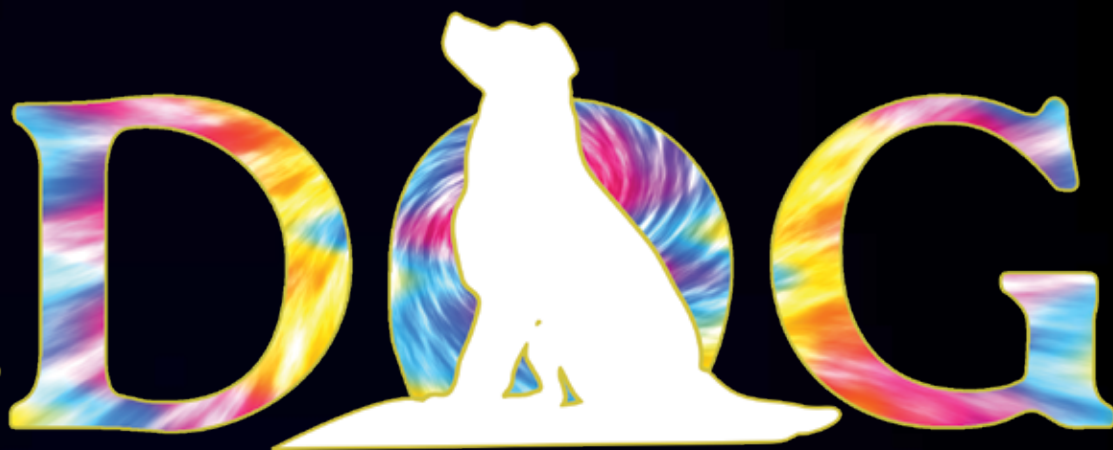


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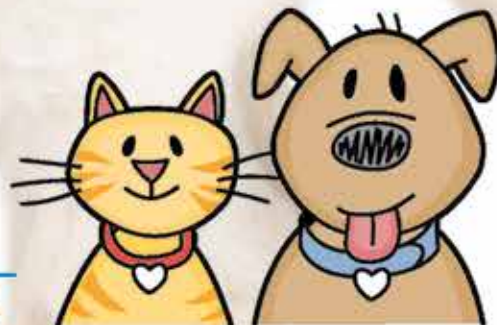


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# The Leader of the Pack Speaks



Dear Readers and Friends,

Spring is more welcome than ever! I'm very excited for our upcoming Woofstock Adopt-A-Thon. It's being held at Trail Dust Town 6541 E Tanque Verde Rd, Sunday, March 26th, 10am-3pm. It's a full day of PEACE, LOVE & ADOPTIONS for the whole family! There will be lots of lovable dogs for adoption, music provided by Jacob Acosta, contests, prizes, games, demos, food - provided by Pinnacle Peak, lots of vendors, and Groovy Fun for all ages. This year we'll have a lot more room for fun and games! Trail Dust Town is providing Train Rides, a Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel Rides for kids and Panning for Gold. Be sure to look for a hidden treasure and win a free prize! We look forward to seeing all of you in your best tie-dye and bell-bottoms and be sure to dress up your furry friends and enter some contests and win some prizes.

I'm so proud of our Woofstock Cover Dog Winner FRANK. He's just a pup traveling across the country to Tucson, helping celebrate his new parents wedding and meeting his new big/little brother Pepper. Frank is a whopping 90 lbs at 8 months old and what a goofy and happy gent he is.

Spring not only brings us beautiful weather, it always brings many celebrations to choose from. To mention just a few... Saint Patrick's Day, Easter (check out our Easter Egg Hunt for the Dogs Article), Women's History Month, World Music Day, April Fools Day, Earth Day, and a couple of The Tucson Dog Lovers favorites are National Hug your Dog Day, and National Puppy Day!

In this issue we bring you PACC's update on all that they have accomplished and how our community has been of service. You will read about service dog training, health and wellness for your pets, where to go to lounge around with adoptable kitty cats and an article that's for the birds! I hope everyone takes advantage of the beautiful weather this Spring and gets some exercise with your furry friends. As the temperature rises, don't forget the dog booties and I'll see you at Woofstock!

Peace, Love & Joy,

Heather McShea  
Owner, Publisher & Editor



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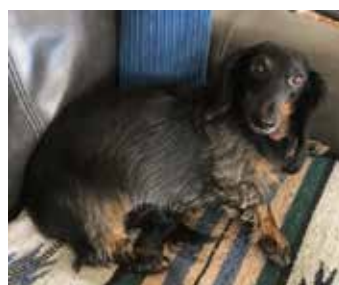
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# Acupuncture, A Sought-Out Alternative Therapy Now More Than Ever

Story by Alison Martin, Founder of Animal Soul Connection

When it comes to our pets, there is likely nothing we wouldn't do to keep them from experiencing pain or discomfort. Many pet owners are looking for alternative methods for their pets and acupuncture tends to be a sought-out therapy now more than ever.

The history of acupuncture for animals is rooted in traditional Chinese medicine, which has been practiced for thousands of years.

In North America, acupuncture as an organized form of veterinary medicine has been in existence since approximately 1975, when the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) was founded.

The goal of acupuncture is to promote the body to balance and heal itself by inserting very small needles into specific points along the body. These acupoints are tiny areas on the skin that contain concentrated nerve endings, blood vessels, and lymphatics. The acupoints course along the body in specific energy paths called meridians and when stimulated release the body's natural anti-inflammatory hormones as well as pain relief hormones, such as endorphins.



Insertion of an acupuncture needle

During treatment, multiple points will be stimulated to take advantage of synergism between the points or to treat multiple issues at the same time. Some of the benefits of acupuncture for animals include:

- **Pain relief:** Acupuncture is known to be an effective method of pain relief, particularly for pets with chronic pain conditions such as osteoarthritis, hip dysplasia, and other conditions that can cause pain and mobility issues.
- **Improved mobility:** Acupuncture can help improve mobility by reducing pain and inflammation in affected joints.
- **Improved digestion:** Acupuncture can help with gastrointestinal issues, such as constipation and diarrhea, by regulating the digestive system.
- **Anxiety and stress relief:** Acupuncture can help reduce anxiety and stress by promoting relaxation and balance in the body.
- **Improved skin health:** Acupuncture can help improve skin conditions such as allergies and itching by regulating the immune system.

- **Enhanced overall wellness:** Acupuncture is also believed to improve overall wellness by promoting balance and harmony in the body.
- **Cancer side effects:** Acupuncture is often used to help improve energy and reduce pain, nausea and loss of appetite associated with cancer or cancer treatments.
- **Hormonal or metabolic conditions:** Dogs who suffer from hormonal conditions like Cushing's syndrome, hypothyroidism, diabetes mellitus or Addison's disease may find relief through acupuncture. Dogs with liver or kidney disease may also experience benefits.



Dog receiving acupuncture treatment

Your veterinarian will decide how often your dog should receive acupuncture treatments. In general, acupuncture sessions are scheduled more closely together in the beginning. As your dog begins to feel better, sessions will likely be spaced out further apart.

