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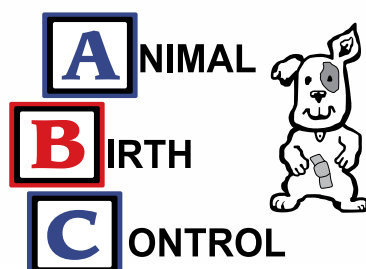
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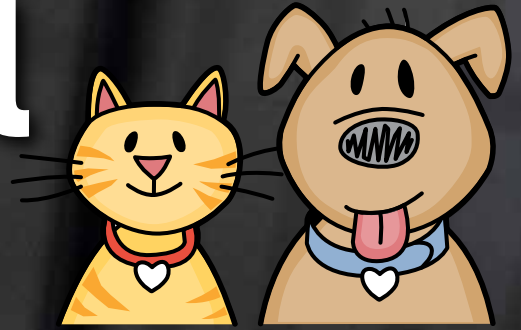
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Readers,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and spending more time outdoors with your four-legged friends. It's a great time of year in Tucson as the weather cools down.

We are breaking ground with some new things here at The Tucson Dog. First, we launched our first Cover Dog Contest and it was a blast! We had 68 dogs that entered and were photographed by our Cover Photographer, Candice Eaton. After almost two weeks of voting online, we have a winner! And the winner is....Kyzer Terminell! Kyzer is our Holiday Cover Dog and as we found out, he has quite a story and a big following. We had so many awesome contestants that we decided to show you all their pics in this edition in our Andy's Antics – Holiday Edition.

If you didn't get a chance to enter our first contest, we have another one starting now and you can find out more about our next Cover Dog Contest, WOOFstock edition in this issue. Thank you to ABC Pet Care Clinics for being our Exclusive Sponsor of this contest.

And if you believe in puppy love, we have another fun sweepstakes for Valentine's Day as well. You can find out more about that contest as well in this edition.

In this issue, we brought you some special stories with holiday themes and things you can do to help those that are helping people and animals every day in this beautiful community. Tucson is a very giving, compassionate community and we are proud to be a part of it; bringing you stories that matter as well as education about how we can help animals in need and be better guardians of our own fur babies.

I would also like to share some news that you will also find in this edition about our next big event. We are starting to work on our WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon event which will be on March 15, 2020 and will be held once again at The Reid Park Bandshell. It will be another great day of Peace, Love & Dogs with lots of fun, food, contests, demos and of course, lovable, adoptable dogs from many shelter and rescue groups!

Since this is our last edition of 2019, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your support of The Tucson Dog. We are continuing to grow each year and I love reading emails and letters about how much you love the magazine and the stories we bring you each issue. I never get tired of hearing from you so thank you again for taking the time to let us know.

I also need to say a big thank you to the businesses that support the magazine through their advertising and participation in our events, WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest. Please support these businesses because without them, we could not do all we do! So, please frequent their businesses and let them know that you saw them in The Tucson Dog!

I would also like to thank our amazing staff that works tirelessly to bring you each edition of The Tucson Dog. They continue to inspire me with their love and compassion of this community of animal lovers like you. This is a team effort and could not happen without all of them!

As we head into the holidays, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season and we will see you again in 2020!

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

8 THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR DOG DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Dear Humans,

I love this time of year when it's cooler outside and I get to be out there even more! And the other thing that is going on is, what my mom calls, "the hectic holidays!" I'm not sure what all that is about BUT there is a lot of food, parties, guests in the house and sometimes lots of travel too. It seems to stress the humans out a bit.

I would like to give you some tips on things you can do with your "best friend" to make sure we don't get forgotten because we still need lots of physical and mental stimulation on a daily basis. So please, remember us and make time to do some of these fun things with us:

1. Take time to take in the sights of the season with your dog. Take a walk around the neighborhood to see the lights and decorations. Remember to take the weather into consideration as it gets colder and if your pet needs it, bring out that sweater or coat.
2. Find some games to play inside if it's too cold or rainy outside. My mom found a great puzzle that makes me slide pieces of wood over to find the treats, which I always do. It's not only great stimulation for our minds, but I love the tasty treats she puts in them...yum! Check with your local pet store to find out all the games they have available as there are many.
3. Find local activities to do with your dog. Many shelters have special holiday events that you and your best friend can attend together. Check out the Calendar section of The Tucson Dog to find out what's going on in the area.
4. If your house gets really busy with guests, make sure you provide a safe, cozy place for your pets away from all the hustle and bustle. A cozy bed, ours or yours...ha, ha and make sure to provide food, water and toys so we can entertain ourselves.
5. Give your dog lots of fresh air whenever possible. Many places welcome your four-legged friends like tree farms, nurseries, outdoor markets, dog parks and sometimes even just a car ride is fun! We go every day at my house and I love it! Just keep the weather in mind before you head out.
6. Take an agility class or join one of the great clubs in Tucson where you can have fun with your "best friend." It's a great way to occupy our minds and our bodies as well as your own. We can stay healthy together!
7. Have a doggie playdate! This is a great activity to socialize your dog and you also get to socialize with your dog's human. This activity can be done either inside or outdoors, weather permitting. Socializing is a very important part of our well-being as well as yours. We are all social beings!
8. Get some holiday pics done of you and your dog! I know you like sharing pictures of us! You can even create some holiday cards with them to make your friends and family smile!

When it's cold outside and the season gets busy, please keep these activities in mind. It's not only good for your beloved dog, but it's good for you and the whole family. Happy Holiday as my mom always says!

Peace, Love & holiday treats!

Gracie





Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 2nd 10am-2pm **PUPS IN THE PLAZA**

PAWSH, Park Place
5870 E. Broadway Blvd.
Join us on the first Saturday of every month for Pups in the Plaza! PAWSH Park Place's adoptable dogs will be located outside Victoria's Secret at Park Place. Decide to make one (or more) of these pups part of your family and enjoy 25% OFF ALL PAWSH merchandise!

Thursday, Nov. 7th 5pm-8pm **SPEEK: SERVICE vs. THERAPY** **vs. SUPPORT ANIMALS**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
HSSA Main Campus
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Learn how animals are able to help provide for us in our lives! HSSA's Pet VIP Therapy and Visitation Program Lead will clarify the difference between service, therapy, and support animals and the regulations surrounding them.
www.hssaz.org/speek

Saturday, Nov. 9th 8am-1pm **Rummage to the Rescue(s)**

St. Marks United Methodist Church
1431 W. Magee Road
(Southwest Corner of La Canada & Magee)
Giant outdoor rummage sale,
all to benefit local animal rescues.
17 groups will be participating.
Hosted by the St. Marks Animal Ministry Team

Saturday, Nov. 9th 10am - 2pm **PET SANTA PHOTOS**

Park Place Mall
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Friday, Nov. 15th 1pm-2:30pm (6 class series) **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN**

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HSSA Main Campus
635 W. Roger Rd.
Canine Good Citizen (CGC) teaches basic training and good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10 step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. Each program includes 6 classes and is taught by a certified AKC instructor.
www.hssaz.org/cgc

