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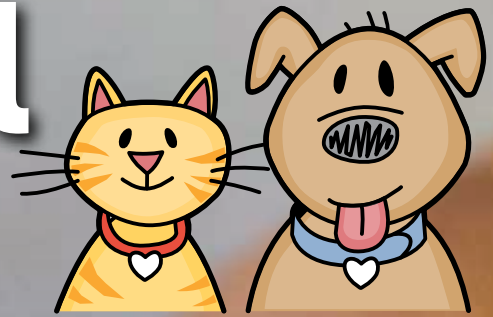
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The Leader of the Pack Speaks!

Dear Faithful Readers,

We are now heading into summer with COVID still active in our town and country. I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. Thank you for your continued readership of The Tucson Dog and thank you to our advertisers who have continued to support us.

I am happy to see that some of our "stay-at-home" orders are lifting and that people are beginning to go back to work. It's good to see businesses opening up again to keep them going. It's been a challenging time to say the least.

We at The Tucson Dog continue to tell the stories about our four-legged friends that we all love so much and this issue is no different as we have some really good ones for you again.

On the cover, we are featuring Pima Animal Care Center who is working on changing the face of sheltering in the community and beyond. I really enjoyed reading about all the positive changes happening there and what the new future in sheltering may look like. The goal is to help people keep their animals, thus keeping more out of the shelter. Foster care has also played an integral part in that as well as that is the best place for homeless animals to be instead of the shelter. It allows them to be in a "real" home environment where they will be happier and more can be found out about them. Sheltering is a very tough business, but Pima Animal Care Center is up to the challenge and doing a great job and I know you will learn a lot by reading this story.

In this issue, we also have a very important story about highly trained Service Dogs and how important they are to the people they serve. Over the years, that has been put in jeopardy by people trying to pass their untrained dogs off as service animals. The article is full of information about this subject and I implore you to read it and educate yourself about what is happening in that realm and pass it on to others.

And another one of my favorites this issue is about an unlikely group of people rescuing and protecting animals in their community...Bikers to the Rescue is a story about several groups that love, love, love dogs and also love motorcycles! They are doing great things to protect our most vulnerable in our society. I just love these folks and I think you will too!

In our "Dogs in Blue" feature, you will learn about the amazing K9 Officers that work with Border Control. Their days are long and hot this time of year, but these amazing teams are highly trained to do a difficult job. I have been wanting to do this story for a long time and we finally got connected and were able to do it.

Please stay safe and especially keep your pets safe from the rising temperatures of summer. Also, please take care and protect them during the 4th of July holiday that sees a rise in pets coming into the shelter due to fireworks. You can find out more about that in our canine writer's feature, "Greetings From Gracie".

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann



Greetings from Gracie

Dear Humans,

As many things have changed in our city and world lately, there are still some things that haven't like dogs that are afraid of loud noises and fireworks! So, I want to talk about that today and share some tips on how to keep your pets safe and sound as some places will still be doing fireworks this year.

While humans enjoy the booming sounds and flashing lights of fireworks, it can be terrifying and overwhelming for us four-legged people. The American Humane Association reports that the 5th of July is the busiest day of the year for shelters. Why? In a 2005 press release, the Indiana Proactive Animal Welfare Inc. stated that shelters were inundated with pets on the 5th of July who were panicked at the noise of firecrackers and fled into the night winding up lost, injured or even killed. Below are some tips to keep your beloved pets safe over this holiday.

1.) Going to a Fireworks Display? Leave Your Pet at Home

The safest place for your pet is at home, not in a crowded, unfamiliar and noisy place. The combination of too many people and loud fireworks will make your beloved pet freak out and desperately seek shelter. Locking them in the car is never an option either. Your pet can suffer brain damage and heat stroke.

2.) Keep your pets indoors

Please don't leave them outside on the 4th. Keep them indoors preferably with a radio or TV playing to hide the sounds of the noises. Even if your pet is used to being outside, the resulting panic caused by fireworks may make them break away and jump the fence in an attempt to find safety.

3.) Have Your Pet Properly Identified

Make sure your pets have a collar with an ID tag on it with your phone number. If he/she isn't already microchipped that is another valuable life-saving tool should your pet get out. is not micro-chipped, get them one.

4.) Keep Alcoholic Beverages away from your pet

If your pet drinks alcohol, they can become dangerously intoxicated, go into a coma, or in severe cases, die from respiratory failure. Yes, even beer is toxic, fermented hops and ethanol are poisonous to dogs and cats.

5.) Citronella Insect Control Products Harm Pets, Too.

Oils, candles, insect coils and other citronella-based repellants are irritating toxins to pets, according to the ASPCA. The result of inhalation can cause severe respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia and ingestion can harm your pet's nervous system.

I hope these tips help you take good precautions to protect your pets so you and they can have a safe and happy 4th of July holiday too!

