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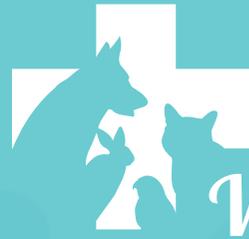
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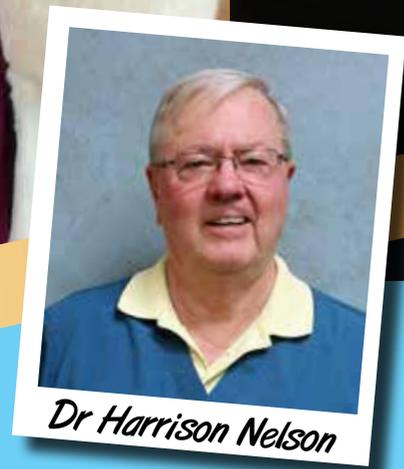
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Urgent Plea from Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue

Story by Judy Warnock Photos by Mary Ducharme



We are looking for a very special home for our boy Dawson! Dawson is like a flower bud. He will blossom in due time, but you cannot force it. You have to have patience, and when it happens, you will see a beautiful, playful 4 year old black Lab who wants more than anything to be part of a loving family. He will do best in an adults-only home with no other pets where he can enjoy his toys, walks, and his special people.

Before Dawson came to us, he lived a very solitary life in a rural area of Tucson with a single, older gentleman who suddenly passed away. DLRR was called by his neighbors who had been taking care of Dawson. He had hair

loss and ear infections from allergies which had not been managed for quite some time. DLRR worked with a veterinary dermatologist and got his allergies under control. Then, Dawson was adopted out. And returned. Then, he was adopted out. And returned.

When we agreed to bring Dawson to our home to foster him after his second return, we got advice from a dog trainer not to approach him or invade his space at first, and to let him come to us. For several weeks, he spent most of his time on his dog bed. He seemed sad and depressed. We were concerned about this dog who was unlike any dog we ever fostered. However, slowly, after about 3 weeks of being with us, a different Dawson started to emerge. Our patience paid off! It has been a real joy to watch it happen and to be part of this process. Dawson has made a transformation! He now comes to us when we call him, he wags his tail ALOT, he allows us to approach him when

he is on his bed, he plays with toys (he is so darn cute when he does), and he looks in our eyes and even lifts his ears when we talk to him! His tail wags on walks, and he is an awesome jogger. He LOVES going on car rides. When we come home after being out on errands, Dawson greets us with wild abandon - whining, tail wagging, and kisses. He is quirky and loveable! All of this is to say that his adoptive home will have to handle him just the way we did, by giving him time and space. It has been worth the wait!

Dawson can get along with other dogs, but we think he should not live with them or children—it would be too stressful for him. We also know that Dawson needs an adopter who is not looking for a cuddly and needy dog, who values a dog who is more independent, and who will understand Dawson and love him for who he is. There is a lot to like about Dawson – he follows basic commands well, is housebroken and uses the doggie door, is trustworthy when left alone, sleeps all night

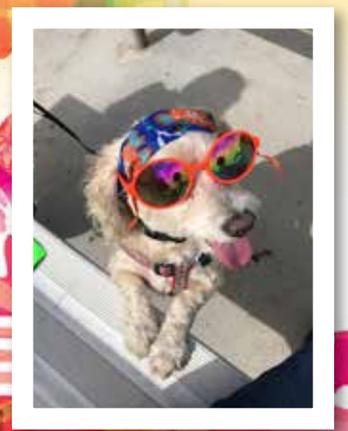
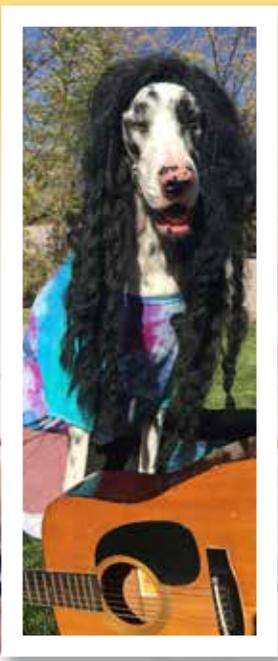


until you get up, does not counter surf, and is a great watchdog. If you are up for an adventure with a handsome black Lab, you might be perfect for Dawson!

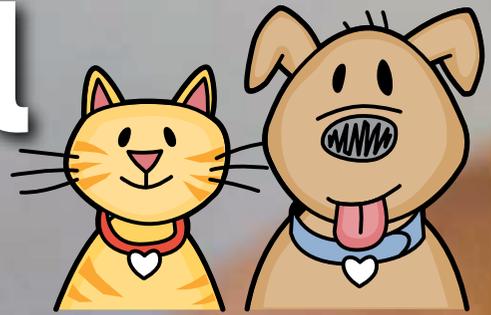
If you would like to know more, and/or might consider adopting Dawson, please reach out to Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue (DLRR) at 480-899-5227 or info@dlrr.org so we can tell you more about this sweet boy who deserves to know the love of a forever home. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for a response. You can see Dawson at <https://youtu.be/cOGVfQJtdUo>



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The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dearest Readers,

It's been a year since we began experiencing massive changes in our lives due to COVID. I've been thinking about that as we come up on this anniversary of the day our lives changed forever and it has made me grateful and melancholy at the same time. It's been devastating to some and difficult for others. Call me crazy but I always try to look for the silver-lining in everything because what else can you do? While I have been grateful for the many successes in my life, I have learned the most from my failures and I've had plenty of those too! I tell myself to look at a situation and see what I can get out of it that will help me be a better person both personally and professionally.

COVID has taught me to take one day at a time like my dogs do...they don't worry about yesterday or what tomorrow may bring, they just live in the moment. If they are walking and sniffing great smells, playing and chasing each other or just sleeping on their couch on the many beds for them around our home (including mine) for them. They are our best teachers in my opinion and they NEVER hold a grudge, they just move on and forgive so they can feel good and have the best life possible and that's what I try to do.

