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July/August 2024

A publication dedicated to promoting the human/animal bond and raising awareness of shelter and rescue animals.

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Pet emergencies are unpredictable and can happen so fast. Like when your furry friend snags the chocolate we left on the counter, eats a sock, or escapes from the yard.

Learn about the most common pet emergencies we see at Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) and some of the signs and symptoms for when to take your pet to the veterinary ER.

1. Watch where you step.

Pets love to chow down and sometimes that food comes back up, or out! While a singular occurrence isn't usually something to worry about, persistent vomiting and diarrhea can lead to dehydration. It can also be a signal that your pet has an underlying health issue. Causes can range from dietary indiscretion to infections, or more serious conditions like toxic ingestion or pancreatitis.

2. Oops, I ate it again.

Pets nose around looking for food or fun, and then, oh no! They eat something they

shouldn't have. Household items like certain plants, medications, and foods (such as chocolate and xylitol) are toxic to pets. If you spy your little guy eating something potentially harmful, or even if you just suspect it, you've got to act fast. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, lethargy, and seizures.

3. The streets where you live.

Pets can trot across streets with reckless abandon, because they're unaware of the dangers of the road. Consequently, car accidents are a frequent cause of emergency vet visits. If your pet is hit by a car, take care when moving them, as they may have sustained injuries that could be exacerbated if not handled correctly. The best way to move your pet is to slide them gently onto a flat surface for transport to the ER.

4. Problems with peeing.

A urinary tract infection is most commonly found in male cats due to their long and narrow urethra. But it can happen in female



cats and dogs as well. This condition can become life-threatening. Look for symptoms like straining, vomiting, going in and out of the litter box, excessive grooming of genital area, lethargy, or restlessness.

5. Trouble in the blink of an eye.

Eye injuries happen quickly and you may not notice any problem at first. Brachycephalic dog breeds like pugs, with their prominently exposed eyeballs, are especially prone to eye injuries. Pets cannot remove irritants, which can result in ulcers. Look for excessive discharge, redness, squinting, or rubbing eyes on the carpet or with their paws.



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The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dear Friends and Readers,

July is an exciting month as we celebrate Independence Day by enjoying the fireworks, parties, and barbecues with friends and family. However, the summer months have proven tough for those who care for our homeless pets. Throughout this issue, you will read about how our shelters and rescues fight to care for the overwhelming number of pets who end up in shelters due to high temperatures, fireworks, breeding season, and neglect. Read about the valiant efforts of PACC, HSSAZ, The Animal League of Green Valley, and all who rescue and shelter animals of all kinds during these difficult months, and learn what you can do to help.

I'm very proud that this issue's cover story celebrates the amazing work and dedication of The Street Dog Coalition, their work with the homeless and their pets and the care that they provide. Check out their story, written by Bonnie Craig on page 18.

I'm especially moved by the story written by Rebecca West about The Tucson Dog magazine's founder Ann Herrington, "When the Rescuer Needs Rescuing" It truly is A Story of Gratitude, Caring & Compassion which Ann embodies as a lover of all living things and a friend like no other. She created The Tucson Dog magazine in 2017 which has become an important local animal resource and celebratory mission for those who rescue. As I've stated before, I could not be more proud to take the baton. Please see Ann, Pauleena, and Wildhorse Ranch Rescue story on page 22. They look forward to hearing from you.

Last year I came across the Declaration of Independence for Animals written by PETA. I found the information and dedication to the equality of life of all animals extraordinary and bears repeating.

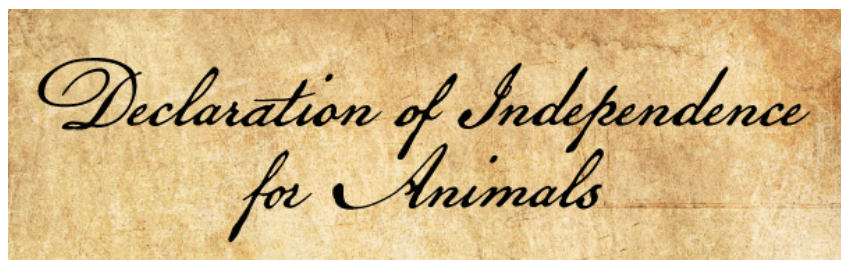
I'm sharing only a part of it.

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:

Animals have the right to live, raise families, explore, make choices, and spend their time pursuing their own interests, not those of humans. 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. PETA

Please take care of your pets and yourselves during the hot summer months and have a happy and carefree 4th of July!

Yours,
Heather McShea
Publisher & Editor In Chief



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WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS to The Tucson Dog during these trying times. Your donation will help us to continue serving our community by continuing to promote local shelters and rescues (at no cost to them), helping homeless pets find homes, providing local resources and events, and continuing to share heartwarming stories about local people who give their lives to saving animals and animals saving humans.

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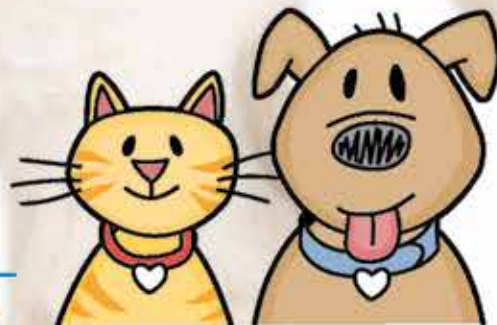


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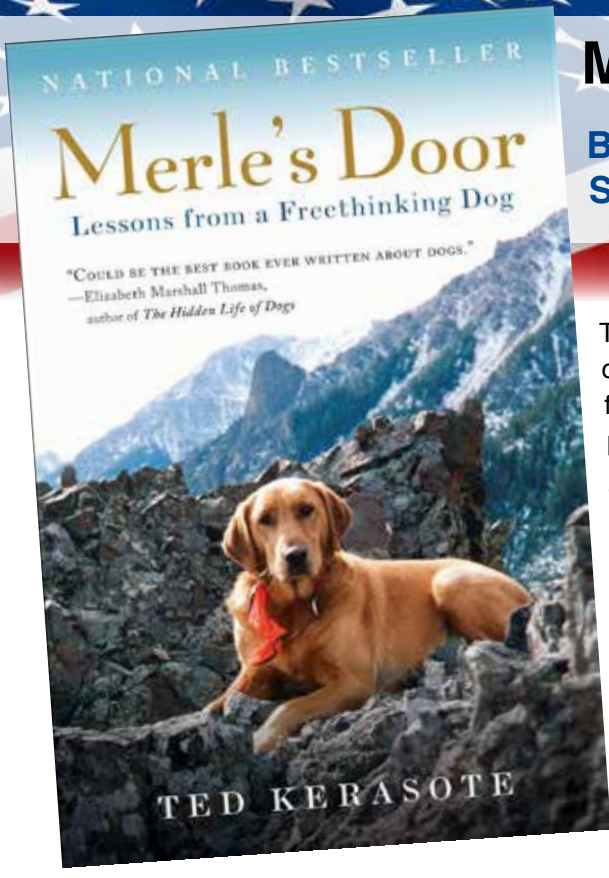
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Merle's Door, Lessons from a Freethinking Dog

By Ted Kerasote
Story and Photos by Pi Polletta

Ted Kerasote and Merle found each other on a bank of the San Juan River in Utah. Merle was a 10-month-old stray and Ted was heading out on a rafting trip with friends. Merle joined the group and spent the next few days lounging on a cooler aboard the raft. Once the river trip was over, the friends stood between their packed cars and discussed what to do about Merle. Ted opened the door of his car and his heart. Merle jumped in.

Throughout the book, Ted shares about the human-animal bond, the difference between wolf family structure in captivity and in the wild, dog training styles and the attitudes of owners about their dog's freedom and/or obedience. Ted manages to discuss topics for which people have varying beliefs with diplomacy, sharing facts while leaving space for personal opinions.

Ted lives in a remote area. The town's dogs are known by all and are usually free to roam at will. Merle's "door" is literally a doggie door that Ted installed. But it's much more than that. It is the manifestation of Ted's intention to allow Merle to be free thinking, have his own friends and the freedom to visit them or bring them home, the choice to sleep outside even if it's snowing or stay home and not go grouse hunting because it's boring.

Merle's Door drips with anthropomorphism – the attribution of human characteristics or behavior to a dog. The silly feeling of reading what Merle is "saying" to Ted through posture, movement or look in his eye, quickly fades because it seems honest and true. Merle pouts, mocks, laughs and opines with abandon. The reader will finish this book motivated to listen more closely to their own dog.

