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The Leader of the Pack Speaks

Dear Friends and Fellow Animal Lovers,

As another year comes to a close, I find myself looking back at the stories, people and animals that have made 2026 such a memorable year for ***The Tucson Dog.***

Dogtoberfest 2026 was one of those days that reminded me why we do what we do. Dogs and their people came together for music, food, fun and, most importantly, the opportunity to find forever homes for dogs who need them. Events like this are about much more than a day in the park. They are about connection—and sometimes, that connection changes a life.

One of my favorite stories this year was Malachi, the big, fluffy, goofy, adorable lug from Hoofsnhorn's Farm Sanctuary - and the winner of our 7th Annual Holiday Cover Dog Contest! His story took an especially wonderful turn when he found both a forever home and his forever workplace. He's a great reminder that sometimes finding where you belong means finding not just a place to live, but a place where you have a purpose, too.

November and December aren't just about our traditional winter holidays. We have plenty of pets to celebrate and recognize, too! In November, we celebrate **Senior Pet Health Month** and **National Pet Cancer Awareness Month**. December brings **Wildlife Conservation Day, International Day of Veterinary Medicine** and **Celebrate Shelter Pets Day**, among many others. So this holiday season, send an unexpected note of appreciation to your veterinarian, or consider adopting or fostering a shelter pet in celebration of the furry ones who give us so much unconditional love.

As we head into the holidays, I also want to shine a light on the senior animals who are surrendered, overlooked or simply left behind. They still have so much love to give. A gray muzzle doesn't mean the end of the story. Sometimes, it means the beginning of an entirely new chapter.

As we look toward 2027, our mission remains the same: promoting the human/animal bond, raising awareness of shelter and rescue animals, emphasizing the importance of spay and neuter, and continuing to celebrate the people and animals who make Southern Arizona such a special place to live.

Thank you for reading, sharing, supporting, rescuing, adopting and simply caring. Every time you pick up ***The Tucson Dog,*** pass it along, attend one of our events or share an animal's story, you become part of what we're building together.



Thank you for being part of our pack.

And I'll see you at Woofstock 2027!

With Gratitude,
Heather McShea
Publisher & Editor-In-Chief
The Tucson Dog Magazine

"The bond with a true dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth will ever be."
~ Konrad Lorenz

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Please send donations and your story, if you'd like to share, to:
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Dogtoberfest Adopt-A-Thon 2026...
A Great Day of Friends, Dogs & Adoptions!



If you like dogs, great music, good food and a little canine chaos thrown in for good measure, Dogtoberfest 2026 was the place to be!

On Sunday, October 25, **The Tucson Dog Magazine's annual Dogtoberfest Adopt-A-Thon** brought dogs and their people together for a day filled with fun, laughter, food, music and, most importantly, opportunities for deserving dogs to find forever homes.

This year brought a new location and a whole new backdrop as Dogtoberfest moved to the Udall Park Amphitheater on Tanque Verde Road. With its sweeping grassy area, amphitheater setting and Catalina Mountains in the background, it was a wonderful setting for a day devoted to dogs and the people who love them.

Hosted by Matt and Randi Gentry and the Southern Arizona Animal Food Bank, the event brought together animal lovers, rescue organizations, vendors and families for a celebration with a serious mission beneath all the fun: helping homeless animals find loving forever homes and supporting the people and organizations working every day to make that possible.



And there was plenty of Dog Fest fun!

The Drive Tucson kept the energy going with music and live radio coverage, while Matt and Randi brought their unmistakable enthusiasm and love of animals to the celebration. Claire Graham, our Celebrity Guest Host Extraordinaire, kept things moving from the stage and made sure nobody missed the action.

There were adoptable dogs meeting potential families, vendors to explore, food trucks for hungry humans, and plenty of four-legged and two-legged fashion on display. The costume contests gave dogs and their humans a chance to unleash their creativity, and Tucson dog people did not disappoint!

But beneath all the laughter, beautiful dogs and adorable costumes was the reason Dogtoberfest exists in the first place.



Every dog waiting for a home has a story. Some have been overlooked. Some have been through circumstances they never deserved. And some are simply waiting for the right person to look into their eyes and say, "You're coming home with me."

That is what makes a day like Dogtoberfest so special. It isn't just an event; it is a gathering of people who believe animals matter and who are willing to show up, have some fun and help make a difference.

I am especially grateful to the vendors, rescue groups and volunteers who helped bring Dogtoberfest to life. From those who showed up early, stayed late and jumped in wherever they were needed, to the vendors who brought their businesses, talents and enthusiasm to the day, each of you played a part in making this event possible.

And a very special thank-you to Matt and Randi, and to Claire, for bringing your energy, time and love of animals to the celebration. I truly could not do it without you, and I am so grateful to have you as part of The Tucson Dog family.

A huge thank-you also goes to everyone who came out, brought their dogs, visited the vendors, cheered on the contestants, supported the rescues and helped make Dogtoberfest 2026 such a memorable day.

Because around here, we believe a great day is measured in wagging tails, happy people and, whenever possible, a few more dogs finding their way home.
And by that measure, Dogtoberfest was one heck of a doggone day!

Keep your eyes on ***dogtoberfesttucson.com*** for updated photos of the day!

From all of us at *The Tucson Dog Magazine,* thank you, Tucson, for making this **DOGTOBERFEST** one to remember. We can't wait to see you and your furry friends at next year's **WOOFSTOCK Adopt-A-Thon**. Stay tuned!
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Birth Control of the Future? The Nine-Million-Dollar Cookie

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Pacheco, animal rights hall of fame inductee

Chew on this: One unspayed feline can have up to 19 kittens a year, and an unspayed dog can produce up to 24 puppies—and these are conservative figures!

What if we could effectively put a significant dent in the world's stray dog and cat populations with a cookie? And not just a significant dent but one that could eventually play a meaningful role in eradicating the problem without the need for surgery?

That's the million-dollar question—or in this case, the nine-million-dollar question, because that's what a team of experts in the field who conducted a study reportedly determined it would take in funding over three years to feasibly hit on the right combination of ingredients to create a one-time edible cookie that not only requires just a single dose, but one that is also safe.

It's no secret that the overpopulation of companion animals around the world has reached epic proportions. Each year, hundreds of millions of stray dogs and cats are born globally. For many in animal rescue, the burnout caused by the emotional overload is reaching a breaking point. And it isn't just strays that are contributing to the issue. Too often, family pets are kept intact and inadvertently end up mating. Add to that puppy mills, and you've got a full-on unwanted pet pandemic.

Over the last few years, spay and neuter initiatives have moved to the forefront of the problem, but there are issues with that as well. Many people don't like the idea of their pets undergoing surgery, considering it invasive and dangerous. For others, it's cost-prohibitive, even though free spay and neuter events, as well as reduced pricing for veterans, the disabled, and those suffering from economic hardship, are often available at various clinics.

Yes, there are non-surgical forms of birth control currently available for dogs, cats, and ferrets, but they are largely temporary in effect, hormone-based, and not without risks—including cancer. But what if there were a lifetime contraceptive available that could be administered just once and didn't rely on hormones? And rather than a shot or drops that must be administered by hand, it came in the form of a cookie that could, in theory, be tossed to a stray dog who refuses to be caught?

A grassroots nonprofit tackling a global problem

That's what Alexander Pacheco, controversial animal rights activist and head of the nonprofit 600 Million Dogs, is trying to accomplish. A co-founder of PETA, he is determined to see a viable alternative come to fruition, noting, "Surgery can't take care of animal overpopulation alone. Ninety-nine percent of birth control for animals is administered by injection or pill. That's not a realistic option for curtailing reproduction of the estimated 600 million free-roaming stray dogs of the world, not to mention those formulas only last a very short period of time before they need to be readministered."

Instead, he's working with veterinarians and chemists to develop a one-and-done solution administered via a biscuit or cookie that works through the elimination or impairment of follicles in the ovaries. The formula they're currently experimenting with uses VCD (*4-Vinylcyclohexene diepoxide*), a well-known ovotoxicant that selectively destroys primordial and primary follicles by accelerating natural cell death. It's basically triggering a sort of menopause, even though dogs and cats don't technically experience that condition.

A liquid, the current formula he and his team are working on has only seven ingredients. So, what's holding him and his initiative back? Money.