Last year, on March 8th, we held our 2nd Annual WOOFstock and Adopt-a-thon, in spite of a rainy day. It was a challenging one with it raining going on and off all day BUT everyone that attended embraced it and we still had a lot of fun! We had our fun contests, played games, met vendors and lots of great people and best of all, we still got lots of dogs adopted. It reminds me of the old song, "Singin'g in the Rain"! And that's what we have to do and since COVID is still in our mist, we unfortunately will not be able to hold our WOOFstock event this year which was scheduled forat the end of March. I have rescheduled it to October and hope that by then, we can hold it. But, we can still celebrate the idea of it and with all the dogs that have been fostered and adopted this past year due to COVID and with people being at home more due to COVID, with many wanting a companion to keep them company. We can still celebrate a fun contest and a our beautiful cover dog winner, Hooch "Hendrix" who was adopted from Southwest Oasis Labrador Retriever Rescue just two weeks before entering the contest. His wonderful new family were so excited and joined together to design an awesome costume and picture that won him the title of WOOFstock Cover Dog! We had so many other families enter their wonderful dogs as well. And while we can't do WOOFstock right now, we can celebrate the wins for all the amazing animals that got out of shelters and rescues and found loving homes to spend the rest of their lives in! I say that's a "silver lining" indeed and that makes me happy!

The Tucson Dog has suffered many setbacks too by losing many of our advertisers and the ability to do our events which keep us going BUT, I am grateful that we are still here! I would like to ask you for your help and that is IF you or someone you know loves what we do and has a business, please support us now as it has been a rough year and we need everyone's help. You can support us by advertising your business or sponsoring one of our many features like Dogs For Adoption, Cats for Adoption, Kids and Animals and many more. You can call our amazing Sales Manager, Heather McShea at (520) 448-2580. We appreciate you all and feel so blessed to be a part of such an incredible, loving animal community!

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MARCH

The Tucson Dog WOOFstock Event Update

The Tucson Dog Magazine's WOOFstock & Adopt-a-thon event scheduled for March 28th at Reid Park is CANCELLED for now due to COVID. We are trying to reschedule for sometime in the Fall, if possible. Stay tuned for more information!

Humane Society of Southern Arizona Sat. Feb 27 thru Wed. Mar 24 March Muttress Fundraiser Benefitting HSSAZ

The Humane Society of Southern Arizona, along with many animal shelters across the nation, are back to compete in a virtual fundraiser where you can support animal shelters & groups throughout the country. hssaz.org/marchmuttress

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Special Feature



Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank: A Lifeline During Hard Times

Story by Bonnie Craig Photos Courtesy of Donna DeConcini



As we are all aware, the Covid-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on lives worldwide. In addition to direct health repercussions, people are facing financial struggles on an astronomical level. Right now, food banks are crucial for so many, but most food banks don't factor in the need to feed the non-human members of our families; This is the gap filled by Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank (SAAFB).



Bountiful Donations!

SAAFB founder Donna DeConcini understands this type of support is essential, stating, "No one should ever have to choose between feeding themselves or feeding their animals." This was her feeling when she and her daughter started providing financial help to people struggling to care for their horses. One day some friends of Donna's had gone out with their horses for a ride through Saguaro National park. When they returned there were two new horses tethered to their barn. While this abandonment was unfortunate, it clearly showed the owners' care for their animals. Rather than just randomly dumping the horses, they had deliberately taken them to a place where they saw others being well cared for.

Perhaps if these people had had access to the type of help Donna and her daughter provided at the time, they would not have been forced to part with their horses. While this amazing service allowed many to catch their breath and avoid having to surrender their horses, it just wasn't financially sustainable for Donna. In 2015, however, rather than give up, she decided to pivot just a bit, and continue to make a huge difference for animals and their families in Southern Arizona.

That was when she founded the Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank, a 501c3 non-profit providing an array of goods and services to a wide variety of needy animals in our community. In the beginning, she operated the organization out of her home carport, but as more people learned about this amazing group and became interested in donating as well as seeking their help, they realized they were growing out of their current space.

Flash forward to 2020 in the midst of a global health crisis, and what usually averaged about 20 requests for help per month had rocketed to over 150, as so many had lost their jobs, their health, or even their family members. Luckily, however SAAFB had also been gathering steam, and so along with a partnering group of local artists, they began to search for a new base of operations.

On December 12, 2020, SAAFB opened the doors of their new combination retail, donation, and distribution center, SAAFB Artistic Market Place. The store front operates as a retail space for local artists, many of whom, for health reasons, have had to stop vending at farmer's and artisan's markets during the pandemic. The shop is staffed by

Donna, along with store manager, Anette Martin so the artists can simply drop off their wares to be sold, a portion of proceeds going to benefit SAAFB. The back half is where SAAFB operates, taking in and storing donations, organization member Dave Zinky meticulously sorting and counting everything. These items are then distributed to community members in need.



Setting up shop!

While a large amount of these community donations consists of food and treats for cats and dogs, SAAFB will go out of their way to help any animal. Working with a local food waste reduction group they have provided supplemental food for chickens. They have come up with fish and rabbit food. Once they even rallied to provide crickets for a hungry reptile. It really seems that there are no bounds to the help this group strives to provide. In addition to food, they help with leashes and collars, toys, beds, baby gates, and crates, pretty much anything an animal could need. If they do experience

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Penny, one of the unofficial mascots

an overabundance, they work with other local groups such as Friends of PACC to share the wealth.

Donna hopes that SAAFB can go on to host spay and neuter events, as well as shot clinics, for which she is currently writing grants, but for now, the opening of SAAFB Artistic Marketplace is a serious victory for SAAFB, the artists involved, and most of all, the community it so generously serves. Just between its December 12th,

2020 opening and New Year's Day 2021 they were able to help 109 families by sharing 4,200 pounds of food and collecting 6,100 pounds by donation in the month of December as well. It seems that 2021 is off to promising start for SAAFB.

Tuesday through Sunday 10AM to 6PM people can go and browse the creations on display at the SAAFB Artistic Market Place, and often enjoy some cuddles from Donna's daughter's rescued pups, Henry, Fanny, and Penny, the store's unofficial mascots. They are located at 6252 East Speedway in the Monterey Village shopping center, where they accept donations of almost anything animal related.

For more information on SAAFB events, to donate, or to request assistance, go to www.SAAFB.org or call 520-268-7299.



