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As always, the Adoptable Dogs stole the show!



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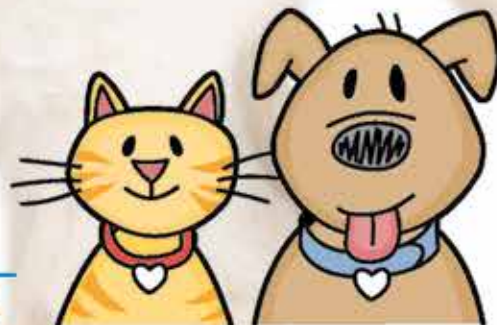


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The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dear Friends and Readers,

I am especially excited about our May/June cover story with Diana Madaras and her adorable rescue dog Max. I'm a huge fan! We all know Diana Madaras as Tucson's distinguished local artist. I'm sure many of you have visited Madaras Gallery, but did you know that she is an activist and philanthropist for many charitable organizations? Learn more about Diana and Max on page 16.

We've had a lot of fun and adoptions during the spring! On page 3, we're celebrating the success of **Woofstock 2023** provided by Big Dog Charitable Foundation and yours truly, The Tucson Dog Magazine. On page 21, the "Joyful Celebration of Our Furry Friends" the amazing success of the Pets of Pima Parade, launched by **Friends of PACC**. It was an eye opening display of the community support we have for our furry friends in need.

Also in this issue you'll find some great advice for summertime fun with your pets. Check out "Outdoor Adventures with Your Dog" in our Training Feature and "Tips for Road Trips" by Camp Bow Wow. On page 18, read about our very own **Tucson Wildlife Centers** dedication to the rescue, emergency medical care, and rehabilitation of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife before their release. I am very pleased to learn about the local support they've received from volunteers, our very own Diana Madaras, Erin Christianson and so many more involved citizens. Hold onto your hats! It's puppy and kitten season again! On page 26, the **Humane Society of Southern Arizona** shares what to do and what not to do when finding a litter of puppies or kittens, and how to lessen the number of pets surrendered to our already overcrowded shelters during this time. It's a great time to host a mom and her new pups in your home until they find a home of their own. Having adorable little puppies in your home may just be the dose of happiness we could all use!

Get ready for another hot summer! Please be aware of the temperatures and keep your pets safe during the lethal high temperatures of the desert and lend a hand to those in need when you can. Water, pet food and dog booties are great gifts for our homeless dogs and their companions.

Once again I am filled with wonder and admiration meeting the many Tucsonans who give their time, attention and donations to our animal related charities. It is evident that the success of saving animals in need and raising awareness of prevention is not possible to do alone. We are all in this together and even the smallest of us are an important part of saving our most vulnerable populations. Please reach out to help, get informed, share, and give what you can.

"It only takes one voice at the right pitch to start an avalanche"
Dianna Harding.

Yours,
Heather McShea Editor & Publisher



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DOGS LOVE MASSAGE TOO!

Story by Alison Martin, Animal Soul Connection

If you have ever enjoyed the benefits of getting a massage, and recall how terrific you felt afterwards, wouldn't you love to have your dog experience a massage too? Dogs need massages too! They don't have the ability to reach and apply pressure to a lot of their heavily used muscles, like their neck, back and legs. This will help them live a healthier life, and prevent future joint problems/arthritis.

Therapeutic canine massage is typically performed by a trained professional who has experience working with dogs. The massage session usually takes place in a quiet, comfortable environment, and the dog is encouraged to relax and feel comfortable throughout the session.

The benefits of canine therapeutic massage include:

- **Improved circulation:** Massage can help to increase blood and lymphatic flow, which can improve the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to the body's tissues and help to remove waste products.
- **Reduced muscle tension:** Massage can help to release tight and sore muscles, which can improve mobility and reduce the risk of injury.
- **Pain relief:** Massage can help to reduce pain by releasing endorphins, which are the body's natural painkillers.
- **Stress reduction:** Massage can help to reduce stress and anxiety in dogs, promoting relaxation and improving overall well-being.
- **Improved range of motion:** Massage can help to increase flexibility and range of motion, which can be especially beneficial for older dogs or those with mobility issues.
- **Enhanced immune function:** Massage can stimulate the immune system, helping to boost the body's natural defenses against illness and disease.

There are many types of dogs and situations where therapeutic massage is appropriate..

Active lifestyles: Dogs who spend their weekend romping around the dog park or hiking with their people can experience discomfort just like their human counterparts. Massage Therapy can help alleviate pain and promote increased flexibility so they'll be ready for their next adventure

Canine Athletes: Working, performing, and athletic dogs use their muscles to the point of soreness, though they rarely show their discomfort. Providing regular massage for these dogs will help relieve their soreness while maintaining resiliency in their muscles. Regular Canine Massage Therapy can help reduce injury in performance dogs.

Recovery & Rehabilitation: Dogs who have undergone surgical procedures or who struggle with chronic disease can benefit greatly from massage from a rehabilitative approach. The massage techniques may focus on relief of pain and inflammation, reducing fluid buildup, supporting the immune system and stabilizing joints.

Anxiety and Transitions: Dogs who suffer from anxiety or are adjusting to changes in their environment (adoption, moving, new family members) can benefit from massage therapy to promote relaxation and support the immune system. Dogs who are anxious about touch sometimes benefit the most by releasing the tension they hold in their bodies. Massage stimulates the parasympathetic nervous system, promoting relaxation. Massage provides a positive touch enhancing their sense of wellbeing.

Senior and Hospice: As dogs grow older and begin to slow down it's important to find ways to help them move their bodies. Massage can help stimulate muscles and encourage fluid movement throughout tissues. Massage can also be a welcome source of stimulation for dogs who otherwise aren't very active. Massage helps to break the pain cycle, improve absorption of nutrients and encourage cell regeneration. Helping our seniors maintain suppleness and range of motion will allow them more ease of movement.

