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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

Fall is on the way and I am so happy that the weather is cooling off. It's a great time of year to enjoy more outdoor activities with our four-legged friends and we have many to tell you about in this edition.

With that said, please check our Calendar in the publication and online at our new website where we are able to update events between editions of the publication. We will be sponsoring and have a booth at 3 big upcoming events...Sweat For Pets, Doggie Dash N' Dawdle and Dogtoberfest. Please come out and support our four-legged friends in the community and stop by our booth to say hello and play some fun games for cool prizes. We love talking to our readers at these events and sharing all things animals!

On the cover this issue is a fantastic organization that I have known about for many years... Pet Partners. They are a great organization that believes in the healing properties of dogs as we do. Maybe this story will inspire you to become a Therapy Dog team with your dog and spread the love!

Speaking of Therapy Dogs, we also have a Training feature this issue which talks about the training of Therapy Dogs and the difference between Therapy and Service dogs which many get confused about. They are quite different in the jobs they do which is a good thing to know about.

I'm also excited about a topic, near and dear to my heart...bringing your dogs to work. One of our readers, Susan Friese, from Literacy Connects contacted us to let us know that her company allows their employees to bring their dogs to work. As you will read in the article, bringing dogs to work has been proven to increase productivity by uplifting morale. In our efforts to raise the value of the animals that enrich our lives in so many ways, my hope is that other businesses will read this and consider doing the same thing.

Thanks so much for your continued support and we look forward to sharing our next, very special Holiday edition with all of you.

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie



Fall Tips For Your Pets

Dear Humans,

The weather is cooling down and the holidays are on the way. So, I'd like to give you some tips and reminders of things you can do to keep your pets safe and healthy which is my specialty! Below are some things to think about and plan for as we begin to wrap up this year.

- 1. Get Active Again!** Has the summer heat kept you and your four-legged friends inside more? Well, it's time to get out and get everyone more exercise which is always a benefit for your pet... and it's good for humans too! It's important to ease into increased exercise to prevent injury. Start with a short walk and then increase the length and intensity. Brush up on training, join an agility class, go to the dog park or check out some of the cool events coming up listed in our Calendar section!
- 2. Winter Coats and Cooler Weather Protection.** Some people shave their pets down in the summer but it's time to let that coat grow out for colder weather. You want your coat for the winter and we need ours too. And if you have a dog with little to no fur or a puppy or senior dog, please be mindful of the weather and add a sweater or coat to their wardrobe. We can get colds too.
- 3. Pumpkin is good!** Did you know that canned pumpkin is good for your dog's diet? The soluble fiber in pumpkin can help with digestive issues, while the antioxidants and essential fatty acids promote healthy skin and fur and urinary health. Try mixing 1-2 teaspoons of canned pumpkin in your dog's food. Most dogs really enjoy it!
- 4. Trick or Treating with Your Dog?** This is a "tricky" subject! I've talked about this before...Halloween can be a scary time for canines, kitties and other animals. You probably know your pet's likes and dislikes. My mom knows I don't like the vacuum much. Think about what might be scary for your pet, like when trick or treaters come to the door or you have a costume party. This could scare some pets so plan ahead and consider putting Fido or Kitty in another room where it is calm and quiet. And while some folks like to take their dogs out treat or treating with the kids, be mindful about what could be scary to your dog. And PLEASE, watch the candy and don't let your pets get into it, especially chocolate which can be deadly to us dogs.
- 5. Make Advance Plans for the Holidays.** As the holidays approach, most of you will get busier and maybe even travel for the holidays. NOW is a good time to start planning as many pet sitters and boarding facilities get very booked up during these times. Give yourself time to check out facilities or pet sitters so you can tour and meet them way ahead of time to make sure your pet is in the very best hands and has a place if you can't take them with you.

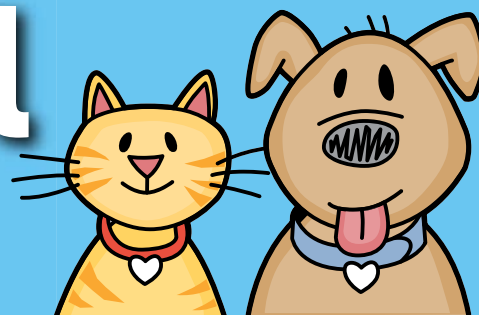
Well, I hope these tips were helpful to you and I am looking forward to seeing you in our next, very special Holiday Edition.

Peace, Love & Biscuits!

Gracie



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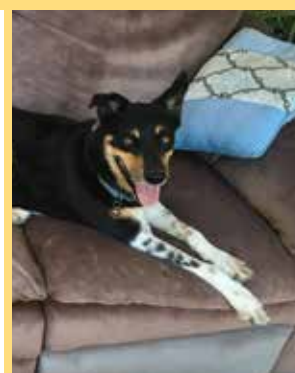
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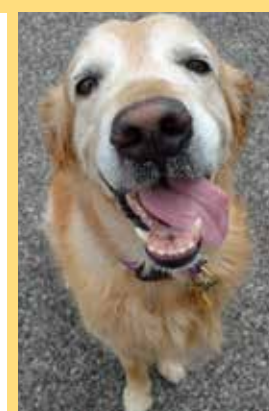
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Kids and Animals

Sparks 'N Barks

Story by Bella Wexler, Photos by Natalie Mast

July 22nd the Tucson Jewish Community Center (JCC) had its first Sparks Pupsicle Party, where pups and people alike enjoyed some frozen sweets to beat the heat. This event brought therapy dogs, their handlers, and other families to the JCC for an exciting popsicle-making activity. Allison Wexler, the event's organizer and Tucson JCC Special Abilities Coordinator, said it was "designed for people with disabilities, but open to all." While this was the first Pupsicle event they have held, Allison says that it may become a yearly activity due to its apparent popularity.

The event was funded through the Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona and Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona Aligned Grants Process. Because the Pupsicle Party was grant-funded, participation fees were minimal and covered the expenses of the event, without yielding profit.



The Sparks Pupsicle Party would not have been possible without the Sparks Club. The Club is an all-inclusive social program, which provides a welcoming environment and regular meetings to encourage members to socialize and integrate into the Tucson community. The Sparks have visited residents at Handmaker Assisted Living and helped walk their dogs; they've gone on trips to the mall, and held community luncheons. The Sparks had an event attended by local farm, Hoofs N Horns, which brought a few goats and sheep to play for the day. Starting in October, the Sparks will be meeting every Sunday for a new activity.

One of the Sparks' most well known projects is the Sparks Cheer team. Sparks Cheer is an adaptive, co-ed athletic program, which accommodates all ages and abilities. Cheerleaders range from age three to thirty six. Sparks Cheer recently welcomed its first four-legged cheerleader, Yofi, to the team.

Yofi is a hypoallergenic Goldendoodle, and a certified therapy dog. She has been working diligently to learn new tricks for her team's cheer performances including spinning, barking on command, and crossing her paws with the other cheerleaders' motions. According to Yofi's handler and owner, Judy, Yofi always perks up when she sees her Sparks Cheer t-shirt being taken out. Yofi lifts her paws excitedly, eager to put on the uniform she associates with visiting her teammates. Yofi was one of the therapy dogs at the Sparks Pupsicle



Party, where she celebrated her second birthday surrounded by beloved friends and peanut butter Pupsicles! Judy thanked Yofi's trainer, Jeremy Brown, owner of The Complete Canine, for helping them improve throughout training.