Some of the art on offer at SAAFB Artistic Marketplace



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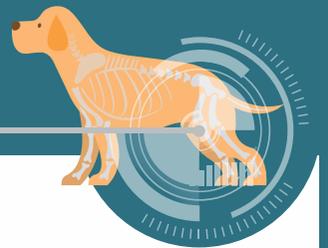
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KING ID# 894381

Hey there, my name is King, & I've got a huge smile on my face 'cause I am so excited to be your new friend! I'm an easygoing boy who is great at walking on a leash. I am 7 y/o & would love to find a home where I can be your only pet! Come see me at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona.

Cherished Tails Rescue (CherishedTails@Yahoo.com)

CHEF

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MAX

I'm a sweet, happy senior gentleman around 13 y/o, but age is just a number! I had some dental issues, but after oral surgery I'm feeling SO much better. I loves to romp & easily make friends with everyone. I'm only around 9 lbs, housebroken, leash trained & do ok in a crate. I also have very nice house manners. I do have some separation anxiety, so I'd do best with someone home most of the time or the flexibility to take me along on adventures. I'm ready to find my new forever family!

Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue (DLRR)

Adoption fee: \$75. Contact: DLRR at 480-899-5227
<https://www.facebook.com/desertlab>

MAX

I'm Max, a handsome 5 y/o Lab. I am neutered, housebroken, & kennel trained! Almost perfect, but I am stubborn & pushy if not given the proper guidance. I need a confident handler who will continue my strict protocols. Fun & loveable, I have a ton of potential.

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GASTON ID# A637436

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WICKED ID# A715943

I am a very sweet & social 4 y/o guy! I love toys & take very good care of them. I know sit & shake (I've got the most enthusiastic shake you've ever seen!), love treats & take them gently, plus I'm easy to leash up. I enjoy playtime, short walks, & a lot of couch potato time. I'd love to come home with you!



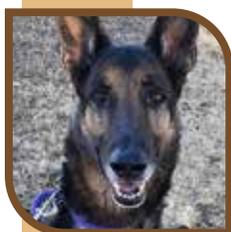
PRINCE ID# A401898

At 11 y/o, I am a loving, senior pup who would love to spend my retirement years comfy cozy on a plush bed, thank you very much! I'm house trained, love people, & an all-around good boy! In the PACC play group, I was friendly & appropriate with other dogs. Staffers say I am an easygoing guy who mostly does my own thing.



OZZY ID# A725612

I am a sweet, cuddly, friendly guy who is easy to handle at 3 y/o. I enjoy going for walks around the lake & appreciate the time I can just relax with the volunteers. I want to be a lap dog, even though I'm a bit too big for it. I love being petted & is a gentle, lovable boy just looking for a forever home.



JACK ID# A622481

I like chasing tennis balls & getting scratches from peoples. I also enjoy walks but equally enjoy naps. I'm a smart 6 y/o boy who loves to show off how well I can sit, shake, and stay down. I walk nicely on a leash & think treats are the best! When meeting other dogs in PACC playgroups, I is social & tolerant of the other dogs, and have a gentle play style.



BOSTI ID# A704537

I'm a 2 y/o who would love to be a lap dog, but since I don't quite fit in your lap, I will settle for lying by your side with my head in your lap. I'm an absolute love bug! I enjoy going to the toy box & picking out just the right toy, & I love chasing a ball around the patio. I walk well on a leash, am well behaved in the car and a wonderful hiking/walking companion. Come see me!



ACORN ID# A710564

My favorite thing to do is cuddle & give kisses. I appreciate kisses between my ears & will happily return the favor. I also love to show off my goofy dance moves & at the end of the day I'll gladly focus my energy towards some intellectual exercise. At 3 y/o, I'm a big lap dog who knows basic commands and I'm potty and crate trained.



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Cover Story

WOOFstock Cover Dog Contest Winners 2021

Story by Rebecca West Photos courtesy of dog parents

Another year has passed and another WOOFstock cover dog photo contest has taken place. This year, our three winners couldn't look any less alike, but together they share some amazingly similar stories – and of course they rocked their photo ops with equal style and panache. Meet them now.

1st Place Winner Hooch

Much to the Frost family's surprise, their handsome rescue dog was crowned the winner of our annual WOOFstock cover dog contest. Their pupper, who's just over a year old, was styled as Hooch "Hendrix", an idea offered up by dad Chris, a self-described music person. When mom Raysun and kids Patrick and Eliana first learned of the contest, they approached Chris for input regarding a visual concept. His response was to take inspiration from guitar legend Jimi Hendrix.

After googling the rock god's image for reference material, they settled on the look they wanted to achieve and set about constructing his hippy vibe. The headband was cut from red felt, and they made use of a sparkly metallic scarf. All that was left to pull the look together was the addition of a pink ukulele and belt, in place of a guitar and shoulder strap, and, voila, they had their very own Hooch "Hendrix."

In an ironic twist, it was a friend who was entering her dogs in the contest that put the bug in Raysun's ear. You see, a year and a half ago, the Frosts moved to Tucson, unfamiliar with The Tucson Dog Magazine, until that friend enlightened them about it and the event. Chris and Raysun stated they were jazzed to find a source focusing on adoption and rescue efforts while providing practical information about dogs in the area.

Born in December 2019, Hooch is believed to be a Lab/pit mix. He has a beautiful bluish-silver coat with small white spots on all four paws, which Elaina is completely taken with. She enthusiastically described his eyes as yellow on the outside, fading to brown, and then black in the middle.

Eliana was the lead cheerleader for adopting a dog when Chris noticed a post on social media from Hooch's foster parent concerning placement in a forever home. Chris reached out, a meet and greet was arranged, and the family ultimately adopted him from Southwest Oasis Labrador Rescue. Eliana had been searching for months through PACC and other local rescues, but Hooch was the first pup they were able to adopt before someone else beat them to the punch. In the past, there was always somebody one step ahead of them.