Friday, Nov. 15th 6pm-8pm **SPEEK: CREATIVE JUICE BYOB PAINT NIGHT**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
HSSA Main Campus
635 W. Roger Rd.
Want to exercise your artistic muscles? Join us and Creative Juice painting a pet-themed canvas at HSSA's Main Campus while responsibly enjoying your own BYO (bring your own) beer or wine. The painting will beautifully adorn any pet lover's wall or is sure to make a great holiday gift for you or someone else.
www.hssaz.org/speek

Saturday, Nov. 16th **PAWS AND PAGES**

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Kids ages 5 to 11 years old are invited to read to shy, sick, and long-term pets at HSSA. Kids will build their confidence reading while pets build their confidence with people. Registration is required and space is limited.
www.hssaz.org/read

Saturday, Nov. 16th 8am - 2pm **SWEAT FOR PETS: WALK, RUN & ROLL**

Kino Sports Complex
2805 E. Ajo Way
Join us for our fifth annual Sweat for Pets! This dog friendly event features a kids fun zone, vendor booths, food trucks, a beer garden, and a sniffing good time for all your four-legged pals. To register head to www.hssaz.org/sweat.

Saturday, Nov. 16th 9am-11am (3 class series) **HAND IN PAW LEARNING SERIES**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
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635 W. Roger Rd.
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www.hssaz.org/kids

Thursday, Nov. 28th at 8am - **Tuesday, Dec. 10th at midnight** **HOLIDAY PAWCTION**

Join us for our online Holiday PAWction! Find that unique gift for everyone on your shopping list from the comfort of your home. Find all the auction details at www.hssaz.org/auction.

DECEMBER

Thursday, Dec. 5th 5pm-8pm **SPEEK: ANN MARIE HOFF, ARTIST, PET** **COMMUNICATOR, INTUITIVE MEDIUM**

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Ann Marie Hoff, artist, pet communicator, and intuitive medium, hosts a presentation on such topics as: what pets teach us (about life, death, and reincarnations), the spiritual purpose of pets, and the differences between cat and dog energies in both animals and people, among others. Sure to be an exciting and interesting night!
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Saturday, Dec. 7th 10am-2pm **PUPS IN THE PLAZA**

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Wednesday, Dec. 11th 9am-1pm **Pet Photos with Santa**

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Friday, Dec. 13th 6pm-9pm **MOVIE AND A CUDDLE**

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635 W. Roger Rd.
The holidays are upon us, so celebrate with us at Movie and a Cuddle! This year we will start off by reading bedtime stories to our shelter pets, followed by crafts, a pizza dinner, some popcorn popping, therapy dogs and a favorite children's movie projected on the big screen! Feel free to bring your own blanket, stuffed animals and wear your favorite PJs!
www.hssaz.org/kids

Saturday, Dec. 14th 1pm-5pm **PET FIRST AID**

Humane Society of Southern Arizona
HSSA Main Campus
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Participants will learn how to conduct pet CPR, treat medical emergencies, prevent emergencies, learn how to assist their vet in treating their pet, keep animals safe from local environmental hazards, avoid poisonous plants and household dangers, and identify and react to cruelty and neglect issues. Space is limited and registration is required.
www.hssaz.org/petfirstaid

Saturday, Dec. 21st **PAWS AND PAGES**

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www.hssaz.org/read

Dec. 27th through Jan. 3rd 9am-4pm **HAND IN PAW WINTER BREAK WORKSHOPS**

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www.hssaz.org/kids

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Kids & Animals

Cody's Friends Holiday Pet Food Drive

Story by Bella Wexler - Photos Courtesy of Cody's Friends

Young Cody Allen was once tasked with writing a school report about his personal hero. Inspired by the famous quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country", Cody elected to write about former President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy's words inspired Cody to



Cody Allen

discover how he could help his country, too. For him, this meant helping both people and pets in need. So, being the remarkably driven child he was, he founded Cody's Friends: a charitable organization dedicated to collecting and distributing donations of pet care materials to those in need. Ten years later, Cody is now a full-time student at the University of Arizona while continuing to dedicate himself to the ever-growing Cody's Friends mission. This holiday season, Cody's Friends invites the entire Tucson community to contribute to bettering the lives of pets and their people in our city.

The impact of Cody's ambition and passion for animal welfare is already evident, yet he aims higher every year. "Initially, my mom and I picked up donations on front porches for several years," Cody says. Since then, Cody's Friends has expanded significantly with the support of many volunteers. In 2018, a total of over 40 human service agencies and 75 animal rescue groups relied on pet food and supply donations distributed by Cody's Friends. That year, over 1 million pounds of pet food were delivered to these resource centers in need. Cody is confident that by the end of this year, "we are going to break that record". Even as they continue to grow, the need for pet supplies in Tucson can seem insurmountable. Made up entirely by unpaid volunteers, Cody's Friends requires all the help they can get to tackle this need and, no matter what, their commitment to bettering the lives of people and animals is unfaltering.

Cody is particularly moved by the devoted relationship between owners and their pets. "People will go hungry before they let their pet suffer," he says. As a result, delivering food for animals enables Cody's Friends to help those pets' people, too. In order to meet the high demand for pet supplies, Cody's Friends relies on local businesses displaying donation boxes to customers,

pet food donated from stores, as well as monetary donations which they use to purchase more pet food.

The holiday pet food drive offers a perfect opportunity every year to contribute to the Cody's Friends mission. From October 1st through December 31st, donations of pet food and supplies are delivered at special holiday events such as the Armory Park and Salvation Army Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. All of this is done in addition to the organization's regular deliveries. In 2019, Cody's Friends is aiming to stock 21,000 pounds of pet food above what is typically needed over the course of the holiday drive.



Lindy Watt at a Cody's Friends Donation Station

Community members like you can help in a variety of ways including volunteering to bag food or help organize/attend special events, dropping off donations- open food bags are acceptable- at one of forty Cody's Friends Donation Stations across Tucson (listed at <https://codysfriends.org/wheretodonate/>) or at their main service location (4702 N Flowing Wells), and making a monetary donation online at <https://codysfriends.org/donate/>. All help is greatly appreciated and makes a major difference in the lives of pets and owners in need.

Throughout his years of working with Cody's Friends, Cody's devotion to animal wellbeing has only grown. While in high school, he worked at a local veterinary clinic. Now, in his freshman year of college at the University of Arizona, he continues to propel Cody's Friends forward while majoring in veterinary science. He certainly has lived up to his grade school hero, President John F. Kennedy's words and is constantly striving to do more. Discovering what we can do for our country begins with discovering how to give back to our community. This holiday season, thanks to Cody's Friends, we all have an answer to that question. To learn more, please visit <https://codysfriends.org> or the organization's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CodysFriendsCharity/>.



Sue Rizzi, first responder with the Tucson Fire Department collects pet supplies to bring to callers in need



(left to right) Marlyce Wright, Jan Walker, and Sandi Heilman bagging food for the PAAW program

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GABBY (855429) - I'm a gentle 5-yr-old girl who's a complete love bug! I'll gladly follow you around the house and give doggie kisses. I'd make the perfect binge-watching partner. I have allergies, but it's manageable. Meet me at HSSA at 635 W. Roger Rd. or call 520-327-6088, ext. 173.