Peace, Love & Biscuits,

Gracie



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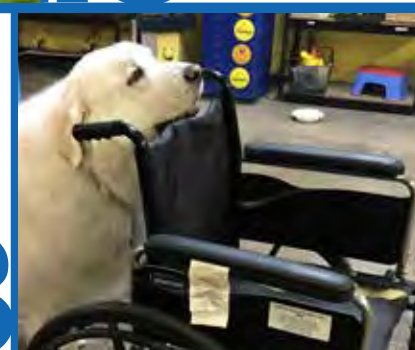
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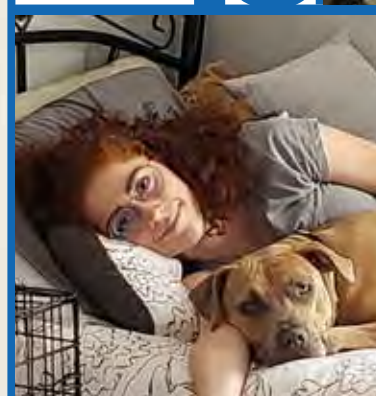
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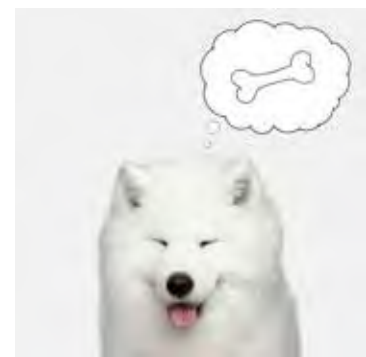
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Calendar

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Special Feature

Rebels with a Cause: Sometimes Salvation Arrives in the Least Expected Form

Story by Rebecca West

Admit it, you've got a preconceived notion about motorcyclists, especially those deemed "bikers." You know the type: beards, black T-shirts, and lots of tats. And from that, you've got this whole narrative down about lawless and unsavory characters recklessly and wantonly committing crimes and misdeeds.

That likely stems from a combination of bad movies, sensationalistic headlines and ancient newsreels, all of them depicting a debauched lifestyle under a dense cloud of suspicion for nefarious activity.

But today, how reliable is that blanket assumption? What if we told you that many of these *presumed* derelicts actually have alter egos and work on the side of justice — for animals, that is? It's true. While cast in an unflattering light, even leather-clad hard-asses have a soft spot for those who cannot speak for nor defend themselves.

Consider the TV show, *Rescue Ink*. While long-since defunct, they were considered an unlikely bunch of animal activists because they were burly, heavily tattooed, and rode motorcycles. That didn't stop them from busting up dog-fighting rings and rescuing animals from cruel or negligent owners while the cameras rolled. Sure, they were intimidating, but they did what they did for their professed love of animals.



Bikers for Barkers via BfB Facebook

The show and its members may have gone a ways toward rehabilitating the image of bikers. But what about all of the rough-and-tumble unsung heroes that *National Geographics* doesn't follow around capturing acts of kindness? We wanted to highlight some of the proactive Motorcycle Clubs (MC) that are doing something about homeless and abused pets here and abroad.

Bikers for Barkers, (BfB) a non-profit organization, was created to bring attention to U.S. shelter dogs in need of rescue, foster and adoption by introducing them to a community of people who are generally very pro dogs... BIKERS!!!! In Arizona, BfB frequently aids Pinal County Animal Care & Control (PCACC)

and other local groups that can use the assistance finding homes for animals in crisis. They achieve this through a number of altruistic gestures.

In early March of this year, before everything went haywire, they were at PCACC to help walk and showcase some of the many pit bulls and other homeless pets who desperately need fostering or adoption. BfB also works to bring attention to farms and sanctuaries that welcome the efforts of anyone willing to aid their cause. Honestly, what haven or rescue facility anywhere *doesn't* need the help?

B.A.A.C., aka Bikers Against Animal Cruelty, is an association of compassionate motorcycle enthusiasts who advocate against animal cruelty, promote responsible pet ownership and help to defray the costs of emergency veterinary care for cruelty and neglect cases. Headquartered in Connecticut, the non-profit consists of nearly 20,000 followers and was founded in 2007, giving you an inkling of how dedicated these riders are to their objective.

Their goal is to improve the lives of abused and neglected animals, as well as reduce the number of animals senselessly euthanized due to overpopulation. They note "the pain and sorrow in lost eyes," but take comfort when the

animals are living much healthier, happier lives as companions, just as they were meant to be, and vow to always keep up the fight.

Bikers4Bullies (B4B) is another non-profit created with animal welfare in mind. The group is made up of a network of some 900 riders whose desire is to help spread awareness about bully breeds. They help promote canines in need of medical care, foster homes and adoption, as well as assisting with transport for dogs that have been pulled from shelters or are on their way to new beginnings.



Bikers4Bullies via Facebook

Formed in Oregon in 2017, B4B was founded by Angel Plute and Nate Huggett after coordinating a poker run to raise funds for friends operating a rescue. It has since turned into a regular event, and now they help rescues and shelters however/whenever they can, year-round with a nationwide following. Their attitude is if you can't adopt, foster. If you can't foster, share the love and spread the word. They also remind people that you don't have to be a biker to be involved.

Angel acknowledged, "The best part of what we do is giving the dogs a chance to become all they can be. It's so rewarding."

BADA, or Bikers Against Dog Abuse, is a group of like-minded individuals in Australia who love dogs and love riding motorcycles. They combine the two passions for the purpose of making a difference for animals in need by fundraising for and assisting rescues everywhere.

The voice of the voiceless, BADA is involved in many aspects of dog rescue and care, including campaigns against dog abusers, backyard breeding, and puppies in pet shops. You can find them at adoption events and organized protests. They even provide assistance with vet bills, food, medication and bedding to dog shelters that need it the most, just going to show that so-called ruffians everywhere care about the plight of animals.

These are just four examples of the many motorcycle collectives doing this kind of work. So, badass bikers or knights in shining armor? You make the call.