Questions & Answers with Alex Pacheco

Q. How long have you been working on the cookie?
A. We started our grassroots shoestring-budget trials in 2011.

Q. How far out do you think the world is realistically from having a safe, effective oral birth control formula for companion animals? Are we talking years or decades?
A. With proper funding, years. The science is solid. The science is there, and it could have been developed and discovered 10 years ago. The facts have been around for decades. More money is needed, though, to develop it.

Q. Is the focus at this point strictly on dogs and cats?
A. Yes, but only because of limited funds. After dogs and cats, we plan to help other species in need, such as wild horses, coyotes, deer, and so on. For example, GonaCon™ is a birth control formula owned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for use in wildlife and feral animal populations. But it's a hormone-blocking immunocontraceptive that, like the cookie, also needs to be converted into a one-dose, permanent-lasting oral formula.

Q. Will these cookies eventually be available for both male and female pets?
A. Correct. A male cookie targets cells inside the testes.

Q. Once successful, do you foresee this being available as a birth control option for veterinary use as well, not just for strays?
A. Yes.

Q. What is needed most to ensure this comes to fruition? Funding?
A. Yes! It's needed for more scientists to put the work in on the topic. Any support from the government or drug companies would be ***very*** helpful.

Q. Seeing as other countries have less stringent requirements for attaining approval of a drug or vaccination, have you considered seeking approval outside the U.S. once you feel you've got something solid? I ask because we're still waiting on the Valley Fever vaccine for dogs to be approved here years after it was submitted, but the regulatory wheels turn slowly.
A. Yes. The plan is to apply first to the countries where animal suffering is the greatest while the FDA process is in progress.

Q. What has been the biggest roadblock to the success of the project so far?
A. Again, unfortunately, funding. Three million dollars a year for three years is really not a lot in the scheme of things, but we're meeting a lot of resistance. It's a worthwhile endeavor regardless of the pushback and lack of support, and we are continuing to pursue it.

Pilot Pups Program



Citing a report concerning the HSUS and other groups that an estimated $2 billion changes hands each year over the skyrocketing pet population issue, Pacheco suspects that many do not want to see this problem permanently ended—a problem he optimistically believes the cookie could end once and for all.

As to the dogs used in the cookie trials, they are rescued strays referred to as Pilot Pups. The canines eat a single trial cookie and, a month later, undergo a standard spay or neuter surgery. The excised tissue is preserved and sent to pathologists who measure the effect of the cookie on follicle counts. After participating in the program, each Pilot Pup is then adopted into a loving forever home.

If you'd like to learn more or support the work the group is doing, visit *600milliondogs.org*.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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

Sun. Nov. 1, 5pm-10pm
Tomb Town & Terror Trail
Annual Halloween event with scary structures, graveyard, dead tree forest, animatronics, spooky music & costumed actors at 8343 N. Wanda Rd, Oro Valley, on a ½ acre lot. Ages: 8 & up. $1 donation pp. All proceeds go to Tucson Action Team's spay & neuter fund. Check Tomb Town Tucson Facebook Page for updates.

Sun. Nov. 1 thru Christmas: Hope of Deliverance Winter Fundraiser with See's Candy Candies Yum-Raising Storefront is officially live for the holidays! A portion of every purchase supports HoD Rescue's foster dogs. Order your favorite treats or seasonal gifts directly to your home at *https://tinyurl.com/HoD-Winter-Fundraiser*

Sun. Nov. 1, 9am-1pm
Bark & Browse Shopping/Adoption
Join Hope of Deliverance Rescue for Bark & Browse at Udall Park *(Ramada #7)*, right next to the dog park! Come shop local vendors & meet adorable, adoptable dogs looking for their forever homes.

Sun. Nov. 1, 9:30am-3pm
Pet CPR/First Aid Certification
Be your pet's first responder & learn what to do in an emergency. $99 Call 520-886-7411 to register in advance. Sol Dog Lodge & Training Center, 11862 N. Tangerine Business Loop, Marana

Sun. Nov. 1, 12pm-3pm
Dog Photos with Santa!
Get your pet's photo with Santa, Mrs. Claus, & an Elf. $25 for one professionally edited image. No RSVP - just show up. Call 520-886-7411 for more information or go to the events tab at SolDogLodge.com.

Sun. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10-11am
Goat Yoga in the Park
Join us Sundays for an a.m. goat yoga session at Denny Dunn Park at 4400 W. Massingale Rd., 85741. Sign up at goatsoftucsonyoga.com or call (503) 507-8639 for more details.

Wed. Nov. 4 & 18, 4pm-5pm
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 2035 E. 17th St. offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Fri. Nov. 6, 1pm-5pm
Shop, Pop, Sip Pet Rescue Fundraiser Event
Spend an afternoon shopping, playing tennis, & helping senior pets from Old Souls Animal Rescue find loving homes. 64356 Saddlebrooke Blvd., Tucson 85739. $15 entrance donation. For tennis registration, email friedlanderfran@gmail.com.

Sat. Nov. 7, 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. Nov. 7, 8am-9am
Puppy Yoga at Sol Dog
Join us for the most joyful way to start your day, with puppies from the Humane Society of Southern Arizona. $30 donation pp. Call 520-886-7411 to register in advance. Sol Dog Lodge & Training Center, 11862 N. Tangerine Business Loop, Marana, 85658

Sat. Nov. 7, 10am-12pm
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. Nov. 7, 11am-2pm, Southern Arizona Cat Rescue PetSmart Adoption Event
Most Saturdays you'll find us at PetSmart located at 4374 N. Oracle Rd. with adoptable kitties! Visit sacatrescue.org or FB/IG @sacatrescue for more info.

Sat. Nov. 7, 2pm-5pm
A Tale of Two Tails
Paint, Sip, & Puppy Snuggles
Four Tails & Desert Tails team up for a day of wine, wagging tails & 2nd chances! Enjoy a fun paint-&-sip, fabulous wines, & live music. You might just meet your fur-ever best friend! fourtailsvineyard.com

Sat. Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10-11am
Goat Yoga in the Park
Join us Saturdays for an a.m. goat yoga session at Udall Park at 7290 E. Tanque Verde Rd., 85715. Sign up at goatsoftucsonyoga.com or call (503) 507-8639 for more details.

Sun. Nov. 8, 11am-3pm
Tucson Cold Wet Noses 20 Year Anniversary Celebration
Join us in celebrating 20 years in animal rescue at The Coyote Wore Sideburns. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cake, raffles & more! 2855 E. Grant Rd., Tucson tucsoncoldwetnoses.com

Sun. Nov 11 - 15, 9a-5p wed-Sun, Fri & Sat starting at 6:30pm. Nat'l Agility Championship U.S. Dog Agility Association North Stadium at Kino Sports Complex. Watch the world's best canine Athletes, including rescue dogs, race over obstacles. FREE EVENT & Vendor Trade Fair & Expo

Sat. Nov. 14, 8am-12pm
Rummage to the Rescue
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Sat. Nov. 14, 10:30am-2pm
Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart
Every 2nd Saturday of the month we will be at the PetSmart at Grant & Swan with adoptable pets. 4740 E. Grant Rd.,

Sat. Nov. 14. 11am-3pm
Ebenezer & Friends Pet Adoption Event with Hope of Deliverance
Don't miss this amazing opportunity to see the new Johnny Depp Christmas movie "Ebenezer" at Roadhouse Cinemas & meet adoptable pets with the rescue. 4811 E. Grant Rd. Ste. 150, Tucson 85712. Info: (520) 209-2728

Sat. Nov. 14, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 15921 S. Houghton Rd. (American Legion) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Sat. Nov. 14, 9am-4:30pm
Superior, Arizona Hee-Haw Hustle Pack Burro Race
Gather on Main St. to watch the exciting start & be sure to stay to enjoy family-friendly activities, entertainment, dining, shopping & watch the burros & their human partners cross the finish line. Learn more at superiorpackburrorace.com.