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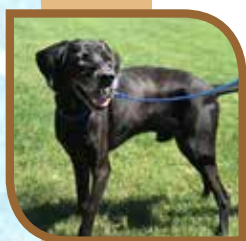
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KARA I'm 10-yr-old Catahoula/Lab mix who acts like I'm a 4-year-old girl. I love to run and would blossom with a family who is active and has a yard. I have no interest in other dogs. My main focus is running. I would love a home for the holidays. Please fill out an app @ azdeserttrotis@aol.com



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LUCY I'm an 8-yr-old heeler mix who is longing for a home to call my own. I'm house trained, walk well on a leash, and am crate trained. I do like to pick my own friends so being an only dog would be great for me. If you would like to meet me please fill out an app @ azdeserttrotis@aol.com



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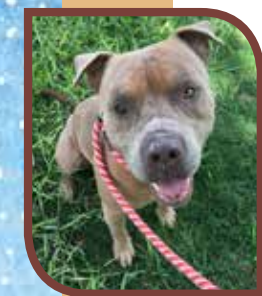
If just one of every five Americans wanting to add a cat or dog to their family in the next year adopted from a shelter, not one single healthy, treatable cat or dog would lose his life in a shelter.

Source: Humane Society of the United States



LUNA (ID# A678302) - I'm a sweet 3-yr-old gal who greets everyone with enthusiasm and joy. I take treats very gently and I know "sit", "shake" and "down". I have a \$0 adoption fee and a \$20 license fee. I'm, spayed, vaccinated, microchipped, and a free vet visit. I'm at Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.

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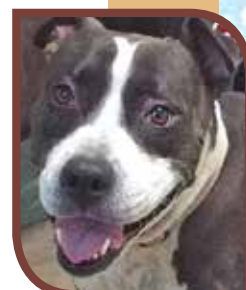
POTATO (ID#A682345) - I'm a 5-yr-old boy and adore people! I will rub up against your legs like a cat, crawl into your lap, and shower you with kisses. I love to roll around in the grass. I have a \$0 adoption fee and a \$20 license fee. My adoption includes neuter, vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit. I'm at Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.

SWEETIE - I'm a 4 1/2-yr-old Staffie mix who lives in a foster home. Mom says Pie and I are housetrained and "almost perfect!" We know "sit," "stay" and "come," and we're good in the car. I'd love to find a forever home with Pie.
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PIE - I'm an active, 6-yr-old Staffie mix. If napping were a sport, I'd have a gold medal. I arrived here with Sweetie, another gentle and loving female. We're both leash-trained, housetrained & love to walk. We are two special girls just yearning for someone to love. SPECIAL FOR TUCSON DOG: COMBINED Adoption Fee: \$150 includes spay, shots and microchip. TALGV 520-625-3170



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Special Feature

Old Tucson Studios Hosts Dog Dock Diving Event

Story and photos by Colleen Keefe



Elli Roo chases her favorite toy thrown by her owner Casey Fitzpatrick at the Dog Dock Diving Event held at Old Tucson Labor Day weekend. (Photo courtesy of Emily Thompson)

"We all just started calling her name and splashing the water and she hopped right in," Fitzpatrick explained. She was about a year old at the time.

Meet Ellie Roo.

The five-year-old now has a 13.7-foot jump under her belt, or collar as it were. And, she's a rescue from Tucson.

That jump last August launched Ellie Roo from the amateur to the contender division this year.

Elli Roo's first jump this year was 12.1 feet. Her second attempt was 9.8 ft. But she's just out here to cool off and have fun.

Fitzpatrick had grown up with dogs. They were always a part of his life. So, when he moved out of his parent's house and into a home of his own, getting a dog seemed like the natural thing to do. It took several visits to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona to find that special connection. "One day I went in and I saw Ellie and just fell in love with her," Fitzpatrick recalled.

Prior to being rescued, the Dock Diving Champion had been hit by a car that left a road rash scar on one side, and broken leg at the shoulder and elbow on the other. By the time she was taken to the shelter, it had already healed in the wrong position. The vet told Fitzpatrick that his dog would always have a limp. "When I adopted her, her name was Ellie, but she kind of has a bum front leg so she hops around. So, I started calling her Roo, and then Ellie Roo and it stuck with her," Fitzpatrick swooned. "It doesn't slow her down too much," Fitzpatrick added.

Ellie Roo was about 7 months old when Fitzpatrick took her home. Adoption fees were waived due to the extent of her injuries. He was told there was a 50/50 chance his new pup would need to have her leg amputated. "It would

Old Tucson Studios said Goodbye to the Dog Days of Summer with their 3rd annual Dock Dogs diving event. The spectacular, that was held over the Labor Day Weekend, attracted dogs, owners, and onlookers from Tucson and across the nation.

But for one dog, it all started in a backyard pool. Casey Fitzpatrick was swimming with his family at his parent's house when his newly adopted pup started running along the edge of the pool barking at them.

be a \$1,000 surgery but I was willing to do all that for her 'cause she's a good dog," Fitzpatrick said. Fortunately, that did not happen.



Old Tucson marketing coordinator Megan Litwicki and her newly adopted "Otis".

Elli Roo wasn't the only rescue at the diving event. Otis from Central Arizona Animal Rescue found his forever home with Old Tucson marketing coordinator Megan Litwicki. "I decided I needed to adopt a new furry friend," Litwicki said. She has one cat but has never owned a dog before. "There was something about him. He was very cute, but also he's just so calm and sweet, and almost kind of catlike that I just had to have him," she continued.

Fitzpatrick had no intention of finding a dog to enter in any type of sporting competition. Basic obedience classes were about as much training as he had anticipated. "It [dock diving] just worked out that way. I was just looking for a companion-type dog," Fitzpatrick said. "When I got her, she turned out to be a big swimmer. My mom had heard of the Dock Dogs through Facebook. So, we went there our first year and she had a blast with it, so we've been doing it the last couple of years."

Aside from being a dock diving champion, Ellie Roo is an obedience class graduate, Rattlesnake Avoidance Class Graduate, and Canine Good Citizen certified. (Good job, Ellie Roo!)

Fitzpatrick taught Elli Roo where to find the stairs out of concern that she wouldn't be able to crawl out of the pool due to her injuries. Now she'll jump in by herself and swim laps in the pool. The champion has no formal training regimen. "We just go to swim and have a good time," Fitzpatrick said. The pair swim in pools owned by family or friends. Fitzpatrick had no idea that Ellie Roo would be so good at Dock diving. "I took her up there [the diving dock] and she was a natural. No fear of jumping off the dock, she was just excited to go," Fitzpatrick said.

"Since she had her basic obedience down, it was easy to set up, I just put her in a sit-stay at the end of the dock, I walked down to where the jumping-off point would be, and then I released her and I threw the toy into the pool and she just jumped - no hesitation. I don't even think she looked down to see the drop. And then she's happy to get back in line and go again and again," Fitzpatrick said.

After two jumps Ellie Roo was done for the day. She returned on Labor Day to play in the water and socialize.

"We just go out there to jump and have fun and see all the other dogs. It's great seeing the people from the years prior that are rooting her on," Fitzpatrick smiled.



