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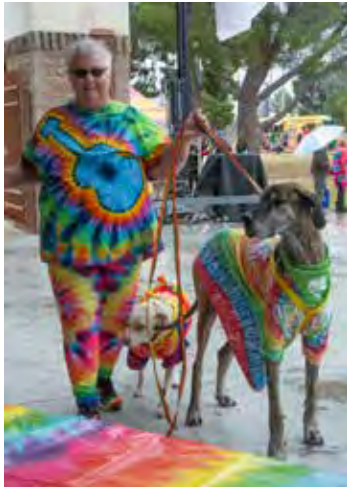
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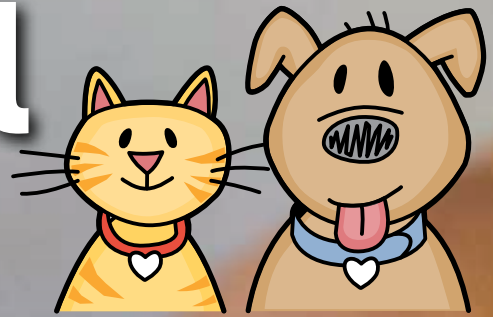


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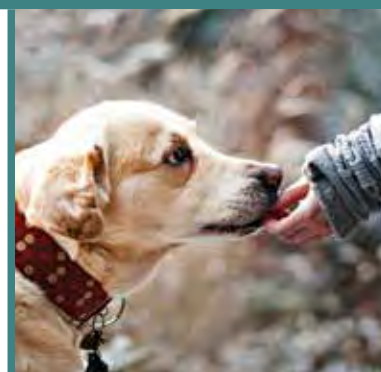


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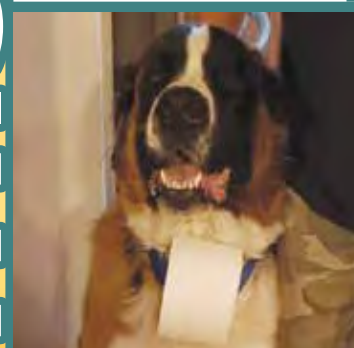
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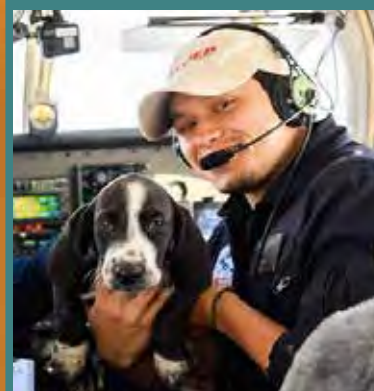
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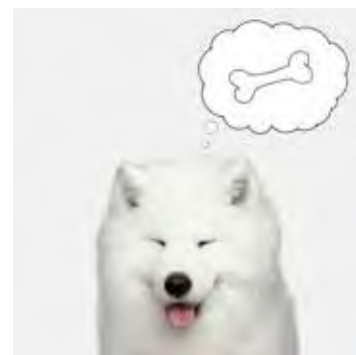
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dearest Readers,

I hope this letter finds you all well, staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times! So much has changed in our country and we are all changing with it. Our staff is working from home via phone and emails to produce this current issue and I think it is a really good one.

One thing I was happy to see was that many people stepped up throughout Tucson and the rest of the country to foster and adopt many shelter animals and some shelters have almost emptied out and that is some good news! We all know how much animals enrich our lives everyday and during these times their love and support means even more.

I was happy that we actually got our current amazing cover story back in February when best-selling author of *The Art of Racing in The Rain*, Garth Stein came to Tucson to help raise awareness and money for animals at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. I was fortunate enough to be in attendance as The Tucson Dog Magazine sponsored this event and I can tell you, it was truly inspiring! Garth Stein was an incredibly funny, honest and insightful speaker who made us all "laugh out loud" with his remarkable stories about life, challenges and ultimate success. His can-do, steadfast attitude made his dream come true and we all had an opportunity to walk through it with him. I know you will love this story and find out many interesting facts about how he succeeded in getting his book published and the subsequent movie by the same name that premiered last year. If you haven't read the book or seen the movie, I highly encourage you to do both. The story, told by Enzo the dog, shows how much our dogs love us through all the ups and downs that we humans go through. You will laugh and you will cry but you will fall in love with it! Now, more than ever, this story resonates with me and I believe will inspire you as well.

During these uncertain times, we included some positive information and fun pictorials in this issue like "Working From Home with Our Best Friends." and I hope it makes you smile.

Like many others, I want to thank all of the workers and businesses that are still out there taking care of us including, but not limited to, healthcare workers, restaurants, grocery stores, truckers, veterinarians, groomers and other businesses who have altered the way they are doing things but are still out there helping us survive all of this every day. May you find peace, strength and good health.

I wish you all good health with a return to a "new normal" very, very soon. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers always,

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

COVID-19 IN PETS?

Dear Readers,

I know there have been a lot of questions about whether or not pets can get or transmit the virus that is currently plaguing our world. So, I thought I would give you some information that comes directly from the American Veterinary Medical Association. (AVMA)

As of April 19, the CDC has not received any National Veterinary Service Laboratories (NVSL)-confirmed reports of pets becoming sick with COVID-19 in the United States, and they have no information that suggests that pets might be a source of infection for people with the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

To date, the only pets incidentally exposed to COVID-19 that have tested positive, with confirmation, for SARS-CoV-2 are two pet dogs and a pet cat in Hong Kong. Another pet cat in Belgium tested positive, but details around that case are less clear. In each case, the pet was in the care of and had close contact with a person who had been confirmed to have COVID-19. Only in the case of the cat in Belgium was there a suggestion of the animal showing clinical signs of disease and, in that case, other diseases and conditions that could have caused those same signs of illness were not ruled out and there are also questions about how samples demonstrating the presence of SARS-CoV-2 were collected and evaluated. That cat recovered.

Until more is known about this virus, if you are ill with COVID-19 you should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just as you would restrict your contact with other people. When possible, have another member of your household or business care for any animals, including pets while you are sick. If you have a service animal or you must care for your animals, including pets, wear a cloth face covering; don't pet, share food, kiss, or hug them; and wash your hands before and after any contact with your pet, service animal, or other animals. You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets in your home.

Additional guidance on managing pets in homes where people are sick with COVID-19 is available from the CDC.

Keeping pets safe

For responsible pet owners, preparing in advance is key. Make sure you have an emergency kit prepared, with at least two weeks' worth of your pet's food and any needed medications. Usually we think about emergency kits like this in terms of what might be needed for an evacuation, but it's also good to have one prepared in the case of quarantine or self-isolation when you cannot leave your home.

While AVMA is recommending these as good practices, it is important to remember that there is currently no reason at this time to think that domestic animals, including pets, in the United States might be a source of infection with SARS-CoV-2. Accordingly, there is no reason to remove pets from homes where COVID-19 has been identified in members of the household, unless there is risk that the pet itself is not able to be cared for appropriately. In this emergency, pets and people each need the support of the other and veterinarians are there to support the good health of both.

