

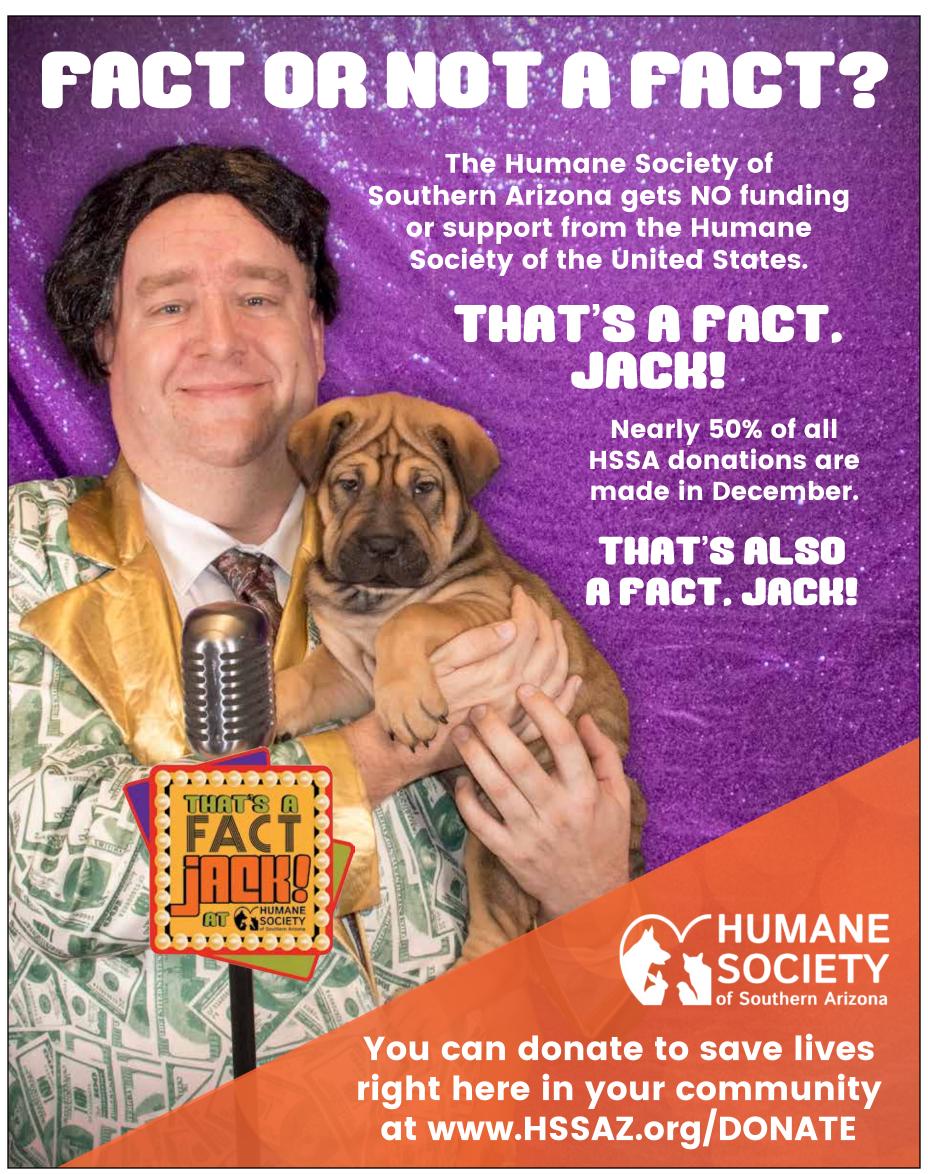
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

Where has this year gone? I can't believe we are at the end of 2018 already. The time has passed by so quickly, but it has been an incredible year for The Tucson Dog.

We have grown so much this year, and we are grateful for your continued support. We are also grateful to the local businesses that advertise with us as that is what keeps The Tucson Dog free to everyone. It also allows us to give more and more to the animal welfare community and be a powerful voice for shelter and rescue animals.

On our cover this issue, we bring you an extraordinary non-profit organization that is changing lives for people and animals every day. Handi-Dogs was founded in 1973 and is one of the oldest assistance dog training programs in the United States. Not only that, but their approach is unique as they have professional trainers that actually train people to train their own dogs. They offer several different types of programs to achieve this goal.

Handi-Dogs also puts on a very successful event every year called Dogtoberfest which will be held on Sunday, November 4th at the Gregory School. The event is not only a fun time for folks and their four-legged friends, but it serves as a fundraiser for the organization. The Tucson Dog is proud to be a sponsor of Dogtoberfest again this year and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Something that has always concerned me is people who become homeless. That is a horrible situation to be in and even worse is when they are asked to give up their pet when they need to enter a shelter. This seems so wrong to me on so many levels. Many times, a dog or cat is the only constant source of love that a person has in that situation. Asking them to choose between living on the streets or giving up their pet to have shelter is so heartbreaking. Many people choose to stay on the streets instead of losing their beloved pet. We didn't know if there was any place in Tucson that allowed people to bring their pets in with them, so we went in search of such a place. We were surprised and thrilled to find Sister Jose's Women's Shelter. The loving people that work at this shelter not only care deeply for the women who enter there but also for their pets and have gone over and above to take care of their needs as

At this time of the year, people's hearts seem to open much wider and many want to give back to help those less fortunate. In this issue, you will hear about some wonderful organizations doing good things to help people and animals and I ask that you take the time to seek them out and volunteer or donate if you are able. I truly believe we are all connected and when one of us suffers, we all do. Thankfully, I see an amazing, loving community in Tucson filled with people who care about each other as well at the animals that live here.

If you would like to volunteer or donate items to some wonderful animal organizations, please check out our "Volunteer Opportunities" list on page 41 in this issue.

From our entire staff, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to bringing you more great stories in 2019.

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

Dear Humans,

I would like to talk about a debate that goes on about giving pets as gifts for the holidays which has been a long tradition of many Americans. How does

this practice impact the animal's welfare? After all, we are living, breathing, sentient beings that require a lifetime commitment and much care and attention.

The Humane Society of the US recommends avoiding the practice altogether, although some national groups condone gifting pets as long as the buyer is careful. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals supports pets as gifts, but "only to people who have expressed a sustained interest in owning one, and the ability to care for it responsibly."

Some parents think bringing home a pet will "teach the kids responsibility." That is a problem because pets are not "learning tools" but live beings. So, parents better be ready to take responsibility for the pets as kids, especially very young ones, typically do not have a huge attention span and may lose interest quickly.

Pet "guardianship", as my mom likes to call it, is a big responsibility with a lot of things to consider like the cost of vet care, grooming, food, training, toys, etc. Animals, especially dogs, are social animals and need lots of love and attention.

Adopting an animal is very personal and they should be matched up to their person based the amount of time the person has to devote to the animal. Some need more than others. Is the person able to exercise/walk the dog every day? Does the temperament, breed, size and age of the dog fit into the family? Many dogs are relinquished to shelters because of behavioral issues but many are just in need of simple basic training which takes some time and money to acquire. After all, we are dogs and don't speak human unless you teach us what you want us to do.

So many other things factor into adopting a pet for someone else. Do they like kids and other dogs? Does anyone in the household have allergies? The list goes on and on which is why it is very difficult to adopt a dog or cat for someone else.

My mom always says, "they picked me" when referring to dogs that she has adopted. I think there is some truth to that as there does need to be a connection with the person they are going to be living with. There are alternatives for parents who want to give a puppy or kitten for the holidays. Giving a crate with a "pet promise" and then involving the children in picking out the new four-legged family member is a great way to go.

Whatever you decide to do, make sure you really think it through before giving a pet as a gift as it is a lifetime commitment that comes with a lot of responsibility. With that said, if you do decide to adopt, please go to a shelter or rescue to do so. There are so many loving animals out there just waiting to give you a lifetime of unconditional love.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe holiday season,

Gracie



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Kids & Animals:

Storytime at the Shelter

Story by Bella Wexler, Photos by Gina Hansen & Allison Wexler



The atmosphere at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) is warm and welcoming as eager children and parents file into the volunteer room. Long-time volunteer Lynne Stott describes the animal shelter's mission: "to serve the community and provide care for homeless animals." Thanks to the PACC Tales Read-toa-Pet program, people of all ages have the opportunity to uphold that. All they have to do is show up, pick out a book, find a lonely animal (cat or dog), and read. What better way to give back to the community than by showing some love for homeless creatures?

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According to regular PACC Tales participants and newcomers alike, there is truly no better way.

Gina Hansen, PACC's Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, organizes the Read-to-a-Pet program. Gina works to maintain the many extra features

that make this shelter so relevant to Pima County. Just as our pets are the hearts of our families, PACC is the heart of our community, tying people together through the universal connection we feel with our animals. Gina knows every regular reader in the PACC Tales program and welcomes newcomers with open arms.

For instance, siblings Emilee Shepard (5th grade) and Koltin Shepard (1st grade) kicked off their first visit by reading to Kora and Keanna. They have three dogs at home, two

of which were adopted from PACC. After falling in love with PACC's mission, the Shepard family became volunteer dog walkers and are thrilled to have the opportunity to read to some canine friends as well, according to mom



Crystal. Emilee enjoyed reading to Kora and other pets because, not only did it help her "practice reading and get smarter." but it also "just makes them (pets) happy." Like his sister, Koltin loves this program. "We have to be nice to dogs," says Koltin, "and read to them to make them happier!"

It was Ethan Erickson II's first time reading to a dog at PACC, although his family has been involved in promoting animal welfare. Ethan's mom volunteers with Tucson Ruff

Runners as a frequent dog walker. Now, Ethan volunteers to help homeless pets as well.

Twelve year-old Reese Tyburec has been a diligent supporter of the Readto-a-Pet program because she believes it is essential to spread awareness about how to help and empathize with pets. She feels encouraged by the consistently positive reactions from animals. According to her mom, Reese



started volunteering last August to fulfill community service hours for school. Their family adopted from PACC. At home, Reese plays music for her own dogs to calm their nerves and make them feel secure. She aspires to be an actress who upholds her value for animal welfare by exercising pet activism.