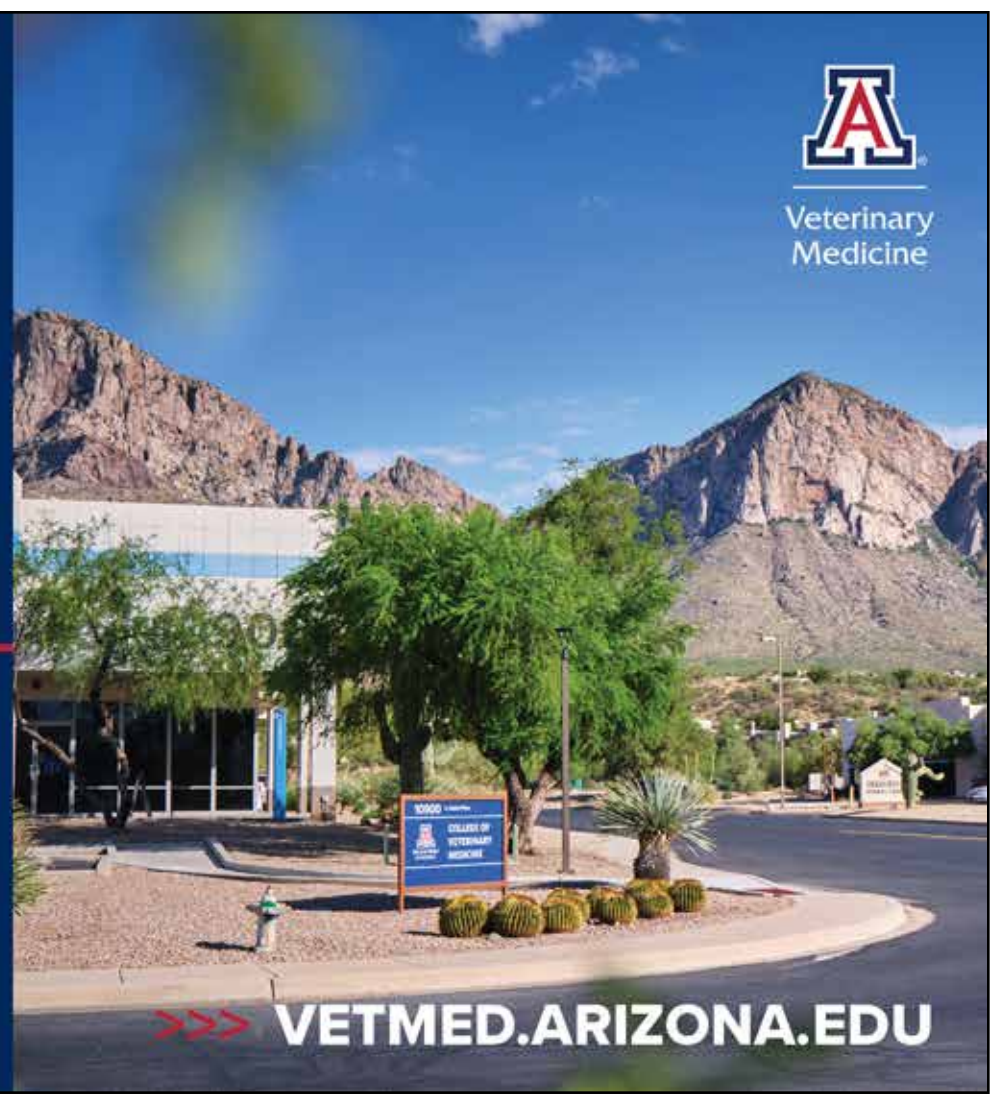
At the book's heart, it is a love story. And, as is true with most love stories, it is full of fun, adventure, drama, danger and quite a few tears. But every page makes the journey worthwhile.

For more on Ted Kerasote visit <https://www.kerasote.com/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TedKerasote>.

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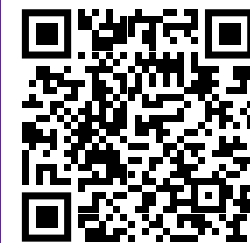
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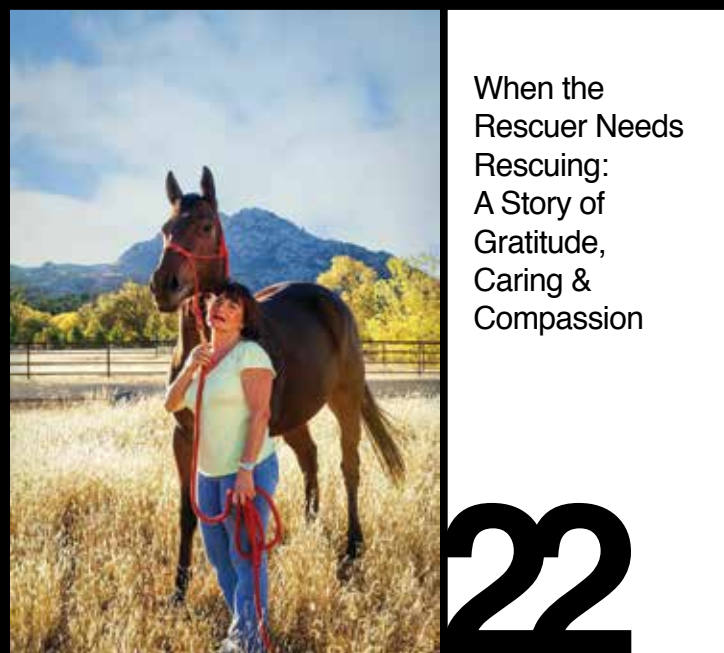
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Alison Martin - Staff Writer/Account Executive Alison is a compassionate Animal Communicator & Educator, Animal Energy Practitioner, and Pet Loss Grief Guide. For over 25 years, Alison has been making a positive impact in the lives of animals and their people through her professional work. She shares her life with five dogs, two horses and two goats with never a dull moment or lack of dog kisses. One of her favorite quotes is from Anatole France 'Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened' alison@animalsoulconnection.com



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Bonnie Craig - Staff Writer - Bonnie works as an educator and artist. She lives with her family which consists of 3 dogs, 3 cats, and lots of plants and chickens. They control her life, and she wouldn't have it any other way. As well as writing, she enjoys painting and playing music. She is passionate about the natural world and loves gardening, botanizing, hiking, and camping. Most evenings she can be found in the garden listening to the chickens and playing endless games of fetch with a certain ball-obsessed border collie.



Jeremy Brown- Staff Writer - An animal lover for life, Jeremy has been a dog trainer for over 16 years. As the Area Trainer for Petsmart he trained dog trainers for years and opened The Complete Canine 7 years ago. A therapy dog evaluator for years, he founded Kienrnan's Kindness, a local therapy group that spreads kindness and also trains the Pima County Sheriff Therapy dog program. A Graduate from Indiana University and Applied Animal Behavior from University of Washington. He has four dogs; Archie, Lacey, Louis and Sabine, with the first two being therapy dogs. Email: completecaninetucson@gmail.com



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Calendar

OF EVENTS

JULY

Every Day from 10am-2pm Moon & Stars Animal Rescue Feline Adoption Events

Sweet adoptable cats at the Grant & Swan PetSmart location waiting for furever homes! (520) 322-5080
4740 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712
moonandstarsanimalrescue.org

Mon. thru Wed. July 1, 2, & 3 Free Microchips via Pinal County Animal Care & Control

More pets are lost during Independence Day than any other. Keep your pets safe this 4th of July by heading down to PCACC for a free microchip. Call (520) 509-3555 to make an appointment today!

Thur. July 4, 5pm-9:20pm Oro Valley 4th of July Fireworks Event open to the public.

Celebrate the 4th of July with fireworks in the Town of Oro Valley! Come on out to James D. Kriegh Park & join the fun with Bella's Gelato! Attendees will enjoy live music, food trucks, a beer garden, kids crafts, lawn games, & much more!

Sat. July 6, 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 6, 9am-11pm 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 6 & 20, 6pm-8pm Bella's Gelato Shoppe Canine Adoption Events

In conjunction with Hope of Deliverance, dog adoption events are being held every 1st & 3rd Saturday at 2648 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson 85716. Info: (520) 954-2843 or www.hopeofdeliverance.org

Sat. July 6, 8am-10am Dogs, Donuts, & Donations

Join Sol Dog Lodge & Long Reality the 1st Saturday of each month. Donations are for dog food benefitting the Marana Food Bank. Participants receive free donuts & samples of Sol Dog branded Al Gusto coffee (also for sale). 12080 N. Dove Mountain Blvd., Marana 85658.