For more information, go to the [AMVA.org](https://www.avma.org) website

Peace, Love & Biscuits,

Gracie



Source: American Veterinary Medical Association [avma.org](https://www.avma.org)

Calendar of Events

MAY

Thurs. May 7th – 5-7p Enrichment to Our Pet's Lives

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Sat. May 9th – 11a-4p Howling for the Hounds

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Sat. May 16th – 10-11:30a Canine Good Citizen

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JUNE

Thurs. June 18th Pet VIP Therapy & Visitation

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JULY

Wed. July 15th Woof Down Wednesday

Save the date to enjoy delicious food at Tucson's best restaurants while helping homeless pets!
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SAVE THE DATE

**Sat. October 10th
Puttin' On The Dog** will now be Saturday, October 10th. If you have already purchased tickets or a sponsorship, you will receive a separate email notification.

Sun. October 18th – 10a-4p The Tucson Dog Magazine's 2nd Annual Dogtoberfest & Adopt-a-thon

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PERI

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MOZART

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PIPER

I'm a favorite with staff and volunteers here at HSSA because I am SO wiggly and cute, and I LOVE to snuggle! Seriously, all I want is a nice warm lap to snuggle up on. I'm sweet but would prefer to live in a home where I can be the only pet.

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Kitty Korner

The Reality of Owning Exotic Cats

Story and Photos by Rebecca West

For a lot of folks, the idea of owning an exotic feline rather than an ordinary house cat is hugely appealing. The call of the wild may not extend to the depths



Savannah cat

displayed in the recent Netflix hit “Tiger King,” but owning an exotic on a smaller scale is still a popular objective among many would-be pet owners. Because of this, we wanted to take a look at the reality of owning a hybrid feline, such as a Savannah cat or even a Bengal, two extremely popular kitties that are close descendants of wild animals.



Savannah cat

If you’re completely in the dark, a Savannah cat is a cross between an exotic African serval and a domesticated house cat. Servals are wild, medium-sized cats noted for their long, lean bodies, long necks, long legs, and enormous ears covered in a tawny, black-spotted coat. Their body type allows them to see over the tall savanna grasses common in their natural habitat. Coupled with their height, their speed and agility make them deathly efficient hunters. They are considered physically unique in that, relative to body size, they have the largest ears and longest legs of all felids.

Breeding between the wild and domesticated animals began back in the mid-’80s with a male serval and a female Siamese. These hybrid Savannahs are noted for their tall, slender bodies, large ears, and their ability to jump great heights in a single leap — much like their wild ancestors.



Savannah cat

Another trait frequently espoused by fans of the breed is their intense bonding and loyalty toward those that raise them. The downside to this is their inability to successfully integrate into new homes once that bonding has been cemented. That’s precisely why you don’t want to go into owning one lightly.

Hybrids are generally classified F1 through F7. Each generation is marked with what’s called a filial number. These numbers signify generations removed from their feral forbearers. An F1, for example, is a first-generation offspring. The further removed (F7), the more domesticated. Most Savannahs you’ll see up for adoption are F4s and F5s, as they’re said to make the best house pets for temperament and behavior while retaining physical characteristics.

A Bengal cat is another relatively new hybrid consisting of a domestic cat and an Asian leopard, a small wild cat native to Asia. The cross produces beautiful

medium to large felines, but like most exotics, they only make good pets if they are four generations removed from the original cross-breeding. Because Bengals are so genetically close to their wild ancestors, like Savannahs, they can revert back to wild or feral behavior under certain circumstances, even if they are F4s. There’s no real way to predict when or if this will happen, which is one of the disadvantages of hybrid cats.



Bengal cat

If you’re entertaining the notion of getting one, there are numerous pros and cons to owning these animals. Exotic mixes are recognized for their extreme intelligence, strong bonding abilities, and incredible affection. They are often described as having dog-like personalities stemming from the odd noises they make to the ease with which they’re trained. Playing fetch and walking on a leash are common accomplishments. Many are known to tolerate, if not enjoy, water.

On the flip side, they are regularly described as being mischievous — a euphemism for being a pain in the rear — and often suffer from separation anxiety frequently resulting in bad or destructive behavior. They are high energy with over-the-top activity levels that include extreme jumping and climbing. Peeing or scenting on everything (including humans) has been seen, they have an unpredictable nature, and dominance issues with other pets (and even family members) are reported. They also like to be at the center of things and can be relentlessly demanding. In other words, they won’t be ignored, so don’t even think about it.



Bengal cat

Additionally, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM) is a health concern in many pure breed cats, and a link was recently discovered between Bengals and cases indicating that HCM may also be a reoccurring health issue in servals. Depending on who you listen to, hybrids also require special diets high in meat and taurine without grains and byproducts. Another thing to consider is laws governing ownership of exotic cats in the U.S. vary from state to state. Even if you’re allowed to have one, there’s also the issue of vaccines for hybrids, which not everyone agrees on.

These cons might not seem so untenable until you’re experiencing them. That’s why, when you see one pop up on Craigslist and other sites for adoption or “rehoming,” it’s crucial you go into ownership with your eyes wide open. Making a decision like this based on impulse is detrimental to the animal and you.

The long and the short of it is this: There are so many cats and other unwanted animals waiting for homes in shelters and rescues across the globe, please consider giving one of them a forever home before taking on ownership of an exotic that you may ultimately have to surrender.

The Scratching Post: Cats for Adoption

All the cats on this page are available for adoption now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please call the group listed with the picture.

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KATI

I can be a little shy at first, but give me a minute or two and I promise I'll warm up to you. I'm 11 years old, but you wouldn't believe it by looking at me. I have the SOFTEST fur and I love being pet and brushed. If you have room in your heart and your home for an old senior girl like me, please come by and say hello!



MR KIT CAT

I'm about a year old and was originally a stray before I came to HSSA. But now I think I'm ready to experience life inside a home. I'm a pretty cool cat. I'm friendly and full of personality. I like to play and can sometimes be a little bit sassy. If you're sassy too, we would make a great pair!

THE ANIMAL LEAGUE OF GREEN VALLEY:
(520) 625-3170 (open daily 10-2)



SILVER

I make quite an impression with my silvery fur and golden eyes! They say that I'm really friendly, but sometimes you have to "talk and croon" to me to let me know cuddle time is near. I'm a three-year-old tabby girl who's been at the shelter for more than 2 years. Please take me home soon. Adoption fee: \$45.



TESS

I used to be a wonderful companion to my dad – a quiet, loving, and affectionate lady who loved petting – and his very best friend. Now that I'm a 16-year-old senior tabby lady, I just like to be left alone sometimes; I'll let you know! Adoption fee: \$45, includes Vet Care Support for Life.

PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER: 4000 N. Silverbell or (520) 724-5900.
Meet by calling to make an appointment.



SAMOA AND SHILOH

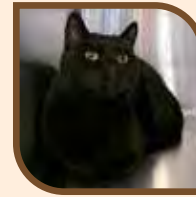
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Hi! We are a bonded pair of blue eyed beauties who are both sweet and receptive to affection. Samoa is more outgoing, gregarious, people-loving and always looking for adventure. Shiloh is more laid back, mellow, cautious, and always keeps an eye on Samoa. We are a perfect combination. We have a \$0 adoption fee. Adoption includes spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit.



