family! I came to HSSA from another shelter, so they don't know much about my past. They do know that I am a very sweet girl that is going to make someone very happy! I will do best with an active family that can give me the attention I crave. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



**BLIZZARD** (852507) - Hi, I'm Blizzard! I am a 2-year-old boy who is excited to meet his fur-ever family! I will do best with an active family that can shower me with love. I am a smart boy who loves treats and already knows how to sit! Please bring your family, including dogs, to meet me at HSSA Main Campus at 635 W. Roger Rd. Lots of Wags, Blizzard. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173

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**STEVE** Steve, Steve, Steve... Steve. I'm a busy little man. I love to sit in laps and up on your shoulder. I may bark at new dogs in the house, but I will quickly start playing and wrestling with them, too. I use the doggy door and am crate-trained. I'm working on leash training. I still need to put on some weight, but because I am so active, it has been a struggle. Miss Maggie May's Rescue 520-603-6908



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## Feature Story

### The Tucson Fire Department Saves The Day and the Dog

Photos Courtesy of The Tucson Fire Department



Fire Began In The Garage

This time, among the saved was a small dog, who would not be alive today were it not for the resuscitation efforts of the Fire Department personnel.

According to the Fire Department's Press Release: "Firefighters... entered the home to conduct a search for fire extension and occupants. Significant smoke damage was noted throughout the home and the 5 adults who lived there were displaced. ...During the search of the home 3 small dogs were found and 2 of them were unresponsive at that time. Fortunately after some oxygen



Works to Resuscitate  
One of the Small Dogs

resuscitation using a special oxygen mask designed for animals 1 of the dogs woke up and was returned to the family. Sadly 1 dog did not survive. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is still being investigated. A family member explained that recently installed smoke alarms woke them up and alerted them to the fire. The fact that they had just placed the smoke alarms potentially saved multiple lives and gave everyone ample time to exit the home safely. This is one more

example of the necessity of working smoke alarms. The money spent on these alarms was well worth it to this family."

Although we may not think of our furry family members when purchasing smoke detectors, this experience is a reminder of just how valuable smoke detectors are for saving the lives of not only humans, but also our beloved pets. In honor of the hero Fire Fighters, and out of respect for the family who lost a loved one in this fire, the Tucson Dog Magazine asks all of our readers to test your smoke alarms today.

We offer many thanks to Captain Julian Herrera, of the Tucson Fire Department, for forwarding this press release. The Tucson Dog salutes the heroes of our community and gives two paws up to the Tucson Fire Department.

Heroes come in all forms. Firefighters are often near the top of the hero list because they choose to put themselves in harm's way to benefit others every time they go to work. On the night of March 16, 2018, twenty-three of Tucson's firefighters again demonstrated their heroism in fighting a fire that started in a garage in the Midvale Park neighborhood of southwest Tucson.



Firefighter Enters The Garage  
to Survey The Scene

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# Kitty Korner

## Home Again, Home Again: The Hermitage Cat Shelter Re-Opens in its Renovated Home

Story & Photos By Claire Sheridan



### Welcoming New Entry

The renovations are mostly complete, and the doors are open! At 50 years old, the Hermitage is the oldest cat shelter and sanctuary in the area, if not in all of the southwestern US. Beginning last February, the old building, which had been the Sanctuary's home since it opened, was razed to make way for

their gorgeous new digs. The new space has been designed with a keen eye for details; it is both aesthetically appealing and highly functional for the organization's needs.



Lobby

Cats are separated by age and health status. Those with FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) and FeLV (feline leukemia virus)

are kept in separate enclosures, all of which have indoor and outdoor access. There is a room specially reserved for the geriatric cats, the oldest of whom, Juliet, is 20 years old.



Oldest Resident, Juliet,  
20 years old

Catio

There is an impressive veterinary suite in the new facility, complete with radiology equipment and the equipment to perform laser therapy. The Hermitage also does spay and neuter surgery for their feline residents in-house. There is a separate area where cats who suffer from highly contagious illnesses like ringworm can be kept in quarantine to avoid infecting the general population of the shelter.

In 2017, the Hermitage took in 816 cats, and they adopted out 667. The facility's maximum capacity is 188 cats, as they keep to a standard of 25 square feet per feline resident, which is

higher than the required standard of 18 square feet per cat. With all of the changes in the goings on at the Hermitage in 2018, they have set their goal at an intake of 700 cats, and they hope to achieve 600 adoptions.



Surgical Suite





The organization is currently in the midst of a capital campaign to finish the building's landscaping. They are selling commemorative brick pavers that are placed into their garden sidewalk. Like many nonprofit organizations, the Hermitage is always in need of donations. High on the list of their needs are volunteers and monetary contributions. Additionally, you can search for the Hermitage's wish list of items available on Amazon.com. One specialty item is not on that list, and they could really use your help to procure it: Lantus SoloStar Insulin 100units/mL. This medicine is used for treating diabetic cats, and a single box costs \$700.

Karen Baden began working at The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary in May of 2017 and took over the agency's new role of Executive Director in January 2018. Baden, who hails from North Philadelphia, is a former Military Police officer with a background in Human Resources Management and Computer Information Systems. She came to the Hermitage after working for 3 years with the YMCA of Southern Arizona, where she served as the Development Director, and "loved raising funds for children and programs." Prior to working at The Y, Baden spent 10 years working in various capacities and states for the Red Cross. She said that she, "loves working for a cause; it makes getting up in the morning worthwhile."



**Executive Director Karen Baden  
Is Never Too Busy to Give a Kitty Some Lovin'.**

Of the Hermitage, Baden said, "I love it here. I come to work every day and I don't want to leave. This is my family; we are a tightly bonded group of coworkers... I have never worked with such a dedicated, passionate and compassionate group of people. When we lose a cat, we feel it to the core. It really shakes us. These are family, not unloved animals."

For those folks looking to get their kitty fix while getting some excellent exercise, the Hermitage offers Cat Yoga classes on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month. The program was so popular, all 15 available spaces sold out so quickly, that they decided to add an additional class. You can sign up to take the class on their website, where you will find information about yoga and the many other programs offered at the shelter.

Among those many programs, for parents of cat-loving kids, there is a Kid's Club program offered the first Saturday of each month from 10AM-12PM. Parents drop off their kids to learn about cats, have a snack, and do fun activities like arts and crafts. The program is open to children ages 6 to 12.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the Kitten Shower, happening this June. Over 70 kittens are projected to be available for adoption at specially discounted prices. In the past, the event has drawn over 200 people, and it is recommended that anyone seeking to adopt a kitten that day get pre-approved prior to ensure that they can take home their chosen furry companion that day.

There are always new and exciting things going on at the Hermitage—grab your kids or your yoga mats and get ready to find the furry feline of your dreams.

