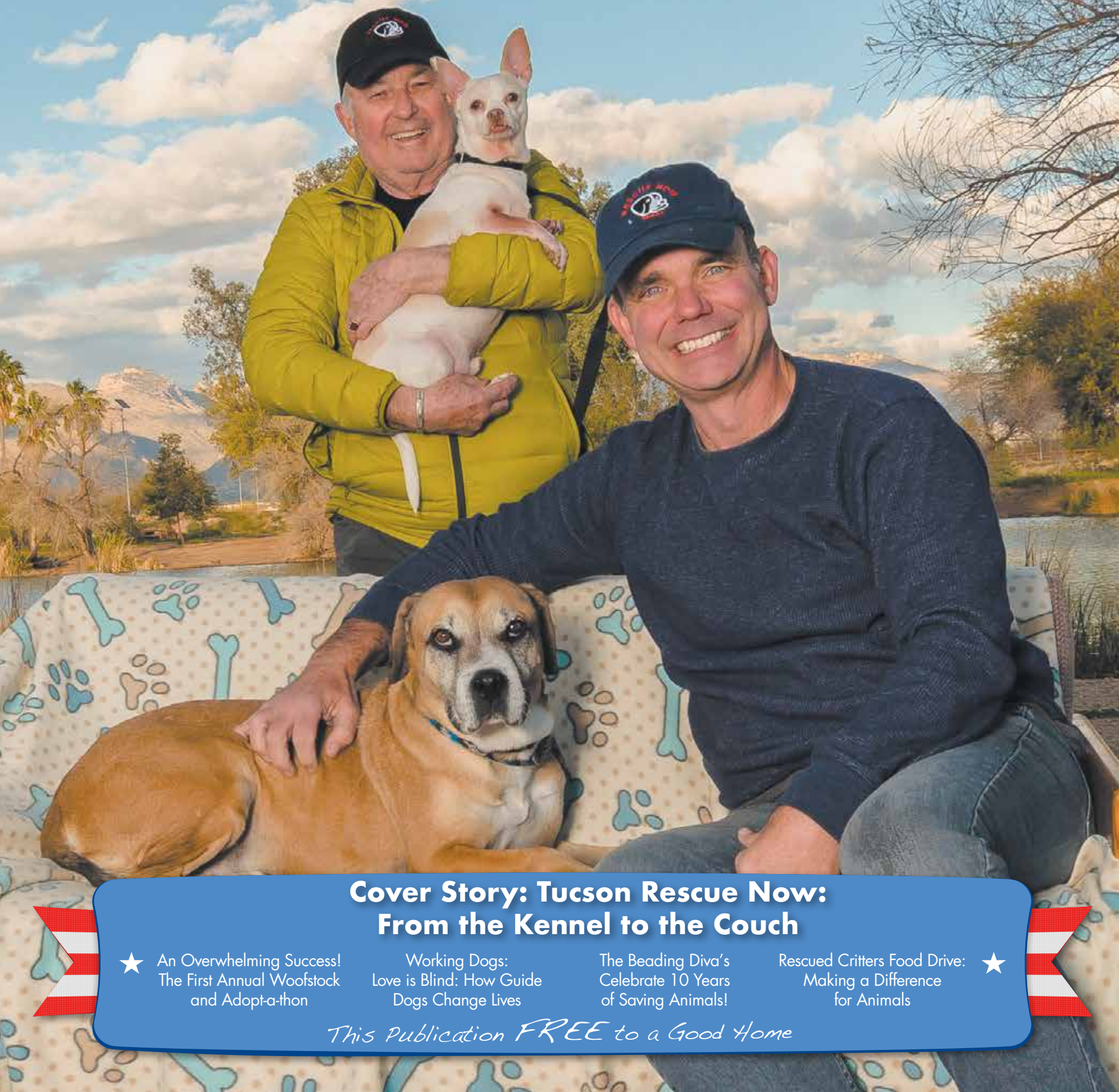


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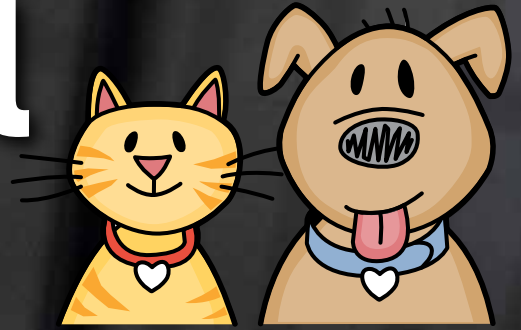
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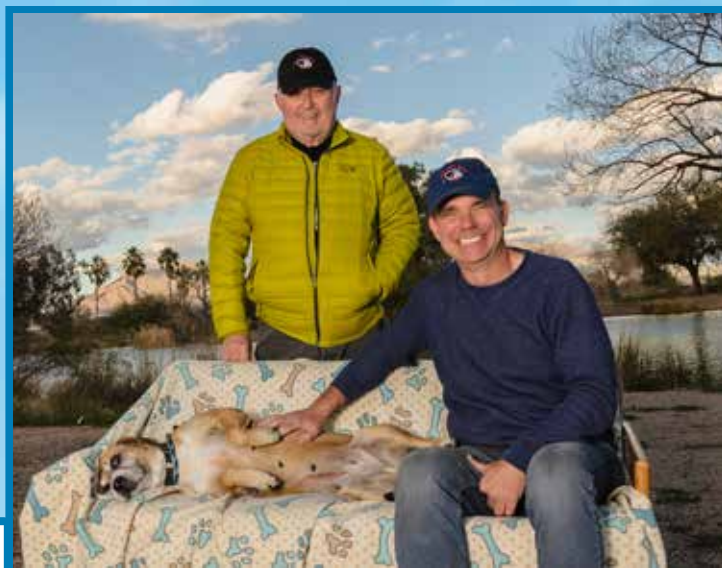
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Special Feature

An Overwhelming Success! The First Annual Woofstock and Adopt-a-thon

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos Courtesy of Pima Animal Care Center



10 yr. old Achilles adopted by Kolton who says he is doing wonderful! Loves his walks and is a complete Love Bug!

Springtime in Tucson is that magical sliver of time between one week of freezing weather and the seemingly endless inferno of summer. This is a time when people emerge from a brief period of hibernation, eager to make up for lost time in the sun. It is also a time of rejoicing for the dogs of the Old Pueblo, who have probably become a little bored of their humans' tendency to cower indoors. On one such blissful day, the perfect event to get everyone out into the mild spring air was born.

On March 10th, 2019, The Tucson Dog Magazine put

on the first annual Woofstock and Adopt-a-thon, beginning a tradition that was enjoyed by thousands of people and their dogs. Even a cat and a goat were spotted, because as we know, despite the name, the Tucson Dog Magazine does not discriminate between species. The event kicked off with introductions from the stage where Frank and Larry Mac from KLPX FM and Meredith from MIXfm emceed and spun groovy tunes to keep the mood festive throughout the day.

With over 60 booths arranged around the stage and beyond there was plenty to do and see. A variety of pet-centric vendors were available with information, giveaways and raffles, as well as plenty of shopping. The fantastic food trucks that showed up to feed and fuel the Woofstock revelers sold out early due to the turnout, which was even more amazing than expected.

There was a demo area that was busy throughout the day with various events. There were dog races, the Phoenix Area Disc Dogs showed off their gravity defying frisbee skills, and even the TPD showed up to shock and awe audiences with demonstrations from their K9 unit. One ultra-fun Woofstock locale was the kids' area where there was face painting, balloon twisting, games, and prizes, bringing joy to the little dog lovers of Tucson.

Another invaluable addition to the event was the microchipping and vaccination tent. These low-cost services were graciously provided by The Humane Society of Southern Arizona and No-Kill Pima County. They were only there from 10a-1p and during that time period, they had done a whopping 90 vaccinations, and 81 microchips, making life a little safer for a whole lot of Tucson pups.

Meanwhile back on the main stage things were still hopping. Early in the day Sandi Heilman of St. Marks's Animal Ministry performed the Blessing of the Animals, in which all dogs in attendance were invited to participate. There was a contest showcasing crazy and amazing dog tricks, a human-dog look-a-like contest, a best-looking dog contest, and how could Woofstock be complete without it- a contest for the most psychedelic dog costume. At the beginning of the day Cody Allen of Cody's Friends Charity fame came out on stage to tell the story of the group and talk about how they help people, rescues, and shelters by gathering pet supply donations and distributing them to the needy. They left Woofstock with quite the haul, a physical testament to the generosity of Tucson's animal loving community.

While all of the food, vendors, and entertainment were fantastic, the real magic occurred in a special area of the event called Adoption Alley. With 23 different rescues and shelters in attendance there was guaranteed to be a great match for anyone who came to the event seeking a new best friend or addition to the family. Small or large or in between, puppies, seniors, and a wide variety of breeds and mixes thereof began their journeys home that day, many leaving the event with their new families, others awaiting home visits or application approvals. The numbers continue to come in, but at the time of this writing we have confirmed 70 adoptions or applications, all initiated in just one day.

The numbers tell us that the first annual Woofstock and Adopt-a-thon was a success beyond what we could have hoped for. While it is impossible to determine the exact number of attendees, as this was a free, non-ticketed event, it is estimated that 7 to 9 thousand people gathered together in Reid park, united by their love of dogs. Though the event was packed with fun and entertainment for all, the most important takeaway is that between information sharing, vaccination and microchipping, and of course the adoptions, a significant amount of positive change was accomplished, again, in just one day.

The Tucson dog would like to officially thank our generous Title sponsors, Adobe Veterinary Center, Holy Cow Tack & Feed, and Creature Comforts Pet Resort, Exclusive Radio Partners 96.1 KLPXfm and 94.9 MIXfm, microchip and vaccination super heroes No-Kill Pima county and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona, as well as all of the other wonderful participants, rescues, and attendees. Without every one of you, this wildly successful event could not have been what it was. Here's to an even better Woofstock and Adopt-a-thon next year.



Benji was adopted by Jessica and doing great in his new home! (PACC)

Woofstock Photos by Frank Olma, Olma Photography



The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

What an exciting couple of months we have had. We had an overwhelming turnout for our 1st Annual WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon at Reid Park on March 10th. We have lots of thank you's to give out in this issue as well as a follow up story and many pictures, with more posted on our website for you to see. We had about 8,000 people in attendance and it was a wonderful day of Peace, Love & Dogs with lots of adoptions from area shelter and rescue groups! If you didn't get a chance to attend, don't worry, we will be back next year!