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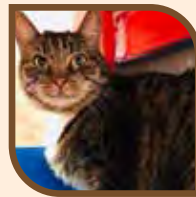
I spend my days dreaming about lizards and birds. I would love a family of my own, a soft bed to curl up in, and an endless supply of treats. I have a \$0 adoption fee. Adoption includes spay or neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, and a free vet visit.

The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary. Adopters are asked to fill out an application (www.hermitagecatshelter.org/adoption-form/), then our Adoption Coordinator will process it and contact them to make an appointment for them to come in.



HATTERAS

I'm five, and known as is one of the "Great Escape Artists" from the General Population Room! My goal in life is to explore the entire Hermitage, but the humans keep catching me, and putting me back. I would love to explore a home of my own, too! And then bask in the sunshine from every single window. I'm a little chatty, and love head scratchies! If you're looking for a mini-house panther, I'm the kitty for you!



BEAUTIFUL

I'm a gorgeous, amazing, sweet 4 year old kitty who just moved into The Hermitage. It's a little different here than I'm used to, but everyone is nice and so I'm adjusting. I love snoozing on the comfy beds, or hanging out with the other kitties. I might be a little shy on first meeting, but I do love people, and think it's wonderful when you scratch my chin! Of course, you're looking for a lovely companion, and so you should meet me!



BIG BERTHA

I'm still new, and so I'm still hiding more than exploring the shelter. I do like to talk a little with humans, and if you talk to me, and give me a moment, I'll talk your ears off while you scratch mine! I'm six, so I still have many years of snuggles and love to give. If you need a chatty companion, I'm the one for you!



MEATBALL

I'm three years old, and I'm a good looking gentle-cat with a big head. I'm shy at first, definitely not a spicy boy, but if you're patient with me, I'm a gentle kitty who loves pets! I came to The Hermitage with my Mum, but she found her forever home; I'm hoping to find mine, soon! I'm a lover, not a fighter, and get along great with other kitties. I also love sunshine snoozes, and treats! I'm the perfect addition to a home, and I'll bring lots of love!

KITTENS

We are cute and cuddly and pretty soon PACC will have a huge intake of us. Before we're available for adoption, we're going to need a foster family. You can help! Email PACC.foster@pima.gov to learn how you can foster.



Special Feature

The Coronavirus & U.S. Pets: How COVID-19 is Rallying Animal Rescues & Vets

Story by Rebecca West



There's a lot going on in the world right now, and much of it is scary. But if you look hard enough, there is positive news out there to share, like a recent story from the Good News Network regarding the uptick in animal fostering via drive-thrus in response to COVID-19. With so many states locked down, many rescues and shelters are working with skeleton crews trying to care for the animals under their

supervision. So how are they managing to get the word out? Social media, of course, and people are answering the call in droves.

"We put out a plea for emergency fosters and received over 500 applications in a matter of DAYS, which is nothing short of incredible," Asheville Humane Society staffer Meghan Lavender told Good News Network in a late-March email. "The REALLY good news, however, is that many shelters in cities around the U.S. are experiencing the same amazing response from their communities."

"Shortly after it became obvious that coronavirus was going to drastically disrupt everyday life, a Facebook group was utilized for animal care workers to brainstorm ideas, share what was working for them, and even to organize transfers of animals," Lavender explained. And it's working.

At Tucson's PACC, Communications Liaison Nikki Reck noted, "We have way more pets in foster THAN EVER! This is so much better for their mental wellbeing. Dogs and cats in foster care are often much happier than in a stressful shelter. Our current population is much lower than normal for this time of year, which means the pets here get more one-on-one attention from staff and volunteers. People are still adopting, which is GREAT! It's an excellent time for it because people are home to get the pet adjusted to routines and whatnot." As of April 24, 828 animals were in foster care with only 137 pets remaining at the shelter.

At the Humane Society of Southern AZ, CEO Steve Farley told us, "We have always had a wonderful cohort of dedicated volunteers and they are indeed hard at work for us now, increasingly as kitten season heats up. We have 200 actively fostering now. Adoptions have been strong and increasing in recent weeks, even with our new appointments-only model. Many of our older dogs and cats in particular have found great homes during this time. We continue to have many dogs and cats available to adopt since we are transferring in animals from all over the state in order to help out other rescues, given how well our adoptions are going. And our wonderful volunteers keep coming in to walk those dogs - six-foot leashes are perfect social distancing exercise!

In Bakersfield, CA, before self-isolating went into effect, the Kern County Animal Shelter held two foster drives where, instead of driving off with empty calories, they drove off with a foster pet and supplies. The events were hugely successful, with more than 100 animals finding foster homes in a week.

"We rely on the public to adopt. When we don't have that avenue, we're left

with no option to get animals out of the shelter. It's not healthy to have an animal sit in a cage for 30 days," Kern County Animal Services Director Nick Cullen was quoted as saying in "The Californian" before adding, "What we've seen from the community is like nothing we've seen before. We're floored with the response."

The American Pets Alive! Shelter & Rescue Support Facebook page and website provide shelters and rescue charities an opportunity to share advice, health tips, and ongoing information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on both pets and people. They've also put together a comprehensive guide for shelters across the U.S. entitled The American Pets Alive! COVID-19 Animal Shelter Preparedness Guide. It covers subjects ranging from feral/community cat protocol to how to get your community to help.

Continuing in the spirit, the Huffington Post revealed that animal hospitals, veterinary colleges, and even zoos are offering desperately needed ventilators to hospitals under siege for treatment of COVID patients.



The Cummings Veterinary Medical Center at Tufts University, which runs Tufts VETS and the Foster Hospital for Small Animals, were able to donate two ventilators to Tufts Medical Center in Boston.

"What was most encouraging regarding the ventilators we received was they are the same ventilator that Tufts Medical Center uses on our human patients. This was a clear benefit, as it resulted in no additional time required to train our respiratory therapists," stated Leslie Lussier, the facility's director of respiratory care.

Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in New York has offered its ventilators to local health departments, also. Their spokesperson shared that they have donated over 1,000 N95 respirator masks, as well as other supplies, and was prepping three ventilators and 19 anesthesia machines to transport to the Cayuga Medical Center in Ithaca, NY.

They are among more than 190 organizations in 30+ states that have pitched in so far. Others that offered their resources include the Detroit Zoological Society, the nearby San Diego Zoo, and Arizona's very own Phoenix Zoo, as well as dozens of local and university clinics desiring to assist.

Dr. Beth Davidow, president-elect of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, posted a callout in March to veterinarians who might have ventilators to share.

After establishing a centralized database for donors to catalogue their available resources on a spreadsheet, almost 250 ventilators were listed within days. The spreadsheet has been shared with the AMA, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, and the American Hospital Association for identifying potential donors.



How's that for good news, America?

Special Feature

Working from Home with our "Best Friends"



Marley and Me (Heather)
"Work time or Nap time?"