Another regular reader and volunteer is Lynne Stott's grandson, Elliot. Elliot has been reading to PACC pets for ten months. He reads to his own dogs because reading helps animals "get used to your voice and socializing." Lynne

noted that the renovation last year improved PACC greatly. The shelter added a state of the art clinic thanks to fundraising from Friends of PACC, staff computers, and lighter and more welcoming kennels. "The biggest difference is not in the building, it's in the programs," said Lynne. Programs include: activities for senior dogs, TopDog training to increase "adoptability," the

Humane Education Program which teaches kids about responsible pet ownership, PACC Tales Read-to-a-Pet program, and even clicker training sessions for cats!

Lynne has witnessed the benefits of Read-toa-Pet first hand. As a volunteer, she has had to coax anxious animals out of their kennels for walks and socialization. Once, she met a dog who was too afraid to leave the kennel. After reading with him just three times, he came out with his tail wagging! Lynne has been instrumental in helping Gina maintain



this reading program ever since. Regarding the power of reading to animals she exclaims, "I don't know how it works but I know it works!" PACC Tales builds mutual trust and confidence; it bridges the gap between two- and fourlegged minds.



Read-to-a-Pet is open to anyone when the shelter is open; parents must chaperone children. While this is a popular activity for kids, it also benefits adults learning to speak English or seeking an opportunity to practice with a nonjudgmental audience. Gina invites everyone to stop by. Participants receive a prize every fifth visit. There is no better opportunity to feel good while doing good than to sit down with a good book and brighten a homeless animal's future.

Gina Hansen hopes to establish more programs

to benefit youths including: Homework with Cats Club, or Creative Journaling with Cats Club to promote education, writing, and bonding with pets. To find out more information about Pima Animal Care Center's programs and how to get involved contact the Outreach Coordinator, Gina Hansen: paccvolunteer@pima.gov

Calendar of Events

Special Events

Thurs. Nov. 1, Tucson College of Beauty Supports No Kill Pima Co.

3955 N. Flowing Wells Rd., Tucson 85705

Every Tues & Thurs in Nov., proceeds from haircut & facial services at the College of Beauty are donated to No Kill Pima County. Call 520-887-8262 to make your appointment.

Thurs. Nov. 1, 7:30p Whose Live Anyway

Fox Tucson Theatre 17 W. Congress St., Tucson 85701

Benefits Arizona Greyhound Rescue & Sol Dog Lodge. Back by popular demand. Get your tickets early! Hilarious 90-minute performance based on TV show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Info: shelley@soldoglodge.com 520-308-2143 www.comedyforcharity.org/ whose-live-anyway/

Sat. Nov. 3, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

***Every Wednesday and Saturday at

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sat. Nov. 3, 10am-2pm Pups in the Plaza

HSSAZ Pawsh Adoption Center @ La Encantada 2905 E. Skyline Dr., Tucson 85718

Come meet our available dogs this Saturday at Pups in the Plaza! Located outside of the Victoria's Secret Store. Enjoy 25% off ALL PAWSH merchandise with your adoption! Info: https://www. facebook.com/PAWSHParkPlace

Sun. Nov. 4, 10a-2p **Dogtoberfest**

The Gregory School, 3231 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85712

Benefits Handi-Dogs, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit. 1700 people & 700 dogs attended 2017. 300 Very-Important-Pup (VIP) Packages available for \$35. VIPs receive: Entrance ticket, Dogtoberfest t-shirt, early admission (9:30a) & goodie bag. Info: joann@handi-dogs.org

Tue. Nov. 6, 9am-8:30pm **Tucson College of Beauty** Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Wed. Nov. 7, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Thurs. Nov. 8, 9am-8:30pm **Tucson College of Beauty** Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Sat. Nov. 10, 10am-1pm No Kill Pima Co. \$10 Microchip Event

College of Beauty 3955 N. Flowing Wells Rd., Tucson 85705 No Kill Pima County's monthly microchipping at Tucson College of Beauty. Each microchip is entered for a free service at the school. \$10 per dog or cat, no limit, no appointment. Info: nokillpimacounty.org

Sat. Nov. 10, 7-10pm Vegan Taco Bar & Raffle

CASA Film Bar, 2905 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson 85716 90's themed fundraising event for the lifesaving work of 501 (c)3 Tucson CARES, dedicated to "saving the savable" animals. Info: tucsoncares.org

Sun. Nov. 11, 5-8:30p Equine **Voices Horses Fall Fundraiser**

Tubac Golf Resort 1 Ave De Otero Road, Tubac, AZ 85646 An evening of equine! Silent auction, live auction, and dinner. All proceeds benefit the care of horses at Equine Voices. Tickets \$85. Special hotel room rates for fundraiser guests; call the Tubac Golf Resort Reservations Department at 800-848-7893 before 10/10 Info: https://www.equinevoices.org/horses/ fall-fundraiser-november-11-2018/

Sun. Nov. 11, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

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Tue. Nov. 13, 9am-8:30pm Tucson College of Beauty Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Wed. Nov. 14, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

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Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am

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Thurs. Nov. 15, 9am-8:30pm **Tucson College of Beauty** Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Fri. - Sat. Nov, 16-19, 8am-5pm **Coyote Classic Dog Show**

Pima County Fairgrounds 11300 S. Houghton Rd. More Info: coyoteclassic.org showinfo2018@coyoteclassic.org call (520) 256-0562

Sat. Nov. 17, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building) ***Every Wednesday and Saturday at

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Sun. Nov. 18, 9am Walk The Hounds

Agua Caliente Regional Park 12325 E Roger Rd, Tucson 85749 Greyhound Walking Club: meet at picnic tables for Sunday morning stroll. Well-behaved hounds & non-hounds invited; NO dogs under 30 pounds. Coffee & calories provided. NO charge. NO RSVP. Just show up. Go to WoofTrax.com, download the app, and choose "Arizona Greyhound Rescue" as your local rescue organization every time you walk your dog. Contact Shelley Harris: shelley@soldoglodge.com 520-308-2143

Tue. Nov. 20, 9am-8:30pm Tucson College of Beauty Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Wed. Nov. 21, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Fri. Nov. 23 & Sat. Nov 24 10am-9pm Gift Wrapping with Goldens

Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue Barnes & Noble 5130 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85711 Donation event. Have your holiday presents wrapped and get a dose of Golden Retriever therapy!

Sat. Nov. 24 - Sat. Dec. 8 ALL DAY, EVERYDAY! **Tucson Cold Wet Noses Online Auction Fundraiser**

Event Info: facebook/ tucsoncoldwetnoses/onlineauction

Sat. Nov. 24, 11am-2pm **Tucson Cold Wet Noses Adoption Event**

PETSMART 7090 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson 85704 For info email: info@ tucsoncoldwetnoses.com or website: www.tucsoncoldwetnoses.com

Sat. Nov. 24, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

**Every Wednesday and Saturday at

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sun. Nov. 25, 11am-7pm Gift Wrapping with Goldens

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Mon. Nov. 26 - Wed. Nov. 28 11am-2pm & 5-8pm Gift Wrapping with Goldens

Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue Barnes & Noble 5130 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85711 Donation event. Get your holiday presents wrapped and get a dose of Golden Retriever therapy!

Tue. Nov. 27, 9am-8:30pm Tucson College of Beauty Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Wed. Nov. 28, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic 635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705

(turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Thurs. Nov. 29, 9am-8:30pm **Tucson College of Beauty** Supports No Kill Pima Co.

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Sat. Dec. 1, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am***[']*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sat. Dec. 1, 10am-2pm Pups in the Plaza

HSSAZ Pawsh Adoption Center @ La Encantada 2905 E. Skyline Dr., T ucson 85718

Come meet our available dogs this Saturday at Pups in the Plaza! PAWSH Park Place's adoptable dogs will be located outside of the Victoria's Secret Store from 10am until 2pm. Enjoy 25% off ALL PAWSH merchandise with your adoption! For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/ **PAWSHParkPlace**

Sun. Dec 2, 4-6pm Sips for SaveTheSaveable.com

Arizona Wine Collective 4280 N. Campbell Rd. #155, Tucson 85718 Wine tasting event, tix: \$25 for tasting of 5 wines. Portion of tix fee & bottles purchased goes to No Kill Pima County's SaveTheSaveable. Raffle prizes, appetizers, wine, and adoptable dogs from Pima Animal Care Center. Tix must be purchased in advance. Info: Facebook & savethesaveable.com

Wed. Dec. 5, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

***Every Wednesday and Saturday at

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Sat. Dec. 8, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sun. Dec 9, 10am-4pm **Doggie Home for the Holidays** Fashion Show by Ruby Jane Adoptions from PACC Shelter

Foothills Mall. Shop for Unique items for pets, prizes, food, music. Event info: John (206) 718-3309 or Jace (520) 955-0464

Wed. Dec. 12, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

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Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sat. Dec. 15, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

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Sat. Dec. 17- Mon. Dec. 24, 11am-7pm Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue **Barnes & Noble**

5130 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85711 By donation. Get your holiday presents wrapped and get a dose of Golden Retriever therapy!