Sat. July 6, 11am-2pm Southern Arizona Cat Rescue PetSmart Adoption Event

Most Saturdays you can find us at the PetSmart located at 4374 N. Oracle Rd. with adoptable kitties! Visit sacatrescue.org or FB/IG @sacatrescue for available cats, times, & possible schedule changes.

Sat. July 6, 11am-3pm Adoption Option at Petco The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

will be at the Petco located at River & Craycroft with sweet adoptable kittens! Address: 5625 E. River Rd., Tucson 85750

Mon. July 8 – 11, 9am-4pm Humane Amigos Summer Camp

This four-day summer camp for pets & kids who love them is a fun educational event for ages 10-12 at HSSAZ. Includes activities, arts & crafts, games, & more. Day campers spend time caring for different foster animals. hssaz.org/event/humane-amigos-summer-camp-copy-copy-copy/

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Sat. July 13, 5pm – 7:30pm HSSA Invites YOU to Celebrate 80 Years!

Join us for a pawsome community celebration of 80 years supporting pets and the families who love them at HSSA, 635 W. Roger Road 85705
520-327-6088

Sun. July 14, 10:30am-11:30am Meditation with Cats at the Hermitage No-Kill Cat Sanctuary

Meditative class beginning with gentle movement & breath awareness to help the mind focus. The kitties will love it! Pre-register is recommended. Bring your water bottle & mat to 5278 E. 21st St., Tucson 85711 (520) 571-7839

Mon. Jul. 15-18, 9am-4pm Humane Amigos Summer Camp

Four-day summer camp for pets & kids who love them! This fun educational event for ages 6-9 at HSSAZ includes activities, arts & crafts, games, & more. Day campers spend time daily caring for foster animals. hssaz.org/event/humane-amigos-summer-camp-copy-copy/

Thur. July 18, 10am-2pm Food for People's Pets Pantry

The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Sanctuary's Food for People's Pets Program at the Michael Cannon Community Pet Food Pantry collects donations of dog & cat food all year long & distributes it to organizations & people/pets in need. 5278 E. 21st St., Tucson 85711 (520) 571-7839

Sat. July 20, 11am-3pm Southwest Oasis Lab Rescue Meet & Greet at Bookman's East

Come meet the wonderful labs available for adoption from Southwest Oasis Lab Rescue (SOLR) at 6230 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson.

Sat. July 20, 10:30am-2pm Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart

Every 3rd Saturday of the month we will be at the PetSmart at Wetmore & Oracle with adoptable pets. 4374 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson 85705

Sat. July 20, Beginning at 6am Fun Family Water Day Event

Join Pinal County Animal Care & Control & the Eloy Fire Dept. for a day dedicated to enrichment & keeping shelter dogs cool. Public walk/photo contest, treat making, live play groups, & watered down adoption fees all day!
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Sat. July 20, 11am-2pm S. Arizona Reptile Rescue & Education Adoption Event at Bookman's East

Come view adoptable reptiles & talk with our adoption team member to learn how to get your new scaly friend. Find us in the Kids' Books Section. Text or call (808) 747-6445 or SoAZReptileRescue@yahoo.com

Sat. July 27, 9am-12pm Hairball Hackers Topgolf Tournament & Breakfast

Benefitting The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary, join us for a fun morning of golf, prizes, & more! There will be raffle baskets & our top three scorers will get trophies & bragging rights! Breakfast included. 4050 W. Costco Dr., Tucson 85741

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Pups in the Plaza Adoption
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**Sat. Aug. 17, 10:30am-2pm
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Adoption Event at PetSmart**

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Bookman's East**

Come view adoptable reptiles & talk with our adoption team member to learn how to get your new scaly friend. Find us in the Kids' Books Section. Text or call (808) 747-6445 or SoAZReptileRescue@yahoo.com

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6 Fire Safety Tips for Pets


 Pet Alert Stickers on your doors/windows

 Pet Microchips with updated info

 Know your pets' hiding places

 Work on recall training

 Have an emergency kit

 Practice pet-friendly fire drills



In 2009, ADT Security and the American Kennel Club joined forces to launch National Pet Fire Safety Day. Each year, the day is observed on July 15 to raise awareness about the importance of pet safety during fires and to promote preventative measures that ensure pet well-being in the event of an emergency. While no one wants to think about worst-case scenarios, having a game plan and being prepared can make the difference between getting everyone to safety and utter heartbreak.

Besides having things like fire alarms in your home that are plugged in with fresh batteries, you should also keep fire extinguishers on hand and ensure that they are all-purpose, meaning ABC. Class A is for trash, wood, and paper. Class B is good for liquids and gases. Class C is used for energized electrical equipment. But it isn't enough to merely buy one and install it someplace easily accessible. Keep track of their expiration dates and replace them or have them recharged periodically.

Another crucial fire safety item all homes should have is a fire blanket for throwing over small fires to keep them from turning into big ones. These specialized and inexpensive blankets work by smothering flames and can be purchased online or at home improvement stores.



Hopefully, you'll never need them, but here are six practical fire safety tips for all pet owners to take into consideration.

Pet Alert Stickers on Doors & Windows

As scary as it is to think about it, you may not be at home when a fire occurs. Conversely, you may actually be there but have already been adversely affected by smoke inhalation and left dazed or unable to reply promptly or coherently to rescue workers.

National Pet Fire Safety Day is Upon Us – Are You Prepared?

Story by Rebecca West

Regardless, stickers on your doors and/or windows alerting fire personnel to the number and types of pets you have in your home can help them in their rescue efforts.

Microchips with Current Contact Info

Another way to be proactive when it comes to your pets' safety and well-being is to not only have your pets microchipped but to make sure the contact information associated with the chip is kept up to date. If it's not current, it's a lot harder to be reunited with them. Believe it or not, this happens quite frequently. But why would you need one if a fire breaks out? Again, you might not be home. If they're in your yard when it happens, they will try to retreat from the heat and flames. If they're inside and released, they will likely panic and run.

Know Your Pets' Hiding Places

Our pets tend to have their favorite spots to curl up for a comfy nap, play with a toy, get out from underfoot, or even hide when they're frightened or not feeling well. You must know where all of these spots are so that you can find them in a hurry if need be. The quicker you can locate and remove them in an emergency, the quicker you can flee with them and get to safety.

Work on Recall Training

Recall training is a basic obedience command that teaches dogs to immediately come to you when called. This skill is considered one of the most vital behaviors to teach a dog and can end up saving their life. Reliable recall can prevent your dog from getting hurt in a number of situations, including getting into or eating something they shouldn't. Look into it.

Practice Pet-Friendly Fire Drills

Periodic fire drills with pets in mind can be another life-saving strategy you'll be glad you practiced should the unthinkable happen. This is also where your recall training comes into play, and hopefully, you don't need to check their hidey-holes. Make sure your fire drills include getting their leashes or carriers outside and ready for them and a place in mind for securing them safely away from your home during all the chaos. This can help reduce their stress levels significantly.

Emergency Preparedness Kits

Have an emergency kit preassembled for you and your pets that you can grab on the go, and make sure it's easily accessible. You don't want to have to dig for it when time is of the essence. It should include things like proof of vaccinations for your pets, should they be required for lodging or travel, a week's worth of any medication they may be on, leashes, harnesses, seatbelts, etc., and a small bag of their food.

And don't forget your own stuff, like important paperwork and lists that include the numbers for your insurance company, doctors, or anyone else you may need to contact. If you're unsure of what else you might need for your particular situation, you can go to [ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit) for more ideas.





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From the Director's Desk

Soaring Temperatures, Fire Works And Fewer Adopters & Fosters Leave Many Pets at Risk - How YOU Can Help

Story and Photos Provided by Monica Dangler, PACC Director

Here are some ways you can help your own pets and pets in your community this summer:

- Foster or adopt! PACC is always looking for fosters and adopters for pets, especially medium-to-large dogs, and the need is especially high in the summer months. Dogs and puppies are currently free to adopt at PACC, and all pets adopted from the shelter are spayed/neutered, microchipped, and up to date on vaccines. If you can't do forever, even a two-week break in foster care can be a true life-changer for these pets!
- In these triple-digit temperatures, it's critical to remember that pets' time outside should be limited, and they should always have access to cool water and shade. Pets should never be left alone in a car, where temperatures can skyrocket to deadly levels in minutes, and take care of those tootsies, too; in the summer, pavement temperatures during the heat of the day can easily reach 160 degrees and above, burning sensitive paws in a minute or less.
- Any pet can go missing; in fact, industry data shows that 1 in 3 pets will go missing at some point in their lives. The good news? There are plenty of steps you can take to make sure they'll make it back home quickly if they're lost. The quickest and most effective way of getting pets home is a simple collar and tag with up-to-date information. If you need a tag for your pet,

PACC offers custom ID tags to anyone who needs them, any time we're open! Simply visit the Central Pet store in our lobby!

