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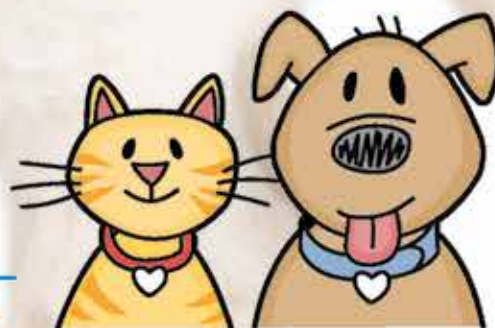


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The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dear Friends and Readers,

On July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day, the historic American story of bravery, patriotism, and freedom and of course, most of us will be enjoying a day of relaxation that will include the usual barbeques, parties, fireworks, and time with our families and friends.

We have come a long way since 1776 in many ways of life including animal welfare. Believe it or not, 135 years earlier, Animal protection entered the American records in 1641 in Massachusetts enacting its legal code, "prohibiting Tyranny or Cruelty towards any creature which is kept for man's use, and mandated periodic rest and refreshment for any cattle being driven or led". The radical animal advocates of that day believed that the cruelty of animals was a consequence of Adam and Eve's fall from the Garden of Eden. Kind ownership reflected their reformist ideals starting the long historical relationship between religion, reform, and animal protection.

Flash forward to 1866, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was founded, to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. Referencing that "creaturely kindness was a marker of advanced civilization, which could rectify a fractured nation and world".

It took a very long time to even get to that point, and now... we still have a long way to go!

I happened across this Declaration of Independence for animals written by Peta. I'm only sharing a part of it.

"All individuals are entitled to have certain liberties as their birthright, whether they were born an orca, a macaque, a chicken, or a bat. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that no human being is entitled to use a perceived difference as justification for robbing a sentient individual of his or her inalienable right to freedom, dignity, autonomy, the pursuit of happiness, or the avoidance of needless pain and suffering. Therefore, we have conceived this declaration of the rights of all animals...

Our fellow animals are capable of experiencing hope, joy, love, fear, pain, loss, and sorrow, and we hold that all individuals are deserving of respect and consideration. In conclusion, animals have the right to be free of the crushing grip of human oppression, and we must grant them their independence".

I hope you will take the opportunity to do your own reflection this Independence Day. As for me, this weekend I'll be celebrating my independence and my dogs.

I wish you and your pets joy and comfort this holiday. Have a carefree and happy 4th of July!

Yours,
Heather McShea
Publisher & Editor In Chief

*Declaration of Independence
for Animals*



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On the Road or In The Yard Summer Safety for Pets

Story by Melissa Barrow



The hottest time of year is back! The joy of summer is escape-the-heat road trips, which for many will include the family pet(s). The bummer of summer is the steep rise in heat-related dangers for animals and people. To keep these vacation months safe and comfortable for two- and four-legged friends, we'll revisit some helpful tips for pet safety while driving, or just being outdoors.

When contemplating a long road trip, the first thing to ask is: does your animal pal really need to go along? Many dogs will jump right in the car, but for the anxious ones even short trips can be traumatizing, and for nearly all cats, a ten-minute trip to the vet means nonstop yowling and two days of cold-shouldering. (Yes, the destination might have something to do with that!) For these more sensitive companions, it may be kinder to leave them in their comfort zone, looked after by friends or family.



Regardless, whether you've committed to a cross-country drive with your pet or just habitually bring them along on errands, basic preparedness can bring peace of mind. Without safety measures, that short drive to the dog park is potentially dangerous — even lethal — for pets and people. Here's how to keep everyone in one piece:

- **Restrain your animal!** The top research-supported safety rule: free-roaming pets in the car are a distraction danger. The National Distracted Driving Coalition estimates 25-30% of traffic fatalities are caused by driver distraction each year. <https://usnddc.org>. According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), 31% of drivers are distracted by their dogs, and 80% admit to driving frequently with pets, but only 17% use a pet restraint. Consider: in a collision, a 10-lb. dog at 50 mph exerts 500 lbs. of force, while at just 30 mph an 80-lb. dog exerts 2400 lbs.!



- **Use a safety device** — The ideal is a carrier or travel kennel. There are harnesses that clip to a seatbelt, but many harnesses only restrain, not prevent injury in a collision. The Center for Pet Safety www.centerforpetsafety.org tests harnesses for collision safety.
- **Heads inside** — a grinning dog with ears flapping out the window may look cute, but it's dangerous. They can be sickened by gulping forced air, stung by insects, hit by objects outside, or suffer eye injury from flying debris. Sudden braking can result in neck injury or being thrown from your vehicle and struck by another.

- **Never in front** — like small children, animals can be injured or even killed by an airbag. The safest place for animal friends is in the back, preferably on the floor behind the passenger seat.

- **Be Consistent** — use the same precautions for short and long trips. Statistically, most accidents happen within 25 miles of home, often less than 10. National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/seat-belts
- **Bring a travel buddy** — especially on long trips. A friend can interact with your pet, allowing you to focus on driving.
- **Practice acclimation** — Pet parents often avoid restraints due to animal upset. Ease them into it with short rides, gradually working up to longer ones. Also, familiarize them with being in their carrier well before attempting a drive.
- **Pre-trip exercise** — long walks or play sessions reduces agitation.
- **Bring Soothers** — ask your vet about medications for anxiety and motion sickness; pheromone sprays relieve stress; light music or white noise quiet nerves; Favorite blankets/toys — seeing or smelling familiar items from home is reassuring; Bottled Water — prevents digestive issues from unfamiliar water sources; Treats — to be given during rest breaks or by a travel friend along the way. (Avoid full meals 3-4 hours before a trip, though, to prevent motion sickness.)

Everyone knows that summer heatwaves also bring dangers for pets. A yearly heat safety refresher never goes amiss.

In the car: if their riding with you — hopefully in the back seat, where we've established it's safest — be sure to angle a/c vents toward the rear of the cabin. Cover hot vinyl seats with a sheet or towel. Bring along water in case you get stuck somewhere without access. Never leave your animal unattended, even



if you think you'll only be a few minutes. Remember, within minutes the interior of a car is easily 20 degrees hotter than outdoors. Plus, in Arizona it's illegal to leave animals unattended in vehicles and the Good Samaritan law protects people who break into them to rescue distressed pets. If you find yourself needing to do that, be sure to notify the police first, wait with the animal until they arrive unless the pet is in immediate danger.

In the yard or out and about: Arizona law also prohibits animals from being left outdoors all day in any season without ample fresh water and shelter from the elements (a shaded structure, not just a tree), and tie-outs are always illegal in Tucson. Restrict walks to early morning or sunset. Carry water or choose routes with water stations. Never walk dogs on asphalt too hot to for your hand — even for a few minutes, without protection booties. Hot concrete burns sensitive paws!