In our cover story this issue, I am so thrilled to introduce you to John Gilbert and Jace Powers from Tucson Rescue Now. First, I want to thank these awesome guys for what they are doing and hope it inspires more men to get involved in rescue. This work is typically dominated by women but there is such a need for more men to get involved. John and Jace are a testimony to what is possible when you have the passion for something and the will to make things happen. Tucson Rescue Now has taken up the cause to help a much-overlooked shelter population; that of the senior dogs. They have proven that senior dogs are very special and have a lot to offer their adopters. They have also come up with a unique way to feature these special dogs that show them in the best light possible without kennels or stress. I know you will enjoy reading about these great guys as much as I did. And we were so happy to have them at WOOFstock with all their fun ways of spotlighting and getting senior dogs adopted. Please don't miss reading this one!

And speaking of men en working in rescue, we share another great story with you about a man named Peter Norback in *Rescue Critters Food Drive*. Peter is definitely an angel on earth and seems to be an all-around nice guy who cares not only for the four-legged people but all people in his neighborhood and community. And he also proves that age is just a number because at 77 years old, he is not showing any signs of slowing down any time soon! Go Peter!

In our Working Dogs feature called *Love is Blind*, we introduce you to a very special canine named Indiana, nicknamed Indi. He was trained by Guiding Eyes for the Blind and has become the eyes of psychotherapist, Shari Gootter and has helped her keep a lot of her independence after losing her eyesight. This is another great story about how dogs are not only wonderful companions but provide incredible services to us humans. How lucky we are to have them in our lives assisting us in so many ways. Thank you, Indi and Shari, for bringing your story to us.

We have more great stories to share with you in this edition so a big thank you to all our great writers who believe in our mission and always find such meaningful stories to share with you.

And, please remember that the summer heat is coming, and we need to take extra precaution to keep our four-legged friends safe. You can read more in Greetings From Gracie this issue.

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

Dear Humans,

The summer months can be uncomfortable...even dangerous for pets and people, sometimes with tragic results. The HSUS has come up with some basic summer safety tips that I would like to share with you as well as how to treat a pet with heatstroke. Please be very careful with your beloved pets and remember these safety tips. Please remember: our lives are in your hands...please protect us!

Never leave your pets in a parked car

On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage.

Taking a dog's temperature will quickly tell you if there is a serious problem. Dogs' temperatures should not be allowed to get over 104 degrees. If your dog's temperature does, follow the instructions below for treating heat stroke.

Limit exercise on hot days

Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people.

Provide ample shade and water

Any time your pet is outside, make sure they have protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

Watch for signs of heatstroke

Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure and unconsciousness.

Animals are at particular risk for heat stroke if they are very old, very young, overweight, not conditioned to prolonged exercise, or have heart or respiratory disease. Some breeds of dogs—like boxers, pugs, shih tzus and other dogs and cats with short muzzles—will have a much harder time breathing in extreme heat.

How to treat a pet suffering from heatstroke

Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to their head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over them. Let them drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take them directly to a veterinarian.

Source: Humane Society of the United States – hsus.org

Peace, Love & Dogs!

Gracie



Calendar of Events

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Thursday, May 2, 5pm – 7pm Show Dogs and Shelter Dogs

HSSA Main Campus
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Learn the difference between purebred dogs and shelter dogs, including some very amazing benefits to bringing home your new best friend from the shelter. An expert judge from the Tucson Kennel Club, alongside one of HSSA's amazing volunteers, will provide insight into what judges look for and how shelter dogs are the real winners! Registration is ONLY \$10 per class. Preregistration is required and space is limited.

Sunday, May 5, 1pm – 2:30pm Yoga Mats & Kitty Cats

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Monday, May 6, 6pm – 8pm Yappy Hour at Noble Hops

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Saturday, May 11, 10am - 2pm PACC Adoptions at Petsmart

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Saturday, May 11, 11am – 4pm Howling for Hounds

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Saturday, May 11, 1:30pm & Saturday, May 25, 1:30pm Paws and Pages

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The Paws and Pages Literacy Program aims to give children the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of shelter pets while building confidence and improving reading skills. We will read to shy dogs and cats as well as sick dogs who are long term residents with limited human interaction. This reading program will encourage our shelter pets to approach the front of their kennels for potential adopters and thus improve their chances of a short stay with us at HSSA.

Saturday, May 18, 10am - 2pm

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Saturday, May 18, 3pm – 5pm Hand in Paw: Kid's Creative Paint Day with Creative Juice

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Our friends at Creative Juice will be here at the Humane Society to instruct the HIP kid's club on one of their beautiful animal themed paintings! Creative Juice will be offering step-by-step instructions to our participants on a painting designed specifically for HIP. Each participant will have the opportunity to paint an 11"x16" inch canvas and take it home to hang on the wall! Cost is \$25 for HIP members and \$30 for non-members.

Sunday, May 19, 9am – 11am Bark @ The Park Event

7200 E. Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson
The event will be held near the dog park.
There will be dog adoptions, vendors, demos, including the TPD K9 Unit and training demos with Complete Canine. Have fun in the craft tent where dogs can create "paw paintings" for their humans. There will be music, raffles, and face painting. For more info, contact Rosemary 520-791-4121

Sunday, May 19, 1pm – 2:30pm Yoga Mats & Kitty Cats

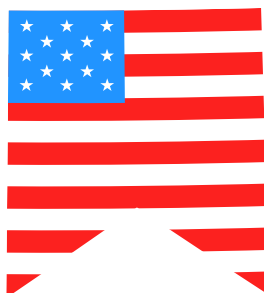
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Saturday, May 25, 10am - 2pm PACC Adoptions at Petsmart

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Saturday, May 25, 10am – 2pm Canines in the Courtyard

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Saturday, June 1, 10am – 2pm Pups in the Plaza

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Saturday, June 8, 10am - 2pm PACC Adoptions at Petsmart

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Saturday, June 15, 10am – 2pm Canines in the Courtyard

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Saturday, June 22, 10am - 2pm PACC Adoptions at Petsmart

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Monday, June 9th – Friday, June 21st, 9am – 4pm Cat Camp

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5278 E 21st St, Tucson
The Hermitage now offers children's Cat Camp. The program is designed for children ages 6-11 and serves to educate them to properly care for their feline friends. The curriculum includes instruction on feeding, health, first aid and maintenance of their pet. Visit the Hermitage Cat Shelter website to register. hermitagecatshelter.org

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Saturday, July 13th Humane Society of So. AZ 75th Anniversary Dinner

Hilton Conquistador Resort
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Working Dogs

Love is Blind: How Guide Dogs Change Lives

Story by Bella Wexler
Photos by Mike Goehring

Complete and utter trust. That is the basis on which Shari Gootter's relationship with her guide dog, Indiana, is built. For the past four and a half years, Shari and Indiana (nicknamed "Indi") have been growing



Shari Gootter and Indiana,
Photo by Robin Stancliff

together, their lives interwoven on a level beyond the typical connection between human and pet. This bond extends to a mutually dependent and dependable companionship. Together, they exemplify the meaningful partnerships cultivated by the New York based nonprofit organization, Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

Shari was sighted for several years before her vision began to decline. She always had dogs throughout her life, so finding a dog to help her navigate this new lifestyle felt natural. It can be extremely difficult to cope with losing one's vision because it comes with significant loss of independence. Having access to a loyal dog served as a therapeutic comfort to Shari through this period of acceptance and the ongoing period of adaptation. Connecting with guide dogs over the years has given Shari an empowering "sense of independence through interdependence," she says.

Indi happens to be Shari's third guide dog from Guiding Eyes for the Blind, an organization for which Shari's partner, Mike Goehring, works as a field representative. Each of Shari's dogs came with his/her own unique quirks. Indi's personality is characterized by being very mellow and laid back, making him popular at Shari's office when she takes his harness off. As a psychotherapist, Shari says it is nice to have such a soothing dog greet her clients with his "easy and loving presence". Additionally, Shari spends much time facilitating the annual Tucson Jewish Latino Teen Coalition in which Indi is much adored by the youth members. He makes his laps around the conference table collecting attention from each person throughout the course of every meeting. As Shari says, Indi "trains them" by staring up at people until they give in, leaning over to pet his glossy black fur.



Shari and Indi, out and about!

Of course, Indi is only open to engagement with others when he has had

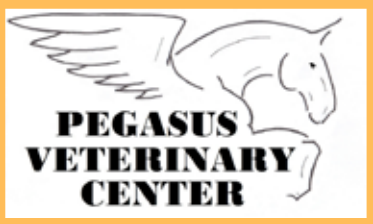


Shari and Indi

his harness taken off, signaling to him that he is "off duty". One troubling thing that Shari has noticed throughout her time spent with guide dogs is that sometimes people forget that these dogs are trained to ensure the safety of their companion, not for the amusement of the public. If guide dogs are distracted by passerby who try to pet and interact with them, this can pose a serious threat to the humans whom the animals are trained to serve. At the very least, this can feel confusing for the dogs and disorienting for the owners. If you ever come across someone with a guide dog in harness, please do not pet, call to, or otherwise distract the animal from his/her very important job. Even if the dog is not in harness or it's not a guide dog at all, it is always best to ask the owner's permission before engaging with any animal.

Many of Shari's excellent experiences with Indi can be traced back to the help of Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Since its founding over fifty years ago, Guiding Eyes for the Blind has been dedicated to raising, training, and placing seeing eye dogs with people in need all across the world. Most clients like Tucsonan, Shari Gootter, live in North America. Given the extremely high unemployment rate of visually impaired people across the United States and the financial burdens this brings, Guiding Eyes is committed to matching all of its clients with a fully trained guide dog free of charge. This generously covers the many costly steps required to create a successful student-dog relationship. From years of comprehensive dog training, to the careful dog to student matching process, to the twenty-six-day course at the Training Center in Yorktown Heights, all the way to the ongoing follow up support made available, this organization dedicates approximately \$45,000 per human and guide dog team. Thus, maintaining their extensive programs relies heavily on donations and community support. If you are interested in donating to help keep the Guiding Eyes mission afloat, visit www.guidingeyes.org where you can find out how to get involved.