Yofi was 8 months old when Judy bonded with her. Judy was always interested in getting Yofi certified as a therapy dog, but it wasn't until Yofi miraculously survived an accident, during which she spent 24 hours alone in the desert that Judy said, "I knew she had a higher purpose." Yofi and Judy have trained through all levels of obedience and therapy classes.



Three other handler and therapy dog teams attended the Pupsicle Party, and there were around twenty human participants. Participants were split into two groups: one made the dog and human-friendly "pupsicles," while the other group socialized and fed a premade batch to the pups. These special frozen treats blend peanut butter, low fat yogurt, and bananas to create a tasty snack for dogs and humans alike. After the groups switched activities, all the participants got to enjoy their choice of a store-bought popsicle or a pupsicle.



Although the therapy dogs in attendance were certified through different organizations, they are connected by affiliation with a new therapy dog group in Tucson, Kiernan's Kindness. The group, founded by Jeremy Brown, was started to commemorate the life of a beloved young woman named Kiernan. Its mission is to spread love and generosity throughout the Tucson community, just as she did. Bringing therapy dogs to various events in our city is just one way the group achieves the Kiernan's Kindness mission.



For Judy, the most rewarding part of taking Yofi to community events, like the Sparks Pupsicle Party, is getting to experience the kids and therapy dogs "sharing a moment of joy together." She believes the Sparks events are a wonderful place for Yofi to bond with her fellow cheerleaders and their families outside of practice, as well as to meet new people and dogs that attend.

Allison agrees with Judy, which is why she has chosen to include animals more frequently in Sparks events. She describes dogs as having a special intuition, which allows them to "tune right in" to whomever needs some companionship. "I also like seeing how events like this benefit the whole community instead of specific groups."



Allison wholeheartedly believes that all-inclusive events play a big role in bringing us closer; she's excited about all of the animal-friendly events in the Sparks' future. Undoubtedly, programs like the Sparks Club and its cheer team, as well as community building events and organizations like the Sparks Pupsicle Party and the Kiernan's Kindness therapy dog group, have aligned to uphold Allison Wexler's notion that, "Dogs just know what kids need."



Calendar of Events

Special Events

SEPTEMBER

**Sat. Sept. 1st - Mon. Sept. 3rd
10a-5p**

**Old Tucson: Say Goodbye to
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Tucson 85735

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Sat. Sept. 8th, 7:30a-1p
**Humane Society of Southern
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& lunch. Prizes, contests, awards,
& Luncheon After-Party! [www.
puttforpaws2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.puttforpaws2018.eventbrite.com)

Mon. Sept. 10, 6-8p
Yappy Hour

Noble Hops, 1335 W. Lambert Ln.,
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Fri. Sept. 14, 8:30a-12:00p
**Pima Alliance for Animal
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Abrams Health Center, 3950 S.
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animal welfare in Pima County.
Networking & refreshments at 8:30,
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Sat. Sept. 15, 8a-1p
HSSAZ: Step for Pets

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Cntr, 260 S. Church St., Tucson 85701
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8a-10a. 100% profits benefit Humane
Society of So. AZ. Info: [https://bit.
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Sat. Sept. 15, 10a-1p
**NKPC \$10 Microchips for
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Old Town Horse & Pet, 5665 W. Ajo
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Sat. Sept. 15, 2-3p
**Info Session: Volunteering
w/ Your Pet**

The CORE @ La Encantada, 2905 E.
Skyline Dr., Suite 277, Tucson 85718
Learn about opportunities to volunteer
at Tucson Medical Center's Pet Therapy
Program. Presented by Mary Atkinson,
TMC Wellness Director & Diane
Alexander, Pet Partners of Southern
Arizona. Info: [www.PetPartnersSoAZ.
org](http://www.PetPartnersSoAZ.org) or email Info@PetPartnersSoAZ.org

Thurs. Sept. 20, 6-8p
**MOCA Tucson Third Thursdays:
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Museum of Contemporary Art, 265 S.
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Thurs. Sept. 20, 6-7p
**Info Session: Being The Best
For Your Pet**

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This mini workshop focuses on
building trust with your pet. Presented
by Pet Partners Instructors JoAnn
Turnbull & Cindy Mayo. Info: [www.
PetPartnersSoAZ.org](http://www.PetPartnersSoAZ.org) or email [Info@
PetPartnersSoAZ.org](mailto:Info@PetPartnersSoAZ.org)

Sat. Sept. 29, 12-6p
PACC: Pride In The Desert

Reid Park, 900 S. Randolph Way,
Tucson, AZ 85716
Info: Danielle Harris, Adoption
Coordinator: [Danielle.Harris@pima.
gov](mailto:Danielle.Harris@pima.gov) or 520-724-5314

Sun. Sept. 30, 5:30p
Fine Wines for Felines

AZ Wine Collective, 4280 N.
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Benefits Pawsitively Cats No-Kill Shelter

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Tue. Oct. 2, 6-7p
**Info Session: Handling Skills
for Safe Visits**

Ward 3 Council Office, 1510 E. Grant
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Come learn about preparing for
the Team Evaluation and beyond.
Presented by JoAnn Turnbull and Cindy
Mayo, Pet Partners Instructors. Info:
www.PetPartnersSoAZ.org or email
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**Wed. Oct. 3, ALL DAY
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HSSAZ: Pizza Hut Fundraiser
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Sun. Oct. 7, 4p
**St. Mark's Church Blessing of
The Animals**

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meditation garden for blessing by
St. Mark's Pastor. Offerings will
be donated to rescue. Contact
Sandi Heilman: 520-297-2062 or
animalministry@umcstmarks.org

Sat. Oct. 13, 8:30p
**RAD Rescue Inc. Fundraiser:
The Vampire: He Loved in Vein**
Gaslight Theatre, 7010 E Broadway
Boulevard, Tucson 85710
Enjoy raffle prizes, beer, soft drink,
pizza, ice cream & free popcorn!
Benefits RAD's rescue dogs. Tix \$22;
must purchase from RAD in advance.
Info: radrescueinc@gmail.com or
661-400-5151

Sat. Oct. 13, 6-8p
**HSSAZ Leaps for Lives
Dance Showcase**

Reid Park Demeester Outdoor
Performance Center, 900 S. Randolph
Way, Tucson 85716
Benefits Humane Society of So.
AZ. Well-behaved, vaccinated, &
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retractable leashes! Food, raffle prizes,
& dance. Tix \$10 (\$7.50 seniors &
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bpt.me/event/3563214](https://m.bpt.me/event/3563214) or \$15 (\$10
students/seniors) @ the door.

