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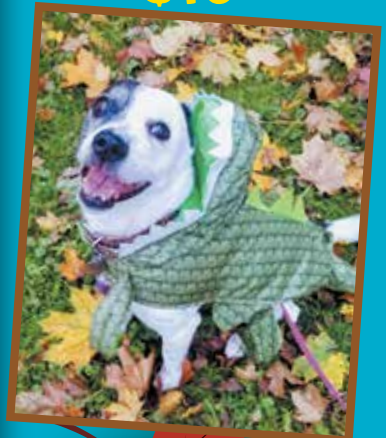
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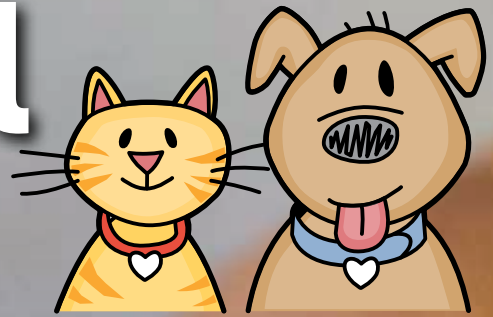
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# The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dear Readers and Friends,

I'm delighted to announce that **The Tucson Dog Magazine** has celebrated its 5th year! I'm so proud to have been a part of the magazine since its inception. Thank you, Ann Herrington, our founder, and creator for making me a part of your creation and entrusting me with such an important and impactful publication.

While continuing to enjoy our Monsoon weather and the beautiful green mountains again this year, we've been constantly reminded of our pets' sensitivities to the weather. Making sure our pets are protected from the heat, rain, and booming thunderstorms is an important part of our relationships with our pets and their safety. Just a few helpful hints; create a cozy corner in the house to wait out the storm, bring them indoors during extreme heat, rain, and thunderstorms, provide them plenty of fresh water in more than one location of the house and yard, plan their exercise and potty breaks during cooler times of the day and be sure to check for snakes and frogs before letting them outside. We are all looking forward to the upcoming cooler temperatures.

In this issue, we touch on many different aspects of pet care and appreciation. Our cover story announces that *The University of Arizona* now has the long-awaited *UofA College of Veterinary Medicine* in Oro Valley. This brings so much to our community and will help ease the need for Veterinarians in our city. For our Directors Desk feature, *The Humane Society of Southern Arizona* shares its heartwarming story about Barb's amazing months of recovery and over 375 days waiting to meet her new family. Barb never gave up! Learn more about Pet CPR, Pet Blood Donation, Reptile Rescue, and read how Equine Voices Karen Pomroy set about creating a safe haven for horses and wild burros in need of refuge.

Enjoy celebrating! September and October are loaded with human and pet-related holidays. There are too many to mention but just to touch upon a select few;

- Septembers Responsible Dog Ownership Month, Labor Day, Happy Healthy Cat Month, National Service Dog Month, National Hug Your Hound Day and Love Your Pet Day
- Octobers is National Pit Bull Awareness Month, Columbus Day, National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, National Fetch Day, and Halloween.

I'm very happy to announce DOGTOBERFEST! Sunday, October 16th, 11A-4P at Three Canyon Beer and Wine Garden. Bring the whole family, enjoy, play, eat, enter some contests and help get as many dogs adopted as we can.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you to all the amazing people who are helping animals during these challenging times. All the shelter and rescue workers, volunteers, fosters, and those who can adopt. You are all heroes and our inspiration for continuing to do what we do! And thank you to our advertising partners for continuing to support The Tucson Dog and to you, our amazing readers; Please stay healthy and love your pets!

Yours Truly,  
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# Special Feature



Animal blood donations are needed in Tucson

## Four-Legged Blood Donors Needed!

Story by Rebecca West

Back in March, one of our contributing writers — ace dog trainer Jeremy Brown — touched on the subject of blood donations for pets. Many people are surprised to find out that's even a real thing, but it most

certainly is. In 1665, the first successful blood transfusion recorded occurred in England when physician Richard Lower kept a dog alive by transfusing blood from other dogs. Like humans, animals need the red sticky stuff from time to time. Examples of that need include emergency/trauma patients, patients requiring pre- or peri-operative surgical stabilization, patients exposed to rodenticides or other poisons, and anemic patients with acute or chronic diseases.

Whereas humans use the ABO system with eight main blood groups, animals, not surprisingly, have their own. According to Chicago's Metropolitan Veterinarian Center's Blood Donation Program:

"Dogs have at least six well characterized blood types, also known as dog erythrocyte antigens (DEA). The antigens are DEA 1.1, 1.2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. The blood type considered most important in dogs is DEA 1.1. Dogs that are negative for DEA 1.1 can give blood to dogs that are DEA 1.1 negative or positive, but dogs that are DEA 1.1 positive can only give blood safely to dogs that are DEA 1.1 positive. So, similar to the universal human donor blood type O negative, dogs have a universal donor type, DEA 1.1 Negative. **Overall, 7-10% of dogs are universal donors. Interestingly, approximately 70% of Greyhounds are considered universal blood donors. Additionally, Greyhound blood typically has a higher red blood cell count than other breeds, making them ideal donors.**

"There are three major blood groups in cats — A, B and AB. Type A is the most common blood type comprising 90-95% of the cat population in the United States. Cats that are type AB can receive blood from either type A or type B cats, but type A and type B cats require they receive their respective blood type."



Cats can also donate blood for felines in need

Equines, bovines, and sheep are also the recipients of blood supplies. Blood transfusions are administered to horses with extremely low red blood cell counts, most frequently due to hemorrhage. The average horse, which has approximately 40 liters of blood, can lose up to a quarter of that without exhibiting signs of severe shock. More than that, however, and they could require a transfusion. Much to the vexation of vets around the country, there's still no national program in place.

Last year, the American Veterinary Association lamented that as advanced care for pets has become more routine, animal blood shortages are deepening. The best way to combat that is for volunteers to bring their

healthy four-legged friends in to donate at local donor-based blood banks. If more people did, there would be far fewer closed-colony commercial blood banks, which have been harshly criticized for keeping dogs penned and isolated during draw periods.



greyhounds on the track

Shelter dogs — retired greyhounds in particular — are commonly used, and some are said to be kept in rotation for up to a year or more before being adopted out. Further accusations claim there are only two- to three-week intervals between each draw. Many sources cite four weeks as the minimum for the health of the animal.

In October of 2021, California's governor signed a bill phasing out the use of closed-colony blood banks. Veterinarians there are hoping to form the state's own donor-based network to replace them. To date, it's estimated that national-level commercial blood banks account for 30 to 40 percent of needed blood. Here in southern Arizona, supplies are down.



Donate blood for animals in need

So, how and where do you get started donating? As Jeremy pointed out, donation qualifications can vary depending on collection sites. Here are some basic requirements:

- Age range: dogs 1-7 years old / cats 1-8 years old
- Weight: dogs roughly 50 lbs. / cats 10 lbs. with healthy body masses
- Never been pregnant
- Never received a blood transfusion
- Not on medications
- Cannot be around other cats tested positive for FELV or FIV
- Must be current on vaccinations and on flea and tick prevention

If you believe your pet may qualify, here's two services in our area to try:

- VCA Valley Animal Hospital & Emergency Center [vcahospitals.com/valley-tucson/services/advanced-care/blood-bank](http://vcahospitals.com/valley-tucson/services/advanced-care/blood-bank)
- Veterinary Specialty Center Tucson [vscot.com/site/blog/2021/12/21/blood-donor-program](http://vscot.com/site/blog/2021/12/21/blood-donor-program)



Blood bag

Each facility will provide you with its own set of guidelines and inform you of how often pets can return within the period of a year. Some may want you to join a program that requires a set number of donations. In that case, there are usually some fairly attractive perks that come along with the obligation, like free exams and other bennies.

To ensure things go smoothly, take Jeremy's advice and acclimate your dog first, as he suggested in [thetucsondog.com/can-your-pet-save-another-pets-life-canine-and-feline-blood-donations-are-down/](http://thetucsondog.com/can-your-pet-save-another-pets-life-canine-and-feline-blood-donations-are-down/). Good luck!



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### Thurs. Sept. 1 – 14 Follow Your Heart Rescue Online Fundraiser with Desert Soaps

A Desert Soaps fundraiser running from Sept. 1st thru the 14th will help benefit our rescue when you purchase adorable soaps from this talented vendor. Reference FYHR when placing your order. [etsy.com/shop/SecretDesertSoap](https://etsy.com/shop/SecretDesertSoap)

### Sat. Sept. 3, 10am-2pm Southern Arizona Cat Rescue PetSmart Adoption Events

Adoption events every Saturday this month at PetSmart located at 4374 N. Oracle Rd. Visit [sacatrescue.org](http://sacatrescue.org) or Facebook @sacatrescue for available kitties & any possible changes in scheduling.