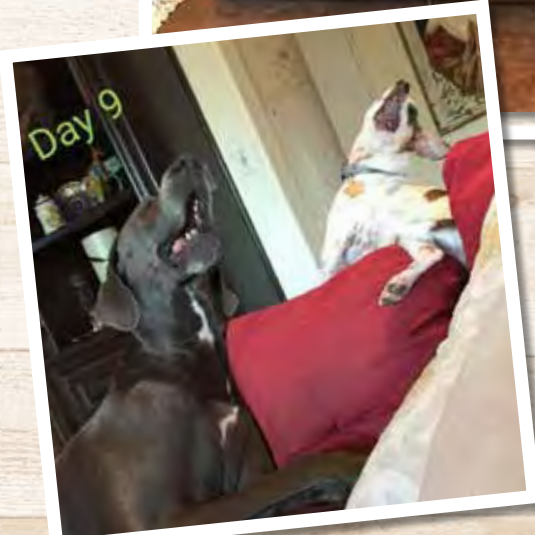
Harley and Kitty
"Find your own Human"



Elliot and Ryan



Francine and Zuka PMI
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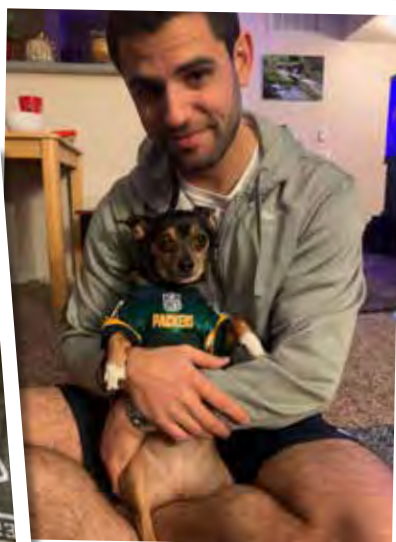
Erin O'Sullivan
"Day 8 and Day 9"



Teddy says,
"Life's Ruff during a TP shortage"



Alfonso and Rocket



Gaizka and Jane Doe



Rachel and Zuka Fiona AAA
"Just a little slow dancing at work"

Business Spotlight

The Pet Doctor Is In!

Story by Rebecca West, Photos by Jennifer Rose-Quiroz
(@Dragonfly by Jen Artistry)



Dr. Louis & 1st Ave staff

If you live in Tucson or are a Pima County resident, there are some excellent choices for pet service providers. Few of them however, offer walk-in capabilities, preferring instead that you make an appointment. Of course, there are exceptions for emergency services at most, if not all, full-service veterinarian clinics. But what if spur of the moment you decide to take advantage of some

unexpected free time and would like to get Fifi or Fido's veterinary needs checked off of your to-do list?

For that, there's Pet Doctor, a full-service facility where you can receive top-quality medical services in a clean, friendly establishment at affordable prices from experienced vets, because, let's face it, that's what you're looking for. If you're not already familiar with Pet Doctor, the business offers two locations where you'll find stellar pet care that includes orthopedic surgery, trauma repair, dental procedures, spay and neutering, radiology, laser rehab, vaccines, an online pharmacy and, when the time comes, compassionate euthanasia and cremation.

Between the two practices, there are eight highly-qualified doctors supported by a large, well-trained staff of technicians and office personnel. The business is considered unique in that they are the only ones in the area that are employee-owned, ensuring that everyone has a stake in their success. Operations manager Priscilla Marin points out that for medical director Dr. Harrison Nelson, who's been in practice since 1978, this is his third pet-related clinic to date.



Dr. Nelson

Founded in 2014, the business model was to provide the best possible care and medicines to the public at the lowest possible costs. This made the twin facilities extremely popular with Tucson pet owners after their launch. While their success has come largely from word of mouth (via enthusiastic clients), there's another facet to that success.



Reception staff Breanna Anderson & Johanna Romero

You see, from the beginning, Pet Doctor has worked closely with local rescues to improve the lives of animals in southern Arizona. Currently, they partner with 12 different groups working as an advocate for creatures in need, and as you might expect, those numbers are high.

We spoke with hospital manager Doreen Windsor, CVT, about that work, and the many challenges rescue and

service providers face. She explained to us that their entire staff are pet owners, so they can easily empathize with the plight of the animals and those who care enough to want to help them. Non-pet owners might not understand the impact of adoption on an animal, but simply put, adopting pets saves lives.

When asked what people should know regarding a successful adoption, Doreen noted, "They (the animals) come with a history and need a second chance — and sometimes a third, for that matter. But they do deserve that chance."

Like all members of the veterinary community, she recognizes and quickly points out the need for more spay and neutering, lamenting that it's crucial to solving the problem of unwanted and abandoned pets. "I recently saw something in connection to adoption that read 'Who rescued who?' and just thought it was the best because it says so much," she added regarding the upside of adopting.

We also asked what the biggest challenges clinics like theirs and potential adopters faced, and without hesitation, she cited finances for both. It can't be easy offering low-cost services, but for some people, even those are beyond their means. That does not have to be a barrier to pet ownership, though.

According to rescue coordinator and public relations rep Liz Harris, Pet Doctor routinely works with two particular organizations in assisting low-income community members with affordable spay and neuter options. Those groups are AWASA's (Animal Welfare Alliance of Southern Arizona) Pet Fix program and SpayAndNeuterSolutions.org, a private foundation in southern Arizona facilitating inexpensive sterilization procedures. Depending on your circumstances, the surgeries can be performed for between \$5 and \$15!



Alison Johnson at 1st Ave location

Both groups rely on donations to keep them going, but any pet owner currently on government assistance Title 8 Housing, Medicare, AHCCCS, or Food Stamps is eligible to apply. The reduced-fee appointments fill up quickly each month, so you'll have to plan ahead if you want to get onboard. Not everyone's aware that sterilization procedures actually come with a number of health and behavioral benefits to the animal, besides ensuring lower pet populations.

If you'd like to take advantage of the everyday savings you can find at either of Pet Doctor's walk-in clinics, the website provides a veterinarian schedule you can reference. You'll find a link for financial assistance through CareCredit there, too.

Should you decide to call, be aware that Pet Doctor has one main number with prompts that will guide you to the nearest location. Once connected, their knowledgeable staff can answer any questions you might have. They also have an email address listed below for inquiries if it's not a pressing matter, and that's how you prefer to roll. It's up to you.

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Cover Story

Author Garth Stein Shares Wisdom at the HSSA 2019 Annual Impact Report Lunch

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos by Candice Eaton



Garth Stein onstage at fundraiser

"Gestures are all that I have; sometimes they must be grand in nature." So begins the poignant, emotional roller coaster that is *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. These words come from the narrator of the novel, a less conventional narrator, especially considering the book is meant primarily for adult audiences. He is Enzo, the wise and gentle canine companion of Denny, a race car driver in the rainy state of Washington.

Dogs like Enzo speak in gestures, because despite the sweet internal monologue we are treated to in *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, we cannot hear them speak aloud in our human languages. Instead, we learn each

other's respective cues and construct our own hybrid form of communication where gestures can speak volumes. These gestures are important to deepen our connections with our animal companions, as are other types of gestures when it comes to protecting them and ensuring the well-being of those not fortunate enough to enjoy the lifelong bond with a loving human as in the case of Enzo's Denny. The Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA) embodies such gestures and is only able to operate based on the kindness of individuals in our community.

A non-profit receiving zero government support, HSSA relies solely on the public for funding, and on February 8th, 2020, it was time to celebrate another successful year at their Annual Impact Report lunch and fundraiser. HSSA has a knack for bringing

in A-list animal lovers; at their 75th birthday celebration in 2019, Brandon McMillan of television's *Lucky Dog* was the keynote speaker. Continuing this trend, none other than author Garth Stein delivered the special guest speech at the Impact Report lunch. This pick could not have been more appropriate for the celebration.