- If you find a healthy, friendly stray pet, the best thing you can do for them is try to find their owner. Many folks don't realize that a pet's likelihood of making it back home dramatically decreases when they're taken out of their neighborhood and brought to a shelter. Uploading their photo to lost.petcolove.org, which uses facial recognition technology to match lost and found pets, hanging flyers, posting on local social media, and simply walking the pet around the neighborhood are all more likely to reunite pets with their family than bringing them to the shelter is.

Summer is a challenging time for us, but we know that with our community's help, we will continue to save and improve the lives of Pima County pets.

<https://www.pima.gov/2294/Pet-Support>



Cutey
A818565, 2 years old
PACC's longest-stay dog (consecutively)

I've been In-Shelter since Aug 16th, 2023 and am ready to go home today!

Baymax (A747316) knows how to keep cool in this summer heat! He's one of hundreds of dogs currently available for adoption or foster here at PACC.



It's hot out there! Summer is a busy time of year for animal shelters across the country, and that's especially true here at Pima Animal Care Center. With temperatures reaching into the triple digits in Pima County, summertime is amongst the greatest periods of need for our shelter.

Summertime means peak breeding season for cats and dogs, and this time of year, we see multiple litters of puppies and kittens come into the shelter daily. In addition, the aftermath of the 4th of July festivities typically results in 250-300 dogs who have been spooked by fireworks being lost and coming into the shelter in just a week. Unfortunately, the influx of pets during the summer often coincides with fewer pets leaving for foster and adoptive homes, as college students have headed home, snowbirds have headed north, and folks go on summer vacations.

In addition, our Animal Protection Services team is on high alert for pet safety during these summer months, as temperatures place pets at risk of overheating. PACC's Animal Protection Officers respond to hundreds of calls every year involving pets that were left outdoors, in a vehicle, or in another avoidable situation that puts them at risk.



Dove's (A831642) got her summer best on and is ready for some (responsible) fun in the sun!

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.



OSO ID#A835409

I'm Oso! I'm 3 y/o, & I sadly ended up at PACC when my former person was no longer able to care for me due to their declining health. My former family said I am a great dog who is eager to please, affectionate, & playful, & I've even done well with young kids & other dogs! I don't mean to brag, but I think I'd be a great fit for a wide variety of homes!



OSCAR MAYER ID#A835929

My name is Oscar Mayer, just like the hot dog! At a year old, I'm a big (75lb), goofy, fun-loving guy who enjoys all the good things in life, like play time, car rides, & TREATS! I've also been social & respectful when meeting other dogs in playgroup. I'm the complete package!



LUMBER ID#A831443

I'm about 4 y/o & my friends at PACC say I'm a "darling, friendly guy" & a "mellow, well-behaved sweet boy." I'm friendly with other dogs, but I admit I'm a bit partial to the ladies! I have valley fever but with the help of meds, I'm doing great! I've been here longer than most dogs, & I'd really love a chance to lumber away into a new home!



DNO ID#A817367

My name's Dno. I'm a handsome 2 y/o who's an all-around good boy! According to my fosters, I'm housetrained, crate-trained, well-behaved when left alone, walk politely on leash, & friendly with other dogs! I do have renal disease, which means I need a special diet, but I promise to reward you with kisses! I've been waiting for my forever family for a long time!



JOHN FALLOUT ID#A819461

I'm John Fallout! I'm not quite sure how I got that name, but I'm ready to be your friend no matter what you call me! I'm a big, goofy puppy at just 11 m/o & ready to learn all about being part of a family! I love everyone I meet, including other dogs & people of all ages, even kids!



CASH

I'm a 3 y/o Malinois-mix male that loves people & exercise. I can be a bit shy, but if you have treats, I'm ready to play. I have made friends with other dogs but cats are not for me. I am quite a strong boy, so an energetic family with older children would be best for me. Please call about me soon!

Humane Society of Southern Arizona

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

CADRONIA ID# 940802

I'm a sweet little low-rider Pibble gal who's 1.6 y/o. A staff & volunteer fave due to my gentle & affectionate nature, I make a great desk dog because I plop right down & snooze the day away sometimes, coming up to give gentle kisses & greet whoever walks by. I love playing in water & zoomies in the backyard but I'm not good with other dogs.

EMPANADA ID# 939656

I'm a gorgeous 3 y/o girl who's good with kids, current on my shots, & spayed, so I'm ready to go. I weigh 69 lbs. & my stunning gray, silver, salt & pepper with white coat has everyone raving about what a natural beauty I am. Please come & see me in person so we can get to know each other better. I want to go home!

DUMPLING ID# 941802

I'm the cutest, meatiest little dumpling you'll ever meet! Well, maybe I'm not that little because I weigh 42 lbs., but for an 8 y/o I'm a pretty trim Beagle gal! I'm current on my shots & spayed, so there's no need to worry about my having pups in my new forever home. Please give me a chance to love you!

CORONA ID# 841318

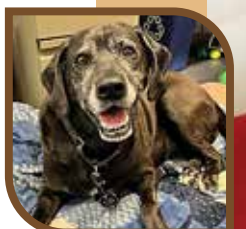
I'm a lovable 7 y/o Labrador Retriever gal who's good with kids, other dogs, & cats. For all of those reasons I'd make a wonderful pet. I weigh 79 lbs. & I'm housetrained, current on my shots, & spayed. If you give me a chance, I promise you won't be sorry! Call about me today.

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hopeofdeliverancerescue@gmail.com

COCO CHANEL

I'm a well-mannered 15 m/o female Mastiff/Lab mix who loves people, car rides, & snuggling on the couch with my human. I do tricks for treats & carry my beloved stuffies around with me. I'm spayed, crate trained, potty trained, & a joy to be with but I need to be an only dog & will be happiest with a retired person or someone who works from home.



The Animal League of Green Valley

Adoption fee: \$125 • TALGV (Appts 10-2 daily) • 520-625-3170

FIG NEWTON

I'm a 2 y/o, 42 lb. Staffie mix male that likes to walk with my friends at TALGV. At age 6 months my sisters & I were found along a dirt road & brought to this special place. I've been learning commands, leash walking, & good manners. If you'd like to meet a real smart cookie, please call about me, too!



Conversation with HSSA's New CEO

Story and Photos by HSSA Staff



In May, the Humane Society of Southern Arizona welcomed Dr. Kristin Barney as its new CEO. We sat down with Dr. Barney to learn more about what led her to a career in animal welfare, and what her vision is for HSSA moving forward.

Q. Tell us about your background. Why did you choose this field?

I knew very early in my life that I wanted to do work that supported the human-animal bond. My mother is disabled, and I grew up with a service dog in our home. I learned early on about the power of the animal-human bond. I spent seven years as a professional dog trainer and eventually found my way to animal welfare, where I fell in love with the work. I spent nearly two years as the chief of operations at Pima Animal Care Center (PACC), and three years leading and working with shelters across the country in my roles with Best Friends Animal Society.

Q. What are some of the things you've learned along the way that will benefit HSSA?

The most important lesson that I've learned is that one organization alone will not be the solution to our community's challenges. We have a dedicated group of employees and volunteers at HSSA, and we need to work closely with PACC and other rescue partners, our stakeholders, and our neighbors to have the greatest impact on the lives of the pets and people we serve.

Q. What are some of the challenges and opportunities you see for HSSA as it moves into the future?

As our community's needs change, our response needs to evolve as well, which will be both a challenge and an opportunity. HSSA has been caring for pets and the people who love them for 80 years and we have evolved the way we do business to meet the community's needs. It is exciting to have the opportunity to pivot again, identifying and filling gaps in services and working more closely with community stakeholders. It is also a challenge to lead that evolution within the context of our resource limitations, but I'm confident in our ability to innovate and collaborate to continue providing the best possible service.



Summer brings sunshine, vacations, and plenty of fun for us, but it can also be a dangerous time for our furry (or feathery) friends. With scorching temperatures, keeping pets cool and safe becomes a top priority. Here are some essential tips to ensure your pet enjoys the summer as much as you do!