You and your furry friends are now ready to hit the road — or the yard — in comfort, safety and style. Happy summer!

Thanks to Natalie at the Online Learning Haven for the topic suggestion!



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Sat. July 1-30, 7:30am-3:30pm

Tucson Botanical Gardens

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Bring your furry friend along on your garden walks to enjoy some good smells & tasty treats from the café. This event runs from June 1st thru September 30th. For more info, go to TucsonBotanical.org/event/dogdays. 2150 N. Alvernon Way, (520) 326-9686.

Sat. July 1, 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. July 1, 9am-11am

Southern Arizona Beagle Rescue Playdate in the Park

We have a 'beagle play date' the 1st Saturday of each month at the small dog park inside of Reid Park. Bring your beagles & have some fun in the sun beagle style! Info at (520) 247-7720 or soazbeaglerescue.com.

Sat. July. 1, 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. July 2, 11am-3pm

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Sun. July 2, 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. July 5, 4pm-5pm

Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Vaccine & Microchip Clinic

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Sat. July 8, 10:30am-2pm

Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart

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4740 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712

Mon. July 10-16, Days/Evenings

Southern Arizona Cat Rescue PetSmart Adoption Event

For PetSmart Charities National Adoption Week, we will be at the PetSmart located at 4374 N. Oracle Rd. each day with adoptable kitties! Visit sacatrescue.org or FB/IG @sacatrescue for available cats, times, & possible schedule changes.

Wed. July 12, Beginning at 6am

Animal League of Green Valley Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

Low-cost/no-cost spay/neuter options the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1600 W. Duval Mine Rd, Green Valley, AZ. 85614, provided in conjunction with ASAVETS. First come, first served. (520) 625-3170

Sat. July 15, 11am-2pm

Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter Adoption Event at Bookman's East

The 3rd Saturday of each month we bring kitties who are ready for adoption, along with info about us & other upcoming events to Bookman's East at 6230 E. Broadway Blvd. Contact: (520) 571-7839

Sun. July 16, 5:30pm

Reptile Adoption Event with S. AZ. Reptile Rescue & Education

Come view adoptable reptiles at the Loft Theater & speak with one of our team members to learn how to get your next new scaly friend. Call or text (808) 747-6445 or email SoAZReptileRescue@yahoo.com.

Sat. July 22, 10am-2pm

Moon & Stars Animal Rescue Feline Adoption Event at PetSmart

Adoptable cats will be at the Grant & Swan PetSmart location waiting for forever homes. (520) 322-5080 4740 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712
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Sat. Aug. 5, 11am-2pm

Park Place Mall Adoption Event for S. AZ. Reptile Rescue & Education

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.

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Sat. Aug. 12, 8am-9am

Goats of Tucson's Yoga in the Park

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Tues. Aug. 15, By Appt. Only

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Sat. Aug. 26, 8am-9am

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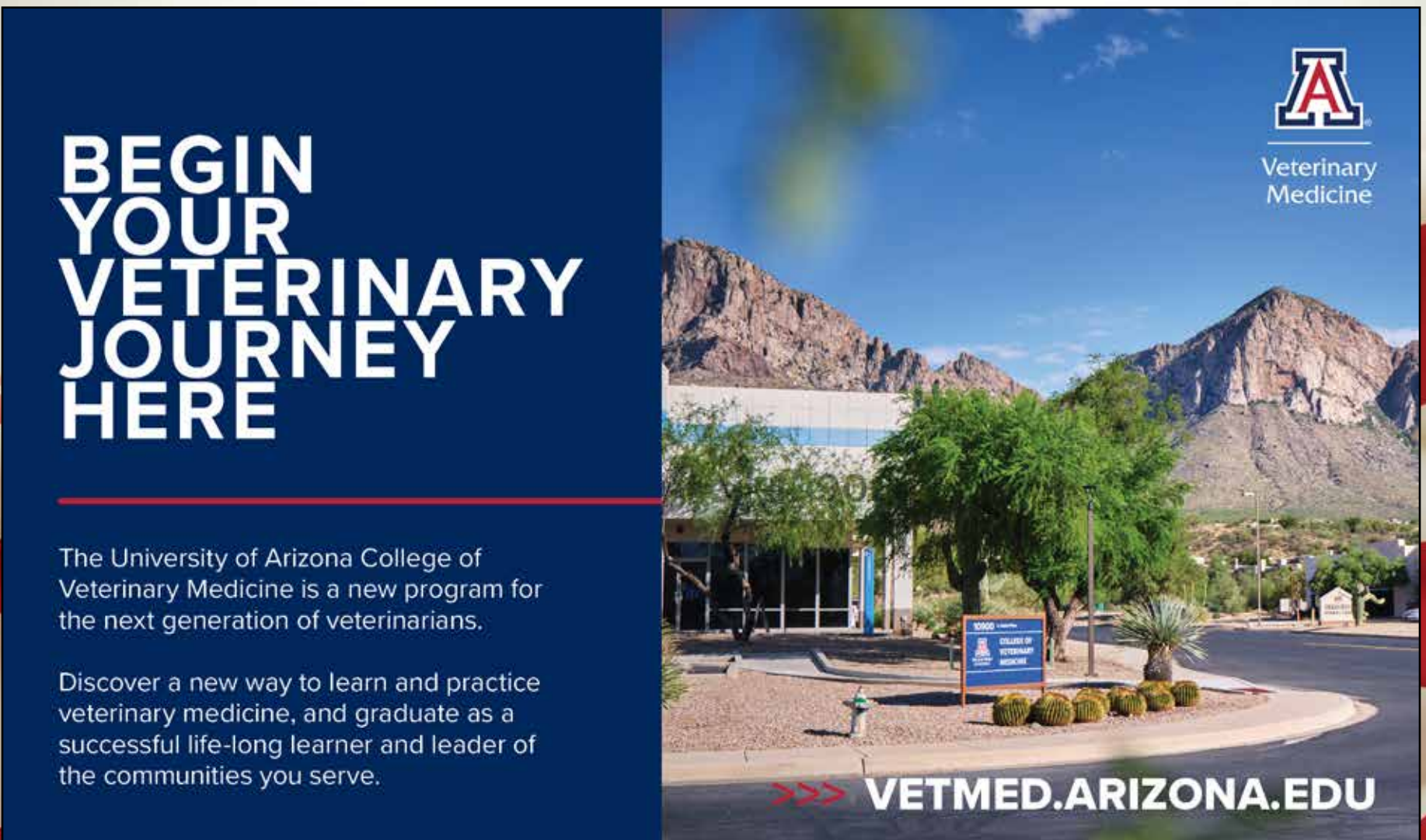
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Sol Dog Lodge — Training Dogs and People for Life

Story by Melissa Barrow, photos courtesy of Sol Dog Lodge



The Tucson Dog gives lots of space to the rescue community, appealing in every issue for fosters and adopters. The rescue slogan is ‘find them a forever home’ but the story doesn’t end when an animal walks in the door of that new home — the forever part doesn’t magically happen. The animal rescue/adoption process is complex and multi-layered, with multiple moving, interdependent parts. Sol Dog Lodge emerged because of an unintentional gap in that process.