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# The Scratching Post



## CATS FOR ADOPTION

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.



**KEKE** (A470466) - My name is Keke. I am a Domestic Shorthair Calico girl. The shelter staff thinks I am about 5 years old; I've been here since March. When you are putting clean dishes away in the cabinet, I might decide to help you by jumping up onto a shelf too. Summer days are for the dogs, but summer nights are for cats, staying up late with our owners to watch reruns of our favorite TV shows. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**CHARLIE** (A414874) - I'm a 6-year-old Blue Tabby boy. I lived in my last home with my friend Addy for 4 ½ years, until our person couldn't keep us anymore. There were also small and large dogs. I didn't mind them, but young children make me a bit nervous. You can meet Addy and me at PetSmart on Oracle & Wetmore. We have to go home together! Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



**JEZEBEL** (850718) - I am a 3-year-old loveable girl who loves ear scratches! I tested positive for Feline Leukemia (FeLV), which means I will need to live exclusively indoors in a low-stress home. I can go to a home with FeLV negative cats as long as they have been properly vaccinated against the disease. HSSAZ's adoption policy includes free FeLV testing and vaccinations for potential adopters' current cats, too. Cats with FeLV can live long and healthy lives. Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



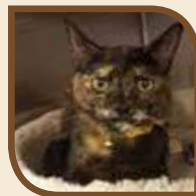
**FARRAH** (852147) - I am a shy 1-year-old girl who will do best with a patient family that gives me plenty of time to adjust. Once I am comfortable, I love to play! I hope my new home has feather toys! I am FIV positive which means I will need to be an indoor-only cat. To learn more about FIV visit <http://bit.ly/FelineImmunodeficiencyVirus> Humane Society of Southern Arizona 520-327-6088 x173



**DANIELLE** (34582729) - I am a 5 year-old, medium-size Siamese mix girl. I've been at my foster home since February. I've heard it said that my meow doesn't match my body's appearance, but that's just my style. My ears are more sensitive than yours and my eyes better attuned for seeing in the dark. Won't you let me watch out for you? Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**ROMEO** (34582828) - I'm Romeo, it's nice to meet you! I am a 4 year-old medium-size Siamese mix boy, and I've been at my foster home since February. I'd love to go home with you soon, please! Let's be friends Monday through Friday. I like to take weekends off for catnaps, and to make sure I get a little me-ow time. Saving Animals from Euthanasia (SAFE) 520-349-8637



**SYBIL** - I'm a lovely Torti girl, and I demand affection on my own terms. I love to get the scratches, and I adore my humans. I love to play and I love to climb, but I will never pass up an excuse to make you give me scratches and loves. I have two siblings, Luna and Fleur, whom I'm available to be adopted with, if our new family wants more than one cat. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0545



**GALE** - I'm unique. I have a coat of salt-and-pepper, with a personality to fit. I like to run and play, but I will stop to cuddle frequently. I will let you know when I'm hungry because I won't stop talking. My foster parents noticed that I like to suck on my brother Charlie's neck when we're in our carrier. Be careful if you adopt me, I might be a vampire kitty. Saving at Risk Animals 520-499-0545



**JENNY** - Sure, a plain old bowl is fine for water, but if you really want to see me drinking in style, try a cat mug. Some cats like tap water. I prefer bottled, something imported, a Fiji or a Voss, decanted for an appropriate amount of time beforehand. Sometimes I prefer an ice cube, or a few stray treats floating in my water, which I can fish out with a paw. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



**LEMON** - I'm a small Domestic Shorthair boy. Summer is a good season for me. Dawn comes earlier, and dusk later, so there's more time to lay out in the sun and nap. Sometimes I feel like I spend more time asleep than awake. Not that I have an issue with that. My comfort overtakes me like a clean sheet being spread on a bed being made, and I am gone. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



**PEANUT** - I love to love on my human and can't get enough of chin scratches. I'm a playful cat, a good huntress for anything on a string and I definitely have lots of cuddles to give. I'm good with whatever you're watching on TV, as long as you share your couch or bed with me. One would say that I'm the total package, but you should meet me to judge for yourself. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889



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**SUNNY** - I can be shy at first, but after I sniff you, we are best friends. I promise to shower you with love, purrs, and affection, in return for snuggles, head butts, and a forever home with plenty of food and not a worry in the world. On occasion, my foster grandma takes me for rides around the house in a baby stroller made especially for kitties, and I really enjoy myself. SOS Cat Rescue Arizona 520-445-3889



**LAINY** - Some people like having pets that look just like them. I just want an owner that has the same heart of gold on the inside as I do. I am not good with dogs. I'm a very shy cat that will need a special person to give me time and patience, because it takes me a while to feel that I can trust people. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



**CHAPLIN** - I am a shy Tuxedo boy; I came to the Hermitage from PACC. I am good with other cats. My look works for me. My mustache makes me friends and gets me into all kinds of places. People like seeing themselves when they look at me. I've been called cynical before, but I think I'm just honest, and not one for "kitten" around. The Hermitage Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839



**RYLIE** - I am Siamese girl that's new to Tucson. I came with a group of eleven kitties from a high-kill shelter in Roswell, New Mexico. I'm a bit shy from my travels, but I warm up when I get attention! I enjoy being petted and brushed. I've also become good buddies with my travel partner Mylie! Come meet us at the PetSmart on Broadway and Pantano! Tucson2Tails 520-812-5682



**WYLLIE** - I am an orange boy that came with a group of eleven kitties from a high-kill shelter in Roswell, New Mexico. I love wet food and being petted! I'll play with toys and chase treats. Tucson summers get hot. Let me keep cool at your pad; I promise to make it worth your while. I'll brighten your life. Come meet me at PetSmart on Broadway and Pantano. Tucson2Tails 520-812-5682



**MARGE** - I am a beautiful Domestic Longhair cat. Recently I had a dental visit, and now I'm looking for a quiet home where I can spend my senior years. I am shy at first, but I love to be brushed. I will just lie down and purr while you brush away. I can act silly sometimes, and might grab bits of breakfast off your plate when your back is turned. Pima Paws for Life 520-867-1193



**PATCH** - Now's your chance to add a handsome, loving, playful 7-year-old fellow to your life. In addition to awesome looks, us Snowshoe Siamese have lovely personalities. Since I recently had a kidney stone, I'll need to be on a special diet for the rest of my life, but, hey, you have to buy food anyway, so no big deal, right? C'mon, let's revel in the simple pleasures of life together! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170



**SILVER** - I make quite an impression with my silvery tabby fur and golden eyes, and even more of one when you get to know me! Although I used to roam free with lots of other cats way out in the hinterlands, now that I'm safe I'm looking forward to lots of "us" time in a secure new home with my own person. Won't you come by for a chat? I know that's all it'll take! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

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# Cover Story: Beagles & Hounds

## Story by Claire Sheridan | Photos Courtesy of Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue

Lest the name Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue (SOAZBR) has you conjuring images of a desert Snoopy on top of his adobe doghouse, rest assured that, while this amazing group of folks takes Beagles, they also help hounds and hound mixes including Coonhounds, Bassett Hounds, and Beagles. They even occasionally lend a hand to other small breed dogs and have been known to help with Chihuahuas and other mixes.