Every Dog: All dogs can enjoy the benefits of massage therapy as it offers a wide array of positive effects for the whole body and spirit including supporting healthy functioning of the immune system, skin and coat muscles and joints along with digestive system and nervous system support. Gentle touch is important to the emotional well-being of all our companions.

It's important to note that therapeutic canine massage should only be performed by a trained professional who has experience working with dogs and who understands their unique anatomy and physiology. Additionally, it's important to obtain approval from a veterinarian before starting any new treatment or therapy for your dog.

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Sat. May 6, 11am-2pm Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary Petco Adoption Event

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Come view adoptable reptiles & talk with our adoption team member to see how to get your new scaly friend. North end of the food court. Text or call (808) 747-6445 or email SoAZReptileRescue@yahoo.com.

Sun. May 7, 7am-9am Humane Society of S. Arizona Pet Food Assistance Distribution

Monthly opportunity for those experiencing economic hardship to pick up free pet food at 635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705
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Wed. May 10, 8am-8:30am Animal League of Green Valley Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

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Sat. June 17, 1pm-2pm

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Sat. June 24, 11am-2pm

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Tips for Road Trips with Your Dog

Story by Meganne Carpenter, Camp Bow Wow, Tucson East

If you're planning a summer road trip for you and your dog, check out these tips before bringing your dog along on your next adventure. Planning and preparation will help ensure that time on the road with your dog goes smoothly. There are a few things to know to help prep your dog for a road trip.

First, you should check that your dog is up-to-date on vaccinations and talk with your vet to see if there are recommended medications or vaccinations your dog should take according to your destination. Be sure your dog has a microchip with up-to-date information! Before you leave on your trip you should research dog-friendly hotels, restaurants, and activities to ensure your dog will never be left in the car alone. It's a good idea to make sure your dog is well-socialized with humans and other dogs before leaving on your trip. Spend time getting your dog used to being in the car – take them for a few longer-than-usual car rides leading up to the big trip.



Before leaving for your trip you should make a packing list. Important things you should add to your list would be medication, a sturdy leash, and collar with up-to-date tags, enough food for the trip, plus a little extra, poop bags, a towel in case of muddy paws and toys, a bed, blankets, etc. to remind them of home.

When you get on the road, don't feed your dog right before getting in the car – waiting a few hours can help to avoid an upset tummy. Make the trip as safe as possible by using a doggy seat belt or keeping them in a crate. When getting your dog situated in the car, provide enough space for your dog to lie down and move around to switch positions. Be sure to pull over and take regular potty and water breaks, allowing extra time for a quick walk to burn off energy. It helps to keep your dog busy and mentally stimulated during a long drive. You can do this by bringing a few pre-made puzzle toys and your dog's favorite chew. When stopping at rest stops, keep an eye out for the local wildlife. Once you reach your destination, celebrate with a big treat and lots of love. Have fun and safe travels!

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THYME - A775256

Hi, I'm Thyme! As you can tell from my photo, I am a fun-loving guy at just 4 y/o! My favorite things in the world are stuffed toys, peanut butter, & love from my people friends. I don't mean to brag but everyone says I am smart & fun to be around. I'd love to meet any potential doggy friends before we commit. I've been in the shelter nearly a year & really want to find my home!



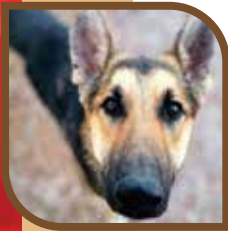
HURRICANE - A775909

I'm Hurricane, & I'm a lot calmer than my name implies! I'm 10 y/o & enjoy a good snooze. I also love belly rubs - you might even call me a belly rub connoisseur. I lived in foster for a while & did very well, but now I'm back at the shelter looking for a place to settle down in my golden years.



HOMER - A786235

I'm Homer! I'm 3 y/o & about as handsome as they come. I even heard one of my volunteer friends describe me as "your typical German Shepherd." I am smart, goofy, & eager to please. I also enjoy being around other dogs & love to play, play, play! I've been in the shelter since August of 2022 & ready to make my big break!



Cherished Tails Senior Rescue
Adoption application: <http://form.jotform.com/cherishedtails/dog-application>

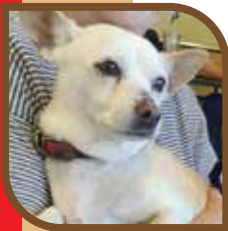
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My blindness from Valley Fever will likely require long-term meds, but doctors are fairly hopeful I'll regain some vision after treatment. I'm a sweet spud who loves everyone but I'm more comfortable with smaller, more submissive, less active dogs. I do well on a leash, my potty routine, & being crated. I'm 7-8 y/o & 27 lbs., neutered, microchipped, got a dental in rescue, & current on vaxes.



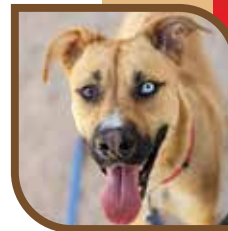
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I'm about 5 y/o & approximately 15 lbs. Somewhat skittish initially, I warm up quickly & would make a great pet for an older couple. I crave attention & love being on your lap or to sleep in bed with you. Afraid to trust, I'll need a little extra time to adjust. I love walks & do well on a leash. I'm calm & housetrained. I like other dogs & will cuddle with them. As far as kids, I might do best around older children or none at all.



SPIFFY - A800540

My name is Spiffy, & I have to say it fits me pretty darn well. I am a cute young man at just a year old, & I absolutely come alive when hanging out with my doggy friends in the shelter. I admit I can be a little shy with people at first & I'd love to find a home with a confident dog friend to show me the ropes!