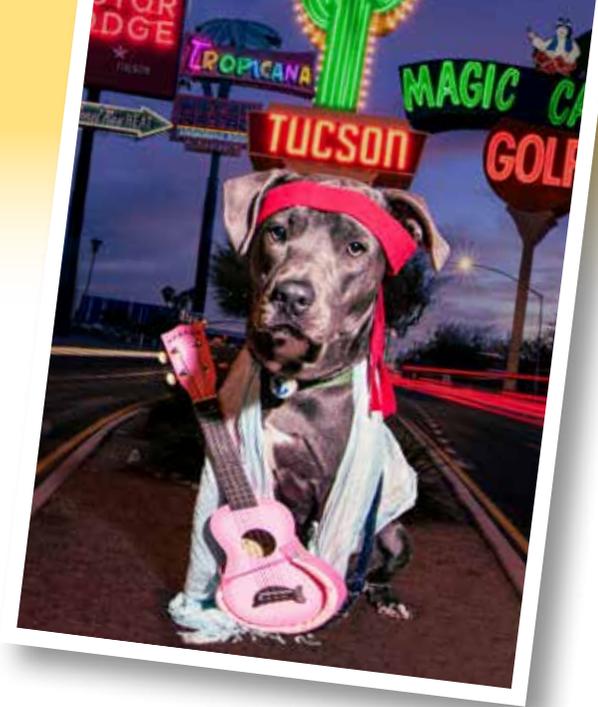
The day we spoke, February 5, Hooch had been with the Frost family for exactly three weeks to the day. They told us how he vacillates between being a cuddle bug or a total "crazy pooch," as Eliana calls him. That's when he gets "the zoomies," referring to his zooming around the house at top speed,



Hooch tired out after his cover dog photo shoot



Hooch chasing snow balls



careening about wildly. "Laughing only encourages him," added Patrick, so it's understandably hard to get him to stop. Like many households, there was a divide over what size pet to adopt. Chris and the kids wanted a large dog. Raysun, on the other hand, had her heart set on a lap dog. Regardless, she's pleased because Hooch thinks he's one, anyway. In fact, he sleeps with mom and dad in their king-sized bed, pushing them to the edge of the mattress while snoring, content and secure in his new home. At nearly 60 lbs., he does have a doggie bed, but that's apparently just for naps, as far as Hooch is concerned.

Besides being intent on snuggling, his personality is "socially aware" when it comes to the family. He seeks them out, pushing or scratching at doors searching for members whenever they're out of sight. He's not a barker unless he hears a scooter, but his tail wags full bore when he does.

They'd had him a full week before he ever barked, startling them when he erupted.

In addition to his other positive attributes, he's very people-oriented and loves meeting them and making new friends during walks. The same goes tenfold for other dogs. He does well on a leash, sticking close to his family during their frequent outings. However, it's the dog park he enjoys most. Pegged as a "very enthusiastic dog player" by Patrick, he is keen to play with new canine pals.

Treats are another Hooch hit, with Raysun laughingly pointing out that he is very "food motivated." In particular, he's extremely fond of peanut butter. When it comes to toys, shredding's his thing, and they've had a hard time finding any that he can't annihilate within moments. His favorite at this point is a bone made of multiple layers of stiff compressed felt he hasn't been able to destroy just yet.

Concerning personality quirks, he's prone to cocking his head from side to side, listening intently to his people when spoken to, and he love, love, loves pillows, burying his nose beneath them to sleep or play. Another comical quirk is he likes to stick his snout beneath the surface of water and blow bubbles.

Tug of war is his favorite game to date, but on a recent trip to Mt. Lemmon, he had a blast racing up and down the slopes chasing after the kids as they sled downhill. He also loved chasing after rolling snowballs the family made, bouncing and bounding along behind them. Patrick found out that if you toss snowballs at him, he jumps up on his hind legs and tries to catch them as well. Either way, he likes eating them.

As we noted, Hooch had been fostered previously, spending 2 ½ months with foster mom Tally, who runs True Dog Daycare, where he spent most of his time playing with the other doggos. Counting his foster experience, the Frost family is his fourth and final stop in what is now his forever home. A go-with-the-flow kinda dog, fun and cuddly, Hooch compliments them, and they couldn't be happier with the new addition to their family unit.



Zizou getting ready to kayak

2nd Place Winner Zizou the Adventure Dog

Also turning 1 in December, our adorable 2nd place winner was adopted from the Arizona Humane Society by Mason Kuluris and her partner. A parvo puppy, Zizou eventually went from terribly sick to amazingly spry, but it took time for his extreme nervousness to subside. Initially, getting him to go on neighborhood walks was nigh impossible. But, as Mason tells it, his first time hiking, he was "like a whole different dog." It turns out he loves being in nature, hiking, biking, and kayaking with his parents, hence the "adventure dog" moniker bestowed upon him.

At home on the trails, super-active Zizou trades in his jaunty StitchxSkein mushroom cap he sported for pix for Ruffwear gear, such as a flannel or fleece, and Rex Specs protective eyewear. And he needs them for many of the adventures he regularly participates in. His family enjoys hiking all over Arizona, Utah, and New Mexico, selecting a new spot every other weekend to explore. Recently, he and his mom went backpacking on a 10-mile hike. Although they've worked Zizou up to it gradually, before hitting the trails, they still apply a pre-hike wax and a salve post-hike.



Zizou hiking

On a new front, the Chiweenie-Corgi mix has taken up running 1-3 miles 3x a week with Mason. He'd like to do more, she said, but they're taking it slow. Due to his young age, they waited until he was a year old and got veterinarian approval for running to avoid creating joint damage at an early age. He's been given the clear, and he's loving every minute of it.



Zizou bedroom teepee & gear

He's also psyched about trips to Mt. Lemmon, where he dons fleece booties and rollicks in the snow as best he can with his short legs. While bicycling with mom, he enjoys hanging his head over her shoulder for a better vantage point from his perch in her backpack. In what seems like serendipity, his personality is very much like his pet parents, and they're over the moon about him.

Zizou loves chicken in any form and beavertail, a jerky chew they bring along on hikes. He's crazy about his Barkbox items he gets in the mail each month, with his favorite toy being a squeaky sloth. Another burrower and

bed hog, he also kicks his parents out of bed like Hooch, though he has a little teepee bed to chill in, too. Mason's brother of Kuluris Woodworking built a custom-made shelf for all of Zizou's gear.