**SAZ Beagle Rescue Group Picture St Patrick's Day**

Fortunately, Beagles rarely end up in shelters in Arizona so SOAZBR focuses on educating people about the breed. The organization relies on direct donations and adoption fees, which are all tax deductible, and they are always looking for foster home volunteers.

SOAZBR is not only unique because they take in more than just their primary breed, but also because they have folks who adopt from them repeatedly. The high level of communication with adopters forms the basis of ongoing relationships that often outlive the dogs that start the relationship. A fun-loving group of people, the volunteers never miss a chance to get together with each other and their dogs to celebrate.

The owners of Duchess and Chip have adopted from SOAZBR on four different occasions. They currently have Duchess, who is 14. Duchess was lonely after Sammy and Snoopy passed away, so her humans brought home Chip as her new partner in crime.



**Chip & His Humans.**



**Duncan (now known as Hank) & Sherman**

Duncan and Sherman are Bassett Hounds who were picked up as strays multiple times by PACC. Sadly, their original owner was just not able to take care of them. Both dogs were in rough shape when they came to SOAZBR. Fortunately, they are both now in wonderful homes!

Brenda Suneson has rescued four Beagles and Bassett Hounds from SOAZBR. She always makes it a point



**Hound named Hank Suneson Rescued from SAZ Beagle**



**Bob Suneson**

to rescue the oldest or most in need. She has lost three dogs over the last two years because of that practice, but her love of dogs keeps her going. Currently, she has two dogs from SOAZBR: Bob The Beagle and Hank The Hound, formerly known as Duncan.



**Sherman and Nova**

Sherman went to Bassett-loving adopters, who missed having their home filled with Bassett love. They also adopted a Bassett mix puppy from SOAZBR to play with Sherman. The two are inseparable; they love each other!

When Gus the Beagle was pulled from PACC, he weighed 82 pounds when he should have weighed 40. As you might guess, he had multiple health conditions including hypothyroidism, severe periodontal disease, chronic dry eye (which requires a lifetime of expensive treatment), chronic ear infections, hot spots and other skin issues, and arthritis; all when he was only 7 years old. While SOAZBR was prepared to deal with his many health issues, his situation was overwhelming. It would have taken at least a year, and a lot of money to treat him. Fortunately, SOAZBR partners with Best Friends Animal Society; Best Friends agreed to take him into their program.



**Gus Before At PACC Shelter**



**Gus AFTER 4th of July**

Best Friends was able to successfully treat Gus' many ailments. He even ended up requiring ACL surgery. After 14 months of extensive treatment and rehabilitation, Gus was finally adopted to one of Best Friends' fantastic volunteers. Unfortunately, after only 6 months in his loving adopted home, Gus died of prostate cancer. Although the story has a sad ending, it highlights the beauty of rescues working together to help individual animals in need to get the loving care they deserve. Without the help of SOAZBR, Gus would



# & Rescues, Oh My!

likely never have received treatment or had the opportunity to experience his last six months in a happy home.

Captain's story is a great example of how many volunteers from multiple different rescues and different areas of the state came together to rescue one dog. At least 10 rescuers and two rescues were involved in Captain's adoption story. People from the San Carlos Apache Reservation helped with the rescue. Nancy Young Wright contacted SOAZBR, made sure Captain got to the vet, and coordinated everyone. Apache Jewel and fellow Globe Rescuers were the first to trap Captain, while Cheryl Naumann and her HARTT team trapped him the second time, after his escape. Local folks in Globe responded to the APB by keeping their eyes peeled for him, and Gila County Animal Control housed Captain until Carolyn Plemons transported him to Tucson, where both HOPE Animal Shelter and SOAZBR were on standby to receive him.



**Captain's First Night in Foster Home**

Ann Haber, who herself has 6 rescue dogs, fostered Captain. SOAZBR eventually adopted him out to a great home in Tucson. His new family had previously adopted another Black & Tan Coonhound from SOAZBR. This amazing story shows the essence of teamwork involved in rescuing dogs.

Captain's new mom runs 5 miles with him 3 times a week; on another 3 days his dad walks him 5 miles. He gets more exercise than the average dog, for sure! Captain lives with his mom, dad, a Black & Tan Coonhound brother, and 3 human teenagers. He has a huge Alcatraz-like



**Captain's First Meeting With His Boy & His Mom**

yard, runs and walks on a secure leash/harness system, and he has 3 ID tags and a microchip. The family plans to never let him escape, but it seems that Captain no longer has reason to run away from his loving home.

His mom shared the following update: "If Captain would sit still long enough, I'd send pictures! He and Jake [his canine brother] actually like each other these days. This morning I was cleaning Jake's ear, and Captain got up on the bed to make sure he was okay and stuck his nose right in our business — making sure his brother was okay. It was adorable! They both sleep on the bed with us... They went on their trek this morning with dad, and I run him on the off days. I've increased my miles just to tucker him out. He is an excellent running partner. He sometimes pulls for a



**Captain and his mom**

half mile or so, and often, not at all. He will run until the cows come home! All those miles up in Globe have made our outings seem lame by comparison, I'm sure. He's chewed some shoes, but for the most part has been fabulous. We love him more every day!"

SOAZBR currently has two bonded senior Beagles in foster care, awaiting their forever home. They are this issue's cover model dogs, Jaina and Max!

Their foster shared the following bio: "These special seniors will have you believing that age is just a number. Incredibly sweet, cuddly, and expressive, both Max and Jaina connect quickly to their humans. Affectionate and loving they'll follow you everywhere and like to be close by, especially when you're in the kitchen cooking. After a long day of work you'll be eagerly greeted with whole body



**Jaina Looking for Loves**

wiggles and howling to let you know how much you were missed. They enjoy bathing outside in the sun, exploring new scents and smells, taking slow moonlit walks, and appreciate the need for peace and quiet in a warm comfy bed. If you have room in your home for two, this dynamic duo are the perfect pair and will reward you with lots of loyal companionship!"

Could you be Max & Jaina's new fur-ever home? Spread the word, and let's get these wonderful pups a perfect home for their golden years.