Sat. Nov. 14, 10am-2pm
8-Year Anniversary Celebration of Dogs-n-Donuts
Come celebrate with Dogs-n-Donuts. Over 30 vendors, giveaways, games, prizes, food trucks, adoptable dogs, & more! 7743 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85710 (520) 722-1640

Sun. Nov. 15, 7am-10am
Rattlesnake Avoidance Sessions
Sol Dog Lodge & Training Center partners with Animal Experts to offer rattlesnake or Colorado River Toad avoidance sessions. Cost: $125. Call 520-591-2829 to register. Sol Dog Lodge, 11862 N. Tangerine Business Loop, Marana, 85658

Sun. Nov. 15, "Exercise is More than a Walk in the Park" In honor of National Senior Pet Month, Dr. Andrea Hilden of Caring Ways Veterinary Clinic will discuss exercise for senior dogs. In person & virtual, free to attend. Location: A Loyal Companion, 4758 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712. RSVP required: aloyalcompanion.com/events

Thurs. Nov. 19, 4pm-5pm
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 7035 E. Broadway Blvd. (Floor & Decor) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Thurs. Nov. 19, 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 (520) 571-7839

Sat. Nov. 21, 8am
Charity Golf Tourney Benefitting Arrow's Landing Animal Rescue
Join us at the Sierra Vista Golf Center for a day full of fun & adoptable K9s. Entry fee $100 per player, individuals & teams welcome. Must register by Nov. 12! Entry includes 18 holes, cart rental & lunch. (330) 338-3950 arrows.landing.rescue@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 21, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic at 2812 W. Alvaro Rd. (Lazy V) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation. Visit: pathwaysforpaws.com.

Sat. Nov. 21, 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. Nov. 21, 10am-3pm
HoliBray Kickoff Rescue Fundraiser & Community Food Drive Benefitting the Forever Home Donkey Rescue & Sanctuary, enjoy free activities like donkey holiday photo opps, live music, self-guided tours, food from 11-1, raffles, & a kids craft table & games. Nonperishable food donations accepted for the Benson Community Food Pantry. (520) 212-0100

Sat./Sun. Nov. 21 & 22, 10am-12pm
Photos with Santa at Bark n Berry Hurry & register now to secure your spot with Santa Paws & get your fur babies' pictures. Spaces limited: 6121 E. Broadway Blvd. Ste. 138. Call (520) 333-5528 or go to barknberryaz.com.

Calendar of Events

Sat. Nov. 28, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 7400 N. Oracle Rd. (Post Workspaces) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Fri. Nov. 27, 1pm-5pm
Black FUR-DAY! Sip, Shop, & Wag Your Way into the Holidays!
Skip the crowds and join Four Tails for a festive Black Friday celebration! Enjoy fabulous wines, live Christmas music, & holiday shopping with local vendors offering unique gifts & goodies for people & pooches alike. Let the holiday tail-waggin begin! fourtailsvineyard.com

Sat. Nov. 28, 10am-2pm Photos with Santa Paws with Friends of PACC Get ready for Santa Paws at Dogs-n-Donuts! Proceeds from the event support Friends of Pima Animal Care Center & their mission. First come, first served. $15 for photo with Santa Paws. 7743 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson (520) 722-1640

DECEMBER EVENTS

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

Tue. Dec 1, 11am-1pm
Sol Dog Open House
Tour the campus, meet the team, hear our mission, & see what's coming up at Sol Dog Lodge & Training Center! Call 520-886-7411 for more info. Sol Dog Lodge & Training Center, 11862 N. Tangerine Business Loop, Marana, 85658

Wed. Dec. 2, 16 & 30, 4pm-5pm
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 2035 E. 17th St. offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Sat. Dec. 5, 12 & 19, 10-11am
Goat Yoga in the Park
Join us Saturdays for an a.m. goat yoga session at Udall Park at 7290 E. Tanque Verde Rd., 85715. Sign up at goatsoftucsonyoga.com or call (503) 507-8639 for more details.

Sat. Dec. 5, 10am-2pm
Dogs-n-Donuts Adoption Events
In conjunction with various local rescues, we now have adoption events most Saturdays at our bakery. Details available on our website. dogsndonutstucson.com

Sat. Dec. 5, 10am-12pm
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. Dec. 5, 11am-2pm
Southern Arizona Cat Rescue PetSmart Adoption Event
Most Saturdays you'll find us at PetSmart located at 4374 N. Oracle Rd. with adoptable kitties! Visit sacatrescue.org or FB/IG @sacatrescue for more info.

Sat. Dec. 5, 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. Dec. 5, 1pm-5pm Holiday Market with The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary Join us for an afternoon of holiday shopping, unique gifts, food, beverages, & plenty of festive fun, all while supporting the cats of The Hermitage. There will be a variety of handmade goods & one-of-a-kind finds from local artists, crafters, & small businesses. (520) 571-7839

Sat. Dec. 5, 2pm-9pm
Town of Marana Holiday Festival
Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting with family-friendly activities. Dogs are welcome if they are well behaved, leashed & picked up after. Tree Lighting Ceremony: 6pm; Encore Tree Lighting: 8:30pm. Ed Honea Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W. Civic Center Dr., Marana 85653. Cost: Free

Sat. Dec. 5, 10am-11am Kitty Yoga with David at Hunter's Kitten Lounge
Join David (Cat in Tree Yoga) for an hour-long yoga class with the cats of Hunter's Kitten Lounge. This class is for all levels, but we do ask that all yogis are 10+ years of age. You're welcome to bring your own mat or we have a few to borrow. Spots limited so book today! Tix $20 pp

Sat./Sun. Dec. 5 & 6, 10am-12pm
Photos with Santa at Bark n Berry
Hurry & register now to secure your spot with Santa Paws & get your fur babies' pictures. $45 pp. Spaces limited. 6121 E. Broadway Blvd. Ste. 138. Call (520) 333-5528 or go to barknberryaz.com.

Sun. Dec. 6, 13 & 20, 10-11am
Goat Yoga in the Park
Join us Sundays for an a.m. goat yoga session at Denny Dunn Park at 4400 W. Massingale Rd., 85741. Sign up at goatsoftucsonyoga.com or call (503) 507-8639 for more details.

Sat. Dec. 12, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 15921 S. Houghton Rd. (American Legion) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Sat. Dec. 12, By Appointment
Rattlesnake Avoidance Training
Sonoran Wildlife Services is offering snake & Colorado River toad avoidance classes. Time slots by appointment. Call (520) 909-1420 for more info or scheduling.

Sat. Dec. 12, 10:30am-2pm
Cherished Tails Senior Sanctuary Adoption Event at PetSmart
Every 2nd Saturday of the month we will be at the PetSmart at Grant & Swan with adoptable pets. 4740 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85712

Sat. Dec. 12, 10am-2pm
Photos with Santa Paws with Paws Without Borders
Get ready for Santa Paws at Dogs-n-Donuts! Proceeds from the event support Paws Without Borders & their mission. First come, first served. $15 for photo with Santa Paws. 7743 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson 85710 (520) 722-1640

Sat. Dec. 12, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Bingo at Hunter's Kitten Lounge
Don't miss out on the purr-fect mix of games, cats, & good times with Paw-some prizes for winners!
Tickets $25 each, which gets you 5 bingo cards. More cards available for purchase at the door for $2 each. Max 4 cards per round. Visit: hunterskittenlounge.org

Sat. Dec. 12, Time TBA
4th Annual Pet Fashion Show & Pictures with Santa at The Carrick
Join The Carrick on the red carpet with your furry companions dressed in their most festive holiday attire & get pictures with Santa Paws while you're there. There will be prizes for the best dressed pets & free chili! Visit: thecarrick.com

Sun. Dec. 13, 4pm-8pm
Pinups for PACC Presents Plates for PACC at Fork & Fire Smokehouse
Join the Arizona Music Connection for the culmination of their Pet Toys for PACC drive. Enjoy live music, Santa, classic cars, raffles, & plenty of holiday cheer! Bring a new pet toy or pet supply donation to help brighten the holidays for shelter animals! 11835 N. Oracle Rd. Ste. 180, Oro Valley 85737. For info, arizonamusicconnection@gmail.com

Sun. Dec. 13, 11am-12pm
Core Strength Class w/Cats
Join us at Hunter's Kitten Lounge with Deneyse from UofA rec center! Class is for all levels of strength, but come ready to feel the burn! For participants 10 years & up. You're welcome to bring your own mat or we have a few to borrow. Spots limited so book today! Tix $20 pp hunterskittenlounge.org

Thurs. Dec. 17, 4pm-5pm
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru Community Outreach Clinic
at 7035 E. Broadway Blvd. (Floor & Decor) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Thurs. Dec. 17, 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. Dec. 19, 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. Dec. 19, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru
Community Outreach Clinic at 2812 W. Alvaro Rd. (Lazy V) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Sat. Dec. 19, 7pm-9pm
Movie Night with Cats at Hunter's Kitten Lounge
We have lots of kitties here who would love to snuggle up & watch with you while you hang out at the lounge. *Free drink & snack with lounge entry. For movie information email: lounge@sacatrescue.org

Sat. Dec. 26, 9am-10am
Pathways for Paws Drive-Thru
Community Outreach Clinic at 7400 N. Oracle Rd. (Post Workspaces) offers vaccines, microchips & nail trims for a small donation via cash, Venmo, Zelle & Apple Pay. No debit/credit cards. More info at pathwaysforpaws.com.