If your dog is receiving acupuncture for an acute problem, such as healing after surgery or an illness or injury, they may only need a few sessions. If they're being treated for a chronic condition, such as arthritis, then they may need ongoing treatment to alleviate pain. It may take a few sessions for you to see benefits in your dog, or you may see improvement right away. In general, a minimum of three sessions are recommended to judge effectiveness.



**Only a properly trained veterinarian should perform acupuncture on animals due to the differences in anatomy, and the potential for harm if the treatments are done incorrectly.**

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

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### Sat. March 4, 11am-2pm Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary Petco Adoption Event

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### Sat. March 4, 10am-2pm Camp Bow Wow Grand Opening!

Family-friendly community event with live music, food, fun activities, & a raffle benefitting PACC to celebrate the opening of our Tucson East doggy daycare. Location: 7810 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85710. (520) 742-6476

### Sat. March 4, 11am-2pm Park Place Mall Reptile Adoption Event with the Southern Arizona Reptile Rescue & Education

View adoptable reptiles & talk with team members about adopting a scaly new friend. We're set up at the north end of the food court. Text/call (808) 747-6445, or email SoAZReptileRescue@yahoo.com

### Sat. March 4, 10:30am-2pm Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart

The 1st Saturday of each month we will be at the PetSmart at Orange Grove & River with adoptable pets. 3850 W. River Rd, Tucson 85741

### Sat. March 4, 10am-12pm Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue Playdate in the Park

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### Sat. March 4, 11am-2pm Humane Society of S. Arizona Pups in the Plaza Adoption Event

Visit PAWSH Park Place at 5870 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85711 to meet your new best friend. Adoptable dogs will be available outside of the Victoria's Secret Store. Get 25% off all PAWSH Merchandise with your adoption.

### Sun. March 5, 8am-10am Humane Society of S. Arizona Pet Food Assistance Distribution

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### Wed. March 8, 8am-8:30am Animal League of Green Valley Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

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### Sun. March 12, 12pm-3pm SACR Kitten Shower Dillinger Brewing Company

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### Mon. March. 13-16, 9am-4pm Humane Amigos Camp for Pets & the Kids Who Love Them

Spring Break Camp Week 1 for kids ages 6-12. Camp gives children a new perspective on caring for animals, preventing animal cruelty, understanding animal behavior, & more. [hssaz.org/event/spring-break-camp-week-1/](http://hssaz.org/event/spring-break-camp-week-1/)

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### Sun. March 26, 10am-3pm Tucson Dog Magazine's Annual WOOFstock Adopt-a-Thon

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Program provides children the opportunity to have a positive impact on the lives of shelter pets while building confidence & improving reading skills. For ages 5-17. \$5 635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705 [hssaz.org/event/paws-pages-literacy-program-2/](http://hssaz.org/event/paws-pages-literacy-program-2/)

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### Sat. April 22, 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. April 29, 10am-2pm Moon & Stars Animal Rescue Feline Adoption Event at PetSmart

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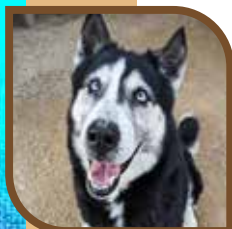
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**PRINCESS** ID#A773276

I arrived at PACC in June 2022 & everyone keeps telling me they don't know why I'm still here! I'm 6 y/o, out of the puppy phase, & my favorite people describe me as a friendly, easygoing, & gentle girl who's "not in a rush to get places." I shared my kennel with a younger, rambunctious male, & I'd like to meet any new roomies before going home!



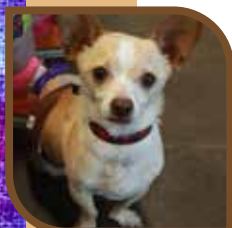
**WRANGLER** ID#A800072

I'm a big, beautiful 3 y/o Husky that volunteers describe as a "mellow gentle giant." I enjoy playing, sniffing, & a good walk. Like any Husky, I can be a bit independent, but I sit nicely for treats & enjoy getting some love, too!

**Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary**

**Application: <https://cherishedtails.weebly.com>**

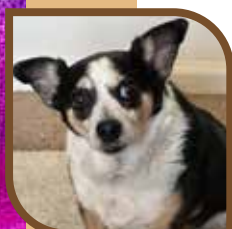
**<https://form.jotform.com/cherishedtails/dog-application>**



**BUDDY**

I'm an 8 y/o Chihuahua that weighs 9-10 lbs. I think me & my stellar personality could fit into lots of different types of family situations!

I do have Valley Fever (low titre but still require medication) & have had some past mobility issues. I've made a ton of progress with alternative therapies, though, & I have a wheelchair to help me when I need it. Ask about my potty habits.



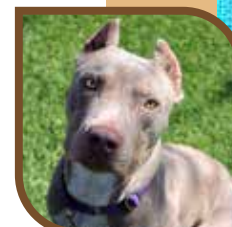
**MACY**

I'm an 8 y/o Chihuahua whose foster says I'm the sweetest candy bar on the market! I enjoy having my ears scratched & sitting on the couch with my foster sibs. I also love having my own kennel, especially if it's nice & cozy, & I'm not afraid to be home alone! I'm pretty good on a leash & getting the hang of my potty routine. I have to take some medicine for a couple medical issues I have that costs about \$50 a month.

**Humane Society of Southern Arizona**

**Main Campus: 520-327-6088 ext. 173.**

**Meet: 635 West Roger Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705**



**ORCHID** ID: 923920

I'm a 1.6-year-old girl who's as gentle as my name suggests. A beautiful Pit Bull mix, I love bounding around the play yards with my stuffed animals, but can't wait to prance around a home of my own. HSSA recommend you call an adoptions counselor to learn more about me. Fee: \$90 Meet: 635 W. Roger Rd. Tucson 85705



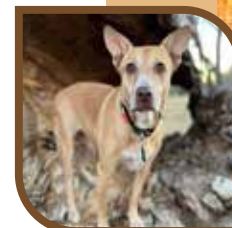
**KYLER** ID: 922121

Hello! I'm Kyler, an adorable 7 y/o boy who loves to visit HSSA Thrift Store through the Special Dogs of Tucson program. I have an irresistible face, wouldn't you agree? If so, come meet me! Learn more by calling an adoption counselor today!! Fee: \$60 Meet: PAWSH Park Place Mall 5870 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson 85711 or 520-327-6088 ext. 173.



**LOLA** ID: 921042

I'm a 3 y/o social butterfly cattle dog that loves car rides & all people I meet. My red hair & chestnut eyes do look rather fetching on me, don't you think? Speaking of fetch, let's play! Call a HSSA adoptions counselor to learn more about me. Fee: \$90 Meet: 635 W. Roger Rd. Tucson 85705 or call 520-327-6088 ext. 173.



**PATSY** ID: 916441

I'm a 6 y/o girl that loves all other creatures, including horses, burros, goats, pigs, & sheep. I'm currently spending time with a foster family on a ranch. I've really come out of my shell now that I'm away from the shelter. Could I be your new sidekick? Fee: Free Meet: 635 W. Roger Rd. Tucson 85705 or 520-327-6088 ext. 173.