Casey and Ellie Roo. (Photo courtesy of Emily Thompson)



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Kitty Korner

Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary, a Haven for Feral Felines in Need of a Home

Story and photos by Rebecca West



Front Exterior.

Statistically, the number of feral cats in the United States ranges between 50 and 70 million, but those are purely estimates, and some experts say these figures are conservative at best. The definition varies, but technically any homeless cat no longer under the direct care of a human is considered to be feral. Others view them as “free-roaming.”

The extent of their social skills differs greatly, especially among offspring, and their populations multiply daily. Second and third generations (and beyond) are basically wild. The further removed from domesticity, the wilder they are, and the more unrealistic it becomes to bring them back into the fold. For socialization purposes, it's vital kittens are handled between the ages of two and seven weeks. This is also the period when mother cats keep their young well-guarded and hidden.

Due to their inability to interact socially, the chances of these felines being homed plummet dramatically, unless someone is looking for a barn cat.

While organizations across the country have mobilized to stem the problem through trap, neuter and return sterilization programs, the key is getting juvenile pets spayed and neutered as soon as possible. Veterinarians say that age is generally around eight weeks. If everyone stuck to this rule, we could ultimately transform the landscape of unwanted and uncared for animals. There's hope yet.

Even if you've taken the steps necessary with your own pets, there is more you can do to affect change. For starters, if you're aware of a feral cat colony, report it. Turning a blind eye is not helping. County programs and non-profit organizations can help either directly or indirectly if you're unsure of where to turn. But there are other ways people are making small changes with lasting effects.

Polarized by what she was seeing back in 2013, Cathy Bishop was determined to do something about the issue of homeless and feral cats in her area. She'd already been working on a more modest scale to stop the breeding cycle but felt increased action was necessary. That's when she and Tom Birt of Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery in Tucson got together and created a refuge for forgotten felines. Located in a beautiful 1880's home on Pantano Road just off of Speedway Boulevard, the dwelling was adapted initially for 30 female cats.

Many of them had been trapped in central Tucson around assisted living facilities and local trailer parks, and six were already pregnant when they were captured. The idea was to check for health problems, treat them if necessary, and get them spayed before either releasing them or adopting them out.



cats on treestand

As stated, not all free-roaming cats can make the adjustment to human interaction. Truly feral adults need to be returned to whence they came or housed somewhere safe.

Known as the Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary, Bishop and Birt were fortunate in that they were able to place all six litters born to the trapped females and return many of the adults. Working tirelessly since its opening, the rescue has been able to place approximately 300 cats and kittens in good homes to date.



Catio

During their stay, the felines have the run of not only 4,000 sq. ft. of decorative living space outfitted explicitly for their use, but a 1,000-sq. ft. enclosed “catio” that allows for plenty of outdoor exercise, naps, and playtime.



MVCS Volunteers

It's important to note none of the enterprise's efforts would be possible without the aid of their volunteers and onsite caretaker, Marvin Jones. It's their collective help that has made the entire prospect possible. That, and continued donations from the public and private entities who recognize the need for continued support.

Volunteer and overseer Jody Yonsetto stated that, in addition to looking for homes for the remaining felines, the refuge is always searching for funding, donated items and volunteers to interact with the cats. The more adjusted they become, the better their chances of finding homes of their own.

Aside from providing a safe refuge, Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary also wants to get the word out and educate the public regarding how affordable it can be to adopt animals like these. Yonsetto explained that — with low-cost spay and neuter options and discounted care available — invaluable resources like the Camino Seco Pet Clinic, the Humane Society, and Tucson Cares can make adoption a reality.



Volunteer Jody Yonsetti

For additional savings pet guardians might be eligible for, you can also try these resources:

- The Pet Fund, nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to owners of domestic animals in the U.S. needing veterinary care.
- The Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program, nonprofit organization providing financial assistance to feline guardians unable to afford vet services for life-threatening illness or injuries.
- RedRover, providing financial assistance, resources, and support to pet guardians in need.
- Best Friends Network, provides resource information for individuals with pets short on funds.

You can find out more about the Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary by contacting or visiting them at: 1230 N. Pantano Rd., Tucson, AZ. 85715., (520) 721-8600

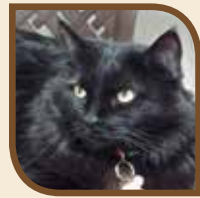
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CATS FOR ADOPTION

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CASPER (ID# A679459) I spend my time daydreaming about a perch to hang out on, maybe near a window so I can chat with the birds. But what 7-year-old boy doesn't? I love tasty morsels, head scratches, and enjoy chasing after a laser toy! My adoption fee is \$0 and includes spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit. I'm at Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.



DOLLY CAT I am a 4-year-old black beauty who has been waiting at The Animal League of Green Valley for more than two years after my dad moved and couldn't take me with him. I'm a sleek, svelte girl that has only lived with an older person so a quiet one-pet-only home where I can get lots of understanding would be the best place for me. Adoption Fee: \$45 includes spay, shots and microchip. TALGV 520-625-3170



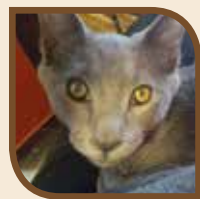
LUNA Six years ago as a 1-year-old mom, I was rescued with my kittens from under the floorboards of a trailer. I'm seeking a nice quiet home with a VERY understanding (and very patient!) "cat person." I'm hoping for that one-in-a-million someone who'll help me forget what it was like to be on my own and show me that humans really are okay! Adoption Fee: \$45 includes spay, shots and microchip. TALGV 520-625-3170



PANTHER (ID# A625669) - I'm a 6-year-old boy and a volunteer favorite! I've been told that I'm, smart, friendly, and very sweet! I would like to show everyone how well I nap and play with crinkle toys! I have a \$0 adoption fee that includes spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit. I'm at Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.



VINCENT (871232) I'm an outgoing 5-year-old boy that will roll over for belly rubs. I enjoy sitting near the window so I can greet people as they walk by. I have tested positive for FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) and need a loving family that will allow me to be an indoor only cat. To learn more about FIV visit <http://bit.ly/FelineImmunodeficiencyVirus>. For more information call 520-327-6088, ext. 173 or visit HSSA Main Campus at 635 W. Roger Rd.



WEN (ID # A675796) I'm a blind gal and in need of a patient adopter with a quiet home where I can gain confidence to explore the world. I love to sit on laps and soak up attention. Please contact my foster mom at robyn.vanderburg@pima.gov to learn more about me. I have a \$0 adoption fee that includes spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit. I'm at Pima Animal Care Center, 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.



WILSON (875085) - I'm an affectionate 4-year-old guy who has won the heart of every HSSA staff member! I love to chat, especially when you pet me. I've tested positive for FIV, the feline immunodeficiency virus, and though it sounds scary; it isn't. Knowing I have FIV simply means I need to be an indoor only cat. To learn more about FIV visit <http://bit.ly/FelineImmunodeficiencyVirus>. Visit me at HSSA Main Campus at 635 W. Roger Rd. or call 520-327-6088, ext. 173.