**Jaina (Cover Pic) and her brother Max... Adopt us!**

For more information, or to adopt Max & Jaina, please call, or check out SOAZBR's website: 520-247-7720 <http://soazbeaglerescue.com> [Information@soazbeaglerescue.com](mailto:Information@soazbeaglerescue.com)

Monetary donations can be made on the website (<http://soazbeaglerescue.com>) via PayPal, or can be sent to:

Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue  
PO Box 43715  
Tucson, AZ 85733

SOAZBR is always looking for donated leashes, collars, dog food and treats (preferably grain-free), dog beds, baby gates, medium and large dog crates, and gift cards for food and supplies.

These items may be dropped off at:  
2080 S. Westmont Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85713



# Animal Resource Guide

## Area Shelters

### Animal League of Green Valley

1600 West Duval Mine Road  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 625-3170  
www.talgv.org

### HOPE Animal Shelter

8950 N. Joplin Ln.  
Tucson, AZ 85742  
(520) 792-9200  
www.hopeanimalshelter.net

### Humane Society of Southern Arizona

3450 N. Kelvin Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
(520) 321-3704  
www.hssaz.org

### PAWSitively Cats No Kill Shelter

1145 N. Woodland Ave.  
(520) 289-2747  
savecats@PAWSitivelycats.org  
www.PAWSitivelycats.org

### Paws Patrol

750 W. Camino Casa Verde  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  
(520) 207-4024  
www.greenvalleypawspatrol.org

### Pima Animal Care Center

4000 N. Silverbell Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 724-5900

### Ajo Substation

1259 Well Rd.  
Ajo, AZ 85321  
(520) 387-7502

### Pima Paws for Life

2555 W. Zinnia Ave., Tucson  
(520) 867-1193  
info@pimapawsforlife.org  
www.pimapawsforlife.org

### The Hermitage Cat Rescue & Sanctuary

5278 E. 21st St.  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 571-7839  
www.hermitagecatshelter.org

## Local Rescues

### Animal Rescue Foundation Tucson

ARFTucson@gmail.com  
(520) 319-9292

### BARK (Baby Animal Rescue Coalition)

585 E Wetmore Rd  
Tucson, Arizona 85705  
barkntucson@AOL.com  
facebook.com/BARKTucson/

### Central Arizona Animal Rescue

San Tan Valley, AZ  
Mike@caaronline.org  
facebook.com/CentralArizona  
AnimalRescue/  
www.caaronline.org

### Cochise Canine Rescue

P.O. Box 87  
Pomerene Rd., AZ 85627  
(520) 212-1718  
info@cochiseaninerescue.org  
www.cochiseaninerescue.org

### Coalition of All Breed Rescues Arizona (CABRA)

635 W. Roger Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85705  
arizonaweimaranerrescue@cox.net  
(623) 931-1428  
www.cabra.org

### In the Arms of Angels

(520) 873-8135  
inthearmsofangels@gmail.com

### Lil' Bit Of Love Rescue

lilbitofloverescue@gmail.com  
(520) 869-9537  
https://www.facebook.com/  
lilbitofloverescue/  
http://www.lilbitoflove.com/

### Miss Maggie May's Rescue

(520) 603-6908  
missmaggieamay@cox.net

### RAD Rescue Inc.

Rehabbing and Advocating for Dogs  
www.radrescueinc.com  
radrescueinc@gmail.com

### RUFF Rescue

www.ruffrescuetucson.com  
ruffrescuetucson@gmail.com  
(520) 490-0401 or (520) 339-0841

### SAFE (Saving Animals from Euthanasia)

(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  
www.savingatriskanimals.org

### Save the Pets AZ

(520) 477-2738  
www.savethepetsaz.com

### Smiling Dog Rescue

(520) 997-8000

### The Sanctuary Project

(800) 691-9168

### Tucson Cold Wet Noses

info@tucsoncoldwetnoses.com  
www.tucsoncoldwetnoses.com

### Tucson2Tails

(520) 812-5682  
Tucson2Tails@gmail.com

### Tucson's Cause For Canines

(520) 283-3423  
TucsonCFC@gmail.com  
facebook.com/TucsonCFC/  
www.tucsoncauseforcanines.org

### Wild Hearts Rescue Ranch

(520) 661-4522  
wildheartsforcrow@gmail.com  
www.wildheartsrescue.org

## Bird/Reptile Rescues

### Tucson Parrot Rescue

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

## Cat Rescues

### Hearts That Purr-Feline Guardians

(520) 297-3780

### PAWSitively Cats No Kill Shelter

1145 N. Woodland Ave.  
Tucson, AZ  
(520) 289-2747  
savecats@PAWSitivelycats.org

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(520) 207-4024

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Tucson, AZ 85711  
(520) 571-7839

### SOS Cat Rescue AZ

P.O. Box 344  
Cortaro, AZ 85652  
(520) 445-3889  
info@SOScatrescueAZ.org

## Feral Cat Assistance

### Tucson Feral Coalition

Tucson Feral Coalition  
(520) 256-0443  
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 Airedale Terrier Rescue  
Tucson, AZ  
(800) 688-1402

### AKITA

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

### AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG/HEELER

Arizona Cattle Dog Rescue  
Flagstaff, AZ  
(480) 442-ACDR(2237)  
www.ArizonaCattleDogRescue.org

### AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

Aussie & Friends  
Payson, AZ  
www.aussiefriendsrescue.com

Amazing Aussie Lethal  
White Rescue  
Mesa, AZ  
www.AmazingAussies.com

### BASSET HOUND

Arizona Basset Hound Rescue  
Statewide  
www.azbassetrescue.org

### BEAGLE

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

### BELGIAN MALINOIS

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

### BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG

Arizona Bernese Mountain Dog Rescue  
Phoenix, AZ  
(480) 415-5008  
www.bernesemountaindogrescue.com

### BORDER COLLIE

Arizona Border Collie Rescue  
(520) 906-0669  
www.azbordercollieresue.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

The Chi Society  
thechisociety@gmail.com  
www.thechisociety.org

### COCKER SPANIEL & POMERANIANS

Mostly Cocker & Poms  
(520) 822-6411  
www.mostlycockersandpoms.com

### COLLIE

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

### DACHSHUND

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www.dachshundsonlyrescue.com

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www.azdoberreescue.org



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Phoenix, AZ  
www.4TheLoveOFGS.petfinder.com

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Phoenix, AZ  
(480) 737-6089  
www.savingpawsrescueaz.com

White German Shepherd Rescue  
whitegsdrescue@aol.com  
www.WGSDR.com

### GOLDEN RETRIEVER

Rescue A Golden of AZ  
Tucson, AZ  
(520) 360-4414  
tucson@golden-retriever.org

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

### GREAT PYRENEES

Arizona Great Pyrenees Dogs Association  
www.azpyrs.com

### GREYHOUND

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

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

Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption  
(520) 955-7421  
www.sagreyhoundadoption.org