Having Indi by her side has given Shari a sense of freedom in her life; one that is unmatched by the feeling of walking with a cane or relying on another person. Guiding Eyes for the Blind's continuous support in connecting Shari Gootter with her guide dogs over the years has given her, along with hundreds of other students, a chance to experience "the bright side" of blindness.



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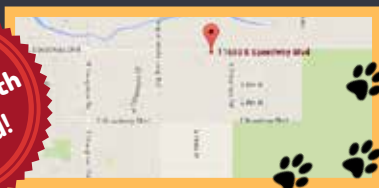
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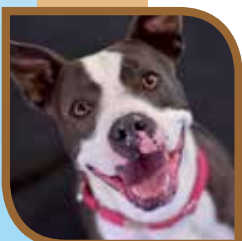
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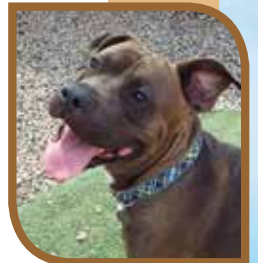


ROWDY I'm just not sure how they came up with that name as I'm not "rowdy" at all. I'm just enthusiastic! I am a mixed breed, a 38-pound Pomeranian and Schipperke. Sounds like I'm something special, but I'm just like every good dog you've ever known - and I am a pretty handsome male. I've seen 8 years of life so far and I'm looking for at least 8 more with a caring owner. Could that be you? TALGV 520-625-3170



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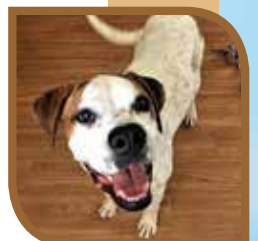
LITTLE PUPPY (A637132) I'm a Pit-bull mix and 1.5 years old. I've been in foster for 5 months and would love to find my forever home! I love wagging my tail and whacking everything with it. I can be shy at first but once I warm up I'm very affectionate. I get along great with my housemates and sit calmly for car rides. If you're interested in adopting me, please contact PACC.foster@pima.gov



GERTRUDE I'm a 2 year old Pit-bull mix! I've been a PACC dog since July 2018 and have been in foster, learning how to be brave in new situations and learning good manners. I'm house trained and a doggie-door-expert! I love to snuggle humans and play with my dog friends. I'm a Brindle Beauty that enjoys car rides, watching cartoons and is very food motivated! If you are interested in me, please contact PACC at PACC.foster@pima.gov



GRACIE I am a playful young pup. I love my toys and playing with any human I can get to play with me! I am still learning about bringing the ball back when playing fetch, but I am getting better at it! I am at Hope Animal Shelter, and you can visit hopeanimalshelter.net or call 520-792-9200 to adopt me. I am ready for my forever home!



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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



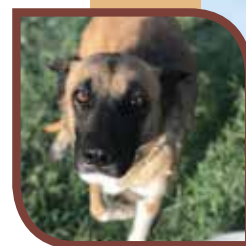
ULYSSES I'm a 2 year old, playful pitbull mix! I have been in PACC foster care while I learn manners and gain confidence! I love going on walks, playing with all toys and I am very treat motivated! I'm great at playing fetch and I am the best snuggle buddy, ever! I know some basic commands and I am house broken. I'm a very handsome black and white guy looking for a quiet home with an active family. If you are interested in me, please email PACC at PACC.foster@pima.gov



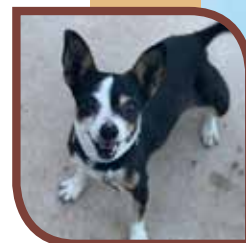
BAILEY I am a gentle guy, a bit shy, but really love to snuggle. I am easily startled by loud noises and quick movements. I love my toys and bring them all into my bed for bedtime. I am at Hope Animal Shelter, and you can visit hopenanimalshelter.net or call 520-792-9200 to find out more about me!



MEEMA I have many wonderful things to offer my new forever family but the biggest and best by far is the amount of love and cuddles I can offer! I am a warm hearted, snuggly, lovable pup with a need for pets and kisses. I want to be the only dog in my family to keep all the attention for myself. I love walks, pets, naps and laps. Yes, I think I'm a lap dog. I am at Hope Animal Shelter, and you can visit hopenanimalshelter.net or call 520-792-9200 to adopt me.



HOPE I'm a 3-year-old "Akita mix" that weighs 40 pounds, and my foster mom calls me Hopi. I'm a love bug! I love my people and I get along with other dogs but prefer medium/large sized dogs. I like to play a lot, so an active family would probably be best. I would also prefer a house with no cats- I think they're small toys. I'm also fully potty trained! Tucson Cold Wet Noses info@tucsoncoldwetnoses.com or www.tucsoncoldwetnoses.com.



LADY BUG My foster mom calls me Bugg or Buggie! I'm a 13-year-old Chihuahua looking for a forever family. I had a dental, spay and both Cherry eyes removed plus I come with a microchip and up to date on all my vaccines. I love everyone I meet and am happy to please. I do anything and everything for a treat but prefer the free ones! I am house trained, love all dogs as long as they're nice to me and people. Tucson Cold Wet Noses info@tucsoncoldwetnoses.com or www.tucsoncoldwetnoses.com.



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Working Dogs

Alliance of Therapy Dogs: Certifying Teams to Share the Love

Story by Bonnie Craig

Photos Courtesy of Alliance of Therapy Dogs

The Tucson Dog wishes to apologize for mistakes made in the last edition in the story about Alliance of Therapy Dogs and has made corrections and is re-printing it in this issue.

It is generally easy to differentiate between the jobs dogs do for humans. For instance, few would fail to see the difference between a search and rescue dog and a herding dog on a farm or ranch. However, more

confusion exists around the different roles of therapy and service dogs. According to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) service dogs are "...trained to perform tasks and to do work that eases their handlers' disabilities." While therapy dogs "... provide psychological or physiological therapy to individuals other than their handlers." Therapy dogs are calm and friendly animals which are encouraged to interact with the public while working, something discouraged in service dogs. Both types of working dogs

require testing and training before they can be certified to go out on the job, and the ATD is there to provide this service, having over 15,000 members across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Founded in Wyoming in 1990, ATD provides testing, certification and insurance for members so they and their special dogs may share smiles, comfort and love with those in need. Therapy dog/handler teams volunteer in places such as nursing homes, schools, and hospitals, making a difference in the lives of many people.

Carol Madeheim has had plenty of experience bringing animals out into Tucson's community. A former Education Specialist and School Program Manager for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, as well as a program developer for the Sonoran Arthropod Institute, she introduced school and community groups

to many of our Sonoran Desert native animals such as hawks, falcons, ringtails, snakes, tarantulas, spiders, scorpions, and more. While these educationally valuable visitors weren't always the most affectionate types, a Chihuahua named Prancer certainly was and she led Carol to work with The Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Jill Cruz, an ATD Tester/Observer (T/O), had moved from Texas to Sierra Vista, Arizona. She met Carol and Prancer and began their testing and observations. They passed and were certified in 2009. Carol became a T/O in 2011 and, along with Jill, expanded ATD teams into the Tucson area.

Carol recalls a time when she had taken Prancer to visit a woman in assisted living who had become very ill. She had stopped eating and drinking. When the elderly woman saw the little dog, she smiled and gently held her. She then willingly drank a bit of water and lay back smiling. She passed peacefully the next day. Prancer has now passed on as well, but her legacy lives on through Carol's four Chihuahua mixes - all therapy dogs, certified through ATD.

Evaluator Jane Botchie, has been volunteering with ATD for six years, and has had dogs her "...entire 66 years on this planet." Jane had lost her beloved dog Max just prior to her retirement in 2012. While devastated over the loss, she wanted to do something meaningful with her remaining dog, a Brittany Spaniel-Basset Hound mix named Maggie. When she heard about ATD she began the group's three-part test to determine eligibility. They were quickly certified, but sadly, 13-year-old Maggie passed away 2 years later although they did have time to participate

in many Therapy visits. Three years later, Jane and her Rhodesian Ridgeback, Gabby, were certified by T/O Carol, and the team began working their magic. Today the pair visits assisted living and rehab facilities and an elementary school where the kids read to Gabby.

Carol and Jane have collectively certified 68 teams. There are countless



Dasher ready to start his rounds

testimonials to their positive impact including Prancer and Gabby. Jack Palmer and his dog Dasher visit, and go on walks with, doctors and patients at Banner University Medical Center's main campus hospital, Behavioral Health Pavilion, and Cancer Center. They recently met a young child who was being admitted and his parents who were devastated. When the child saw Dasher, he brightened and began to play with the dog. His father later told Jack that it was the first time his son had smiled in a long time.

Likewise, Judy Shephard-Gomez who, with her



Yofi sharing good vibes



Mindy Maddox's Charlie, did not let three legs keep him from spreading Christmas cheer at the VA

dog Yofi, visits The Jewish Community Center, elementary schools and assisted living facilities, said, "It brings so much joy to all to work with Yofi in bringing her enthusiastic love and gentleness to others."



**Jane Wright and Lincoln
ready to report for duty**

Jane Wright works with her neighbor's dog, Lincoln. He belongs to a hard-working family who don't have as much time as they would like to spend with him, so she had the idea to get him certified through ATD. "Now," she said, "he has the best job in the world. Just for a time [the therapy recipients] are able to forget their troubles and be in the moment stroking a silky ear."

Clearly in the case of Jane and Lincoln's team, there is a win-win situation going on, which seems to be the norm with ATD.

Anyone can volunteer and everyone is sure to benefit. Just last spring, Jane Botchie certified a blind woman and her third service and therapy dog. As Jane so aptly points out, "It simply proves that anyone can do anything they truly desire."

Alliance of Therapy dogs is always looking for new volunteers and accepting donations, so to learn more and to help a wonderful organization, go to www.therapydogs.com or call (307) 432-0272 or (520) 208-6885.

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COLETTE (845297) I am a very sweet girl who loves attention and enjoys long chats with my favorite people. I've been at the shelter for a long time and I am very ready to meet my forever family. I hope it's you! Visit me at HSSA Main Campus at 635 W. Roger Rd. or give an adoption counselor a call at 520-327-6088, ext. 173.