### Sat. Sept. 3, 9am-11am Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue Playdate in the Park

We have a 'beagle play date' the first Saturday of each month at the small dog park inside of Reid Park. Bring your beagles & have some fun in the sun beagle style! Info at 520-247-7720 or [soazbeaglerescue.com](http://soazbeaglerescue.com)

### Sat. Sept. 3, 11am-4pm Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter PetCo Adoption Events

The first Saturday of each month we'll be at the PetCo located at 5625 E. River Rd., Tucson 85750 for adoption events. Come meet our available kitties! For more info, [www.facebook.com/HermitageCats](http://www.facebook.com/HermitageCats)

### Wed. Sept. 7 & 21, 4:30pm-5:30pm Pathways for Paws Vaccine & Microchip Clinic Events

Help slow the spread of parvo & distemper & more easily locate lost pets by bringing them in for their vaccines & microchipping at our low-cost drive-thru clinic located at 2035 E. 17th St., Tucson 85719 Cash, Venmo, Zelle, or credit card [pathwaysforpaws.com](http://pathwaysforpaws.com)

### Sat. Sept. 10, 1pm-5pm Pet Safety/First Aid Classes at the Humane Society of S. Arizona

A 4-hour hands-on skills training course is open to individuals age 15 & up. Includes CPR instruction. Classes are held in-person at the main HSSA campus. Cost: \$75 [hssaz.org/services/education/adults/pet-first-aid](http://hssaz.org/services/education/adults/pet-first-aid)

### Sat. Sept. 10 - Oct. 8, 9am-10:30am Peaceful Hearts Pet Loss Program with Animal Soul Connection

Join us Saturdays for this 5-week program to embrace a mind, body & spirit approach to allow your grief to move through your body & make space for transformation & peace. St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church 4625 E. River Rd., Tucson 85718. For info/registration [www.animalsoulconnection.com](http://www.animalsoulconnection.com) or call Alison at 308-391-1540.

### Mon. Sept. 19, 1pm-2pm Pathways for Paws Puppy Yoga

Get your Zen on with some yoga! A portion of proceeds from each yoga ticket sold will go to Pathways for Paws. Barefoot Yoga Studio 7053 N. Oracle Rd., #200, Tucson 85704 [pathwaysforpaws.com](http://pathwaysforpaws.com)

### Sat. Sept. 24, 5:30pm HSSAZ 23rd Annual Puttin' on the Dog Gala Fundraising Event

The theme for the evening is "Biscuits & Bourbon." The gala will feature a sit-down dinner, libations, live entertainment, auctions (online, silent, & live) & fundraising for their Second Chance Fund to be held at the Hilton El Conquistador. Must be at least 21. For more info & tickets, go to [e.givesmart.com/events/p38/](http://e.givesmart.com/events/p38/)

### Sat. Sept. 24, 10am-2pm Moon & Stars Animal Rescue

Adoptable cats will be at the Grant & Swan PetSmart location waiting for their forever homes. 520-314-1707 4740 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712 [moonandstarsanimalrescue.org](http://moonandstarsanimalrescue.org)

### Sun. Sept. 25, 11am-1pm Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue Adoption Event at PetSmart

SABR will have dogs available for adoption at the PetSmart located at Orange Grove & Thornydale, 3850 W. River Rd., Tucson 85741 [soazbeaglerescue.com](http://soazbeaglerescue.com)

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### Sun. Oct. 2, 7am-9am Pet Food Distribution at HSSAZ

Does your pet need food? The 1st Sunday of each month the Humane Society of Southern Arizona gives away dog & cat food to those experiencing difficulties. Visit the main campus located at 635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705. For more info, visit: [hssaz.org/food](http://hssaz.org/food)

### Sat. Oct. 15, 1pm-2pm Southern Arizona Cat Rescue Yoga at Barefoot Studios

No experience needed! See our Facebook pg. for event details & tickets or Instagram. A portion of the ticket price goes to assist the rescue. 7053 N. Oracle Rd., #200, Tucson 85704 [sacatrescue.org](http://sacatrescue.org) or Facebook @sacatrescue

### Sat. Oct. 15, 11am-3pm Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter Adoption Events

The third Saturday of each month we'll be at Bookmans Entertainment Exchange East located at 6230 E. Speedway Blvd. for an adoption event. Come meet our kitties! Visit [www.facebook.com/HermitageCats](http://www.facebook.com/HermitageCats)

### \* Sun. Oct. 16, 11am-4pm The Tucson Dog Magazine Dogtoberfest Adopt-a-Thon Event!

The Tucson Dog Magazine & Big Dog Charitable Foundation are having a super fun adopt-a-thon at Three Canyon Beer & Wine Garden. There will be games, contests & prizes, as well as food & live music. Bring pet food & supplies or sweaters & blankets for donation! 4999 N. Sabino Canyon Rd., Tucson 85750

### Sat. Oct. 22, 8am-4pm Rescue Me Tucson & Strut Your Mutt: Annual Best Friends Walk

The 2022 Strut Your Mutt Day is a virtual fundraiser benefiting local shelters. For more info, visit support. [bestfriends.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=1631&pg=entry](http://bestfriends.org/site/TR?fr_id=1631&pg=entry)

### Sat. Oct. 22, 10am-2pm Moon & Stars Animal Rescue

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### Sat. Oct. 29, 10:30am-2pm Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart

On the 4th Saturday of each month, you can find your new best friend at the PetSmart located at 7727 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85710 Come meet our rescues today!

### Sat. Oct. 29, 5pm-8pm Pinal County Animal Care Annual Pup- or-Treat Event!

There will be waived adoption fees, free microchips, trunk or treating, fun activities & prizes, a costume contest, haunted house, food trucks, & more! For questions, call 520-509-3555 or email [animalrescue@pinal.gov](mailto:animalrescue@pinal.gov).

### Sat. Oct. 29, 4pm-7pm Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue's 14th Annual Corks & Collars Fundraiser Event

There will be food, wine, beer, silent auction & a raffle for guests to partake in. Held at Hunkapi Farms, 12051 N. 96th St., Scottsdale, 85260, tickets are \$75 per person on sale beginning August 15. More info at [corksandcollars.org](http://corksandcollars.org)

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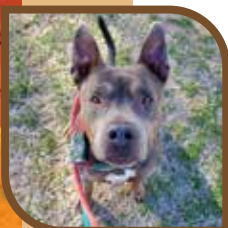
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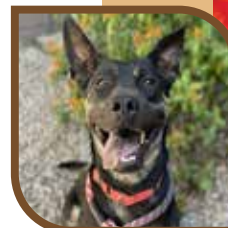
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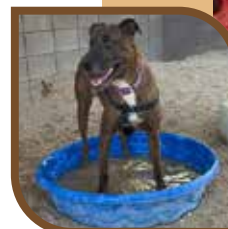
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I'm a 2 y/o sweetheart of a girl who's just the right size! I'm easy to leash & walk & accept affection, but I'm also independent. Low maintenance, housebroken & know how to use a doggy door, I'm a little bit shy at first, but give me time & I'll be your best friend for life! When meeting other dogs in playgroup, I was social & playful but preferred not to romp around with the rowdier pups. I'd like to meet any resident dogs before going home.



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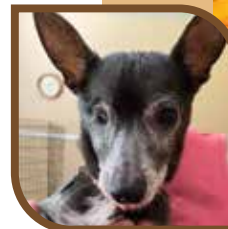


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## **MAX**

I'm a lab mix looking for a new forever home as an 'only dog'. I'm about 2 y/o & 65-70 lbs. According to my trainer, I'm a GEM of a dog with people, super intelligent, & easy to train. I take treats gently & do commands. I'm active & fun, but not a pest. I'd be a great dog for a moderately active person or family with older kids. I'm housebroken & leash & crate trained. I'll need a secure yard & will come with a FREE training session!