### GREAT DANE

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

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

### JACK RUSSELL

Jack Russell Rescue  
Scottsdale, AZ  
www.jrtconnection.com

### LABRADOR RETRIEVER

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

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue  
facebook.com/desertlab/  
(480) 899-LABS (5227)  
www.dlrrphoenix.org

### MINIATURE PINCHERS

Min Pin Haven Rescue  
(602) 402-3273  
Minpinmom@hotmail.com

### PITBULL

Pittie Me Rescue  
Gilbert, AZ  
pittiemerescue@gmail.com  
facebook.com/PittieMeRescue  
www.pittiemerescue.org

Save-A-Bull Rescue  
www.saveabullaz.org

Standing Proud Pit Bull Rescue  
(602) 791-5917  
www.standingproud-pitbulls.org

### POODLE

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

### PUG

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

AZ Pug Life Rescue Society  
(602) 730-0107

### ROTTWEILER

AZ Desert Rottis and Pals  
azdesertrottis@aol.com

### SAINT BERNARD

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

### SCHNAUZER

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

### SHARPEI

Pei People Shar Pei Rescue Inc  
Tucson, AZ  
Adopt@peipeople.com  
www.peipeople.com

### SHELTIE

Arizona Sheltie Rescue  
(520) 896-9075  
www.azsheltierescue.com

### SIBERIAN HUSKY

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

Paw It Forward Husky Rescue  
(480) 498-1155 or (480) 288-1914

### WEIMARANER

AZ Weimaraner Rescue  
www.arizonaweimaranerrescue.com

### WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER

Westie Rescue of Arizona  
(480) 488-5711

### WHIPPET

WRAP (Whippet Rescue and Placement)  
(520) 326-2170  
whippets@theriver.com

### YORKSHIRE TERRIER

Yorkshire Terrier Rescue  
www.yorkiefriendsrescue.com

## Equine Rescues & Sanctuaries

### Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary

(520) 398-2814  
www.equinevoices.org

### Equine Encore Foundation

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

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

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

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

(520) 266-0236  
HorsenAroundRescue@yahoo.com

### Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

Gilbert, AZ  
(866) 926-8007  
www.wildhorseranchrescue.com

### Pig Sanctuary

Ironwood Pig Sanctuary  
(520) 631-6015  
www.ironwoodpigs.org

## Therapeutic/ Therapy/ Service Animals

### 1 Veteran Foundation

Service Dogs for Veterans  
www.1veteranfoundation.org

### Angels in Autism

4885 S. Houghton Rd. #1  
Tucson, AZ 85730  
(520) 820-3650  
www.angelsinautismlc.com

### Equine Assisted Therapy Programs T.R.A.K. (Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids)

3250 E Allen Rd.,  
Tucson, AZ 85718  
(520) 298-9808  
www.traktucson.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  
www.therapyanimalsaz.org

### Step Up Into TLC

Equine Pet Therapy for  
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Email: stepupclyde@juno.com



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### Pima County Animal Control Services

4000 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson  
(520) 724-5900

### Pima County Pet Licensing

(520) 724-5969

### Town of Marana Animal Care Services & Pet Licensing

(520) 382-8020

### Town of Sahuarita Animal Care Services & Pet Licensing

(520) 445-7877  
(520) 764-7661

If you have to give up  
your pet and live in  
the Town of Marana  
or Sahuarita  
(520) 327-6088

Poison Control Hotline  
(855) 764-7661 (24 hrs. day)





# Pet Directory



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[At-home-kennels.com](http://At-home-kennels.com)

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Boarding, Daycare, Grooming

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8181 W. Tangerine Rd., Marana

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Boarding - Grooming - Training

### Camp Bow Wow Tucson

16725 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson

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[Campbowwow.com/Tucson](http://Campbowwow.com/Tucson)

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### Paws Down Boarding & Daycare

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### Sabino Canyon Pet Resort

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(520) 290-8181

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### Southern Arizona Veterinary Specialty & Emergency

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[Southernazvets.com](http://Southernazvets.com)

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Tucson, AZ 85705

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7474 E. Broadway Blvd

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## CHARITABLE ANIMAL NON-PROFITS

### ASAVET Charities

225 W. Spring Valley Rd., Tucson

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[asavetcharities.org](http://asavetcharities.org)

Providing affordable veterinary care and  
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### Friends of PACC

P.O. Box 85370, Tucson

(520) 610-4915

[friendsofpacc.org](http://friendsofpacc.org)

Supporting the efforts of PACC  
to save the lives of pets in need.

### No Kill Pima County

P.O.Box 86231, Tucson

(520) 477-7401

[Nokillpimacounty.org](http://Nokillpimacounty.org)

Working to end the needless killing of  
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[groomingdalestucson.com](http://groomingdalestucson.com)

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Southeast – (520) 668-1581  
Eastside – (520) 885-7387  
Mobile – (520) 334-8333  
[Velvetbowpetgrooming.com](http://Velvetbowpetgrooming.com)

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# Special Feature

## The Many Tails Of Cochise Canine Rescue

Story By Claire Sheridan | Photos Courtesy of Sybil Erden, Cochise Canine Rescue



**The Resident Donkeys**

Cochise Canine Rescue (CCR) was formally founded in 2014. Sybil Erden and her husband, co-founder Jeff Robbins, began taking in rescue dogs in 2009. Located on 5 acres, the facility is not open to the public, as many of the animal residents have had traumatic past experiences. CCR specializes in life care for senior, handicapped and special needs animals; many would have been euthanized at regional

shelters throughout Arizona. The rescue currently provides hospice care for more than 40 animals, including some farm animals.

Cochise Canine Rescue is a member of ASA, the American Sanctuary Association ([www.asaanimalshelters.org](http://www.asaanimalshelters.org)); Erden is the Vice President and sits on ASA's Board of Directors. The rescue is also a member of the Phoenix Animal Care Coalition, or PACC911 ([www.PACC911.org](http://www.PACC911.org)), which is a group of rescue organizations whose goal is saving as many animals as possible through networking. Occasionally CCR has dogs available for adoption; most of the adoptable dogs are in foster care. Arrangements can always be made for potential forever families to meet adoptable dogs.



**CCR Facility Photo**



**Erden Syringe-Feeding an Infant**

Although each dog has his or her own unique story, Erden shared several special stories to highlight the diverse backgrounds of the creatures in CCR's care:

**Bina** was 18 months old when she arrived at CCR in midsummer 2016. The three-footed feral dog had run out of time at the Pinal county pound. A veterinarian determined that Bina's foot was either intentionally cut off, or perhaps was lost to a steel-jawed trap. Either way, she had suffered immensely. She lived most of her life as a stray, and was so fearful when she arrived at CCR that, even with only three good legs, she climbed a fence no other animal had ever climbed and ran off. It took several days, the community keeping an eye out for her and a borrowed humane trap to get her back. Over the past year and a half, CCR's co-founder Jeff has worked with Bina daily, getting her to trust him and Sybil. Although Bina still has fear issues and needs special care, she has become a loving member of the pack.