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Story by Emily Dieckman Photos Courtesy of The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter



Titania arrived at the Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter in July 2016

shelter. Karina Levine, the volunteer coordinator at Hermitage, said when Titania came to the shelter in July 2016 after being surrendered by her owner, she was a difficult case. She was beautiful, yes, with dappled fur and markings around her eyes that look like natural eyeliner. But she was very uneasy around people and in the open rooms of the Hermitage's cageless shelter.

"She would get high on the catwalks and give you the look of death if you came any closer to her," Levine says. "She would look at you with these saucer eyes that say, 'Don't come any closer, because I'm going to scratch you, I'm going to bite you, I'm going to do whatever because I'm scared.'"

The volunteers at the Hermitage include people who specialize in socializing the animals. Several of them set out on a mission to bring Titania around to the idea of humans and affection.

"Shortly after we moved into the new building [in October 2017] she decided to change her mind about humans," Levine says. "It was like one day, she decided, 'Oh, humans aren't so bad. I guess I could get some love. All these other cats are getting love and they seem to enjoy it.' It was like a completely different cat – like night and day."



Titania has settled into her new home well, as the ruler of the house



Hermitage staff and volunteers helped Titania grow from a cat who was afraid of human contact to a real cuddler

Now Titania had the friendly personality to match her gorgeous looks, but there was one more complication: feline immunodeficiency virus, or FIV. This disease weakens the immune system, making cats more susceptible to infection. Though FIV-positive cats can certainly live long and healthy lives, hearing about the diagnosis sometimes deters adopters.

However, this spring was a perfect storm.

In March, the Hermitage featured Titania on its Facebook page, accompanying a video of her with a caption including "This sweet girl is proof that with love, patience, compassion, and again patience, the most fractious kitties – and believe me, she was very fractious her first couple of years here – can become some of the most loving kitties!"

Then, in May, the shelter staff decided to integrate their FIV-positive population with the general population of cats at the shelter, as it's only transferred through deep bite wounds. The Hermitage has historically kept kitties in separate rooms based on their conditions: one for diabetic cats, one for seniors, one for kittens, one for the general population. Now, the FIV-positive cats are seen by more people, and 14 FIV-positive kitties have been adopted since the integration. Additionally, the shelter saw an uptick in adoption applications during stay-at-home orders, with people stuck indoors and looking for a new pet to cuddle. They also lowered adoption prices.

When a woman came to visit the shelter and stroll through the room with general population and FIV-positive kitties, Titania started following her around, and the woman fell in love. She took Titania home, where she lives with her older sibling – a German shepherd. Titania's new mother reported to Levine that Titania hasn't just settled in well, but has become the ruler of the house.



Cuddled up in her forever home!

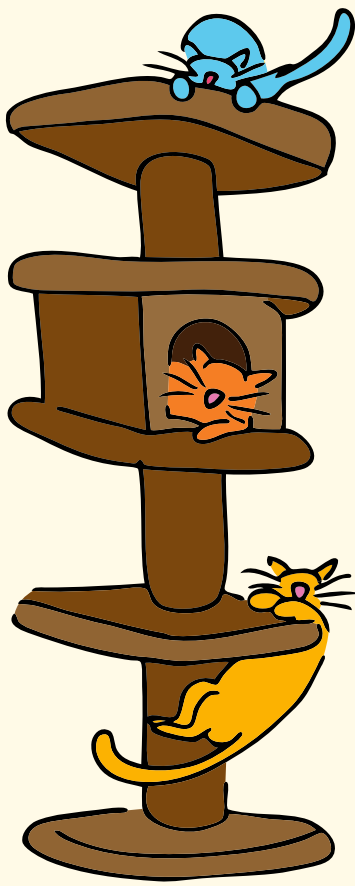
Many of the long-term volunteers, who had a chance to watch Titania blossom from a "scaredy cat" to an affectionate cuddler, agreed that it was bittersweet to watch her find a new home.

"Titania is one of the most beautiful cats I've ever known," says Keeley Shaughnessy, a volunteer at the shelter who first met Titania in January 2019. "Not just physical beauty, but an inner beauty that allowed her to grow from an extremely cautious shelter cat to one who welcomed human attention."

To learn more about adopting a cat from The Hermitage or working as a volunteer, visit hermitagecatshelter.org.

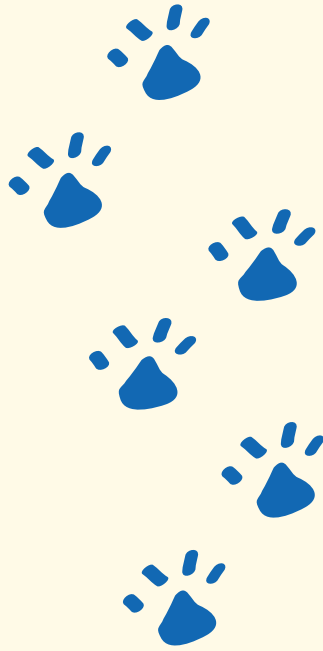


It's been a long road for this 6-year-old kitty, who was adopted this May after 1,405 days in the shelter



The Scratching Post: Cats for Adoption

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Humane Society of Southern AZ (HSSAZ). To meet these cats, make an appointment by calling (520) 327-6088 ext 173.



VILETTE

My friends at HSSA say I'm quirky and unique! I'm about 4 yrs old and came in as a stray. I'm an excitable kitty who loves to play and get scratches and pets. I'm just a happy gal who can't wait to start my new life with you!