Cover Dog Story

Meet Malachi, The Tucson Dog Magazine's 2026 Holiday Cover Dog Winner!

Story by Rebecca West



Our cover dog, Malachi, as a pup

Roll out the red carpet. Adjust the spotlight. There's a new top dog in town, and that's Malachi, the winner of ***The Tucson Dog Magazine's*** **2026 Holiday Cover Dog Contest!**

As readers know, each year we hold a holiday cover dog competition with the winner gracing the cover of our November-December issue. As usual, we had a number of stellar pups entered, making the selection of a winner tough going, with all the handsome gents and pretty ladies in the running.

Fortunately, introducing you to the winner was made a lot easier by Malachi's mom, Shelby Brawley, who happens to be one of the founders behind Hoofsnhorns Farm Sanctuary, a mother-daughter-run farm-animal rescue here in Tucson specializing in special needs, unwanted, abandoned, and neglected animals.

Like most pet parents, Shelby was excited to share her and Malachi's origin story with us. So, sit back, get comfy, and meet not only the winner but the four runners-up in this cozy read!

To begin, Malachi was one of eight puppies born to a pair of strays living across the border. A neighbor became concerned about them after several of their litters died of parvovirus. Being a kind soul and dog lover, he decided to reach out for help.



Malachi, sittin' pretty.

He found someone in Tucson willing to aid them. They fostered for a local dog rescue that agreed to bring them to Tucson to safely settle in before delivering the babies in a stable, secure foster home. The little family grew to 10 when the mama dog, Rose, had eight fluffy little furballs! Luckily, the foster home had a spacious bathroom.

Once the puppies were healthy and starting to eat on their own, Charlie, the dad, and Rose were both altered, and everyone started a series of vaccinations to keep the entire family healthy. The next hurdle was finding each baby a special home to wait for them until they were spayed and neutered.

The sanctuary had recently lost their beloved shepherd, Ed, who had been founder and manager, devoted canine companion, and daily sanctuary helper for several years. As fate would have it, the foster family asked Shelby if she would like to meet the puppies.



Just relaxing.

She understandably hesitated, thinking it was too soon. She knew there were enough mouths to feed, but she later heard the name Malachi in her head. Spurred on, she decided to contact the foster family. Fearing they would think she was just plain crazy, she told them about her auditory experience and asked if they would say the name to see if any of the pups happened to respond.

A few days later, she got a video of what she described as one big, clumsy fella in a purple Velcro collar ambling over when the name was called!

The next week, the Sanctuary team visited the babies. Shelby sat on the floor, "filled with rolling furry bear cubs," as she put it, and soon the one with the purple Velcro collar came to lie beside her. "That big, fluffy, goofy pup named Malachi chose Hoofsnhorns Farm Sanctuary to be his forever home."



Being a goofball.

Sadly, Malachi's life struggles weren't over.

At about one year old, while playing with another dog at the sanctuary, he sustained a minor ear injury that not only left the ear permanently damaged but led to his developing an infection deep inside the ear canal that he would reportedly battle for years. "Side effects from one medication knocked out his back end, and he had to add physical therapy to his daily regimen. He recovered but still has some hind-end weakness," Shelby said.

She encouraged him every day to keep fighting, telling him he could be a working dog. Always happy, still fighting, she said he never gave up.

Within days of finally being free of twice-daily meds, wound care, bandages, the dreaded cone, and even regular laser treatment, this big handsome guy was standing at the back door ready for duty!

Shelby explained, "At first, I didn't understand what he was asking. He was just waiting at the door one morning. My mom said, 'Well, you promised him.' He wanted to go out with me! Trotting out happily, he toured the sanctuary grounds, meeting up with a few goats he recognized from being raised inside with him, and he just seemed to already know what to do."

Never more than a few feet away, Shelby says Malachi loves helping with the sanctuary work, playing with his favorite goat friend, and is ready to go any time the farm truck door opens. He clocks out midday to spend the afternoon on the couch and sleeps in the doorway as if he's worried she might go out without him.

Malachi celebrated his 9th birthday in August, and his family hopes for many more healthy, happy years with this truly dedicated, battle-worn canine companion! Visit: ***hoofsnhornsfarm.org***

And now for the runners-up, in the order they placed.



Eddie, Mr. Spaghetti, being a very good boy on Mt. Lemmon



Eddie - Lil Noodle mean-muggin'

Eddie Spaghetti

A well-traveled rescue pup, Eddie was picked up in Texas, transported to a rescue in NJ, adopted by his human in PA, and made his way to Tucson with his forever human to enjoy desert living. He's a friend to EVERYONE he meets and was a confident and gentle foster brother to PACC pal Bailey when she lived with us for a year. All his friends will attest that he is the most easygoing and happy pup you'll ever meet.

He has a heart murmur, but his human says it's probably just because his little heart is just BRIMMING with love! He came so close to winning last time, and we're delighted to see him back at it! His favorite activities include going on sniffaris, receiving belly rubs, making new friends, and snuggling. Favorite snacks include peanut butter, ice cream, and chewies.

Shelby

This is Shelby! Sweet, adorable Shelby is 2 years old. She participated in the cover dog contest last year but didn't make the cover! Her background story is that her mom got her from a friend who needed to find her a good home.







Shelby, all dolled up.



Little Sophie, at St. Phillip's Plaza

Shelby is a very sassy, bossy girl who loves to go for car rides. Her favorite places to visit are the park to watch the ducks and to get doggy ice cream at Bark 'n Berry. She likes hanging with her best bud, Ms. Cow (another canine), her kitty sister, Daphney, and her cuddly collection of Lamb Chop toys. Quite the little miss, she also loves getting dolled up with frills and bows and super fun girly outfits.

Little Sophie

This 14-year-old rescue Chihuahua came to her mom from PACC as a two-year-old stray. They were very lucky to adopt her, and she has been part of our family for the past 12 years.



Sophie has always been an active, joyful girl who thrives in Tucson. She adores children—if she hears a little voice, she immediately wants to go be with them.

Since 2015, she has served as a certified therapy dog, visiting preschoolers at a children's shelter, schools, memory-care facilities, hospice, the Air Force base, major hospitals, and more. She also earned her AKC Rally Advanced title. These days, her regular visits are at the Tucson Medical Center (TMC), where she brightens the days of both little kids and adults. Sophie is a happy, fun-loving little girl with a very big heart—whether she's visiting little kids at TMC or soaking up attention from college students at the University of Arizona.