Nascar package Winner Ken Burk (\$4k bid)



Randy Peterson from HSSA shares accomplishments with attendees



VIP after party at Wayne's Toys Tucson Classic Car Museum

Stein's uncanny knack for accurately voicing the thoughts and feelings of a dog in plain English made him an ideal candidate to address a room full of animal lovers, most of whom had read *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, as well as seen its new major motion picture adaptation. After raising \$4,100 auctioning off a VIP package for NASCAR in Phoenix, HSSA staff brought Stein out on stage to wild applause, and he began to tell the story of how this beloved book came about.

The Art of Racing in the Rain tells the story of a racecar driver named Denny who adopts a puppy and names him Enzo, after Italian racing legend Enzo Ferrari. Incidentally, it is Enzo (the dog) who narrates the story. He has learned that dogs can reincarnate into humans and worships and adores Denny to the extent he wants nothing more than to come back as a person and shake his hand. His loyalty, however, prevents him, as he feels honor-bound to ensure that Denny is in a good place in life before leaving him for his next one. Enzo is there through the many trials, heartbreaks and triumphs Denny experiences, speaking the often simple but deep wisdom of a devoted friend, and ultimately attesting to the pure, unconditional love of a dog.

Stein first encountered his inspiration for *The Art of Racing in the Rain* when he was shown the 1998 film, *State of Dogs*, in which the Mongolian idea that dogs who are ready can be reincarnated as humans is explored. In the motion picture version of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, we can see Enzo watching that actual film. This idea blossomed further when Stein attended a reading by poet, Billy Collins, where Collins shared his poem, "The Revenant", in which a dog addresses his master from beyond the grave, although in this case, not so worshipfully.

Stein's idea for a dog who adores their person to the degree that Enzo adores Denny started way back with a dog named Muggs. Muggs was an Airedale terrier who belonged to Stein's family during his childhood. While she was a family dog, Muggs clearly favored Stein's father, who was stoic, and not particularly effusive with his emotions around her. One day when Stein was



Lots of VIP's waiting online to meet Garth at after party



Guests Ann Fuller, Dave Warner, Ellie Warner and Mr Skinner enjoying the event



Author of "Oh My Dog!" Barbara Berlier enjoying the event with her husband, Paul



Garth Stein visiting with Diane Cannon Table



Garth autographing books at VIP after party

in high school, his father took Muggs to the vet and came back alone. Without a word, he gathered up all of her belongings, brought them to the curb, and that was that. Many years later, Stein and his father were together when he received the first published copy of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. He unwrapped it and handed it to his father, who opened to the dedication page, and finally, after all those years, began to cry. The book is dedicated to Muggs.

Much went on however, between the first sparks of inspiration for the book and its publication and subsequent success. Stein was initially met with skepticism over its concept.

His agent at the time was less than supportive when he saw that the book was narrated by a dog. "Do me a favor," he told Stein, "Take this book, throw it away, and write something good." This was on Thanksgiving, while his in-laws were visiting. He had hoped to impress them as well as his wife with a success story, but he disagreed with the agent over the book's worthlessness, so fired him on the spot.

Stein then gathered the courage to admit this to his wife, a woman he describes as his muse, but not a gentle one covered in flowers, rather a dark muse, like a dominatrix cracking a whip. We have her to thank for continually supporting him and pushing him to succeed in getting his work out into the world. Her response was simply, "Get a new agent."

Unfortunately, this proved harder than it sounded as bafflingly, no agent at the time wanted to promote a dog book, much less a book narrated by one. Finally, in 2007 at a library event, Stein was lamenting this fact to a group of other writers when someone said, "My agent would represent you. They represent me, and I wrote a book narrated by a crow." This was indeed true, the writer being Layne Maheu, who wrote *Song of the Crow*, a retelling of the biblical flood myth from the viewpoint of a skeptical crow.



Jake trying to get an autograph from Garth

The rest, as they say, is history. After a rough time getting off the ground, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* finally took flight, spending three years on the New York Times best seller list. In 2019, the book was made into a hit film starring Milo Ventimiglia, Amanda Seyfried, and Kevin Costner as the voice of Enzo. Parker and Butler, the two dogs who played the adult Enzo were former shelter dogs. Despite all this success, Stein hasn't forgotten about the underdog, helping the HSSA to champion them, and the undercat, underbunny, underduck, etc.

While the HSSA did operate over financial capacity, they were able to achieve some amazing things in 2019, such as taking in 5,198 pets with the amazing



HSSAZ Donors Linda and Tom Grissom with Garth

93% live release rate. They performed 5,068 surgeries, 7,077 vaccinations and 598 feral cats were spayed and neutered through their Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program. They helped relieve pressure at other shelters by taking in 682 transfer animals and reunited 995 lost pets with their families.

While achieving these fantastic feats, the people and pets of the HSSA continued to get used to their new home on Roger Road. They have begun to offer a new donor-subsidized veterinary wellness program for low-income Pima County residents, as well as puppy and kitten care plans. They also expanded their New Beginnings Training Program which allows Department of Corrections inmates to work with shelter dogs to help them become more adoptable, and to gain new skills for themselves as well. One former inmate was even hired on at the shelter after release. Aside from funding generated from services, investments and special events, 79% of the funding for all of these programs was provided by public donations, the aforementioned grand gestures that make all of the difference for so many animals.

Enzo's grand gestures are those of all of our canine companions, who, like Enzo, give us their unconditional love every day, free of judgement. It is a truly unique bond, which goes both ways, as Stein so wittily illustrated during his speech. In a hypothetical example, he asks what we might do after a long day at work upon coming home, arms full of groceries, to our partner, who has been lying around naked all day, who offers no help, even jumps on us and knocks things out of our hands as we try to juggle everything and make it into the house. Most of us would be annoyed, even disgusted, but then swap the human for a dog, and it's a whole other story. Suddenly we're dropping everything and falling to our knees for welcome home hugs and kisses. The moral of this vignette, according to Stein? "We should all treat each other more like dogs—more forgiveness, fewer conditions."



Tucson Dog staff member Heather McShea with cover dog Jake

While *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is in ways so heart wrenching, it teaches a lesson any dog owner must learn. Their impact on our lives and the love and joy dogs bring are so powerful that we are, as Stein said, "willing to pay the emotional price for that relationship in the end." Isn't it comforting though, to think we might just meet an old friend again "in person" one day, as many Mongolians believe? Stein went on to say that closeness to other animals is, "fundamental to our humanity." A sentiment most of us probably share. Isn't it then our duty to see that they are treated with the love, compassion and humanity they deserve? This has been the mission of the Humane Society of Southern Arizona since 1944, and with our help they will continue until every Enzo finds his Denny.