Wed. Dec. 19, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Sat. Dec. 22, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 (turquoise building)

Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am*

Walk-ins only; limited to 40 pets. Event Info: https://hssaz.org/services/ vaccinations/

Wed. Dec. 26, 9am Vaccination Clinic HSSAZ Spay/Neuter Clinic

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*Every Wednesday and Saturday at 9am**

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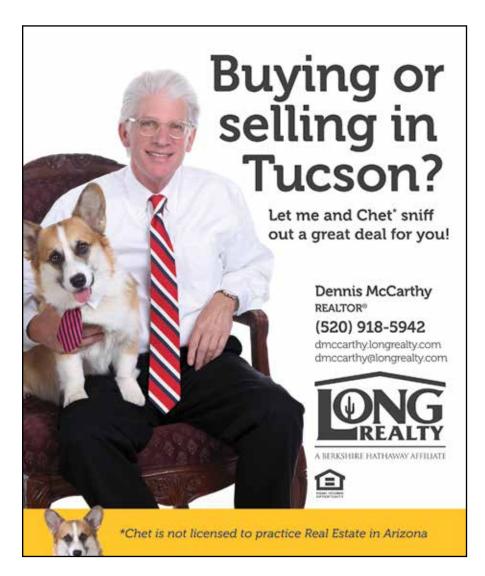
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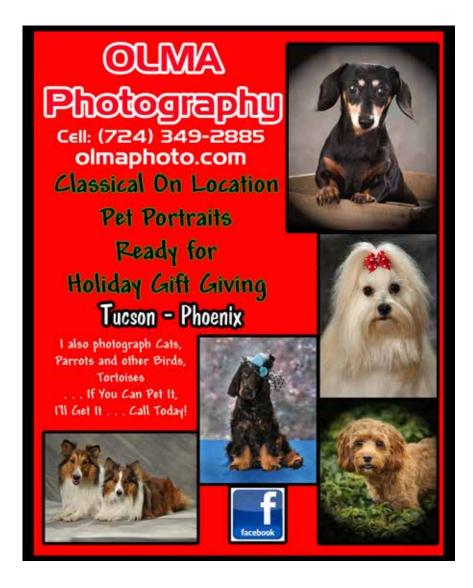
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Tangerine Sky Park, 4411 W. Tangerine Rd., Tucson 85742 Greyhound Walking Club: meet at picnic tables for Sunday morning stroll.

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Special Feature

Our Pets: We Love Them, Even When It Hurts

Story by Claire Sheridan Images courtesy of Emerge! Domestic Violence Center

You would probably do almost anything to protect the people you love, your partner or spouse, children, parents, friends, other family. How about your furry family members? Do you ache when you know they are hurt or suffering?

For people living with domestic violence, these emotions become all too readily combined. An abusive family member is often someone that a victim feels compelled to protect; the relationship has components of both love and abuse.

An all-too-often overlooked component of domestic violence s the presence of pets in an abusive home. Pets provide unconditional love, emotional support, stress relief



Director of Emergency Services Kelly Evans shares her reason for coming to work everyday

and a whole host of other positive benefits in the lives of all animal lovers. In domestic violence pets may be the only consistent source of positivity in the lives of those living with abuse. The abuser is well aware of this connection, and more than willing to use it against the victim. This is the untenable reality many pet-owning domestic violence victims face, and it complicates the victim's decision about remaining with the abuser even further.

According to the American Humane Association, children growing up in the United States today are more likely to have a pet than a father at home.¹ Increasingly, the presence of pets in their lives is becoming a foregone conclusion.

Data from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence showed that 71% of pet-owning women entering abuse shelters reported that their abuser had injured, maimed, threatened or killed pets. An additional 40% of abused women stayed in an abusive home because they refused to leave their pets behind.²

As of 2017, 32 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico had legislation that included provisions for pets in domestic violence protection orders.³ Arizona law allows courts to grant exclusive custody of animal(s) to the person seeking protection. The animal(s) may belong to the person seeking protection, the alleged abuser, or to the children of the household. The law further provides that an alleged abuser may be forbidden from having any contact with the animal (A. R. S. § 13-3602).⁴

locally, Tucson's EMERGE! Center Against Domestic Violence wrestles with this very problem. Unfortunately, the confidential shelter program at Emerge provides only communal living options for victims who flee their abusive homes. Consequently, the program is unable to co-house victims with their pets. Emerge partners with an agency that will place the victim's pet(s) in a separate confidential location, which is an alternative to leaving pets with the abuser. However, this limitation means that local domestic violence victims are faced with having to separate from their pet, which may be the only reliable relationship and support to the victim, if they choose to leave home for the safe haven of the Emerge shelter.



Holiday Gift Tree

Chief Operating Officer, Ed Mercurio-Sakwa, stated that the shelter program consistently operates above capacity. Emerge must routinely find alternative safe housing options for high lethality risk victims contacting the program. On any given day, it is not uncommon for Emerge to have twice the number of victims in alternative safe housing as they can accommodate in their shelter facility. Requests for help from victims seeking protection for themselves and their pets has increased.

Mercurio-Sakwa said, "Many victims of domestic violence face enormous challenges in finding safety, and their concern for the wellbeing of their beloved pets is far too often one of those barriers. Threats to, or actual abuse

of, pets is a very common tactic used in domestic violence situations as a means of coercion and control. Helping victims find safety includes finding safety for those they

love the most, including children and/or pets. Ending domestic violence is about protecting and saving the lives of all innocent victims, including the 4-legged ones, in a violent household."

If you are a pet owner facing domestic violence, the American Humane Association recommends that victims avoid leaving animals



Toys on Holiday House Table

behind with abusers... [keep] all pet records and vaccinations up-to-date, and [plan] ahead for pet-shelter options with veterinarians, friends or local animal shelters.⁵



Presents for the Parents at Holiday House

This holiday season, Emerge will again be hosting its annual Holiday House, where participants are given the opportunity to "shop" for gifts for their family members at no cost. In past events, every family received a bag of toiletries, a blanket, scarves, mittens, a winter hat, one large gift and two small gifts. Every child also received

a stuffed animal and a book. Please consider donating new, unwrapped items to stock Holiday House before mid-December.

As a nonprofit organization, donations to Emerge are eligible for an Arizona State Charitable Tax Credit. For more information and options for donating, please



Holiday House Shopping for Kids

check out Emerge's website: www.emergecenter.org or call the administrative office at: 520-795-8001.

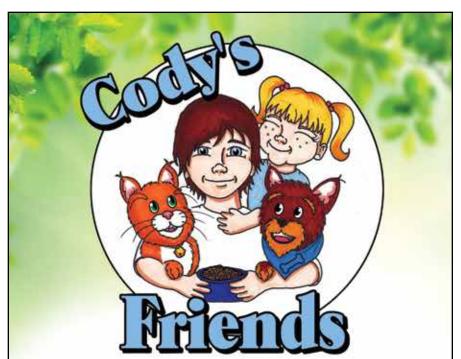
If you or someone you know is in a Domestic Violence relationship and is ready to get help locally, call Emerge's 24-hour Crisis Line: 888-428-0101. You may also call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at: 1-800-799-7233.

¹https://www.livescience.com/41292-domestic-abuse-pet-shelter.html ²ibid

³https://www.animallaw.info/article/domestic-violence-and-pets-list-states-include-pets-protection-orders

4https://www.azleg.gov/ars/13/03602.htm

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> Donations may also be left on Cody's Friends' front porch: 4702 N. Flowing Wells. Tucson, AZ 85705

For questions, please call: 520-419-0450

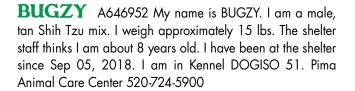
Founded in 2010 by then-10-year-old Cody Allen, Cody's Friends is a 501(c)3 organization that provides donated pet food and critical pet supplies to over 35 human service agencies, and over 75 animal rescue groups. Recipients include: Meals on Wheels, the Community Food Banks, the Tucson Fire Department, Pima Animal Care Center, The Hermitage Cat Shelter & Sanctuary, and many more. All donations are tax deductible. Cody's Friends helps save the lives of thousands of animals right here in Pima County every day.

A VISIT TO THE DOGHOUSE All the dogs on these pages are available for adoption

now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please call the group listed with the picture.



GABBY 855429 I am a gentle 5-year-old girl who is a complete love bug! I will gladly follow you around the house & give doggie kisses. I would make the perfect binge-watching partner. I have allergies, which causes many families to overlook me. It is manageable and I promise to love you unconditionally in return. HSSA Main Campus at 635 W. Roger Rd. 520-327-6088, ext. 173.







BRUCE I am crate-trained, gentle and tolerant with kids ages 8 and older, and "ask" to go outside. I've come a long way in learning to be nonreactive to other dogs, I'm treat-motivated, love belly rubs and my chew toy, and would be best with someone who gives me direction in a positive manner because I'm 18 months old and still a puppy at heart! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

FIFI I love to sit on laps and be petted. Even though I am in a home with large and small dogs, I am dog selective and would do best as an only. NO cats. I love my crate. I have been told that I need leash manners. I was born with part of my back leg and foot missing, but that doesn't slow me down- I run just fine on 3 legs. www.missmaggiemays.org Email: missmaggiemay@cox.net





BIG BUDDY I'm a 3-year-old Lab mix male who's leash, crate and house-trained. I like to play. I've not met many other dogs, but do protect my toys and food from other animals and children. Call me whatever name you choose, as long as you're my buddy and let me be yours. The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170

GASTON I come with FREE Vet Care for Life. Bonjour! Je m'appelle Gaston. In my old home, I did well with kids, cats, and other dogs. It doesn't have to be a crowd; one person would be fine. Even at 11 years old, I still have lots of energy. The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170





CHIQUITA A223285 I am a spayed female, tan German Shepherd Dog mix. The shelter staff thinks I am about 12 years old. I have been at the shelter since Jul 14, 2018. I am in Kennel D180. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900

BLONDIE I am a gorgeous female Shar Pei who's friendly with everyone. I get along with dogs, cats, and even rabbits. I am well past the puppy stage, and VERY healthy for my 8 years. Looking for a home that would entertain me sleeping in the bed, or at least getting up on the couch for snuggle time. I like going for walks, but you can leave the running to the kids! peipeople.com or Kim: 520-730-5183



BRONCO My people lost their home and could no longer care for me. I am 5 years old, and I take pills for allergies and eat some delicious salmon food! I LOVE kids and get along with dogs of all sizes and kitties. I have a gorgeous brindle coat that makes me stand out in a crowd. Check me out at www.peipeople.com or Kim: 520-730-5183





MARLEY A415079 I am a neutered male, white Chihuahua - Smooth Coated. I weigh approximately 28 lbs. The shelter staff thinks I am about 6 years old. I have been at the shelter since Sep 11, 2018. I am in Kennel D090B. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



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If just one of every five Americans wanting to add a cat or dog to their family in the next year adopted from a shelter, not one single

healthy, treatable cat or dog would lose his life in a shelter.