Rrunner up, Arctic



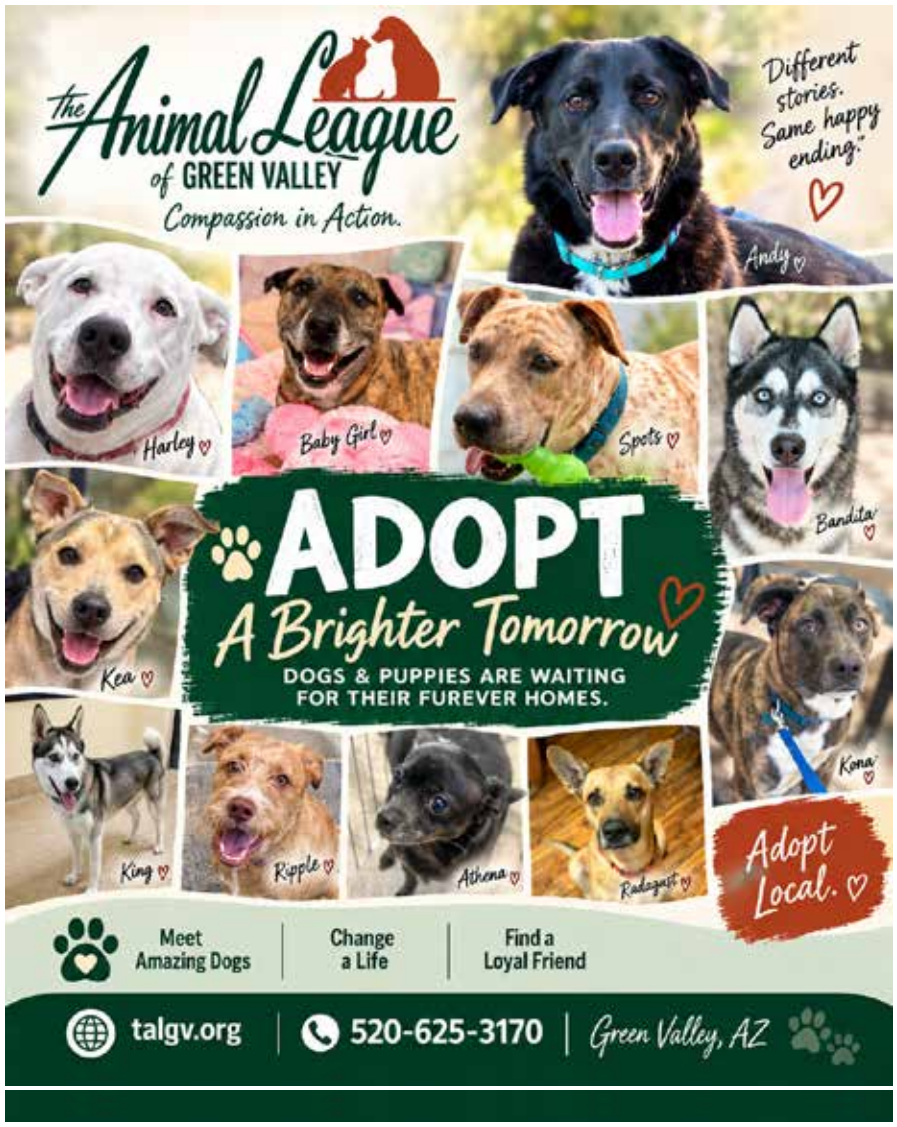
Lounging on a puffy pillow.



Ready for a walk.

Arctic

Beautiful Arctic was a stray who ended up in a couple of PACC foster homes before finding her furever home. Her energy is something to be seen. From the moment she wakes up to the moment she goes to sleep, she's happy. Her mom says that even while she's sleeping, you can tell her heart is content with joy. Some of her favorite things include not deciding which toy she wants to play with and then playing with all of them at the same time. She also loves to run around and loves playing tug-of-war with her best friend Simba, who lives next door.


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From the Director's Desk



EPAC Grand Opening

No Cats Left Behind: EPACC's Grand Opening Was an Adoption Day to Remember

A new chapter for animal adoptions on Tucson's Eastside

Story by Torre Chisholm - Chief Executive Officer
Friends of Pima Animal Care Center



The Eastside PACC Adoptions Center, located at 7225 E. Broadway Blvd, held its Grand Opening on Sept. 26, 2026, with a huge crowd of people looking to adopt. District 4 Supervisor Steve Christy and County Administrator Jan Lesher welcomed everyone to the event, where 27 dogs and 15 cats found homes. (The only reason more cats weren't adopted is because there were no more in the facility left to adopt!) To put it simply, it was the BIGGEST adoption day since EPAC opened.

The list of speakers at the event included:

- Steve Kozachik, PACC Director
- Steve Christy, District 4 Supervisor, Pima County Board of Supervisors
- Jan Lesher, County Administrator
- Torre Chisholm, Friends of PACC Chief Executive Officer
- Paul Cunningham, City of Tucson Council Member, Ward 2
- Wade Schultz, EPAC Animal Placement Manager

The festivities included some giveaways, cake, and a dunking booth with Kozachik, who found himself in the water quite a few times throughout the celebration.

The idea of an eastside adoptions center for PACC has been years in the making, but it physically started taking shape at the beginning of the year in a former office space, located at 7225 E. Broadway Blvd. Meeting rooms became meet and greet spaces, while individual offices were transformed to hold kennels for dogs. It's a calm environment where the pets are much more relaxed.

"We know that the main shelter is a stressful environment for dogs and that makes it difficult for them to put their best paw forward," Kozachik said. "The calm vibe at EPAC is better suited to allow the pups to show their true selves. We're hopeful that will result in many more pets finding new homes with eastside residents."

Kozachik also said it wasn't possible without the support of Friends of Pima Animal Care Center.

"Friends of PACC provided the funding for EPAC because we believed there was a need and demand for adoptable companion animals on the Eastside," Friends of PACC Director Torre Chisholm said. "The incredible response from the community has proven this to be true."

Something exclusive to EPAC: A gorgeous mural highlighting the beauty of living in Southern Arizona. Local artist Kat Swan put together a huge mural depicting cats and dogs in front of a desert sunset landscape with the phrase "Finally Home" for those post-adoption photo opportunities. Swan said it was her largest mural to date.

The location only offers adoptions, which means you'll need to go to the main location on Silverbell for any other needs. Adopters will find 35-50 dogs and a handful of cats at EPAC. All pets adopted from PACC and EPAC are microchipped, spayed or neutered, and up to date on vaccinations.

The facility is open the same hours as the main shelter on Silverbell Road:
PACC and EPAC's Hours of Operation:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - Noon to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday - 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information contact pima.gov/animalcare (520) 724-5940
Want to help? Donate: www.friendsofpacc.org/support-pacc-pets
or Volunteer: www.pima.gov/2795/Volunteer-with-PACC

Below: the EPAC Grand Opening ribbon-cutting ceremony, and below, "Finally home!"





Why Fall Grooming Matters for Your Dog

Story by Meganne Carpenter, Regional Scout for Bow Wow



Fall brings cooler temperatures, more time outdoors and plenty of leaves, dirt and debris for your dog to collect in their coat. It's also an important time to pay extra attention to grooming and coat care.

Managing Seasonal Shedding

Fall is a major shedding season for many dogs as they transition from their lighter summer coat to a thicker winter coat. Regular brushing and professional de-shedding can help remove loose fur, reduce matting and keep your dog's coat healthy.

Supporting Skin and Coat Health

Cooler, drier weather can leave your dog's skin dry or irritated. Regular brushing and bathing help remove excess fur, dirt and irritants while keeping the coat clean and well-conditioned. A clean, well-maintained coat also allows better airflow and is less likely to become matted.

Keeping Parasites in Check

Fleas, ticks and other pests can still be a concern during the fall. Regular grooming gives you an opportunity to check your dog's skin and coat for unwanted guests, bumps or other changes. Grooming should be part of your dog's regular care routine, alongside appropriate parasite prevention.

Removing Fall Debris

Leaves, mud, burrs and other outdoor debris can easily become trapped in your dog's fur, especially if they have a longer or thicker coat. A bath and thorough brushing can help remove these irritants before they lead to tangles, matting or skin problems.

Preparing for Winter

A clean and well-brushed coat is better equipped to do its job when colder weather arrives. Regular grooming helps prevent mats and keeps the coat in good condition so it can provide the insulation your dog needs throughout the season.

Professional groomers have specialized tools and experience to safely handle de-shedding, bathing, conditioning, nail care, mat removal and other grooming needs. They can also spot changes in your dog's skin or coat that may be easy to overlook at home.

This fall, keep your pup comfortable, clean and ready for the season. Reach out to your local groomer to help your pup look and feel good this fall season.

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The Scratching Post: Cats for Adoption

All the cats on this page are available for adoption at the time of this publication.
If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable kitties, please contact the group listed with the picture.

Southern Arizona Cat Rescue

Website: sacatrescue.org, sacatrescue.org/contact-us, sacatrescue.org/adoption-application (520) 200-1643



LOLA

I'm a sweet, independent 4 y/o girl who needs time to adjust. But once I do, I enjoy gentle pets & hanging near my people. I like playing with little toys, catnip, & window watching. I need a patient adopter but a special bond will be worth it!



TESSIE

I'm a sweet, laid back, friendly, 9 y/o tortie lady who LOVES to be brushed & hanging near my people. I'm also independent, easy going, chatty, & charming. Come meet me today!



BUFFY

I'm a 1.5 y/o orange tabby male who's playful, curious, & sweet! Once comfy, I love pets, playtime with toys or kitty friends, & can easily keep myself entertained. Just so you know, I must be kept on a prescription urinary care diet.