SHASTA

I'm a fluffy 5-yr-old lady who will win you over with my stunning good looks and adorably cute personality. I love meeting new people, because every new person I meet is a chance for head scratches. I was formerly an indoor/outdoor cat and have lived with other kitties and dogs before.

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SUNNY

ID# A690163

I'm a friendly 15 yr. old DSH gal who recently lost my best kitty friend. I have done well with other cats and dogs, but haven't spent much time around children. I'm a fan of napping, but would prefer not being picked up. I would rather curl up in a warm spot and have an endless supply of treats.



MORGAN

ID# A540023

I'm a happy 5 yr. old DSH gal who enjoys head scratches and will thank you with a sweet purr. My ideal home would have lots of windows to bird watch from, a soft bed to take long afternoon naps on, and a cupboard full of tasty tuna!



TSUNAMI

ID# A701770

I'm a silly, 3 yr-old, occasionally dramatic, and entertaining young DSH guy. I'm a very curious kitty who loves to explore the house, sleep under blankets, play with scratchers and spend time with my cat friends.



GUMBALL

ID# A701103

I'm a 2 yr. old DSH that came from a home with too many kitties and is looking for a nice quiet home where I can learn to be a part of family at my own pace. I enjoy sunbathing, bird watching, and tasty treats.

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



OLIVIA

I'm a seven-year-old medium-haired tuxedo lady that was abandoned in her vet's office after dental work. I have a charming hourglass "tattoo" on my nose and beautiful silky fur. I can be a bit shy, but we could take a chance on each other! Adoption fee: \$45.



KIKI

I'm a four-year-old soft-as-a-bunny calico girl that lived with a cat-chasing dog for three years, so I will let you know when I want to be left alone. I still love playing with dangly toys, and I'd do better in a home with older kids. Adoption fee: \$45.



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Pima Animal Care Center: Changing the Face of Animal Shelters

Story by Rebecca West Photos by Candice Eaton

What does it take to reinvent the wheel? The wheel, of course, in this case, is the standard model for animal shelters. Set back in 1869, the very first official animal shelter in the country was formed by the Women's SPCA of Pennsylvania. Eight years later, in 1877, The American Humane Association formed, followed by The Humane Society of the United States in 1954.



Door to pod with dogs

It should come as no surprise, then, that a woman is re-setting the standard here in Tucson in the 21st century. That woman is Kristen Hassen-Auerbach, Director of Animal Services at PACC since July 2017. Over a mere three years, Hassen-Auerbach has managed to set a course for progress and get a lot done — and we mean A LOT. That includes personal accomplishments, but even those have a direct bearing on the facility and the animals whose welfare she's charged with overseeing.

In November 2018, just 18 months after she arrived at PACC, she was recognized at the Executive Excellence Awards for her work, receiving the prize

for Executive Level Department Leader of a Large or Nonprofit Company. She graciously dedicated her win to all of the dogs and cats at PACC while thanking the community for their support in her acceptance speech.

But her efforts have paid off in a far more significant manner than recognition for a job well done. For instance, when Hassen-Auerbach began with Pima Animal Care Center, the number of euthanasias per year was high but not out of line with the rest of the country. That didn't matter to her. What mattered was reducing the numbers drastically to fall into line with a no-kill status, and that's just what she did.

National organizations commonly define the threshold for a No Kill community to be 90 percent. That means that 90 percent or more of the animals entering shelters and rescues in a community exit the way they came in: alive. According to pima.gov, in 2008, more than 25,000 cats and dogs were admitted to the shelter, and less than half made it out alive. These are sobering statistics.

"Just nine years ago, 15,000 pets were euthanized. Today, we'd consider that unacceptable and entirely unnecessary," Hassen-Auerbach declared.

When she began in 2017, PACC was nearing completion of a major renovation project that would see many improvements and upgrades to the facility. The

original compound, constructed in 1960, when PACC was designed to be a dog pound and strays were held for a measly three days, and unclaimed canines were routinely euthanized, was never built to save the majority of its residents.

As time went on and the community grew, the small size of the original structure led to even higher numbers of pets being euthanized just to compete for space with incoming animals. In 2014, the Pima County Board of Supervisors and taxpayers voted to provide funding for a new shelter. The difference this time was that it was expressly designed for the purpose of saving lives.

The new facility features a state-of-the-art medical clinic, which includes isolation spaces for various treatable sicknesses. There is indoor/outdoor group housing for adult and juvenile felines, 11 play yards for dogs and puppies, indoor/outdoor kennels for canines, visitation rooms, a volunteer center, a real-life room, and behavior and enrichment center.



Dr. Winters performs surgery

Plus, there's Pet Central, a well-appointed pet shop on site where visitors can purchase supplies they might need for not only transporting their new pet home



Pet Central

but keeping them comfortable and happy once they arrive. Fifty percent of the store's proceeds go to Friends of PACC, their tireless support arm.

If you've ever been to PACC and visited its kennels you've likely been struck by the calm within. Unlike many, if not most shelters around the

country, there is no cacophony of constant barking and high-pitched whining. Also absent is the high level of stress that is normally so palpable in these settings. The boarding areas are clean, well lit, and free of odor. It's the way all shelters should be — if we have to have them.

And unfortunately, we still do, but Hassen-Auerbach is determined that the numbers will shrink significantly, and she's accomplishing this through fostering. On any given day, PACC has, on average, 1,000 animals in its care. Sometimes the numbers can be as low as 300-400 or as high as 1,500.