Source: Humane Society of the United States



WINSTON I am about to turn 2, and I have only one wish: to have my furever home! I love kids, dogs, and cats. I have a condition called mega esophagus. I have weak neck muscles and I have to eat sitting upright in a chair (that comes with me) and sit for 20 minutes after. It's really easy to do and my foster mom will give you lots of support! www.lilbitoflove.com 520-222-7614 lilbitofloverescue@gmail.com



CAESAR I am a 2 year-old male pitty from Texas. I lived on a chain my entire life before I was rescued. I have spina bifida, but that doesn't slow me down. I'm able to walk and run just like other dogs. I suffer from incontinence, so I wear a diaper when inside to prevent accidents. I absolutely love children and other dogs. www.lilbitoflove.com 520-222-7614 lilbitofloverescue@gmail.com

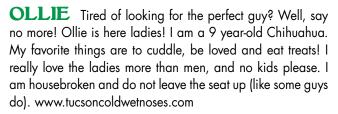


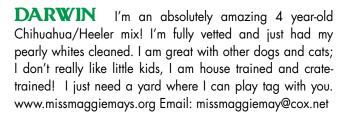
BEAR I am a 5 year-old, neutered male, Husky/ Shepherd mix (65-75lbs). I am good with other animals, playful, affectionate! I'm up-to-date on shots, microchipped, housebroken and non-destructive when left home alone. My puppy stage days are over, and I'm looking for a home to spoil me rotten. Foster or adopt me! Adoption fee: \$125 www.radrescueinc.org 661-400-5151

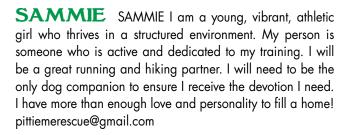


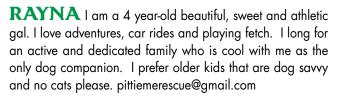
TALLY I'm a 6 1/2 year old, spayed female, Rottweiler /Shepherd mix (75lbs). I am good with other likesized dogs, playful, active and affectionate. Up-to-date on my shots, microchipped, housebroken and non-destructive when left home alone. I would prefer to go to a home with another dog as I enjoy their company. Foster or adopt me! Adoption fee: \$125; RAD Rescue (661) 400-5151 orradrescueinc.org

NAYSA I am a 6 year-old Chihuahua. I would love a quiet home, without kids, please. I get along with dogs of all sizes, but I am a bit shy when meeting a new human. Once I know you, I love to cuddle. I am housebroken and a very good girl inside the house, I don't get into anything. www. tucsoncoldwetnoses.com





















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Kitty Korner

A Kingdom of Kittens

Story & Photos by Emily Dieckman



Aronson and her husband renovated an upstairs room in their house to better accommodate the foster kittens she cares for

PACC foster mom takes on some of the animal shelter's neediest feline cases.

You wouldn't guess it from the eight grown cats she calls her own and the 26 kittens she was fostering at one point this fall, but Christina Aronson didn't grow up with pets.

"I wasn't really a cat person until I moved here from Ohio," said Aronson, grinning sheepishly as she looks around

the designated foster kitten room in her house. The room is sectioned off into different areas based on kittens' medical needs. Aronson and her husband had new flooring put into after one too many accidents on the carpet.

Aronson started fostering medically challenged kittens from the Pima Animal Care Center four years ago, when PACC had to start putting the kittens on deadline and reached out to the community for help.

"I don't know what I'm doing," Aronson remembers saying, "But I'll help you."

These days, she's up between 4 and 4:30 every morning to feed all of the kittens with which she shares her home. And to give everyone their medication, whether they're suffering from ringworm, panleukopenia, calicivirus, broken limbs or anything else. She started off taking in kittens with ringworm because other volunteers were reluctant to work with kittens carrying the highly contagious fungal infection. Aronson has actually caught ringworm from



Aronson poses with a kitten PACC rescued from a hoarding case

foster kittens before, but she resolved it quickly and continued caring for her charges. All eight of her own cats are rescues as well—seven from PACC and one from the Humane Society.

"It is hard and challenging, but I feel like if I can help one or a few, it's worth it," she said. "If I take on a medical case and it's pretty bad, I would rather them die here than die alone in a cage."

There's never a dull day in a house so alive with cats—most are kittens, she says, but there is an occasional adult cat. Sometimes, a case that the shelter

Picture Purrfect - a kitten by the window is ready for its closeup

had confidence would be an easy foster won't make it. Other times, a charge Aronson takes on in hopes of making its last days comfortable will make a shocking recovery. These momentsoffering companionship and comfort during an animal's last days, or when an animal offers her a ray of hope in return-bring Aronson so much joy.

An orange kitten in the corner is a reminder of both the ups and downs of the journey. Aronson took in both the kitten (originally called Joshua, and changed to Jacqueline once shelter staff realized she was a girl) and her brother after they were rescued from a hoarding case. They were

about three weeks old. The kittens only weighed about 4 ounces.

When Jacqueline's brother got sick late one night, after the shelter had already closed, Aronson rushed him to the emergency vet, where he had to be put down. While they were there, Jacqueline tested positive for panleukopenia and started taking medication for it. Then she got a UTI. Then she got a tapeworm. Now she's frolicking in the kitten room



Kitten awaiting its forever home looks up during a break from playing with its fellow fosters

with her foster brothers and sisters, 14 weeks old and healthy. Aronson is most in her element when she's helping cases like this.

"They gave me a healthy kitten once, and I took it back," she laughs. "I just play with it and feed it? I don't need to give it any medicine and treatments?"

Aronson fits all of this around her job in the crime lab at the Tucson Police Department. She's at the shelter every Monday helping to bathe and administer medication to kittens with ringworm, every Tuesday to drop off cats who need to be spayed or neutered, and every Saturday for the shelter's vaccination clinic. She also stops in whenever she's needed on other days, which is often—her husband Brian says, half-jokingly, that there's always an emergency with a kitten.

"She has helped other foster parents with kittens when they have complications, and because of her, a lot of kittens have survived and been adopted out," said Cynthia Franco, the adult cat foster coordinator at PACC.

Aronson says fostering is something that's worth considering for everyone—after all, she hadn't even spent much time around animals when she started volunteering at PACC, and now she's an old pro. The shelter staff, the orientations and training held for new fosters, a supportive network of other volunteers and foster parents, and the option of what kind of animal to foster—adult or young, dog or cat—make the process less difficult than it might seem.

As she looks at her sole adult foster—at least for the moment—who is recovering from calicivirus and a recent eye surgery, and bounding happily around the room, she smiles.

"Hopefully, he finds a good home," she says. "Hopefully, they all find good homes."



Christina Aronson poses with a group of the kittens she's fostering

If you are interested in fostering animals through the Pima Animal Care Center, contact the foster coordinator Rosio Reyes at rosio.reyes@pima.gov





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.



HERSEY A643911 My name is HERSHEY. I am a neutered male, chocolate Havana Brown. The shelter staff thinks I am about 2 years and 1 month old. I have been at the shelter since Aug 27, 2018. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



JEZEBEL 850718 I am a 3-year-old loveable girl who enjoys ear scratches! I tested positive for Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and will need to live exclusively indoors in a low-stress home. My adoption includes FREE FeLV testing and vaccinations for your current cats at home. Cats with FeLV can live long and healthy lives. Visit me at HSSAZ 635 W. Roger Rd., or a call at 520-327-6088, ext. 173.



CROFT I came all the way from Alaska to Arizona; I'm 2-3 years old. I get along grandly with easy-going cats, dogs and people of all ages. Some folks call me grey, but I'm actually what is known as blue! I have the plumiest tail on the planet. Tucson CARES: tucsoncaresaz@gmail.com



MARY 857206 I am a 1-year-old girl who is an absolute sweetheart. In my short life I have already lived in two shelters. While waiting for my forever family I have made cat friends and enjoyed time lounging in the catio. I would love to meet you! Come meet me at HSSAZ (635 W. Roger Rd.), or call an adoptions counselor: 520-327-6088,



IELLY BEAN Once upon a time I was a fluffy kitten here at TALGV; I had SUCH high hopes for a life with people of my own. Now I'm a 7-year-old boy and I STILL have hopes. I've watched so many of my buddies come and go; I simply can't understand why my love doesn't win you over. I'm an outgoing guy whose dreams always have the same theme—a nice cozy home with lots of toys and people. The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170



CASSIDY I come with FREE Vet Care for Life! Since my mom died, I've been grieving that loss. I am taking some time recapturing my old, loving temperament. It might be lots easier to do in a new quiet home, as an only cat! As a senior myself at 13 years, I'm a fairly staid lady, but for the right person, that's the perfect disposition! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170.



RAVEN Are you a real dyed-in-the-wool cat person looking for a challenge? No one knows much about me, except they say that my mom, who is now in memory care, spoiled her cats. I was a pretty shy 6-year-old until the volunteers started working with me. Now I love being petted, but NOT being picked up! With lots of patience, love, and understanding, I can be a normal girl. I'm a project well worth undertaking! The Animal League of Green Valley 520-625-3170



LOWEL I'm the gentlest kitty, belly rubs are my favorite! I love nothing more than to curl up in the crook of my person's arms and take naps with them and I sometimes I have a teeny, tiny snore which helps you to find me if I'm not by your side. I'm 7 years old and currently live with both cats and dogs. Tucson CARES: tucsoncaresaz@gmail.com



EINSTEIN A629924 I am a neutered male, brown tabby Domestic Shorthair. The shelter staff thinks I am about 15 years old. Not only am I smart, but I am good looking too. I enjoy attention and welcome being pet. I'm tolerant of other cats, and I am an all-around great cat for your family. I have been at the shelter since Aug 31, 2018. I am in Kennel C075. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-5900



PUDGE I have stunning blue eyes. I like to keep to myself, but I enjoy company too. Not very vocal, I greet you by looking your way and acknowledging you. I like to bask in the afternoon sun in the catios. I qualify for Lease for Life because I'm FeLV positive. Spayed & house-trained. Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter 520-571-7839



DUCHESS I am a small Domestic Medium Hair & Domestic Short Hair mix. My vaccinations are up-to-date, and I have been spayed. Now all I need is my furever home. Could it be with you? HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



LUCY BEE I'm a scaredy-cat, but so beautiful! I'm a spayed, young Domestic Shorthair. I will need lots of oneon-one time with my new cat parents. Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter 520-571-7839



SWENSON A630628 My name is SWENSON. I am a neutered male, buff Domestic Shorthair. I weigh approximately 10 lbs. The shelter staff thinks I am about 4 years old. I have been at the shelter since Sep 14, 2018. I am in Kennel C043. Pima Animal Care Center 520-724-



FELIX I've been through a lot. My first family took me to PACC when I was 15 years old. A rescue pulled me and put me into a foster home. It was scary there-dogs, cats, and little kids. I didn't know how to protect myself, so I tried biting someone. I like to play with the wand and run through cat tunnels. I am looking a peaceful pet-free and kidfree home. HOPE Animal Shelter 520-792-9200



SCOOTER My leg so badly mangled it had to be amputated; it took time for me to learn to walk again. Now I run, romp, and play with the best of them. A 3 year-old male, I'm incredibly lovable, friendly, and fun. I need a home! Paws Patrol 520-207-4024

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Cover Story: It's Handy to Have A Dog:

Story By Claire Sheridan

Do you love dogs? Are you over 50, struggling with age-related difficulties or otherwise disabled? Have you ever wondered about training your own dog to become an assistance dog? If so, local Tucson organization Handi-Dogs just might come to the rescue for you and your dog.