# Business Spotlight

## Acoma Vet: Caring, Comfortable and Compassionate Acoma Animal Clinic Welcomes You and Your Pets

Story by Alison Martin, Photos provided by Dr. Miriam Solinsky



Miriam Solinsky

medicine and I really loved it", said Solinsky. "I was one of those little girls that always knew I wanted to be a vet"

When asked about a favorite pet experience, Dr. Solinsky talked about walking into the exam room during her fourth year in vet school at Washington State University and meeting six giant puppies. "This was when I started seeing appointments on my own, feeling confident as a doctor, and taking on all of the responsibilities. Walking into that room with those puppies was such a stress reliever. The owners were wonderful to work with and the puppies were just so cute and trying to keep track



Caring for a Lamb

of them all by the color of their collars. It's one of those moments where you sit back and remember why you got into veterinary medicine"

Being a veterinarian isn't all about furry puppy exams. Recently, Dr. Solinsky had a week with a lot of cancer diagnoses. "Those are the hard parts when you work with people that have really sick animals and maybe don't have the finances to be able to do everything that might be recommended. So you work together with the owner to figure out what's the priority. What can we do at this time? Those are the really hard cases and are emotionally draining. This is why I got into veterinary medicine - I want to be able to help these people and their animals. But every now and then, you just need a room full of puppies to relax and enjoy the moment"

Aslan and Minnie are Dr. Solinsky's two feline friends who have been with her throughout undergraduate and veterinary school. "They were the best study buddies and have been with me through thick and thin".

Acoma Animal Clinic is owned by Dr. Richard Livingston who graduated from Colorado State University in 1980. The clinic strongly advocates preventive

medicine and is committed to providing progressive veterinary medical, dental, and surgical care for your pet. From routine physical examinations to oncology and exploratory surgery, they use state-of-the-art equipment to diagnose and treat a full spectrum of diseases and injuries.

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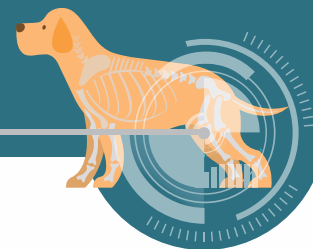
Acoma Animal Clinic is located at 6781 N Thornydale Rd # 207 in Tucson. Call 520 - 441- 3860 to schedule an appointment or find them at [www.acomaanimalclinetucson.com](http://www.acomaanimalclinetucson.com)



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**www.hermitagecatshelter.org**  
**Application: <https://bit.ly/2Ws7HCG>**



## SIR & MADAM

Hi! We're Sir & Madam, & we're 3 y/o! We came to the Hermitage searching for our forever family. We're twins, but Sir is a little more outgoing & I'm quieter. We both love snuggles, ear scratchies & treats! We hope to find a sunny spot at home to share with you very soon.



## CHINOOK

Hi, I'm Chinook, & unlike most calicos, I'm quiet. Staff says I'm very sweet, & I love catnip & snoozing away afternoons. I came to The Hermitage because I have FeLV, but I'm healthy & just turned 3! You can ask the staff about FeLV, they would love to introduce us!

**Humane Society of S. Arizona**  
**(520) 327-6088 <https://hssaz.org/>**  
**635 W. Roger Rd, Tucson 85705**



## LOLA

ID 894887

I'm a 4.5 y/o tortoiseshell cat who's an independent lady that makes it her mission to find all the cozy napping nooks. Once my sleep bank is filled to the brim, I let my playful side shine! I'm looking for a forever home where I don't need to compete for affection with other felines. If you ask me, it means more time for devoted friendship. Meet me today!



## LILY & PEANUT

ID 917086 & 917087

We're bonded pair Lily & Peanut. Lily's an 8 m/o American shorthair & Peanut's a handsome 4 y/o who happens to be blind. He relies on Lily's guidance to help him navigate new spaces. We're looking for a forever home where Lily can help Peanut. Lily's playful spirit balances Peanut's love for naps. It's the best of both worlds!

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## ARRA & URSULA - DSH

ID# A711668 & A711669

We're 6 y/o Arra & Ursula, a bonded pair who love exploring the house & hanging with resident cats in our foster home. We're bird-watching enthusiasts, love chasing after laser dots, looking out the window, or hanging out in the patio. We do fine with respectful dogs, enjoy other cats' company, & love toys. We're currently in foster care & would love to meet you. Learn more about us at [PACC.AdoptAFoster@pima.gov](mailto:PACC.AdoptAFoster@pima.gov).



## DING DING - DSH

ID# A781843

I'm a 10 y/o purr machine that loves attention & would love a sunny spot near a window to watch the birds fly by & talk to the geckos as they walk across the screens. I have diabetes & need insulin twice a day, so I'm looking for a foster or forever family who can help me manage it. If you're curious about diabetic cats & want to learn more about me and my needs, please visit PACC today.

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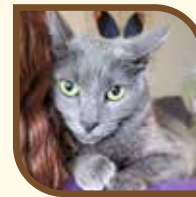
I'm a 2 y/o boy with medium-length black hair. Although I was skinny & dehydrated when found, after lots of food, love, & lap time I've morphed into the gorgeous guy I was meant to be. I'm a friendly FIV-positive guy that comes with Vet Care Support for Life! Please come see me!!!



## MAGOO

I'm a 10 y/o super-sweet brown tabby guy that likes noisy toys, loves being petted, & being your only pet (no other cats or dogs, please). I can't wait to greet visitors here & am looking for someone who has room for one more love in their life.

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## SASHA

I'm Sasha, a 1 y/o, petite previous mama that is quiet & sweet. I'm a little shy at first, but warm up with some patience & wet food. I can be held & enjoy pets once I trust you. I also discovered playing with toys is fun & cat trees are the best! I'm spayed, up to date on vaccines, & FIV/FeLV negative.



## TIMMY

I'm a 1 y/o, sweet, friendly, social & playful guy who enjoys lounging in cat trees, bird watching out the window, & cuddling with other kitties. I love to be around humans & do fine around dogs.

Diagnosed with Feline Herpesvirus, it's easily managed with daily medications & eye drops that I'll need for the rest of my life. I can still be around other cats as long as they're fully vaccinated, though.



# Special Feature

## The Dogs of DeGrazia

Story and Photos by Colleen Keefe



Nestled at the base of the Catalina foothills, sits the *DeGrazia Gallery of the Sun Museum*. The ten-acre site is adorned with a rotation of more than 20,000 of Ettore “Ted” DeGrazia’s work, a gift shop, chapel, home of the late artist ... and dogs.

Though DeGrazia is known for his wistful paintings of Indigenous American children, he did a few pieces of dogs and coyotes. He was also pet-parent himself.

“I know he [DeGrazia] loved dogs - he loved animals,” said Lance Laber, executive director of the DeGrazia Foundation. “There was Sissy who was a Red Weimaraner, and then there was Babyboy who was a pill,” Laber recalled. Babyboy was a mixed breed. “He used to like to bite people. If you went in the back where he lived, he’d get you in the corner and try to bite you,” Laber chuckled. “Then there was Nutsy. He was part Bulldog, was a sweet dog that looked scary, but he wasn’t. So, the dogs always stayed in the back,” Laber explained.

### How Dogs Started Coming To Work At The Gallery

Curator Jim Jenkins started bringing his dog Honey back in 2012. “Everybody loved Honey,” Laber said. The Vizsla mix started coming to the gallery on Wednesdays. “It was always nice when Honey showed up,” Laber said. Then Honey got a brother – a rescue named Marley. Wednesdays were Honey & Marley Day or “Dog Day Wednesday” according to Laber.

Chance began coming to the gallery as a puppy about three years ago. “He started living in the back [of the gift shop]. He kind of became the mascot,” I’m surprised that Chance doesn’t have his own timecard. He just kind of hangs out and people love it,” Laber said. “Chance is a morale booster for the employees and the visitors. He gets lots of attention, kisses, and hugs from the visitors and staff,” Palmer said.



Chance, Pet parent:  
Lisa Palmer, gift shop manager  
Gallery Days: Weekdays



Daisy, Pet Aunt: Judi Debauche  
Gallery Days: When Judy’s  
brother is out of town

Daisy doesn’t know she’s a senior. This Weimer Reiner mix “just loves her DeGrazia days to play with her friends,” Debauche said. “I think she considers Weasel her best friend. I don’t know that Weasel would agree. Weasel likes to play the field, but Weasel is absolutely Daisy’s best friend,” Debauche joked. “Daisy’s a sweet dog, a little skittish, but she’s getting better,” Laber said. “She likes to snuggle up by my computer and watch me package all the orders. She is my little DeGrazia companion,” Debauche said. “Daisy’s favorite thing is watching Lisa’s hands and pockets checking to see if there’s a treat coming at any moment.”

Jenkins adopted Sophie from the Humane Society, a Vizsla mix who was returned after a failed placement. Her anxiety issues were so severe it took her a year to comfortably get into a car. “Sophie hangs with Jimmy in his office [often sleeping at his feet]. But he brings her in five times a day, and she runs into my office just to say hello to me. We get our kisses. She’s like a whole new dog. She has friends up here,” Laber smiled. “She’s got a fulfilling part-time job,” Jenkins said.