Al Clark and Diane Cannon sharing the good news with helpers



Yummy treats enjoyed by all may



Pet Doctor Co-Owner Doreen Windsor with husband Tim at the Tucson Dog Magazine Table

Special Feature

The Unstoppable Lend a Bone Rescue

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos Courtesy of Lend a Bone Rescue

People who travel one of Tucson's central arteries may not have noticed the changes taking place within an unassuming stucco building on the corner of Adams Street and Stone Avenue, but these changes are making a huge difference for many of our community's at-risk dogs. The Lend a Bone Rescue store is finally up and running there, after a whole lot of hard work and as many serious setbacks including fire, theft and currently a global pandemic. Many would throw in the towel after just one of these disasters, but not Lend a Bone. They're in it for the long haul, as strong and resilient as the dogs they rescue.



Lend a Bone Rescue Store featuring a mural by local artist, Danny Martin

Leading up to the opening of their location, the clues began to show, such as a Lend a Bone logo sticker on a vehicle that could often be seen parked in front of the building. Soon there was a hip mural gracing their entryway featuring a Dia de los Muertos style pup against a desert backdrop in black and white. Next it was young people in various dog themed t-shirts walking various dogs being sighted up and down Adams street. In light of all of this mounting evidence, it came as no surprise when a banner was hung out on the Stone Avenue side of the building advertising the grand opening of the Lend a Bone Rescue store set for February 29th, 2020.

This was a big moment for founder Julie Anaya, a lifelong lover of animals, especially dogs. Growing up in a family where love and respect for the furry

members was an important value, she always knew she would go on to do something that involved helping dogs. "We are their voice", she explains of her work rescuing mostly euthanasia listed shelter dogs. CFO Ellen Moncada agrees. Her family volunteers their time helping the pups as well, "We've never been ones to say no when an animal in need is on our doorstep, we simply welcome them in with open arms." All of Moncada's dogs are rescues, and she is grateful for the opportunity to help other dogs on their journey to their own forever homes.



The cozy entry area of the Lend a Bone rescue facility

Since their founding in February 2019, and obtaining 501c3 status in December 2019, Lend a Bone Rescue has placed 42 dogs in their forever homes. Anaya is hopeful that with the opening of the rescue store they'll be able to do even more this year. The store is a real advantage for the group as it not only generates revenue through daycare, boarding and retail that



A few of the dogs rescued from Euthanasia by Lend a Bone



Midnight, Lend a Bone's first ever rescue from euthanasia list, now living the dream in his forever home

goes directly back to the rescue, it houses several rescue dogs at a time as well. As of this writing, 4 of their 17 dogs are residents. These dogs enjoy a fun and comfortable environment where they can be themselves, while socializing and meeting potential adopters. Not only does the store support the Lend a Bone pups, but they're willing to extend a helping hand to the community as well. While they are unable to accept owner surrenders, they will try to help anyone struggling to feed their dog who may stop by for help.

This resource was nearly ruined before it was created, however. As construction was underway in preparation for the rescue store's opening, a fire broke out one night, destroying much of their progress. Not only was there extensive damage, opportunists swept in on the heels of the fire stealing \$2,500 worth of rescue supplies. This double punch was decidedly rough, but the rescue refused to be defeated, and continued with cleanup, repair and construction. They had a lot riding on this after all, such as the really hard luck cases like that of Basil.

Basil was not thriving in the shelter. They could not get the emaciated dog to put on weight, and eventually he was put on the euthanasia list. Luckily for him, Lend a Bone was able to find him a foster who took Basil straight to the emergency vet. They found that he had fluid in his lungs, although they could not locate the cause. He was back and forth to the vet over the next weeks, having to have the fluid drained when his breathing would become difficult. The rescue was advised several times to euthanize him, but they kept holding out for a miracle and asking more from the several vets they visited. Finally, an ultrasound revealed a twist in his stomach which was able to be surgically repaired. Now on a strict diet, Basil is putting on weight and feeling happy and comfortable, thanks to a group of people who simply refuse to give up, even in the most seemingly hopeless situations.



Basil before and after



Ozzy the English Bulldog ready to find his forever home

Now faced with a major shift in society due to the pandemic and quarantine, the folks at Lend a Bone continue to keep rescuing, fostering and adopting out as many dogs as possible. They are always looking for new fosters and volunteers, accepting cash and physical donations- especially clean blankets and towels, and of course they have many wonderful dogs available for adoption as well. People can arrange any of these things simply by going to lendabone.com. and helping this amazing and unstoppable group keep working their magic.



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From the Director's Desk

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

Story by Steve Farley, CEO HSSA



SteveAndPup

I am so grateful for all of your support for pets and the people who love them during these challenging and uncertain times for all creatures. Special thanks to our first responders, medical workers, grocery and food service workers, and all the people working for the essential businesses and nonprofits who are on the front lines of this battle jumping in to provide help and ease the pain of those in need.

We at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona are also on the front lines, continuing to help pets and the people who love them as the essential business that we are. On the first Sunday of each month, thanks to your

generosity and the help of Greater Good and Cody's Friends **we distribute pet food to Tucsonans in need at our Roger Road campus.** We are collaborating with many local nonprofits, including the Pima Council on Aging to make sure that seniors in isolation at home can feed their loving animal companions as well as human food to keep themselves healthy.

I want to reassure you that – as an essential business – our dedicated staff remain hard at work on behalf of our mission while respecting social distancing and keeping themselves, the public, and our animals safe. **However, in order to protect public health we have had to take some difficult steps:**

- HSSA Thrift Store and PAWSH Park Place are closed until further notice.
- All HSSA hosted events are cancelled until further notice.
- We will not be offering clinic services to the public until further notice.
- We are adopting animals, but you need to make an appointment by calling 520-327-6088.
- You may still browse adoptable pets online at HSSAZ.org/adopt
- As always our pets will be given the best possible care by HSSA staff and volunteers.

One of the events **we had to postpone is our annual Puttin On the Dog fundraiser.** That hurts not just because it's the most fun event of the year for people and dogs, it also represents a large hit to our budget just as we are losing other revenues from the closure of many of our public services. **The funds we raise go to support our Second Chance Fund** which pays for critical medical care for our animals with serious health issues, enabling us to save lives.

If you want to help us continue our mission during these tough times, please consider helping the Humane Society of Southern Arizona **with a donation at HSSAZ.org/donate - Thank you!**

KITTEN SEASON IS REAL.

As kittens inundate our shelter (and other shelters all over the nation), **HSSA counts on our community to help us through this busy time.** During kitten season, we ask that you stay conscious of your surroundings, consider adopting a cat, and consider making a donation at HSSAZ.org/donate to help

us save kitten lives. It is because of you that the fragile kittens brought into our care can grow into adoptable, healthy cats.

If you find a litter of kittens and are able to locate them, **resist the urge to pick them up - IT WILL BE SO HARD!**

Monitor the litter and watch for mama cat to return, for at least 24 hours. If the kittens seem to have been left alone for a full day, something tragic may have happened to their mama and only then should you step in.

If the mama cat continues to return to the kitties, it is best to leave the litter alone. If the kittens survive to around 5 or 6 weeks old then we suggest you bring them (with their mama) to us to all be spayed/neutered and vaccinated. Call 520-327-6088 for further instructions if you have a litter nearby.



Kiten

While you are spending so much time at home, **consider adopting a new best friend.** You can browse our adoptable animals online at hssaz.org/adopt and call us at 520-327-6088 to make an appointment.