While this was his first photo contest, he came in 2nd recently at an event that would have led to a TV commercial for a national pet food chain! He'll be notified in the spring regarding another chance at an audition, so perhaps we'll see him on our screens soon.



Ollie As a tiny puppy

3rd Place Winner Oliver

A sweet 8-year-old Cockapoo mix once the runt of the litter, the Corona family has had Oliver, or "Ollie," as they call him, since he was a puppy. Like Zizou, he was sick, and in his case, the only one to survive among his siblings. He was so ill he needed bottle feeding, but they nursed him back to health to become a spunky little fella. Known as their great protector, he

barks to alert his family if he thinks someone or something is afoot.

Felicia, his mom, shared that he was recently featured in Tucson photographer Candace Eaton's 2021 pet calendar for February. As with our 1st and 2nd place winners, Ollie prefers walks in the park over street strolls. Felicia's sons Emilio and Marcelo taught him to roll over, and her daughter Miana takes him to Starbucks for "pup cup" treats. Hesitant at first, after a tentative lick, he ended up wearing whipped cream everywhere. Adored by her three kids, he gets sad whenever family members leave and loses his mind upon their return.



Ollie as Mr. February in Candice Eaton's 2021 Calendar
Photo courtesy Candice Eaton

Ollie enjoys playing and napping with his cousin, a canine named Yoda. That's Felicia's sister's dog. Ollie's quirk is sleeping upside down in his doggie bed, and he's a well-known fan of belly rubs. Like Hooch, he's surprisingly rough on toys.

His mom put together his WOOFstock costume for the contest, and he'll be receiving a terrific prize via natural pet product purveyors Gaia Provides.



Ollie sleeping upside down

Special Feature



HOPE Animal Shelter is All Heart

Story and photos by Emily Dieckman

Down a dirt road, in Northern Tucson – almost in Marana – lies Tucson's first no-kill shelter. The fact that it's a little bit out of the way has a poeticism to it: It parallels how far out of the way the HOPE staff members are willing to go for their animals. Executive director and co-founder Susan Scherl said the shelter, which was established in 2006, has morphed into a sanctuary over time.

"Puppies and kittens will always get adopted," she explains. "We started taking in seniors and special needs, and after a while, we realized some of these animals will never be adopted."

This means HOPE takes on special cases, like animals from other shelters who might be struggling with behavioral or medical issues. This also means HOPE doesn't look like your average animal shelter, with dogs lined up in rows of kennels. When I took a tour of the 4.5-acre grounds on a breezy January day with Scherl, board of directors president Lara Bucci, and board member Julie Nelson, we started by visiting the trailer, which acts as a separate wing of the shelter.



Julie Nelson, Lara Bucci and Susan Scherl out front of HOPE Animal Shelter

The two dogs in the trailer, recently rescued off a euthanasia list from Santa Cruz County, each have their own rooms, filled with all sorts of stuff to make the dogs more comfortable – toys, beds, crates with the doors left open. Classical music is playing in the background. All of the animals at HOPE stay in large community rooms, or even have rooms of their own. The HOPE crew is especially careful about keeping animals separate before they're dewormed, de-fleaed, de-ticked, and spayed or neutered.

In 2020, as the coronavirus raged on and nonprofits everywhere came upon hard times, the team's attitude didn't falter one bit. Scherl decided to revamp the shelter's existing board of directors, and Bucci was elected as president.

"I'm kind of flying blind here," Bucci grins, carrying a box into the shelter. "All I have is a love for dogs and a knowledge of sales."



The rooms at HOPE have crates for dogs who prefer enclosed spaces, but the crates are left open

That love and knowledge has been enough to help HOPE see some major upgrades in the last year. They've repainted the building and had large swaths of trees cleared out,



A pair of feline friends lounges by the window in one of the shelter's cat rooms

making way for a potential future expansion. In the last year, an Eagle Scout also built the shelter not a patio, but a cat-io, an enclosed outdoor area for the cats.

At a larger shelter, it's not feasible for every employee or volunteer to know every animal. But the team members and animals who were in the shelter that day were a tight-

knit group. We visit over a dozen cats lounging happily across two rooms, then more dogs, each with their own rooms: little Dexter, who is wearing a tiny sweater; Jax, who is waiting to be neutered and who captured my heart; and Buddy, who is filled to the brim with energy and love.

Sandy's Success Story

Heather McShea, our Sales Manager here at The Tucson Dog Magazine, adopted her Wheaten terrier mix, Sandy, from HOPE back in 2019, after meeting her at the magazine's annual WOOFStock event. Sandy was 11 at the time, and McShea thought she'd be doing something nice – and relatively easy – by taking in an older, presumably mellow, dog.



One of the shelter's newest additions is the cat-io, an enclosed outdoor lounge for feline residents



Sandy has become a beloved member of Heather McShea's family
Photo courtesy Heather McShea

"She was not easy at all," McShea laughs, recalling how, when Sandy had first arrived home, she'd been afraid to go outside, aggressive with other dogs and full of nervous energy.

Sandy had come to HOPE after spending years with another family, spending all of her time outside. HOPE had addressed an array of medical issues before making Sandy available for adoption and provided McShea a thorough rundown on Sandy's background.

When Sandy's aggression issues continued to be problematic after about three months, McShea called HOPE, unsure what to do. They let her know the Complete Canine, a local dog training facility, was offering free training for dogs adopted from HOPE. McShea was astonished by how quickly she improved thanks to the advice of the Complete Canine team. After just a few days of muzzle training and using compressed air to correct troublesome



Lara Bucci, president of HOPE's Board of Directors, gets in some snuggle time with Dexter

behavior, Sandy's issues faded away almost completely.

"It was a struggle, but she's definitely worth it," McShea says. "She's so sweet, and she's quirky, and she's kind of blind, but she loves to play. Now, I even see her outside rolling in the grass and enjoying the sun. She likes being outside!"

This Is Why We Do It

Touring HOPE felt like touring a friend's home - and not just because the shelter was originally a house, but because of the way they treat each other and the animals. At one point, Bucci asks where a dog named Lily went, and when Scherl says she got adopted, they all share a moment of excitement.