Hydration is Key

It's critical that pets stay hydrated, just like humans. Keep their water bowl full and consider adding ice cubes on extremely hot days. You can also encourage drinking by

using a pet water fountain or adding a bit of flavoring to the water (make sure it's pet-safe!). Staying informed about the signs of heatstroke and acting quickly in case of emergencies is crucial.

Shady Sanctuary

Provide ample shade for your pet whenever they're outdoors. A shady spot under a tree or a canopy works well. Avoid doghouses, as they can trap heat.

Exercise Smart

Adjust your pet's exercise routine for the summer heat. Choose walking time during the cooler mornings or evening hours and keep them short and sweet. Pay attention to your pet's energy levels – if they seem sluggish or disinterested, stop the exercise immediately.

Don't forget about hot asphalt and sensitive paws. Avoid walking them on pavement during the hottest part of the day. If walking on hot surfaces is unavoidable, consider using paw balm or booties to protect their delicate soles. Never Leave Pets in Cars

This one seems obvious, but it's worth reiterating. Arizona law takes this seriously, so it's important to never leave your pet alone in a car, especially in



warm weather. Cars can heat up super-fast, turning into an oven even on a mild day. This can make your pet sick or even worse.

Cooling Down Strategies

There are several ways to help your pet beat the heat. Provide a kiddie pool for splashing or a damp towel to lie on. You can also offer

frozen treats made with pet-safe ingredients like broth or yogurt.

By following these simple tips, you can ensure your pet has a happy and healthy summer.

HSSA Invites YOU to Celebrate 80 Years!

Join us for a pawsome community celebration on Saturday, July 13th from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at HSSA, 635 W. Roger Road to celebrate 80 years of supporting pets and the families who love them.

Enjoy:

- \$80 off all pet adoptions
- Music provided by 92.9 The Bull
- Vendors and food trucks
- Free cupcakes, while supplies last
- Family-friendly activities

Help us grant our Birthday Wish List!
Go to hssaz.org/help/donate to learn more.





The Scratching Post: Cats for Adoption

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MILLIE ID# 941717

I'm Millie, the the purr-fect blend of charm & curiosity. I'll steal your heart as I steal the boxes around me. With me, every day will be filled with cuddles, purrs, & endless boxes to conquer. If I fit, I sit. I'm a 3 y/o Torti girl who's good with kids & dogs, plus I'm current on my shots & spayed. Please adopt me today!



FRECKLES ID# 941717

I'm a delightful 11 y/o on the lookout for her forever home. I take pride in my grooming & have a playful knack for catching moths. I'm good with small dogs & other cats, making me a versatile addition to any home. I'm currently on a weight loss journey & working on lowering my food intake. Meet me!



BEAUTY ID# 940095

Hi, I'm 10 y/o Beauty! I can initially be timid when meeting new humans, but once you offer me some pets, I start purring like an engine! My foster mom said I am such a sweet & loving companion. If you are looking for a snuggly friend to call yours, I'm the gal for you! Ask up front to come into my room & meet me today.

The Animal League of Green Valley

Adoption fee: \$75 • TALGV (Appts 10-2 daily) • 520-625-3170



DELIGHTED

I am a handsome 3 y/o, 14 lb. boy with a handsome gray tabby & white coat. I like to be brushed & playing with string toys, but I don't behave well under stress. I need an easy-going home as your only pet with an empty kitchen chair for my naps. Please call about me today.



SPAZ

I'm a 12 y/o shorthaired girl with a ticked tabby coat & lovely green eyes looking for my forever home. I've gotten along with other cats, a dog, & children but lost two homes through no fault of my own. I'm a gentle, petite lady that comes with vet care support for life. Please call to make an appointment to meet me.

Pima Animal Care Center

\$0 adoption fee. Adoption includes spay/neuter, age-appropriate vaccinations, microchip & a free vet visit. Pima Animal Care Center 4000 N. Silverbell Rd., 724-5900.



ASHER ID#A832270

My name's Asher! I'm an 11 y/o senior gent. My friends at PACC recently learned I'm diabetic, which just means I need a special diet & insulin. I'm a total trooper about it all, if I do say so myself! I'm a very sweet boy who loves to be loved & will gently place my paw on you when I want more neck scratches.



VAN GOGH JR. ID#A835064

I'm Van Gogh Jr! I came to PACC with an injured ear, hence the name. I'm a super friendly 10 y/o guy who got to hang out in a foster home for a while & my foster said I did well with dogs & people, love crinkly foil balls, & I'm "loving, sweet, gentle, cuddly, & easy-going." I've even been known to give kisses!



THOR ID#A838084

My name's Thor! I'm such a lovable, friendly boy that I'm currently living in one of the offices with PACC staff, where I've been charming everyone I meet. I'm about 8 y/o & eat a prescription diet for some previous urinary issues. If you're looking for a handsome gentleman who loves to give out the best head bonks, I'm your guy!



NURI ID#A837216

I'm just a little gal at 8 w/o, & I'm super sweet & lovable! I'm all kitten & love to play! My friends here say I'm one of hundreds of kittens that will come through the shelter looking for homes this year, so if you're ready for a new kitty to love, come meet me & all my friends at PACC!



LAVENDER ID#A839841

I'm Lavender! I'm a super sweet, beautiful girl who's just about 1 y/o. I arrived at PACC in May with a broken pelvis after being hit by a car. I'm feeling much better these days thanks to the great clinic staff here & looking for a home where I can continue to heal & get all the lovin' I deserve!

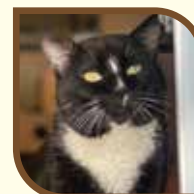
Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

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



PAWSTRAWMI

I'm 3 y/o Pawstrawmi. I was abandoned at a Phoenix vet clinic because I'm FeLV+. Otherwise very healthy, I like singing to the staff in the admin office through the catio window, so they will say hi. I'm affectionate, sweet, & would be a perfect companion & supervisor if you work from home.



JIMMY JOHN

I just turned 2 & I'm ready for any event you need a feline date for! With this adorable face & snazzy jacket, I would love to grace your sunny afternoons, bring something special to your evening treats, & help celebrate every morning with scritchies! Could you be my dance partner, pleeeze?

Cover Story:

The Street Dog Coalition: Holistic, Humane Healing for the Unhoused of all Species

Story by Bonnie Craig, Photos Provided by The Street Dog Coalition



Becoming unhoused is unimaginable to many people, despite the fact that many are also only a paycheck or two away from that reality themselves. Seeing others struggling to survive in Tucson's streets and parks and washes is a stark reminder of this. For people with no safe and reliable place to stay, their companion animals are often their biggest constant and sense of security in their lives, both physically and emotionally. For that reason, the financial inability to access crucial veterinary care for these animals can be devastating. The welfare of companion animals is often overlooked by the various organizations who help and advocate for unhoused people, but a growing network of amazing individuals nationwide known as The Street Dog Coalition (SDC) is working to fill that gap. They continue to branch out, providing free veterinary care to companion animals of unhoused people as more chapters continue to be established in cities nationwide. Luckily, Tucson is one of them.

The Street Dog Coalition was originally founded in 2015 by Colorado veterinarian, Dr. Jon Geller. May of that year saw their first clinic, held in Fort Collins, where 25 dogs and 5 cats received care from several veterinarians, vet techs and students, as well as volunteers from the community. The organization continued to gain momentum, hosting clinics in an ever widening variety of cities and snowballing as more people became inspired to get involved. In 2018, not long after graduating from veterinary school, Dr. Karyn Carlson saw Dr. Geller speak at a conference and decided she would like to start her own SDC chapter in her home town of Tucson. By 2021, she was able to get everything in place to make it happen, and the Tucson SDC chapter hosted its first clinic.

Since then they have been going strong, hosting clinics the second Sunday of every other month outside the Z



Dr Jon Geller with The Back to School Block Party event hosted by Task Force Denver Homeless

Mansion. This downtown Tucson landmark is known for its history of helping unhoused people in a variety of ways, offering free sit-down meals, shoes and clothing, haircuts, and basic medical care and first aid.

All of these services provided at Z Mansion embody the One Health philosophy espoused by the SDC. This holistic and inclusive approach to public health acknowledges and seeks to put into practice the idea that humans, animals, and the environment are fundamentally interdependent. In order for one to thrive, all must thrive. Arguably a cornerstone of Indigenous cultures the world over since time immemorial, this concept began to be recognized by western science as early as the mid 1800's. Regarded as the father of modern pathology and founder of social medicine, German physician, biologist, anthropologist, and farmer's son, Rudolf Virchow stated, "Between animal and human medicine there is no dividing line—nor should there be." Later, in response to rising zoonotic infections (those spread between humans and animals), epidemiologist Calvin Schwabe advocated for a combined human and veterinary medicine approach, which laid the groundwork for One Health as we know it today.