CHIWIIS - A806632

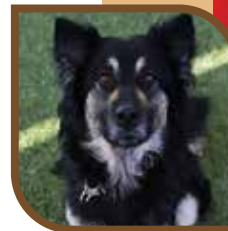
I'm Chiwiis! I'm 2 y/o & just a little guy at 28 lbs, but I'm full of fun! I do well with other dogs & have lived with children in the past. I am a smart little man with a lot of love to give my new family. Please come meet me so we can get to know one another ASAP!!!



Humane Society of S. Arizona
635 W. Roger Rd., Tucson 85705
520-327-6088 ext.173 • adoptions@hssaz.org

FAY - 925446

Hello, I'm Fay! I'm a sweet 1.5 y/o girl who would very much like to meet you. As you can see from my picture, I'm pretty darn cute shepherd of some type. That's about all they know about me, other than I'm spayed, current on shots, good with other dogs, & house-trained. I have a \$90 adoption fee.



The Animal League of Green Valley
TALGV Adoption fee: \$85.
(Appointments 10-2, daily) 520-625-3170

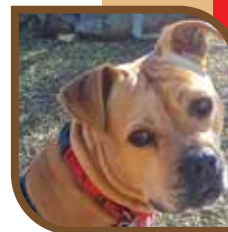
ARIES

I'm an affectionate (only with people!) 6 y/o Heeler-mix lady that needs to be your only pet. House trained, I'll ask to go out & follow commands (like sit, lay, heel, & a few more). I'm not a fussy eater but am allergic to chicken & grain. Fortunately, there are several good dog food brands that fit the bill for me. I'm fixed & up to date on shots.



LIZBETH

I'm a good-natured 9 y/o Boxer/Lab-mix lady. I am well behaved at home but prefer your being with me. I'm strong, so you should be strong, too, & I know a few commands. I like long daily walks, doing fun stuff, & mostly just being with my person. I'm fixed & up to date on shots.



PACC's Safety Net Helps Families Stay Together

Story by Melissa Barrow, Photos Provided by PACC



Happy Story

Anyone who lives with animal friends has asked themselves this worrisome question: *what if something suddenly happens to me and I can't care for my pets?* It's a practical concern — unexpected emergencies can happen to anyone at any time for a variety of reasons: eviction, hospitalization, domestic violence, natural disasters, or incarceration. What happens to us happens to our furry family members, causing equal anxiety to them, especially if we are compelled to surrender them to a shelter.

In 2020, PACC became one of twenty-two shelter organizations to pilot the launch of Safety Net — a foster services program designed to support families through a crisis without losing their pets. The program was born of two widespread observations in the animal services community: that most people do not want to give up their pets and only do so when forced by unforeseen hardships, and that the bond between humans and animals is a healing force crucial to mental health in times of major transition, so it's worth making every possible effort to keep human-animal families together, or at

least make separations short-term. PACC's Safety Net program helped many families find temporary housing for their pets during the first year of the pandemic. The program was paused briefly to fine tune its processes, then resumed in March 2021.

Tracing the history of this innovative system is like opening a series of nested boxes: Safety Net is a part of Human Animal Services (HASS), a program started during the COVID-19 pandemic, which is derived from the international collaborative group American Pets Alive! (AmPA!), which itself is the national arm of Austin Pets Alive! (APA!), a scrappy, Texas nonprofit shelter.

In 1997, APA! kicked off this mushrooming movement when they sought to solve the heartbreaking crisis of overcrowded shelters leading to thousands of unnecessary animal deaths. Determined to rethink the management of animal services, they launched a no-kill initiative which, by 2019, took them from an 85% kill rate to the largest no-kill shelter in the country! Proving the mighty power of collaboration to burgeon into a vast network, their no-kill model inspired municipalities throughout the US and beyond, inspiring the creation of AmPA! and most recently HASS.

Fast forward to 2023: the nationwide lifting of eviction moratoriums has resulted in mass overcrowding in shelters, even those in the North which previously had greater capacity. The demand for services from Tucson's Safety Net program has rapidly intensified. According to PACC Public Information Officer Kayleigh Murdock, 90% of applications for assistance are eviction-driven, either from lack of relocation funds, or the limited availability of pet-friendly rentals.

For those needing assistance, here's how it works: Anyone unable to care for their pet, for whatever reason, can fill out the application online. Once accepted, they bring their animal friend to PACC, who will place them in a temporary foster home. The program operates in 30-day cycles, beginning with one month, then extended monthly as needed. Visit this page for a link to the application, and a list of many assistance options: <https://www.nokillpimacounty.org/pet-owner-resources/emergency-or-temporary-housing/> or email pacc.safetynet@pima.gov.

For those eager to help, their greatest need by far is foster homes! While PACC has a dependable core group of fosters, and a good number of new ones (thanks in part to a KOLD story from February of this year), the number of family surrenders far outweighs the number of foster homes. They especially need foster hosts that can house large dogs. Cats and small dogs are easily accepted, but large dogs are a struggle to place.

Potential fosters, if you're hesitant about the requirements, it may relieve you to know the following details: unlike adopter fosters, there's no need to market the animal to potential adopters. Also, there's less chance of getting too attached as the goal is to reunite them with their family of origin, so you're aware from the start that they'll be going back home eventually. Finally, in contrast to shelter adoptees, these animals are known — they've been living in homes with families, so PACC has ample information about their medical history, behaviors, and adaptability with other animals. To sign up to be a host family, visit Pima.gov/foster

Unable to foster? Support the program financially by donating to Friends of Pima Animal Care Center at friendsofpacc.org.

If neither is an option right now, you can still help the no-kill effort by doing all you can to keep animals out of shelters. Whenever possible, keep lost animals in the neighborhoods where they were found by holding the animal in your home for 48 hours and placing notices on local neighborhood chats or social media. For more detailed advice and information on this, read AmPA!'s excellent 2021 blog on the subject: <https://www.humananimalsupportservices.org/blog/stop-bringing-lost-dogs-to-animal-shelters/>



Back Together!