In 2018, 5,000 of the animals delivered to PACC avoided staying there for any real length of time through the generosity of foster care. In 2019, the numbers inched up with 5,244 pets receiving a reprieve from shelter life through fostering. This year, with the coronavirus throwing everything into chaos, the shelter saw an unprecedented flood of foster applications that nearly emptied the shelter.



row of empty kennels



Pooh-Bear (Cover Dog)

are struggling for whatever reason we can avoid their pets ending up here,” Hassen-Auerbach reflected.

And the reasoning is sound. When people’s lives start falling apart, whether through diminished income, illness, depression, etc., they find themselves struggling just to function and survive. While maintaining the presence of their pets is probably the best thing for them and the animals, that just isn’t how it always works out.

“This year, we’re upping our efforts through outreach to both the community members in need, but also the members who can help make a difference. They include community stakeholders, volunteers, foster and rescue partners. They are the engine that keeps PACC running, the thousands of people that make it what it is. And it really is a labor of love by the entire community. It just shows what it means when they say “it takes a village,” she stated.

Last year, Hassen-Auerbach, her staff, and the community managed to save 92 percent of the animals housed, and their goal of becoming the largest municipal foster program in the country was reached. But there’s still more to be done.

“My vision for PACC is that the vast majority of our animals are entered into foster care — which is a far healthier environment for them than even the best shelter — and that only the animals that truly need our assistance are housed here until we can get them better and find them homes. They might have health issues that need to be addressed that are beyond the scope of the foster giver. They might even have behavioral issues that need to be initially dealt with until we can find them the right environment. But the long-term goal is to only house on-site the animals that require our help the most,” Hassen-Auerbach added.

Some of the features that are being implemented include an increase in remote services, like telehealth and texting options for pet owners to take advantage of. As Hassen-Auerbach stresses, when people struggle, animals struggle, so they want to do whatever they have to to keep the community safe.

While they’ll continue to be open seven days a week, other features will be in play, such as adoption counseling via Zoom, a pet support call center and community outreach clinic.

When asked about her influences, Hassen-Auerbach noted that it is rooted in all of the work done in human support services and social work. She also pointed to The 10 Elements of the Animal Social Services Model, which can be viewed on American Pets Alive!, the nation-wide educational program of Austin Pets Alive!

That takes us back to Hassen-Auerbach’s early work in animal welfare. After

Many of these COVID cuddlers will likely be adopted and remain in their new forever homes, but how do you get these types of results when there’s not a pandemic or national disaster afoot? The answer lies with the health and welfare of the community.

“We need to be proactive and work with the community. If we do, we can keep these pets in their homes where they belong rather than being surrendered. Part of the reason we saw so many animals around the country in 2008, ‘09, and ‘10 ending up in shelters was due to their owners no longer being able to care for them. If we can help people who

graduating from Ohio State University in 2005 with a Masters in comparative cultural studies and homelessness & gentrification, she became the activities coordinator with Huckleberry House, a facility working with Central Ohio’s youth and families dealing with difficult problems.



PACC Volunteer Sue Curran

From there, she made her way to Austin, Texas, where she eventually became the Deputy Chief Animal Services Officer overseeing operations for Austin Animal Center, then America’s largest No Kill, open admissions municipal shelter. The center sees 18,000 animals coming through its doors each year, and through its partnerships, they are able to save more than 95 percent of Austin’s homeless pets. After two years there, it was on to Arizona.

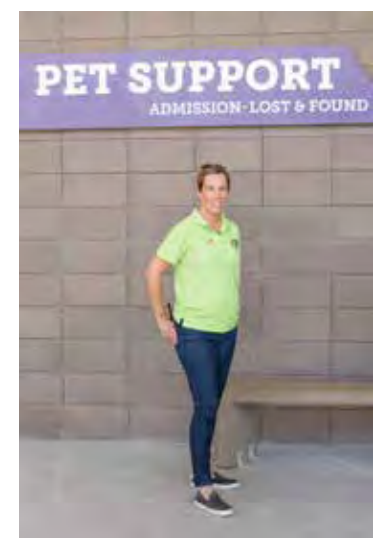
Since her time in Tucson and joining PACC, she’s become an Adjunct Instructor at the College of Public Health through the University of Arizona. The goal there is engaging undergraduate and graduate students in helping to create data-driven strategies for lifesaving and community engagement in relation to homeless pets. So, she’s obviously no slouch and has the credentials and the chops to back it up.

We asked her what drew her to Tucson and what else she credits her success in the area to. Her reply was that Tucson, like San Francisco and a number of other cities in the U.S., has a vibrant community filled with persons committed to animal welfare. She feels it’s also why PACC’s efforts have been so successful when it comes to adoption and foster rates, which in turn have led to lower kill rates.

“I really can’t stress enough the gratitude we have for the hundreds of supporters who have come to our aid. Without them, we could never have achieved this. It gives us all hope. The work is an evolving, life-long endeavor, and we’re committed to it. We’re basically ‘The Little Engine that Could’. We now lead the nation in human/animal support services, and we’re just so proud of how far PACC has come.”

While we were there, Deputy Director Monica Dangler was kind enough to give us a tour of the campus, and we were able to speak with other staff members and volunteers along the way. Everyone, regardless of the number of months/years there, felt it was the place they were meant to be. Their admissions staff are super sleuths working hard to reunite lost pets with their owners. When that fails, they work equally hard to find suitable matches for the animals, whether it be permanent or temporary.