SOS Cat Rescue AZ

Info@SOScatrescueAZ.org, (520) 445-3889
soscatrescueaz.org/adoption-application



CATNISS

I'm a shy 10 y/o girl who watches the goingson in her foster home from the safety of a cat tree or the top of the couch. I'm vocal & like being petted when the mood strikes me. I'm looking for a home that'll be patient & allow me time to settle in.



NIX

I'm a 2-3 y/o gal who's waiting for the right person to share her love & affection with. Initially standoffish, I bloom into a love bug the moment I feel safe & understood. Please adopt me! I promise you won't regret it!



MRS. DOUBTFIRE

I'm a beautiful young mom who raised her kittens & is now looking for her forever home. I'm outgoing, chatty, & affectionate. Known to seek attention & pets, I'm the kind of gal who will brighten your home!

Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

5278 E. 21st St., Tucson 85711 www.hermitagecatshelter.org
Adoption application: shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/HERM/Cat



SLANG

Hi! I'm Slang, & although I came to the Shelter with my babies, I'm barely 1 year old! I'm a shy girl, but ready to find my family. I prefer a quieter home, somewhere I can explore & be loved to bits! I get along with other kitties. Come down, let's meet, I'll bring the purrs!



BLUEBONNET

I'm Bluebonnet! I came to The Hermitage with my baby, although I was a baby, too (I'm 1 y/o)! I raised her, & now it's time to find a human to love! I'm a sweet gal who loves to meander watching everyone. Humans need so much supervision! I get along great with other cats.

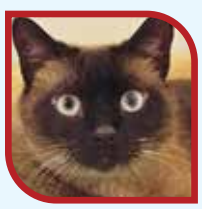


HEARTLAND

I'm Heartland; my babies are grown up & I'm ready to pick a family of my own now! I just turned 2 & am quite sweet. I've heard that I don't have "tortitude", but I don't know what that is. I am looking for sunny spots in need of a cat to snooze in—got any?

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CARL

I'm an 11 y/o gray & white tabby boy whose family decided to travel without me. The friend she gave me to didn't work out. I love treats, birdwatching, exploring, being petted, & boxes. I like playing but am happiest when cuddling with you. The best buddy you'll ever find, my motto is laps are where it's at!



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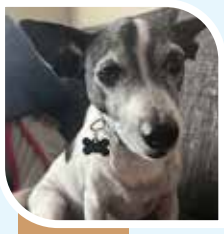
ARCHIE

Around 9 y/o & 20 lbs., I walk nicely on a leash, did well in groups of small dogs in the shelter, & seem to be housebroken, plus I do fine in a crate. I'm very friendly with people but untested with kids. Believed to be a "Beagle-weenie" boy, I'll need someone willing to provide me with correction.



LANA

About 10 y/o & 15 lbs., I'm a sweet, quiet girl who doesn't engage much with people or other dogs. I may be hearing impaired but I'm easy to handle, even if I'm not fully housebroken yet, so I need someone patient & understanding. Leash & crate trained, I'd do best in a quiet home with a consistent routine.

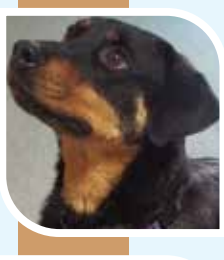


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About 6-7 y/o, I'm a really nice boy who loves to cuddle & hang out on the couch. About 25 lbs., I do well with other dogs & would likely do best in a calm adult-only home. I'm leash & crate trained & do great with a doggie door. I'd make a great companion for seniors.

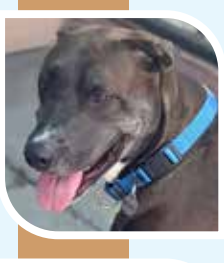
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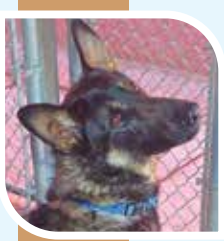
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I'm an affectionate, well-mannered 3 y/o, 47 lb. Rottweiler mix girl who has been at the shelter for more than a year. I'm housetrained, food motivated, & enjoy walks, training, & play dates with polite dogs. A predictable routine would help me be a sweet, easygoing companion.



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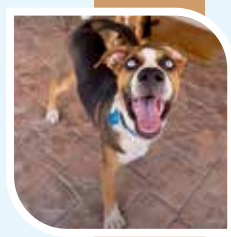


CASH

I'm a 6 y/o, 85 lb. Malinois male who's been at the shelter & foster care for more than 3 years, earning me Vet Care Support for Life when I'm adopted. I love walks, am treat motivated, eager to learn, & need a quiet, structured home where I can feel safe. Please call about me.

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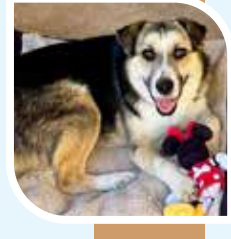
BLUEY

I'm a happy, handsome 7 m/o boy who's ready to steal your heart! As a Shepherd/Husky mix, I love people, dogs, outdoor adventures, & cozy cuddles. Smart, affectionate, energetic, & eager to please, I'm searching for an active family to call my own. My adoption includes neuter, microchip, vaccines, deworming, & puppy training.



KONA

Looking for a best friend with a big heart, goofy grin, & serious cuddle skills? Meet me! This 57 lb. brindle sweetheart is 2–3 y/o, dog-friendly, housebroken, great on walks & loves car rides & adventures. Neutered & fully vetted, I'm ready to find my forever family!

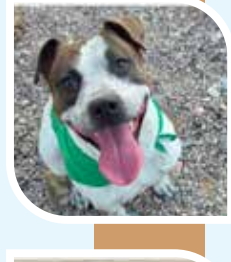


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I'm a gentle survivor who's ready to discover what it means to feel safe & loved. Rescued after being abandoned, this 35 lb. Australian Cattle Dog mix needs a patient, calm & gentle family willing to give her time to trust. I'm affectionate, dog & cat-friendly, leash trained, spayed, & vaccinated. I'd love a quiet home to blossom in!

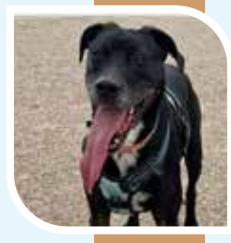
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DUCK

I'm a 3 y/o goofball who loves walks, cuddles & playing. I have a good deal of energy & adore being outside. I do well with other dogs, it just takes me a second to get used to my environment. If you're looking for a buddy with a lot of love to give, I'd love to go home with you!



GIZMO

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Home for the Holidays: Preparing Your Dog for Guests and Gatherings

Story by Jenny Cain of *The Complete Canine*



With the holidays approaching, you may already be preparing to host guests. In all the hustle, don't forget to prep your dog(s), too!

Now is the time to start working with them so they can be excellent hosts for all your festive gatherings. Here are some proactive training suggestions you can get started on right away.

A very common issue is dogs jumping on people in excitement when they come over. Dogs need opportunities to practice the desired behavior many times before it becomes a new habit. This can be tough when guests only come over on occasion.



One way to start practicing is by having family members pretend to be guests coming in the door. Have your dog on a leash with some training treats ready, and practice putting them in a sit and stay while the "guest" approaches. If the dog gets too excited and breaks the stay, have the guest back away and reset the dog before trying again. If the dog is too excited to hold a sit, you can step on the leash just enough to keep the dog in a sit position and ignore them until they calm down and are ready to listen. Once the dog has had a good greeting with the "guest," repeat the drill several more times. Do multiple sessions over a few days.

Next, find friends, extended family or neighbors who can stop by and practice with you. You can start adding a light knock at the door and, as an advanced challenge, the doorbell. Do as many sessions as you can before the gathering.

Now that the guests have come in the door, another issue is the dog jumping on laps or wanting to be the chaos coordinator.

A useful command is "on your bed" or "place." This tells the dog to go lie down somewhere specific and hang out there while everyone goes about their business. To teach this command, take a treat and lure them onto their bed, then ask for a sit while saying "on your bed/place." Give them a treat when they do. Lure them off the bed and practice that a few more times.

Next, lure them to the bed and ask them for a "down." Ask them to stay for a short duration, then cue them to get off with your release word. Practice this several times in a row, slowly increasing the duration of the stay over several sessions.