Sophie, Pet Parent: Jim Jenkins, Curator  
Gallery Days: Tuesdays



Taj, Pet Parent: Tana Von Isser  
Weekend Employee  
Gallery Days: Saturdays

“The most outgoing dog is Taj,” Laber said. Von Isser adopted the giant Doberman from a friend when he was just nine weeks old during the pandemic. The year-and-half-old canine is funny and friendly. “He wants to play with those little dogs, and they get freaked out because he’s so big - he’s still a puppy and what he does is he gets down on his paws to get on their level to try to get them to play with him - It’s hilarious,” Jenkins explained.

The resident social butterfly, “Weasel is just one of a kind. There’s another dog that everybody that walks in the gallery is like ‘ohhh, aww we love that dog’” Laber said. “She’s a Bitsa Hound, bits of this and bits of that,” Ure explained. “Some friends found her. Somebody had dumped her in an ally - they knew I liked dogs, so they called me up. She would shred my stuff when she was home alone, so now, she comes to work with me and of course doesn’t have the opportunity to shred it. But the separation anxiety has gotten a lot better,” Ure said.

All throughout the day, people bring their dogs to the gallery. “We’re well-liked on **bringfido.com**. So, we see dogs in here almost every day,” Jenkins said.

“We try to keep the dogs in the back. But people will walk in, and the dogs will come to the gate to say hello and ask to pet the dogs,” Laber said.

There’s no guarantee you’ll be accompanied by a dog docent as you stroll through the *DeGrazia Gallery of the Sun Museum*. But considering every day of the week there is “dog day”, just maybe you’ll have a Chance encounter.

*Prior to the printing of this story, The Tucson Dog Magazine learned that Daisy had passed. We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Daisy’s family and friends – human and canine.*

Visit DeGrazia Gallery of the Sun Museum at 6300 N. Swan Rd.  
[www.degrazia.org](http://www.degrazia.org)



Weasel, Pet Parent: Ian Ure  
Maintenance & Facilities  
Gallery Days: Wednesday - Sunday



# Cover Story: University of Arizona's College of Veterinary Medicine is a Boon to Not Only Students and Oro Valley, but Pet Parents in General

Story by Rebecca West, Images courtesy of UACVM



Oro Valley Campus (Photo by Miles Fujimoto)

Two years ago, U of A's long-awaited veterinary school finally opened its campus doors in Oro Valley to students for fall 2020 classes. It's said that the program garnered as many as 518 applications and interviewed 244 would-be veterinarians to fill 110 seats. The ages of those selected ranges from just 19 to 51 years old. The college, which received approval from the American Veterinary Medical Association, is noted as the very first and only *public* veterinary school in the entire state. While the veterinary program took five years to develop, administrators say the plans were over 50 years in the making.

According to U of A, the "three-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program provides the foundation in veterinary medicine and surgery that future practitioners need, plus the professional and clinical skills critical for success. The degree is delivered over six pre-clinical semesters in on-campus facilities, followed by three clinical semesters within a network of training sites that allows each student to experience the profession actively." Where do the last three semesters take place? Through a hybrid distributive model in Arizona that includes shelters and other animal care facilities that students can go to for four weeks.

Twin Peaks Veterinary Hospital in Marana and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona are two of the locations aspiring vets can seek out for real clinical experience. Students are required to submit case logs during this period, similar to hospital rounds. They can even go to Reid Park Zoo for an elective location to serve their four weeks. Every student is required to undergo general practice, specialty/referral practice, and primary care/shelter medicine rotations. They also have a four-week block allowing them to study for the NAVLE (North American Veterinary Licensing Examination), the national board test for vets.

The program notes "a whole-person approach to training the industry's future leaders" with an innovative curriculum and by taking a holistic approach to each student, providing learning support and health and wellness resources that allow them to live balanced lives. Their concern is for the long-term success of the students.



Students practicing their handling & basic exam skills (Photo by David Sanders)

This is vital during a time when veterinary burnout in the U.S. is reaching a dramatic climax after the brunt of the COVID pandemic. Over the last year or so, one can hardly click on the news without reading about the deficit the profession faces. In fact, just recently, on August 3, 2022, an article in *Isthmus* ran a piece on the national staffing crisis outlining the impact on emergency veterinary services. Because of this, worried pet parents could potentially face longer waits for medical attention in critical situations where every minute counts.

"Hospitals, clinics, and vet offices around the U.S. in the past year have been turning animals away because they are short staffed," writer Sarah Zhang reported in *The Atlantic* on July 6. "This crisis has hit all levels of the system, from general practice to specialists, but animal emergency rooms — where the job is most stressful — have it the worst." As a result,

"Emergency care cannot be guaranteed for your pets right now," Zhang was informed.

Thanks to U of A, next year, in 2023, a modicum of relief will be on the horizon, with the graduating class already two-thirds of the way through its studies. Dean Julie Funk, who holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, a Master of Science, and a Ph.D., looks forward to a bright future for the students. Having received the Distinguished Alumni Award from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, she shared her feelings about the field with an NCSU writer stating the following:



Dean Julie Funk (Photo by Chris Richards)

"It is a real privilege to have a career in academic veterinary medicine. My favorite component is helping people achieve their dreams and goals, whether it is students achieving the dream of becoming [veterinarians] or faculty and staff career development. Supporting people and advancing the profession is a privilege I get every day. I am a first-generation college student and, quite frankly, had no idea about academic careers. It was definitely not my plan when I started veterinary school."

When approached with the opportunity to lead the program, she's said to have jumped at the chance. She's especially encouraging of women debating a future education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), advising them to "jump in" and "try different areas." As to the finite details of the college's direction, she added, "I may not be certain about the exact path we will take to achieve our goals, and we often need to adjust and take different routes, but I do have real clarity about where we want to be." Details aside, clarity is something that would benefit students in moving toward the vision they have outlined for themselves as well.

Looking to become an institute of continuous growth, the school's mission is clear: provide a learning environment that's committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion with innovative teaching strategies and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. It currently boasts 66 faculty (limited-adjunct and full-time)



members and 93 staff members, ensuring there's plenty of oversight for students by trained professionals.

The large campus features three separate buildings totaling nearly 70,000 sq. feet of learning space! Their facilities comprise of the Campus Agricultural Center, which includes the Equine Learning Center and the Bovine Education Extension Facility, and the Oro Valley campus, comprised of the Hanley Building (where students complete their first two years of preclinical work) and the Stallard Building, which houses student services, the wellness center, and faculty/staff offices. Located at 1580 E. Hanley Blvd. in Oro Valley, it's nestled at the base of the Santa Catalina Mountain range. Providing sweeping views and wide-open spaces, it's a beautiful location a mere 20-minute drive from Tucson's primary U of A campus.



Dr. Gayle Leith teaching students during an equine lab at the Campus Agricultural Center (Photo by David Sanders)

So, what makes the college stand out from other learning institutions? Besides being the first public school in Arizona to offer opportunities for residents, it's designed to help eliminate student debt, as students get out a year earlier than with other veterinary schools. The program is designed to help them learn with an active team-based model. Unlike other

programs, their students start working with live animals in their second week of classes, giving them hands-on experience much earlier. This is a big help in getting a head start. They're also working toward training and keeping veterinarians in Arizona, which is supported by recently-passed legislation regarding loan forgiveness.

To clarify, U of A CVM communications director Mindy Burnett shared this information with us:

- **Three-year Educational Model**  
We want to provide an outstanding education without lifelong debt. Our three-year, nine-semester, continuous program provides the necessary structure and breaks to help increase graduation rates and enable students to earn salaries sooner than their peers.
- **An Innovative Curriculum**  
Active learning is the core of our program. We encourage students to take ownership of their education in a program that maximizes student engagement in the classroom and integrates hands-on training. We believe students learn best in real-world settings that prepare them to be day-one-ready practitioners. Our approach to teaching and learning is backed by educational research and focused on maximizing the learning experience for all students. Beginning in week one, students participate with course content alongside their peers during in-class activities, use state-of-the-art animal simulations, and begin working with live animals.
- **Clinical Year Experience**  
Education during the clinical year involves rotations through a vast network of over 250 clinical affiliates. Students will have access to routine and diseased animals in various clinical settings. The Clinical Year will span August to August and consist of four-week rotations:
  1. Three core/required rotations that include General Practice, Specialty/Referral Practice, and Primary Care/Shelter Medicine
  2. One NAVLE Prep and Test Block
  3. Eight Elective Rotations
  4. One vacation block

If you're wondering if the University of Arizona's College of Veterinary Medicine is open to the public, as far as pet owners being able to have pets treated there, the answer is no — at least not at this time. That is something they are working on possibly changing, though. In the meantime, their clinical year curriculum focuses on student partnerships with local veterinary practices rather than a centralized teaching hospital, which is expensive.