Founded in 1973, Handi-Dogs is among the oldest assistance dog-training



Jean & Rottweiler Mastiff mix Ruger, in training to become Jean's service dog to help her with mobility tasks.

programs in the United States. Founder Alamo Reaves died in 1996; her organization has helped thousands of folks train their dogs. According to her obituary in the Tucson Citizen:

[Reaves] spent many hours seeking assistance for disabled people in Tucson and was instrumental in establishing the Handi-Dogs Pavilion in Reid Park, the first park facility in Arizona accessible to the disabled. ...she was named Woman of the Year by the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. She also was inducted into the National Hall of Fame for People with Disabilities...

Unlike many other assistance dog-training organizations, Handi-Dogs helps students train their own dogs under the watchful guidance of

professional dog trainers. Students bring dogs to weekly training lessons; they are required to live in or near Tucson. Training takes between 12 and 18 months, depending on the student's goal; it is self-paced and customized for each student.

Marty and Luna (cover photo) have been with the organization for 8 years. Marty adopted Luna from Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue when she was 2; she had no training when adopted. The pair excelled through Handi-Dogs training, achieving Service Dog status, which includes Canine Good Citizen designation, in only 10 months. As a mobility assistance dog, one



Marty's new service puppy-in-training, Wilson.

of Luna's primary tasks is assisting Marty to stand up. The physical demands of bracing her person are no longer safe for her aging body to perform, so



JoAnn Turnbull accepts award for HandiDogs from President Richard Lord of Assistance Dogs International at ADI Conference.

Luna will soon retire. In order to continue to have her needs met, Marty recently received one of Handi-Dogs' puppies-intraining. New puppy Wilson will benefit from Luna's training experience; although she is retiring, Luna will always be part of Marty's family. Once a service dog, always a service dog—Luna has already started helping Wilson learn the ropes of his new job.

Handi-Dogs is the only owner-trained program to be accredited by the organization Assistance Dogs International (ADI). At the ADI conference in August, Handi-Dogs was officially recognized

for the organization's outstanding work. In order to obtain their accreditation, President JoAnn Turnbull said that Handi-Dogs "looked at everything that we are doing." This review of operations allowed the organization to focus on making improvements where necessary to better serve its clients. According to

Turnbull, the future of service dog training is likely to see an increase in owner-trained animals. Handi-Dogs is leading the way.

Turnbull also said that the organization doesn't just focus on training dogs; Handi-Dogs trains people to train their dogs. "The empathy and flexibility of the trainers is what makes Handi-Dogs," she said.



Mary & Finn. Trainer Pam Lundy said, "Mary was really homebound before this training with Finn; to see her progress is monumental.

The cost to students is between \$1200 and \$1600, payable in increments. This is approximately a quarter of the actual cost of training a dog through the organization. Handi-Dogs offers services to those who need them at the lowest fee possible. As a 501(c)3 non-profit community service organization, they rely on donations and grants to offset their actual costs. The organization does not receive any government funding; all funding is provided by individuals, foundations, social and civic groups and corporations.

Although the primary objective is to help older adults and people with disabilities gain independence and improve their quality of life, the organization also serves as an advocate, educating the public about the important role of service dogs. Handi-Dogs offers several types of training including: in-home assistance dog, pet/emotional support dog, service dog, and therapy dog. Training takes place where the dogs will work; the majority is done one-on-two where a trainer meets the student dog team in a public place or at the student's home. Students also attend group-training sessions at the Handi-Dogs training center, where interacting with other dog teams offers opportunities for different types of focused training.

If a dog isn't appropriate for public access, or the owner doesn't require assistance in public, Handi-Dogs offers an In-Home Assistance dog-training program. Dogs in this program may be too fearful in crowded or noisy places, but they are able to lend a helping paw in their own homes. Pet Dog training is designed to develop a well-behaved pet dog. This training may focus on resolving minor behavioral concerns such as leash pulling, jumping on people barking, or it may involve teaching the dog basic obedience skills such as sit, down, stay and come. It is also appropriate for Emotional Support Animals (ESAs). These animals are **NOT** the same as Service Dogs. ESAs are not granted public access rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act. There is no special certification for ESAs because the animals are not trained to perform a specific task for a person's disability. Through their very presence, ESAs provide comfort or emotional support to their disabled person. Although ESAs do **NOT** have public access rights, the Fair Housing and Air Carrier Access Acts provide provisions for people with disabilities and their ESAs. People with ESAs, and proper documentation from a healthcare professional, are allowed to live in pet-restricted housing and fly on airplanes with their ESA. However, ESAs are **NOT**allowed in restaurants, hotels, malls or other public places that do not allow pets.

Handi-Dogs Saves The Day!

Service Dogs are specifically trained to do tasks that assist disabled persons. The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that, as an accommodation for a person's disability, by law, a trained service dog is allowed to accompany its person in public places. Handi-Dogs trains Service Dogs for Diabetes Alert (dog alerts when a person's glucose level is too high or low), Hearing Alert (dog alerts to ringing phones, alarms, a person's name being called), Mobility Assistance (dog opens/closes doors and drawers, picks up and retrieves dropped items, provides stability while the person is walking, helps a person get up from a chair or the ground), and PTSD/Psychiatric Service (dog learns to stop negative behavior, lead a person outside if having a panic attack in a crowded place or to be a barrier to provide increased personal space for the person).

Therapy Dog Training offered by Handi-Dogs is designed to prepare dogs to be evaluated by other organizations that manage volunteer Therapy Dog

Trainer Pam Lundy works with dog-in-training Finn.

public access rights and can only enter places with prior approval.

programs. Therapy Dogs do **NOT** have

In all types of training, Handi-Dogs advocates positive reinforcement. They do not advocate the use any device designed to inflict pain or to punish the dog for an undesired action in any of their training.

Trainer Pam Lundy has been working with dogs for almost 40 years. During her career, dog time was usually on the weekends. Having retired two years ago, Pam now works for Handi-Dogs as a Certified Professional Dog Trainer. She received her credential through the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, which requires its trainers to keep current through

continuing education. "Handi-Dogs puts joy in my heart; it is my calling. God led me to this path to help with companion dogs... to help people with complicated lives come out of their shells—this is why I do it," she said.

Started in 2016 and funded by grants from the Zuckerman Community Outreach Foundation and PetSmart Charities, Handi-Dogs offers a program called Rescue-To-Service. Rescue dogs in need of forever homes are identified. Trainers evaluate the dogs for their potential to become service dogs; those deemed most likely to succeed are placed in specially-trained foster homes. There they receive daily training and attend weekly sessions at Handi-Dogs for 3 to 4 months. Upon successful completion, dogs are matched with a disabled adult. Teams continue to train with Handi-Dogs. Once an applicant



Karen & Figaro, who is a 3 year-old graduate of the Rescue-to-Service program.

has been approved, the current wait time is 6 to 12 months to be matched with a dog.

Figaro and Karen are a Rescue-to-Service team. Karen, a retired judge, relies on Figaro for assistance with mobility, including picking up items, climbing stairs and getting up from a seated



Figaro

position. Because he goes everywhere with her, Figaro also helps Karen's probono legal work with the group Step Up For Justice. His presence is often a comfort to clients. Karen said, "It is reassuring to have him; he watches out for me. It is amazing what dogs can do. I can't say enough about Handi-Dogs' program. The training is extensive, and we keep going to classes to keep Figaro trained. He is an ambassador for the program and for service animals."

Are you interested in becoming a foster home for the Rescue-To-Service program? After reading the job description on Handi-Dogs' website, contact Handi-Dogs. Foster homes cannot be the potential home of the person wanting to adopt the service-dog-in-training.

Handi-Dogs training offerings are diverse; they include exposing the dog to as many real-world scenarios as dogs may encounter when they're assisting their person. Dogs are exposed to everything from first responders in uniforms (police, fire fighters, EMTs) to riding the SunTrans bus. Much of the training revolves around building the bond between dog and handler; there are games and skills sessions, as well as training handlers how to give back to their dogs with things like emergency first aid, massage and preventative care. Additionally, handlers have the opportunity to network with each other in focus group sessions where Handi-Dogs facilitates discussions around topics including dealing with bringing your dog in public and the Americans with Disabilities Act laws.

Many of these opportunities are offered to Handi-Dogs' students free of charge, which is only possible through the group's fundraising efforts. Tax-deductible contributions to Handi-Dogs may be made online or at:

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Special Feature

From Mumbai to Honolulu

Story by Emily Dieckman **Photos Courtesy of Harshad Kalyankar**

International student finds fulfillment in fostering animals.



Harshad Kalyankar, an international graduate student at the University of Arizona, on a hike with Honolulu

When Harshad Kalyankar was growing up in Mumbai, India, he didn't get to spend much time with animals. The hustle and bustle of the city wasn't ideal for pets, and the apartment he lived in didn't allow them. His only experience with dogs was during summer visits to his grandparents and their dog a few hours away.

"My grandpa used to take him on walks every day, and when I was over there he used to take

us both for walks in the mornings," he remembered with a smile. "So I used to hold the leash and everything, and from there, basically, the interaction with dogs started."