Eventually, add in walking away, sitting on the couch, leaving the room, etc. Try to make it as realistic as possible. To really solidify this skill, you will need to have "guests" come over and "visit" during training sessions. Practice this as much as you can before the holiday gathering, as stays with duration and the excitement of guests take a lot of practice. If your dog already knows this command, start brushing up on it now and challenging them.



If your dog is fearful of new people coming in, the best strategy would be to have them tucked away in a quiet, safe space with some really exciting new chews. There is no need to stress them out! Playing some white noise or music can also help cover the hustle and bustle of guests and help them have a more relaxing time. Calming aids, such as calming chews and collars, may help as well. If you'd like your dog to be more comfortable around people, you need to start working on that well before a holiday gathering.

If you need guidance, reach out to The Complete Canine for a home lesson to get started!

Think of training as the dress rehearsal for the final show. The hard work and practice need to be done leading up to the show, not during the final performance! With consistency and dedication, your dog(s) can end up being the perfect holiday host. Cheers!

For more information contact completecanine tucson@gmail.com



The Amazing World of Bees

Story by Rebecca West



Bee covered in pollen.

Did you know there are reportedly more than 20,000 to 21,000 identified species of bees in the world, 4,000 of which are native to the United States? And recent estimates suggest the actual total is likely closer to 24,000–26,000!

According to data compiled by organizations like the U.S. Geological Survey, these species are categorized across seven distinct families. To break it down, 90 percent of all bee species are known as solitary bees. These are bees that do not live in hives. Instead, each female builds and stocks her own nest, usually in the ground (roughly 70 percent of wild bees live underground) or even in wood.

There are 250 species of bumble bees. They are found primarily in the Northern Hemisphere, although they're also seen in South America. While considered social, these large, fuzzy bees typically live in smaller colonies made up of 50-400 members and practice what's known as "buzz pollination."

Then there are stingless bees, of which there are 500-600 species. These stingerless bees (they have no functional stinger) produce honey and tend to live in colonies located in tropical and subtropical regions of the world.

And, of course, there are honey bees, the most famous among social bees, which are comprised of only seven to eight species. They build large wax combs that they fill with honey. While virtually all bee species are pollinators, honey bees and bumble bees are at the top of the list among the eight species most commonly associated with pollination.

Our Relationship with Bees

As depicted in Stone Age art, human use of honey can be seen some 8,000 years ago. The story of ancient beekeeping and the role of bees in early civilizations is fascinating and well worth the read.

Honey, for instance, is one of humanity's oldest foods and can remain preserved for thousands of years due to a unique combination of low moisture, high sugar concentration, natural acidity, and antimicrobial compounds added by bees themselves, like defensin-1, which comes from their salivary glands.

Ancient Egyptians used honey as a primary ingredient in more than 500 medicinal remedies due to its natural antibacterial properties for healing wounds and burns. It was also prescribed for coughs and sore throats, digestive or stomach complaints, and for preserving tissue—it was even used during the mummification process—among other applications.

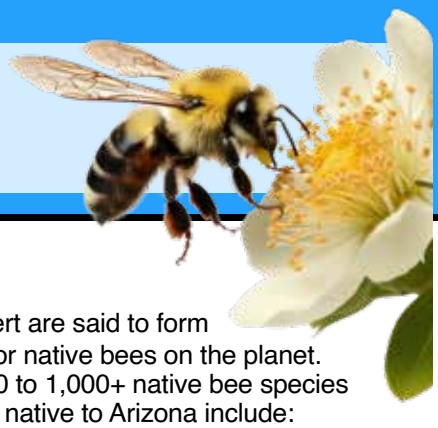
People still use it today as an alternative medicine. For more detailed medical insights on bee-derived therapies and byproducts like royal jelly and propolis, you can explore the National Institutes of Health PubMed Central.

Natural First Aid Alternatives for Pets

Honey has also made inroads in veterinary care in recent years, particularly equine medicine. Manuka and Scottish heather honey are two varieties, for example, showing the most promise. Manuka honey comes from New Zealand. It can be used in place of Neosporin in wound care. But honey from Inverness in the Scottish Highlands is considered an even better option.

Research has shown that Highland heather honey is more effective at treating certain infections, including the microbes behind MRSA and three other strains of bacteria. These particular honeys contain methylglyoxal. Because honey is safe for dogs in small quantities, it's okay to try for managing seasonal allergies. Just be sure to get honey local to your area and one containing the widest variety of pollens, such as wildflower honey.

If you're curious, bees make honey by gathering and refining sugary secretions from plants (primarily floral nectar) by breaking down complex sugars with special enzymes in their honey stomachs and evaporating any extra water. There's more to it than that, but that's it in a nutshell.



Local Bee Populations

Southern Arizona and the Sonoran Desert are said to form one of the richest biodiversity hotspots for native bees on the planet. The region is home to approximately 600 to 1,000+ native bee species out of the state's more than 1,300. Bees native to Arizona include:

- **Cactus Bees,** silvery-gray, fuzzy bees closely specialized in pollinating regional cacti such as cholla, saguaros, and prickly pears.
- **Carpenter Bees,** intimidatingly large, shiny-black or metallic bees that employ strong mandibles to excavate nests in dead or rotting wood, agave stalks, and yucca.
- **Cuckoo Bees,** Cleptoparasitic bees that lack pollen-carrying hairs (scopa). Opportunists, they lay their eggs inside the nests of other solitary bees.
- **Sonoran Bumblebees,** large yellow-and-black fuzzy bees that nest below-ground in abandoned rodent dens or old sheds rather than hanging hives.
- **Sweat Bees,** small ground-nesting bees seen in various colors—including bright metallic green or blue—that are sometimes attracted to human sweat for its salt.
- **Squash Bees,** which feed and pollinate almost exclusively on the pollen and nectar of Cucurbita plants like squash, zucchini, pumpkins, and native gourds.
- **Leafcutter, Resin, and Mason Bees** are solitary bees that line their brood cells with tidily cut circular leaf pieces, mud, or plant resins collected from creosote and brittlebush.
- **Long-horned Bees** are strong, fuzzy bees recognized by the males' incredibly long antennae and routinely seen buzzing about sunflowers and asters.
- **Mining Bees,** small-to-medium sized solitary or communal ground nesters that burrow into sandy desert soils.

Some key characteristics of southern Arizona native bees that might interest you include the fact that, because they are solitary creatures and lack a communal hive to protect, native bees are actually quite docile and seldom sting unless trapped or squeezed. Another is that many bees here perform buzz pollination (vibrating their flight muscles to shake pollen loose), which is critical for native plants and agricultural crops like squash and peppers.



Conservation Efforts

To aid them, consider choosing desert-adapted vegetation that provides continuous staggered blooms from late winter through fall. Interesting fact: different native bee species have uniquely shaped mouth anatomy and specific pollen needs, so a diverse mix of "cup-shaped, daisy-like, and tubular blossoms" will attract the widest variety of pollinators.

Native plants and wildflowers that attract bees in southern Arizona by season include brittlebush, desert globe mallow, and Parry's Penstemon; desert willow, blue palo verde, and fairy duster; desert marigold, Gregg's blue mistflower, and southwestern mock vervain.

There are currently five North American bee types that are in decline. Of those, four are a type of bumble bee. The worst case among them is the rusty patched bumble bee, which has lost between 87 and 97 percent of its range and seen its numbers decline by as much as 95 percent. It is the first bee species in the U.S. to officially land on the Endangered Species list.

It's alarming when any creature we count on for pollination is struggling to survive. To help stem their decline, explore global bee rescue initiatives or check out: **10 Ways to Save the Bees - The Bee Conservancy** at ***https://thebeeconservancy.org/10-ways-to-save-the-bees/***

Adopt, Don't Shop: Join Tucson Cold Wet Noses for its 20th Anniversary Celebration!

Story by Rebecca West | Photos courtesy of Tucson Cold Wet Noses



Ladies of CWN - from left to right - Signe Razzi, Terri Goddard, Chris Wolner (back), Laurie Dean (front), Kim Deon (photo credit Shelby McBride)

On Sunday, November 8, Tucson Cold Wet Noses celebrates its 20th anniversary as a leader among southern Arizona rescues, and the public is invited to join the revelry. If Tucson Cold Wet Noses (TCWN) isn't on your radar, they are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit rescue and adoption organization founded by a group of like-minded dog lovers two decades ago.