When Nelson hands me a brochure, she points out the dog she adopted from HOPE, Rocky, and the dog Bucci adopted from HOPE, Stewie. You get the distinct sense they know and love every animal who has ever passed through the shelter. Bucci picks up Dexter and cuddles with him while we all fawn over him, and over the pictures in the brochure.

"When I feel like I can't fundraise one more dollar, I look at a picture," Bucci says, "And I say, 'This is why we do it.'"

Hope Animal Shelter is located at 8050 N. Joplin Lane and hopenaimshelter.net. If you'd like to get involved with helping HOPE Animal Shelter, get in touch! The shelter has wish lists on Amazon and Chewy, and they welcome volunteers who can help with everything from animal care to landscaping to plumbing. Call 520-792-9200 or email info@hopenaimshelter.net.

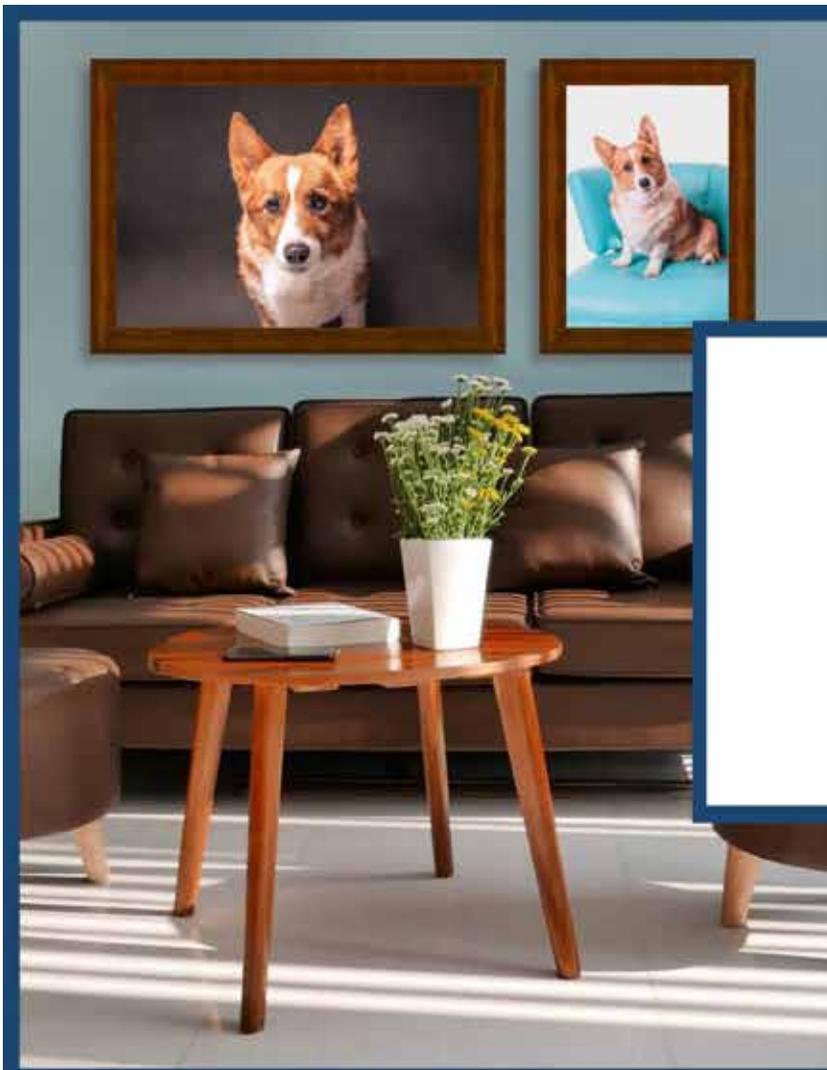
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Special Feature

Barb's Dog Rescue: It Takes a Village

Story by Bella Wexler



Shelter founder Barb Mumaugh, Photo by Rusty Childress

Upon crossing the border from Tucson into Puerto Peñasco, Mexico (Rocky Point), one is met with gorgeous beaches, cultural experiences, and usually several street dogs. The homeless pet population in Mexico is significant, leaving an impression on many people including Barbara Mumaugh ("Barb"). Yet, after Barb moved to Puerto Peñasco following the death of her daughter in 2001, she decided to take it upon herself to do something about the homeless pet crisis she saw. She began by taking in a few stray dogs for whom to care and find homes.

Before she knew it, she was the resident "dog lady" as more and more animals showed up at her doorstep. Eventually, Barb formalized her organization with 501c3 nonprofit status and a team of staff and volunteers to assist her. Now, 20 years later, Barb's Dog Rescue serves as many as 350 dogs at a time, all in a facility extended off of Barb's home. "Her house became the shelter," says Amy Lake, a marketing associate with Barb's Rescue. While the shelter serves to provide animals with temporary care, the extremely high population of stray pets in need means it cannot serve as a permanent home. Right now, this rescue needs our help.



An overview of Barb's Dog Rescue, photo by Rusty Childress

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many travelers passing across the border would bring donations of supplies and dog food to drop off and even transport dogs from the rescue to Tucson. "Foot traffic" from the border was the lifeblood of the organization as this brought in new adopters, volunteers, staff, and more. Over the past year, Barb's Dog Rescue has been faced with significant challenges as a result of quarantine mandates and the rising public health concern. When the US border initially closed, there was



a time during which even the organization's staff were unable to reach the facility in person. In order to make up for the loss of available caregivers for the overflowing population of dogs being brought in, many people who could be present literally moved onto the rescue property full time. "If we were lucky enough to get one dog adopted, there were two more waiting to come in," recounts Lake. The shelter was even faced with a water shortage at one point over the Summer, resulting in the need to purchase and ship trucks of water.

Now, as the pandemic continues to ravage our communities, Barb's Dog Rescue and the 350 dogs they serve at a time are calling on Tucsonians to help them help homeless pets. Many American shelters and rescues have recently reported a shortage



8-year-old Tinkerbell receives a treat, Photo by Cheryl Nestico

of pets and an overwhelming demand from adopters. With many still working/schooling from home, the desire for a pet to keep them company has increased rapidly. Meanwhile, at Barb's, "we've got all the dogs you can want," Lake says. They need our assistance to help alleviate the strain on their resources and give prospective dog parents the furry friend of their dreams.