Welcoming a new four-legged member means an adjustment for the whole family. People and pets have to work out their rhythms and roles. Everyone (including those outside the household who interact with the animal) needs help adapting, familiarizing and building trust. Adoptee return is a heartbreaking but all too frequent problem, especially with puppies: the well-intentioned adopter, miscalculating the responsibility and lacking finances or familiarity with resources, gets overwhelmed. The adult dog comes back as unadoptable due to entrenched behavioral issues. While shelters make every effort to offer guidance, they’re simply too overwhelmed to provide in-depth, ongoing support.

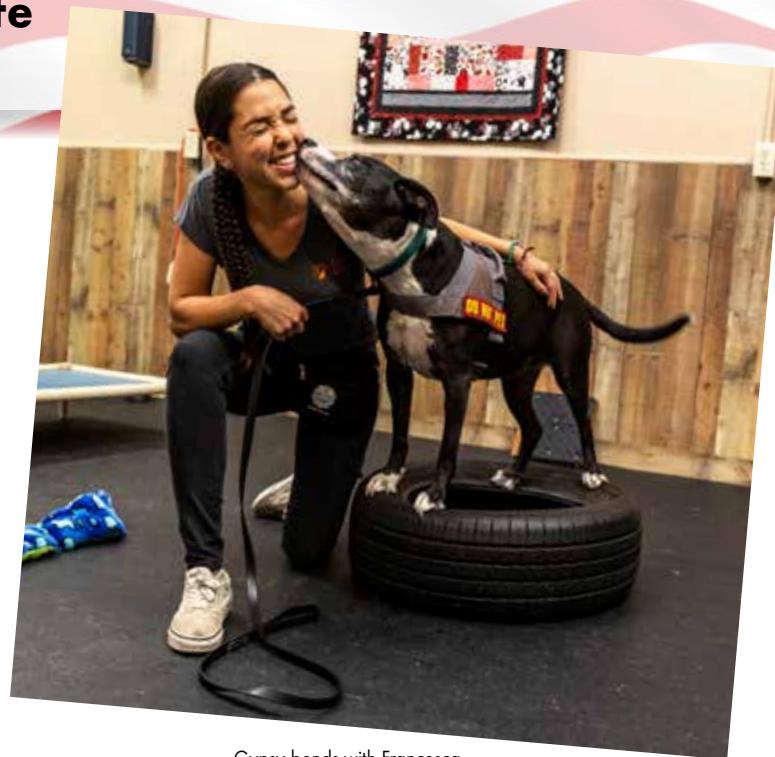
Sol Dog Lodge (SDL) is not an adoption, shelter, or rescue organization, but they’re an indispensable piece of the whole puzzle: a nonprofit business that offers training, grooming, boarding, and respite care (giving people a temporary break for financial or health reasons, like PACC’s Safety Net, but smaller). As Executive Director Valerie Pullara explains, “We see ourselves as a support organization — a bridge between community, rescues, shelters, and even human support services. Collaboration is the whole idea. We’re all about dogs and people!” Shelters can’t do it all; by covering post-adoption support, SDL allows them space to focus on their areas of expertise.



E.D. Valerie with Moon

To clarify, SDL is a nonprofit organization in service to the community. They run a business that supports that work. The fees paid for their services diversify the revenue stream to make it sustainable, rather than relying solely on grants or donations. Sol Dog’s business is mission driven. That mission: to keep dogs with families, through a hybrid of training and familiarization education. In essence, socialization is their most vital community service — that missing gap in the rescue cycle. They support adoption success by training more than dogs, they train people too! Family-wide education is at the core of everything. Their recently launched and hugely successful puppy classes train families and dogs for life through family house management and integration. Other offerings include service dog training, Canine Kids Camp (kids learn by shadowing trainers, bolstering adoption success and creating future volunteers), and relationship building classes — in partnership with Genie Joseph, PhD of The Human Animal Connection — where people learn dog language and communicate through touch.

SDL also offers grooming, essential to basic dog care (for certain breeds it’s even dangerous to go ungroomed) and a key part of socialization. They work to acclimate dogs to the grooming process, especially those who have never



Gypsy bonds with Francesca

been groomed or have PTSD. Their Sensitive Dog package offers 3-4 sessions of non-grooming play and touch, building trust prior to the actual process. SDL believes in grooming for life!

SDL’s current capacity allows for grooming, training and boarding divided between two locations: Thornydale, and the original site — Prince at I-10. Both offer training, Thornydale handles grooming, and boarding is only at Prince, but their reputation for extraordinary care means long-term customers book a year ahead, so it’s always full. Boarding, then — most urgently needed by those in distress — is their biggest challenge. This limitation is vexing. Helping those in need is foundational to SDL, turning people away, heart wrenching. They refer people to Safety Net, but pandemic-related financial impacts have escalated need. There’s not enough aid to go around. Not Yet. An exciting project is in the works:



Groomer Caitlin Tobias soothes a grateful client

SDL is in the late stages of fundraising for a new Lodge on 4+ acres of Marana land that will give them a greater capacity for respite care and boarding. Designed to be a community space, the new facility will take them from 10 kennels to 65 for boarding/lodging, plus triple the training and grooming space, and will allow greater capacity for hiring people with disabilities. It will also feature a 16-space isolation casita for difficult cases or those with no vaccination records. There’s more fundraising to do, you can help out at <https://soldoglodge.com/donate/>. Major donors are recognized with naming rights!

Expansion will allow SDL to make a bigger impact on supporting the whole Tucson rescue community. We’re back full circle to the idea of how interdependent the rescue system is. Shelley Harris, SDL Director of Marketing and Communications paints this picture when referencing their collaborative partner system: “You’ve got High Desert Humane Society, Rescue Me, and Sol Dog — it’s an interconnected process. You can’t have one without the other.” They also work with Arizona Heartfelt Hounds and Grey Muzzle, to rehome sighthounds and senior dogs. No one system can do it alone; it’s people coming together to form support systems that make this happen. It takes a pueblo! Thanks to Valerie and Shelley for their dedication.

To learn more or get involved: <https://soldoglodge.com/>

A VISIT TO THE



DOGHOUSE

All the dogs on these pages are available for adoption now. If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends, please contact the group listed with the picture.