**The Animal League of Green Valley**

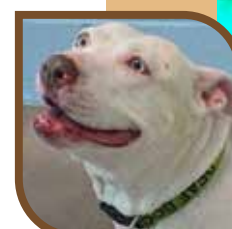
**Adoption fee: \$85.**

**TALGV (Appointments 10-2, daily) 520-625-3170**



**SUNSHINE**

I'm an affectionate & friendly Staffie-mix lady that loves adults but I'd rather not live with kids. I'm crate trained, house trained, enjoy attention, & will follow several commands, but I can be especially possessive with my stuffed animals. Please think about letting me into your life!



**BELLA GIRL**

I'm a good-natured 9 y/o Staffie-mix lady who's deaf but TALGV will provide vet care support for my lifetime! I like daily walks & frequent visits to the thrift store to meet new friends. My owner could no longer keep me, so I'm looking for a new person to love. Will it be you?



# El Jefe Cat Lounge and Soon to be Cafe!

Story and Photos by Bonnie Craig

On a sunny winter afternoon a tortoiseshell cat basks contentedly in the light shafting in through a large window emblazoned with the distinct logo of El Jefe Cat Lounge. Upon entering, a bright little foyer separated by decorative screens features cat toys of all shapes and sizes, accessories, and apparel, as well as a chest of local ice cream and various fancy soft drinks. After paying



Thistle ready to greet her visitors

the 12 dollars per hour admission fee, you'll be given a pouch of cat treats and welcomed to the inner sanctum of the lounge.

It's as if you have entered the living room of a quirky and creative friend. Vibrant artwork and murals decorate the walls, complemented by more natural light. Soft velvet furniture and mosaic tiles further embellish the space. Now let

us dispense with the antiquated and derogatory term, "crazy cat person", and instead refer to this hypothetical friend as an "eccentric cat enthusiast", because the cats are certainly the most important feature of this lovely space, all 35 of them...

Tiffany Lee may never have thought she would find herself the steward of such a pride of little lions on the day she missed the appointment for her real estate licensing exam, and distraught, headed south from Chandler to Tucson, seeking the comfort and cuddles of her daughter's cat. Yes, the cat. Of course she enjoyed her daughter as well, and an idea began to formulate. She had been impressed with La Gattara (it does mean crazy cat lady in Italian, but we'll overlook that) Cat Cafe in Phoenix and the win-win service it provided to humans and cats. Being an entrepreneur herself, she thought, why not give something like that a try in Tucson? It would provide her daughter with a job while she went to college, as well as a business Tiffany could grow to support herself as well as the kitties it would house.



Thistle giving a guided tour

She came up with the name El Jefe Cat Lounge in a nod to the Jaguar of the same name, first to be seen in the wild in the US since the death of another male Jaguar, Macho B. in 2009. She found the perfect space and remodeled it herself, bringing that big cat energy to the opening celebration on Halloween 2019, but she could never have known what an inauspicious time it was to open a business.

After only four months in operation, the Lounge had to shut down, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Disheartened,



Grooming and play don't have to be mutually exclusive!

but refusing defeat, Tiffany shifted gears again, hauling her sewing machine into the closed lounge and beginning to sew cloth face masks. Despite the inability to accommodate the public, the space could still serve cats, so in a



The lovely lady, Caramel

comical twist, (What could be better than a bunch of kittens in a sewing shop?) she welcomed a group of them from New Mexico. During this time, adoptions could still happen, but by appointment only, and with the proper precautions. Somehow, Tiffany was able to weather the storm, and by the time COVID restrictions were lifted, the lounge was ready to resume business. Now partnered with local rescue and 501c3 non-profit, Finally My Forever Home (FMFH), the lounge acts basically as a large foster operation, having found their sweet spot at 35 cats. The cats, as well as their human guests, can roam freely from the cat games area downstairs, to the cat TV area upstairs. At the very top of the suite, the kittens have their own private aerie, where they can engage in their kitten shenanigans without incurring the wrath of the older cats. This separation is also important as they await or recover from spay/neuter surgeries, as well as the fact that it isn't until 6 months of age when SNAP tests are administered. These tests screen for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), feline leukemia virus (FeLV), and feline heartworm (FHW). This way, El Jefe can provide the safest and most fun environment for everyone as they await adoption.

During its relatively short tenure, El Jefe has facilitated a remarkable 415 adoptions (at the time of this writing). All of these adoptions go through the FMFH rescue, as would be the case in most rescue/foster situations. Cats of various needs, breeds, abilities and ages have enjoyed El Jefe, as a kind of halfway house on their roads home. Oakley, a gorgeous female blue is a two time survivor of Feline Intestinal Peritonitis (FIP), who is now the picture of health, luxuriously lounging and enjoying her parade of admirers as she awaits her true love. The very worldly Mr. Dudley, a Scottish fold cat from Turkey, went home with Tiffany to receive IV fluids and never left. Munchkin Cat, OZ became best friends with tripod cat, Buttons, the two perfectly suited in play. Even a few cats with wobbly cat syndrome (Cerebellar Hypoplasia), a neurological disorder that causes lack of coordination, have come through the lounge and been adopted.



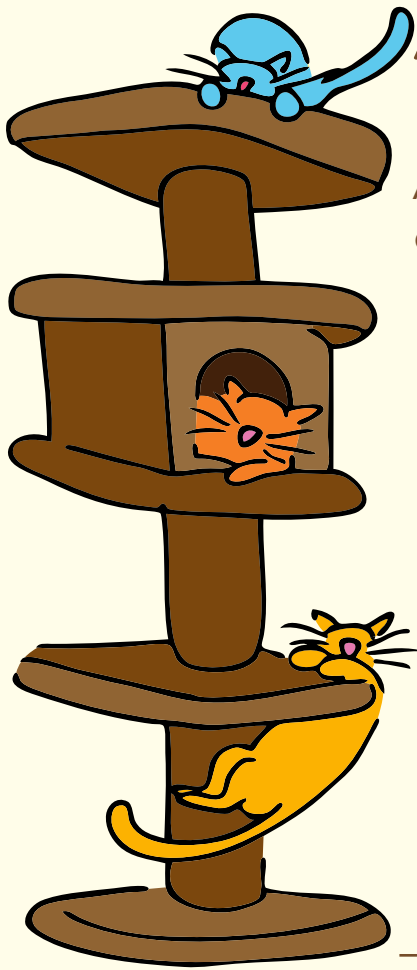
Taking a breather for introspection.



The incredible and resilient Ms. Oakley

The future looks bright for this beautiful ragtag bunch. The lounge will soon be taking over the next door space as well and expanding into a cafe, bringing in even more attention and potential adopters for all of the little Jefes. In the meantime, they host regular events including cat yoga, bingo, and trivia, as well as art shows. El Jefe Cat Lounge is located at 3025 North Campbell in Tucson and is open seven days a week. For more info, go to [eljefecatlounge.com](http://eljefecatlounge.com).





# The Scratching Post: Cats for Adoption

All the cats on this page are available for adoption now.