Keeping families together keeps communities strong, and all of us together can help! Thanks as always to everyone at PACC for their care and dedication in the service of saving animal lives.



Reunion with Zinnia and Jasper



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.



Southern Arizona Cat Rescue
sacatrescue.org (520) 200-1643



STORM

I'm a 1.5 y/o sweet girl who's mature for my age & loves affection from humans without being needy. I enjoy cat trees, window watching, playtime with toys, & all the treats I can get! I'm spayed, current on vaccines, dewormed, microchipped & FIV FeLV negative. Apply on SACR website at www.sacatrescue.org.

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I'm a handsome 5 y/o gray tabby boy who was abandoned by my owner. I can be a bit shy, but I respond with loud purrs when I'm petted. I've been gentle & tolerant with children. Do you have a quiet place where we could live together? I'm neutered & current on shots.



LITTLE KITTY

I'm a 14 y/o laidback long-haired Tuxedo lady with gorgeous eyes who loves treats. I'm initially a bit shy, but I just need a loving companion who accepts affection on my schedule. I'd like a quiet home where I'm the only pet to shine in. I'm spayed & current on shots.

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4000 N. Silverbell Rd. 502-724-5900.



NIMA - A805393

My name is Nima, & I landed at PACC in March 2023 after my family was no longer able to keep me. They say that I did well with dogs & children in my previous home! I am a little stressed in the shelter & would love to find a home. I'm 12 y/o & looking to spend my golden years with my new family!



FITZY - A806017

I'm Fitzzy! I'm a 2/o boy looking for a new home. Folks tell me I'm missing one of my peepers, but I've been that way since I was born, so it doesn't bother me! I am a loving & playful cat who does great sharing my space with other cats.



HONEY - A804817

They call me Honey, seeing as how I'm the sweetest little gal around! I'm just 7 m/o, but I ended up at PACC due to some medical issues. Don't worry, though; I'm feeling all better now & ready to find my forever family! Is that you?



BLUEBIRD - A805920

My name is Bluebird, & I'm a very sweet, tender little 1 y/o girl in need of a home. I arrived at PACC with some wounds, but the clinic team has gotten me all fixed up & ready to go. I enjoy a good snuggle, a long snooze, & my wet food! Please come meet me; I promise I'll charm you!



PRINCE CHARMING - A800777

I'm Tucson's very own Prince Charming! I'm 2 y/o & devastatingly handsome. I am living in a foster home & doing great with the kitties here! My foster mom says I'm a little shy with people at first, but I become your right-hand man once we're acquainted. Please email pacc.adoptafoster@pima.gov!

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



MARGOT

I'm Margot, a 1 y/o girl who came to The Hermitage from another shelter in hopes of a second chance at a forever home. I'm very sweet & hop up on the "pony walls" so I can be at "talking level" with everyone. I like ear scritches, too. I'm current on my vaccinations & spayed.



SANKARI

I am the strikingly moustachioed Sankari. I'm a 3 y/o girl who can be a little shy, but have the daintiest mew when I want ear scritches. I am FIV+, but very healthy, & my staff would be thrilled to discuss it with you if you're interested in me & my cute moustache. I'm also current on my vaccinations & spayed.



Cover Story:

Local Artist Diana Madaras: A Life Devoted to Art and Animal Welfare

Written by Rebecca West,
Images courtesy of Diana Madaras

One of Tucson's most notable artists, her work captures the imagination and draws the viewer into familiar scenes witnessed through a richer, more vibrant lens, one that's punctuated by deep jewel tones. Even if you're not an art aficionado, there's a good chance you've seen her skills displayed throughout southern Arizona, celebrating the natural beauty the Sonoran Desert generously supplies.

We're talking about Diana Madaras, celebrated watercolorist, community service member whose art has benefited more than 100 charities, recipient of endless accolades and awards, and dog mom to Maxwell Smart, our insanely cute cover dog.

Her life has been both interesting and rewarding. It's also been filled with risks and a lot of hard work. But when it's all said and done, it's doubtful she'd have it any other way.



HOWARD'S SUNSET by Diana Madaras

Diana grew up assisting in her father's veterinarian hospital in New Jersey, where only a door separated the clinic from the family's living quarters. He had a little stool for her to sit on where she could observe him as he worked. Her first job was counting pills in the pharmacy, where she'd fill bottles. She loved helping him in his practice and performed dozens of jobs over the years.

When asked if she'd ever considered following in his footsteps, she laughingly recalled, "I couldn't possibly, because when I was there, I constantly found myself in the bathroom crying all the time." Her sensitivity to suffering didn't exactly lend itself to a great career fit.

After high school, she got approved for an assistantship at U of A and ended up with a full ride. It's a paid academic appointment made to a graduate student that involves part-time teaching or research. In her case, she was compelled to instruct undergrads in tennis, fencing, and badminton classes in order to comply with the requirements. She went on to graduate with a Master's degree in biomechanics in 1977.

It all worked out quite nicely for Tucson because it was her time here that allowed her to fall in love with the area and eventually put down roots. She had

a successful career in sports marketing for many years, where she made quite an impact, but it wasn't what she was supposed to be doing.

While she'd long enjoyed indulging her creative side through art, it would be a month-long painting holiday to Greece in 1993 that would change the trajectory of her life.

One day while getting some painting tips, a contemporary of hers, Chuck Albanese, a professor of architecture and fellow painter, suggested she join him and his wife, Claire, on an upcoming trip to Greece. The couple took a group of U of A students there every summer to paint for a month, and he thought she might benefit from the experience.

During college, her medium had always been acrylics, and she very much wanted to master watercolors, which she'd found vexing up to that point. What better place than the Mediterranean, with its royal blue waters and iconic scenery, to hone your skills? It took a bit of cajoling over many months, but she finally agreed.