Their goal is to rescue canines from local shelters (think PACC, MCACC, PCACC, the Arizona Humane Society) in order to find them ideal forever homes where love, belly rubs, and plenty of "What a good boy/girl!" exclamations are dished out like clockwork. Successful adoptions—finding the perfect match between human and dog—are their forte.

While not a breed-specific rescue, they note that they get their fair share of Chihuahuas, Jack Russell terriers, miniature Pinschers, Chows, Labs, various mixes, and of course, pibbles. Pit Bulls are probably the most overbred dog breed in America, making up a significant segment of the canines that routinely find themselves at shelters up for adoption.



That said, the bulk of the dogs TCWN rescues and adopts out are seniors. The reason for this is that they know all too well how difficult it can be for older dogs to find adoptive homes. So do those with special needs, which they also care for. This is where we remind readers that both groups have as much love to give as their younger, sometimes healthier and/or more physically able counterparts, but that's another story.

If success is measured in adoptions, then TCWN is rich because it's found homes for thousands of doggos since its inception. On the flip side, its canine clientele can make that a challenge. Like so many rescues, theirs is foster-based, which means they lack a brick-and-mortar facility. When dealing with the sick and elderly, this can put them at a disadvantage because many of these animals will stay in their care indefinitely as hospice cases.

That's why they could use your help in the form of foster caregivers, volunteers, and obviously donations. Speaking of which, TCWN reported that they'll be doing a little light fundraising at the anniversary celebration. Those fundraising efforts will include a bake sale with yummy treats, a table with super fun items to purchase, and a few raffle baskets guests can buy tickets for.



"When Kim Deon joined us as a foster in 2016 and stepped into the presidency in 2017, she brought the fresh perspective, organization, and renewed passion we needed as we grew. Alongside Kim and our dedicated board of directors —Signe, Laurie, Chris, and myself—we found a second wind to honor the core values we started with two decades ago.



"None of this work would be possible without every single person in our rescue family. To our amazing foster families who open their homes, our tireless transporters who get our dogs to safety, and the dedicated volunteers who lend their hands and hearts every single day: you are the backbone of TCWN.



"We receive no monetary paycheck for what we do day in and day out, but our shared reward is saving lives. The dogs need us, and together we will do our very best to be there for them."
Terri Goddard, TCWN co-director

"Dogs are unconditional love at their core. All they really want is their person, and it's Christmas for them. There are so many homeless pets right now that rescues are inundated. They cannot choose their circumstances, and we can't save them all. But for those that we can, it is truly amazing to develop those relationships.

"They teach us so much, and it's very rewarding if one is up to the task of taking this journey on and willing to learn. There are many stressful moments, and there can be drama, but there are also wonderful, amazing moments, and we celebrate the wins.

"There's a saying that rescue is like the mafia. Once you're in, you can never get out. It doesn't pay. The only ones in furs are the dogs, and everyone owes everyone a favor. It does take a village and cooperation, and everyone plays a key role. We thank everyone who gets involved, and you never believe when you start that one day, you'll end up having 10 dogs or more!" Signe Razzi, TCWN co-director

Regarding the event, Kim shared this: "Please join us on Sunday, November 8, to celebrate and thank everyone who helped us get to 20 years in dog rescue. The fosters, adopters, volunteers, supporters, transporters, veterinarians, office staff and technicians, those who share posts, and everyone in between. And of course, the dogs! Finger foods, cake, and drinks will be provided, along with a few free raffles (guests will receive a ticket for coming in!)."

Getting down to the deets, the party is to be held at The Coyote Wore Sideburns located at 2855 E. Grant Rd., Tucson 85716, from 11am to 3pm. It's a relaxed, quirky, family-friendly hair salon that supports the rescue. Canines that were fostered or adopted via Tucson Cold Wet Noses are welcome to bring their humans along, too.

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Got Goats? Freelancing Goat Patrol When a Goat Has a Better Job Than You



Leo and Goat on the job!

Story by Leo Alpha of Anecdotes

There are days when I question the management decisions around here. Not my management decisions, obviously. I'm referring to the humans. When we first got goats, I was told they were "part of the homestead." Fine. I accepted this. Well… eventually.

I have livestock experience. I have protected the property from predators, supervised chickens, managed Jax, negotiated disputes with Barbara, and survived the arrival of Winnie Wrecks. I can handle more goats. Or so I thought.

Then I found out the goats have a job. Apparently, the neighbors have been borrowing them to eat their grass and weeds.

At first, I assumed they were taking them for a play date, giving me a well-deserved break. Apparently, the goats are now officially being hired out as freelancing weed-eaters. They failed to mention that I was included in this arrangement. I'm sorry. They have employment? And they get transported to their jobs?

I've been guarding livestock for years and nobody has ever offered me a Lyft. Or mileage reimbursement. Or even a snack.

The goats, meanwhile, get loaded up, transported to their job site, turned loose, and told to eat. That's it.

They show up to work, eat everything in sight, wander around, climb on things, yell at each other, and apparently consider this a productive workday.

Have you heard goats yell? It sounds like a disturbed human. Imagine a grown man screaming from another room. Now give him hooves. They don't just make a nice, polite little maaah. They announce things: "MAAAAAH!"

One starts, "MAAAAAH!" Another answers from fifty feet away. Then suddenly everyone has something to say. It's like being trapped in a town hall meeting where everyone is yelling and nobody knows what the meeting is about. The whole thing becomes an unbearable cacophony.

Sets off my noise-sensitivity bark alert. I don't know what they're yelling about, but clearly, it's urgent.

If eating was a job, I'd sign up full time. As long as it's not grass. I'm a dog. (I know where that road leads. The sequel was unpleasant.) Or anything chickens eat. I have standards.

Their assignment is simple: eat the grass and weeds. You would think this would be a straightforward operation. It is not. Because goats have apparently decided that the ground is merely a suggestion. They walk on top of things. Logs. Rocks. Equipment. And fences. Especially fences.

I have spent my entire career understanding the basic concept of a fence.
Fence = boundary.

Goat sees fence. Goat thinks: excellent, a walking platform. There they are, casually balancing on the top rail like tiny, four-legged circus performers while I stand below wondering why I am the only one taking this job seriously.

I bark. "Get to work!" They look at me. I bark again. They continue tight-roping. One of them actually walked along the top of the fence, stopped, side-eyed me, and continued on his way. I'm fairly certain he was showing off. I have never seen an animal so committed to ignoring the ground.

The goats also gossip. I don't know what they're saying, but I know they're saying something. They gather together, chew thoughtfully, stare at me, and then one of them says,"Maaah." Another one answers. Then three more join in. This goes on for several minutes. I have no idea what the subject is, but judging by the looks I'm getting, I'm pretty sure it's me. Barbara says they're trouble. Barbara says this about everyone.

Including me. To my face!

I reminded her that she's an emu.

She reminded me that she is still taller than I am.

We remain in disagreement.

Naturally, Jax thinks the goats are fantastic. He has decided they are his new employees. He runs around them, gets them excited, then looks at me like he has just successfully completed a management seminar. He has not. He has actually made my job harder.

And then there's Winnie Wrecks. Those poor chickens are still holding flying lessons, determined to figure out how to fly the coop. Winnie calls this "play." The chickens call it "a developing security situation."

My official duties now include livestock supervision, perimeter security, goat transportation safety, goat wrangling, chicken monitoring, predator detection, and intervening in whatever it is Winnie Wrecks is doing at any given moment.

Nobody asked me if I wanted this expanded job description. Nobody discussed compensation. Nobody even offered dental. So, for the record, if humans offer you a job involving ride share with livestock, ask about compensation before accepting.

They do leave the window down in the car, that's nice, but I recommend bacon. We don't have a resident pig here, so I can say that. The good news is that the goats are surprisingly effective at their job. They clear the grass. They eat the weeds. They cover ground. And somehow, despite their complete disregard for fences, boundaries, instructions, gravity, or my professional opinion, they get the job done.

Which means I have to admit something. I may actually be proud of these oddballs. I hate that for me. Don't tell them. They already have enough confidence. And me? I'll be over here doing what I always do:
Watching.
Guarding.
Supervising.
Driving livestock to work.

And wondering how a Great Pyrenees with an impeccable résumé ended up as middle management for a group of freelancing weed-eaters.

Advice for Dogs and Dogs Only: Never let a goat outrank you. Demand bacon.

Leo, ***(Still the alpha. Barely.)***

Loosely based on some true working canine events, filtered through Leo's "couch potato" lens.



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