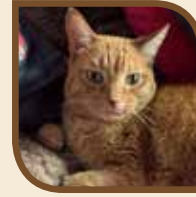
DILLY If it weren't for my diminutive size, you might think I'm a Maine Coon, but no, I'm simply a little "mini-Maine!" My mom adopted me as a kitten, and we lived a happy life together until she developed severe health issues. I know my name, I'm very calm, and love to be petted. I'm a sweet girl with lots of purrs to share (especially in bed at night), so I hope you'll be the one to give me that chance! TALGV 520-625-3170



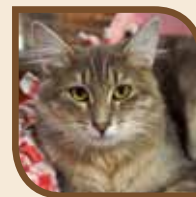
KALYPSO Everyone agrees my pictures don't do me justice, because you can't begin to appreciate my unique coloring (and personality) until you meet me in person! My outer markings are smoke tabby, but underneath you'll see a creamy Siamese-colored undercoat that's just amazing! If you like head butts, I win first prize in that competition, too! I really love being petted! My overseas-military dad would be ecstatic to know that I have a new loving home – so maybe with you? TALGV 520-625-3170



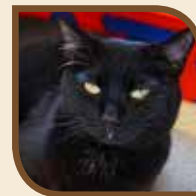
MOONBEAM (A659471) Hi, I'm the perfect gentleman and I'm starting to come out of my shell! I'm 14 years old so I prefer a quiet and relatively calm environment. I'm a chill dude and looking for my soul mate. The veterinarian believes I have an irritable bowel disease, which requires a special diet and an inexpensive medicine. If you're interested in adopting me, please contact PACC. foster@pima.gov



SPICE I'm a senior female who loves to cuddle and relax. I love laying on my foster mom and having my cheeks rubbed! I have lived with my foster mom for about two months now, and I was a little shy at first, but I adjusted quite well! I'm great with all people, never hissed or scratched. I'm completely litter box trained! I love treats and wet food! I want my forever home! Email my foster mom at kathrynkleier@gmail.com or call/text her at 480-313-7778



ESCALANTE I'm 11-months old and was dropped off at The Hermitage. I was a bit shy and timid around people at first because I didn't have much early human interaction. During my time at Hermitage, I have gradually warmed up to the affection you humans want to lavish upon me. I am ready to have a forever home! I am at Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary 520-571-7839.



CARTER I am 6-year-old sweet girl who can be a bit timid, but I warm up quickly with a few pets and chin rubs. I have lived with another cat and I'm open to making new four-legged friends. With proper introductions, I am likely to make a wonderful companion to any feline or human in a forever home. I am at Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter and Sanctuary 520-571-7839.

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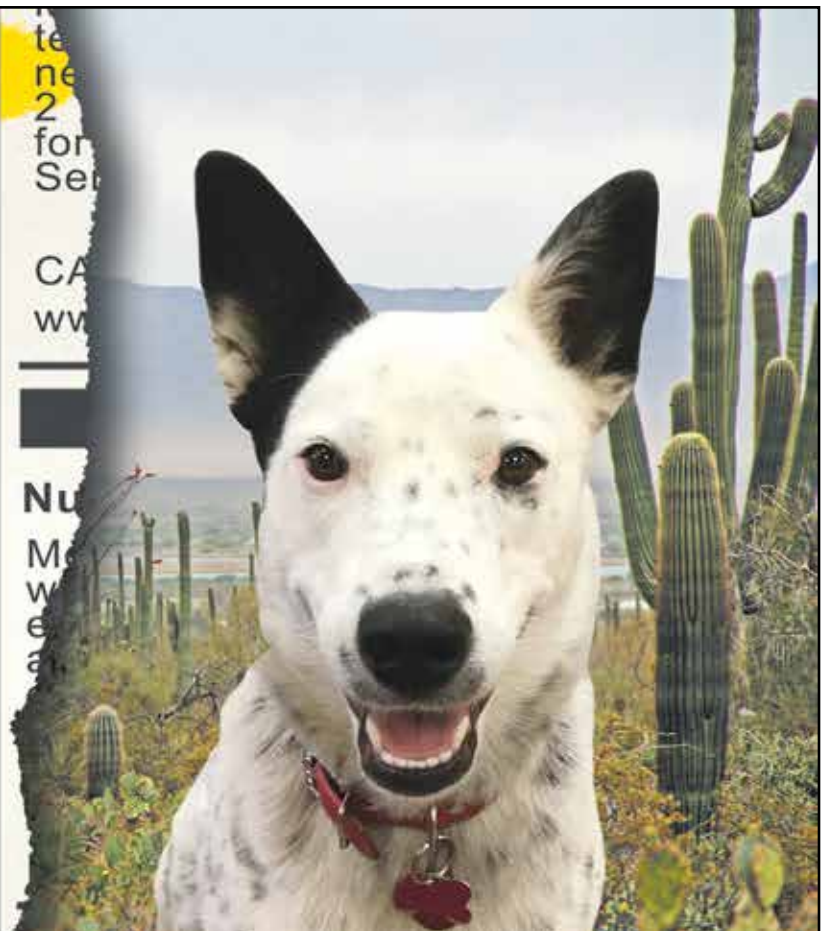
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Kitty Korner

We Save Kitties at Risk (WSKR)

Story By Kelli Van Nuys Photos Courtesy of We Save Kitties at Risk

How many plans have you created? Wedding plans, birthday parties, baby showers? Planning out an entire education or even just a night out? Most of our lives revolve around plans, but very few make plans for the unexpected. When these unfortunate events happen – car accidents, hospitalizations, and even death – our pets are often at the bottom of a long to-do list.



Nichole Adams

Nichole Adams, a geriatric Behavioral Health Technician at St. Mary's hospital, sees the consequences of a lack of planning every day. Many cats and dogs become inconveniences thrust upon family members when someone is

hospitalized, and she has seen countless patients forced to give up their beloved furry family members when they can no longer provide them with the proper care. That's why she has chosen a unique mission for the We Save Kitties at Risk (WSKR) rescue.

Founded in 2013, WSKR started as a rescue to assist with adoptions and Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) assistance. Nichole Adams took over the organization in November 2018, and has been making strides in re-vamping the goals to serve a different purpose: the middle man.

According to the ASPCA, of the 3.2 million cats who enter shelters each year, 860,000 are euthanized. This statistic can make it difficult for family members to surrender their loved one's cat to a shelter if they can no longer care for them, and as Nichole points out, cats can deteriorate quickly in shelters – they are not meant to be caged. The alternative, however, is not much safer. Craigslist is a secondary resource to directly re-home a dog or cat, navigating around the risky environment of the shelter. In these situations, though, it can be difficult to ensure that the dog or cat goes to a good home, and without an appropriate re-homing fee, dog fighters or animal abusers can easily pick up small dogs and cats to use as bait.

It's Nichole's goal to rebuild WSKR as an intermediary between these options. Her first goal for WSKR is to build a network of short-term fosters, which would allow people in temporarily difficult family or medical situations to find a safe provider to care for their pets. These fosters would house the cats and provide them with food, water, and love until their person or family could bring them back home. She would eventually like enough fosters to establish a relationship with the Tucson-area hospitals, allowing all people, such as patients geriatrics, people without a support system, and those in the LGBTQ+ community, to request short-term fosters for their pets due to hospitalization. This would provide community members in dire situations with a sense of security knowing that their kitty is safe, allowing them to make a full recovery without stress.



Sami - Available for Adoption



Beans - Available for Adoption

The next step in the WSKR plan is to establish a network of long-term fosters, when hospice care or death occurs and a cat must be re-homed. In order to keep them away from the dangers on Craigslist and out of the stressful shelter, WSKR would provide temporary homes with networking to find new homes. Nichole says that unlike other rescues, her goal would not be to pull cats from the shelter and find them homes that way – she wants to save them before they get to the shelter. "I don't want our rescue to just push numbers – I want to find good homes where they are taken care of," Nichole noted.

The most important part of the plan to Nichole is education. She wants to encourage people to plan for the worst-case-scenario situations, and provide lists of resources for pets so they are not suddenly in a tragic situation, as well as a safe place to go if the unexpected does occur. Do you currently have a plan if something happens and you are unable to care for your cat and dog? Is there somebody you can rely on to provide them what they need, and if not, do you have second options available? These are the questions Nichole wants the public to consider, and she hopes that moving forward WSKR will be able to provide education, and at the very least, she wants all WSKR adoption families to have an established long-term plan before they take their new family member home.

Right now, 3 kitties are a part of the WSKR rescue, a foundation that will help build the rest of the organization up to help the community. If you are interested in becoming a short-term foster, long-term foster, or even donating, WSKR can be contacted using the information below. All three kitties featured in this article are looking for their forever home.

The unique mission of WSKR will help with an aspect of pet rescue that has yet to be explored in the Tucson community, and could help keep pets and their owners together even after a tragedy. Though this is only the beginning of the organization, WSKR has established the foundation necessary to make a difference in many lives, and just need the community's support to move forward.

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Cover Story From the Kennel to the Couch

By Emily Dieckman Photos by Candice Eaton



Ludwig, a senior dog from PACC that Tucson Rescue Now worked to find a new home for.

walked out of the mall with his new dog, a Boerboel who he named Rosco—technically Rosco No. 2, in honor of another Rosco Fangman used to own.

"He hit the jackpot when he found me," Fangman said. "And I hit the jackpot when I found him."

Old Dogs, New Beginnings

The event, Doggie Home for the Holidays, was the first one Gilbert and Powers hosted for their new venture, Tucson Rescue Now, a non-profit dedicated to helping older, often overlooked dogs at the Pima Animal Care Center find homes.

The two neighbors, who first became friends because they bonded over the fact that they'd both adopted dogs from shelters, are regular volunteers at PACC—Gilbert is there every day, and has been known to hand out hot dogs to the dogs he walks and spends time with (with permission, of course). Powers likes to take the dogs on day trips to go swimming.

Both men would see older dogs left at the shelter for months as families came in to pick out puppies and younger pups. Many times, older dogs come to the shelter because of a medical issue their families can't afford to pay for, or because their owners die. They go from a loving family to a kennel at the animal shelter, and, in the confusion and devastation, are often too scared to act calm or approachable for potential families.

"We wanted to get the dogs out of the shelter so people could see their personalities and how cool they are," Gilbert said. "But when we come up with ideas, our ideas go to the moon."