**The Once Feral & Probably Abused Bina**

**Bella**, an eight-year-old Chihuahua also arrived in 2016. She came from the





**Bella The Breeder Do**

the herniated area, which would cause a life-threatening blockage. Currently Bella is doing very well.

**Feo** arrived in early 2017 from the Pinal county pound. He is a very small, elderly Chihuahua whose jaw was broken during the extraction of all his teeth. Since arriving at CCR, his entire jaw has disintegrated, leaving him with no bone in the lower portion of his mouth. Erden and Robbins developed an easy to digest "slurry" for Feo to eat, and he has gained weight. Feo is a healthy, spunky, happy, active little man who lives with three other dogs in CCR's "The Pen." The Pen is a large fence-enclosed area in the living room where smaller handicapped elderly dogs can feel as though they are in the middle of activity, while remaining safe from being stepped on or injured by larger, healthier dogs.



**Feo The Spunky, Happy Little Man**

**Red aka "Barkie"** arrived from the Pinal county pound shortly after Feo. She is an elderly, part-Chihuahua part-who-knows-what toothless, blind little dog. She and Feo are the "pen dogs," along with their buddies Princess and Lady Bug. CCR knows very little about Barkie's history, but she had neglected cataracts when she arrived. CCR took her to Eye Care for Animals in Tucson. To keep her cataracts from developing into glaucoma, Barkie gets daily prescription eye drops in addition to regular visits to the specialty vet. Barkie is another active, loving little girl. She is one of four blind or sight-impaired dogs at CCR.



**True Love-Barkie with Jeff**

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Please check out Cochise Canine Rescue's extensive website for additional information. On the site, you can sign up for the group's monthly e-newsletter, see the current listings of dogs available for adoption through CCR, find out more about volunteering as a foster home, and learn about other ways you can help support the work of this great organization.

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# Horsin' Around



## Wildhorse Ranch Rescue - A Place Of Love At A Rough Road's End

Story by Bonnie Craig | Photographs Courtesy of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

costs thousands of dollars each year. This is, however, information that many overlook when considering taking on a horse, evidenced by the alarming fact that 85% of first-time horse owners give up their horses within the first five years. While this statistic clearly spells trouble for many horses, it only begins to scratch the surface when abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment become a horse's reality.

While we are far from solving this problem, there are those who continue to work to make a difference for these horses. Wildhorse Ranch Rescue (WHRR) began in 1995 when founder and chairman Kim Meagher, along with her two children, began to rescue horses privately. By 2001, Wildhorse Ranch Rescue had attained 501c3 status.

The question is not what does WHRR do, but what don't they do. Under the blanket of WHRR, several programs operate. One of them, HavasuPups and Friends, partnered with the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, brings unwanted pets from the Havasupai Falls area and shelters and/or rehomes them. The program has taken in thirteen horses from the area, and, working with the community, they have helped to reduce the area's unwanted dog population by 85%. Kitty City is the group's cat sanctuary where the animals can await new homes or retire in style.

Among these programs, WHRR is best known for its equine rescue. In addition to taking in unwanted domestic horses, they take in wild horses, retired US cavalry horses, and, after some heroic wrangling on the part of founder Kim Meagher and Payson Forest Ranger Bill Barcus, they provide homes to retired US Forest Service (USFS) equines as well.



**Derringer the Retired  
US Cavalry Horse**

This historic victory for equines began as a desperate plea for help from a Forest Ranger on behalf of his two companions of twenty-five years: a horse, and a mule. The problem was that the USFS classifies their working equines as equipment. Legally, when it is time to retire said equipment, the equipment must be auctioned off. "No one goes to the auctions to get an old horse," explains Meagher. This means that, for the vast majority of the Forest Service's elderly equines, going to auction is a death sentence. Unwilling to accept this fate for his friends, Barcus reached out to Meagher, and the two began the fight for USFS equines to be allowed to be surrendered to 501c3s upon retirement. The two managed to secure this victory, and it is now policy nationwide.

To date, WHRR has taken in fifteen USFS equines; they expect more as the animals are phased out in blocks. In the meantime, there are plenty of other needy horses that come in from around the state. A special horse, which would come to be named Chief, landed at WHRR after a series of tragic events. Chained to a fence and abandoned in Queen Creek for three days, he was

subsequently taken to a ranch that used him as a gelding demo. After that they no longer had use for him, and called a local wildcat park to come and shoot him to feed to the cats. In an unprecedented stroke of luck for Chief, the man who came to euthanize him was a friend of WHRR. Refusing to kill a healthy horse, he contacted WHRR, and Chief finally got a good break.

Meagher remembers that, for the first few weeks, Chief would shake and close his eyes tight, as if he was trying to hide any time a person came into his barn. Chief was also going blind. Eventually, his resilience won out; he began to enjoy contact with humans. Chief also gained a new best friend and "seeing eye horse." He bonded with a white Mustang named Lady, who patiently led the way on walks around the yard. After all he overcame, Chief was the first horse to receive Arizona Pet Project's HERO award for his bravery.



**Chief found love at last**

WHRR has also taken in a number of wild horses. One group of horses was found in Sahuarita and brought to WHRR. The group included a stallion, two mares, and a foal; the man who found them decided to keep the baby. The mother became sick and nearly died from the trauma of losing her baby, but luckily, WHRR persuaded the man to relinquish the foal, and the mother pulled through. Months later, all of the horses in the group could be haltered. Meagher credits the Parelli natural horsemanship method, which utilizes the understanding of horse behavior, with this success.

WHRR is a place where animals from all backgrounds can come together to heal and thrive. The wild foal brought in from Sahuarita, who was named Romance, even got to be the flower girl at the ranch's recent "double horse wedding." The two couples, Ghar and Maddie, and Cinder and Danny, came together through the



**Ghar and Maddie**

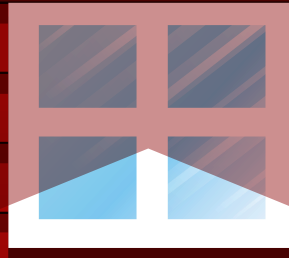


**Romance, the flower girl**

rescue. These horses formed deep bonds, just like married couples, so WHRR figured they might as well make it official.

These and many other successes are made possible by WHRR staff, and also by the generosity of the public. Wildhorse Ranch Rescue is always in need of volunteers and donors to keep it all going. To find out how you can help, go to: [www.wildhorseranchrescue.com](http://www.wildhorseranchrescue.com), or call (866) 926-8007.