Pima Animal Care Center

\$0 adoption fee. \$20 license fee adult dogs. Adoption includes spay/neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip & a free vet visit.
Pima Animal Care Center 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.
Mon - Fri 12pm-7pm, Sat/Sun 10am-5pm

SILAS - A810125

Hi, I'm Silas! I'm a great age at 6, meaning I'm past the puppy hooligan stage & a great mix of fun & relaxation! I am friendly with people & am sure to make you smile with my big grin. I love playing fetch & walks. I'm friendly with other dogs & wouldn't mind sharing my home with a doggy friend or two.

PASCAL - A800751

I'm Pascal, & I'm just under 2 y/o! I ended up at PACC after being hit by a car. I was mostly ok, but my leg was broken & the kind clinic staff at PACC got me all fixed up. Volunteers describe me as a "wonderful, loving little guy." I'll need to be on a joint supplement for life because of my broken leg, but that's no big deal.

Lucy's Hope Sanctuary & Rescue

lucyshoperescue.com or **Adoption application**
<https://www.shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/LHSR/Dog>

CHANNING

I'm Channing, a handsome 3 y/o boy looking for his forever home. I will need a home with no other pets. I would do good in an adult-only home or with older, respectful kids. While I haven't starred in any films, I will be the star of your life! I love walks & a giant ball I can push around like a bull. Please meet me!

EVIE

I'm 5 y/o Evie! I've been with LH since 8/30/21, & I've been overlooked so many times. I'm struggling & not doing great in boarding & could really use a miracle. Volunteers say I'm the most special girl in the world. I love to play, go for walks, hang out, hike, & be a total goofball! I could use a break & a 2nd chance with a new family. Could you be the one?

The Animal League of Green Valley

Adoption fee: \$85. TALGV • (Appts 10-2 daily) 520-625-3170

STEWIE

I'm a little 9 y/o Shih Tzu mix male that is part of a pair that need to be adopted together. I'm sometimes shy at first, but I can warm up quickly. I like to stand on my hind legs so you can see my cuteness. Since our person is gone, we are available to share a new happy home.

DOC

I'm a big, 8 y/o Lab mix male that needs to be adopted with my little friend, Stewie. We are house-trained & are good at home alone. We like to walk together with a person who is as strong as me. We both love to cuddle & need to be your only pets.

YORK - A805261

My name is York! I am a handsome young man at just 2 y/o, & I am quite the charmer with my beautiful blue eyes! I enjoy being around people & exploring my all of my surroundings. I would like to meet any dogs in the home before being adopted, please.

HOWARD - A784402

I'm 3 y/o Howard, & I'm about as handsome as they come with the cutest little tail! Not to brag, but I'm quite popular here at PACC! Many people even describe me as a favorite. I would like to meet any potential doggy siblings before heading home. I've been in the shelter since July 2022, & I'm ready to get out of here for good!

MYSTIC - A777187

Hello, I'm Mystic! I'm 2 y/o & pretty much your typical big goofy puppy. I am very friendly & loving, & I enjoy spending time with humans & dogs alike. I am deaf, but that doesn't stop me from being a great companion. I'm ready to find my new forever family now!

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

Main Campus: 520-327-6088 ext. 173.
Meet: 635 West Roger Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705

ELLIE - 923033

Hi everyone, I'm Ellie, a 1.5 y/o Shepherd-mix girl. I'm considered a Frisbee champ 'cuz of my mad fetch skills! If you love frisbee as much as me, we should meet & become a champion team together! I'd love an active family who could take me on hikes & play with me, 'cuz quality time is definitely my love language.

HOT SHOT - 926047

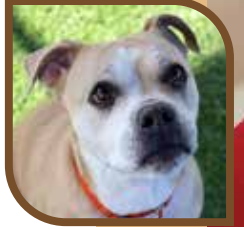
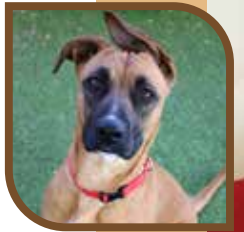
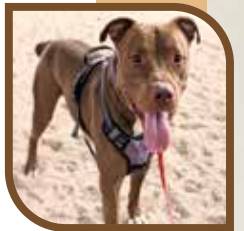
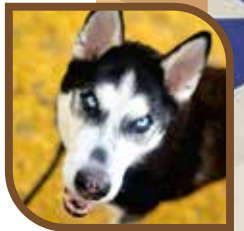
My name is Hot Shot. I'm a friendly, energetic Chow. My friends at HSSA say I'm delightfully independent & I need to be the only dog in your home. I'm 2 y/o, so you can expect me to be a playful boy who'd make a great hiking partner! Do I sound like the one for you? Please contact HSSAZ to learn more about me 1st!

DELTA - 926071

Hello, my name is Delta, & I'm a high energy boy looking for my furever home! I was brought to HSSAZ as a stray. My new friends say I should meet any other dogs that I'll be living with 'cuz I'm dog selective. If you like to take long walks or hike, count me in! I'm your next best friend, you just don't know it yet!

DOJA - 923795

You've heard of Doja Cat, but you've never met Doja Dog! I'm a loving, medium-energy girl who enjoys cuddles & enticing others to give me treats. I'm under 2 & looking for someone who wants to lounge around & eat pupsicles with me. If you're looking for a loyal, smart, excitable girl who'll wiggle her whole body when she sees you, I'm the pup for you!



Get The Perfect Photo of Your Pet!

Story by Meganne Carpenter, Camp Bow Wow, Tucson East

Now that summer's here we might be taking our dogs to the beach, going on hikes, or even taking our dogs on a vacation with us! We all want to document the fun activities we do with our dogs this summer. This is a great checklist to run through when attempting to get a perfect shot of your dog;

- Get down on their level. We are taller than our pups and the birds-eye view doesn't always capture the detail we would like.
- Natural light is always best. Most professional photographers would agree if you can take advantage of natural light outdoors or inside through a window that tends to be more flattering than darker and warm-toned artificial lighting. Bonus points if you get a snapshot during golden hour! (One hour before sunset)
- Grab their attention - It's good practice to have a variety of candid shots where the dog appears to not even know the photo is being taken and shots of your dog looking directly into your lens. You can get your pup's focus by holding their favorite toy or treat close to your lens when snapping your photos. Giving them a treat when they do a good job helps reinforce their cooperative behavior.
- Try a variety of poses - We all have a bunch of sweet pictures of our pups sleeping since it's cute and an easy shot to get. Try getting photos of your four-legged friend in natural relaxed poses like sitting, laying down, standing still, etc. After you've mastered the portrait poses, you can move on to the action shots when your dog is running around, playing fetch, swimming, and any other fun activity. These shots can be harder to capture, but you may be surprised at how they turn out when you give them some time and patience.