Sat. Oct. 20, 7:30a
**HSSAZ 4th Annual
Sweat For Pets Fundraiser**

University of Arizona Mall
Registration begins at 7:30, event @
8. Raise money, win prizes, save lives.
Walk, Run & Roll; benefits Humane
Society of So. AZ. Info: hssaz.org

Sat. Oct. 20, 5-8p
Doggie Dash N' Dawdle

Riverfront Park, 551 W. Lambert Ln.,
Tucson 85737
Come out for a fun evening with your
four-legged friend. Vendor booths,
adoptions, games, prizes, etc. For
booth info, contact Nick
520-229-5054

Sat. Oct. 27, 8a-4p
**St. Mark's Annual Rummage
To The Rescue**

1431 W. Magee Rd., Tucson 85704
Items sold by local animal rescues;
all proceeds benefit rescues. Info:
Sandi Heilman 520-297-2062 or
animalministry@umcstmarks.org

Tue. Oct. 30, 6-9p
**Pawsitively Cats 7th Annual
CATART!**
La Cocina Restaurant & Cantina, 201
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Valley Fever Vaccine is on its Way

Story by Emily Dieckman

The Sonoran Desert is known for its Saguaro and Prickly Pear cacti, its blazing summers, and its outstanding Mexican food. But it's also a hot spot for Valley Fever, a disease caused by the *Coccidioides* fungus that lives in the soil of the southwestern United States, as well as a few areas in South America. It affects people, dogs, and some other animals, such as alpacas, llamas, zoo animals, and occasionally cats. Dog owners in Arizona spend more than \$60 million a year taking care of dogs with Valley Fever. According to Lisa Shubitz, 60 to 70 percent of all Valley Fever cases occur in Arizona.



Lisa Shubitz, Research Scientist at the University of Arizona's Valley Fever Center for Excellence, courtesy UA News

Shubitz is a research scientist at the University of Arizona's Valley Fever Center for Excellence, an organization dedicated to improving understanding, education and research for Valley Fever. In fact, thanks in large part to donations from community members, the center was able to generate enough data to apply for a \$4.8 million, four-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a Valley Fever vaccine. NIH awarded the center the grant in August 2017, and the researchers have been hard at work.

"Dog people can thank themselves for this vaccine to some extent, because they kept donating, and donating, and donating money over the years," Shubitz said. "They really, really want to do something about this. They really want to not have to fear it and face it and worry about it for the rest of the dog's life."

A Personal Impact

Shubitz isn't just familiar with Valley Fever as a researcher. Between the two of them, she and her mother currently have four dogs suffering from Valley Fever. She lost a dog to the disease earlier this year, and has had several other dogs experience the disease over the years. Not to mention that her mother actually went through a bout of Valley Fever herself when Shubitz was just a kid.

"I spent \$5,000 on one dog back in 1998, and that was with my professional discount and all that," she said. "This disease is horrendously expensive."

That's because current treatments for Valley Fever and its symptoms – which include coughing, weight loss, loss of appetite, fever, and lameness—are often prescribed for long periods, ranging from six months to two years to – in the most severe cases – a lifetime. These treatments also don't completely kill the fungus.

Bonnie Craig, a staff writer at the Tucson Dog, lost her dog Howie to Valley Fever in late 2017. He battled the disease for eight years, and was on and off of medication, which, at times, was as expensive as \$200 per month.



Bonnie Craig's dog Howie, who passed away from Valley Fever in late 2017, with his sister Loretta. Both dogs are Pima Animal Care Center rescues, courtesy of Bonnie Craig.

There's no surefire form of prevention either: When dust containing the spores is kicked, dug, or blown up, spores enter the air and can be breathed in. In the

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Howie mothering one of his family's foster kittens, courtesy of Bonnie Craig

lungs, the spores swell into spherules, which enlarge until they burst, releasing hundreds of endospores which can all grow into their own spherules. Spores can even be carried inside on surfaces like your shoes or your clothes—which is how, Shubitz can only guess, her sister's entirely indoor cat was diagnosed with Valley Fever at 9 years old.

While about 70 percent of dogs who become infected with the virus don't get sick from it, the ones who do face varying degrees of severity.

"Most of them get better, but if you could prevent them from dying, or from costing you five or ten thousand dollars, it's seriously worth it," Shubitz said.

About the Science

A few years ago, researchers created a mutant strain of Valley Fever that doesn't cause disease in mice, but causes a very strong immune response—strong enough, in fact, to protect them against Valley Fever infections. Just recently, they've developed a new canine T-cell antibody, which will allow them to test blood samples and determine how a vaccinated dog will respond to the vaccine before the dog is exposed to Valley Fever spores. According to their website,

"This test should allow us to predict that the vaccine will keep dogs from getting sick. It will also help us better understand immunology in dogs, such as why some dogs get very sick and others recover with no or minimal illness."

Shubitz said the local dog community has been overwhelmingly supportive. The first round of the study is only on dogs that haven't had known Valley Fever, and even then, the center had no trouble gathering volunteers. In early 2020, they plan to be recruiting around 600 dogs for a safety study to test the vaccine.

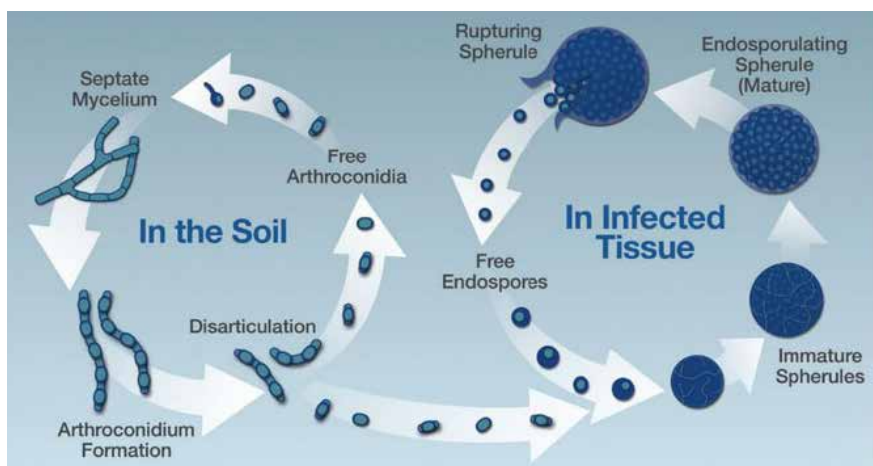
"The community got behind this and pushed," she said. "They want this. They want this vaccine, and they've been extremely dedicated to this."

The researchers are currently on track to fulfill the requirements of their grant, which means developing a vaccine by 2021.

And, in a sense, the dog vaccine is only a stepping-stone. Researchers hope that the money generated from the canine vaccine, which will have to be USDA-approved, will help them continue their research to develop an FDA-approved human version.

"It's pretty neat," Shubitz said. "You could spend your whole life doing research that's useful but you never really see an end product in the community helping animals or humans. And if this works for the dogs, it will go to humans."