There are many ways to help Barb's Dog Rescue during these trying times. For one, you can adopt! The rescue is situated "just a couple of hours away from Tucson," a short distance to travel for a lovable four-legged friend. Another way to help is through donations. The rescue accepts monetary donations through their website, www.barbsdogrescue.org, and material donations that are dropped off at the shelter. Just remember that local guidelines require food donations to be under 50 pounds and without meat from any hoofed animal. Otherwise, the rescue is always looking for more volunteer transporters. So, if you are crossing the border sometime, consider emailing barbsdogrescue@gmail.com to arrange to bring a dog on your way back. As long as you notify Barb's Dog Rescue of the dates during which you will be traveling, they will be able to complete all the required paperwork and planning to ensure that you have no issues bringing a dog across to Tucson. As Lake puts it, "all you have to do is make a little room in your car."

At the end of the day, when considering making contributions to the necessary and demanding work that animal welfare advocates have continued throughout the ongoing pandemic, it is important that we don't forget about our friends located just south of the border. Besides, there has never been a better reason to embark on a spontaneous, mini-road trip than to donate, volunteer, adopt from, and/or transport pets for Barb's Dog Rescue.



A pile of napping puppies, photo by Rusty Childress

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ARKANSAS DSH brown tabby
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GEORGE MESHA - DSH ID# A723265
 What makes me so special? I'm a tripod. An adorable tripod! When you approach my kennel, I'll turn myself into an upside-down pretzel while making air biscuits for you. I'm a 3 y/o male who is a shy, sensitive soul that needs a soft, safe place with a hooman who will cherish me - Oh, and chicken. I need someone who will give me some chicken.

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STOEFFEL ID# 900705
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From the Director's Desk

Pima Animal Care Center

By Monica Dangler, Interim Director at Pima Animal Care Center



Cat: Candy Corn A720234

COVID-19 has changed how everyone goes about their day-to-day business and for Pima Animal Care Center, this is no exception! From day one, we had to re-imagine what animal sheltering would look like under this massive change to life as we know it. We needed to keep everyone visiting, working, and volunteering at PACC safe while continuing to provide a public health and safety service, all while keeping lifesaving in mind. Easy task, right?

We had to change every aspect of how we did adoptions, held events, accepted donations through Friends of PACC, and helped our community. For the first six months of the pandemic, our staff and

volunteers split in half, both to limit the number of people in the building at any given time, but also to serve as a backup and make sure we could properly care for the shelter pets in case we had a mass breakout.

We were so thankful for the outpouring of community support. After we made a plea for help, we sent out 736 animals into the community as fosters or adoptions within the first weeks of the pandemic. This allowed us to give proper care of the pets that were left at the shelter. Because of the open space, we were able to provide temporary emergency housing for those being hospitalized due to COVID and those being displaced because of the Big Horn Fire. (We ended up taking care of around 70 animals due to the fire.) We never would have been able to offer that service during pre-COVID times. Thank you, Tucson!

Since the beginning of COVID we've settled into our new normal and are implementing national best practices for the new face of animal welfare and I'd like to share those with you.

First, we had to figure out how to best handle adoptions. With lots of trial and error, we finally found our sweet spot! To help manage the amount of people at PACC at a given time and the flow of those people, we now use an appointment system to come look at pets, for owner surrenders, licensing, and more! (Basically, the appointment is needed for any non-emergency service.) We see about 80 families every day come to visit and look to adopt their next best friend. There was a bonus, positive side effect: People get more one-on-one time with adoption counselors and their wait time is dramatically reduced. If you ever visited PACC on a weekend pre-pandemic, you probably remember sometimes having to wait for hours, even on "slower" days! Now, the average wait time is no more than 30 minutes.



Family adopts a pet

Another positive impact, with so many of the animals in our care being in foster, we've been able to REALLY focus on those pets who need us the most. Animals with extra medical needs or behavioral challenges now have more people to focus on them! Plus, we've been able to help people in crisis keep their pets! Through our Safety Net Foster program and temporary boarding program, we've been able to assist more than 200 pets stay with their families.



Volunteers with office dog

We've also learned how much Tucson loves the people in their community! The need for support continues to grow and PACC is here to help not just the pets, but the people who love those pets! Our community has stepped up big time to make sure PACC has the supplies needed to help pets stay with the owners that love them and open up their homes to pets in need, too. We no longer see our shelter being made up of just the four walls of the building (ok, there's a lot more than four... but you know what I mean) but it being our entire community! Whether community members are donating to our programs, fostering a pet whose owner is in crisis, or

keeping a lost pet in their home and looking for their owner, Tucson has continued to show support to their fellow community members. Want to hear an amazing fun fact?!?! Thanks to the generosity of our community, 1.3 million meals were served to pets in need, along with more than 36,000 pounds of hygiene and household goods provided to those in need!

Finally, we've leaned into helping keep animals in their community. Once again Tucson, you were the ones who helped make this happen. Did you know that when a pet that stays in their neighborhood when found, as opposed to being taken to the shelter, that pet is 85% more likely to be reunited with their family?!?! This is why we ask finders for their help with stray pets. We ask for their help in holding the animal in their home and looking for owner through knocking on doors and posting up signs. For those who could (and can) help us, we provide resources (crates, food, bowls, leashes) needed to care for that pet. Because of your efforts, we have been able to increase the percentage of pets reunited with their families to 22% and we hope to continue that momentum into 2021! (For comparison, in 2019, the Return-to-Owner Rate was around 17%.) Thank you for holding pets in your home, posting or sharing pictures of lost pets in your neighborhood, and helping your neighbors search for or find their pets. By the way- we have some cool new ways to help those who lose or find a pet on the horizon so we can reunite even more families! Look for some awesome changes in March!



Staffer socializing a dog in the yard

Tucson, thank you for being an amazing pet loving AND people loving community!



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In the Beginning

Soul's story begins as a puppy raised as a show dog. During his tenure, this handsome boy won many significant awards. But showing just didn't seem to bring him joy, so he retired to become a cheerleader for two cherished Golden show companions and a CPX (Couch Potato Extraordinaire). He loved traveling around the country in his fifth-wheel, infecting everyone he met with pure joy.