And like Hassen-Auerbach, their goal is to keep pets and families together. If/when that fails, which they’re hoping to see far less of as the program continues to grow, then it’s all about a happy ending for the animals and their new families in a forever home where they will not just survive but thrive. And in the end, isn’t that what it’s really all about?



PACC Deputy Director Monica Dangler

Dogs in Blue; The K9 Beat

The Customs and Border Protection K9s: Diverse Training Saves Lives

Story by Brian Pettepiece

The dogs that serve with the nation's Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents are a diverse and talented group of animals. In what is probably the most diversely trained K9 force in the nation, these hard-working pups spend their day serving in multiple roles alongside their human handlers securing the border, locating illicit narcotics, and even saving lives.

The dogs of Custom and Border Protection serve in multiple roles. All the dogs are trained in one of three specific primary disciplines: human and narcotics detection, search and rescue, and patrol duties. In addition to these primary roles, each of the dogs can then be trained in a secondary discipline such as tracking and trailing, or human remains detection (often referred to as cadaver dogs). These multiple training disciplines make them unique among law enforcement programs. The CBP's training program creates K9s that are capable and effective and enable the agency to more effectively carry out their duties.



TCA K9 Storm. Photo courtesy of Tucson Sector Border Patrol



CBP Agent and Handler Del Rio and her K9 partner in the field. Courtesy Tucson Sector Border Patrol

Agent Paul Dubois is a Special Operations Supervisor for the Tucson Sector of CBP and is one of the lead canine supervisors. "We are different from law enforcement K9 programs generally speaking because of the way our dogs are used operationally," Dubois said. With the multiple roles that their dogs perform daily, the dogs of CBP are a unique group with diverse and specialized abilities, abilities that may not be necessary for many other law enforcement agencies but are essential for CBP.

The dogs' safety is a top priority for their K9 handlers. As an example of one of the ways the handlers ensure their dogs' safety, if a dog is deployed in the lanes of a checkpoint facility, the dog might spend twenty minutes performing their duties. Then another dog rotates in, relieving the first dog so they can spend some time recovering, cooling down, and hydrating for their next assignment. The dogs also get regular medical checkups to ensure that they are physically fit to perform their duties.

Dubois says that as agents it is their duty to look out for the interest of their dogs and be attuned to how they are feeling. Dubois said, "all of our handlers are very well trained at taking core temperatures and taking the vitals on the dogs," whether they are at a checkpoint or out on the track performing field operations.

One might wonder how these dogs do in the hot desert sun while they are performing their daily activities, especially during the summer months when temperatures can dwell over the 100-degree mark. Dubois states that dogs have a natural acclimation period just like humans do. Building up a dog's tolerance to the heat is something that resembles a human's. Once the body acclimates and gets used to the heat, the body adjusts and can operate in extreme temperatures very well. Physical conditioning and diet also play a role in the dogs' ability to perform in the heat. Additionally, when the agents and dogs are in the field, they tend to not drive around with air-conditioning on in their vehicles. The constant climactic change of stepping in and out of an air-conditioned vehicle multiple times a day can be stressful on the body's ability to regulate its own temperature. So, both the agents and the dogs make a point to get used to the heat, seeking shade when necessary, limiting their exposure time, and always carrying plenty of water for themselves.

One of the hardest duties that CBP's K9s perform is human remains detection. Many individuals who undertake the arduous journey northward into the United States don't make it through. Often, they are reported missing and it is up to the CBP's dogs trained in human remains detection to locate them. Dubois states, "as difficult of a situation as that is, it is bringing closure to a very tragic event." And closure is something that can be so important to the family members of the deceased.

Dubois describes their K9 units as indispensable to the duties that CBP performs. "Our agency really looks at these dogs as limited assets, but they are force multipliers," Dubois stated. Their specially trained dogs can minimize the time that agents need to spend on-scene. Humans have limited senses, especially olfactorily-speaking. But because dog's olfactory senses are so sensitive, they can locate people and objects with relative ease. This is especially important when the people being tracked may be in distress or may be injured. With the ability to locate people across what might be miles of open desert, or might be hidden in cramped spaces inside cars or shipping containers during the scorching hot summer heat, the dogs of CBP can save hundreds of lives every year. And saving lives is one of the things that the agents and handlers of CBP are most proud of.



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Training

Fake Service Dogs Hurt Real Service Dogs

Story by Kari Cleland



Loki is showing how service dogs can hold things like a crutch or push a wheelchair

It's too easy to buy a service vest online these days. But does that make your dog a service dog? Fake service dogs and their behaviors are negatively impacting the lives of disabled people in our community.

WHAT IS A SERVICE DOG?

A service dog has been specially trained to perform a specific

task and is legally considered medical equipment. Service dogs can be trained to perform different kinds of tasks, for example, medical alert dogs.

"Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. (Americans with Disabilities Act 1990, revised 2010)."

STATE OF ARIZONA LAW

In 2018, the State of Arizona made it illegal to fraudulently misrepresent any animal as a service animal to a public place or business (Arizona Revised Statute 11-1024). Anyone who is caught trying to pass off their pet as a service dog can be fined \$250 or more.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SERVICE DOG

A true service dog is so well-trained that you will not even notice it doing its job. A working service dog will silently accompany its owner, inconspicuous at their side. They may bark to alert their owner or to summon help but will never bark or lunge at another dog or person. They will not seek attention for petting from anyone. Their focus needs to be on their owner so they can perform the task they have been trained to do, such as alerting when a seizure is imminent or retrieving a dropped credit card for someone with limited mobility.