So they went big for their first event, renting out a 15,000-square foot venue at the Foothills Mall and showcasing a group of dogs, in part through a "doggie fashion show." They sought out sponsors for the dogs—gift certificates to local veterinarian's offices, a donation from Reed Pharmacy to help pay for the cost of a dog's Valley Fever medication. They hoped offsetting some of the costs of having an older dog would alleviate some people's concerns about adopting

George Fangman can't bear going to dog shelters—he says it just breaks his heart. So when his friend John Gilbert told him about an event he and his neighbor Jace Powers were putting on in a vacated store space at the Foothills Mall, with dogs up for adoption as well as prizes, food and live music, Fangman was excited to show up. He

one. Then, they started thinking of other creative ways to showcase the dogs. They didn't want any kennels at the event, so they asked the Salvation Army if they could use some couches for the dogs to sit on, so the dogs could be more comfortable and people could see how the dogs act in a homier environment.

"As soon as you get 'em out of the shelter, they become who they are," Powers said. "And having both worked in retail, we know that interacting with a dog for the first time is like a test drive for a car. You've got to get people in the front seat."

It worked: Ten dogs found new homes, including the dog who needed Valley Fever medication, who had been in the shelter for more than six months. People loved being able to sit and cuddle with the dogs and get to know their personalities. Powers recalled proudly that there wasn't a bark in the whole place—the dogs were feeling much more relaxed, and the human attendees were seeing the dogs as much more adoptable.

The volunteers loved it too. When they decided to host a Valentine's Day Event, "Find Your Perfect Companion," they got all the volunteers they needed within two hours of putting out a call. At that event, they found homes for several more dogs, and used couches they'd decided to purchase.

"It gives them an opportunity to show off, even though they don't know it," Powers said. "They're becoming dogs, becoming themselves."

The Motivation Behind the Madness

Gilbert retired in 2018 and could spend his time any number of ways. Powers owns his own shaved ice products company, so this work is done on top of his regular job. So, why do they do it?

Powers does it in part in honor of his rescue dog named Merlin, who was about 5 when Powers adopted him from the Humane Society of Southern Arizona at an event at La Encantada.

Though Merlin has Valley Fever, tick fever and thyroid issues, Powers said he wasn't the only one who recognized what a special dog Merlin was. Shelter volunteers would take him home for the night, so he didn't have to spend the night in the shelter, but he wasn't getting adopted because of the expense of his medications. Now, Merlin is 11 or 12 years old, and Powers jokes that Merlin—his first rescue dog—is his "car payment" because he's so expensive. But he wouldn't change it for the world.



Eleven-year-old Precious dressed up as the angel she is.



Tucson Rescue Now aims to find homes for gentle, overlooked sweethearts like Chance.

Tucson Rescue Now helps older dogs at the Pima Animal Care Center find forever homes.



Eleven-year-old Sammy was at Tucson Rescue Now's Find Your Perfect Companion event.

"It's kind of in honor of him that I do this," he said.

Gilbert had owned German Shepherds throughout his life when he moved to Tucson in 2006. A woman from the Humane Society knew he liked the breed and she called him up one day about a German Shepherd she had at the shelter, who was so sick that he only weighed about 40 pounds.

"He's probably going to die, but can you just foster him?" she asked.

Gilbert spoke to his wife and they agreed to pick him up. He couldn't keep food down because he was on so many different medications. Gilbert decided he wanted the dog, whom he named Jake, to have the happiest last few days possible, so he threw away the medications and fed him good food like hamburgers and steak. Jake started to get stronger, and to play with Gilbert's other two dogs. He ended up living with Gilbert for six more years.

"That was my first introduction into rescues," Gilbert said. "And I would never get anything other than rescues."

Today Gilbert has a chihuahua mix named Lily, because he wanted a small dog that could travel with him for business—he joked that she has more airline miles than most people do. He also frequently takes home little dogs from the shelter for overnight visits, to help them come out of their shells.

"I just do things I really, really have a passion for," he said. "I had no plans for after retirement. Jace and I started doing this because we saw a need for it."

Why a Senior Dog?

Both Gilbert and Powers are big believers that adopting a senior dog could be lifechanging for both the human and the dog.

"If a dog is 12 or 14, maybe he does only have two or three years," Gilbert said. "Those should be the best years of his life."

And adopting an older dog isn't purely an act of charity: There's a lot of benefit in it for the person doing the adopting. Older dogs often come trained and understanding basic commands, and many are calmer and more laid back than puppies. Because they have a longer attention span than some younger dogs, you can, in fact, teach an old dog new tricks. For many people, like one

elderly woman who came into PACC just looking for a small, calm dog she could cook for, they're a perfect fit. Gilbert couldn't help but smile when one older couple met a dog in the shelter and said they really liked him but wanted to know how long Gilbert thought he would live.

"I don't know," he shrugged. "How long do you think you're going to live?"

Full Hearts and Wagging Tails at WOOFstock

Tucson Rescue Now made an appearance at the Tucson Dog's WOOFstock event in March 2019, where all three of the dogs they brought were adopted. Their area at the event was full of fun: Not only were there couches draped with dog- and bone-patterned blankets and a crew of lovable senior pups, but they were even selling shaved ice with a note that it was available "for senior dogs only, must show ID." Next to the sign advertising the shaved ice, they put up another silly sign, advertising, "fake IDs for senior dogs."

One little girl fell in love with a dog with crooked paws named Louie at the beginning of the day. She spent hours walking around the event, where there were dozens of adoptable dogs from organizations all over Tucson available for adoption.

"She came back, sat on the couch and said, 'I want Louie,'" Gilbert said. "People didn't want him because of his funny looking feet, but the little girl didn't care."



Kellie shows the world that senior pups are beautiful too!

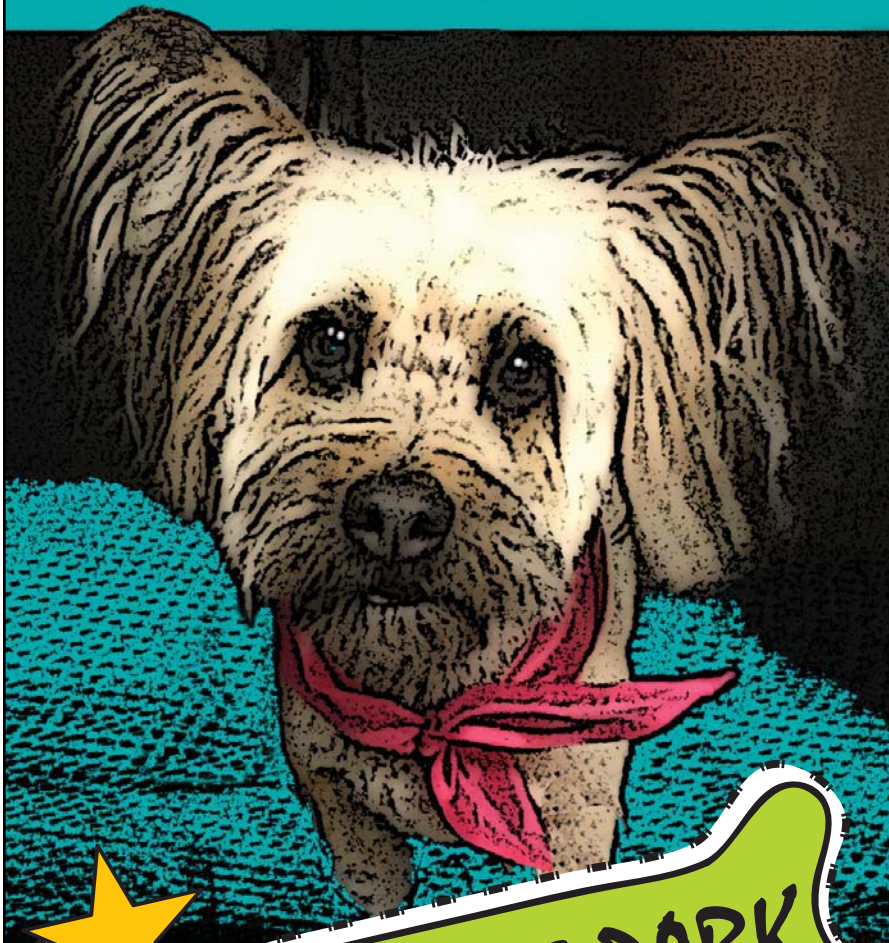
Another young man took home a 10-year-old dog named Achilles, who was originally brought into the shelter to be euthanized because he had cancer. An operation removed all the cancer, and Achilles got to start a new life once he found a home.

There are few things more rewarding, Gilbert and Powers agree, than finding the perfect dog-human match.

"Our thing is really all about the dogs," Gilbert said, explaining that some people pushed back against their idea to feature the dogs on couches, because not all people let their dogs on the couch. "We want the people that want to let their dogs on the couch anyway."

For more information on Tucson Rescue Now, and to keep up with their fun-filled, couch-filled, dog-filled adoption events, visit the Tucson Rescue Now Facebook page.

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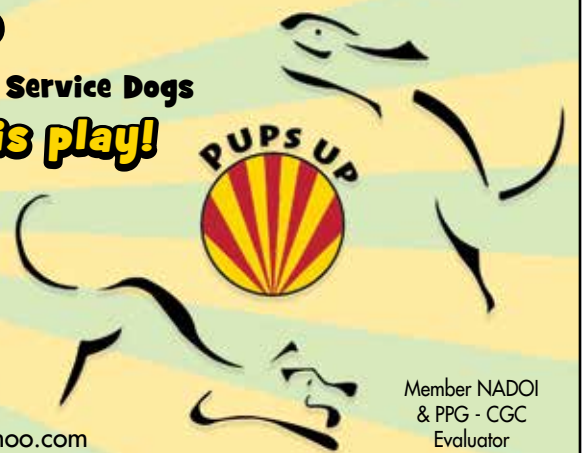
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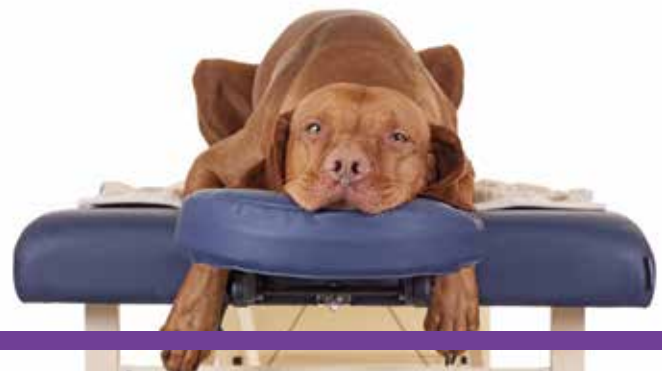


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By Kim Silver, Building Bonds

Adding a new puppy to your family is exciting yet stressful. An 8-week-old puppy in your home is like having a toddler to feed, potty train and monitor 24/7. Planning and prevention improves your puppy's likelihood of a healthy and happy life with you and decreases the probability you will relinquish your puppy due to behavior problems.