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# Health & Wellness

## Ahh, That's The Spawt

Story & Photos by Emily Dieckman

Tashi, a 5-year-old German shepherd, was limping, or as his owner, Jodi Gabriel, put it, he was "bunny hopping." His back legs were out of shape, and she could hear Tashi sigh when there was any amount strain on his hips.

She worked with an orthopedic surgeon to help him feel better, but then she decided to look into something a little unorthodox: canine massage.

"If it's good for us, and it feels good, why don't we see what it does for the dog?" she said.

She took Tashi in to Jacquelyn Reed of K9 Performance Massage. Reed earned her canine massage license in 2014. Not only was she able to help stretch Tashi's legs and make him more physically comfortable, but she also helped eradicate his fear of being touched.

"By the time the massage was over, he was chasing me around the table," Reed said. "The next time I saw him, he broke away from his owner and ran into my arms - Tashi, who doesn't like to be touched!"

Reed works with lots of dogs that are involved in sports, such as Shutzund, a sport that originated in Germany to develop protective traits in dogs. However, she believes any dog is a good candidate for a massage. Gabriel was so impressed with the improvements she saw in Tashi that she is planning to bring her other dog in for massages as a preventative measure.

While the concept of treating your dog to a massage might sound like an over-the-top luxury, there can be significant health benefits for dogs that are anxious around or afraid of people, for older dogs that have a hard time getting around, and even for healthy dogs to keep them from developing problems as they age. Reed also massages humans through her practice, Balanced By Touch, and has been doing so for 18 years. It wasn't until she was working to earn her canine massage license that she realized just how similar humans are to our best friends.

"I used to teach anatomy and physiology. I've had dogs forever, and it never occurred to me that dogs are so much like humans," she said. "What I really came out [of school] realizing is why would there be any difference in how a dog experiences a massage than how a human does?"

Nancy McDonald, founder of Animal Ally of Arizona, primarily massages older dogs; she uses her techniques to increase mobility and alleviate some of the pain caused by conditions like arthritis and hip displacement.

"[Massage] also stimulates the immune system, moving the nutrients in the blood to feed areas with inflammation," said McDonald, who has been a certified canine



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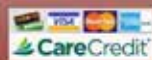
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massage therapist for six years. "And it helps stimulate feel-good chemicals like oxytocin. A lot of the same benefits humans get, animals get."

McDonald shared a story about a client named Norma, who had a small poodle named Baby Girl. Baby Girl used to lie on her owner's shoulder to cuddle, but she had grown so old and arthritic that

her back was in a permanent arch. McDonald spent four sessions doing gentle massage with her, and even tried some of her other techniques, such as reiki.

"I picked Baby Girl up and I held her, and I gave her to Norma and Norma just started crying," she said. "Baby Girl's quality of life has just improved so much."

Success stories from canine massage therapists aren't hard to come by. Reed has worked with everyone from a Pomeranian with a pinned patella tendon to a foster dog that was anxious around people since his original owner had passed away. She's attentive to the dogs' needs: offering them treats to keep them interested, turning the lights down for dogs who are sensitive to brightness, and watching her canine clients' faces and body language to see how they're feeling.



Once, McDonald massaged a limping dachshund named Elvis, and at a follow-up massage six months later, the dog's owners told her Elvis had never limped again after his massage. Another dog had Cushing's Disease, which can cause dogs to lose their fur. After a few massages, hair started to grow back in

the dog's bald spots. An older terrier, whose owners usually had to pick him up and carry him around, started running around the backyard and wagging his tail like a puppy after his massage.

Both women have their own dogs, which they massage regularly, and both do more than just canine massage. While Reed massages humans as well, McDonald specializes in dogs, and employs techniques including essential oil treatments, reiki, and acupressure. McDonald even plays specialized music called, "Through a Dog's Ear," now known as "iCalm Music for Dogs," which was specifically designed by a concert pianist and a sound researcher to be soothing to dogs. This music has even been shown to cause enormous reductions in barking at animal shelters. Reed practices in a special massage facility, while McDonald massages dogs in their own homes.

Just as canine massage isn't simply a pamper session for your pet, there's also a lot more to the job than just simple petting. Both of these therapists are happy to have owners watch, or to offer tips for at-home massage.



"You've got to use your smarts, your experience, your intuition, and your creative side to figure out what's going to be the best for the dog," McDonald said. "It really helps your heart. Dogs are so great because there's no judgment."

For more information on these local canine massage therapists, visit: [k9performancemassage.com](http://k9performancemassage.com) and [animalallyaz.com](http://animalallyaz.com), or reach both businesses on Facebook.

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# Kids and Animals

## Roman Saves the Day

Story by Bella Wexler | Photos by Jennifer McConn



**Superhero Roman and his sidekicks**

(his mom) to thank for the wagging tails and loving families that they have today.

In 2016, Jennifer McConn founded Project Freedom Ride, the nonprofit, which rescues dogs and cats fated for euthanasia from Texas shelters, and places them with adopters. This is where Roman comes in. Taking after his mom, Roman created his own branch of Project Freedom Ride: Roman's Rescues. His job is to call out the names of the pets and their new families at the Direct Adopt events where the family and animal finally meet for the first time. Through Direct Adopt, rescued dogs and cats are viewed online and claimed by adopters searching for their future best friend.

Once potential owners undergo a full screening process, their family's newest addition will be flown to the Direct Adopt events in Washington, where they are united for the first time by Roman's Rescues and Project Freedom Ride. In addition to saving lives and creating lifelong companionships in this way, Roman's Rescues also creates videos to spread awareness about specific animals in immediate need of a community's help, or just those still seeking a home. Roman enjoyed creating one such video for a dog named Chopper. With the help of his mom's video editing skills, he animated Chopper's mouth to move with Roman's voiceover, allowing the dog's playful personality to shine through Roman's creative interpretation. This particular video was featured on local news. His other videos have been known to go viral on multiple media platforms. Roman has successfully mastered the superpower of speaking out for those who can only bark, and spreading the word to unite the whole nation for a good cause.

At home, Roman is not your average six year-old either. How many parents can honestly say that their children keep

Who is your favorite superhero? If you ask six year-old Roman, it's Batman. If you ask hundreds of dogs (and even cats) around the country, it's Roman. This is because Roman and his family have dedicated themselves to rescuing pets from shelters in Texas that use euthanasia to prevent overcrowding. Roman believes that every dog deserves a loving home, and since the age of four, he has been fighting towards his mission to give them all this opportunity. Roman currently lives in Washington, but this hasn't stopped him and his family from striving to find homes for animals in Texas. Over six hundred dogs have

Roman and Jennifer McConn

promises to be responsible for their pets? Well, Roman's mom can! Roman currently has one dog, a playful Heeler named Rue. His family also opens their home to fosters such as Luna, a deaf Heeler. Roman loves to play games like chase with Rue and Luna, and he also takes great responsibility for their care. Roman feeds and walks the dogs; he loves to take them to the dog park with his mom. Roman's favorite breed is the Labrador because he had one incredible Lab named Bubba for his entire life. Roman's mom describes Bubba as Roman's "brother." Bubba passed away in early March of this year, at 14 years old. He had some health issues over the years, but Bubba was lucky enough to live with a family that never left him behind, despite the difficulties of being a frequently-moving military family. Dogs are as much a part of the family to Roman as any other member.