Diana in Greece

Long story short, while she was soaking up that scenery, filled with inspiration from everything she'd learned, she had an epiphany of sorts and decided to sell her business to devote her time to painting. But she wasn't content to merely paint. There was a lot more in store for her, Tucson, and the rest of the world.

Jumping back to when she was a kid in New Jersey helping her dad for just a moment, one of her jobs was taking care of injured and orphaned wildlife that would get dropped off. Those experiences with both wild and domestic animals gave her a deep connection to them that was one of the driving forces behind what she'd do next.



JO'S BRIDLE BOUQUET by Diana Madaras

In 1999, Diana combined her passions by opening her award-winning gallery and starting Art for Animals, a foundation that's provided her with a more direct way to assist those in need. In addition to rehabilitating wildlife, it supports the prevention of cruelty to animals and saving pets from euthanasia. In only 15 years, they've donated more than \$200,000 to a number of groups that help "ill, injured, and abandoned animals, including dogs, cats, horses, and African wildlife."

Art for Animals is funded with proceeds from select events at Madaras Gallery as well as private donations. One highly successful fundraiser saw



Diana with Cheeta in Africa

\$80,000 raised, but we're getting ahead of ourselves.

In 2008, she was once again presented with a chance to visit distant lands in the name of her artistic pursuits. Only on this occasion, it would be a pay-it-forward opportunity versus a learning vacay, and it would be Africa instead of Greece. A lifelong dream of hers, this time Diana didn't hesitate to accept the offer. In fact, she jumped at the chance.

In exchange for a free photo safari, courtesy of Terry von Guillaume, fellow cause supporter and owner of tour company Destination Southern Africa,

she would create a series of paintings influenced by the sights and sounds of her adventure to be auctioned off during a fundraiser known as the African Sojourn Art Show. Once word got out, several other prominent female artists would end up getting on board as well.

Benefitting children and wildlife, Diana would end up donating 100% of the proceeds from her paintings to three charities in S. Africa and two groups in Tucson.

TROT (Therapeutic Riding of Tucson), which has an equine therapy program, was one of those groups. Their mission is to enrich the lives of people with special needs using equine-assisted activities to improve physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being. "Changing lives one stride at a time," TROT is also how Diana and Terry met when they both happened to attend an event there. The duo's chance meeting had the effect of changing lives many times over.

She got another opportunity to use her art to the benefit of animals when Hughes Federal Credit Union inquired about using one of her paintings on their debit cards. The deal was that they'd donate \$5 to the organization of her choosing each time her design was selected. She provided them with a sweet image depicting a baby bobcat, and this year they're cutting a check to the Tucson Wildlife Center for \$12,000!



LITTLE PROWLER by Diana Madaras

Diana is especially fond of the center, where she once brought a hawk in for medical attention. TWC managed to save it and release it back into the wild. She regularly raises money for them through their annual benefit dinner held at La Paloma, which she works on all year. There's a video Diana's sister, television producer Sandy Levine, created in recognition of her lengthy work with animals.

During the short film, Sandy aptly points out that the path Diana has taken mirrors her dad's legacy of helping animals. Diana explained that he lived just long enough to see the poignant video completed.

In addition to her upbringing working with animals, Diana's always had dogs, cats, and horses in her life. They have her heart, as she told us, and being able to make a difference in their lives is something she holds dear. Her current dog, Maxwell Smart, is a rescue discovered wandering the streets of Nogales. Max was picked up by animal control, who was going to put him down.

Thanks to Amy Cubillas, that didn't happen. Described by Diana as "a hands-on matchmaker" who helped her get Max, Amy runs a group called The Sanctuary



Maxwell Smart "Max"

Project, whose main goal is helping dogs in southern Arizona. Part of the no-kill dog movement, she and her sister Cyndi founded the group, which has since grown to multiple states.

When Max came into Diana's life, he was just 6 months old and malnourished, weighing only 26 pounds. Six months later, as she tells it, he's a full-bodied pup of 50 pounds and one happy, healthy canine. Max is also extremely intelligent — so much so that a trainer told her he was the smartest dog she's ever worked with. Eager to learn and trainable, he's also a little monkey.

As an example, dear, sweet Max got into her studio one day and managed to get ahold of a tube of red paint, which he then proceeded to smear all over her bedroom before eating the remainder of the tube. Covered in red from his neck to his paws, it looked like a blood-red murder scene that understandably jarred her.

She initially assumed Max was bleeding out before realizing it was just paint. She immediately called poison control, and he obviously survived, but he left a trail of red droppings all over the yard as a reminder. "He's Marley meets Lassie," she shared with a laugh. He's even eaten her Invisaligns, but of course she still adores him.

While he's her only pup at the moment, she had two more dogs up until last year that sadly passed. She is definitely open to more pets, though.

When it comes to animal rescue, Diana had some suggestions for folks who'd like to get involved.



Max droppings

"Every group needs help raising money, either through donations or working on a fundraiser for them. Also, shelters need volunteers to walk dogs and socialize with cats. People can also donate food to Cody's Friends or the S. AZ. Animal Food Bank. Another idea is delivering food to pets for shut-ins. There are just so many different ways to help, like donating products and items to silent auctions to raise funds. The need is there, and the possibilities are almost endless."



BOULDERS 4 by Diana Madaras

Moving forward, Diana's next series of paintings will combine her love of the desert with her love of African animals. She has an annual show at her gallery on October 14, so if you attend, you might be able to see one or two teasers there. If you'd like to learn about her trips in greater detail, go to the Diana Madaras Blog on Wordpress. In addition to her many gifts, she's also a talented writer.

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The Tucson Wildlife Center: A Priceless Gem in the Sonoran Desert

Story by Rebecca West, Images by Tucson Wildlife Center



There was a time not so long ago when Tucson was teeming with wildlife centers. In fact, up until recently there were 12 of them, but now the area is down to just one — and thank your lucky stars, we still have it!