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Training

Is Your Dog A Barkaholic?

By Kim Silver, Building Bonds

Have you ever come home to a note on your front door from an unhappy neighbor? "Your dog barks all day. Please make him stop, or I am calling animal control!" Whether you are aware of your dog's barking or not, this kind of note is a wake-up call that something needs to change for your dog. Dogs bark, but excessive barking is a symptom of something missing in your dog's life, or a stressful event, such as a thunderstorm. What might your dog be trying to say with all of that vocalizing? Although the following are common reasons for excessive barking, the list is not all-inclusive. To successfully resolve your dog's barking, you may wish to consult with a certified professional dog trainer or a veterinary behaviorist.

Understimulation

Some dogs get bored or anxious when left alone or when excessively confined. Confinement may mean never leaving the house or yard. Social isolation is also a form of confinement. An excessively barking dog may crave the stimulation that companionship, movement, enrichment, and training activities provide. If a dog's daily life lacks physical and mental exercise, they may bark to tell anyone who will listen. Increasing sniff walks, ball chasing, food puzzles, physical activities such as massage and training games may help reduce or stop the barking. Training activities go a long way in keeping your dog engaged with you and the outside world. Enrolling your dog in a group class that uses positive reinforcement and ones that your dog enjoys, such as agility or tricks, may help. Classes that teach manners and life skills are not only enjoyable for dogs, but dog moms and dads are happier with better-behaved dogs. Nosework classes involve very little training and use your dog's natural ability to sniff things out and are excellent at stimulating your dog mentally. Whichever activity you choose, make sure both your dog and you enjoy it.

WatchDog Barking

Knowing when your dog is excessively barking is helpful information for determining the cause. Does your dog bark when they see or hear other dogs or animals, or people, cars, and other environmental noises? If so, they are trying to alert you that something is there. The barking may function as a way to make the thing go away. If your dog is in the yard, secure them indoors so they will hear and see fewer bark triggers. Play calming music or white noise in the house when you are away and home. If they have access to windows facing the front yard, close the blinds or curtains. If you want daylight inside, window film is inexpensive and highly effective for blurring what is on the other side and allowing light in the home. If you have a dog door, know that your dog may be running in and out barking all day. If they must have access to

the dog door, blocking sound and visual stimuli indoors may help reduce the amount of running out the dog door to bark. You may also consider blocking any fencing in the yard with a tarp to reduce visual triggers to bark. If your dog barks when you are home, he or she may find it reassuring to have you check on the potential threat to let them know everything is OK. Simply looking out the window or opening the door to peek outside and saying something reassuring in a cheerful tone helps dogs calm down.

Separation Anxiety

Does the excessive barking only occur when you leave your dog home alone? In addition to barking, does your dog whine or howl when you are not home?

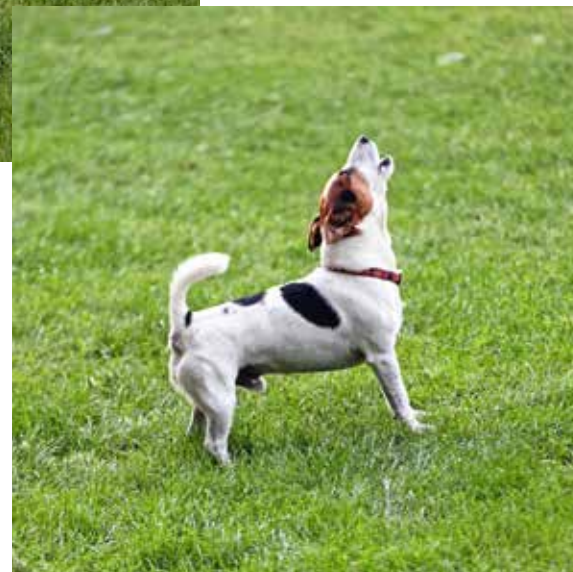
Does the vocalizing continue for the duration you are away? Dogs with separation anxiety often display other behaviors with vocalization. These behaviors may include chewing on him/herself or scratch to the point of losing hair or bleeding, urinating or defecating in the house, or being destructive to the home or objects within the home. Chewing, scratching or destroying points of exit such as door jams, window frames, and window coverings may indicate your dog is trying to escape the home. If your dog does escape the house or yard, you will need to secure them in the house safely until you can get professional help. Separation anxiety treatment often has excellent success when pet parents work with a board-certified veterinary behaviorist and a Certified Separation Anxiety Trainer (CSAT). You can find a veterinary behaviorist by visiting the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists at <https://www.dacvb.org/>. CSATs

are trainers specially certified in separation anxiety and often work successfully and remotely with clients. You can learn more and choose one by visiting <https://malenademartini.com/>.

If you have a neighbor with a dog that barks excessively, take some time to talk with them in person about the issue. Your neighbor may not be aware of how often the barking occurs when

they are not home. Your observations of their dog may provide them with the information they need to find a resolution for their dog. Maintain good neighbor relations by speaking calmly and focusing on a solution. If you must communicate your concerns in writing, be mindful of the tone and language. To add a special touch, wrap the note with a bow and dog bone to indicate your compassion and concern for their dog.

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The Tucson Dog Cover Dog Contest



And the Winner is....Kyzer!

Story by Colleen Keefe Photos courtesy Dennise Terminel

The Tucson Dog Magazine held its first ever cover dog contest to bring attention to the rescue dogs that grace and enrich our lives. Our cover dog photo shoot, which was open to the public, was held at Tucson Rescue Now (TRN) in mid-October. The non-profit pairs potential adopters with primarily older, hard-to-place dogs. Proceeds from the event went to TRN.

Our cover dog winner Kyzer is a 7-year-old Pit Bull Boxer mix. This was his modeling debut.

Kyzer, like most rescues, has humble beginnings. When he was just two months old, he was found near a supermarket with cactus needles in his belly. He underwent surgery to remove the cactus. Kyzer was adopted from Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) by Dennise Terminel.

When Terminel came to PACC to view Kyzer, he was not there. The pup was still under observation following his surgery. So, in lieu of seeing her new puppy, Terminel went to his kennel to read his bio. Right next to Kyzer's kennel was a litter of eight pups. One instantly caught Terminel's attention. "Oh my god, that's like Wishbone [the T.V. series] and I fell in love with him as well," Terminel recalled. She named that puppy Looney.

Kyzer hit the jackpot that day, scoring a new home, someone to love him, and a new brother. Terminel, who had never owned a dog before, suddenly had two. "They're my little hairy children," Terminel said.