When To Bring Your Puppy Home

Staying with the litter through eight weeks of age is important so that your puppy learns appropriate mouth pressure, social and play skills. Some social disorders associated with leaving the litter too early are separation anxiety, compulsive disorders, hyperactivity, fear and dog-dog aggression. When the mother begins to resist nursing and puppies are eating on his or her own is often an indicator that the puppies are ready to move on to their new families.

Socialization & Fear Periods

Puppies have a finite period between three and twelve weeks of age for socialization. During this time puppies identify with other dogs as being like them and accept other species such as humans and cats if raised with them. Most importantly, puppies are learning the social cues necessary to communicate with dogs and other species. At 7 weeks of age puppies begin to curiously explore their environment. Puppies undergo a primary fear period between eight to ten weeks of age. Consequently, puppies may be frightened of people, objects, sounds, and other species or breeds of dogs which they have not encountered.

It is important that puppies have proactive and positive exposures to many of the things they may encounter in the world. An exposure that is frightening or negative can leave a lasting impression on your puppy. This critical socialization period is the best time to start socializing and training your puppy. Learning how to read your puppy's body language for signs of fear and having a plan in place to address fear can be learned in a well-designed puppy class. Your puppy will undergo a secondary fear period between four and twelve months of age lasting approximately 3 weeks. Early training and socialization with your puppy will prepare you for this as well as how to problem-solve other potential behavior issues.



Puppy Preschool Classes

Puppy Preschool classes are designed for puppies between the ages of eight and fourteen weeks of age. These classes educate pet parents about normal puppy behavior and provide positive methods for addressing these behaviors. Puppy Preschool classes also provide the opportunity for puppies to

play and socialize with other puppies of different breeds, meet humans, and explore various objects in a safe, controlled environment. Sadly still, pet parents are often instructed by veterinarians to wait until their puppies receive their final vaccination before attending a class with their puppy, or to wait until



their puppy reaches six months of age. Yet the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior says, "it should be the standard of care for puppies to receive socialization before they are fully vaccinated". AVSAB also says, "While puppies' immune systems are still developing during these early months, the combination of maternal immunity, primary vaccination, and appropriate care makes the risk of infection relatively small compared to the chance of death from a behavior problem". Since the number one reason for dog deaths in the U.S. is relinquishment and euthanasia for behavior problems, pet parents should take AVSAB's findings to heart. Puppy Preschool is vaccinating for behavior issues and may save your dog's life.

The Most Common Puppy Complaint

"My puppy won't stop biting me!" Hands down, this is the most common complaint from puppy pet parents. Here are some tips to help your puppy through the nipping and biting phase.

1. Be patient. This is behavior that may last through the first year of your puppy's life.
 2. Provide your puppy with a variety of appropriate things for him or her to chew on such as KONGS or bully sticks. Make sure to monitor your puppy while they enjoy their item.
 3. Whenever your puppy nips or bites, redirect your puppy to use his or her mouth on a more appropriate item. Toys, ropes, KONGS, bully sticks and other items are good choices.
 4. Use crates, baby gates and/or exercise pens to create spaces for your puppy to enjoy an alternative activity to nipping and biting you such as the items mentioned above. Be sure to create a positive experience and association with the space so that your puppy does not view it as punishing to be there.
 5. Training provides mental stimulation and serves as an outlet for your puppy's energy. Teaching your puppy some basic skills such as hand targeting, sit, or down will help to redirect your puppy to a more productive activity.
 6. Teach your children how to interact with your puppy appropriately.
- Great resources for families are doggonessafe.com and stopthe77.com

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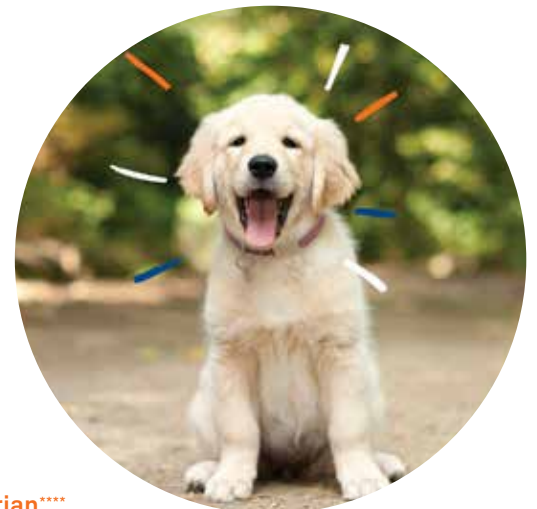
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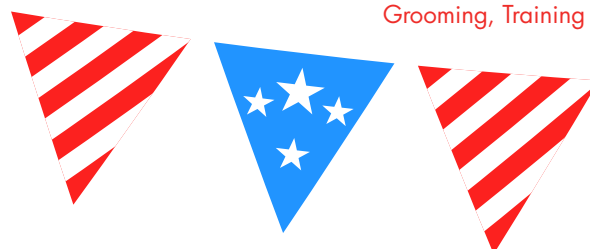
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Special Feature

The Beading Divas Celebrate 10 Years of Saving Animals!

Story and Photos by Karyn Zoldan



Handcrafted one-of-a-kind

What would you do if your dogs needed \$14,300 in emergency veterinary care? If you were like Lizzie Mead, you would ask the quality of life questions, then sign on the dotted line, hope for the best and worry how to pay it later.

It was like any other day on October 20, 2008, when Mead and her two greyhounds were on the way to the dog park when – bam – a hit-and-run driver hit her and five other vehicles. Her truck cab popped open and greyhounds Opal and Rider jumped out running in different directions. Mead's head hit the steering wheel knocking her briefly unconscious.

Fortunately, the dogs wore tags and two different good Samaritans called the rescue group who directed that the dogs be taken to nearby Pima Pet Clinic. Mead, who was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, was notified of their whereabouts and went to sign off on vet care.

Rider had his spleen removed and received 300 stitches while Opal's eye dangled and her paws were badly injured. Both dogs survived and thrived, living to experience their well-loved senior years.

Six greyhound adopters came together to help Mead raise funds. Through an early blog, local media coverage, an altruistic community, insurance money, the sale of handcrafted beaded bracelets, and a no-interest credit card – the entire vet bill was paid off in six months. Having just received fifty pounds of beads from a store going out of business, Mead said, "Let's keep going, I want to give back."



Lizzie Mead adds paws to the bracelets

In April 2009, the moniker Beading Divas to the Rescue was adopted, though the 501c3 and the website are registered under Beading Divas Bracelets.

"Let's keep going, I want to give back."

The Beading Divas are all about giving back. In ten years, they have raised more than \$200,000 for mostly local animal charities. To be exact, 66 animal charities in Tucson, 4 in other parts of Arizona, 10 in other states plus the galgos (Greyhounds) in Spain. Dogs, cats, farm animals, wildlife, pigs, horses, spay/neuter and advocacy have benefitted. Some groups have been chosen more than once. There is a consideration list and the requirements are: must be a 501c3, have a bank account in the group's name and agree to follow a policy and checklist which advises plenty of promotion in order to be successful.



A bountiful bracelet-making "bee"

If local and during their month, groups receive bracelets to sell in person one-to-one and keep the entire twenty dollars. Beading Divas take ten percent from the bracelets they sell on Etsy and around town at Silver Sea Jewelry, Clues Unlimited and Nadine's Desert Fashions in Oro Valley.

"This was one of the most positive experiences of fundraising I have experienced," said Joyce Sanford, president of Southern Arizona Golden Retriever Rescue. "The bracelets were lovely, well-priced and sold easily and all your volunteers were helpful and friendly. Please choose us again in the future."

Bracelets are one-of-a-kind, made with donated beads and all have a dangling paw charm, ideal as gifts for animal lovers and fashion-followers. "My greatest fear was how are we ever going to find enough donated beads?" said Karyn Zoldan. In the early years there were exhausting bead drives around town, but now beads sit in multiple home closets and boxes of donated beads and supplies arrive from all over the country. People are happy to find a good cause for their no longer needed beads.

Every other month about 25 to 35 women are invited to a local library to make bracelets and build creative volunteerism. Plus, more than a half dozen outside individuals or small groups make bracelets with their own stash of beads and donate the dazzle to the inventory.

"I'm so proud to be part of something that started so small and has grown so wide," said Randee Dickey, bracelet maker.

As with most non-profits, there's been some board turnover but the current busy six – Gail Cohn, Cynthia David, Loren Dawn, Lizzie Mead, Mary Jo Pollack and Karyn Zoldan combine their talents for photography, fulfillment, accounting, merchandising, customer service, outreach, marketing, promotion and fun.

Let's Celebrate – Wear a Tiara

On Sunday May 26 from 4 to 6 pm, the Beading Divas invite everyone to Corbett Brewing Company (309 E. 7th Street) for live music by The Unday and for raffle prizes, bracelet sales, plus giveaways and the chance for your favorite rescue group or shelter to be randomly chosen as the August fundraising recipient. To receive a free raffle ticket, donate beads and/or arrive wearing a Beading Divas bracelet. Every time you buy a bracelet at the event, you receive three raffle tickets to put in the bin of what you want to win. Free admission, 21+, please leave pets at home.

Funds raised from bracelet sales and raffle tickets will benefit Southern Arizona Greyhound Adoption.



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Written by Karyn Zoldan, director, Beading Divas Bracelets

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Special Feature

The Rescued Critters Food Drive: Making a Difference for Animals... One Door at a Time

Story by Emily Dieckman Photos courtesy of Peter Norback



Peter Norback had a special T-shirt made demonstrating the power of even the smallest donation to help animals in need. It reads, 90 cents equals 1 lb



The haul from the very first week of the Rescued Critters Food Drive in September 2018. \$76, a dog crate and plenty of pet food

The Rescued Critters Food Drive aims to raise 2.2 tons of food for PACC in its first year... and it's way ahead of schedule.