For more information on the Valley Fever Center for Excellence, visit vfce.arizona.edu



**The life cycle of Valley Fever
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TY I am 2 years old & approximately 80lbs of gentle. I may seem human-shy, but I always like to know where you are. My best friend is my 60lb foster sister; I love to follow her around. I prefer to be inside where it's cooler. I'm potty trained, and I love to lounge on a large dog bed. I need a safe space in my crate, and I love the car. Fee: \$125. RAD Rescue www.radrescueinc.org 661-400-5151



ODIN I'm a blockhead pittie mix, 3 years old, and 60 pounds. I'm a tripod, which just makes me even cooler and doesn't slow me down! I LOVE children & have previously lived with cats; if you have other dogs, I need to meet them before we go home & prefer calmer energy female dogs. I've done training with Tucson Off Leash Trainers, and my adopters will receive a session with the trainers to learn all my tricks and tips. I'm housebroken, crate-trained, and I am fully vaccinated and microchipped. Fee: \$125. RAD Rescue www.radrescueinc.org 661-400-5151

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Source: Humane Society of the United States



RUSTY I'm a 16 year-old Schnauzer & my old daddy passed away. I get along ok with other dogs, BUT get a little grumpy if they're in my space. I haven't been around cats. I'm potty-trained, crate-trained and my foster mom is teaching me sign language because I'm deaf! I would be best in a home with NO kids UNDER 12 years old! I AM neutered, up-to-date on shots, just had a dental. Fee: \$169. Cold Wet Noses tucsoncoldwetnoses.com



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TOMMY I'm about 2 1/2 years old, and just the sweetest little chunk! I think I'm a basset hound mix. I know I love to ride in the car & am great when we walk on the leash! I'm not so sure about kitties, but kids are fun! I'm kennel & potty trained! I'd like a home with a friend that would let me set the pace. Tucson Cause For Canines tucsonscouseforcanines.org



NYX (A633252) I am a spayed female, American Staffordshire Terrier, approximately 8 years old. I am calm, relaxed, sweet, very easy to take on walks, and non-reactive to other dogs. I adore people, but tend to get overlooked in the shelter because I don't draw attention to myself. I am laid-back & easy-going. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900

SALZAR SNIFFERIN (A641986). You have to promise not to laugh at my name. I'm a neutered male, yellow Labrador Retriever mix about 9 years old, 49 pounds. I'm very gentle, loving, friendly, easy to be with, and have a great personality. I enjoy walks and am very lively for my age. I sure could use a loving and comfortable home. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



PRANCER (A640586) I'm pretty much one of the most beautiful girls in the place & have personality to match! I'm a spayed female, black and tan German Shepherd mix, about 9 years old. I came into the shelter on July 10. I'm patient, calm, quiet, easy to get along with, loving, & I take treats very gently. Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) 520-724-5900



WEBSTER (A642129) I'm a 8 year-old, neutered male, tan and white Labrador Retriever. I used to be a veteran's service dog before my person died. My person was my everything. I'm pretty shut down & heartbroken in the shelter; I'm very calm and I have gentle way about me. I'm longing to be in a home as the only dog. If you're looking for a loyal devoted dog, I am your guy! Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



APRIL (A272918) I am a spayed female, tan Golden/Labrador Retriever, about 9 years old, 50 pounds. I am gentle & happy, a little shy, but friendly & I like people, but I don't know anything about children. I am a house-trained indoor dog. I get along with other dogs, but I would prefer to be an only dog; I would definitely need to be fed separately because I really like my food. Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) 520-724-5900



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Senior Feline Travels to Forever Okla-home-a

Story By Emily Dieckman

Some animals have names that fit them. The rational, sometimes cynical tiger from *Calvin and Hobbes* is named after the like-minded philosopher Thomas Hobbes. Simba, from the beloved *Lion King* movies, is named the Swahili Word for lion.

DJ Microphone falls somewhere in the middle: His meows can be so loud, and so long, that they sound like they're blasting through a microphone. But having the outgoing, crowd-pleasing personality of a DJ? Not so much. At 15 years old, he's more particular about who he wants to spend time with. But ultimately, he's a loving cat who was looking for a home.

DJ Microphone came to the Pima Animal Care Center with a slew of medical issues, and while shelter staff and volunteers took care of him as best they could, they eventually had to put him on deadline because he wasn't progressing. When PACC staff posted a picture of DJ to Facebook with a plea for someone to provide him with a loving home, the post received lots of attention, with nearly 200 shares and more than 100 comments. People started pledging money to help pay for his medication.



DJ Microphone at the Pima Animal Care Center in early June, before he found his new home, courtesy of Wendy McFeely



Beverly Miner's cat, DJ, passed away a year and a half before she saw a photo of DJ Microphone and decided to adopt him, courtesy of Beverly Miner

His salvation came from an unlikely place. Beverly Miner was scrolling through Facebook one day when she saw the picture of DJ Microphone, and was immediately struck by him. A year and a half prior, Miner had lost an 18.5-year-old cat named DJ who looked just like DJ Microphone. In addition, Miner herself had recently been diagnosed with the same medical issue as DJ Microphone. It was like fate. The only problem besides convincing her husband (which didn't take long) was that she lived in Oklahoma.

Wendy McFeely, a frequent volunteer and foster care provider at PACC, said it's not uncommon to see comments like this.

"People say, 'Oh, I'm in Massachusetts! I love that cat!' but nothing necessarily comes out of it. For some reason, with this one, it was just like, 'This is where DJ needs to go.'"

DJ Microphone's Facebook thread blew up even more as people scrambled to find a way to get Miner her meow-er. Ideas were flying about escort services and airline programs, and PACC extended his deadline because they knew he had a home waiting for him.

When McFeely heard mention of waiting until it was cooler for DJ Microphone to make his trip, she wasn't having it. First of all, she didn't want him to have to wait for the weather to cooperate to go to his new home. Second of all, she wasn't going to



DJ Microphone hanging out at Wendy McFeely's house before they go on a trip to bring him to his new home, courtesy of Wendy McFeely

let him fly in a crate—he belonged in the cabin. She has four cats of her own at home—one of whom is diabetic, one with renal failure, one especially grumpy cat, and one from Egypt, but she brought DJ Microphone home as a foster and resolved to find a way to get him to Miner. The more she thought about it, the more she realized she'd done plenty of flying back and forth to Egypt with her Egyptian cat. A four and a half hour flight to Oklahoma sounded like a piece of cake.

"So finally, I just said, "You know, I have a lot of frequent flyer miles. I'm going to go look into getting him out there."

McFeely and Miner coordinated schedules, and agreed to meet at the Tulsa airport. McFeely worried about DJ Microphone being crotchety on his journey, but with a dose of medication to help keep him calm, he was a perfectly happy cat for the whole flight.



DJ Microphone and Beverly Miner meet in person – or in paw-son – for the first time, courtesy of Beverly Miner

"It was the best four and a half hours ever that I can imagine," McFeely said. "He did so well, so that was kind of neat."

When McFeely landed in Tulsa, the two women and the cat got together for some photos; DJ Microphone went right out of his crate and into Miner's arms. In less than one month, DJ Microphone had gone from the subject of a last-ditch effort Facebook post to an Oklahoma resident, with two loving parents, six cat siblings and one dog brother, all of whom are also rescues.