When he started college, he volunteered at the local animal shelter; there were limited opportunities to get involved, and his apartment didn't allow pets. In August 2015, he moved to Tucson to pursue a PhD in aerospace engineering at the University of Arizona. That December, he attended a "Coffee and Cuddles" event on campus hosted by the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSAZ). Some animal snuggles helped get him through finals. By January of 2016, he signed up to volunteer with HSSAZ.

He started off as a dog walker, heading to the shelter between 5 and 7 a.m. on weekends to walk dogs. It was the perfect way to be around animals. Even though he couldn't get one of his own, the early mornings meant as he was more or less having coffee and cuddles events every week.

"Between courses and working in the lab, it's pretty difficult to find outside time," he said. "Instead of adopting dogs, I was visiting the shelter to get my doggie fix."



a 1-year-old Rottweiler mix who came to the Humane Society as a Stray (Courtesy of HSSAZ)

Kalyankar was especially impressed by the way HSSAZ staff tried to ensure each dog was matched to the right home: Was a dog energetic or more laid back? Did it do well with cats? How about kids or other dogs? The key to making these matches, said HSSAZ Animal Services Supervisor Kim Ward, is allowing dogs to spend time in foster homes.

"[At the shelter], we know how a dog behaves in a kennel," she said. "But fosters help us to learn more about how a dog acts in a home environment, because we want adopters to know more about that."

An unexpected turn of events gave Kalyankar his own chance to foster. When a friend found a chihuahua mix, Kalyankar volunteered to take the dog while they

looked for an owner. After three days of searching, he took the dog to HSSAZ. They needed someone to foster him. Since the dog was already comfortable at Kalyankar's house, he volunteered.

The dog, which Kalyankar named Kerry, was overweight. When Kalyankar first took him in, Kerry would only go outside to go potty, and would sit down immediately afterward, leaving his faithful foster dad to carry Kerry back inside.

"Both of us worked very hard on it, and I took him for long, long walks working up to it gradually, of course—and eventually I got him into running



Honolulu takes a hike through Tanque Verde Falls

with me and I would take him for hikes as well," Kalyankar said. "From a chubby dog, he became a buff, good-looking, muscular dog."

Kalyankar said resources the shelter provides to its foster parents—including lists of "foster mentors" and emergency centers foster

parents can take pets to if they have an after-hours emergency—were extremely helpful. He once called a foster mentor in a panic once because Kerry got into a box of Oreos. They told him to calm down and make sure the dog drank plenty of water, and everything turned out just fine.

The duo's hard work paid off—Kerry's personality became friendlier; he was fit and fabulous. He was adopted within a few days of his return to the shelter. Kalyankar made sure the next apartment he moved into was pet friendly. As soon as he found a little bit of time, he took in another foster, a 1-year-old Rottweiler mix, Honolulu, who recently had her eye removed.



Honolulu shows her foster dad some love for taking her out to see the world.

"Shelters and rescues can't do this alone," Ward said. "We tend to have the facilities and we get donations from the public, but without the people to support the neonate kittens, the bottle-fed puppies, the dog just recovering from surgery... without the fosters, we can't save the animals."

Kalyankar and Honolulu spent a few weeks together; Honolulu learned to adjust to life with one eye. Her personality began to show: one that's nervous around people, but still fascinated by them.

Kalyankar was scrolling through Facebook the day he was due to take Honolulu back to the shelter. They needed someone to take in three small kittens...

He'd never spent much time around kittens before, but why not try? He was ready for another adventure. The shelter provides all necessary food, supplies, and helpful resources. Foster parents take animals on a voluntary basis, so even busy graduate students can reap the benefits of fostering.

"When you foster, you empty a space in the shelter so the shelter can take in another animal from the outside," he said. "You are contributing not only to the shelter, but to the entire community... You get a pet fix, the animal gets a home and the shelter gets more space. All of my experiences with HSSAZ have been really great."

If you would like to find out more about fostering for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, please contact them at: 520-327-6088.











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Special Feature

Dogs ARE Allowed At Sister Jose's

Story & Photos by Claire Sheridan

Named for Sister Jose Hobday, a nun who dedicated her life to helping the poor, Sister Jose Women's Center (SJWC) is the only homeless shelter in Tucson that has always allowed clients to bring their pet dog or cat into the shelter. It



Front Door of Sister Jose Women's Center

SJWC's stable and safe environment allows women to recuperate from the daily struggle of homelessness and extreme poverty. SJWC is a community; compassion, dignity and respect are paramount, as is its non-institutionalized setting. Program Director Penny Buckley said, "For many of the women, their pets are the only enduring relationship. The animals provide unconditional love; the women will forgo services and



is the product of dedication and hard work of volunteers; the center opened in 2009, and moved into its new facility in 2016. Daytime drop-in and overnight programs are available. The

center operates 24 hours a day, 365

9-month old Lani, whose name means heavenly in Hawaiian, helps protect her owner when they are sleeping on the street because she "barks at everything."

their own safety at night to stay with their pets." Some come to the center only once; for others, SJWC is a bedrock where they find the resources necessary to transition out of homelessness.



Day use room

abuse, an eviction or unemployment. Some have just been discharged from the hospital or the Crisis Response Center and may have physical or mental health concerns.

The Extended Night Program helps connect women to services and benefits with the ultimate goal of securing housing. It can take 6 months or longer to qualify for Social Security disability benefits or for Section 8 housing. Women and their pets are especially

From 9am to 5pm Monday through Saturday, up to 100 women are served meals; they do laundry and take showers. In the beautiful and secure backyard, both women and their pets find temporary respite from the challenges they face living on the street. They have been kicked out of their homes, or have experienced



Backyard Dog Run



Backyard patio mural, tables, and gardens

vulnerable to predatory behavior on the streets; they operate in survival mode, making it all the more likely that they will remain homeless.

Gwendolyn and her companion of 12 years, a dog named Mr. Beez, participate in the Extended Night Program. Last year, the soft-spoken traveling dialysis nurse came to Tucson from Milwaukee, looking for a permanent position. She was injured on the job. However, because she had not been working for a full year, she was ineligible for disability benefits. The hospital's Occupational Health Department determined she was not fit to return to work.



Boonie met her human in Florida almost 6 years ago, they've been together ever since



King rests comfortably while waiting for his human to return

Ineligible for both disability and unemployment benefits, Gwendolyn rapidly ran out of financial resources. Lacking family ties and resources, she and Mr. Beez found themselves without a home. They gratefully stumbled into SJWC.

At SJWC, Gwendolyn also enrolled in the CREATE program. CREATE, funded by private donors, gives

the women at SJWC tools to move forward in life and become productive members of society when they leave. The focus is on empowerment; it offers training in vocations such as culinary arts. In return, participants serve the SJWC community by working in the kitchen, laundry or on shower duty. They are paid a small stipend.

"I literally wouldn't be here without Sister Jose," Gwendolyn said. Neither would Mr. Beez. In June, shortly after entering the shelter, Mr. Beez became ill. At first suspecting that he was suffering from hot spots, Gwendolyn used her nursing training to try remedying his illness herself. She tried Benadryl and topical ointments to no avail. As his condition worsened, Jean Fedigan, Executive Director, came to the rescue. Taking Mr. Beez to the vet, and paying out of her own pocket, Fedigan saved Mr. Beez's life. It turned out that Mr. Beez was suffering from a bacterial infection.

With the help of SJWC, Gwendolyn is pursuing a master's degree in nursing. She plans to work in case management, where she will not have to worry about further injury from direct patient care. Gwendolyn has even been offered a position as a Case Manager Liaison at SJWC.

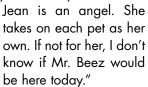


The now-recovered 12 year old Mr. Beez

Mr. Beez is not the only dog Fedigan has rescued. Recently, a small dog showed up at SJWC's front door. He had been there before with his human; this time he came alone. He was in bad shape, having apparently been attacked by something larger. Seemingly, the dog knew to find safety and help at SJWC. After being bathed and triaged by one of the center's residents, Fedigan took the injured dog to the vet. The cost of his care exceeded \$1000, which she again paid out of her own pocket. The center informed the dog's owner,

who chose to leave the dog to recuperate at SJWC.

To give back for the care Mr. Beez received, Gwendolyn has established a fund, Sister Jose's Furry Angels, to help pay for the veterinary needs of animals in the future. She sets aside 20% of her stipend from CREATE, and hopes to raise additional funds from the community. Gwendolyn said, "Ms.



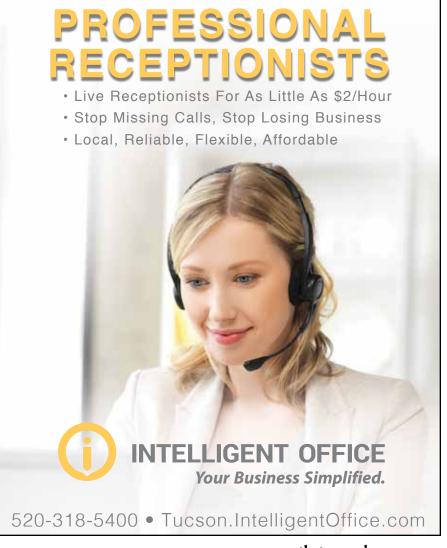


BeBe is 7 years old, her human's mother rescued BeBe from a litter of puppies that had been thrown onto the street

Missy is a 2 year old cat whose person rescued her 10 months ago from neigbors who had abandoned her

For additional information on programs, volunteer opportunities or to donate, please contact Sister Jose Women's Center at:

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"Winterizing" Your Horse - Myths and Realities of Desert Winters

Story by Christine Staten, DVM • Adobe Veterinary Center, Tucson, AZ

The days of 100-plus degree temperatures appear to be behind us, and we all seem to be enjoying the fall and dreaming of winter. Here in southern Arizona, we don't have to hassle with heavy snow and regular freezing temperatures like others do in many parts of the country, but those hot summers don't protect us, or our animals, from chilly desert nights. As temperatures drop, we should consider the comfort and well-being of our horses.