When one of his neighbor's sons decided he wanted to take on an entrepreneurial project to get more trees planted in the Miles Neighborhood, Peter Norback offered to take him around and introduce him to all the neighbors.

"My neighbor said her son is a big risk taker; he gets on a bike and

weaves in and out of traffic," Norback said. "My risk is walking up and saying 'Hi, neighbor.'"

Norback is well-versed in knocking on his neighbor's doors. Every Sunday, he goes around the neighborhood collecting cash, food and other donations for the Pima Animal Care Center for a project he calls the Rescued Critters Food Drive.

His community service work in the Miles Neighborhood started years ago, when he started a program called One Can a Week to collect food donations from his neighbors in 2009. He was methodical in how he did it, and not afraid to start slow: He'd go door-to-door several days a week collecting donations and then hand-delivering them for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. He helped donate more than 150,000 lbs. of food and \$34,000 in total.



Peter often includes his two Westies, Cody and Haley, in his weekly photos of the food drive haul. Here they are in week 9

After several years, it got to be more work than it was before, because he found people were starting to care less and less about other people. Then he had an appendectomy at age 74. He needed a break. But once Norback, now 77, recovered, he decided he wanted to do something else to make a difference, and put together the Rescued Critters Food Drive in September 2018.



By week 29 of the Rescued Critters Food Drive, there wasn't enough room on Peter's table for both Haley and the donations

"I went back to all my neighbors and they all started to participate every Sunday, because it's animals, and they love animals," he said.

PACC can buy dog food for 90 cents/lb., so Norback encourages his neighbors to consider the purchasing power of even a small donation. He even stresses the impact the spare change lying on a dresser can have. Norback's blog

details a story about when one man down the street seemed self-conscious about only offering a dollar to the drive. Norback assured him it would feed a lot of little dogs.

"Or," he added after a pause, "one big dog."

Norback set a goal of raising funds for 2.2 tons of food in their first year. He thought if he could get 75 participants to donate just one dollar a week, they'd raise \$3,900 in a year—which amounts to 2.2 tons of dog food. He has about 55 households that participate, though the number fluctuates. And he finds most people give more than one dollar—he often gets donations of \$10 or \$15. He's also gotten donations of materials ranging from dog pens to leashes to a printer, which PACC now uses in its office.

He keeps careful track of every donation he gets, totaling the amount of cash and checks and weighing the food donations, making sure the receipts he gets from PACC match. He posts the totals to his website and emails them to his neighbors each week, and also emails and hands out a quarterly report of the amount raised.

"He's a great community leader who's been out doing extraordinary events," said Richard Fimbres, the vice mayor of the City of Tucson and Norback's neighbor, who donates to the drive each week. "He knows everyone in our neighborhood. He's a great citizen and a great community advocate. He does a lot. He gives a lot."

Norback pairs his small asks with big dreams. In fact, he believes they go hand-in-hand. When he asked Bennett Simonsen, his contact and the animal protection supervisor at PACC, how much dog food the shelter purchases a year, Simonsen said close to 100 tons. Far from fazed, Norback wrote in his blog that all it would take is 50 neighborhoods trying to meet the same goal the Miles Neighborhood is working toward.

He's not just about spreading awareness of his project. He's also about spreading joy. He likes to help clean his neighbors' alleys, or to pass out seedlings for African daisies to participants. He even offers to help his neighbors plant the seedlings. It's a win-win, he says.

"They're doing what they like, planting flowers, and everybody's happier," he said, "So they give me more money, and I can give it to PACC."

At the beginning of April, he sent out the results of the program's second quarter—at 3,396 pounds of food (including cash donations assuming PACC's rate of 90 cents per pound), the food drive was nearly 80% of the way to its goal, with 22 weeks left to go.

"So," wrote Norback, "We're crushing it, as they say."

For more information about the Rescued Critters Food Drive, including information on how to start a similar project in your own neighborhood, visit rescuedcrittersfooddrive.blogspot.com.



Peter commissioned an artist to create these depictions of animals holding food bowls



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Training

Parrots are Pets Too!

By Kim Silver, Building Bonds



Enrichment Outside of Cage

There are over 360 species of parrots (psittacines), including parakeets, cockatiels, amazons, macaws, and cockatoos. In the United States, 3% of households (3.6 million homes) share their lives with birds. A wild bird's best chance of safety and survival is to live with a flock. Captive birds rely on humans to become a parrot's flock. It is essential that captive parrots spend time with their humans outside of their cage for several hours a day. For both social birds and those that are not comfortable with human interactions, providing a stimulating environment is critical for their well-being. An enriching parrot environment should include plenty of opportunities to forage, shred, climb and play. For social, friendly birds that enjoy human contact, activity outside a bird's enclosure may involve activities with you. But for a bird that does not like physical contact with humans, having activities that do not include human interaction is vital. An excellent resource for how to create an enriching environment in and outside of the cage with wonderful DIY ideas is the Busy Beaks Academy Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BusyBeaksAcademy/>.

Problems arise in bird homes because parrots are prey species and humans are predators. Everyday household activities of humans can be perceived as threats to a captive parrot. It is critical to adapt one's body language to appear non-threatening to a bird. By doing so, pet parents can facilitate a trusting bond between them and their parrot. If a parrot is timid around people, it can become difficult to tend to a bird's everyday needs such as cleaning his cage, feeding, returning a bird to its enclosure and the ability to provide veterinary care. By teaching your parrot skills to help manage everyday tasks with ease, the quality of life with your bird will dramatically increase. Parrots are highly intelligent and can learn with ease. Here are some beneficial skills to teach your bird.

Stationing

Asking a bird to station on a designated perch in and/or outside of this enclosure is useful to move a bird away from you. Moving a bird without physical handling can be necessary if your bird lunges, bites, is shy around people or of hands coming at them. You may station your bird while you change his food bowls in the cage, move him away from entrances of large enclosures to prevent escape or as a way to return a parrot to their cage. Follow these steps to teach your bird to station.

1. Introduce your bird to the perch you would like to use for your station location. Lure your bird to the perch with a treat. Once your bird finishes the treat, lure your bird off the perch.
2. Repeat the above step several times. Then begin saying "station" or "perch" as you lure your bird onto the perch. Repeat this until your bird responds to your verbal cue "station" or "perch" without the food lure. Fade out using the food lure or directing your bird with your hand and



Oliver Stationing



Step up on hand

only use your verbal cue. To build a strong station cue, make sure to reward your bird with a treat every time he goes to his station.

Step Up

Teaching a bird to step up on to your hand allows you to transport your bird to and from locations such as a cage to play gym, to a travel carrier or return him to his cage. It also helps to build a trusting bond between you. To teach your bird to step up, follow these steps.

1. Hold a treat in one hand and lure your bird toward your other hand. Position your other hand higher so that your bird will eventually step up onto your hand. Birds are not comfortable stepping down. Give your bird a treat just for coming closer to your "step up" hand.
2. If your bird shows hesitation and only puts one talon on your hand, give your bird a treat. You can gradually shape the behavior and eventually get two talons on your hand. Be patient, especially with shy or fearful birds.
3. When your bird begins to step onto your hand with both talons, say "step up." When your bird completes the step up on to your hand give him a treat.

Drink From A Syringe

This skill can be life-saving and one that many bird parents often do not think about training ahead of time before they need it. By teaching your bird to drink small amounts of liquid from a syringe, your bird will be prepared to take medication compounded with sweet flavoring. Follow these steps to syringe train your bird.



Syringe

1. When your bird looks at the syringe, mark with a word such as "yes" or click using a clicker. Follow with a treat.
2. When your bird touches the syringe with his beak, mark and give a treat.
3. Next, fill the syringe with water (juice will come later). When your bird touches the syringe filled with water with his beak, mark and give a treat.
4. Next, when your bird drinks a drop of water from the syringe, mark and give a treat.
5. Next add juice to the syringe such as pomegranate, carrot or cranberry juice. When your bird drinks a drop of juice, mark and give a treat.

For a YouTube tutorial video on how to teach your bird to drink from a syringe go to <https://youtu.be/wm3tWFmWa0c>

Kim Silver is a certified professional force-free dog and parrot trainer in Tucson, Arizona.

Special Feature

My Dogs

By Patty Rowe

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Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

Story by Kelli Van Nuys Photos courtesy Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

Inside the Grand Canyon, near Havasu Falls, hikers are shocked to find horses in dire conditions. The horses are clearly mistreated and forced to work in 100-degree weather. It is clear that they need help, but deep inside the canyon, there appears to be nobody nearby who can help.

On the other side of Arizona, in Sahuarita, wild horses that have roamed freely for generations are forcibly rounded up and taken to an auction, where they are sold to slaughter for meat. Pregnant mares with foals on their side are anxious and fight to get away. Fortunately, there are rescues working around the clock to save the horses in both of these situations.

Tucked in between looming new housing projects and gated communities, Wildhorse Ranch Rescue is a unique sanctuary that over 200 horses have called home. Nearly 100 years ago the land was Yellow Rose Ranch, where Clabber, saved from slaughter, became the 1941 World Champion Quarter Running Horse. Kimberly Meagher, founder of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue, found out about Clabber's story 10 years after starting her rescue. "When I received a package in the mail from a family member related to the owners of The Yellow Rose, it gave me goosebumps to find out that a rescued horse lived at the ranch, was saved from slaughter and went on to become a world champion." She believes his spirit has been behind her mission all along.



River and Phoenix

The rescue was founded in 1995 and received 501C status in 2000. In the 24 years the rescue has been operating, they have saved over 200 horses. However, their methods and approach go far beyond that of the typical rescue. Kimberly and her Wildhorse volunteers take in wild, domestic and retired horses in a variety of conditions.

Wildhorse makes frequent trips to the Supai, helping severely sick and injured horses hike the 8-mile trail out of the canyon and coordinating with the Humane Society of the United States to find them placement. Wildhorse created an additional program, HavasuPups in 2007, for unwanted stray dogs. Unlike other strays, however, the Supai strays learned to team-up with hikers to get food and water, so they are very socialized. The goal of the program is to remove most of the existing stray canyon dogs and secure them in forever homes. Since 2007, the HavasuPups program has reduced the unwanted dog population by 85% through spay and neuter programs as well as adoptions. Wildhorse also takes dog food, cat food, and hay for the animals during their trips.