Miner said DJ is acclimating to his new surroundings, slowly but surely. They change up his food a lot; the vet put him on antidepressants to help his mood, and, thanks to the generosity of the total strangers who wanted to make sure DJ Microphone found a good home, his health is improving. Miner has a credit at her vet's office for the first time ever.

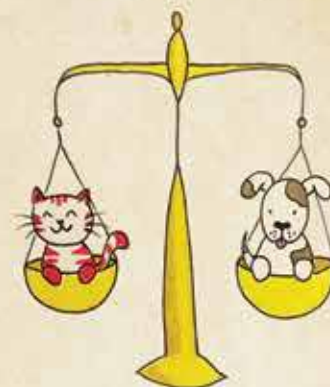
"I would definitely, definitely encourage people to adopt elderly cats or cats that might have health issues," she said. "I hope that maybe we can get another couple years for him. Whatever time he has left, I want it to be good."

If you are interested in volunteering or fostering at PACC, you don't have to fly to Oklahoma! Visit pima.gov/animalcare to learn more. You can also visit the Pima Animal Care Center, or pages such as "PACC Cats Need You" and "PACCCats: Mission Pawsible" on Facebook.



DJ Microphone lounging on his throne in his new home, courtesy of Beverly Miner

Checking out the cat tree at his new home for the first time, courtesy of Beverly Miner



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PIPER I'm a 1 year-old female. A Good Samaritan rescued my mom and me in Mexico. I then traveled to Tucson, where I now live in a Claws & Paws foster home. If you like your sugar & spice with a little extra spice, I'm your gal. It takes me a little while to get used to a new person. I am a super-active kitty; I would prefer to be an only pet, however, I can tolerate other cats if they stay out of my space, but I am not a fan of dogs. Claws & Paws Rescue 520-389-8875



JOHN WAYNE I may look like a bruiser, but I'm really just a sweet, gentle, 3-year old, Domestic Medium Hair. I have Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, so I'm living in the FIV Room at The Hermitage. I am laid back, and am most happy to greet you. I love ear scratches & chin rubs so much that I chirp a bit if you stop. I am ready for a loving home; I'm certain to melt hearts of everyone I meet! The Hermitage Cat Rescue & Sanctuary 520-571-7839 hermitagecatshelter.org



BRYANT When I first arrived a year ago, I was extremely shy & would not let anyone get too close. I have Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), but don't let that scare you. A few months ago, I started actively seeking attention. I am one of the first to say hello, and I follow people around to make sure I get as much love as possible. The Hermitage Cat Rescue & Sanctuary 520-571-7839 hermitagecatshelter.org



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CHAMP (A623756) I am a beautiful blue boy with the chubbiest cheeks! I came from a house with way too many cats, so I didn't get exposed to a lot of human contact as I grew up. I am working on that at the shelter. I am in a program that uses clickers and treats to help me learn that humans are pretty nice. I am now not so scared AND I learned getting a neck rub is soooooo good. Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) 520-724-5900 Ask for information about animal ID: A623756



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Cover Story: Profiling Pet Partners of

Story by Claire Sheridan, Photos courtesy Pet Partners of Southern Arizona

Pet Partners of Southern Arizona is the local chapter of the national organization, headquartered in Bellevue, Washington. Locally, members volunteer in the greater Tucson area, providing animal assisted intervention (AAI), activity (AAA) and therapy (AAT). The organization links human-animal teams with facilities in need of services. Additionally, Pet Partners provides mentoring and support to their teams. The group provides education to others about the benefits of therapy animals, as well as promoting the benefits of human/animal interactions.

Among the many facilities Pet Partner teams service are schools, hospitals, crisis centers, behavioral health centers, memory care, assisted living, law enforcement, correctional facilities, library reading programs, at-risk youth programs, hospice, University of Arizona, Pima Community College and Davis-Monthan Airforce Base.

For a better idea of the work these amazing volunteers do, here are profiles of six very different teams:

Kari Cleland handles Loki, a 5-year-old Great Pyrenees. They have been with Pet Partners for over 3 years. Cleland said, "From the moment I got him at 8 weeks, I knew Loki was a special boy. When Loki was about 6 months old, I noticed that he would go over to someone and place his head on the person's lap. Each time, just before he did this, that person had been about to have a panic attack or was struggling with anxiety. He made people feel better. That's when I knew that Loki would not only make a great service dog, but also a therapy dog."



Loki

Loki serves as a therapy dog at Tortolita Middle School in Marana. There he works directly with kids who can use some extra help, either one-on-one or in small groups.

Cleland also said, "It is amazing to watch him interact with everyone, from doing tricks like turning lights off or handing them a Kleenex, to laying down on the floor so someone who is having a hard time can snuggle up to him. His gentle nature and caring

spirit has brought many tears to my eyes and others. The most rewarding part of our weekly visits is to hear from the counselors that kids who would not open up to them in the past are now interacting with the staff."

Tuffy is a nine-year-old Catahoula. She and Whitney Price have been a registered Pet Partner team for over two years. They visit the Pima Re-Entry Center, where they work with prison inmates who are being reintegrated into the community after serving their sentences. The team typically visits once per week.

Price said, "While I have had a number of meaningful experiences at the Re-Entry Center, my favorite moments are probably those where an offender sits down, reaches out toward Tuffy, and she licks his hand. He'll smile a little and say something like, 'I haven't touched a dog in 10 years.' I smile a little then, because we were able to help give them a positive experience."

Scout, the two-year-old Yellow Lab and his person, Rich Gillespie, are relative newcomers to Pet Partners. They have been with Pet Partners since October 2017.

Gillespie said, "Scout and I have been visiting Nanini Library in Tucson. He loves going to the library. On one particular visit a lady told me her daughter had not spoken for days. The girl sat down on the carpet with Scout and twice attempted to read, but she just couldn't. Scout seemed to sense something and began to interact with the little girl. On the third attempt she began to read aloud. After she finished the book, the mom began to cry, thanked me profusely, and patted Scout on the head. Scout gave the Mom and the girl one of his bookmarks with his picture on it."



Scout

Sophie and I went through training and were evaluated with Pet Partners in July 2014. Now she is almost 5 years old and we have the privilege to visit a Hospice (Peppi's House) and a Cancer Center (Banner) once a week in Tucson.

One of the more remarkable experiences we have had happened when we were visiting a children's shelter weekly (Casa de los Ninos). All of the children introduced themselves, and I introduced them to Sophie. She danced around excitedly. One boy did not say his name; when I asked him, he seemed to hunch down his shoulders just a bit. The staff informed me that he had not been speaking since being brought to the shelter. Sophie helped him start to talk again.



Tuffy

Southern Arizona

One of the activities I have the children do is have Sophie perform a trick for them, at their direction. They give Sophie a treat and say her name. The boy was reluctant to say anything at first, but he did manage to say, "Sophie," very softly and give her a treat. That started a gentle cascade of verbal interaction



Sophie

with his peers. What a joy it was for me to see him progress. On subsequent visits, he showed marked improvement in verbalization and actively engaged in activities with Sophie and other children. She is the best teammate I could hope for."