Wild and domestic horses might look the same, but they have entirely different needs. In nature, wild horses will find adequate shelter, generate warmth by herding together, forage for appropriate food, and seek out water to drink. Domesticated horses are wholly dependent upon their owners to supply these and other necessities.

Start the winter with your horse in his or her in optimal body condition. Horses that are too fat or too thin will be prone to more problems than horses in their best shape. Throughout the winter, try to keep your horse in good shape by continuing to exercise them regularly, as you would any other time of the year. If your horse gets sweaty after exercise, fluff up their hair to allow air to reach the skin.

Generally, healthy horses don't have problems with cold, wind, or precipitation alone, but when all

three combine, they'll fare much better with adequate shelter. The start of winter is a great time to clean, inspect, and repair your horse's shelter. Seal off sources of cold drafts. Clean out cobwebs. Repair loose nails and boards. Add bedding if you want a bit more warmth.

As you perform this "housekeeping" on your horse's shelter, take time to consider the structure's shape and how your horse will be to move about it. A covering with two solid sides is fine for shelter in Tucson's coldest winters, as long as the horse can get on either side of the walls — that way, they can always take a short break in the wind. Many horses also prefer to step outside their shelter during the coldest days and warm themselves under the sun, so arrange your pen to allow them to move in and out as they wish.

When at appointments this time of year, owners often ask, "Should I blanket my horse?" The truth is that most horses in southern Arizona don't need to be blanketed during the winter, but there are a few exceptions. Horses that need to have energy directed to efforts other than generating

warmth may benefit from blanketing on the coldest days. Examples would be a foal, or a sick, a thin, or a very old horse. Horses that are body clipped will also benefit from blanketing on cold days.

If you do choose to blanket, make sure that the blanket is "water-proof," not just "water resistant," to keep your horse dry in a cold rain. A horse's blanket should be clean and fit well, and you should only blanket a completely dry horse. If you blanket your horse a lot at the beginning of winter, plan on doing so all winter, as blanketing affects the horse's natural ability to grow an adequate winter coat.

You don't need to make significant changes in nutrition to help your horse through winter. If your horse doesn't need to gain or lose weight,

it's best to keep the feed, quantity, and feeding schedule the same as it was before winter. A common winterizing myth is that grain is a "hot" food and will make their horse warmer. Grain doesn't make your horse warm — heat is generated from the breakdown of fiber (hay). Grains are digested more quickly than fiber, which actually results in more energy, but less heat, than a hay meal.

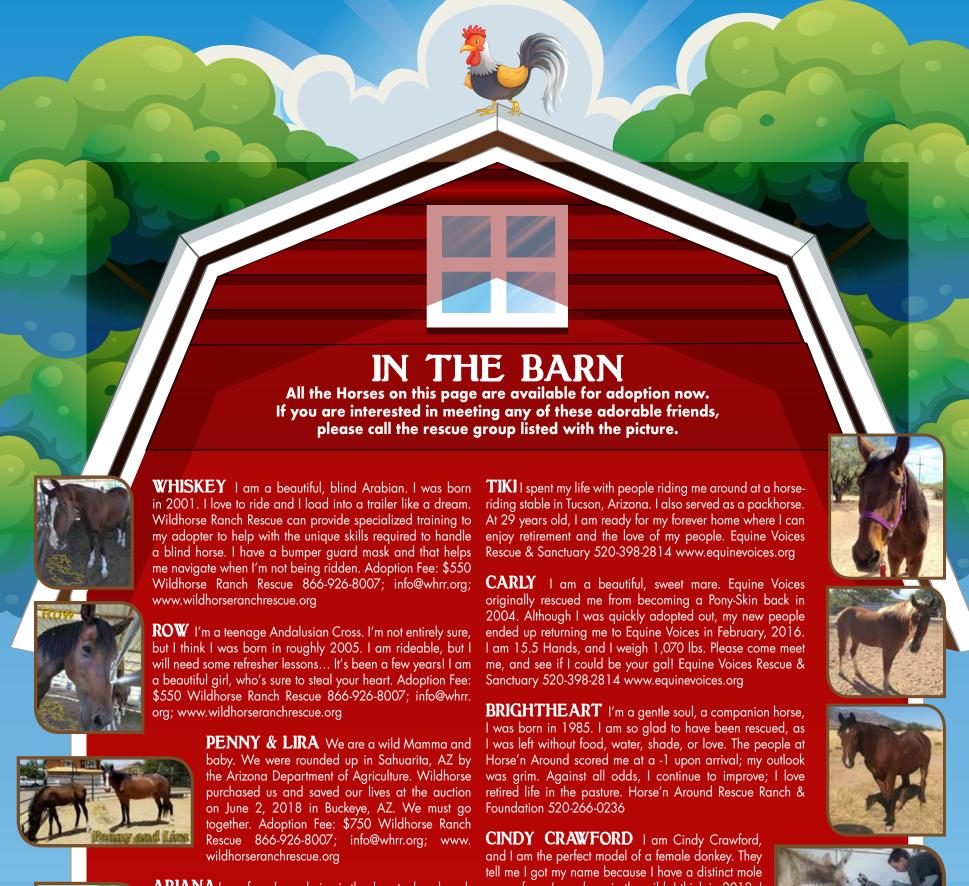
Adequate water consumption is essential in our desert environment. That doesn't change in the winter. It's critical that horses have access to

clean, unfrozen water at all times. Decreased water consumption is the number one cause of winter colic here in southern Arizona.

Metal buckets can cause the water to get much colder and freeze more easily than plastic buckets, and insulated buckets or bucket heaters will help keep temperatures above freezing. You might consider moving water containers into a sunny area, as this decreases the chance of ice formation and keeps water at a more palatable temperature. On the coldest nights, you can add salt to your horse's food to encourage more water consumption. A bucket of warm molasses water or a warm sloppy bran mash is also a useful way to get more water into your horse.

In most cases, desert "winterizing" is just doing what you have been doing the rest of the year. Feed, water, and exercise your horse, and always give them lots of love. Instead of fearing the work that goes into winterizing horse, you should take advantage of the cooler temperatures and go for a nice long ride, and then make some smart decisions based on the realities of winterizing, not the myths. See you out on the trails!







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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

Bravo to you and the staff for featuring Pet Partners in your last issue. As the former national President and CEO of that organization, I was delighted to see it receiving the visibility it deserves here in my new hometown.

The human/animal bond is most certainly a special gift. I recently adopted Skylar (formally Bernice!), a mixed Terrier rescue dog from the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (https://hssaz.org/adopt/available-pets/). I have not had a dog since Buddy, who appeared with me in photos while at Pet Partners and living in the N.W. Building that trust, love and companionship is a joy I have been missing. We're lucky to have people like JoAnne Turnbill, another Pet Partners former staffer, living in Tucson. I admire the work she continues to do in the therapy animal world.

Thanks again for putting out such an extensive, informative and helpful publication for our community. I am so proud to be a part of it and to participate in further developing the human/animal bond in my own life.

Best regards,

Stephen Browning

Hello Stephen,

Thank you so much for taking the time to email us with your input and all your kind words. We really love hearing from our readers about how we are doing and what they are enjoying about The Tucson Dog.

It is wonderful that you have had that association with Pet Partners and we couldn't agree more about what a fantastic organization it is. We were thrilled to feature them on our cover last issue and without giving anything away, I think you will enjoy our Nov/Dec cover as well.

I'm so happy to hear that you find our publication so informative and helpful. That is our goal and everyone associated with it puts their heart and soul into every issue to make it a great asset for the Tucson community

We ALL continue to learn a lot from our four-legged friends who are our best teachers about life and unconditional love!

Warmest regards,

Ann Herrington, Publisher/Editor









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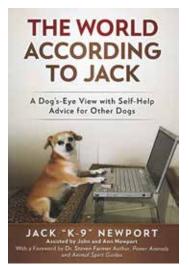
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Book Review

The World According to Jack

Book Reviewed by Bella Wexler



Us humans have so much to learn from our canine companions. Lucky for us, Tucsonan Chihuahua Jack Newport has taken the liberty of writing his first book, The World According to Jack, for the purpose of giving dogs and their human parents a volume of sage advice on coexistence, based on his own experiences.

Himself an adoptee from Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), Jack takes time to educate readers on the special programs featured at this shelter, which allow PACC to serve as a bridge between two-legged and four-legged residents of our community. Although he wasn't too thrilled about the neutering surgery and kennel life during his stay at PACC, Jack

extends his gratitude to this institution for enabling him to be matched with his current loving family, the Newports.

Throughout Jack's documentation of his life from his adoption to his presidential campaign launch, he gives whimsical insight into how best to build and maintain a strong bond between man and man's best friend. He emphasizes the value in considering this bond as mutualistic—that is humans ought to be considered parents, rather than owners, of their canine family members. After all, we all know the dogs are really running the show!

Speaking of which, Jack includes numerous segments specifically addressing his fellow dog readers - no humans allowed! Within these exclusive texts, Jack unveils his secrets to gaining control over the household. This is the perfect advice for any pet looking to win over his or her human parents by manipulating them to get what every dog wants: toys, treats, and attention!

Jack and his parents also go into extensive detail about the benefits dogs can have on rekindling relationships between humans. From hilariously chasing lizards on long morning walks, to breaking in a new squeaky toy while racing through the house, to eating all the table scraps he can manage, Jack can be quite the marriage counselor. After all, laughter is the best medicine!

Periodic input from the perspectives of John and Ann Newport (Jack's human parents) help to keep his ego grounded by taking into account the less valiant interpretations of Jack's many adventures. We could all use a lesson or two about self-confidence from someone like Jack (who is obviously well versed on the subject)!

In short, The World According to Jack tells the story of a lovable Tucson family through the uniquely entertaining perspective of their tiny Chihuahua, whose personality is larger than life. Providing food for thought regarding human and animal psychology as well as valuable information regarding helpful organizations like PACC, Jack's story keeps readers engaged cover to cover. The unmatched intellect and humor of this canine author makes for a heartwarming read. Especially enjoyable is the frequent photography represented throughout the book to give readers a glimpse into the world of Jack and a more intimate perception of his daily life.