The One Health philosophy is particularly valuable when serving the unhoused population and their pets, who are constantly exposed to and interact with the outdoor environment. SDC takes this into account while offering their services, which consists mainly of routine preventative care such as vaccinations, wound care, etc. They also provide spay and neuter vouchers and referrals for more advanced care on a case by case basis, as limited funds allow. They will even help with end of life care, funding death with dignity and cremation when that is the only remaining option.

In addition to their pop up street clinics, SDC runs a variety of other programs including Vets for Vets, providing mental health and veterinary care to low income and unhoused veterans and their pets. Their One Health mobile outreach program helps people and pets in rural communities. They



Our Tucson, AZ Team Lead, Dr. Karyn Carlson

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also work to provide animal inclusive shelter and transportation for the unhoused and their animals. They have even gone international, partnering with Worldwide Vets for Operation Ukraine to assist people and their animals impacted by the ongoing conflict there.

The numbers show just how successful a movement of this kind can be, as people work together for such an impactful cause. Since its inception in 2015, the Street Dog Coalition has now expanded to over 60 cities across the US. In 2023 alone, they hosted 431 clinics, treating 6268 dogs and 1711 cats, and distributed 1521 spay and neuter vouchers. It has been crewed



by 1331 veterinary professionals, 715 veterinary and vet tech students, and 1453 compassionate community volunteers with the help of 224 collaborating community partners. As they continue to gain steam, it is exciting to look toward the future of this indispensable organization. They show no signs of slowing down, but do rely on the support of the public to continue. There are many ways to get involved, from starting a new SDC team, volunteering, or giving financial or material donations. All of these opportunities can be located at thestreetdogcoalition.org/volunteer.

During a time of so much division and strife in the world, it is a comfort to know that such a momentous force of compassion as the Street Dog Coalition is still there, quietly changing lives, four paws at a time.

Dog Days of Summer Treats!

Recipes provided by Alison Martin, Animal Soul Connection

Bring some lip-smacking fun to your dog's day and try these yummy summer treats.

IMPORTANT TIP:

Be sure to look carefully at the ingredients in the yogurt you use in these recipes and avoid: Yogurt with any artificial sweeteners, especially Xylitol
Yogurt with flavoring components some of which can be dangerous to dogs
Yogurt containing "fruit on the bottom" which is heavy in added sugars
We'd love to see photos of your happy dogs enjoying these summer treats!

Share yours on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/thetucsondogmag and let's see who has the coolest dogs in Tucson!!

PETS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES?

Pet parents are encouraged to seek advice from their Veterinarian. The Tucson Dog Magazine does not assume liability for adverse reactions to consumed ingredients. Alison Martin is the Founder of Animal Soul Connection, email: alison@animalsoulconnection.com or visit www.animalsoulconnection.com

FROZEN STRAWBERRY & BANANA SMOOTHIE DOG TREATS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 16-ounce bag of frozen strawberries
- 1 ½ cups plain non-fat yogurt
- 1 sliced banana (if you have two ... use them both)
- ¼ cup skim milk or almond milk
- 3 tablespoons honey

INSTRUCTIONS:

Place all the ingredients in your blender on medium speed and blend for approximately 2 minutes. Pour into the molds of your choice or use ice cube trays. Freeze for 4 hours or more. Pop out of the molds. Ready to ENJOY!

To store: Freeze in zip lock bags or any tight sealing container. Please note: You can use other fruits instead of Strawberries like Watermelon, Blueberries, Mango, Pumpkin (NEVER EVER GRAPES), and any other Dog Safe Fruit or Veggie. Bananas add a creaminess that no other fruit can offer.



PUMPKIN BANANA PUP POPS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup plain non-fat yogurt
- 1 (15 oz) can of pumpkin puree (NOT pumpkin pie mix)
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 ripe banana

INSTRUCTIONS:

Add the banana and pumpkin puree to your blender or food processor and mix until it's nice and smooth. If you don't have a blender, you can mix by hand using a fork, especially if you use a nice ripe banana. Combine the yogurt and mashed banana/pumpkin mix in a large bowl. Add the honey and stir until all ingredients are well combined. Spoon the mixture into silicone candy molds or ice cube trays. Freeze overnight (or for a few hours if you're making it early in the day). Pop out of the molds and serve on a hot day!



PEANUT BUTTER TURMERIC COCONUT OIL DOG TREATS

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 /4 cup coconut oil
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS:

Melt coconut oil so that it is liquid (about 20 seconds). Mix all ingredients together in a bowl and stir until smooth. Pour into silicone molds and freeze for approximately 15-20 minutes. Store in the freezer as they will soften quickly when left at room temperature.



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When the Rescuer Needs Rescuing: A Story of Gratitude, Caring, & Compassion

Story by Rebecca West

If you've been reading *The Tucson Dog* since its inception, you'll likely remember that it was founded by animal advocate Ann Herrington back in 2017. The magazine was one of three publications dedicated to promoting the human/animal bond and raising awareness of shelter and rescue animals. The other two were *The Prescott Dog* and *The Flagstaff/Sedona Dog*. Within their pages, she worked to educate the public on such vital topics as overcrowding in shelters, backyard breeding, puppy mills, and the need to spay and neuter pets responsibly.

Outspoken and always up for a challenge, in December 2019, she regrettably faced an opponent that no one ever wants to come up against: cancer. But she did, and she faced it head-on like all other obstacles in her life, beating it into submission — or, in this case, what was thought to be a form of remission. Unfortunately, the reprieve was short-lived, with more bad news on the horizon in 2023 requiring a higher level of care.

Worse yet, one of the things that brought her great comfort in life and always served as a welcome distraction during the first go around with the dreaded C word was more than she could handle on her own by April 2024.

We're speaking of her beloved horse, Miss Pauleena, and her concern about being unable to care for her properly during her latest health battles. That's where Kimberly Meagher, founder of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue and co-author of *Alternatives to Auction and Slaughter*, came in.

Headquartered in Gilbert, Wildhorse Ranch Rescue, Inc. is a 501c3 charity celebrating 30 years of rescue this coming January. With a certified foster facility in San Tan Valley and 100 acres in Ash Fork on old Route 66, they are a one-hundred percent volunteer organization that's helped all types of animals. The list includes horses, donkeys, mules, cats, rabbits, gophers, snakes, pigs, rats, dogs, barnyard fowl, a peacock, wild birds, and a few humans along the way.



Ann Herrington (R) & Kim Meagher (L)

Meagher kindly shared her part in this emotional story of rescuer being rescued with us here.

"Ann and I met when I had my art gallery, The Beastro, in the McCormick Arts District in Prescott. Both rescuers, we became fast friends. The Beastro was an art gallery where the proceeds went to help animals in need. We did a lot of events, not only for Wildhorse but also for several other animal rescues.

"When I met Ann, I felt like I'd known her my whole life. I'm sure most people feel that way about her. She has such a wonderful and joyous way of life.

She's always filled with ideas on how to help make the world a better place for everyone! She's always focused on the positive and creative and fun solutions.

"As a rescuer, she helps others, especially animals. When she called me about her recent diagnosis and not being able to provide care for Miss P, I immediately wanted to do anything I could to help. Ann's first thought was that she had to give Pauleena up, and she wanted her to go to a safe place. As Ann and I talked, we came up with a practical solution. First off, Wildhorse would take ownership of Pauleena. But rather than bringing Pauleena to our ranch in Gilbert — we are short on space all the time — we'd keep her in Northern AZ.

"It would be better for Pauleena, who has always lived there and may not do well in the Phoenix heat for her first summer. It would be better for Ann and her healing process to be able to see Pauleena during a very stressful time in Ann's life. It would also be better for Wildhorse due to space issues and not having to bring our veterinarians up to speed on Pauleena's recent therapy needs.