Kyzer spends his days hanging out with Looney – who also had was a contestant in the cover dog contest. They're close to each other -they're brothers. He loves food and loves to swim. "He does this look. We call it the Elvis – one side of his lip will go up if he wants to go out – it's funny – its mainly on the left side, I don't know how he does it, but it's funny," Terminel laughed. "We call him Osito which means little bear. He finds

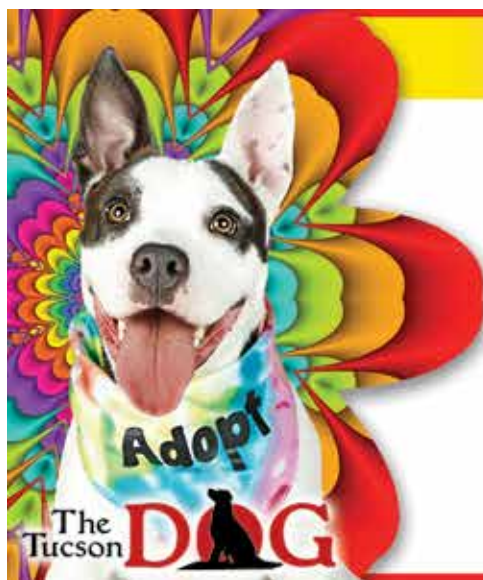
the darkest corner in the room to chill and stays there for hours. Unlike Looney who is hyper and the troublemaker," Terminel said. Kyzer is most definitely a mama's boy.

As any proud pet owner would, Terminel voted for her dog daily. She encouraged her family and friends, co-workers, co-worker's family and friends, and even her family from Mexico to vote. "My boyfriend is part of an organization called the Thunder Mountain Moose Riders. They also voted for my Kyzer," Terminel said. According to Terminel, the organization recently participated in a charitable event for Cause for Paws. Wow Kyzer – you've got the backing of a charitable motorcycle club - That dog's got swag!

Thank you to all of Kyzer's voters and everyone who voted for any of the amazing dogs in The Tucson Dog Magazine Cover Dog Contest @ www.thetucsondog.com. Yes, this is a shameless plug, but for a great reason. Reading the Tucson Dog Magazine is the best source of information and fascinating stories for all things dog in Tucson.



The Tucson Dog Magazine's photographer Candice Eaton photographed scores of doggies for the three-day event. (Thank you, Candice!) You can see all of our amazing contestants in Andy's Antics Holiday Edition in this issue.



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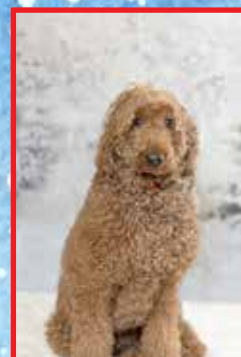
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Special Feature

Pet Therapy Provides a Wet Nose in a Difficult Time

Story by Emily Dieckman



Cheryl Purvis and Buddy.
(Courtesy of Veronica Zimmerman)

Cheryl Purvis first got her shepherd mix, Buddy, in 2015. She'd recently lost one of her two dogs, so he came at a perfect time. When she started volunteering with Casa de la Luz Hospice, she decided Buddy's calm, friendly nature might make him a good fit to be a therapy dog, visiting hospice patients to bring them a little bit of joy. Casa de la Luz has had a pet therapy program since 2008.

She took Buddy to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona and had him certified as a therapy dog through their three-week Pet VIP program, which certifies animals

ranging from birds to llamas to pot belly pigs—though they most commonly work with dogs. The course teaches owners how to recognize their pets' body language, how to train them with positive reinforcement and how to advocate for their pets. Purvis found her instincts were right: Buddy, now 11, started his role as a volunteer therapy dog at Casa de La Luz in 2016, and he was a natural.

"He loves his job," she says. "He has a pet therapy dog vest. I have a particular bag with all my equipment and his treats and my ID that only comes out when we go on a visit, on 'a gig.' Buddy gets very excited when he sees it, and he leaps around a bit. For him, since he's not a big leaper, that shows he's excited."

Animals who go through the Pet VIP program must be homed with their owner for at least six months, so the owner can have a good sense of the animals' temperament, strengths and weaknesses. Veronica Zimmerman, Pet VIP Therapy and Visitation Program lead at HSSAZ, has spent more than two decades training animals, from service dogs to therapy dogs to trick dogs. She's even trained chickens! In addition to hospice facilities, teams in the program visit sites ranging from universities to suicide prevention events, bereavement camps and hospitals.

"Sometimes you get people who are experiencing changes in their lives, such as a stroke or something like that, so they're not able to move very well or communicate," Zimmerman says. "Just touching that animal and feeling that touch really helps them to connect to humanity."

Purvis agrees from her firsthand experience that an animal's impact on patients is often simple yet profound. When she and Buddy go into a patient's room,

he might do a few simple tricks. Oftentimes, Buddy will simply lay down while Purvis and the patient talk for a few hours. Sometimes they'll watch a movie about animals, such as Air Bud, together. If a patient is sleeping, she'll ask the family if they think the patient would like to hear Buddy speak, and if they say yes, he'll bark. Of course, she adds, they only visit where they're wanted.

"You see how well-loved Buddy is," she says, describing a time when she and Buddy went to visit a patient who was actively dying, meaning their death was expected within hours or minutes. "The family was all there, and it was very important for them, it seems, to have a dog there, because their parent had been a dog



Buddy and Cheryl on the job, with Buddy in his official pet therapy vest.
(Courtesy of Veronica Zimmerman)

person, and they were all dog lovers. So it was really part of a rite of passage to have a dog there with them at that time."

Zimmerman, who has two dogs certified as therapy animals herself, says the benefits of having animals around are often extended beyond the intended audience. Many of the owner-pet teams she's worked with have reported a similar surprise.

"What they've seen is that they help the [patients'] families a lot to just escape what's happening and give them a little bit of a way to cope, with good memories of pets they have," she says.

Purvis has seen Buddy's impact go beyond patients many times on her visits to hospice centers.

"Buddy and children have had some very good encounters," Purvis says. "There's not a lot for them to do there, and a dog is soft and warm and fun."

When Purvis and Buddy go on a visit, they usually leave the patient a little card with photos of Buddy on it as a keepsake. One patient displayed the card proudly on her shelf, and told her family that Buddy was her boyfriend. The joy animals bring can take many forms, but Purvis finds all of them worthwhile.

"It's rewarding in that we get to provide this service and, you know, people who may really need a little break from what's going on in their life can get it," Purvis says. "It makes me feel like I'm giving meaning to his life as well, because I think dogs need that just like people do."



Cheryl and Buddy on the job.
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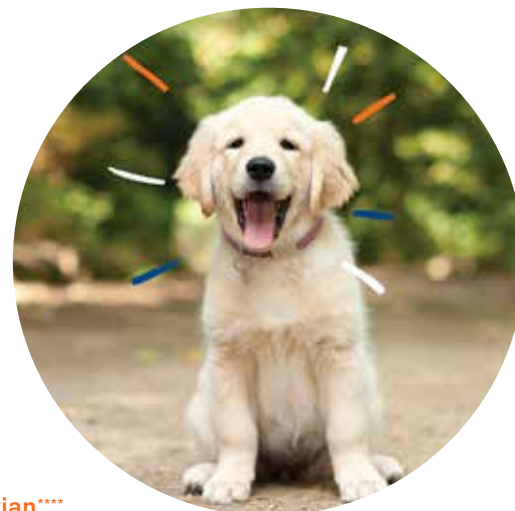
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Special Feature

National Adopt a Senior Pet Month - Sadie and Family

Story by Bella Wexler - Photos Courtesy of Kathie Newton

November is the month to recognize beloved pets adopted as seniors like Sadie, a gentle dog adopted at age sixteen by the Newton/Mong family. Kathie Newton is no stranger to animal rescue, either, having adopted several pets of all ages. Despite both of her children being away at college, Kathie's home is still quite full. Kathie and her wife, Tracy Mong care for two cats, two dogs and one rabbit. Sadie is the oldest at eighteen now and is still going strong! In the two years that the family has had Sadie, she has endured many medical issues, all of which she has miraculously overcome. The Newton/Mong household is a busy one, but it has certainly been a perfect fit for Sadie.