Lori Ginsburg said, "Kojack and I have been a registered Pet Partners team since June 2012. I adopted Kojack in October 2010, on his third birthday. The shelter staff told me that he absolutely loved children and suggested that I look into pet therapy work with him because of his dynamic interactions with children. I knew nothing about therapy animals at the time, but I did my research, and the rest is history!

Kojack and I visit at Banner Children's – Diamond Children's Medical Center. We visit the pediatric patients and their families there every other weekend.

One significant experience that comes to mind was when we were visiting with a young patient and her family. Kojack is a medium-sized dog; he typically doesn't lie on the hospital beds, but in this case, the patient requested that he lay at the foot of the bed with her. She was so excited to have him there with her, and so were her family members. After a few minutes, her medical team came in and stated that they were going to remove her IV. She was very scared about this and asked if Kojack and I would stay in the room with her. As they got ready to remove the IV, she became even more afraid and began to cry. As soon as Kojack heard her start to cry and saw her expression change from joyful to fearful, he became laser focused on trying to console her.

From the moment the patient began crying until the moment the IV had been removed, Kojack crawled closer and closer to her until he could reach her



Kojack

and be right there with her. His immediate response to seeing her in pain and afraid was profound. We've all seen our dogs respond to their owners this way, but to see him physically need to be right there holding onto someone he had just met was so moving - even some of her family members gasped and began to cry. Sometimes therapy animals can be seen as a distraction to a patient during these instances, but it's moving to see them do more than distract and take a lead role in calming the patient's nerves and providing the type of unconditional, non-verbal support that comes so naturally to our four legged companions."

Pet Partners would like to increase their number of volunteer teams. The local chapter's volunteer organizers are always available to answer questions, and to support new teams through every step of the process. One of the lead organizers locally, Diane Alexander, and her dog, Ella, have been doing this work for 7 years in facilities including hospitals, the boys & girls club, crisis center and the prisons. Their experience doing the work gives them background to answer any questions you have, and Alexander's enthusiasm for the work is so contagious that you will surely want to sign up. If you think that you and your pet would enjoy this type of work, please contact Pet Partners!



Ella

To learn more about the work of this amazing group, check out their website: www.PetPartnersSoAZ.org or email them: Info@PetPartnersSoAZ.org

You may also attend their upcoming informational events:

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Special Feature

At St. Mark's, Blessed Are the Animals

Story by Claire Sheridan

Photos Courtesy St. Marks Animal Ministry Team

*"You called forth the fish in the sea,
Birds in the air and animals on the land.
...We ask that you bless this pet."
-Prayer for the Blessing of Animals*

St. Mark's United Methodist Church has a unique approach to caring for the material needs and spiritual wellbeing of animals. The church's Animal Ministry Team (AMT) was formed in 2012. AMT has coordinated church and community efforts around educating the community about animal welfare, providing financial support to local animal rescues and shelters as well as national disaster relief efforts involving animals, providing pet food and supply donations and memorializing deceased pets. Additionally, the church hosts an annual Blessing of the Animals service each fall; this year's blessing is coming up on Sunday, October 7th at 4 PM.

The AMT is a member of the Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare (PAAW), which is a volunteer initiative of the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona. Pima Alliance for Animal Welfare's goal is for all companion animals in Pima

County to have loving homes and humane care. PAAW has three main focus areas which dovetail with the goals of the St. Mark's AMT. PAAW's focus areas are: a trap/neuter/return program for community cats; a marketing campaign to adopt locally, which has become the annual Adopt Love, Adopt Local animal



Last Year's Blessing of the Animals

adoption event; and a program to help housebound seniors and disabled individuals obtain resources for their pets.

Pet food donated to St. Mark's is taken to the Interfaith Community Services Food Bank for distribution to the community. Pet supplies received by the AMT are taken to Cody's Friends, a local charity that distributes animal food and other pet resources throughout Southern Arizona. According to ATM, "For the

owners, being able to keep a beloved pet can be as nourishing for the soul as pasta and canned goods are for the body."

One of the fundraising events the AMT coordinates is the annual "Rummage to the Rescue." Providing the venue and marketing, the church supports local animal rescue organizations by hosting a giant rummage sale. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to the rescues. The rescues bring items to sell and staff their booths in the church's parking lot. This year's Rummage to the Rescue Event will be on October 27th from 4 to 8 PM.



**Marci Hill & Ruby Portrait
at St. Mark's Pet Blessing,
photo by Faye Beckert**

During the annual Blessing of the Animals, Reverend Sharon Ragland blesses individual animals that attend the service. The blessing is held outdoors in the church's meditation garden. In the event that an animal is too large, sick,



**Reverend Sharon Ragland at
Blessing of the Animals**

or cannot attend for a behavioral reason, human attendees are encouraged to bring a photo of their animals to be blessed. After the service, a pet photographer is available to take complimentary photos of people with their pets. The photos are later posted on the church's Facebook page, so people may access them.

The AMT relies on donations for its continued operation, as they receive only nominal support for administrative activities from the church budget. Some folks donate money in memory

of a grieving pet. If someone you know has lost a pet, consider making a donation to AMT on their behalf. The ATM also maintains a prayer list for animals. To request the addition of a pet to the prayer list, contact the team.



**Reverend Sharon Ragland
at Blessing of the Animals**

For additional information, contact Sandi Heilman at: 520-297-2062 or email: animalministry@umcstmarks.org

Be sure to mark your calendar for the following events, which will be held on the grounds of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1431 W. Magee Rd., Tucson 85704:

Sun. Oct. 7, 4p: Blessing of The Animals
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**JoAnn Perkins & Charly
Portrait at Pet Blessing,
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Caution: Dogs @ Work — May Lead to Good Things!

Story By Claire Sheridan
Photos Courtesy of Laura Verdin at Fangamer & Susan Friese at Literacy Connects



Cooper says, "Sometimes the best place to be during the meeting is under the table, with your wings on!"
Photo Courtesy Susan Friese at Literacy Connects

How would you like to improve the morale of your employees? Maybe you'd like to reduce the number of missed workdays? Or, perhaps you're focused on health; so how about reducing risk for heart disease, depression, diabetes, or other illnesses linked to stress exposure? These are just some of the potential benefits experienced by employees who are allowed to bring their dogs to work. Since 1999, the Friday after Father's Day has officially been "Take Your Dog To Work Day." Numerous companies have expanded this day by allowing employees to bring their dogs more frequently, and, in some instances, dogs even attend work daily.

One local office that allows their employees to bring dogs to work is Literacy Connects. The organization's mission is "to connect people of all ages to a world of opportunity through literacy and creative expression." The main office includes the administration and marketing departments for its 5 programs. Additionally, Literacy Connects offers some classes at their offices, which means that students come to the facility.



Literacy Connects puppy, Lilly, taking a nap at owner Ersilia Loustanou's desk

Five dogs come to the Literacy Connects office with some regularity, including a 100-pound older Golden Retriever who works every day, a tiny new puppy that comes to the office frequently, and a few other pups of mixed ages and breeds that like to vary their work schedules. Pi Polletta, Marketing & Communication Coordinator for Literacy Connects said, "The dogs are generally with their owners in their offices. The older retriever has lunch with us; most of the staff eats together, so he patrols for snacks. I believe they add to the mood and environment at the office in a definitely positive way."