For treatment in Tucson, they encourage pet owners to seek out local practitioners or shelters for medical care. In the future, they hope to employ their mobile surgery unit to serve underrepresented areas unable to easily access veterinary services. This will help with common (and very necessary) procedures like spay and neuter to help reduce exploding pet populations.



UofA Campus Agricultural Center  
(Photo by Rachael Sirek Photography)



Dr. Tony Martin instructing students on safe handling at the Bovine Educational Extension Facility  
(Photo by David Sanders)

On another note, U of A is said to be working on ways to reduce the use of animals in medical training and research, which is great news for animal activists, and the program will also hopefully impact the shortage of large-animal veterinarians Arizona's livestock industry has been facing. This drives home the fact that it's not just a lack of veterinarians treating small domestic pets that's at issue in

the United States. In practical terms, the inability to properly maintain livestock can have all sorts of health implications. Over the last 2 ½ years, the link between some zoonotic diseases and the health of the general public has never been clearer.

In early August, UAVCM celebrated the Class of 2023 as they received their white coats before heading off for their clinical year. The exciting white coat ceremony is a milestone that marks the students' transition from classroom learning to the clinical experience they are about to embark on to graduate.

If you've been considering a career in veterinary medicine, the college offers prospective student information sessions that can be undertaken via Zoom and in-person campus tours. The tours are typically led by current College of Veterinary Medicine students and have a capacity of 20 people per group. Parking is free for all those attending. For more information or to schedule either event, you can visit their event website (<https://vetmed.arizona.edu/news-events/cvm-events>) or contact the admissions office at [dvm-admissions@arizona.edu](mailto:dvm-admissions@arizona.edu) or call 520-621-7596.



U of A Career fair event Photo by Miles Fujimoto

For anyone interested in supporting the program, there are opportunities for that as well. To learn more about ways people can partner with them, visit <https://vetmed.arizona.edu/giving/overview>.



# Special Feature

## Equine Voices, a Labor of Love

Story by Rebecca West, Photos courtesy of Equine Voices



Karen & Gulliver at Equine Voices

Back in 2004, Karen Pomroy set about creating a safe haven for horses and wild burros in need of refuge. Now, more than 18 years later, she's finally realizing the whole of that dream with the completion of a new barn and increased acreage for the animals under her care. That haven is Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary, "a place of healing" in Green Valley, and it's grown to include eight board members and seen roughly 1,500 animals pass through since its inception.

Raised with a real love for animals, Karen was particularly fond of horses. After graduating college, she worked a number of corporate jobs for a time but ended up quitting and backpacking the globe for 18 months. During her travels Karen witnessed the poor living conditions of so many animals and the mistreatment they often endured. Unable to get past what she'd seen, she decided she needed to follow her heart and help in whatever capacity she could. Having had horses of her own growing up, it made sense to her to start there.

Her decision led her to California, where she volunteered at a wild horse sanctuary. The experience provided her with a wealth of knowledge and opened her eyes to the sad fates so many horses here in the U.S. face. It was enough to convince her that someday she wanted to open her own sanctuary.



Mustang Kenji at Equine Voices

Her focus was on saving mares on PMU farms and their foals from possible slaughter. PMU stands for pregnant mares' urine. It's an ingredient in Premarin, a hormone replacement used by women. The horses are used as broodmares, so the farms are in many ways the equine equivalent of puppy mills. For months on end, they're hooked up daily to urine collection devices for long periods, depriving them of regular exercise. This generally takes place from October through March until giving birth in the spring. They're typically rebred within a few weeks of foaling.



Gulliver the PMU mascot

But it gets worse. The foals, as it turns out, are sent to auction. It's estimated 10,000 die young for various reasons, including early weaning, and many are sold for meat to foreign countries for human consumption. Equally as disturbing, if not more, is the ghastly pony-skin industry. "Pony Skin" leather is taken from young foals' hind quarters and made into high-end leather

goods. You have to shudder just reading that, but it's true. In essence, as byproducts of the harvesting process, significant numbers are basically bred for disposal.

Karen wants to work toward ending the practice of PMU farms by educating women on the reality behind Premarin's development, suggesting instead they consult their doctors about available options. Doing so can have the effect of reducing the demand for it and save equine lives in the process. Her first four rescues at the sanctuary were PMU foals she welcomed in 2004, including Gulliver, who is now their mascot. Karen shared that he's really the voice of the Premarin foals and a bridge for those that came after. "This is my assignment in life, saving these animals. It's about raising consciousness for all living beings and bringing about change," she explained.

Other animals that found their way to Equine Voices have been discovered abandoned, wandering the desert by themselves, often half-starved. Some are rescued from auctions and feedlots or industries such as racing and breeding farms. And then there are those phantom-like legends of the American West, wild mustangs, that are frequently rounded up in an effort to thin the herds and stop the inadvertent destruction of fragile habitats. EVRS currently has 58 horses, including a mini horse, four burros, and a mule called Ginger. She and a horse named Janelle are both blind and sweetly support one another's limitations navigating the sanctuary.



Rosie the burro at Equine Voices

The horses come from Texas, California, Arizona, and as far north as Canada. The nine mustangs that reside there are from BLM roundups at Devil's Garden in N. California. The rescue is also home to a handful of Percheron crosses and quarter horses. They've come to her in varying states of physical health,



Star & PT at Equine Voices

but all needed love, patience, and understanding when they arrived.

As you can imagine, it's quite costly and time-consuming supporting that many creatures in need of food and care. One way the public can help is through sponsorships to aid in their upkeep. Another is by attending EVRS's different fundraising events held throughout the year.

One such event this November is entitled "Let's Groove Tonight," featuring a '70s theme at the Longhorn Grill & Saloon. Proceeds will provide the horses and burros with multiple new shade structures and a much-needed weather protection structure for hay and ranch equipment.

If you'd like to adopt a horse, become a sponsor, make a donation, or maybe volunteer, reach out to [equinevoices.org](http://equinevoices.org) for more information and change the life of an equine today.





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# Special Feature

## Dedicated to "Ride With The PACC"

Story by Steve Rivera



Earl Drake can't wait for the 2022 EI Tour to get here. He has his reasons, given he missed last year's ride due to a major crash. And this year he'll be riding for Friends of PACC.

He's only been back on a bike a little more than a month now, getting his endurance back with elevation riding and some distance riding.

But given the circumstances of his absence from a bike, he's come a long way.

It's important in as much as getting back to his two great passions: cycling and animals. He has adopted a couple of dogs from PACC. And is a volunteer.

"It's always been one of those things that we've just always enjoyed helping out and participating with the dogs," Drake said. "The dogs don't really have a voice so we help them by volunteering."

So, he continues to volunteer and will now help in raising money for the nonprofit by being a team member.

Friends of PACC is very excited that Earl has chosen "Ride with the PACC" for his 'come back' event!," said Lisa Dobbin of Friends of PACC. "Earl's strength and resilience during his arduous journey are similar to the challenges PACC has seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the large influx of pets into the shelter and the challenges that came along, the dedicated PACC staff and volunteers rose to the challenge, persevered, and continue to persevere. The same resilience is in many animals that come through the shelter. Animals needing medical attention are saved and given another chance at a new and exciting future, many of which Friends of PACC has helped with."

It's Earl's story in a nutshell. The day before EI Tour was scheduled Nov. 21, 2020 – but later postponed because of the pandemic – Earl and his wife were out riding when his bike had a "mechanical issue", sending him over the top of the bike and onto the tough pavement.

"The bike locked up and I went flying over the top and just kind of bounced ... and it was pretty rough," Drake said.

He was going about 20 miles per hour so you can imagine the impact.

"I flew over the bike so much that my helmet didn't even get scratched," he said. "I bounced on my right side and landed on my left side and just couldn't move at that point. What happened was I had a fracture in my right hip where it went through my pelvis and ... and yes, it was as bad as it sounds."

Oddly, when the paramedics arrived to help, they didn't think it was it was serious, he said, because they couldn't see anything bad.

"There was nothing sticking out or anything else," Drake said. "And so, like, (they felt) it was gonna be okay. I was just kind of like, well, okay, just go to the hospital and see what happened."

He ended up in the hospital for three weeks and in rehab after that. He was in a wheelchair and later needed to use a walker.

"I couldn't put my leg on the ground for three months," he said.

After being able to walk on his own, he stayed in shape by hiking and eventually getting over the mental part of getting back on the bike. After all, cycling is something he's done for nearly 30 years. It's been a passion all these years.