Roman can recall the names of just about every foster and rescue animal that he has helped in his life. He can describe the animal's background story and



**Roman and Bubba's last goodbye**

appearance, and give you an update on the animal's life now. From Minnie and Moose (named after their contrasting sizes) to Baby and Mama, Roman never forgets a life he has saved. Roman's biggest wish is for every dog to be in a home. It will take some seriously hard work to make this dream a reality, but, luckily, Roman's dedication thus far has proven that this hero is up for the challenge.

Even a superhero needs some time off! When he's not saving the day, Roman enjoys playing board games with his family, swinging, jump roping, catching leprechauns, and painting dot art. Most of all, he is ecstatic about this summer and attending first grade next year. Roman's favorite game to play with his family is Watch Your Mouth, a game where the players have to understand phrases said by a partner while that person's mouth is being held open by a plastic insert. The game was extra funny when Roman played with his grandmother since her plastic mouthpiece kept making her teeth fall out! Roman is not currently enrolled in a sport, which is why he enjoys burning off his energy on the swing set or jumping rope. He loves P.E. class because he gets to play 'helicopter' with the jump rope, a game he also hopes to play with his family in the future. Roman cannot wait to play coach pitch ball this summer with his friend, Wyatt.

This past March was quite busy for Roman who found himself on the lookout for pesky leprechauns that had made a mess of his classroom, broken his teacher's chair, and even caused a ruckus in his own home. Currently, Roman is learning the letters of the alphabet in school.



**Roman with Project Freedom Ride dogs Kenzie and Ru**



**Roman with parents, Jennifer and Jeff**





Roman

He mostly looks forward to art class because that is where he gets to make dot art. This technique involves dipping Q-Tips in paint and dabbing them on paper in different designs to eventually create a big picture. This can be a very time consuming task, though. After all, it took Roman "fifteen whole minutes" to finish the green dots alone! Roman's favorite food is homemade sloppy joes, but spaghetti and Ramen are close seconds. He also enjoys Halloween and has dressed up as Batman a few times. Luckily for us, Roman is as much a superhero out of costume, as he is in costume.

When Roman grows up, he wants to create the first-ever Navy for dogs, equipped with canine-friendly airplanes and ships. Roman also wants to be in the Navy, just like his dad. Marvel and DC comics are pretty incredible, but Roman is the first superhero I have met who wants to spend his life enabling the creatures he has saved to become heroes themselves. Roman wishes to take after his dad and become a hero for his country, all while still being a hero for animals. Now, pets and humans alike can rest assured that we are in good hands. Roman certainly passes the superhero test with flying colors. If Batman ever needs a helper (one who may even upstage him), we know whom to call. In the meantime, Roman wants you to know, "I can only say that I'm going to keep helping dogs!"

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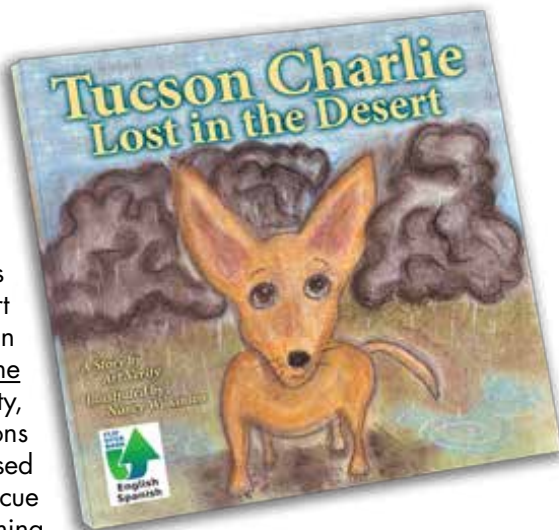


# Book Review

## Tucson Charlie Lost in the Desert

Reviewed by Bella Wexler

Meet Charlie, the main character of the latest great children's book to hit shelves in stores and online. Charlie is a lovable Chihuahua who must take on the challenges of Tucson's Sonoran Desert after losing his human in Tucson Charlie Lost in the Desert, written by Art Verity, with whimsical illustrations by Nancy Wilkinson. Based on Wilkinson's own rescue Chihuahua, Sassy, this charming main character commands the adoration of readers big and small. Funny enough, Sassy is actually a female dog despite being the inspiration for the male pup, Charlie. Nevertheless, she is the perfect fit for Nancy Wilkinson's illustrations and this main character's personality.



The story uses simplistic sentences to weave together what is sure to make a memorable family favorite, with which young readers can learn, and at which little aspiring artists can marvel. Beyond this, the story is told in both English and Spanish to enable young readers to explore it through two lingual lenses appropriate to the Southwest setting. This is achieved through a clever format. One side of the book begins with the story in English. When the story is flipped upside down and backwards, it can be read in Spanish. The end of the story in both languages meets in the book's middle, where the biographies of each contributor can also be found. Certainly, the inclusion of two languages in this story is an added benefit, which creates a new level of educational value.

In terms of the plot, readers get to follow Charlie as he encounters desert critters and desert weather in a classic storyline with a unique style. The imagery is captured in vibrant watercolor illustrations that mirror the playfulness of a child's imagination. The array of vivid colors and sprightly characters pulls readers into Charlie's adventure, so readers may join him in the exploration of each beautiful desert scene. Every page is different and exciting. Readers are drawn into the book to walk right alongside Charlie in search of his person.

From the purple mountains to the colorful sunsets to the heavy nighttime rain, each illustration is reminiscent of the hot, but lively region that we call home. The writing is comprehensible for all ages, with entertaining descriptive words that complement the pictures and distinct styles of speech to define each character. The text is also large enough in size to enable younger readers to practice their literacy skills in both languages. Verity was inspired by his grandchildren to write this story, and his experience as a Disney Imagineer really shines through. After all, the storyline is cheerful and easy to follow, giving off the spirit of childhood. The picturebook is left delightfully open-ended, allowing readers to interpret the resolution with their own imaginations.

Tucson Charlie Lost in the Desert can be found at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, or on Square Peg Bookshop (online). But Charlie's story isn't over just yet. There will be more adventures with Charlie in other settings to look forward to soon. For now, Tucson Charlie Lost in the Desert truly is the tale to get readers' tails wagging!



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