- Take lots of pictures! Especially when taking photos with motion, taking batches of photos at once can help you get the perfect shot. The process can entail weeding through and narrowing down the best pictures, but of the 100 duds, if you have a few captivating photos of your pup, it's worth it! There are a lot of rules and best practices when it comes to photography but when taking pictures of your dog, if you implement a couple of the basic tips mentioned above, you will see a noticeable difference in your photos. Have a fun summer and happy snapping!

Camp Bow Wow - campbowwow.com/tucson

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Southern Arizona Cat Rescue

adoption@sacatrescue.org • (520) 200-1643/sacatrescue.org



DASH 2

I'm an avid explorer who'll go where no kitten's gone before, as I'm very active, playful, & love to climb. My ideal home has a cat tree & lots of toys, especially crinkle balls! I'd do well with another kitten friend or a family that can give me plenty of playtime & attention. I'm fixed, vaxed, dewormed, & microchipped.



ENOLA

I'm a 2.5-mth-old kitten who'll provide constant entertainment! I'm a curious girl, always finding her way in & out of things & places & I love to play, all the time, every day! If it's a toy, I'll play with it. If it's not a toy, I'll make it one & play with it. I'm fixed, vaxed, dewormed, & chipped.



LOAM

I'm a spunky little dude who loves treats! I'm talkative, curious, & always willing to come up & check things out before going back to playing with a toy or my sister. I'm good with other cats & kids, plus I'm fixed, vaxed, dewormed, & chipped.



ZIPPY

A cautious boy, I prefer observing before jumping in. I may take a little longer to warm up, but I'm loving & sweet once I'm comfortable. I have lots of kitten energy & enjoy playing with toys, climbing my cat scratcher, & wrestling with my sibs. I also sit patiently, gaze lovingly, & wait for my turn for cuddles. I'm fixed, vaxed, dewormed, & chipped.

The Animal League of Green Valley

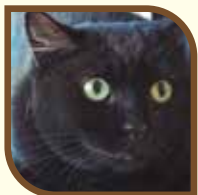
Adoption fee: \$45, includes vet care support for life.

TALGV (Appts 10-2 daily) 520-625-3170



PETIE

I'm a handsome 15 y/o gray & white tabby whose owner could no longer care for me. I'm a bit shy & not too social but would love to share a quiet, peaceful place with you. Could you please take me home?!



FIFI

I'm an 8 y/o laid-back shorthaired beautiful black lady with round yellow eyes. My former home contained 10 other cats. We all got along, but I prefer human company. If you have a window where I can look out, I'd love to share your home with you!



PACC

\$0 adoption fee. Adoption includes spay/neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip, & a free vet visit.

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



CUDDLES - A796105

My name is Cuddles, & I'm just 7 m/o. I'm a little bit shy, but I'm friendly once I am comfortable with my surroundings. I recently recovered from a major surgery & am doing great now! Please email pacc.adoptafoster@pima.gov for more information about me!



PRINCESS - A808169

My name isn't just Princess, I AM A princess! I'm a royal 7 y/o looking for a new home. I was quite shy when I got to PACC, but I've slowly gotten more comfortable. To be fair, I came in with pretty severe mouth pain & they helped me feel a lot better, so I'm happier now. I'd still ask you respect my space, but I'm willing to grace your softest pillow!



BAXTER - A530237

I'm Baxter, an extremely handsome older gent who's looking for a home after being brought to the shelter as an owner surrender. I am very sweet & enjoy a little bit of play time, too. I'm 8 y/o & looking to spend my golden years with my new family!



TEA TYME - A808165

My name is Tea Tyme, & I'm a very sweet 2 y/o girl in need of a good home. I arrived at PACC with my kittens, but now that they're grown & off to their new homes, I'm ready to find a place where I can get spoiled & loved in, too!



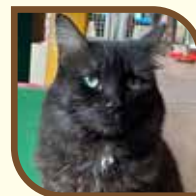
TUBBS - A808924

I'm Tubbs, & I'm just 8 wks old, so I'm still figuring things out. So far, I'm loving it! I'm living in a foster home & they say I'm playful & affectionate! I'm one of many kittens who will become available in the coming wks/mths as the first wave of us kitten-season babies get big enough to go home. Please email pacc.adoptafoster@pima.gov!

Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

5278 E 21st St; Tucson, 85711; hermitagecatshelter.org

Adoption app: <https://bit.ly/2Ws7HCG>



SUMATRA

I'm Sumatra, & I'm 2. I was abandoned at the shelter with my siblings, so I was suspicious of people. I'm working on it, though, & have flourished at the shelter. I love gentle ear scratchies & quiet talks. Come meet me if you love shy kitties. I'd love to blossom with you!



USOPP

I'm Usopp, & I'm 4! I am a little shy but I'm very sweet. I love ear scratchies & treats! I hope to meet a gentle person to match my own energy, & I'd be great in a quieter home with (or without) other kitties. If you're looking for a quiet kitty, come meet me!

Cover Story

Women of Rescue: Getting Things Done, Part I

Story by Rebecca West



Saddlebrooke Calle Rose fashion show fundraiser credit: SPNR

If you had to take a wild guess, who would you imagine is behind the vast majority of rescue and shelter operations? We're talking about from the founding of all the way down to the volunteers. The answer, of course, is women, and that's because women get things done. Statistically, we also tend to be more compassionate, which is another part of the equation.

In fact, all across the world, women are better empathizers than men, and there are studies to back it up. No matter where they live, no matter what their cultural or family influences, in general, women are just better at empathizing than men, according to yet another study — this one published in the journal PNAS (2022). (Guys, we still love you!)

In speaking with our photographer, the very talented Candice Eaton of "Capturing EveryBuddy by C. Eaton Photography," she agreed that, from her experience, women were the driving force in rescue. With that in mind, we wanted to take a look at all of the ladies behind southern Arizona's immense animal welfare efforts. There are so many of these dedicated gals that we needed to break it up into a multi-part series in order to cover them all!

So, without further ado, here are just some of the female movers and shakers in our community getting things done.

The Ladies of Saddlebrook Pet Network Rescue

SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network (SBPRN) is a 501c3 nonprofit that supports shelters and rescues within their area. For nearly 20 years, the group of all volunteers has worked nonstop for the benefit of pets in SaddleBrooke, Arizona, and throughout Pinal and Pima Counties with remarkable success.

Their backstory began in 2005 when five SaddleBrooke volunteers met to discuss how they could help with the placement, fostering, and rescue of animals within the community. Those original founders were Leslie Rocco, Shirley Culliney, Jan Pede, Kay Erb, and Deanna Sides. The forward-thinking quintet were responsible for organizing the amazing volunteer group "Wags & Walkers" to socialize and walk the canine residents at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC).