Before I started working from home (like most of you!), **I got to share my CEO office with a number of great adoptable animals** to give them a little break from the kennels and cages. After featuring some of them on my facebook page, several long-timers found their forever families – like Loki and Martini.



Chai

Sweet 4-year-old Chai was one of my favorites, but is still looking for her home. She is so great at sitting on command, and loves hanging out with small dogs, too. The kennel environment makes her so shy that most visitors don't get to see her best side, but she has so much love to offer once you get to know her in a less stressful environment.

Chai is now one of the staff favorites. **She's been here since November of last year, and sure would like to go home with you!**

We hope you and your pets remain safe and well during this time. With your help, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona will always serve the pets in our care and the people who love them.

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Special Feature

Pilots to the Rescue: When Pets Fly

Story by Bella Wexler, Photos by "The Dogist"



A Pilots to the Rescue puppy passenger waits outside the plane

its reach as a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the transportation of animals in need to shelter locations and adopters who can sustain their care. Many innocent animals are born into unfortunate situations. But, thanks to Pilots to the Rescue, these furry friends are getting a second chance at the lives they deserve.

Pilots to the Rescue became a reality when Michael's dream was quite literally given wings. Michael has always devoted himself to volunteerism. As a father of three, he places a heavy commitment on family, including family pets. He took action merging his "love for aviation and animals" upon learning about the life and death battle many pets face in overcrowded shelters. Pilots to the Rescue owns and operates its own plane based in New Jersey with Michael as the chief pilot (although he prefers the title "Top Dog") along with many other pilot volunteers. The nonprofit occasionally connects with private planes who are willing to transport pets on their return flights, too. On average, Pilots to the Rescue conducts weekly to monthly flights of 10-20 pets. The entire process involves establishing relationships with the origin and destination shelters as well as coordinating with ground volunteers to have pets dropped off at the airplane site and picked up by destination shelter staff. Sometimes, ground transport volunteers are tasked with driving pets long distances. Their willingness to go the extra mile makes these volunteers "the real heroes," according to Michael.

Of course, Michael extends this humble gratitude towards all the people who have made Pilots to the Rescue possible, even when they have to improvise. The logistics can get particularly tricky when the nonprofit's plane requires maintenance. At one point, an alternator failure resulted

None have the privilege of choosing the circumstances into which they are born. Oftentimes, animals bear the brunt end of this reality, especially when they are born with severe medical conditions or are being housed in an overcrowded shelter. The powerlessness of such animals and the people desperately trying to provide for them with limited resources inspired Michael Schneider to found Pilots to the Rescue. Since its inception in 2015, Pilots to the Rescue has expanded

in a moving van being required to drive the plane and its precious cargo of pets for ten hours until they arrived at the drop off location. After that trip, Michael and some other volunteers arrived home after 4:00 am. This is the level of dedication that Pilots to the Rescue devotes to the animals it helps. This is also why the Pilots to the Rescue mission relies so heavily on volunteers and donations. No one, including Michael, profits from the time and energy put into Pilots to the Rescue. It is a labor of love fueled by generosity.

Although the majority of Pilots to the Rescue's current flights are between New Jersey and North Carolina or other east coast locations, Michael is always looking for volunteers nationwide to help spread awareness and "expand our reach". Especially important are transport coordinators who work remotely by communicating with shelters and volunteer pilots to organize transportation plans. "They really help us connect the dots," says Michael. If you are interested in donating to the Pilots to the Rescue cause or signing up to volunteer, please visit their program website at www.pilotstotherescue.org.

Flying animals back and forth also lends an excellent opportunity to make friends, mostly of the four-legged variety. Pilots to the Rescue has transported cats, dogs and even a red wolf before. Jack the wolf was a member of a severely en-

dangered species that finally began to rebound in population after Pilots to the Rescue transported Jack to a conservation facility. Besides this story, Michael says he's felt very impacted by the disabled pets he's flown. This includes one-eyed animals and a dog with cerebral palsy. It is also heartening to see how families light up when they are united with the perfect pet. After Pilots to the Rescue transported a basset hound puppy named Truitt to his forever home in New Jersey, his family started an Instagram page to document the rescue pup's life. Thanks to Pilots to the Rescue, Truitt got a home for the holidays and his human parents found the perfect canine companion.

Undeniably, our world is facing some difficult times. "This pandemic shifts our priorities," comments Michael. "Health, family, and love become our top interests which brings family pets to mind." The unconditional love of pets reminds us that, even when the ways of life to which we are accustomed come crashing down, "your pets will always be there for you". In times like these more than ever, Michael and everyone else at Pilots to the Rescue encourage people to really think about how they can support a cause which inspires them. There are unique ways to connect your passions and volunteering to better the lives of people and animals in need, claims Michael. "You just have to go for it".



"Top Dog" Michael Schneider with "Co-Pawlet" Daniel Baumele holding Truitt



Michael Schneider "Top Dog" with Jason Eckardt after rescuing 20 puppies



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Dogs in Blue; The K9 Beat

SALEF Struggles to Provide Vehicle Heat Sensors for TPD's K9s During the Shutdown

Story by Brian Pettepiece, Photos by Sgt. Paul Sheldon

The Southern Arizona Law Enforcement Foundation (SALEF) is facing a dire situation. SALEF fills a vital role for the Tucson area's K9 officers. Since 2004, SALEF has been providing the Tucson Police Department with vital tools to keep our local law enforcement members safe, especially the hard-working dogs serving as members of our law enforcement community. Since that time, SALEF has expanded to work with several other local area agencies such as Marana PD, University of Arizona PD, and the Thurston County Sheriff's Department. SALEF fills a vital role in providing equipment and other services, sometimes even dogs, to these law enforcement agencies. But since all of SALEF's fundraising occurs at public events which are no longer occurring with the new social

distancing guidelines, they are facing a dire financial situation. Because of a lack of ways to fundraise, they may not be able to provide these agencies with what can often be life-saving equipment.

One particularly important type of equipment that SALEF funds and provides is heat sensors for the TPD's K9 patrol vehicles. As all of us are probably aware, in Tucson's hot summer climate, temperatures inside vehicles can quickly increase to unsafe levels for dogs. Police vehicles equipped with these systems have temperature sensors installed in the interior of the vehicles. When temperatures exceed set levels, these sensors alert the officers about potentially high temperatures inside the vehicles. This

Beginning this past March with the local economy all but shut down, SALEF began to struggle to raise enough funds to fund this project. Their goal is \$15,000. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, SALEF's main source of revenue is donations. SALEF's fundraisers in our community serve as the main source of their donations and enables them to purchase and donate this equipment to TPD and fund other projects for the other local law enforcement agencies under their support umbrella. Without access to public gatherings and the ability to participate in public events that help them raise money, SALEF is struggling to raise the funds to provide this much needed equipment.

SALEF has temporarily closed their office in accordance with official social distancing guidelines. Bonnie Faircloth is the Executive Director of SALEF. Bonnie stated that they are currently working from home with a skeleton crew and have had to cancel several events including the important Canine Walk for Cops which was slated to raise funds specifically for these vehicle heat sensor units for the TPD's vehicles. Even if the shutdown were to be lifted, the damage to their organization has been done. SALEF will face a significant budget shortfall this year, endangering the funding for several projects that they have slated for this year.