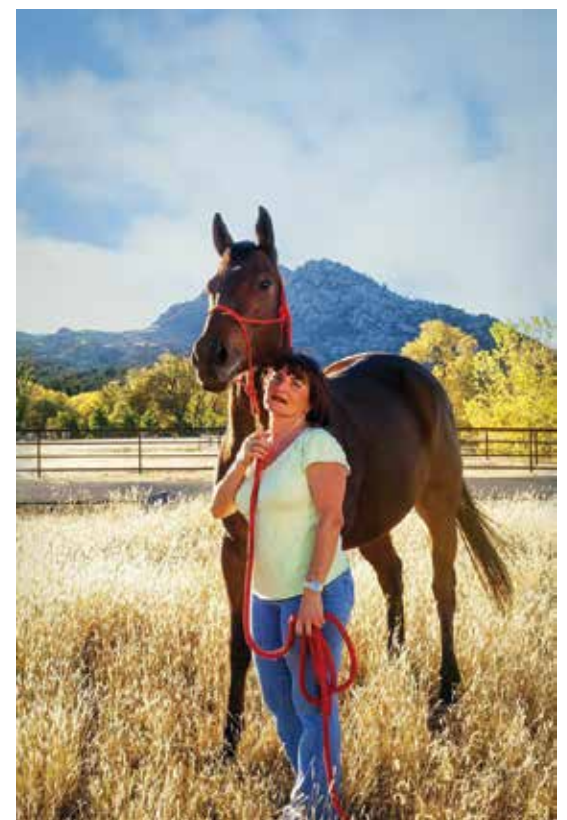
"In the past, we've kept some of our horses in Northern AZ, due to various reasons, but this solution seemed like a great plan for everyone involved."

And so far, it has been. Since the agreement was reached, the rescue has provided Pauleena with the kind of help they'd offer any animal under similar circumstances, such as food, water, shelter, supplements, and veterinary care — all the things needed to keep them healthy and safe. Because Pauleena technically belongs to Wildhorse now, the rescue takes on full responsibility for her care and upkeep, and all expenses are paid in full.

It allows Ann to spend time with her horse while removing the physical and emotional stress of doing it all herself and instead focus on her recovery. According to Meagher, the goal is that when Ann is healthy again, she can take Pauleena back. The arrangement is a temporary situation where the parties sign a release document similar to a legal bill of sale. As Kim noted, keeping horses in the homes they're already in is the best way to keep them safe and is the rescue's goal.

"I've been involved in animal welfare and rescue since 1997 and have met some of the most amazing people who give so much to help animals in need. I love all animals, and my focus has always been helping shelter and rescue animals. I met Kim Meagher over 14 years ago and found in her a kindred spirit. We immediately became fast friends and shared an immense love for horses," Ann explained.

"What Kim and Wildhorse Ranch Rescue have done for me and my beloved



Ann & Pauleena in front of Granite Mt.

horse is nothing short of a miracle. I love giving, but it is very difficult for me to ask for help in return. When I found myself in a health crisis and had to leave my full-time job, things got really tough for me. And horses are expensive. Pauleena's been with me for 12 years, and we have a very deep connection. She's been part of my healing journey since Day 1.

"When it recently became clear that I could not provide for her at this time, I was beside myself and didn't know what to do. So, I called Kim to see if she could help. She was so incredible and did not hesitate for one second to say, 'Yes, we will help you!' Thank you just isn't enough for what she and WHRR have been doing for me. With Pauleena's suspensory injury, the vet bills started growing, and WHRR has taken care of everything for her. And the best part is that she has been able to stay here with me!

"Cancer has taught me to make every day count and to count my blessings every single day. My animals — including my dogs Gracie and Andy — have been my constant companions, so I'm never alone.

"I'm also so grateful for Santori Ranch in Chino Valley, where Pauleena boards. Traesa and Marco Santori are incredible people who love and care for all the animals in their charge as if they were their own. I owe a great debt to them for all they have done to help and support me and Pauleena during this time. It's a wonderful place with lots of friendly people who love horses, and they passed on a generous charity discount to Wildhorse in connection to Miss P's boarding fees.

"We also have a wonderful resident trainer, Elizabeth Bennett, who was training Pauleena for a local show that I wanted to



Ann receiving ozone treatment with Gracie & Andy

participate in. It is clear how much she cares about horses. When she noticed that something was off with Pauleena, she suggested I have the vet take a look at her. That's how we found the injury to her back leg. I am so thankful for her!

"In a very short time, WHRR has spent so much money to help Pauleena, and I would like to ask for donations to WHRR in Pauleena's name to help with her bills that I know are already in the thousands. I don't know what I would have done if they had not stepped in to help. And they help so many other animals in need, which is very costly. They are the real deal when it comes to being a rescue and doing it right!

"I'm so fortunate to have the love and support of so many incredible people, including my family and especially my two daughters, DeeAnn and Gina, and my sister Barbara, who are always there for me. I also have to say thank you to my dear friend Heather McShea, who has taken up the mantle at **The Tucson Dog**. She

Ann with Traesa (R) & Elizabeth (L) at Santori Ranch

loves it just as much as I did, and I am so happy it is in her capable hands."

On a side note, Ann is looking for volunteers in the Prescott/Chino Valley area to help out with Pauleena at Santori Ranch when she's unable to be there. If anyone knows of someone who could pitch in, please contact us.

Finally, if you're curious as to how WHRR pulls all of this off, it comes down to regular donations. Their Herculean fundraising efforts include enlisting celebrities to help whenever possible, as they tend to draw large crowds and attention to worthy causes like this one. For more information about the rescue and ways to help, visit wildhorseranchrescue.com.



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Story and Photos contributed by Executive Director, Paula Rivadeneira



Photo: Old Souls Goat Elvis, Caption: Elvis

Old Souls is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that takes in geriatric, special needs, and hospice animals of all kinds, including dogs, cats, tortoises, and farm animals. The animals come primarily from municipal animal shelters, but in some special cases, Old Souls takes in animals from owners who themselves are going into nursing homes or hospice care and have no family or friends to care for their pets. Old Souls also provides assistance to pet owners in need who

have aging or hospice animals that require vet care, medication, or supplies that their owners cannot afford to provide. Old Souls believes that keeping pets and their people together should always take priority over removing an animal from a loving home just because of financial stressors.

Animals who do come to live at Old Souls are provided with nutritious food, soft beds, pain management, and all the love and care they need in their final chapter of life. They are welcome to stay at Old Souls until they leave us for the Rainbow Bridge, but in some cases, animals have recovered and we adopt them out to loving homes.



Paula and Eneko

Old Souls was founded in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2010, a few years after owners Paula and Isaac Rivadeneira opened a petsitting business in Opelika Alabama. Clients began asking them to take care of their aging pets even when they were not going out of town because the animals simply felt better in Paula and Isaac's care. They soon realized they had a knack for caring for these older animals, and they started rescuing geriatric, special needs, and hospice animals from shelters so they would not die alone, afraid, and unloved.

After moving to Yuma, Arizona in 2015, the rescue expanded exponentially because of the intense need for Old Souls' services, and the incredible support they received from the Yuma community.

The Executive Director, Paula Rivadeneira, feels there is nothing more beautiful than being the last person to take care of an animal, so no matter how sad and difficult it can be, she would never want to do anything else.

Old Souls moved to Tucson in 2022 and the organization decided that this will be the



Charla

rescue's permanent location in Picture Rocks.

Old Souls' programs include:

- Palliative and end of life care for geriatric and hospice animals
- Rehabilitation and physical therapy for special needs animals
- Veterinary care for senior pets whose owners are not able to cover the cost of care and
- Together Forever Planned Giving Program



Olive



Charlotte

Currently, Old Souls is home to dogs ranging in size from 2 to 120 pounds, 3 cats, 6 potbelly pigs, 8 tortoises, 3 turkeys, 11 goats, 2 cows, and lots of chickens! They depend heavily on volunteers to help feed, water, medicate, and cuddle the animals to ensure the animals receive lots of love and the dignity they deserve in their final days. Old Souls does not allow the animals in their care to suffer so they rely on quality of life assessments to let them know when it's time. Then a veterinarian visits the rescue so the animal can be put to sleep surrounded by the other animals and humans who love them.

Old Souls spends about \$4000 per month on animal food, medications, and vet visits, depending on the needs of the animals. They accept donations in many ways, including through their Amazon and Chewy Wishlists, but one of the easiest ways is through www.givebutter.com/oldsoulsfeelgoodfund where



Doxie Gibbs

supporters can set up a monthly donation with just a couple of clicks.

Old Souls is not open to the public regularly, but they will have open house days in the fall. If you would like to volunteer, visit, or donate, you can learn more about Old Souls on their webpage www.oldsouls.org, and social media. You can also stay at their Airbnb (airbnb.com/h/old-souls-animal-rescue-farm-retreat), which includes a one-hour hands-on personal tour of the rescue!



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What to expect when bringing home a new dog!