If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please call the group listed with the picture.

**Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary**  
**5278 E. 21st St., Tucson 85711**  
**www.hermitagecatshelter.org**  
**Adopt app: <https://bit.ly/2Ws7HCG>**



## GENEVRA

Hello Darlings! I'm Genevra. I moved into The Hermitage in 2019 & have snoozed in sunny spots & greeted visitors since. I'm a little lazy, but I'm so cute & friendly that no one gets upset if I don't do any chores. I'm 4 y/o & get along with other cats & love people!



## NOEMI

Come over here! I'm Noemi, & I'm not shy, I thought you all looked interesting & wanted to say hello! I'm a super cute 6.5 y/o who generally just chills out around the shelter. I get on with other kitties, love ear scratches, & just haven't found my forever person yet. Could it be you?

**The Animal League of Green Valley**  
**Adoption fee: \$45, includes vet care support for life.**  
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## RELLA

I'm a 12 y/o Tuxedo girl who spent most of my life with a nice man, but he could no longer keep me. I can be a tiny bit grumpy but would consider being your only pet. Do you have a quiet place where we could live together?



## KITTY POOH

I'm a 16 y/o ticked English/American Hunter guy that came with a house several years ago. I like being brushed, having my head scratched, sleeping on soft chairs, & being the only pet. I'm a bit shy but just need a loving companion to bring me out of my shell a bit. I'd love to meet you!

**Pima Animal Care Center**  
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**Pima Animal Care Center 4000 N. Silverbell Rd.**  
**724-5900 Mon - Fri, 12pm-7pm, Sat/Sun 10am-5pm**



## SHEBA ID#A746169

I'm Sheba, & I'm 9 y/o! I've been living in one of our staff offices & have gained quite a following of fans! Folks think I am extra cute because I often wear a little outfit to keep myself from messing with my itchy skin. I eat a prescribed diet to help me with that. I am super sweet & love to snuggle! Do you?



## DULCE ID#A778429

Dulce means sweet, & that's the perfect name for me! I am still a kitten at 10 m/o, & I was lucky to end up at PACC when I was a tiny kitty because I was very sick when I arrived. I am all better now & looking for a loving home of my own while living in foster.



## SIMON ID#A701041

I'm Simon, & as you can tell from my photo, I am a distinguished gentleman at 10 y/o! I enjoy being with humans & love being petted, brushed, & snuggled. I've lived with cats & dogs & I'm a diabetic that receives injections twice daily. I'm always very cooperative about it. I'm enjoying living in foster but would love to find a forever home!



## MARLEY ID#A790350

I'm a 13 y/o boy looking for a soft landing where I can spend my golden years. I am a very friendly older gentleman who's never met a stranger. I love to sleep in a sunny window & will always remind you when it's time to eat! Up for a cuddle?



## GRIZELA ID#A795791

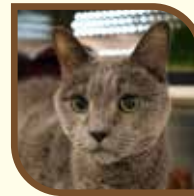
I am a tiny 10 y/o girl looking for a furever home. I lived in foster for a while & my foster said that I am loving & affectionate & that I love belly rubs! I have some chronic GI problems & am looking for a hospice home that will help me finish my bucket list of finding love.

**Humane Society of Southern Arizona**  
**Main Campus: 520-327-6088 ext. 173**  
**Meet: 635 West Roger Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705**



## LITTLE GUY ID: 909039

For a "Little Guy" I'm actually quite hefty. However, at 11 y/o, I'm an adorable guy that loves people & showing off my amazing leash training skills. Meet me today at HSSA Main Campus and we can get to know one another! Fee: \$60



## BEEBER ID: 630089

Not to be confused with The Beibs, I'm a beautiful 14 y/o boy with a gorgeous fluffy blue coat. A wise fellow, I would love a calm & loving home to spend my upcoming golden years in. Come meet me today & fall in love. Fee: Free - (Sponsored)



## CANELLA ID: 871618

I'm a regal, spunky 7 y/o girl who's ready to find my person. I'd prefer a home as the only cat, because let's face it: I'm a queen bee! Treats are the way to my heart & I know a few cool tricks. I enjoy being pet, but prefer it on my own terms & desire a human who respects my boundaries. For more info on me, please call an adoption counselor. Fee: \$0 - (Sponsored)



# Tucson Avian Rescues Provide Much-Needed Sanctuaries for Surrendered and Neglected Birds

Story by Rebecca West, Photos by Forever Wild Avian Sanctuary

Birds have always fascinated humans, compelling them to cage or tame creatures that were never really meant to be confined. According to **A Brief History of Parrots**, parrots were domesticated by ancient Romans and kept as pets in Brazil as much as 5000 years ago.

They first arrived in Europe in 327 B.C. with Alexander the Great after he returned from conquering India and brought Ring-neck and Alexandrine parrots back to Greece.

Songbirds were popular during the Victorian era when wild species were frequently caught and kept in ornate enclosures. While there's always been some level of interest, bird ownership seemed to go through a renaissance of sorts in the late 20th and early 21st centuries — particularly cockatoos.



The attraction to these beautiful yet curious creatures is no mystery. Unfortunately, as with a lot of other pets, a significant segment of the population goes into owning a bird largely uninformed.

They are a lifetime commitment when you consider members of the parrot family can live to be between 60-80 years old. High maintenance, they're noisy, messy, and incredibly smart, which leads to boredom if they aren't provided with regular stimulation, and they can throw temper tantrums to rival that of a toddler. They can also form incredibly close bonds with people that are astonishingly touching.

As of 2017, there were 20.6 million birds kept as pets in the U.S., up from 16 million in 2011. But because most people have little to no idea what they're letting themselves in for when it comes to bird ownership, large numbers of them are surrendered or, worse yet, irresponsibly released.

Today, the vast majority of parrots sighted in the U.S. are non-natives. Generally, they're either recently escaped or released, or they're descendants of pets that have since established permanent breeding colonies.

And it isn't just exotic birds that find themselves in limbo. Other fowl are frequently left in the same or similar predicaments. So where do they go here in Tucson or the surrounding area when their company is no longer desired, or they are surrendered for other reasons? Two sanctuary/rescues come to mind.

## Forever Wild Avian Sanctuary

Forever Wild is both a rescue that helps rehome domestic birds and a sanctuary. Sometimes THEY end up as the birds' forever home. The sanctuary's work extends to domestic fowl, like ducks, geese, quail, pheasant, peafowl, chickens, guinea fowl, and even domestic doves and pigeons. They also look after and assist parrots of all sizes, from the largest macaws to the tiniest parrotlets.



According to Assistant Director Shiloh Walkosak, "Whenever a pet becomes popular, there is an increased need for rescue. During the pandemic, we saw an increase in the number of people that wanted backyard flocks. Whether for the eggs or because they thought that meat would be scarce..."

"When those folks learned that caring for chickens or ducks and geese was not as easy as maybe YouTube and Tik Tok made it out to be, or they ran afoul of their city ordinances, we started seeing a big increase in the number of flocks needing new homes. We try to offer guidance on care to help families keep their flocks and help with rehoming when needed.