"I specifically remember when I got back on the bike ... the first 15-20 pedal strokes," he said. "It was just shaking (the memories) and everything else ... and then it literally was just like getting back on the bike."

So, he's back ... and is ready to roll with Friends of PACC.



Earl Drake PACC Volunteer

With four months left before the 2022 EI Tour, PACC has more than 20 riders on the team with a goal of having close to 100 riders. Through the years, Friends of PACC has been a strong and dedicated group. Since 2018, RWTP (Ride with the PACC) has raised over \$56k for abused and neglected animals. All the funds support the lifesaving efforts of Pima Animal Care Center.

According to Dobbins, "PACC is the only open admissions shelter in Pima County and, as a result, provides lifesaving support to more animals than any other shelter in Southern Arizona. Many assume the County pays for everything, but with a total intake of 18,287 pets in 2021 alone, that's impossible. The importance of riding/fundraising in EI Tour is because funds raised via EI Tour help keep families together and provide funding for emergent medical issues—among other animal needs. Support from generous donors via Friends of PACC helps alleviate some or all of the costs to a family that may not have enough to support their pet. Friends of PACC must be involved in raising substantial funds at every opportunity, and what better way than through

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## Canine Body Language; Fear and Calming Signals

Story by Jeremy Brown, *The Complete Canine*

While walking with our canine family members, many of us encounter other dogs whose handlers would like their dogs to greet and socialize. Often, this seemingly simple situation can quickly escalate and can even lead to aggression or worse. The ability to read canine body language from both your dog and those they encounter can be that game changer that sets them up for success. Many people understand what a wagging tail means or when the hackles stand (piloerection), but let's look at the things that are not common knowledge, like the different ways canines show stress or that they are uncomfortable. Without words, our furry family members can tell us how they are feeling and what's even more impressive is their ability to read other canines!

Self-calming signals are things that dogs show when they are stressed and a way of self-soothing that takes their stress levels down in various situations. The Big Four Signals that I think are the most important and most overlooked are: yawning, licking their lips or nose, shaking off their whole body (like they are shaking off water after a bath), and scratching.



When a dog sleeps many hours a day and is yawning, it usually indicates something is stressing them out. If not remedied, it could turn into a fight or flight situation. Many canines do this when visiting their veterinarian's office or in other stressful situations. One of my dogs exhibited this when she was near a car and when getting into a car. With the practice that desensitized her to this, she now happily jumps into the car stress-free. Licking their lips or nose when food is not present is another common way dogs show that they are nervous or stressed. Shaking in an excessive way, like they just got out of the water, can be their way to relieve stress as well. One of my dogs often does this when another dog barks or growls; he shakes off the stress instead of reacting! Scratching at their collar or a spot that's not related to itching can also indicate stress or fear. Many people can misinterpret these signs, however, with a better understanding of canine behavior, you can set your pup up for success by understanding and anticipating their needs. I like to teach my clients to notice these behaviors so they can evaluate the best way to train through these situations.

The more educated we are as handlers and teammates for our canine companions, the better equipped we will be when we find ourselves in a tricky or dangerous situation. Being a voice and advocate for your dog when they cannot verbalize can change the outcome of their lives. Reading other dogs' behavior can also help you make educated decisions and set your dog up for success when interacting with others.



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Definitions:



**Calming Signals:** A term conceived by Norwegian dog trainer and canine ethologist, Turid Rugaas to describe the patterns of behavior used by dogs when interacting with each other in environments that cause heightened stress and when conveying their desires or intentions.

**Desensitizing:** to make (a sensitized or hypersensitive individual) insensitive or nonreactive to a sensitizing agent. 2: to make emotionally insensitive or callous specifically: to extinguish an emotional response (as of fear, anxiety, or guilt) to stimuli that formerly induced it.

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# Special Feature

## Give Your Dog The Gift Of A Sniff Walk

Story & Photos Provided by Alison Martin, Animal Soul Connection



Imagine going on a long-anticipated walk, through beautiful scenery after you have been cooped up in the same place all day, but you have been fitted with a blindfold and are being dragged along at a quick pace. This is how dogs may feel when we don't allow them time to stop and sniff the environment.

Dogs “see” the world through their olfactory (smell) senses. It's how they collect and process information and make sense of the world. The part of your dog's brain that analyzes smells is 40 times bigger than ours. Sniffing is about information gathering for our dogs,

but it's also stress-reducing. Providing your dog with opportunities to sniff and explore more can give your dog a more enriching life.

Taking away an opportunity for sniffing on a walk is not in their best interests and as much as physical exercise is important, the mental stimulation that sniffing provides is equally, if not more important



Studies have shown that allowing dogs to spend time sniffing provides many benefits such as

- promoting calmness
- lowering stress and anxiety levels
- preventing cognitive decline
- providing mental stimulation and enrichment

Make time for a slow “sniffing walk”, where your dog is allowed to decide which direction to go and allowed to simply be “nosey” and follow wherever their nose leads them. It may take far more time and patience as we wait for them to finish smelling that blade of grass, but the benefits are well worth it. The sniff walk also encourages your dog to make some choices for herself (himself) which is part of mental exercise—keep in mind what we deem as

a good smell versus a bad smell, is not the same for dogs. Allowing your dog to take a few extra minutes to check out what they are smelling on your sniff walk is a wonderful gift for your dog!

The sniff walk does not need to be long in

distance if your dog is captivated by smells right near your house, as the idea is to encourage your dog to sniff away at what draws their interest.

So on your next walk with your dog, plan on taking it slow and encouraging your dog to sniff (without judgment) and explore these smells to his or her heart's content. If you only make it to the end of your block but it took thirty minutes because of all of the stopping and smelling, keep in mind that your dog is exercising important parts of the body—the brain and nose.

In addition, quietly watching your dog as their nose takes the lead can be eye-opening and enriching for you as you notice the little things your dog pays attention to that you previously would have walked past. Enjoy this opportunity for quiet bonding time with your dog!

Alison Martin is the Founder of Animal Soul Connection. Email [alison@animalsoulconnection.com](mailto:alison@animalsoulconnection.com) or visit [www.animalsoulconnection.com](http://www.animalsoulconnection.com)



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# From the Director's Desk

## Improving The Lives Of Our Furry Friends *Plus* An Update on Barb the Shar Pei's Miraculous Recovery!

Story and Photos Provided by Steve Farley CEO, Humane Society of Southern Arizona

As we look ahead to cooler weather, it's a good time to reflect on all the great things our volunteers and staff have been doing to help pets and the people who love them all summer long. Here are just a few of the ways we have been improving the lives of our furry friends.



New Adoption at HSSA's New Thrift Store

HSSA's Special Dogs of Tucson program helps our longest-term residents with a much-needed outing away from their kennels in hopes of meeting their new forever families at HSSA's Thrift Store. In July, we installed a beautiful, cool, clean – and fun – group of rooms inside our store that will make visiting with these adoptable dogs more comfortable and accessible for all eastside residents looking for a new best friend.

This Lego-inspired structure was handbuilt by HSSA staff, volunteers, and our creative architectural team. You've never seen anything else like it outside of a toy store – with this new, dedicated space we will be able to showcase older adoptable dogs at the store four days a week. Another wing of this purple-and-white structure houses the lifesaving weekly low-cost vaccination clinic each Wednesday from 2 PM-4:30 PM.

You read that right – you can now donate your used items, shop thrift store treasures, meet adoptable dogs, and keep your pets up to date with life-saving vaccines – all at the Humane Society of Southern Arizona's eastside hub located at 1010 S. Wilmot Rd - just north of 22nd St. This is just the first step toward what's next, as we gather the resources to open up a full-service shelter and clinic at this location a few years from now.



Barb's Adoption Day

We are always looking for new eastside volunteers to help support these growing expansions. From clothes sorting to dog walking to pricing merchandise, there is plenty to do at HSSA and we would love to have you join our family of volunteers. To inquire about eastside volunteer opportunities please email [volunteer@hssaz.org](mailto:volunteer@hssaz.org).

Here's some more exciting news: HSSA's longest-term resident – Barb – was adopted over the summer! We are overjoyed and know you would be too. You may remember that Barb is an adorable Shar Pei mix who originally came to HSSA with a severe and life-threatening skin condition that left her in unbearable pain. After months in recovery, she moved to the adoption floor and spent over 375 days waiting to meet her new family. Throughout it all, she never lost her sweet and loving spirit. She makes loving eye contact to communicate how grateful she is. HSSA's staff and volunteers were totally surprised as her stay lingered on.

We treat our shelter pets as if they were our own – Barb received so much love from dedicated volunteers and staff each day. She visited our thrift store numerous times and was hanging out at HSSA's PAWSH Adoption and Retail Center at Park Place Mall when her lucky day finally arrived. Barb's new family absolutely adores her and has already sent us multiple updates and photos showing her blossoming in her new home.