Additionally, they've worked with area rescue groups to help SaddleBrooke residents find adoptable pets and volunteer their time at supply drives, microchip fairs, and local adoption events. In 2011, they went on to officially form the SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network. info@sbpetrescue.com, sbpetrescue.org

Amy & Cyndi Cubillas, Founders of The Sanctuary Project

Describing themselves as a pack of like-minded individuals who believe that dogs are sentient, intelligent beings, quite possibly angels on earth and not at all disposable, sisters Amy & Cyndi Cubillas founded the Sanctuary Project with the belief that every single life matters.



Saddlebrooke PNR supply drive credit: SPNR



TSP Maxwell Smart credit: Diana Madaras

Since its founding, TSP has grown to multiple states with, as they put it, “a kick#@@ volunteer corps, rad youth division, and countless little hearts still beating out there that otherwise might not have seen tomorrow, who are now wrapped up in the love of some pretty spectacular families.”

Currently a foster-based program, they regularly help dogs in southern Arizona and Mexico to get off the streets and into furever homes. In fact, TSP helped artist Diana Madaras adopt the most recent love of her life, adorable Maxwell Smart, which we wrote about in the last issue. They believe in the power of love and anxiously

look forward to the day when the dark history of killing shelter animals becomes a thing of the past. thesanctuaryprojectlove.org, (800) 691-9168

Karen Pomroy, Founder of Equine Voices Horse Sanctuary



Karen Pomroy & Gulliver credit: Equine Voices

In 2003, Karen Pomroy began creating a safe haven for horses and wild burros in need of refuge. Now, 20 years later, she’s realized the whole of her dream with regard to the state of the sanctuary, but there’s still much to be done. The haven is Equine Voices Rescue and Sanctuary, “a place of healing” in Green Valley, Arizona.

Karen always had an adoration for horses, but it was a life-changing backpacking trip around the globe that convinced her she needed to get involved in animal welfare. The decision led her to California, where she volunteered at a wild horse sanctuary. The experience provided her with a wealth of knowledge and opened her eyes to the fates so many horses in the U.S. face. It was enough to convince her that someday she wanted to start her own sanctuary, and that’s exactly what she did.



Sanctuary horses credit: Equine Voices

While her focus is saving mares and foals on PMU farms (Pregnant Mare’s Urine) and raising awareness for their awful plight, the nonprofit’s goal is to rescue all equines from neglect, abuse, abandonment, and slaughter. EVRS rehabilitate, adopt, and/or provide a safe and loving sanctuary to those animals that need forever homes. Through education, Karen hopes to empower individuals to learn about Premarin and associated

horse slaughter. (520)-398-2814, info@equinevoices.org

Amber Allen, Director of Cody’s Friends & Cody’s Mom

Cody’s Friends was launched in 2011 after 10-year-old Cody Allen felt the need to make a difference.

The 5th grader, with the help of his mother, Amber, began from scratch without infrastructure for storage or money to start. Instead, they relied on a handful of volunteers and used a garage to house donations until space ran out. They’ve come a long way since then, with a building for supplies and an announcement that GreaterGood.org made Cody’s Friends one of only 24 Rescue Bank affiliates in the United States.

While Cody was the impetus behind the nonprofit, Amber, who drove him everywhere in those early days, has dedicated her time to the welfare of our most vulnerable residents. Over the last several years, they’ve expanded into human services with 48 donation stations located throughout Pima County, placing them in a position to distribute more than a million pounds of pet food and critical supplies to over 45 local human service agencies.

They include Meals on Wheels, Community Food Banks, the Tucson FD, Youth on their Own, as well as animal rescue groups such as PACC and the Humane Society of S. Arizona. (520) 329-0339, codysfriends.org.



Amber Allen & Cody
credit: Amber Allen



Monterrey Chihuahua credit: Lorna Aguilar

Lorna Aguilar, Founder of Street Angels Animal Rescue

Lorna Grant-Aguilar got her passion for animals from her mother, an ad exec, who rescued pets and instilled her love of them in Lorna at an early age. Born in Argentina, she eventually moved to Mexico City, where she began assisting the Mexican Humane Society. In 2014, she and animal activist Antemio Maya Pindter, the founder of Pro-Perro AC, successfully campaigned to change how euthanasia was performed there.

Fresh on the heels of that success, she moved to Tucson that year and started Angelitos Callejeros (Street Angels), focusing on rescuing dogs throughout Mexico and Latin America. Made up of thousands of members, it’s a place where anyone within the group can post dogs needing homes and/or medical treatment.

It was so successful she created another for Nuevo Leon called Monterrey Rescata. It has approximately 24,000 members, and both groups have helped to make a meaningful dent in the estimated 18-20 million strays in the country. lornaanneaguilar@gmail.com

Angelitos Callejeros - facebook.com/groups/1521569331506912
Monterrey Rescata - facebook.com/groups/1495171290792006



Lorna (R) with Amber Allen (L) credit: Lorna Aguilar



MVCS volunteer Jody Yonsetti
credit: R. West

Cathy Bishop, Founder of Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary

Polarized by what she was seeing in 2013, Cathy Bishop was determined to do something about the issue of

homeless and feral cats. She'd already been working on a modest scale to stop the breeding cycle but felt increased action was necessary. That's when her and Tom Birt of Mesquite Valley Growers Nursery got together and created a refuge for forgotten felines.

Located in a fantastic old home from the 1880s on Pantano Rd., the dwelling was initially adapted for 30 female cats. Many were trapped in central Tucson near assisted living facilities and local trailer parks. Six were pregnant when they were captured. The idea was to check for health problems, treat them if necessary, and get them spayed before releasing them or adopting them out.



MVCS volunteer with kitty credit: R. West

The two were fortunate in that they were able to place all six litters and return many of the adults. Working tirelessly ever since, MVCS has been able to place hundreds of cats and kittens in good homes to date. Aside from providing a safe refuge, Mesquite Valley Cat Sanctuary also wants to get the word out and educate the public regarding how affordable it can be to adopt animals like these. (520) 721-8600

Donna & Margaux DeConcini, Founders of S. Arizona Animal Food Bank

In 2014, Donna DeConcini and her daughter Margaux wanted to help abandoned farm and ranch animals, so they decided to form the nonprofit Food for Horses. Margaux, as it happens, is the development director at TROT, Therapeutic Riding of Tucson. Food for Horses was designed to assist those in need with food and veterinarian care for 90 days in an effort to keep those animals with their owners — where they belonged.



Donna & Margaux DeConcini credit: SAAFB

To assist in raising money, the two coordinated the Tucson Food Truck Rally, where a portion of the proceeds were donated to the cause. During that time period, it became clear that additional resources were needed to help domestic pet owners as well.