In the end, this book leaves readers with the profound reminder to always look at life through different lenses, so that we may appreciate the many angles of our world and gain a better understanding of all walks of life, however small. After all, this Chihuahua can only help us see our world anew if we're willing to bend down and take a glimpse of it from his eye level. The World According to Jack gives us this opportunity.









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Special Feature

Cruelty-Free Cosmetics

By Ann Herrington

Have you ever wondered how our makeup is made? Well, unfortunately many animals get hurt in the process, BUT the good news is that things are beginning to change as our world becomes more enlightened about

what we are doing and how it affects animals.

As I continue my journey in the animal welfare world, I am always looking for ways I can make a difference for animals and make sure they get better treatment. Cosmetic companies are realizing that we do NOT need to test on animals to produce good cosmetics. To that end, I started researching cosmetic companies this year to identify who was still testing on animals and who is not. I wanted to make a conscious effort to only purchase products produced by companies that cared enough about animals to be "cruelty free."

on animals

more important to be kind than to be greedy and contribute to the needless suffering of animals. If we stop buying products from these companies, I believe they will eventually stop testing

> I felt great about my decision and thought it would be nice to share it with you in case you might like to have the opportunity to do the same thing. It's a great feeling knowing that I am not hurting animals with the makeup I am using. Below is a list of some of my favorite brands and their products I love although each of them have many more that you might like. I hope you will check all of them out at www.crueltyfreekitty.com Many brands also use the Cruelty Free Kitty logo right on their

packaging so it is easy to

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see. There are also 3 other companies that use a bunny logo to signify cruelty free products." Here is what they look like.

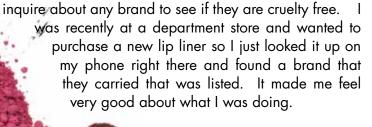






In my search, I found out that it is just not necessary to test on animals and wanted to support and purchase only from those companies that cared enough to stop this cruel practice. To my surprise and joy, I found out that some of my other favorite products were cruelty free which made me very happy!

So where do you get this information? There is a website called, Cruelty Free Kitty and it has a list that is constantly updating so you can



Profits are paramount to many companies who don't care about what they are doing. I have tremendous respect for those who think beyond dollars and "do the right thing" and realize that it is Kat Von D – Everlasting Liquid Lipstick, Tattoo Liner, Shade + Light Eye Contour Palette

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

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Sixth Avenue Dog Park

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

Brandi Fenton Memorial Park

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

Flowing Wells Park

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

George Mehl Family Foothills Park – Smiling Dog Ranch

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

McDonald District Park

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

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BARK ALL ABOUT IT!:

News & Updates

By Claire Sheridan

Do you have a piece of animal news that should be featured in Bark All About It? Submit a brief description and photo to: claire@thetucsondog.com

Local nonprofit animal welfare group TucsonCARES received a maximum amount grant from IBM Tucson's charitable giving, thanks in part to the work of one of their dedicated volunteers, Colleen Dugan. Funds will be used to purchase a heavy-duty washer and dryer to tackle all of the laundry from the group's shelter as well as bedding from their Trap, Neuter, and Return program for community cats.



TucsonCARES Colleen Dugan, Lndsey Botham, and Jessica Shuman

Tanya Barnett and her team at The Reliance Group hosted another hugely successful Putt For Paws to benefit the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. This year's fundraising total was \$18,000!!! This was the third annual event, which consists



of pups for adoption, great golf, plenty of refreshments, and cool prizes. Be sure to keep an eye out for next year's event and get in on helping HSSAZ. If you're in the market to buy or sell your home,



give The Reliance Group a call. You'll be helping animals with the Animal Lover's Program, in which Tanya's group donates a portion of their commission to the Humane Society. In an effort to improve the lives of the animals who reside at the shelter the longest, Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) has started playgroups for dogs weighing 30 pounds and up. The organization Dogs Playing for Life helped train PACC staff to get the program up and running. Dogs will be divided into playgroups based on age, playfulness, and other personality factors.



PACC's new pet store



PACC also welcomed the opening of its very own onsite pet store. The Friends of Pima Animal Care Center and Central Pet AZ operate the PACC pet store. In it you'll find the supplies you need to help you start caring for your newly adopted buddy, as well as great toys and

treats you can give to the shelter pet of your choice to make their stay at PACC a bit brighter. Be sure and check it out! Half of the proceeds go directly to the Friends of PACC, and are used to pay for things that the normal shelter's budget cannot cover.

Tucson Dog Magazine was honored to be included in a group of community leaders discussing the needs of pets belonging to homeless folks in Pima County. Representatives from Primavera Foundation, Z Mansion, Friends of Pima Animal Care Center, Cody's Friends Charity, Gospel Rescue Mission, Pima Animal Care Center, and local veterinarian Dr. Erin O'Donnell are now in the planning stages of a new recurring event that will provide veterinary care to pets in need whose owners cannot afford even the most basic necessities. If you are interested in being involved in this effort, please contact: Kristen.Auerbach@pima.gov or Bennett.Simonsen@pima.gov



Animal League of Green Valley

1600 W. Duval Mine Rd., Green Valley, AZ 85614 (520) 625-3170

Jobs include: Animal care, office help, facility maintenance, thrift shop, fostering. For more info: talgv.org/volunteer

Cody's Friends

Founded in 2010 by then 10-yr old Cody Allen, Cody's Friends is a 501c3 organization that provides Pet Food and supplies to over 35 human service agencies and over 75 animal rescue groups.

Cody's Friends is in need of: Volunteers, Gallon & Quart-size zip lock bags, new and used pet supplies, (leashes, collars, crates, sweaters, clean blankets). To find the nearest donation station, visit: https://codysfriends.org/wheretodonate/

Donations can also be left on Cody's Friends front porch: 4702 N. Flowing Wells, Tucson, AZ 85705

For more info or questions, call (520) 419-0450

Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary (520) 398-2814

Jobs include: Spending time with horses, painting fences, computer work, fundraising, sending out mailers, horse care jobs, working at thrift shop

For more information, go to equinevoices. Org and fill out a volunteer form. Volunteer orientation and safety classes are held the first Saturday of every month. Come learn about volunteer opportunities and see how you can help.

H.O.P.E. Animal Shelter

8950 N. Joplin Lane, Tucson, AZ 85742 (520) 792-9200

Jobs include: foster care, adoption counseling, shelter cleaning, dog walking, fundraising, animal socialization, adoption events.

Requirements: Must be a least 14 years of age. (Volunteers between the ages of 14-17 must be accompanied by a guardian)

<u>Group Volunteering:</u> Groups of up to 10 people at a time with advanced notice can volunteer together.

Community Service: We allow c ommunity service Hours to be fulfilled at Hope except for charges related to animal cruelty, domestic violence or drug charges.

<u>Volunteer application:</u> go to our website at www. hopeanimalshelter.net/volunteer and fill out the application form and return to the shelter.

For more information, call (520) 792-9200. All volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation class.

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

3450 N. Kelvin, Tucson, AZ 85716 (520) 327-6088

Jobs include: Foster Care, Pet VIP, Offsite Adoptions, thrift store, office support, jog-a-dog, Foster Adoption on The Streets of Tucson (FAST) Volunteer Requirements:

- Be at least 15 yrs. old (must have written permission from parent/guardian if you are between the ages of 15-17 years of age)
- Must fill out volunteer application
- Must attend volunteer orientation meeting
- Group volunteering available for companies or groups – Call Associate Director of Education & Community Outreach at (520) 321-3704 X142
- If you need to complete court-ordered community service, please call our Thrift Store at(520) 327-0010.
- If you are a teacher looking for a class project, especially for younger students, please check out our service projects for children through our education department.

More info: hssaz.org/get-involved/volunteer/ or (520) 321-3704 x1343

Pima Animal Care Center

4000 N. Silverbell Rd., Tucson 85745 (520) 792-9200

Jobs include: Adoption hosts, offsite opportunities, dog walking and cat socialization, groomers, enrichment, outreach volunteer, office support, fostering

Volunteer requirements:

- While the minimum age to volunteer is 16, we do have a Generations Program, where youth between the ages of 11-15 can pair up with a parent or guardian.
- You must be able to provide 6 hours of service each month for a minimum of 6 months. You must possess strong customer service skills as many positions work directly with the public.
- Internships: We are accepting applications for college students who want to gain experience in animal welfare and volunteer management. Possible internships include working with the Rescue Department, Adoptions Department

- and Volunteer Department. Call the volunteer coordinator at (520) 724-5937 to learn more.
- We also provide court-ordered community service here at our shelter.

Looking for group volunteer activities? Groups interested in one-time or short-term projects do not need to attend an orientation session. Based on the age, size, and availability of the group, we can arrange an appropriate activity for you. Please call our volunteer coordinator at (520) 724-5937 and include your name and organization, number of volunteers, and whether anyone in your group is under 18.

Pima Paws For Life

2555 W. Zinnia Ave., Tucson (520) 867-1193

Jobs include: Special events/fundraisers, Adoptions Counselor/offsite adoption events, kennel tours/onsite adoptions, office assistance, photography, socializing/walking dogs, cat cuddling, dog training, general animal care – cleaning/feeding, transporting animal/supplies, special needs animal care, fostering, landscape maintenance, print materials, animal reiki Volunteer Application: on our website at www. pimapawsforlife.org

The Hermitage No-Kill

Cat Shelter & Sanctuary 5278 East 21st St., Tucson (520) 571-7839

Jobs include: Shelter (cleaning, scooping litter boxes, laundry tours), socializing (grooming and socialization of cats), events (Community outreach, public information and adoption events, administrative (General office duties as needed, answering phones, lobby help), transport (pickup/delivery of donation boxes and/or food), If you have any special skills/interests that you would like to offer, please let us know.

Therapeutic Ranch for Animals and Kids (TRAK)

3250 E. Allen Road, Tucson, AZ 85718 (520) 298-9808

Jobs Include: Grounds Caretaker, Special events assistance, office/administrative, marketing, accounting, ranch hand/animal care, construction/repair work, writing, advertising, bookkeeping

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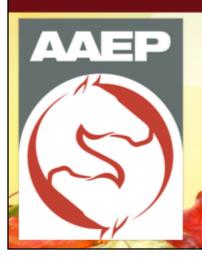


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