"Most of us grew up with dogs and cats, so we know the basics. What to feed them, how they act when they're sick, or even where to find a vet. Birds are new to a lot of us. Having an Amazon parrot or a goose is something most of us have to learn about. Sure, we can research their needs online, but how do we know whose advice to follow? It helps to have a real person to ask for help. That's what we're here for!"

Forever Wild Avian Sanctuary  
520-574-3579  
forever-wild.org

## Tucson Parrot Rescue

The Tucson Parrot Rescue (TPR) is another avian sanctuary here in Pima County. Their mission is to rescue parrots in need of new homes, no matter the reason, and to "improve the lives of companion birds." One of their main goals is to increase peoples' awareness of what to expect from parrots and how to care for them properly once home.

Again, public education is vital for preventing surrenders. TPR notes that parrots' high level of intelligence, long lifespans, and innate wild nature make their needs greater than most people can meet.

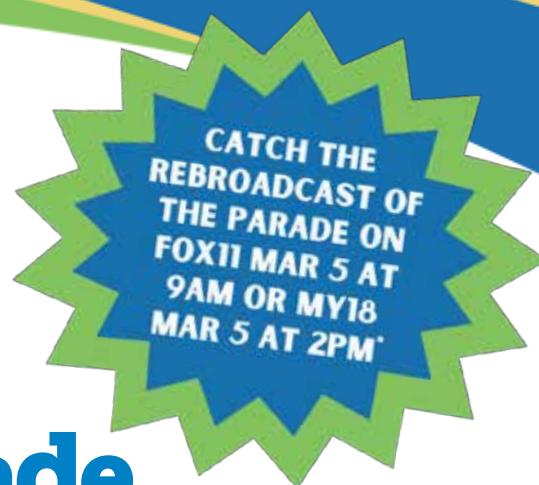
To help stem misconceptions about parrot ownership, they offer in-home education programs for interested persons. Each class is an individual-based course, which includes general care, nutrition, proper housing, wellbeing, health, and recognition of common household hazards.

TPR also assists in reuniting lost birds with their families, help birds with issues so they can remain in their homes, and arrange adoption of unwanted birds into caring homes with educated caregivers.

Tucson Parrot Rescue  
520-747-0554  
tucsonparrotrescue.com







# Pets of Pima Parade

**THANK YOU to the incredible teams that made this year's Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade special! Teams and representatives from the following businesses and organizations joined us in this year's Parade:**

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\*Check your local listings for airtimes of the rebroadcast. All proceeds from the Parade go to the lifesaving work of Pima Animal Care Center. See photos and videos on Friends of PACC's FB, and Instagram. Friends of PACC's FB: @PACCfriends, IG: @friendsofpacc.

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# Cover Story:

## Woofstock Cover Dog Contest Winner - FRANK the Fantastic!

Story by Bonnie Craig

Photos Courtesy of Kirsty Rice, Candace Eaton, and the Other Contest Entrants

It's hard to believe that it's time, once again, to announce the Woofstock Cover Dog Contest winner. We at the Tucson Dog Magazine absolutely **ADORED** every dog who entered, making the choice truly agonizing! After much deliberation however, and even a three-way tie, it was decided that Frank the Irish wolfhound would be our winner.

Before we learn about fabulous Frank, let's get to know our runners up. Siberian husky, Sitka has braved the Tucson summers like a champ, but like most of us here in the desert, winter is his favorite season. His luxurious coat and striking, ice blue eyes could have secured him a role on a certain HBO fantasy TV show if he had been born a few years earlier. Don't worry, Sitka, winter is here. Stay cool!



Sitka



Murphy



Penny

Murphy and Penny are a package deal, a couple of pint sized sweeties who want all the snuggles they can get. Second to snuggles come toys- for Murphy, his toy bone, and for Penny her ball. Sunbathing and lizard chasing are up there on their lists as well. Keep up the cuddles and cuteness, Penny and Murphy!

Prince Ali is a down to earth kind of guy, despite his immaculately coiffed locks. No stranger to modeling, he also lives his best life, traveling the land in his esteemed role of "puplifter", spreading joy and good cheer wherever he goes. Keep sharing those good vibes, Ali!



Prince Ali



Bri

Bri the standard poodle is the whole package. She's got the looks, the brains, and the personality. This 7 month old snuggle bug is like a soft white cloud, blessed with lashes that any beauty influencer would die for. You are so lovely and lovable, Bri!

What a stupendous batch of dogs, and tough acts to follow, but Frank's is up for the challenge. This big, wiry haired beauty has one of the most sweet and charming origin stories out there. September 2022 was a blissful time for Kirsty and Rick Rice. They had just been married, and were embarking upon a honeymoon in Florida. It just so happened they had heard from a friend in animal rescue that right next door in Georgia, there was a young Irish wolfhound available for adoption. They were particularly excited about adopting a member of that breed, having been big fans ever since Rick's mother had adopted one and they saw what amazing family members they could be.



Frank's Family Honeymoon



From Florida, they made the short trip north to Georgia where they met Frank and fell instantly in love with the dog who Kirsty describes as being “like a teddy bear”. There was no question of whether Frank was coming home with them, now it was just a matter of logistics. Since



this was turning out to be quite the flexible honeymoon adventure, they decided to abandon their flight plans and rent a car to accommodate their new addition. Frank was a great passenger on the long drive back to Arizona, and when all was said and done, had pretty much become the star of Kirsty and Rick’s honeymoon.

He had a costar waiting at home, however. Four year old Bichon-terrier mix Pepper, a rescue from Valley Humane Society in Casa Grande, didn’t know he would be getting a huge baby brother.

Overwhelmed with emotion upon his people’s return, Pepper barely noticed Frank, who was equally preoccupied with assessing his new surroundings. It was nearly 20 minutes before the two spotted each other. Tails began to wag, sniffers to sniff, and then they were off, joyfully chasing each other around the home.



The brothers bonded quickly despite the comical size difference. Already up to 95 pounds at 8 months, Frank is always interested in what little 20 pounds Pepper is up to, and they still love to run and play together. Frank enjoys an occasional break with his Kong chew toys, and especially appreciates a milk bone at treat time, but most of all, he’s still the teddy bear Kirsty originally pegged him for, and snuggles are this big boy’s favorite.



Frank’s first Christmas with Pepper

On walks around the neighborhood, Frank is always on the lookout for an extra scratch or pet from the people he meets, and just loves to go in the car, almost certainly a positive association from that glorious first road trip when he bonded with Kirsty and Rick. He is looking forward to many more adventures with the whole family. Their next one will be a trip to Colorado, and Frank’s first encounter with snow. It sounds like a blast for everyone! Safe travels, Frank, and fam, and congrats again on your big win. You deserve it!



Frank just got the Cover Dog news! **Ruuhh?**



Frank’s first photo shoot Behind the scenes. Thank you ceatonphotography.com.