This happy ending is only possible thanks to donors in our local community who support our mission to compassionately serve pets and the people who love them - for however long it takes. HSSA is committed to finding homes and

will never make difficult choices based on space or length of stay. Barb is one of the over 5,000 pets that receive this sustaining care each year. You can join us in our mission by becoming a monthly donor now at [www.hssaz.org/donate](http://www.hssaz.org/donate).



Lastly, I wanted to share an exciting upcoming event - our 24th annual Puttin' on the Dog Gala is happening this fall! Join us on September 24th at

Oro Valley's El Conquistador Hilton Resort for a one-of-a-kind night with a totally fun theme: Biscuits and Bourbon! This dinner and program with live and silent auctions will bring pet lovers together for a night of special stories, entertainment from the legendary Bobby D., and more. This year's theme also allowed us to add on an amazing pre-event experience for an exclusive group of people like you – a Bourbon Tasting event with an official bourbon guide. These tickets are limited – they are on sale now so don't wait

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Proceeds from our annual gala support HSSA's programs and operations, with a special focus on the most vulnerable pets residing in our Second Chance Medical Unit. This includes dogs like Barb who need extra medical attention and lengthy healing before moving to the adoption floor. Join us to hear some of these amazing stories and how you can help. Tickets are on sale now - purchase before September 19th at [www.hssaz.org/pod](http://www.hssaz.org/pod) and check out the online silent auction at the same time to participate without even leaving your home!



Steve Farley with dogs



There's plenty of need in our community and plenty to do at HSSA to meet those needs with numerous programs and initiatives that compassionately serve pets and the people who love them. **So, how would you join us and get involved?** HSSA

Here's wishing you a healthy and joyful fall season in Southern Arizona.



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# Special Feature

## Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue and Education

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos Courtesy of Cressi Brown

The title of this publication implies a focus on warm-blooded animals, but we would never dream of excluding cold-blooded ones. What do warm and cold-blooded even mean though? Technically they are misnomers. In reality, dogs fall into the endothermic category, while snakes, for example, fall into the category of ectothermic. One produces heat from within, while the other gets it from an outside source. Here at The Tucson Dog, we believe reptiles and amphibians deserve warmth and love too, and Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue and Education (SARRE) is here to give them a second chance while educating our communities about these fabulous creatures.



Minerva, the Reticulated Python

SARRE founder and director Cressi Brown started the organization with the goal of making it as fun, informative, and educational as possible. Since opening to the public in 2018, securing 501c3 nonprofit status in 2019, and becoming a nationwide phenomenon, it is safe to say that SARRE has met and surpassed that goal. That hasn't stopped Cressi and around twenty other volunteers from continuing to dream big and widen this safety net for reptiles and amphibians all over the country.

Cressi Brown has had a lifelong love for all things scaly. She recalls begging for a pet alligator at the age of 4 and eventually settling for a caiman a few years later. As an adult, realizing the plight of so many reptiles taken on by people who underestimate their eventual size, or how specialized their needs are, Cressi knew she had to take up for them.

Currently, SARRE houses around 100 reptiles and amphibians, including fosters and community ambassadors, and over the course of their operation, they have rehomed 800-900 of them. The group does not, however, take the housing and rehoming of these animals lightly. The needs of various captive reptiles and amphibians can look as diverse as they do, and not everyone has the capacity to give them what they need. For this reason, SARRE works carefully with potential adopters, asking for pictures of habitats and enclosures before finalizing any adoption. Impulse adoptions are a big problem in any rescue, so education is key as well.



Rosy, the Pied Veiled Chameleon

Reptiles and amphibians can be incredibly fragile. Because they are often ultra-specialized to their specific native habits, some fail to thrive at all in captivity. According to Cressi, chameleons fall into this category. Heartbreakingly, 90% of these easily stressed reptiles don't live past six months old outside of their native environments. The failure of humans to properly care for these species is not necessarily from a place of ill-will or even negligence, but rather a lack of education. This is why the educational aspect of SARRE



Hooper, the Red Eyed Tree Frog

is so important; they offer regular public presentations, as well as bookings at private events, schools, etc., that help to demystify and destigmatize these beautiful animals.

The education and rescue aspects of SARRE are incredibly necessary, not just for the good of these domesticated reptiles, but for the environments they are often unleashed upon when their keepers no longer have the ability or inclination to care for them. This often results in a negative effect on native reptile species as well, as in the case of the Sulcata tortoise here in Southern Arizona. The overbreeding of this Saharan species means many are escaping or being dumped in the Sonoran desert where they compete with our native desert tortoises for food and habitat. It comes as no surprise that these tortoises, who can grow to massive sizes, well over 100 pounds, are some of the most common animals to come through SARRE, who has placed them in six states in the last two months alone. Red Eared slider turtles also come into the rescue in droves and are considered the number one invasive reptile species in the country. SARRE is partnered with several other agencies, such as the Phoenix Herpetological Society, Arizona Game and Fish, and the US Border Patrol, as well as working with the Florida Wildlife Commission Amnesty Program. Florida has a serious invasive reptile problem, most notably with pythons and iguanas, and has recently banned 17 domestic species in response. SARRE receives regular shipments of these animals in an attempt to lift some of the burden.



Sunny, the Baby Bearded Dragon

Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue has a wide-reaching impact and continues to grow its scope, but they can still use all the helping hands they can get. Operating predominantly out of volunteer households, the group has no dedicated site as of yet. Discouraged after a potential property in Picture Rocks fell through at the last minute, Cressi continues to search for the perfect forever home for the organization. In the meantime, they continue their good work. Cressi recalls a favorite example of SARRE's public impact. One day, while setting up at a local senior center, she was approached by a tiny wizened woman who informed Cressi that she was 104 years old and did not like reptiles, but had nothing better to do that day. By the end of the presentation, the woman was happily holding a snake, and begging her friends to take photos. "This is nothing like what I expected." She told Cressi. This just shows that it's never too late in life to learn tolerance and acceptance.



Toddles Monkeybutt the Third (Todd), the Monkey Tailed Skink

For more information on this wonderful organization, or volunteer, donation, foster, or adoption opportunities, go to [Cressi.ueniweb.com](http://Cressi.ueniweb.com)



# Longest Stays: Too Many Dog Days



## Sid

**15 months  
In shelter/  
foster care**

*Lucy's Hope  
Sanctuary &  
Rescue*

**It's Sid,  
everyone's  
favorite super**

**dog, who after more than a year is incredibly still looking for a place to call his forever home! What makes sharp-dressed-man Sid so awesome that you should consider adopting him? Well, let's ask him!**

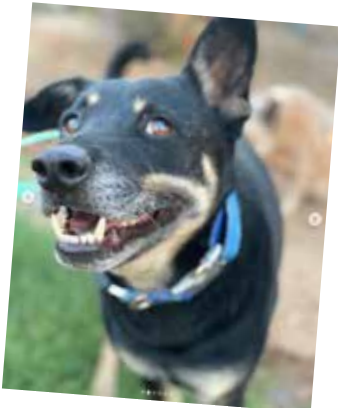
**Age:** I'm 7 years young, so don't be fooled by what appears to be a light dusting of powdered sugar on my muzzle. It's always been there.

**Weight:** A svelte 45lbs, the perfect size!

**Breed:** Handsome and adorable, but likely a herding breed

**Special Needs:** I'm generally considered low maintenance, but I'll need a little patience and understanding initially.

**Description:** I am a chillaxer who tends to go with the flow. I enjoy the company of other dogs (big and small), and like it when visitors arrive. When it comes to kids, I don't have much experience, so my foster recommends older, respectful kiddos who can understand that I'm an independent dude. I like having toys in my crate but most of the time they inexplicably end up going POOF! You might say I'm enthusiastic about them. Looking for someone to spend the day being a lounge lizard with? I'm your man! Up for a walk or a little adventure? I got this! Out in public, I tend to take on a rock star persona and become a tad aloof with the adoring crowds, but at home I absolutely cannot wait to spend time with you! I dance up to new friends and give them sniffs, the occasional kiss, and ask for pets (although fast movements can still make me jump). I wish I could say that's all you need to know about me, but I do have one minor pitfall: I have marked indoors on occasion (it's a guy thing, and at least I don't scratch my balls in public!). While it's rare anymore for me to scent, once I get used to my new home and have a routine, my foster says I should do much better, especially with a little corrective training and patience on your part. Other than that, I ROCK, and I promise you won't regret the decision to make me part of the family!!!!!! Please give me a chance!