So, in 2015, the Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank (SAAFB) was formed as

a crucial donation and distribution center with the same goal of keeping beloved pets with their families. Since then, they've created an inspirational art gallery and distribution center on Speedway Blvd. to showcase local artists

and businesses that support animal welfare, with a portion of the proceeds directly benefitting SAAFB. info@saafb.org, (520) 268-7299

Sister Theresa Seraphim & The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

Arizona's first no-kill animal shelter, The Hermitage, has been a refuge for at-risk cats and kittens since the 1960s! Originally founded as the Arizona Animal Anti-Cruelty League by Sister Theresa Seraphim, a Russian Orthodox nun from England, the good Sister moved to Tucson in 1969 and lived here until her passing in 1990. During her more than 20-year tenure, Sister Seraphim rescued cats, chickens, guinea hens, peacocks, a handful of dogs, and a donkey. Today, her legacy lives on.



The Hermitage kitties credit: HNCCS

In 2013, through the American Sanctuary Association, the cage-free shelter became an accredited sanctuary and remains the only accredited cat sanctuary in Arizona today. By October 2017, they moved into a 9000 sq-ft space where they house 200+ cats at any given time and rescue about 700 more annually. With the addition of a medical suite, The Hermitage is able to provide state-of-the-art care for felines that include spay/neuter surgeries, dental procedures, laser treatments to assist in recovery, and more.



Felines at The Hermitage credit: HNCSS

The care is especially essential to their special needs cats suffering from illnesses such as FIV, FeLV, diabetes, or other chronic issues. Their ability to provide this type of comprehensive in-house care significantly reduces the stress on the cats, reduces costs, and improves the felines' overall well-being. (520) 571-7839, hermitagecatshelter.org

More Women in Rescue

And these are just 14 of the incredibly dynamic and ambitious women who have had a resounding impact on not only the welfare of homeless, abused, neglected, or stray animals here in southern Arizona but on how they and their situations are viewed by the public and local leaders, and how they respond to their dire situations today. Be sure to follow up with the next segment of the story in our September/October issue, where we'll focus on more amazing women in rescue and all they've achieved in Part II.

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Things to Consider When Rescuing a Pet

Story by Jeremy Brown, *The Complete Canine*



Rescuing a new pet can be one of your most rewarding experiences. Planning ahead and preparing for your new family member can dramatically relieve stress for the whole family, furry friends included. The less stressed everyone is, the easier the new transition will be.

It is imperative that our expectations are realistic when bringing a rescue or foster into the home.

- They may have accidents at first, or are afraid of things that you wouldn't expect. Be understanding and patient, and give them time to adjust and feel secure.
- Sleeping more than expected is common. If they've been in a stressful environment, they are likely sleep deprived. Let them rest so they'll feel comfortable in the new home.
- People often say you see their true behaviors a few weeks after you adopt them. Setting boundaries and expectations can help make this easier.
- I often tell my clients to get them on a consistent schedule to help spur better behavior faster.
- If other dogs or cats are in the home, you may need to allow extra time for adjustments and provide exercises and training to help guide the situation. Consult your trainer for advice.
- Notice abnormal behaviors? Consult a trainer



or your vet if you have any concerns. Some things that you may need and how they can make it easier.

Microchipping and Location Devices

- These can be a game changer, especially for those that are skittish or flighty. Microchipping

will help identify your pet once they have been found. Most adopted animals have already been chipped by your local

shelters. However, if they are not, you can easily have this done at a lower cost than ever before. Every veterinary facility offers this, and you will often find local low cost microchipping clinics and events. Microchips can be scanned and your information will be easily accessed. Only the size of a grain of rice, the microchip contains a registration number and the phone number of the registry for that particular brand of chip. A handheld scanner reads the chip and displays the information. Any animal shelter or vet clinic can scan your pet and contact the registry to access your contact information. **It is very important that you register your pet and keep your information up to date with the microchip registry.**

- With today's technology, we have many other options. GPS tags and collars can access your pet's exact location the moment they leave your home using your smartphone.
- Obedience Training can help you effectively communicate with your new pet and create a better bond and understanding of one another. Training can also be imperative in a rescue scenario depending on the situation. Group classes can be great because they're around other people and animals, and they will learn to better deal with distractions.
- Private lessons with a trainer can be helpful. Having an expert to guide you through different and/or difficult situations can be what will keep them in their new and forever home!
- Crate Training - Find a safe place in the home that could be considered den-like. An area where there is less foot traffic is ideal and gives them their own space to decompress and figure out their new situation. Crates are not for everyone, but they can give your pet an area of their own to retreat to, to feel safe and secure. It may prevent your pet from getting into trouble when you are not with them. I like to feed them and have everything they need and love in that space. Crates are never used for punishment, but can drastically change or prevent negative behaviors.
- The size of this space is also important for their success, in fact, it is vital that it is only big enough for them to stand in, turn around

and lay down. If they're young and still have some growing to do, make sure you buy a crate that has a divider that will expand along with them.

- I also like to plan my days and try to have a consistent schedule to help them acclimate to their new home and new life.
- Choosing a Veterinarian and Groomer are important things to consider when preparing for your new furry family member. Looking at reviews, seeking referrals and interviewing these professionals is a great idea. The more information you have allows you to make more informed decisions.
- Enrichment Toys are important because they will keep your rescue from getting into trouble. Interactive toys can be another game changer. My favorites are Kongs, Starmark Treat Wheelers, Puzzles and different types of feeders that make them work for their treats.



- Healthy food and treats are important to consider before bringing a pet home and finding the best nutrition within your budget and their health is vital. Vets and trainers can give good recommendations! Treats are an important part of training, they encourage pets to follow your lead and learn how to do well in new situations. Finding a low-calorie treat is great. I use Zukes Mini Naturals. Having a "high-value" treat can help when they're apprehensive or when learning something new. Hot dogs, cheese and beef liver treats are their favorites, but only in moderation and when needed. The value of these treats is less effective when used too often.
- If they destroy furniture and chew on things, they need access to chew toys that are safe when unsupervised, like a Kong stuffed the right way.

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Story by Alison Martin, Animal Soul Connection, Photos provided by Tim Hall

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"This is essentially a deep discount, long stay, pack therapy, and

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Typically, Shelter Bypass is a multi-month contract for an extended stay. The program is open-ended, and the owner continues to own the pet, being responsible for the usual pet upkeep (vaccinations, etc). while the dog becomes a long-term member of the kennel. "The goal is different with each dog, but in general, we develop each dog into a better dog over extended membership in our pack. Eventually, all dogs become assets in the yard, performing the various play actions and corrections that they once experienced when new to the pack. They can now run and play and sniff around to their hearts' (psychological) content, remaining calm in even the most exciting situations, capable of teaching that state of mind to other dogs. It is a wonderful, amazing process to see, and is often rewarded by a family reunion or adoption" states Tim.