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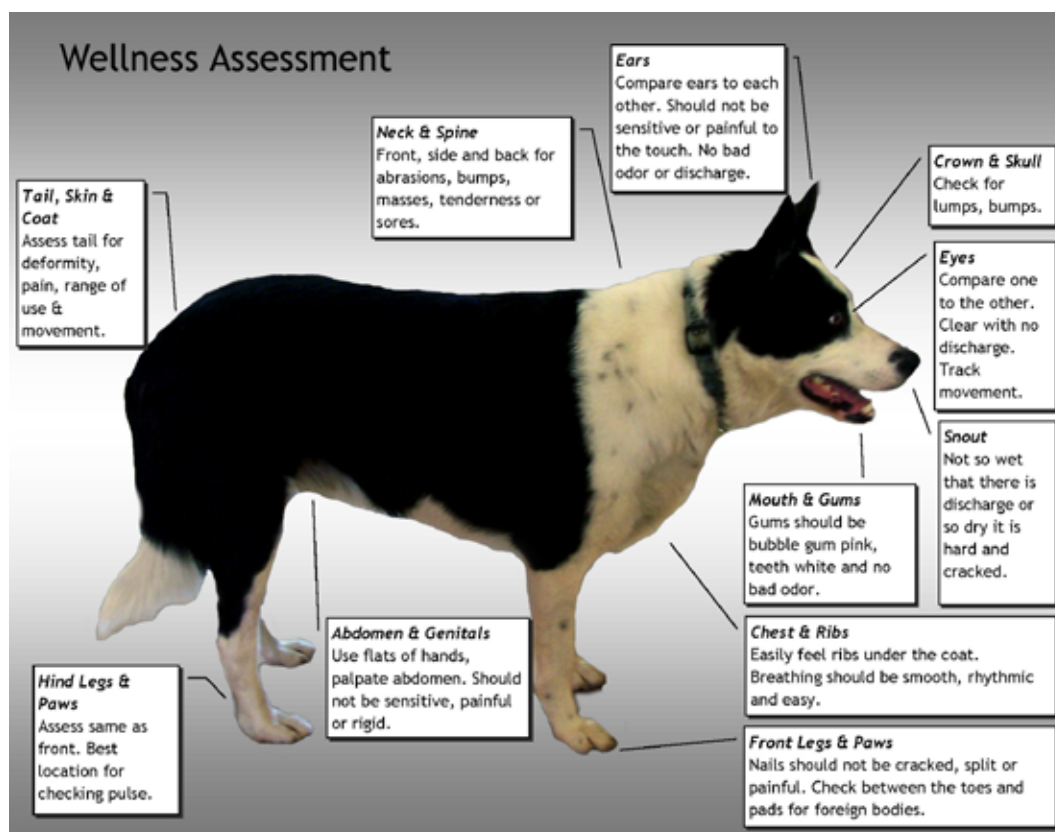
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To begin, find a quiet place free of distractions. Your pet can be in a sitting position with you by its side. Follow the prompts in the diagram and make notes on any changes. You may find it handy to have a Wellness Assessment notebook just for this purpose of recording your observations.



This time together with your pet is special as you use your hands to gently examine your pet's body. After you have completed the Wellness Assessment, spend a few moments in quiet reflection together, feeling the gratitude and the love you have for your special friend.

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# Training

## What To Look For When Selecting A Dog For Service Dog Training

Story by Jeremy Brown and Kari Cleland of The Complete Canine



Low Key, trained to be a Parkinson's Service dog. He has passed his Public Access Test and is a true Service Dog.

Understanding the various types of training has always been an interest of mine. We thought that sharing this insight about service dog training would help people understand the detailed working parts of training a service dog. The average lay person doesn't see the work that goes into the end result,

so I will be asking Kari Cleland questions to better understand what she looks for when finding an ideal service dog candidate.

Kari Cleland is one of the trainers and owners at The Complete Canine who specializes in service dog training. She has worked in zoos with very dangerous animals, as well as for the military and has been training dogs for over 40 years. Her experience includes basic obedience, tricks, therapy and service dogs, with a speciality in service dog training for Parkinson's Disease. Kari was a zoo keeper for over 35 years and obtained a degree in Exotic Animal Training and Management. She is an expert in training cats and helps solve pesky problems that others just don't understand.

### What makes a good service dog?

When training a Service Dog one of the things we are looking for is how attentive the dog is, one that is desensitized to life like noises and abnormal things. A canine that is over friendly would not be desirable, but a dog with confidence that is willing to work for their handler is ideal and there should be no signs of aggression. We want a dog that can take corrections but is sturdy with confidence to make those corrections and adjustments.

### Are there certain breeds that could perform better than another? Or one you look at for specific things?

Medical alert dogs benefit from the ability to use their nose; Labrador, German Shepherd, Golden retriever, Border terriers, just to name a few. Brachycephalic breeds would not be ideal for this task.

Mobility dogs would benefit from being over 50 pounds in weight and more of a sturdy breed; Labrador, golden retriever, Standard Poodles, etc... If the task is not weight bearing, a smaller breed can suffice.

Psychiatric dogs are dogs that have a keen sense of smell and can complete more task work; Labrador, Golden Retriever, German Shepherd etc...

### Can a rescue dog be a service dog?

Absolutely, but a service dog can benefit from the time with their mother as a young dog. In a perfect world, the dog would be 10 weeks to three years old due to the duration of time needed. Older dogs can do it, but they would have less time to work once they were fully trained. Knowing their background is imperative so we know they're not aggressive or too timid to complete the tasks needed. Also, bonding with the handler can be easier at different ages, so the training is easier.

### How long does it take to train a service dog?

Depending on what is needed from the canine, typically 18 months to three years. Arizona is one of the only states that gives rights to service dogs in training. However they do need to perform at least one task and are trained to go into the public. A service dog would never be sniffing in a store, barking or trying to solicit attention from anyone but the handler. Any establishment may ask even a service dog to leave if these behaviors are being breached.



Service Dog Low Key. Most dogs receive a vest from the training establishment. There is no such thing as a Certificate. If people show you a certificate most likely they bought it online.

### What is the hardest type of service dog to train?

Seeing eye dogs by far. The tasks needed to be completed takes so much more time and effort and in fact, they are typically raised by puppy raisers and only 20-30% make it to the big league. Their training is so specific that it eliminates many dogs, however many become working dogs in other capacities.

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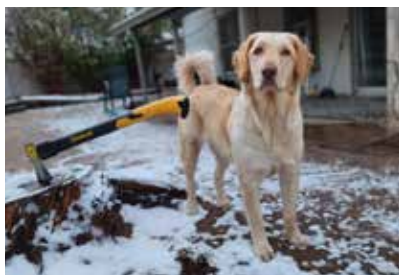
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# The Legalities of Animal Welfare in Tucson Know Their Rights

Story By Melissa Barrow

Midwinter in Tucson – our oasis between chilly winters and blistering summers – is such a treat! Soon enough, temperatures will soar, along with cooling bills. Sadly, summer also brings the highest number of animal cruelty reports, so it's a wonderful time to review our animal welfare laws, and who enforces them.