## Nia

**296 days  
In shelter**

*ID#909788  
at Humane  
Society of  
Southern  
Arizona*

**Have you been  
waiting for the**

**next addition to your family? I could be the one!**

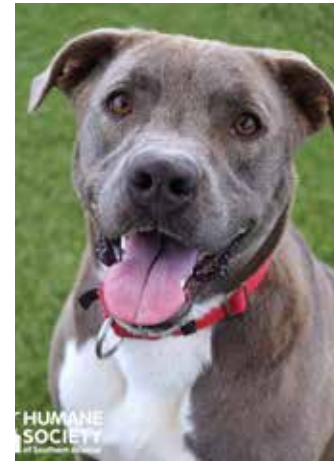
**Age:** I'm only 1 years old, so while I might not look it due to my size and athletic frame, I'm practically still a babe in arms.

**Weight:** 53 lbs of happiness

**Breed:** A stunning pibble! (Pit + Adorable = Pibble)

**Special Needs:** None!

**Description:** Noted for having a playful spirit, I love spending my boundless energy frolicking and learning new tricks. On top of my amazing agility and quick learning skills, I'm also a social butterfly! I just can't help myself from flitting around as a frequent member of HSSA play groups. While I enjoy being in the thick of it, my discerning tastes force me to admit that I would prefer to meet any resident dogs in your humble abode before coming home with them. I'm not stuck up or anything or even an elitist, it's just how I roll. On another note, if you want to beat the summer heat with me, I have a plan of action: I simply adore running after the hose and hanging out in the splash pad, so perhaps you'll join me for a cool-down session on sultry afternoons? Cutting to the chase, my playful spirit, good looks and charm will be an incredible addition to any home! Come check me out before I'm swooped up by some other lucky duck with an eye for perfection (I'm really not a snob, I swear).



## Chapi

**256 days in  
Shelter**

*ID#887047  
at Humane  
Society of  
Southern  
Arizona*

**Sharp as a tack  
and smart as a  
scholar, I'm an**

**incredible chap-ette, to be sure!**

**Age:** I'm 2 years young, so practically a pup still!

**Weight:** 52 lbs of brilliance

**Breed:** A gorgeous milk-chocolate-brown part pitbull part AMAZING!

**Special Needs:** None, I'm perfection!

**Description:** I'm described as a devoted friend who grew up in a Spanish-speaking home, so, yes, entiendo Español as well! To date, I have mastered several commands like sit, down, watch me, and shake, but I would love to work on even more to get my master's degree in communications! While I adore humans, I'm a bit of a spotlight hog (I didn't say diva!) and am looking to be the one and only shining star in my future forever home. Once you get to know me, you'll see what an incredible companion I can be and will want to gush on and on about my incredibleness to all of your friends. In fact, you'll have so much to say about me your friends will probably get sick of hearing about my awesomeness. Once they meet me, though, they'll want to fawn all over me, too! Please consider meeting me so we can close the deal soon!!! As kind and caring as they are here, I'm over it.

## Bunny - 175 days in Shelter

*ID#907160 at Humane Society of Southern Arizona*

**Bouncy, bubbly, and cute as a button, that's me — and, no, I'm not overselling myself. I just believe there's nothing wrong with tooting my own horn (I'm really THAT special)!**

**Age:** I'm 2 years young.

**Weight:** 40 lbs packed into a dainty little athlete

**Breed:** I'm a darling pibble mix, thank you very much!

**Special Needs:** None, well except that I need a lot of love, affection and TREATS!

**Description:** Far more petite than you can possibly imagine, I'm a dainty little lady with a larger-than-life personality that must be met in person to be fully appreciated (for all of my awesomeness and splendor). My favorite things in life, however, belie my magnificent personality and include far less fanfare like visiting parks to roll in the grass, playing tug of war, and, of course, testing out new treats! While the former might seem relatively mundane, the latter is high on my daily to-do list, so let's get that out there right up front. Remember, finely-tuned athletes such as myself need to make up those spent calories somehow. Sure to fall in love with me due to — well, me being me, come see me in a meet and greet yard. But I warn you, you'd better be ready to play and be prepared to fall in love immediately! I'm not fooling around. Won't you take me home so I can brighten up your life?







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- Group homes
- Residential Treatment Centers
- Schools
- And other Shelter Facilities
- Libraries

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The B.A.A.R.K program aims to improve a child's confidence, trust, empathy, and emotional development by reading to a dog. The program operates in schools that serve at-risk children. Therapy teams visit a school weekly, seeing three to four children individually during a one-hour session - to improve reading skills, comprehension and speed, as well as help develop core social behaviors. The sessions have a 12-16 week duration. Therapy teams receive Sunshine Animal training, materials and support specific to this program.

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# Special Feature

## Furmergencies - CPR & First Aid.

## YOU are the pet's first responder. Do you know what to do?

Story and photos by The Frontline Coalition



Instructors Kate and Malinda at Pet Tech CPR class

So, you think you might know how to perform Pet CPR?

"We hear it all the time, 'I know CPR,'" says instructor Kate Klasen of The Frontline Coalition. But do they? Pet CPR is similar to what you'd perform on a human being, but there are significant differences. The size of the animal, the techniques, and the hand placements that are used are all different. Klasen and Master Instructor Malinda Malone teach as The Frontline Coalition. In their professional capacity they demonstrate first aid and CPR for people, but they also teach it for dogs and cats through Pet Tech, an international program used by Homeland Security and the Transportation Security Administration. The program is also the designated Pet CPR and First Aid Training source for the majority of pet care professional organizations in the country.

Pet Tech was originally developed by Thom Somes in 1997 after realizing there were no in-person training classes available to interested parties. After many years of training and research, Thom and his wife Cindy created the Pet Tech curriculum, which follows the American Veterinary Medical Association's guidelines and training.

Any number of unforeseen circumstances can result in the need for CPR – such as choking, poison, trauma, or even allergic reactions. In the human world, we're told to call 911 and then start performing CPR or administering first aid. We don't have 911 for pets, making US the first responders. When Klasen's five-pound dog started choking one day, she knew the Heimlich Maneuver from teaching human CPR but didn't know exactly how to apply it to her pet. While she was ultimately able to save her, she realized it wasn't enough just to know the life-saving techniques applied to people. She needed to know more. Now you can, too.

Any pet parent or pet professional should have the knowledge that could allow them to stabilize a pet in an emergency, giving them the precious time needed to get to a vet. That includes pet sitters, dog walkers, and anyone working at a non-veterinarian-related boarding facility, among other groups. "It's important to know what to do in an emergency and have some muscle

memory from practicing hands-on CPR," notes Klasen. "Taking a class in person is ideal for having someone readily available to answer your questions and assist you with proper technique, assuring you that you're performing each maneuver correctly."

Kate and Malinda are both former first responders teaching from personal experience. Classes utilize stuffed dogs & canine mannequins to learn proper hand placement and how to do compressions.

To bring more realism to the classes, the women include their dogs (when they are able to) to demonstrate where to feel for a pulse, allowing trainees to actually find and feel it on a live animal. The instruction covers an array of emergency situations, including bleeding, seizures, heatstroke, choking,

and so many more instances that would require an immediate response. "An online course offers the instruction of CPR and first aid but doesn't allow for the benefit of 'feel' and 'hands-on' that an in-person class provides in real time," Klasen adds.



Pet Tech class in session

Pet Tech currently has two courses available. The Pet CPR/First Aid course is a 6.5-hour class, and the Pet Saver course is an 8-hour class with additional information covering geriatric care and dental. Both courses have a 2-year certification accredited through Pet Tech. Master Instructor Malone teaches a 3-day Instructor Course for those who wish to become Pet Tech Instructors. The Frontline Coalition has traveled nationally, training new pet responders and instructors besides conducting their classes locally.

Additionally, they also stress the importance of having a first aid kit on hand for your pet. "You want to be able to react quickly as opposed to searching for supplies while in the middle of an emergency," Malone points out. The two have first aid kits that they've put together available at their classes, as well as supplies that you may want to add to an existing kit. Having a well-stocked first aid kit is something many pet parents or pet professionals don't always think of until there is an emergency!

Emergency preparedness is critical, as being prepared is priceless when time is not on your side. If you would like to learn more or find a class near you, visit [TheFrontlineCoalition.com](http://TheFrontlineCoalition.com) for class schedules or [www.pettech.net](http://www.pettech.net) for additional information.

For further options, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona offers a pet safety and first aid course that includes CPR for dogs and cats, with an in-person class coming up on September 10. Contact [zharvey@hssaz.org](mailto:zharvey@hssaz.org) or call 520-327-6088, ext. 138, to learn more.



Malinda Malone and students at Pet tech class



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