Sadie goes for a car ride

connections to In the Arms of Angels pet rescue and other animal welfare groups, she was able to find Sadie and connect her to Kathie. Sadie was in need of a new home after her previous owner was incapacitated. Fearing that a dog of Sadie's age would have difficulty attracting the attention of adopters looking for a long-term pet, Kathie was sympathetic. She also knew that her other pets were docile enough to comfort and tolerate Sadie given any special needs she may have. Bearing this in mind, she took Sadie in for a trial and hasn't looked back since.

Sadie is quite a unique dog. Besides being a mix of many breeds, she also sports several extra toes and appears bow-legged when she walks. She has had more than her fair share of health issues, too. Blocked ducts and cataracts in her eyes resulted in her needing eye drops twice daily. Plus, she had significant infections in her ears, nose and throat along with tumors and dental problems when her family first adopted her. However, after getting her nasal passage flushed and twenty teeth pulled, she felt like a new dog! The vet was amazed by how rapidly Sadie's condition improved. Her energy levels surged and overall health increased. Since then, Sadie has been known to overcome other health problems and adjust to minor setbacks as they come.



Sadie takes a nap

Sadie shares her home with a number of younger pets. Kathie adopted the rabbit at her daughter Becca's request when she was seven or eight. Remarkably, the rabbit is still thriving over twelve years later. There are also two cats which frequently spark Sadie's attention, but not enough for her to successfully chase them down. Besides them, there is Jackson, the only other dog. Jackson is ten years old and constantly curious about Sadie and her various needs. He has been known to sniff her cautiously after she has had her eye drops, for

example, always making sure she is alright. Cora, the family's well-loved chow mix recently passed away, leaving Sadie to progressively assume her role as a leader to Jackson. When Kathie first adopted her, Sadie seemed fairly anxious and confused about the new environment. She had cataracts and was nearly entirely deaf already. So, navigating her new home with other pets proved to be quite the learning curve. She adapted quickly, though. Now, Sadie affectionately follows Kathie around the house and enjoys her favorite treat: popcorn! With her age came stiff joints, but they never stopped Sadie. She loves to spend her time sleeping and slowly moseying her way around the house rather than going on extensive walks in the hills of Tucson. Much to the Newtons' surprise, however, Sadie still manages to jump onto the couch of her own accord and instantly locate and swallow any crumbs or dropped table scraps. "She's very food driven," Kathie says. "She once swallowed an avocado pit whole since she has too few teeth to chew!" Undoubtedly, this senior dog has made herself perfectly at home with her family.



Cora, Sadie, and Jackson lounging in the living room

In the end, Sadie has proved to fit in excellently at her home with Kathie and Tracy, just as many senior pets do when they find a forever family. Despite the potential for medical issues and limitations in mobility, senior animals are full of personality. It can be emotionally difficult to take in a new family member so far along in its life. But, as Sadie proves, age does not hinder the love and memories an animal can provide. This November, spend National Adopt a Senior Pet Month appreciating the senior four legged friends already in your life or even visit a local shelter or animal rescue group to make an affectionate addition to your family.



(From left to right) Jackson, Sadie, and Cora together





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Business Spotlight

Northwest Pet Clinic

Story and photos by Brian Pettepiece

Opening the door into Northwest Pet Clinic, one can barely tell they're walking into a veterinary clinic at all. The first thing you notice is the friendly and attentive staff behind the front desk who make sure to smile and acknowledge you even if they happen to be busy on the phone or helping another patient. While the cleanliness of the lobby is striking, one particular wall board with pictures of animals available for adoption right there at the clinic is sure to catch your eye.



Joseph greets incoming patients with a smile

Having been operating their clinic in Tucson since June of 1980,

Northwest Pet Clinic has learned to do things a little differently. Priscilla Torres, the Marketing and Communications Manager, stresses the level of compassion that they give to their patients. To stress this point, she states emphatically that "we are going to alleviate any discomfort that we can control" for the animal. She says that it's important for people to understand that "they are going to be met with compassion at our doors." This compassion is the driving force behind their overall philosophy.

She says that a certain handling technique referred to as "low stress handling" is one of the most important aspects of an animal's care at their clinic. The technique helps to calm pets through what can often be a stressful visit to the vet, enabling them to be more relaxed throughout their visit or treatment. Torres says that this technique can lower the animal's overall stress level. Keeping their patients calm and relaxed is a big part of their philosophy of creating a cozy and welcoming environment for all their clients, animals and humans alike.

Notably, Northwest Pet Clinic is accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association. Only 12% of animal hospitals in the U.S. and Canada earn this accreditation and this further differentiates them from many other animal clinics. Earning this accreditation means that they have met the stringent quality standards required by the AAHA and serves to increase their level of patient care across the board. This translates into a higher level of care for your pet from check-in to check-out.



Ivan treats one of the many animals available for adoption at the clinic

But this clinic is more than just a clinic. They have a Rehabilitation Center right on site for pets who need physical therapy to overcome a surgery or other physical trauma. The Rehabilitation Center is staffed by Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioners and Assistants (CCRP and CCRA) and contains activities designed to help your pup get back to their daily routine. They also offer urgent care, enabling them to offer emergency care for pets in need of immediate medical attention right on site.

Next year is the clinic's 40th anniversary, and they are celebrating by doing a "40 for 40" adoption event. Beginning in January 2020, the clinic will begin taking



Toby walks through a course during his physical therapy session

in 40 pets from the Pima Animal Care Center, performing whatever medical care and grooming that they might need, then highlighting them for adoption, helping them to find their forever homes. With this special event they are looking forward to not just helping animals find much needed homes but also helping the non-profit Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) as they do their important work caring for animals in need. This event further illustrates the compassionate approach that the clinic takes toward all animals.

With six doctors and forty-five staff members, Northwest Pet Clinic is the largest family owned and operated pet clinic in Southern Arizona. Having so many doctors on staff allows their care

providers to collaborate with each other on methods of care and treatment. This cooperation enables other medical opinions to be provided and facilitates a higher level of care for their patients.

Torres also stresses the importance of regular veterinary care. "Regular check-ups are so important because pets age so much more quickly than we do," she says. For example, if a medical problem develops, it can spread much more quickly than in a human, making early detection key in keeping your pet healthy over their lifespan. Torres stresses that "because they're aging four to seven times faster than we are, it's imperative that they come in so that if anything is happening, we can catch it early."



Northwest Pet Clinic's iconic building in NW Tucson

For Northwest Pet Clinic, it's all about personal care. Torres says what really makes the difference is their staff. "They really are passionate about what they do," she explains, stressing that at their clinic compassion takes top priority. "In the veterinary community, our reputation precedes us because we take care of the people that take care of the patients." The idea of taking care of your staff translates into a higher level of care for their furry patients. Staffing a clinic with people who genuinely love working there and absolutely love animals makes for a more positive environment for their patients who are of course the most important part of their business.