No expense is too much to save the life of a horse at Wildhorse Ranch Rescue – they work with countless veterinarians for ongoing medical issues and provide tens of thousands of dollars' worth of care to keep their horses alive. Each horse receives proper medical attention, food, training, grooming and love from the volunteers and the rescue. The rescue is a beacon of hope for the horses and mules rescued from Supai in the Grand Canyon, and a safe place to recuperate before finding their forever homes.

Wildhorse rescue also attends the auctions in Buckeye, AZ. To rescue horses from Sahuarita, fighting against the wrongful round up of the wild horses by preventing them from being sent to slaughter. Kimberly arrived at the most recent auction with her team a few minutes late and learned that a mother and her foal had already

been sold to the auction. She knew that wild horses become pregnant quickly after giving birth, and that three lives were about to be unnecessarily destroyed. After her team, along with other Tucson-area rescues, saved the remaining horses, she approached the meat farmer. "When we were negotiating with him," she said, "he wanted \$500 for the pair. He had paid \$150. A wonderful and kind couple offered to pay the \$500 so we made the deal and those lives were saved along with 22 other horses that we bid on and saved that day." Kimberly was able to take them back to her rescue with the rest of the horses and slept better knowing that all of them were safe.

Kitty City, a cat rescue with open-air patio's and atriums for the cats to roam around in comfort, also calls Wildhorse home. Celeste is the volunteer in charge of the cats and makes sure each new rescue receives veterinary care right away. Each cat has a unique name and lives a cage-free life in the sanctuary. Kitty City began as a way to save feral cats who were being killed in housing construction and other city development projects and has evolved into a sanctuary to care for each feline life while they wait to find their forever homes.

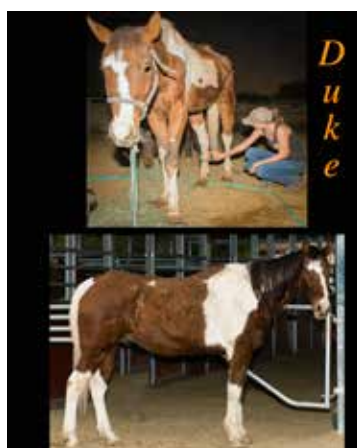
Volunteers keep the rescue operating and provide love and care to each and every horse and cat. Some volunteers have even adopted horses and keep them housed at the sanctuary to ensure they have enough space and a clean home. There are currently over 51 horses living at Wildhorse, and they have run out of room to take in more rescues. However, founder Kimberly has purchased 40 acres of land in Prescott to expand the rescue and is in need of donations to put up fencing and make the land habitable.



Celeste and Kitty City

Visiting the rescue is worth the 90-minute drive from Tucson, AZ into beautiful Chandler and Gilbert. There is space to sit and have a cool drink in the shade while admiring the ranch. Sometimes, there will be horses rolling around in the dirt, or following the tours around the barn and friendly cats are eager for attention from visitors. Wildhorse also offers a cozy Airbnb, allowing visitors to rent out the space and experience life on a real ranch rescue.

Please email info@whrr.org to schedule a visit, donation, or if you are interested in volunteering or adopting. Phone: 1-866-926-8007 Website: <http://www.wildhorseranchrescue.com/wildhorse.html>.



Duke, Before and After



Front Row: Marcie, Kristyn, Kim, Playboy, Clint, Laurie, Celeste
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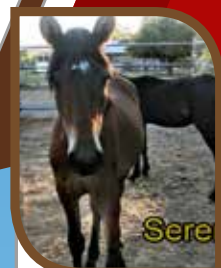


IN THE BARN

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PENNY & LIRA We are a wild mamma and baby team trapped by Asarco Mine near Sahuarita, AZ and picked up by AZ Dept of AG. Wildhorse Ranch Rescue purchased us and saved our lives at the auction in June 2018! We must go together. We require an experienced handler or adopter with a Natural Horsemanship Trainer. Our adoption fee is \$750. We have been featured many times in this magazine and we're hoping that this time we'll find our forever home! Please contact Wildhorse Ranch Rescue at 866-926-8007 or info@whrr.org to adopt us!



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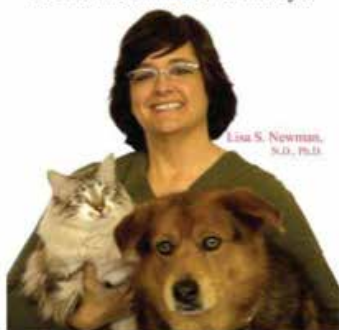
Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets: The Holistic Animal Care Lifestyle™

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Reviewed by Bella Wexler

Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets

The Holistic Animal Care Lifestyle™



Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets: The Holistic Animal Care Lifestyle™ is the ninth of all the extremely helpful books Dr. Lisa S. Newman has written as a Naturopathic Doctor with a Ph.D. in Nutrition. While Dr. Newman may call Tucson home, her books and natural animal care products have helped followers worldwide, including *The Holistic Animal Care School of Japan* where her teachings act as a basis for the core curriculum. *Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets* indulges readers in a thorough explanation of the many complexities within holistic health care for animals. It is a commendable work for its comprehensibility

which makes all animal lovers, regardless of their previous understanding of the subject matter, easily able to follow Dr. Newman's writing. Besides, we shouldn't need to learn rocket science to care for our animal companions. Yet, as this book so eloquently shows, we shouldn't approach our pets' health with complacency either.

Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets provides readers with a detailed, three step regimen for retaining and maintaining pet health. This includes a detoxification period, proper nutrition and water intake, and, finally, a routine to actively reverse persistent symptoms. The benefits of this three step program run deep. Rather than attacking symptoms with fast, short term suppressants, these steps work to address the underlying issues in your pet's health, thereby promoting a balanced and lengthened life while preventing symptoms from resurfacing in the future because they were only temporarily minimized in the past. This book also outlines specific advice for solving virtually any health issue imaginable through natural methods. Woven throughout this section and beyond are Dr. Newman's endorsements of natural remedies, supplements, vitamins, and other products she has either developed herself or supports from other sources. She even explains the proper dosages for different animals. Lastly, this book sheds light on the importance of respecting the perspectives of your pets' veterinarian and cultivating a strong relationship with said vet. After all, his/her level of expertise, open mindedness, and cooperation with you and your pets can mean the difference between life and death.

As pet owners and animal lovers, we take on the responsibility of giving our four legged friends the best quality of life possible. If we are to fulfill this promise, we owe it to our pets to educate ourselves on their care from a holistic standpoint and to be proactive by relying on a combination of our own instincts, research, and vets' expert advice. Reading *Three Simple Steps to Healthy Pets: The Holistic Animal Care Lifestyle™* by Dr. Lisa S. Newman, N.D., Ph.D. marks the first stage in giving your furry or feathery companions the love and life they deserve.



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Does your organization have a piece of animal news that should be featured in Bark All About IT!? If so, please submit one photo and a brief description to: ann@thetucsondog.com

Humane Society of Southern Arizona Celebrates 75th Anniversary!

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona is happy to announce this year is their 75th anniversary!

Seventy-five years ago, the story of their forever home began with a horse race. Without a piece of land to begin this more humane approach to caring for homeless pets, one supporter pledged to donate a small tract of land if his horse won in an upcoming race. From this humble beginning, and for the next seventy-three years, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona has worked tirelessly to serve the homeless pets and the people who love them in Southern Arizona.



Their anniversary celebrations will include 30 days of amazing events and promotions all geared towards their seven and a half decades of serving homeless pets in this community! Stay tuned to their Facebook page for updates on their 75th Anniversary Banquet dinner taking place on July 13, 2019. They will also have special adoption days, fun events for kids, a "Make your Anniversary OUR Anniversary!" HSSA Wedding, and more to be announced soon. Follow their page to learn more at www.facebook.com/hssaz



They are now moved into their new home and, over the past year, they've been eagerly preparing for their 75th Anniversary! They are so proud to have served their community for so long. Join them in celebrating this milestone throughout 2019. Here's to another seventy-five years!

ASAVET Veterinary Charities awarded a generous grant from PetSmart Charities to support their mobile spay/neuter outreach program!

In December of 2018, ASAVET Veterinary Charities was notified that PetSmart Charities had awarded their organization a \$40,000 grant to support their mobile spay/neuter outreach program.

Founded in 2014 by Tucson native and veterinarian, Dr. Karter Neal, ASAVET Veterinary Charities is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and providing spay/neuter services to rural and underserved communities. Some believe that people who do not provide care for their animals are irresponsible. The reality is that people too often have to decide between putting food on their tables or spaying/neutering their pets. Specific human populations targeted are low income, rural folks with little or no access to veterinarian care. Geographical areas targeted include Southern Arizona, New Mexico, and the Arizona/New Mexico Native American Reservations.

This commitment to improving animal health and supporting indigent communities has resulted in Dr. Neal and her team performing 4,720 spay/neuter procedures in 2018. Each mobile clinic costs between \$3000-\$3500, depending on whether vaccinations are also included. The ASAVET team averaged two mobile clinics per week last year and their collaborative work with the Pima Animal Care Center, served an astonishing total of 7,012 animals who would not have been able to otherwise access care. ASAVET's goal this year is to conduct three mobile clinics per week.



For more information, please contact Maria Sinn, marias@santacruzpet.com or call her at (520) 889-9643.

Pima Animal Care Center Receives a Grant from Maddie's Fund!

PACC received a grant from Maddie's Fund® to build the world's largest, most innovative foster program. Just one year later, the shelter placed 5,080 pets in foster homes and welcomed 60 apprentices from shelters across the country to learn about starting and running model foster programs.

Maddie's Fund is now providing a grant to hire two fellows that will be selected to spend 12 months in Tucson, Arizona, becoming part of the leadership team at Pima Animal Care Center.



The chosen candidates will work for the Friends of PACC but will report to the director of animal services at PACC and will receive a \$70,000 salary, including full benefits. Fellows will also attend several professional development events, including national conferences.

They will be trained in every area of the shelter, gaining the skills to manage the following key areas: adoptions, intake, medical operations, animal protection, outreach, the volunteer and foster programs and pet support initiatives. Each month, the fellows will have a different focus area to learn how to remove barriers to adoption, care for up to 1,000 pets at any given time in the shelter, run a government organization, manage crisis situations and communicate with the community, build robust volunteer and foster programs; create a transparent organization, and plan for succession and evolution.

Stay tuned as we meet the candidates in an upcoming story in The Tucson Dog!



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