Ruby Under Her Desk courtesy of Fangamer

Another local company, Fangamer, is an online retailer that specializes in licensed video game merchandise. The company has three dogs that are regulars in the office: Tuppence, a mutt; Ruby, an elderly Corgi; and Pizza, a young Golden Retriever puppy. Dogs typically hang out in the office area, although Tuppence in particular enjoys following her owner around and begging for snacks in the kitchen.

Although visits from clients are rare, since the majority of the business is online, Fangamer regularly has deliveries, visits from shipping folks, and other contractors. Reactions to the dogs may be mixed, but, according to Fangamer designer

Laura Verdin, people are overall very positive about the dogs. Regular visitors to the office even ask which dog is there on a given day, or how their favorite dog is doing.

The decision to allow dogs at the Fangamer office started after the boss's wife had their first child. The boss brought Ruby into the office to give his wife a break, and to ensure that Ruby was getting enough attention. Employees all loved having her there, so it became an everyday thing! When additional employees were hired or adopted pets, Fangamer had to work out a schedule to make sure that the dogs got along. Fortunately, Tuppence and Pizza are good friends, although Ruby prefers being the only dog around. When no one brings their pup in, folks complain that there aren't any dogs around!



**Tuppence at work modeling socks
courtesy of Fangamer**

Although dog lovers are quick to point out anecdotal evidence and personal experiences indicating that the presence of dogs at work is a policy that's good for everyone, a 2017 review published in the International Journal of Environmental Research & Public Health stated, "Despite the increasing prevalence of dogs in the workplace, there is a dearth of scientific evidence regarding the impact of dogs on performance, employee relations, workplace culture, and worker health and safety." Further, in determining whether or not to allow dogs in the workplace, the review stated, "decisions to accept dogs in the workplace may include many considerations including the health, safety, and well-being of employees, legal and cultural sensitivities, and animal welfare."ⁱⁱ

One study of dogs at work, conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University in 2012, concluded that, "The NODOG group had significantly higher stress than the DOG group by the end of the day. A significant difference was found in the stress patterns for the DOG group on days their dogs were present and absent. On dog absent days, owners' stress increased throughout the day, mirroring the pattern of the NODOG group. Preliminary findings suggest pet dogs in the workplace may buffer the impact of stress during the workday for their owners and may also contribute to higher job satisfaction for all employees in the organization, regardless of dog or pet ownership."ⁱⁱⁱ

The Tucson Dog Magazine enthusiastically offers up our experience of working with dogs for any scientists who'd care to advance the research on the impact of dogs on the health and happiness of employees. We don't need a study to confirm what we already know: life, including work, is better with four-legged friends!

Thank you to Susan Friese at Literacy Connects for suggesting this story topic. If you have a story idea, the Tucson Dog always loves to hear from our readers— it is what makes our ears perk up and tails wag! Please email our Associate Editor, Claire Sheridan: claire@thetucsondog.com

Source:

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Karuna Horse Rescue: A Fresh Approach to Equine Rehabilitation

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos by Bonnie Craig & Karuna Horse Rescue

Originally from the largest city in India, Candace Kratzer could never have guessed that she would end up living on the rural outskirts of Tucson, Arizona with a herd of 9 horses. Most of the horses came lost and broken, but they were put back together at the Karuna Horse Rescue. Established in 2015, and having gained 501(c)3 status in December 2017, this rescue is a "non-use, non-riding" organization. The only job the horses have is to heal, aided by Karuna's dedicated founders and volunteers, or as they refer to each other- family.

It all began with 23 year-old Dolly. With severely overgrown hooves, and living alone in a paddock located prominently along La Cañada Drive, the stocky Haflinger draft mix was a well-known sight. Candace felt drawn to her; she began to pull over for visits, and to fall in love. She eventually talked Dolly's owners into selling her. Kratzer tried a few boarding facilities, but they just weren't the right fit. Finally, Kratzer, along with her husband, Karuna Horse Rescue cofounder and director, Paul Kratzer, their children, and Dolly settled into a three-acre property on Tucson's Northwest side. Before long, the family began to grow.



Candace, Paul, and Sally with original Karuna resident, Dolly

Tucson, and, within days, the horses became the second and third members of Karuna's resident herd. Both were emaciated and weakened, but have since made remarkable recoveries. Along with Dolly, Floyd fell in to the role of mentor, gently welcoming newcomers to the rescue. The lovely Ella became the herd's protector.



Floyd when he first arrived at Karuna, and later, all healed up

Of the four original Karuna residents, Sawyer was the last to arrive. Also from a Louisiana kill pen, he came with his pregnant mother when he was nine months old. Both were in rough shape, but Sawyer's mom was unable to recover from her advanced emaciation, and she passed away shortly after they arrived. Fortunately, the herd welcomed Sawyer, and he took to his new family easily. Today the sweet boy with slashes of blue in his deep brown eyes is known as the resident trickster and mischief-maker. From his tragic start, Sawyer has grown into a happy-go-lucky comedian, thanks to Karuna. Head volunteer (or family member) Sally Miller, who teaches English when she's not busy caring for the Karuna herd says that, "Any reason a horse could be in rescue, we've seen."

She goes on to explain regarding the damaged souls who arrive in rescue, "There is a horse in there, an original being that comes back." The amazing recoveries and overall success of the Karuna herd can be attributed to their unique approach to the human-horse dynamic.

With little previous horse experience, Candace developed a specific understanding of the way she wanted to relate to horses after seeing the documentary *Path of the Horse*. The film stresses the importance of respect and equality between horses and people, rather than dominance and submission. This was the seed for the philosophy behind Karuna Horse Rescue. The name of the



The sweet and stunning Ella

organization is a Sanskrit word meaning compassion and action. Candace explained that they are trying to get away from old ingrained ways of relating to horses and are finding new and different ways to care for them. They try to use restraints only when strictly necessary and are even able to give baths without a lead.

The social harmony fostered by the Karuna way allows the herd to live unseparated and to browse freely together from slow feeders. The only horse spending time alone is the rescue's newest resident, Gene. Well on the mend now, this gentle boy's story almost ended in tragedy. His namesake, a man named Gene from Rio Rico, called when he found the horse dumped, barely clinging to life. Upon hearing of his condition, Candace feared euthanasia would be the only option for Gene. He was emaciated beyond belief with large festering sores, and couldn't get up, but they decided to try to help him anyway. His ribs and hipbones are still somewhat prominent, but he is coming back to a healthy weight, and his wounds are mostly just scars now. He ambles happily to the edge of his paddock to greet the people coming to visit him.