Updating the heat sensor equipment for TPD is one of the most time-sensitive projects that SALEF is working on. With the hot summer months quickly approaching, Bonnie stressed that this project is urgent. "We know that we're coming into the most extreme heat and we know that it's time to replace this equipment. It's time to jump ahead of this. We don't want to lose any K9s," she said.

Because they cannot raise funds through traditional fundraising channels such as public events, SALEF is asking for the public's support to meet their goal of raising \$15,000 to update this equipment. SALEF is graciously asking for donations to help them support TPD's canine officers. Bonnie stated that all cash donations are tax-deductible.

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TPD Officer Rumsley and K9 Officer Tango. Behind them one of the TPD's vehicles equipped with the important heat sensing alert system

information allows them to take steps to keep their K9 officers safe and cool during the desert's hot summer days. But they are also important at night, as even nighttime temperatures in the city can exceed safe levels inside vehicles during the summer. Equipment like this is vital for the safety of the hard-working dogs serving on Tucson's police force. SALEF, through donations from the public, provides this equipment free of charge to the Tucson Police Department.

This technology has been around for a while, and many of the TPD's vehicles' systems are becoming outdated and need to be upgraded with the latest equipment. These new systems will replace the outdated equipment currently installed in some vehicles. The upgrades will also be able to send alerts right to officers' mobile phones. This keeps officers better connected with their K9 partners on the job and better able to keep them safe from extreme temperatures while working. Using outdated equipment, or worse, not having the equipment installed at all, can adversely affect the police dogs that serve our community.



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Kids & Animals

Third Grade Students for Four Legged Friends

Story by Bella Wexler, Photos by Julie Farbarik



Allison and Sage begin their presentation

At Catalina Foothills School District's Canyon View Elementary, the love for animals runs deep. This is proven by the school's third grade students both within and beyond the classroom. On March 10, they filed into their school library for a presentation about responsible pet ownership. Already, the students had been diligently working on a project to make and

distribute blankets for homeless pets at Pima Animal Care Center. During the presentation, the young students' eagerly raised hands filled the room as their curiosity, personal anecdotes and prior knowledge on the subject of animal welfare abounded. To those who are unfamiliar with the spirit cultivated among this elementary school's students, the scene may have been surprising. But, to those who are accustomed to Canyon View's culture of active participation and respect, it was just another day.

The presentation was delivered by a Catalina Foothills School District parent and animal welfare advocate, Allison Wexler along with her youngest daughter Sage Wexler, a current sixth grade student at Esperero Canyon Middle School next door to Canyon View. After a brief introduction of her own background, Allison addressed the purpose of animal shelters and rescues by introducing PACC and the Humane Society of



Students listen to a presentation before getting their own copies of the Tucson Dog Magazine

Southern Arizona. She also brought up the concept of fostering. Before she had the chance to explain it, however, several students' hands had shot up in the hopes of sharing their own ideas. According to Audrey Smith, "foster(ing) basically means taking care of a pet temporarily until you find them a permanent home". Allison and Sage have had lots of experience fostering pets in their home. Some students asked about whether or not it is sad for foster families to say goodbye to a pet that has been adopted. "Yes," says Allison, "but we accept that sadness as part of the happiness of finding that animal a home". She went on to explain how choosing to adopt a fostered pet saves that one animal; but, passing the pet onto a forever home makes room for the foster family to rescue others in the future.

From this point on, the presentation became an interactive balance of sharing and listening to accommodate the students' drive to participate. Allison proceeded to describe the lesser known roles of shelters beyond finding new homes for pets. This includes licensing, vaccinating, spaying and neutering, providing pet owner resources, microchipping, educating about public safety, lending volunteer opportunities and more. Students asked questions ranging from what to do if they see a stray animal to what a microchip is. Adina Lytle shared her own experience finding a stray dog and, with the help of her father, making

contact with the owner on social media to reunite the pet with its family. Allison emphasized the importance of confiding in a trusted adult for assistance when students see an unknown animal out and about like in Adina's situation. This is very important when pertaining to domestic animals, but even more critical with wild animals. If a wild animal is in danger, it is safest to avoid approaching it and instead call wildlife control services. Several students were particularly fascinated with the concept of a microchip and its processing. Most of their concerns came from a place of empathy; they wondered if microchipping was painful. Luckily, Allison was able to assure them that it is a very safe, necessary means of protecting pets.

Next, Sage explained to students why pet overpopulation is such an urgent matter that can be ameliorated by spay and neuter procedures. It is important to teach responsible animal care practices to young generations so that they can grow up championing this cause in dire need of attention. It is especially inspiring to see an already young student like Sage extend her passion for such a relevant issue to her even younger peers.

Sage and Allison continued by walking students through the process of adoption, benefits of rescuing pets rather than buying them, and how to get further involved in animal welfare. They cited the Hand in Paw Kids Club through the Humane Society of Southern Arizona as an opportunity for students to gain experience as hands-on animal welfare advocates. They also mentioned volunteering with a parent at PACC, fostering pets at home and donating resources from PACC's Wish List for Friends through www.smile.amazon.com. These are all options that the students took to heart despite their already generous pillow and blanket making project for PACC. Canyon View third graders' curiosity and passion for animal rights are a testament to the notion that learning and leading go hand in hand. These heroes aren't born; they are taught.



Canyon View third graders raise their hands to share thoughts and question



left to right) Karen Guerrero, Abigail Garcia, Piper Gorski, Brooke Courser, Audrey Smith, and Brielle Brette show off the blanket they made and a copy of the Tucson Dog Magazine



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Tucson 85742
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(520) 571-7839

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savecats@PAWSitivelycats.org

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Green Valley 85614
(520) 207-4024

SOS Cat Rescue AZ
Cortaro 85652
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Tucson Feral Coalition
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tucsonferal@gmail.com
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Contact John Gilbert 206-718-3309
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(520) 724-5969

Town of Marana Animal
Care Services & Pet Licensing
(520) 382-8020

Town of Sahuarita Animal Care
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(520) 445-7877
(520) 764-7661

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your pet and live in
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Tucson, AZ 85710
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Tucson, AZ 85711
520-881-4200

Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort
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Tucson, AZ 85750
520-299-2020

Westward Look Resort
245 E. Ina Road
Tucson, AZ 85704
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(520)885-8277

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(520) 797-2652
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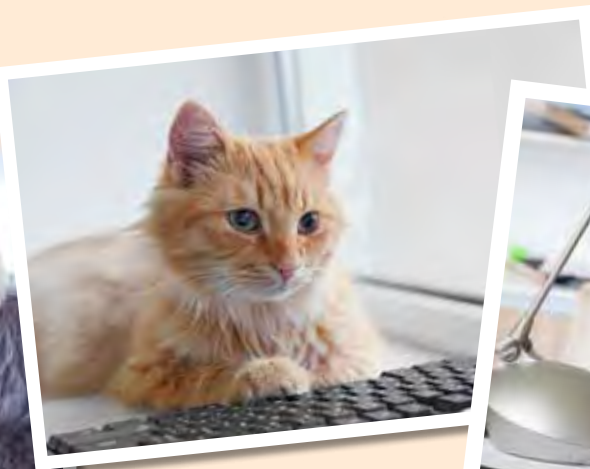
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