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From the Director's Desk

Keeping Families Together

Story and Photo by Monica Dangler
Director of Pima Animal Care Center

One of our primary goals at the Pima Animal Care Center is to keep families together. We know that people from all walks of life love their pets and value them as family, and we work each and every day to preserve and uplift these human-animal bonds.

In order to help more families stay together, PACC has partnered with PetcoLove Lost, a facial-recognition technology that links photos of lost and found pets in a chosen area. The platform creates a direct, secure connection between the owner and finder, allowing them to reunite the pet without having to come to a shelter at all. Best of all, this groundbreaking technology is provided to the public at no cost.

When I first learned about this technology, I tested it out with a picture of my pit bull, Meemers. I uploaded her photo and marked her as “lost” (although, thankfully, she was snoozing at my feet at the time!). The platform immediately offered a few choices of local found dogs who looked like Meemers, and sure enough, she was the second one listed.

Of course, I was only testing the system. Had it been a true emergency, I would have selected Meemers’ photo and been immediately put in contact with the finder. This quick and easy process gave me so much hope for a more straightforward way of getting pets back to their owners quickly and safely without complicating factors like getting the animal transported to the shelter, subjecting them to the often scary intake process, and costs.

We are very excited about the potential of this new effort to keep more pets with their families in the months to come. The next step for Pima County pet lovers is to register their pets’ photos on the platform at lost.petcolove.org. Then, if they are lost, it is quick and easy to go in and mark the pet as ‘lost’ and begin seeing photo matches in the area.

PetcoLove Lost also gives you the ability to quickly create “lost” and “found” posters to hang in your neighborhood and social media posts to place on relevant sites.

PetcoLove Lost has the ability to transform the way lost and found pets are handled across the country. We just need YOUR help in spreading the word, uploading lost and found pets to the platform and registering your pets.

Pima County, Los Angeles, Baltimore and Dallas are just a few of the communities using PetcoLove Lost. We strongly believe that with PetcoLove Lost, we can make the world better for lost and found pets.

Meanwhile, PACC is in desperate need of foster families and adopters for medium to large-breed dogs. All adoptions are currently free. *To see available pets and services, go to pima.gov/animalcare.*



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HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos Courtesy of Shelby Brawley



Mama and kid

a rescue properly. HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary is in a unique position to understand this.

Farm animals come with their own special set of requirements. Vet care can be much more costly than with smaller domestic animals, and they need considerably more space and infrastructure. Each species of farm animal needs their own type of care, which is not necessarily common knowledge, meaning potential volunteers must be more rigorously trained, and if that isn't enough, inflation has sent feed bills through the roof. Somehow HoofsnHorns keeps on keeping on, despite it all.

H&H founder and CEO Shelby Brawley cares for many animals residing in the sanctuary, who aren't just limited to those with hoofs and horns. She estimates over 150 goats and sheep, six cows, two mini donkeys, two mini horses, three full size horses, 38 pigs, 15 ducks, a dozen roosters, one turkey, one tortoise, one macaw, one llama, one alpaca, 14 house dogs and three livestock guardian dogs, and around 15 cats. This is a sizable collection of critters, but Shelby still manages to remember everyone's name, who is friends with who, and which ones need to give each other a wide berth.



A snack among friends

This attention to detail comes naturally for Shelby who, along with her mother Sidney Smith (AKA farm grandma), founded HoofsnHorns which attained 501c3 status in 2013. The love for animals, and farm animals in particular runs in the family. Shelby grew up loving horses, and Sydney kept pet pigs when Shelby was young. She later ended up with two potbellied pigs herself. One even slept in bed with her.

With a background in the retail, legal, and medical fields, Shelby was equipped to handle just about anything. She eventually began helping out a local vet and bringing home animals who were going to be euthanized, usually due to lack of funds on the part of their owners. This was the seed of what is now HoofsnHorns Sanctuary.

Over the years there has been an endless parade of amazing animals in need who have used the sanctuary as a pitstop on the road to recovery or adoption, or just ended up staying to live out their days in peace and comfort. From Chester, Shelby's first goat and constant companion who lived to the ripe old age of 15, to the sanctuary's current youngest resident Nya, an indoor/outdoor piglet, they are all living their best lives. Not everyone shows up alone however. A whole herd of Boer goats came from a home where the family had simply left in the middle of the night. The poor desperate goats were getting out and roaming the neighborhood when they were rescued and brought to H&H, where they were able to have some much needed rest



Pedro the goat

and relaxation. Many of them eventually found new homes, but four of them still reside at the sanctuary. The sheriff's department brought in another goat herd, this time Nubians, eight of which were pregnant, producing 12 kids. These certainly weren't the only mothers who found refuge with H&H. When the sanctuary took in a small pregnant goat from a sick man who couldn't care for her, she ended up giving birth to three full sized kids, but the fourth, was born so small he could fit in the palm of Shelby's hand. At two weeks, he weighed only one pound. Against all odds, the tiny goat who came to be called Pedro grew up and thrived as a farm favorite, living to be six years old.

So many animals have received help from H&H over the years, and continue to do so, although the farm's residents aren't the only ones who benefit. The sanctuary helps community agencies such as the Sheriff's department and Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), and even taught a class for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona on how to catch and restrain livestock in the event of a natural disaster.

Though they are basically at capacity now, H&H still gets calls all the time from community members in need. They have provided advice, mentorship, and even animal midwifery services in some cases. Despite all the help HoofsnHorns Farm Sanctuary gives, they need help too. With eight to ten bales of hay being consumed per day, as well as all manner of animal specific feed, they can always use donations.

To find out how you can help, or to schedule a tour or visit, go to <http://www.hoofsnhornsfarm.org>.



Nya the pig

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Outdoor Adventures with Your Dog

Story and Photos Provided by Patricia Cook

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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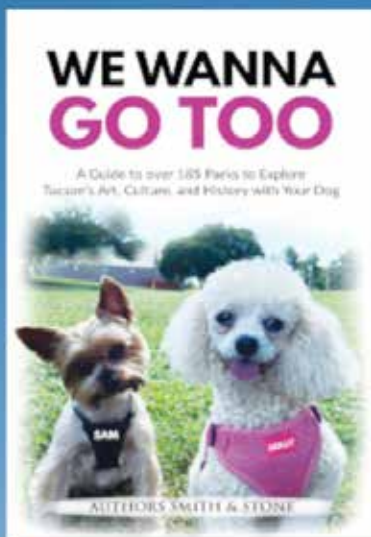
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