While supporting his two Golden friends at a dog show, Soul met a family friend, a special lady we will call E Marie. It was love at first sight for "two old souls" who

instantly forged an everlasting bond. Although they lived far apart, E Marie followed Soul's antics and remained his fangirl through pictures and stories shared by his mom throughout the years. E Marie didn't have a Golden, but she became smitten with the breed and hoped to have one of her own one day.

Soul's Journey to the Rainbow Bridge

Then came a fateful night when Soul stumbled as he walked in the backyard. His gums were pale. He was rushed to the emergency vet. A tumor had ruptured in his spleen, a horror experienced by so many Golden families. A Non-Hemangiosarcoma, but the prediction for his days on earth was less than one year.

His devastated family was determined to make it the best year of his life. They built a personal dog park for Soul and his friends to romp and play in all day. He recovered quickly and returned to his favorite pastime of cavorting in his dog park with the other dogs.

Sadly, a few months later, Soul developed bloat. Again, he was rushed in for emergency surgery. But this time, x-rays showed Hemangiosarcoma in his liver, shortening his life span to four weeks. Four became fourteen; he continued to live every moment as Golden do, with a jubilant and playful spirit. Soul's passing left a massive hole in everyone's heart, but also the lesson that each day is a gift filled with the promise of new wonders.

Our benefactor, E Marie

As a lifelong lover of all creatures great and small, E Marie abhorred mistreatment of any animal, and was especially appalled by the horrors of the meat trade in foreign countries. Deeply moved by the plight of these animals, she became determined to save as many as possible. But how could she make that happen?

As always, E Marie's search led her back to Soul. His indomitable spirit had allowed him to rise above his trauma and capture the joy in every moment of life. In a crossroads moment, E Marie meshed her two passions - her quest to help innocent dogs awaiting a horrific end, and her boundless love for Soul. She decided the only fitting memorial would be to leave a bequest in Soul's name, in his spirit, and in service to other animals in desperate need.

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Celebration of Life

Abby Zespy

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Abby, First Day with Family

It was love at first sight...even with all her bumps and challenges. I first saw Abby, our soon to be ball of joy, at the March 2020 Woofstock. Abby, a senior grey, black and white toy poodle-Lhasa mashup, was onsite courtesy of Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary.

I was immediately drawn to her. She rolled over on her back to expose years of life and possible puppies she had nurtured. She had bumps along her spine and head, but her smile and gentleness belied any challenges she had faced. I immediately put in an application; fingers crossed that she would choose us.

Then, COVID came....

The world came to a halt and adoptions went by the wayside while we were all trying to figure out what was next. Several weeks later, I got a call asking if I still had interest in Abby. I have to admit that I had kind of forgotten about her with everything that was going on. It was a wonderful surprise that our family was still "in the running" and of course, I said yes. My husband and I went to the park with our other senior dog, Willow (another rescue) for an official meet and greet. Abby's wonderful foster parents were there too and we all waited to see if the two dogs were compatible, and... they were! We watched as the two senior dogs played in the park, humans socially distanced, the dogs figuring each other out, destined for a lifelong commitment.



Abby and Willow relaxing on couch

Abby had to undergo surgery to remove various bumps and address some other issues with her body since our very first meeting at Woofstock. Cherished Tails covered the costs of her surgery and placed her with amazing foster parents. Abby's stomach looked a little like Frankenstein with all the staples, but she still had that big happy smile and gentle manner that I saw on our first meeting.



Abby taking in the sunset

A week after the meet and greet, we got the call that we were selected! We felt like we had won the lottery. I picked her up that weekend, on my birthday, and it was possibly the best gift I ever received!



Abby getting a Treat!

My husband, acknowledging she was now a part of our family, shook his head and jokingly said, "Why are you drawn to such hot messes?!" All I could say was, "She's the one" and I meant it.

Abby quickly settled into our household and working from home gave us all extra time to really get to know each other. We discovered she was a daily sprinkle of magic, making us laugh every day! We called her our crazy loon because she danced at the slightest mention of a treat. Carrots. Rocked. Her. World. She had a sideways left eye that looked comical, even when she was serious, which wasn't often. Zoom meetings with colleagues included Abby almost always on my lap and possibly poking her head into the

frame. She loved ice cubes, chasing them down the hall as they scattered along the tile. Our backyard was an excursion into the great beyond for her. Abby was enthralled by all the new smells, yet immediately ran into our laps (my lap) as soon as we were seated.

Initially apprehensive and timid, she melted into our arms after a few weeks. We were told she was probably nine years old, but she acted much younger. She always had a slight cough, we thought most likely due to food allergies, and we moved her to our other dog's non-reactive food. Yet, her coughing became more pervasive and she was straining more often.

Stray senior dogs always have a history and Abby presented us a long, blank road map of her past. Uncovering her history was sometimes fun and other times disheartening. She truly was pure joy...

We decided to get her tested to determine why she was coughing. The results blindsided us, she had lung cancer, something only 2% of dogs have. The diagnosis stunned us, but we committed to giving her the best care available. Her disease had spread and, with sadness, the oncologist and other professionals told us it was incurable and the best options served only to mitigate her discomfort. As with any dog parent, it's really hard to decide the right time to say goodbye, yet she made her needs known. We said goodbye to her in January 2021.

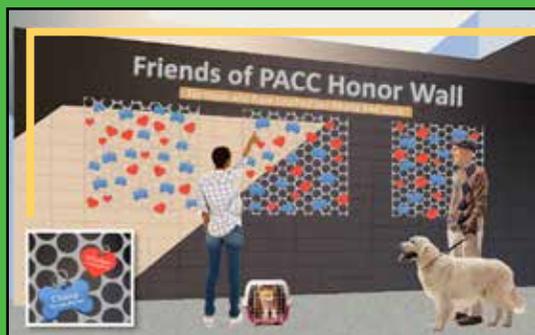
Our house is still full of life with Willow, but Abby, our happy go lucky spirit is now watching us with her cockeyed smile and silly tilt of her head. She wasn't with us long, but her presence remains.



Abby, our regular hangout

Would we do anything differently? No. She illuminated our life during that crazy year, and my husband and I constantly reference, "Remember when Abby did [blank]?" During her short life with us, she GAVE so much more than we ever could give to her.

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