Tucson's animals are protected by two codes: Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) 13-2910, and Tucson City Ordinance (TCO) 4-3. A third exists for Pima County animals: PC Code 06.04.110. All three declare it a Class 1 misdemeanor (up to six months in jail) to do any of the following to animals:

- Physically harm, neglect, cruelly mistreat, or abandon
- Kill without consent (yours, another's or, feral)
- Withhold medical treatment for injury (includes hit and run)
- Leave unattended in hot or unventilated vehicles
- Interfere with or harm service animals (or allow your dog to do so)
- Poison by negligent lack of poison alert signage.

Misdemeanors can become felonies depending on age and repeat citations. Class 5 felonies (up to 2.6 years in jail) include animal fighting and Greyhound racing (banned in Arizona as of 2016).

In animal law, though state codes take precedence, local protections are often better. TCO and PCC go further than ARS by explicitly defining "cruel mistreatment", including overloading, overworking, torturing, tormenting... or transporting in dangerous or inhumane ways." Both also specify "neglect" as failure to provide any of the following to pets (mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian):

- Uncontaminated daily nutrition
- Clean, potable water at all times.
- Adequate ventilation
- Protection from the elements by natural or artificial structure
- Sufficient room to exercise - **it's illegal to keep an animal kenneled or confined in any space too small to move about freely**
- Except for temporary tethering of horses, **tie-outs are strictly prohibited**



**The 2017 Samaritan Hot Car Law** (Arizona HB 2494) shields from criminal liability any person who rescues a child or animal from a hot car provided they notify law enforcement before entering the vehicle and wait with the child or pet until authorities arrive.

The Animal Legal Defense Fund ranks states on their animal protections. Arizona is ranked 26th. Discouraging, but how much does Tucson affect that ranking? How well are these laws enforced? To find out, we look to PACC's

Animal Protection Services (APS) department which handles most of Tucson's animal-related calls. PACC posts public monthly data. The APS report lists over 12,000 completed calls (responded to and resolved) for the fiscal year 2021-2022. This includes abandoned animals, cruelty/neglect, strays, and tie-outs, strays being the highest in number. September 7, 2022 - Pima Animal Care Center Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Report

Chief Animal Protection Officer Christina Snow, and Sergeant Danielle Hinte of APS, provided a clearer picture of both the data and enforcement. Chief Snow cautions that though the reports are public record, interpreting them can be misleading, as they don't separate outcomes. For instance, resolved abandoned animal calls doesn't mean that all were actually abandoned. Cruelty/neglect numbers don't specify which cases were unwitting neglect from lack of education or resources, nor how many criminal citations were issued.

## Enforcement Reality Check (What Callers Need to Know)

Surprisingly, the Tucson Police Department has no animal crimes division. Pima County APS is the primary response unit. Sergeant Hinte clarifies that the Sheriff's Department does have two detectives in the Community Crimes unit (which includes animal crimes), but their caseload prohibits them from responding to animal cruelty reports unless connected to a larger community crime. Regarding our contribution to the state's rank, Chief Snow estimates that with many low-resource neighborhoods, Tucson sees a higher-than-normal amount of neglect calls.

APS is just eighteen officers responsible for 9,189 miles of land, with a population over one million, so we community witnesses must respect their limitations. They get about 100 calls per day; during any given 4-hour shift, there are often only two officers responding to 20-30 priority emergency calls from all over the county, sometimes requiring lengthy commutes. The officers add a crucial caveat: APS is entirely complaint driven. There's neither staff nor funding to search for animal cruelty in the field. They rely on concerned citizen reports; but well-meaning callers can be impatient with APS' response time, unaware that they're understaffed and overworked. Distressed callers demand immediate confiscation of at-risk animals, indignant when this fails to happen quickly or at all. The officers point out: in Arizona, animals are still considered property. Careful legal procedures must be followed before confiscation. We, citizens, can help that process by understanding the basic steps and requirements for reporting cruelty or neglect:

1. If you feel safe, try approaching your neighbors directly. Neglect often comes from a lack of knowledge or resources. People fall on tough times and need extra help. Alerting them to available support through PACC may address the problem.
2. Create a paper trail: document dates, times, and names, including witnesses.
3. Take photographs, ONLY If you can do so safely, without trespassing. Many prosecutable cases are dismissed because the evidence was obtained illegally, making it inadmissible.
4. Call the Pima County Animal Protection Services (520)724-5900, extension 4. \*Note: **APS cannot take anonymous calls!** To report anonymously, call 88-Crime or report online, but authorities are much more likely to prosecute cases where a willing witness stands by their report.

While familiarity with laws is important and helpful, keep in mind, what you're seeing might not be criminal. It's not the community's job to determine whether or not it's legal cruelty. Witnesses should call APS, even if they're not sure. "If something feels at all off", says Hinte, "just call, and let the experts determine if action is needed."

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# From the Director's Desk

## 2022 Data, A Clear Message That The Well-Being of Our Animals is A Community Effort

Story by Kayleigh Murdock, Public Information Officer, PACC

Here at PACC, we love data. It may not always be the most exciting thing to everyone, but to a shelter professional, data shows us trends and teaches us lessons that can impact untold thousands of animals if we are willing to decipher it. It also provides a tool for transparency with the community.

We are now into 2023, but I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the successes and opportunities that our 2022 data showed us. While last year was challenging in some ways, such as operating at 120%-150% capacity for the year, we want to celebrate the highlights. PACC took in nearly 17,000 pets and placed or reunited 91.1% of those pets. The data continues to show that our community, from volunteers to fosters to rescue partners, supports PACC and helps to keep us a lifesaving shelter. I am, once again, reminded that the well-being of our animals is a community effort, and I am so humbled and thankful for the incredible kindness shown by this community. In particular, I want to thank those who have found happy, healthy strays and helped them find their way home, allowing us to focus on the animals that truly need us.

I must acknowledge, as well, the incredibly hard work of our staff and volunteers. PACC employees make this all happen every step of the way and our volunteers greatly enhance our work. Our clinic cares for sick and injured animals and performs necessary surgeries in-house. Our APS team is out in the field day and night, rain or shine, ensuring that Pima County is a safe and humane community. Our adoptions and foster teams work together to find loving homes for the animals in our care, and our Pet Support team does

groundbreaking work helping support more than 3,000 families in Pima County in honoring the human-animal bond. Countless other hands are involved in keeping our pets safe, healthy, and happy while at the shelter. Our success would not be possible without our incomparable staff.

Moving into 2023, our greatest opportunities are clear. We want to increase the number of animals transferred to rescue partner organizations. To achieve that goal, rescues need help from fosters!

In addition, we want to help the folks that find lost pets find homes before having to come to the shelter. We are regularly updating our resources and tools, and we have some exciting changes on the horizon that will help us help even more pets in this way.

Another opportunity, one you can help with is to increase community awareness about PACC and the services we offer. We want everyone to know about the work we're doing in this community, the wonderful animals we have available for adoption, and that we can help keep families and pets together.

We are so thankful to Pima County for helping us remain a lifesaving shelter in 2022. I can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2023!