If you haven't already guessed, it's the Tucson Wildlife Center. Dedicated to the rescue, emergency medical care, and rehabilitation of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife before release, they are also enthusiastic educators promoting habitat protection and coexistence with wildlife.

They got their start in 1998 when Lisa Bates and Peter Lininger founded the center. By 2000, they were rolling as a 501(c)3, and from then on, animals have been streaming in nonstop. The services, which are free to the public, include a round-the-clock emergency helpline, as well as the capture and transportation of injured animals, a 24-hour emergency room, and staff veterinarians specializing in wildlife on call 24/7.



Barn-owl

The wide-ranging blend of patients they see are represented in many unique forms. From bold and beautiful bobcats and fearsome birds of prey to bristly and tenacious javelinas and everything in between — like foxes, coatimundi, coyotes, ducks, rabbits, and even pelicans — they all find their way to the center for treatment.

If you've ever been there, you realize how much effort it takes to accomplish this vital work. Being southern Arizona's only state-of-the-art wildlife hospital operating 365 days a year, it's crucial that we have them. Take the case of a little cactus wren that found herself partially trapped in a cruel snap trap meant to kill rodents. She was brought to Tucson Wildlife Center with her bill and one wing still ensnared in the trap's oversized teeth.



Cactus wren

Fortunately, her story had a happy ending as she had suffered only minimal injuries and was recently released. Most animals caught in these traps aren't so lucky, however, and many die a slow, tortuous death from injuries, strangulation, or stress before they're discovered. The ones that live are often admitted to TWC with fractured bones, deep lacerations, or missing limbs.

What many people that lay these traps don't realize is that they regularly end up ensnaring domestic pets or non-target

wildlife, such as skunks, raccoons, and other unwitting desert dwellers. Instead of snap traps, TWC recommends using safe and humane devices such as Havahart catch-and-release traps.

If you find an animal that's been injured by a snap trap, TWC recommends that you do not attempt to remove them from the trap yourself. For the best chance of survival, call TWC instead. Medical treatment is almost always needed once a trap is removed. Poison is also strongly discouraged for pest control here in the desert, as it leads to a chain reaction of death, which has the ability to disrupt the balance of our delicate ecosystem.

According to Development Coordinator Hubert Parker, the Tucson Wildlife Center has two seasons. Their busy season runs from around March-April to October, "which is when we take in probably 70 to 80 percent of the animals," he told us. That's because it's baby season. "Of the 'savable' animals that come in, we are able to release around 80 percent," he added. Sometimes that's not possible. Right now, there are 11 sanctuary animals for whom the TWC will be their forever home.



Bobcat Kittens

If you'd like to help support them, the center could always use the assistance of volunteers. With a staff of less than 20, there's no possible way they could do everything they do without them.

Another way is through their annual fundraising benefit. KOLD News 13's meteorologist Erin Christiansen has been known to emcee the gala, including 2023's event, which was held in March (it was their 25th anniversary). There's always next year's benefit, or you can make a donation whenever you like.



squirrel

Another name you might recognize with regard to supporting the TWC is local artist Diana Madaras. Passionate about the work they do, she's a heavy-hitter on the fundraising scene and strives to raise awareness about the importance of the center's nonstop efforts whenever she can.

Speaking of which, TWC receives zero government funding and is able to care **for more than 5,000 animals** a year due to grants and donations from generous animal lovers. At this point,

they take as many as 20,000 calls a year, and it costs, on average, more than \$1,000 a day to operate the center, so you can understand their need.

Other ways to help is by sponsoring animals, purchasing items on their Amazon Wish List, and through in-kind donations. If you visit their Ways to Support link at tucsonwildlife.com/ways-to-support, you'll find all the information you'll need to get started making a difference today.

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Pets of Pima Parade: A Joyful Celebration of Our Furry Friends!

Story by Alison Martin, Animal Soul Connection



Photo courtesy Keith Connataro

The 2nd Annual Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade was an amazing success on February 19th along the vibrant Historic 4th Avenue. Over 1,200 enthusiastic participants joined the parade, showcasing their beloved pets of all shapes and sizes—from dogs, cats, and rabbits to snakes, lizards, birds, goats, pigs, and so much more!

An impressive crowd of 30,000 people gathered to cheer on the adorable participants and revel in the excitement of the day. TV stations FOX11 and MY18 were on hand to capture the fun, broadcasting the event four times for everyone to enjoy.

But the festivities didn't stop there! After the parade, the 4 Legs on 4th Festival featured a bustling vendor fair, a lively FunZone packed with kid-friendly activities, and thrilling live entertainment on the TFCU Stage, thanks to Arizona Music Connection. The HSL Properties Adoption Extravaganza was a highlight of the event, and Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) and other participating rescues celebrated a fantastic total of 11 adoptions that day!



Photo courtesy Keith Connataro

It was an unforgettable day for PACC, Friends of PACC, and the entire pet-loving community. A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support and join in the fun! If you would like to walk with your pet in the next Parade, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or subscribe to Friends of PACC emails.

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Training

Hold on to your hats, it's Puppy Season in Tucson once again!

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



One of the best things in life is sharing an adventure with your dog. Tucson, with its wonderful weather, tempts people and their pooches outside. With a little planning, and an eye on the temperature, you and your dog can safely enjoy our desert and mountains.

Many people enjoy running with their dog, but you should never run with a young puppy. Dogs that run before they are fully grown develop arthritis at a young age. You can start training with your pup when he is about 1.5 years old. Breeds that have short muzzles, like bulldogs or pugs, should not be running companions; they overheat too quickly. I used the C25K app to train my dog to run with me; the Rillito Loop and Reid Park are favorites. We slack off in the summer; it's just too hot to run!

Water Sports Dog beaches are only a few hours away from Tucson and many dogs love digging holes in the sand and playing in the surf. Test the sand with your own bare foot first--hot sand can burn paws. Don't let them drink the salty sea water; that can dehydrate them very quickly. Lakes and ponds can harbor a kind of bacteria called blue-green algae (it's not an algae) that can make your dog very sick if he eats it.