Story by Meganne Carpenter
Regional Scout for Camp Bow Wow
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Bringing home a new dog is always an exciting time for you and your family! For your new dog, it can be a whirlwind! We will explore the settling-in period that most puppies and dogs go through after adoption and what is often referred to as the 3-3-3 rule. We'll help you understand what to expect and how to make the transition as smooth as possible for both you and your pup!

The 3-3-3 rule is simple — expect it to take your dog three days, three weeks, and three months to settle into their new home in different ways. During this time period, your new dog will be exploring the boundaries of their new environment and trying to figure out what behaviors are acceptable and which ones aren't.

The first 3 days after your pup's adoption can be stressful. They may show signs of feeling anxious and overwhelmed by their new surroundings. It's important to give them their own space in the form of a crate or bed, show them where they should be eating, and try to be patient as they adjust. To help them adjust, it's also important to keep them at home during this time and not take them to friends' homes, pet stores, or large parks.

Throughout the first 3 weeks, your new dog may begin to act more confident in your home. By establishing a consistent routine, they can start to feel more comfortable and secure in their new home. During these 3 weeks, begin training them on basic cues, go to the bathroom outside, and explore the area while on walks. Consistency is key! Ensure your pup has a stable routine they can begin to rely on.

By the time 3 months have passed, you can expect your pup to really start settling in. During this time, it's important to continue your training and routine efforts so your dog doesn't fall into bad habits. Soon, their personality will start shining through, and they will feel like an irreplaceable member of the family!

Remember, every dog is different. Some may take longer to adjust to their new life in your home depending on their personality and previous experiences. All you can do is create a safe and loving environment for them, and eventually, it will feel like home!

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Business Spotlight

Furry Land of Tucson – Transforming Your Pet’s Grooming Experience

Story and Photos by
Adam Orlandella Furry Land Tucson

Imagine a serene morning in Tucson with the sun casting a golden hue over the city. Furry Land’s mobile grooming unit arrives like a luxury chariot, ready to pamper your furry friends. Among our clients was a family with three unique dogs. The most challenging? Jaxson, a Chihuahua-Terrier mix whose owners warned us of his fierce resistance to nail trims - a tiny terror wrapped in fur.

With a gentle touch and a heart full of patience, our lead groomer transformed Jaxson’s grooming ordeal into a serene experience. The once-snarly Jaxson showered her with affectionate kisses, allowing the nail trim without a single protest. The owners couldn’t believe it. Six weeks later, they watched from their window as Jaxson again showered her with kisses. They playfully scolded him upon his return, unable to believe their eyes.

This is just another day for our Furry Land Tucson groomers.

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Meet the Team: The Enchanting Art of Master Groomers

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Ailany and Rocket

Meet Andrea, our grooming prodigy! Grooming was clearly meant to be for Andrea; she grew up in a real-life pet paradise with 14 dogs under her mom’s roof. From grooming to preparing gourmet pet meals, she’s done it all. Furry Land is where her passion and skills really shine.



Andrea

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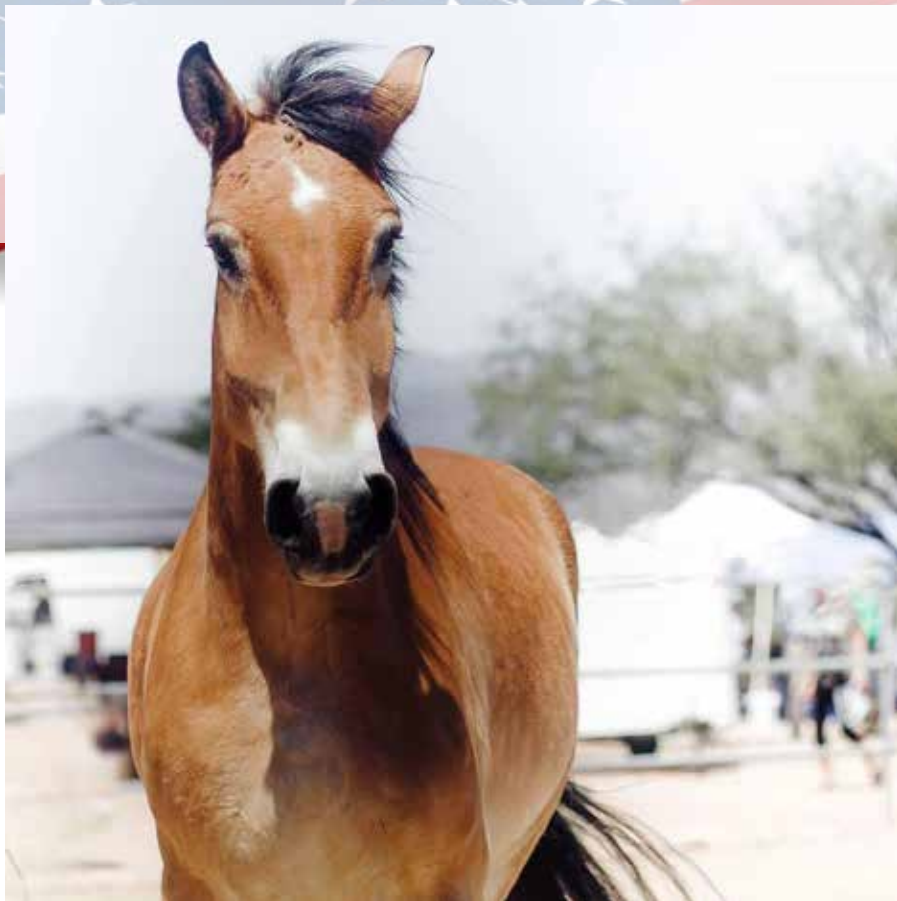
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Story by Diane Russell

running an equine rescue is watching their transformation. The gift of giving them new life makes it worth all the hard times. Seeing an equine that has been traumatized from abuse or abandonment, transformed from sadness to happiness and from hopelessness to hope, is an unforgettable experience. For those who could not be saved, the knowledge that they spent their last days surrounded by love and care, is comforting.

Today, the Sanctuary is also saving wild Mustangs who have been rounded up by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and uprooted from their homes in the wild. Most recently, two young Mustang mares, both with injuries, would likely have met a grim fate had they not been rescued by Equine Voices. One of them was found to be pregnant and gave birth to a young colt on April 8th, the day of the eclipse. He was appropriately named Eclipse!

There's an ancient proverb that says "A Journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step". In this story, a journey that began with a dream has lasted 20 years! In the foothills of the Santa Rita Mountains, just south of Green Valley, a very special anniversary is being celebrated: the 20th anniversary of the founding of Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary. What started as a dream in 2004, with four baby horses, became a reality: a place of refuge for equines (horses, burros, mules) needing a home and care. Those four babies are known today as the Foundation Herd and they continue to serve as ambassadors for Equine Voices to educate the public about the many dangers facing equines today.



Eclipse & Mom Gigi (Photo by Kevin May)



The Foundation Herd - Gulliver, Spanky, Deuce, and Bella Luna

Over 20 years, Equine Voices has expanded from 5 to 25 acres and has rescued over 1,500 equines! Today, there are currently 50 horses, 6 burros, and 4 mules who call Equine Voices their home. Besides the cost of feed there are veterinary and dental costs, and farrier costs for hoof care. In addition, more than half of the herd is over 20 years old, which is about 60 years old in human terms. Seniors have additional needs including special feed, special diets, senior supplements, and medications. Staff and volunteers take care of all the resident equines every day, regardless of the weather. They ensure that the animals are well taken care of with love and all that they need to enjoy a happy, healthy life.

The early years were not easy. Building something from the beginning is never an easy task but, founder, Karen Pomroy, knew something had to be done to save those equines who had been abandoned, abused, used in the production of the drug Premarin, those headed to slaughter, and those whose owners could no longer take care of them.

Over the years, there were many challenges but, with the support of dedicated volunteers and staff, generous donors, and community support, the Sanctuary has persevered. In 2008 Karen said: "Rescuing animals is a bitter sweet love affair. Offering these incredible beings, love, compassion and a new start, has its ups and downs". She truly believes the beauty of

To commemorate the 20th anniversary, there will be a celebration on Friday, November 8th, from 4pm to 8:30pm, at the Casino del Sol Casino in Tucson. The "Black, Blue and Boots Gala" will feature a three-course meal, silent auction, live auction by Jennifer Henderson, live music by Ivan Orellana, and entertainment by Hardscrabble Road Band. All proceeds from this event will help provide hay, special feed, supplements and veterinary expenses for their rescued equines. Information on attending can be found on the Equine Voices website: equinevoices.org. If you cannot attend, but would like to donate, that information is also on the website or you can email vanessa@equinevoices.org.



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