"I FELT PARALYZED"

Kari Cleland is a Service Dog Trainer at the Complete Canine. Two of her clients reached out to her after their service dogs were confronted by fake service dogs while helping them go about their daily lives.



Fumo is opening a door by pushing the button for Dorley

"I struggle with dizziness and disorientation as part of my condition," says Dorely Dal Pozzo, "and Fumo, my service dog, is able to alert me before this happens and prevent a fall." On a recent shopping trip, a dog in a service vest started barking and pulling its owner to them. "Fumo remained calmly at my side and looked at me for direction. I was startled by the barking and froze in place, not knowing what to do. The barking and lunging continued as the woman pulled her dog away. With the help of Fumo, I was able to snap out of my trance and walk away from them as the barking continued."

Dorely was speaking with the store manager about the incident when the dog and its owner reappeared. "The dog barked, pulled, and lunged at Fumo in front of the manager. I felt paralyzed and hopeless, and infinitely frustrated," she says. "If that dog had gotten away from its owner and hurt Fumo, it could change his ability to be my service dog."

Dorely concludes "I have a lot to lose in situations like these, so I am on high alert most of the time I am out shopping with Fumo. I work hard with and for my dog, just as he does for me. I just want to be able to shop like anyone else."

"Service dogs are supposed to make a disabled person feel safer and more independent. One day when I was out, something happened that made me feel anything but," says Ashleigh Rollins. She and her service dog, Harley, were leaving a grocery store and passed by a dog that was wearing a service vest but being handled by a three-year-old child. "In a moment, the dog jumped on Harley in an aggressive manner that made me and her feel threatened. It charged me and Harley, and almost made me lose my grip on her leash. My dog did not react, but rather obeyed my command to continue towards our car."

For Ashleigh, "This was scary, and made me afraid and angry. If Harley gets hurt, that's it! No more service dog for me. That means less independence and safety. I now need to face my fear of my dog being attacked while I'm out in public. This incident also made me angry because there are people like me who actually need a service dog to help them do things. But people who want to take their pet with them wherever they go are putting service animals and their handlers in danger. So please, before you take your pet out in public, claiming it as a service dog, please think about what the results of your actions could be. It could be way worse than having to leave your animal at home."



Harley is sitting with Ashleigh

The partnership between a service dog and its owner takes years of training. Fake service dogs do them a disservice.



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Business Spotlight

The SedonaReal Inn & Suites, a Dog Friendly Escape

Story by Bonnie Craig Photos courtesy SedonaReal Inn & Suites

It's official. The old Pueblo has heated up. It's sweaty, it's sticky, some might even say it's hellish. Once the envy of friends and family in places further from the equator, the tables have turned; Tucsonans are now the ones coveting the cooler climes of our northern and higher elevated neighbors.

Luckily for those of us languishing away in Arizona's sweltering southern valleys, there is respite, and it doesn't even require leaving the state. We are



Located next to the best hiking and biking trails Sedona has to offer, this pet friendly hotel has the comfort of home with all the adventure you've been waiting for

lucky to live in a place that is incredibly diverse in so many ways, including its various climates and biomes. While still technically desert, Sedona, about three and a half hours north of Tucson sits at 4,350 feet above sea level, while Tucson sits at 2,389. This means Sedona's high desert can be up to be ten degrees cooler.

Prized not only for its great year-round weather, Sedona and its surrounding area is known for its iconic red rock

vistas and canyons running with clear perennial water. People flock from all over the world to enjoy its natural splendor. Many new age types even come for the vortices and aliens, but that is another story all together. Nestled in the very heart of all this magic is a wonderful escape called SedonaReal Inn & Suites hotel.

In 1996 Rob Holeman and his father began construction on a 47-unit hotel on Arroyo Pinon Drive that would be the SedonaReal Inn & Suites. In 2006, they added 42 more for a grand total of 89 units. Awarded Trip Advisor's Certificate of Excellence eight years and running, this is certainly a classy stay, but for those who like to travel with their furry family members, there are some serious added perks.



Whether its taking a break from a warm day with a dip in the sparkling pool or getting some much needed R&R after a hard day on the trails with a soak the hot tub- your water oasis awaits!

Rob's father had really come into his love of dogs as he retired and was able to make more time for them in his life. Rob, a self-proclaimed "German shepherd guy" couldn't help but to fall in love with Hank, a Pomeranian his wife brought home. "I honestly cannot believe how calming animals are." He says, going on to talk about how good Hank is at helping him de-stress.

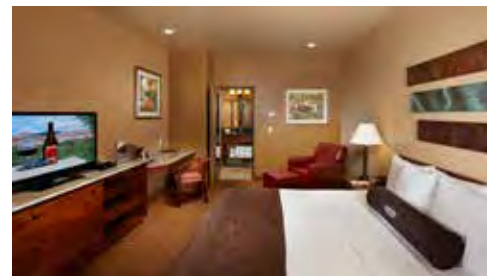


Their gated park space is perfect for families and pets. Gather around the fire pit on a starry night or cook up a delicious dinner on the charcoal barbecue grill

With this type of idea in mind, the father and son team decided that the SedonaReal Inn & Suites, already a great place to de-stress, would take that up a notch and make room for dogs. The entire first floor of the hotel is now tiled, making 50% of the rooms pet friendly. With the rental of these

rooms comes a complimentary portable water bowl, some tasty treats, and even the dog's name written on their board to add a warm welcome.