Have plenty of fresh water for them to drink, towels to dry off, and a shady place for both of you to relax. Many dog-friendly hotels have outside water hoses to rinse the sand off your dog. If you're lucky enough to have a pool, invite some dogs over for a play date. Not all dogs are natural swimmers; canine life vests are available in stores and online. Float toys add fun; my dog loved retrieving tennis balls in the pool.



Hiking with my dogs is my favorite activity! They have their own backpacks and carry their treats, poop bags, and my bird guide. Make sure your destination is dog friendly before you start. For example, Catalina State Park allows dogs on the trails, but not in the bighorn sheep management area. Because of its low elevation, we only hike there in the winter.

Carry enough water for all of you. I always carry extra water, a pet first aid kit, a comb (to remove cholla buds), and keep a cooler of water and snacks in the car to enjoy at the end of the hike.

It's tempting to let your dog off leash on a hike, but please don't! All state and national parks have rules that dogs must be leashed. Dogs can chase the local wildlife and get into trouble (snakes and coyotes and skunks, oh my!). Their pee and poop disrupts wildlife nesting and pollutes streams. Some dogs have a very strong prey drive, and will take off after a rabbit and disappear before you can call their name. They can get lost if they run far enough. Diseases can move between our dogs and wildlife, too.

Not everyone will want to meet your dog (unbelievable, I know), so leashing them keeps them from running up to someone who might be afraid of dogs.

I sing out "stay on your side, Call!" when I take my dog hiking, and that's his cue to draw in close as we step just off the trail to let people pass by.



Many dogs love camping in a tent or car. Try an overnight camping trip before you plan a long vacation, and check that dogs are allowed at your destination. Your canine packing list should include:

- Dog food for the trip plus extra (in case you hit bad weather and are delayed returning),
- Lots of water (dogs can get diarrhea from strange water, and no one wants to clean a messy tent at midnight)
- A pet first aid kit
- Their bed
- Extra leashes
- And a quiet toy or two (because squeaky toys at 2:00 AM in the tent are not fun for humans).

Many national parks allow dogs to visit, and some allow them in campgrounds, but they have to be leashed and under control at all times.

Travel: Last May I took a 2000-mile road trip with my dog; we had a blast! There are lots of dog-friendly hotels, and if your dog has been trained to settle quietly on a mat, many restaurants allow well-behaved dogs on patios. If you have an RV, exploring with your dog is easy. Invest in a really good dog car harness or crate to keep them safe while on the road.

Because of the heat, summertime in Tucson is not the best season to play outside with our dogs. Try a fun class such as rally, agility, or scent work; you'll both have fun learning something new (in the air conditioning).



There are many online resources to help you plan the perfect outdoor adventure with your dog, including the American Hiking Society, the American Kennel Club, KOA, REI.com and Tucson's own Summit Hut. Remember to be considerate, remember water, and remember to have fun!

Patricia Cook loves hiking and traveling with her dogs and cats, and when she's not doing that, you can find her teaching at The Complete Canine.

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From the Director's Desk

Hold on to your hats, it's Puppy Season in Tucson once again!

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In general, "puppy season" usually refers to the time of year when there is an increase in the number of puppies – and kittens – being born and surrendered to animal shelters and rescue organizations.

Puppy season can vary depending on the region, but it often coincides with the warmer months of the year when dogs and cats are more likely to mate and give birth. This can result in overcrowded shelters and a strain on the resources of these organizations, and we are no exception.

Sometimes, well-intentioned concerned citizens who find newborn kittens or puppies hidden away under their porches or in their backyards often fear that, without intervention, these young animals are in danger. Many people who bring these litters to HSSA are surprised to learn that the best option is usually to not disturb them at all.

While many assume these newborns have been abandoned by their mother and need rescuing - mother cats and dogs tend to stay with their litters most of the time. Often the mother cat or dog is nearby, searching for food, or has been momentarily startled away by the people approaching the area.



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Another way to help is to adopt a new best friend from us in the coming months, but make sure you know what you are getting yourself into besides an adorable bundle of joy!

It's important to note that while puppies can be cute and cuddly, they require a long-time commitment in time, effort, and financial resources to care for properly. Be sure to do your research and understand the responsibilities that come with pet ownership. You may find that adopting a more mature older dog from HSSA might work better for you - and allow you to sleep through the night! In fact, you can meet some of our adoptable Special Dogs of Tucson (SDOT) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at HSSA's Thrift Store at 1010 S. Wilmot. These are older dogs who already have wonderful companionship skills and are waiting for you to give them a forever home. While you are there you can pick up some great deals on vintage items and pet supplies at Southwest's best thrift store!

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Jake

LAPDOG... Not!

Story and Photos by Robert Ronning

We like to say that animal companions are members of the family. More often than not, they are favored members. Our West Highland White Terrier was our first dog—and of course, our favorite. My wife and I

had an instant attachment to Jake when we brought him home as a puppy. But our devotion blossomed in different ways: I preferred the rough and ready terrier in Jake, while Kathy was drawn to his Westie adorableness, his soft double coat and dark-brown button eyes. It's easy to turn into a committed dog fanatic just from their lovable photos, not to mention ads for dog food that use a cute dog like ours to sell a product.

We grieved over Jake's passing at age 13. I was a protective dog dad, always watching where and what Jake was up to. If he was on the patio, I would check frequently while he snooped about or sunned himself on the flagstones. No bobcat or coyote would take my boy, not on my watch. I was an edgy guardian while trying to remain casual—but within, I was a fearful parent.