Gene is just one of Karuna's success stories; many horses are there for shorter foster stays, before moving along to their sister rescue, Sacred Spirit, in California. They couldn't do what they do without their strong family of volunteers. Karuna can always use additional committed volunteers. As they settle into their nonprofit status, a volunteer grant writer would be a boon; they currently rely on various small fundraisers to get by. Monetary donations, or donations of hay, oats, Bermuda, and alfalfa pellets are always gratefully welcomed. To learn more, go to karunahorserescue.org



Gene on the road to recovery



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Book Review

Dog Days by Barbara Sattler

Book Review by Bella Wexler

After being released from prison, where she served a drug possession sentence for a crime that she was not responsible for, Kristen White was faced with the even more difficult obstacle: living a new life filled with ghosts of her past. In her engaging novel, *Dog Days*, author Barbara Sattler illustrates how easy it can be to get lost while navigating friendly, familial, and romantic relationships through the overcomplicated perspectives of humans. She addresses how helpful it can be for us all to look at the world through a dog's eye view. In this

story, the main character, Kristen, must learn this very lesson in order to come to terms with her past and move forward into the future. After all, not everything tough can be taught from behind bars.

Once Kristen is finally free from the Tucson Center of Corrections, the real challenges of her personal and professional life pour in. It's rough finding a job when you have a felony and two years in prison on your resume, no matter how innocent you claim to be. Thankfully for Kristen, dogs can't comprehend a criminal record. They can only understand the quality of a person's character, which has nothing to do with whether or not you've done time.

This is how Kristen winds up working at "The Dog," which is a doggy daycare center run by the aunt of Kristen's best friend. This aunt seems to have an uncanny ability to relate to dogs, and to recognize concealed emotions in the lives of humans. Kristen's old boyfriend, Josh, may think it's just weird psychic nonsense, but Kristen is just happy to have found a place to belong, with people to trust after her time in prison. This is a positive feeling, which is quite different from those associated with Josh, who was the reason she was incarcerated in the first place. But, it is so easy to fall back into old habits with love, especially after the stigma around her criminal record prevents her success in a relationship with the seemingly perfect man, Kelly.

Soon after her fragment of hope to move forward with Kelly falls through, Kristen finds herself facing an all too familiar situation, thanks to an all too familiar person from her past. Only by taking a deeper look at her true priorities, applying the standards we seek in our canine companions does Kristen's life become clear. Her realization that we should lead our lives with the same compassion, and the same expectation of loyalty, possessed by dogs is one that many other characters in the novel come to share.

Life can be confusing, unfair, and overwhelming at times. But some decisions, such as those that determine the reconciliation of a mother and daughter who hadn't seen eye-to-eye in years, or those that determine the fates of two compatible people separated by a technicality, shouldn't be so hard to make. But, most necessary is the ability to weigh the value of relationships and to know which to leave and which to nurture. Thanks to her job at the daycare center, which introduced her to dogs and dog lovers alike, Kristen, her mother, and Kelly all learn a lot about love and loyalty and, most importantly, how to move on. Barbara Sattler's novel, *Dog Days* is a heartwarming story that takes native to Tucson readers through a familiar setting in an unfamiliar way. We can all learn a new thing or two from dogs, and this unique book is the perfect window to doing just that.

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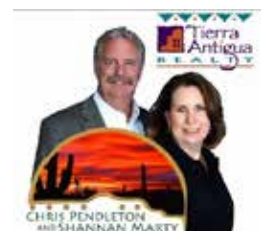


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Welcome at Rainbow Bridge

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

Story by Alexander Theodore Bovier

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

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

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



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

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

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

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Training

How To Become A Therapy Dog Team

By Jeremy Brown of The Complete Canine
 Photos Courtesy of The Complete Canine



Therapy animals do amazing work, for they can reach people in ways that other humans cannot. Recent studies have proven the impact of our animal friends and each week we find out more data on the positives to having these types of visits. They provide comfort and affection to

people in ways humans cannot, and are all the rage these days; visiting at college campuses, hospitals, classrooms as well as many other venues. Therapy dogs have no special rights or privileges, but are allowed where welcomed. Service dogs and emotional support dogs have different roles and rights. Furthermore, a service dog is a working animal and actually isn't considered a pet, but can perform specific tasks to related to the person's disability, while an emotional support animal is a pet that provides therapeutic support for people with mental illnesses.



Is my dog therapy dog material?

Many people that want to become a therapy dog team want it more than the dog does. We need to make sure the whole team (Human handler and canine) enjoys this. An amazing candidate for this program is a dog that is outgoing, does not startle easily and shows empathy. Many of the teams we train started in a basic puppy class and we realized that they have this uncanny ability to have empathy and understand humans a little differently than that of the average canine. They tend to assimilate to new situations and can listen to the handler ASAP! Contrary to popular belief, therapy dogs are not perfect animals, but the team works together and can get through unpredictable situations.



























What are the requirements?

Most therapy dogs go through basic obedience classes or are self-taught by the



handler. They should be able to listen well without rewards and can listen well around other dogs. There are a few ways to become certified as a therapy team and the most popular certifying groups in Southern Arizona are: Pet Partners, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, and The Humane Society's VIP Therapy Dog program. Each group has different requirements and the insurance varies depending on which group is chosen.



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Each group certifies differently, so please do your research and ask questions to find out which group suits your needs.

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News & Updates

By Claire Sheridan



IS YOUR DOG A FAKE?

On August 3, it became illegal for Arizonans to bring their non-certified pet to public places on the pretense that the pet is a service animal. House Bill 2588, which Governor Ducey signed in April, sets a \$250 fine as the punishment for this offense. Business owners may ask if an animal is a trained service animal, and what service the animal

performs. These questions have always been legal. The new law did not expand the allowable questions, or give businesses the right to ask questions about a person's disability. Although The Tucson Dog understands the desire to bring your dog with you *everywhere*, it is imperative that people follow this new law. Passing off your non-certified animal diminishes the important roles service animals fill for their people.

Payoff Vet Debt Campaign: A Huge Success!

This year's campaign raised \$16,600 in 3 weeks. Local animal welfare enthusiast and philanthropist Bonnie Kay matched funds dollar-for-dollar, as did the SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network. For every dollar donated by the community, a total of \$3 actually went to the rescues due to the generosity of these donors. A grand total of \$46,600 went directly to the veterinary accounts of 15 Tucson-area animal rescue groups. Since 2016, this campaign has raised \$99,940 to pay rescue group vet bills. Two paws way up!!!



Kindness & Compassion Rule!

Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) employee Victor Velarde has an incredibly challenging position. Velarde, a county employee of 32 years, has collected deceased animals' remains for PACC for almost 15 years. This August, the Pima County Board of Supervisors recognized Velarde's contributions to our community. PACC Director Auerbach said, "He treats everyone and everything with love and compassion, even in the most difficult circumstances. ...Someone reached out to us when they saw him gently petting a dog before carrying it away. They said it seemed like he was praying for it before loading it up in his truck. Thank you Victor for doing such a tough job with such respect for the animals!"

ASAVET Is On The Road Again...

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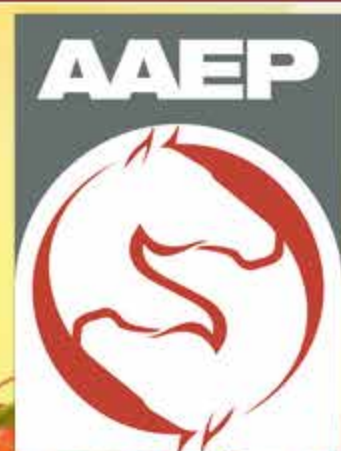


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