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From the Director's Desk

Pima Animal Protection Officers Work to Make Pima County Safe for Pets and People

Story by Kristen Hassen

Photos courtesy Pima County



Alexis Martinez with a stray

The old days of the 'dog catcher' and the 'dog pound' are long gone, thanks in part to our amazing Animal Protection Unit (formerly called Animal Control). This group of lifesavers enforce state and local laws and get unsafe animals off the streets. They also rescue animals from cruelty, neglect and hoarding situations as well as saving injured and sick pets. They investigate bites and work to ensure pets and people are protected from rabies. They respond to emergencies of pets left in hot cars. PACC officers come from a variety of backgrounds including law enforcement, social work, veterinary medicine, education and large animal handling.

Today's animal protection officers are working to help people be responsible pet owners. PACC officers provide support, education and resources to help people keep their pets. They return pets in the field, help people get supplies to repair and build fences, and even hand out

food to vulnerable pet owners. They respond to more than 20,000 calls for service each year!

In reality, the role of animal protection officers at Pima Animal Care Center is much different than what the public imagines. And much more exciting! Our 15 officers do have badges and they can enforce certain laws, but they are not sworn police officers and so they don't do exactly the things police do. That's OK, because whenever our animal protection officers need support from law enforcement, the Pima County Sheriff's Office and Tucson Police Department are just a phone call away if assistance is needed.



Christina Snow returning a pet

Here are just a few of the things our officers do on a daily basis:

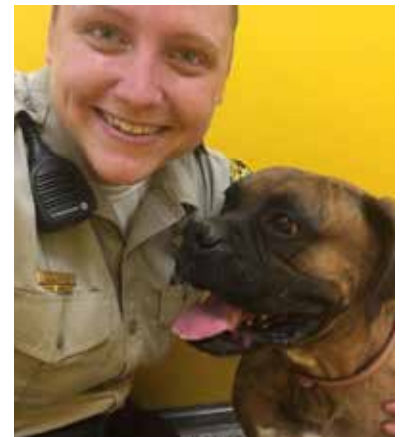
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- Issue citations for leash law and licensing violations. In many cases, officers will first try to educate owners before issuing a citation.
- Go to court to testify against people who have committed cruelty, neglect or other violations.
- Remove animals from tie-outs and tethers.
- Rescue sick and injured stray animals.
- Provide dog houses, fencing supplies, food and other items to pet owners in need.



Animal protection officer team

There are also some things our officers do NOT do, like carry weapons, handle complaints about wildlife or farm animals, and arrest people. PACC officers work closely with local law enforcement on more serious cases where large-scale hoarding or serious cruelty or neglect may be occurring.

Pima County animal protection officers have two main responsibilities: to keep pets safe and to keep people safe. When it comes to people, our community has all kinds of services, including schools, hospitals, community centers, jails, social work centers, and more. For pets, there is just PACC. This means that our officers aren't just enforcing laws when they're out in the community, they also doing a host of other jobs. PACC officers provide emergency



Danielle Hinte with a stray



Dirk Byers near APS Truck

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Special Feature

Angelitos Callejeros (Street Angels)

Story by Callie Monte Photos by Lorna Grant-Aguilar



Lorna Grant-Aguilar knew from a young age that she was destined to rescue dogs. At the age of twelve her family moved from Los Angeles to Mexico City and adopted three Mexican street dogs. The experience left a lasting impression; her passion for rescue work was born. Most of her life has been spent rescuing animals, sometimes indirectly. At twenty-two she was involved with a

magazine called "The Voice of the Animals" as well as translating articles for The Humane Society. Even when she was busy with her studies and career she says, "The plight of the street dog was never far from my mind." Before leaving Mexico to move back to the United States, Lorna says she "promised God I'd be back to help the street dogs".

As an adult in Tucson, Lorna found herself married with a successful career but the urge to rescue dogs remained and she knew she needed to find a way to help. She asked herself, "When was my time coming that I was going to be able to help them?." It would come soon. Lorna searched for rescue groups in Mexico that were already saving street dogs. She came across "Angels Wwithout a Voice" based in Monterrey, Mexico. When she joined the group, her passion for rescue work was reignited.

Angels Without a Voice rescues dogs from the pound, not the streets, and as a volunteer Lorna came to understand why. The astonishing reality is that in Mexico dogs taken to the pound don't get put up for adoption, they get euthanized. Monterrey alone has over 450,000 street dogs, 10-12 dog pounds resulting in 100-150 dogs exterminated per week. Lorna desperately wanted people to know what happens to street dogs brought to the pound.

"They thought taking them to the dog pound meant now they'll be adopted," Lorna states. But these dogs weren't rescued they were disposed of.

Lorna's time with Angels Wwithout a Voice led her to launch her own rescue. Staying true to her promise, it was time to focus on spreading the word about the dogs in Mexico- ones from the streets and the pound- and "Angelitos Callejeros" ("Street Angels", in English) was born.

Still located in Tucson, Lorna started Angelitos Callejeros as a group on Facebook with the goal to raise awareness about the tragedy going on in the streets of Mexico. She hoped that if Americans knew how many homeless street dogs there are in Mexico and what their fate may be then maybe they would help the cause. Lorna states, "Angelitas Callejeros is trying to show

the public, to make them aware that Mexican street dogs are living breathing things."

You might wonder why Angelitas Callejeros chooses to help dogs in Mexico when the United states has a need as well. For Lorna the answer is simple; There are many rescues in the United states with a lot more resources and the focus is on adoption. Angelitas Callejeros wants people in the United States to understand the consequences of being a street dog in Mexico. For example, some organizations in Mexico still use electricity to euthanize. Additionally, there are far more dogs that need saving in Mexico than in the United states.



When asked why there are so many homeless dogs in Mexico she says, "Some people love to buy the very expensive dogs, then they stop caring about them and all of a sudden the dog is out on the street. " Sshe continues, "We need to take off the blindfolds and see what's going on. We can't continue to let dogs die on the streets."

As a fledgling operation, Angelitas Callerejos resources are limited but they are determined. Currently the group has four foster families in Mexico that care for up to twenty dogs at a time. Food, vet bills, transportation costs- it all adds up. They receive questions on Facebook daily from people asking how they can help- the answer is to donate if possible. As they continue to grow the need for more donations is an imperative. Spay or neuter alone is \$150 per dog and many of the dogs rescued are in need of expensive veterinary treatment and care.



The work Angelitas Callejeros has not gone unnoticed in Mexico. In 2018 Lorna received an award from Properro Callejero Association (Street Dog Association) for her altruistic efforts in favor of animals. She continues to make connections in the rescue world and receives praise for her efforts from reputable organizations. Her goal now is to grow Angelitas Callejeros and help rescue as many street dogs as possible.

For more information about Angelitas Callejeros or to make a donation you can contact Lorna Grant-Aguilar via email Lornanne@hotmail.com or visit their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1521569331506912/permalink/2285932955070542/>





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