And the joy that came with those walks with Jake (in spite of his incessant sniffing). A walk always started with canine anticipation, as if his home range was always the very first time he walked it ... every time. And the bliss I felt when he pranced and strutted along the sidewalk or on a nearby desert trail. If he spotted another dog, how he got all aquiver and eager before they greeted and sniffed each other. If the smelling went well, they might go into play mode, head down and butt up in the air. A friendly tussle might ensue—Jake, the master of the bob and weave. Always, he was friendly, Mr. Social among the other dogs in the hood. Yet, as alert and responsive as he was, he never obeyed our every wish and command. While he expected his walks, he often waited for a treat before willingly coming to us to be leashed up.

In LAPDOG ... NOT! Deb Duncan, a canine etiquette and training consultant, writes that Westies are not lapdogs. After Jake chose us as his forever home, he would only sit on Kathy's lap for a few minutes. As he matured,



Jake in 2014

the laps could last a half hour or longer. At dinner hour, she indulged him by letting him sit as close as he could while she ate. And he would watch every mouthful, knowing he could usually count on a morsel or two at the end.

Later in his life, I often called Jake my champ, even though he never had a clue about any sort of dog contests. But in my heart, he will always be my champ. I reached out to Deb about our life with Jake. She suggested something that strikes me at a deep level: That Jake was simply who he was meant to be, intended to be. He so gracefully fulfilled his purpose in life and why he came into our lives. That he was a wonderful result of our relationship.

Jake's passing was so painful. But we soon found new joy from SAFE rescue: a little ten-pounder, a mixed breed about age six. We had his DNA tested and it turns out he's a third Chihuahua, plus a mix of Poodle, Shih Tzu, and Maltese, as well as other bits. In other words, he's a mix of special sauce like us humans, a blend of rich flavors and doses of lovable canine. He came with no name and Kathy named him Henry—and right away he answered to his name. Perhaps he recognizes the hope and kindness in our calls.

What a performance Henry gives when we mention WALK. As Jake used to do, Henry leaps and bounces off chairs and sofas, cat-like. He has had quite an impact on our neighbors: What kind of a dog is he? ... I want him, they shout. I warn them that he's a Velcro dog and he'll jump in their arms in a moment.

There are times when I ache to know Henry's backstory—where did he come from, what were the conditions of his losing a home? We can see he was well trained in all the basic ways. We are so lucky and content he found us. It's as if Jake searched for another smarty-pants like him, paid him forward, and there's our little ten-pound sausage roll. And yes, he's a TOTAL LAPDOG, much to Kathy's delight.



Henry in his papoose bag

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The History of the “Rainbow Bridge”: Unraveling the Mystery

Written by Rebecca West, Photos courtesy of Edna Clyne-Rekhy

Recently, one of our readers brought to our attention the unraveling of the mystery of the *Rainbow Bridge*, a touching poem about animal heaven and meeting up together again with beloved pets when our own time comes to pass. Many of you will have seen or heard some iteration of it before, but it's doubtful you're familiar with its actual origins.

Though numerous individuals have tried to claim authorship over the years, it turns out Edna Clyne-Rekhy, a Scottish artist and animal lover, wrote it in 1959 to commemorate her beloved dog, Major. She reportedly “had no idea that the poem had brought comfort to so many others” after penning it nearly 64 years ago.



Edna today

PACC foster caregiver, Koudounaris was working on a book chronicling pet cemeteries when he repeatedly ran across references to the *Rainbow Bridge*.

He learned that while it had made the rounds over the decades, it wasn't until 1994, when advice columnist *Dear Abby* was sent a copy, that it gained real attention. A reader had received the poem from their local humane society and decided to share its moving message. Abby printed it, noting that the author's name was absent, and asked if anyone could identify them.

No one came forward at the time, but the poignant ode took off. Further investigation led Koudounaris to compile a list of names with a connection to the heartfelt words. In time, he narrowed it down to one person: Edna Clyne-Rekhy.

So, who is Edna, and what's the real story? Edna was a 19-year-old living in Inverness, Scotland, in 1959 when Major, her much-loved Labrador



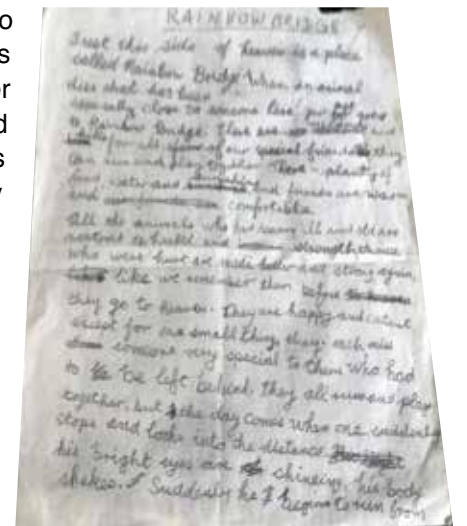
Edna with Major

himself was guiding her writing. When she was finished, she entitled it simply enough: *Rainbow Bridge*.

“He died in my arms, actually,” she recalled to *National Geographic*. “I dearly loved him.”

She showed the loving message to a couple of people who admired its sentiment before tucking it away. After marrying, her husband suggested she publish it, but she felt it was too personal. She would eventually make a handful of typewritten copies for close friends, however, who would go on to share it with others, never imagining the impact it would ultimately have.

By the 1990s, it had crossed the Pond, which is how Abby caught wind of it, and now, as Edna put it, “Every vet in Britain has it!”



Original copy of the poem

If you'd like to learn more about Edna and her surprise celebrity, you can read Paul's wonderful story in full at <https://www.orderofthegooddeath.com/article/the-rainbow-bridge-the-true-story-behind-historys-most-influential-piece-of-animal-mourning-literature/>

RAINBOW BRIDGE

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They are happy and content except for one small thing—they each miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are shining, his body shakes. Suddenly he begins to run from the herd, rushing over the grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cuddle in a happy hug never to be apart again. You and your pet are in tears. Your hands again cuddle his head and you look again into his trusting eyes, so long gone from life, but never absent from your heart, and then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together.

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