The Holemans didn't stop there, however. They had a huge fully fenced area built for off leash fun. Not only can the dogs safely run wild in this onsite grassy park area, but there are fire pits and barbecue grills for the people's pleasure as well. There is even a bike wash to hose off that trail dust before ending an active day with a good old grill-out and campfire. Rob had planned to add two more grills, two more fire pits, and even a splash pad this year, but as with so



Enjoy the comforts of their traditional rooms that sleep up to 5 people. With plenty of upgraded amenities, these traditional rooms are anything but basic

many 2020 plans, the Covid-19 pandemic threw a wrench into them.

The hospitality industry has been particularly hard-hit during this time. April is usually the SedonaReal Inn & Suites's busiest month, but saw the hotel operating at only 8% occupancy. Despite this temporary hardship, the hotel will still be making their annual donation to the Sedona Humane Society.

Staying safe and social distancing should not rule out a stay at the SedonaReal Inn & Suites. They are taking measures to ensure that CDC guidelines are adhered to with special cleanings between each occupancy, call-ahead limited contact drive-up check-ins, hand sanitizer stations, and major changes to their dining options. For the time being, they have swapped their full hot breakfast bar for a sack breakfast, although with options like a breakfast burrito, egg casserole, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee: this seems like a decent tradeoff.

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Kids & Animals

Maggie and Dahlia: Training Together

Story by Bella Wexler Photos courtesy of Maggie



Maggie and Dahlia

Aladdin is a Disney story beloved by many, including local high school student Maggie Behzadi. Knowing that Dahlia is the name of Jasmine's loyal friend and servant in the tale, finding a dog at Pima Animal Care Center by this name made Maggie's future companionship with the pup feel meant to be.

Since Maggie adopted Dahlia in April, the two have overcome obstacles ranging from both of their mental health struggles to public health concerns during a pandemic. Now, they continue to prove that this era of social distancing can't keep a teen and her dog from growing closer to each other. Much like Jasmine's friendship with Dahlia, her servant, Maggie has formed a mutually empowering bond with Dahlia, her service dog in training.

Maggie and her family are no strangers to homeless pets in need. Their other four-legged family members include two cats

adopted from the Humane Society nearly eight years ago. When the two were just kittens and Maggie was nine years old, the Behzadi family took both in, preventing the sibling pair from being separated. Growing up around rescue pets like these inspired Maggie to begin her search for a rescue dog to become her service animal.



Maggie and Dahlia cuddle in bed

Maggie's frequent migraines and anxiety made her realize that she could benefit from such a canine companion. Adopting Dahlia and beginning her training has kept Maggie positive during this stressful public health crisis. It has even begun to help her alleviate her migraines and panic attacks, too. This is possible through "scent work". When Maggie is having a migraine, she lets Dahlia smell her clothes, training her to associate the scent caused by chemical changes in Maggie's body with the migraines they result in. Already, she has been able to warn Maggie during the beginning of a migraine. Dahlia is continuing this training to recognize these signs even further in advance. Besides this, Dahlia is also learning to notice when Maggie is experiencing a panic or anxiety attack so she can lead her from crowded areas into a secure space. Laying on top of Maggie when this happens is also an effective method of helping her feel safe. This is called pressure therapy. "Feeling her weight

across my body helps to ground me in a way," says Maggie. Before they could begin training Dahlia in scent work and pressure therapy, however, Dahlia and Maggie needed to bond with each other.

Dahlia is a "very shy and sweet" American Pitbull Terrier. Upon bringing her home for the first time, it didn't take long for Maggie to realize that Dahlia had "no aggressive bone in her body". In fact, it took some coaxing to help Dahlia break out of her shell. The first step in their joint training process was to strengthen their trust in one another. Dahlia was rescued from abuse while in a puppy mill before she came to PACC. As a result, Maggie has noticed that brooms and men tend to intimidate Dahlia and trigger her lingering fears.

Maggie has also noticed some stigma held against Dahlia because of misconceptions about her breed. She recalls another person at the vet's office asking if Maggie was afraid to adopt Dahlia because pit bulls are such "scary animals". Immediately, Maggie rejected the stereotypical assumption. Dahlia is a dog who likes to "hold hands" with people by gently offering them her paw, Maggie notes. She is definitely not a "scary animal".



Maggie and Dahlia on a walk

Tracking her progress with Dahlia on social media has helped Maggie through the training process. Sharing pictures and videos of them together began "mostly because I love her so much," she said; but, it has evolved into a means of spreading awareness. It shows people that pit bulls can be intelligent, gentle creatures and service dogs can serve people's "invisible disabilities". Service dogs' roles in aiding people with mental health issues are often overlooked. Openly documenting her experiences with this has helped Maggie increase understanding.

At the end of the day, Maggie believes that the best part of having Dahlia is watching her "act like a puppy again". She has become "very cuddly" since beginning the recovery process from her past. Together, she and Maggie help each other overcome their struggles, raise awareness, and build a lasting friendship. If they diverge from Disney's Jasmine and Dahlia in one key way, it's in the fact that Maggie's Dahlia isn't a servant to Maggie as Dahlia is to Jasmine in the movie. Instead, she is a loyal friend and she and Maggie both serve each other. Through patient dedication, they've both been able to conquer anything in their way. How's that for a fairytale, Disney?

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