For all available pets and services, please visit [www.pima.gov/animalcare](http://www.pima.gov/animalcare)

## PACC 2022 Highlights

### Animals we helped at PACC:



### Community Support:

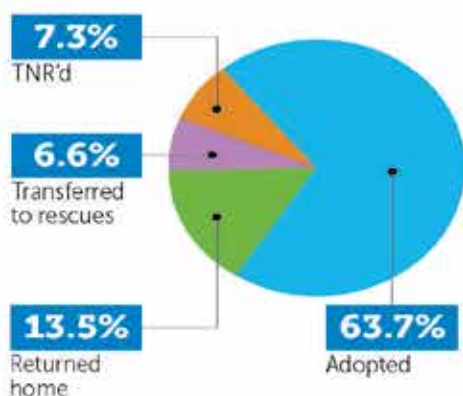
6,135 animals went to foster  
87,454 hours of volunteer time contributed  
243 animals in Safety Net Foster  
505 people received funding from the Keeping Families Together Fund

### Top 10 rescue partners:

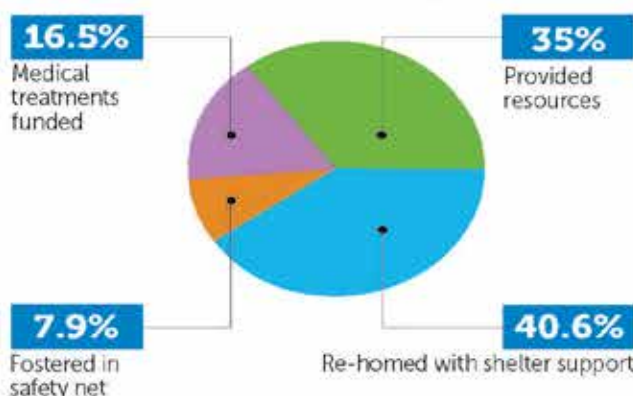
- Southern Arizona Cat Rescue: 159 cats, 1 dog
- Old Souls: 3 dogs, 13 livestock, 56 other
- Arizona Pug Life: 56 dogs
- Lucy's Hope: 54 dogs
- Valley Humane Society: 45 dogs, 5 cats
- Baby Animal Rescue Coalition: 48 dogs
- Arizona Desert Rotti & Pals: 43 dogs
- Claws & Paws: 7 dogs, 36 cats
- Saving Animals From Euthanasia: 32 dogs, 10 cats, 1 other
- Lil Bit of Love: 42 dogs

A total of  
**1,095** animals  
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### Save rate: 91.1%



### Families supported without needing shelter: 3,063



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# Easter Egg Hunt For Your Pup

Story by Meganne Carpenter  
Scout Camp Bow Wow, Tucson East

This year Easter will be on April 9th, and we wanted to share a fun way to celebrate Easter with your pup by offering them an at-home enrichment Easter Egg Hunt! This is a version of a scavenger hunt and can help a dog engage their brain by allowing them to use their strongest sense to sniff out tasty treats or food and include your pup into a fun holiday tradition.

## How to Set up the Easter Egg Hunt:

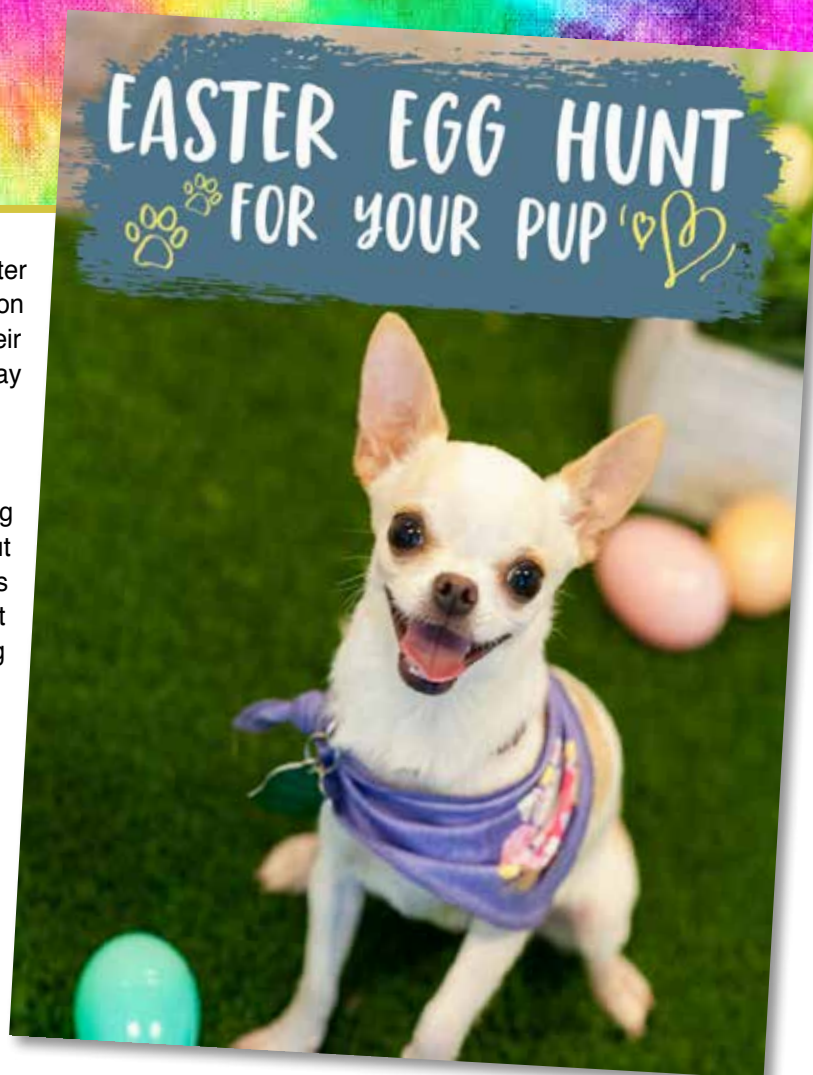
First you will need to use plastic eggs of different sizes. If this is your dog's first time playing this game it is best to leave some eggs partially cracked to allow the dog to get the treat out by using their nose or paw. When looking to buy easter eggs look for hinged eggs or eggs with a small hole or holes can also help a dog more easily sniff them out. For any eggs that are closed, let the dog find the egg and then reward them by opening it and giving the dog the treat inside.

This enrichment can be done in multiple environments;

- If outside, hide eggs in the grass, low bushes, under sticks, or under some dirt. If this is your pup's first time playing this game it's best to start indoors.
- If doing an egg hunt indoors, hide eggs at different levels and use household items such as pillows, blankets, towels, bowls, or rugs to cover them up.

It is best to use treats that have a stronger scent like a soft treat that can be broken in half or freeze dried treat. That way your dog will have more success finding the hidden eggs. Be sure to offer verbal praise and encouragement as your pup gets close to the eggs.

It is important to remember that this is an activity that should be supervised so that you can be sure your pup doesn't eat the eggs or crunch on the plastic! Playing an Easter Egg scavenger hunt is a fun game for both you and your pup! Make sure you are staying engaged and having fun too. If you would like to learn more about fun and themed enrichments you can do with your pet go to [www.campbowwow.com](http://www.campbowwow.com) to learn more. Happy Hunting!



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