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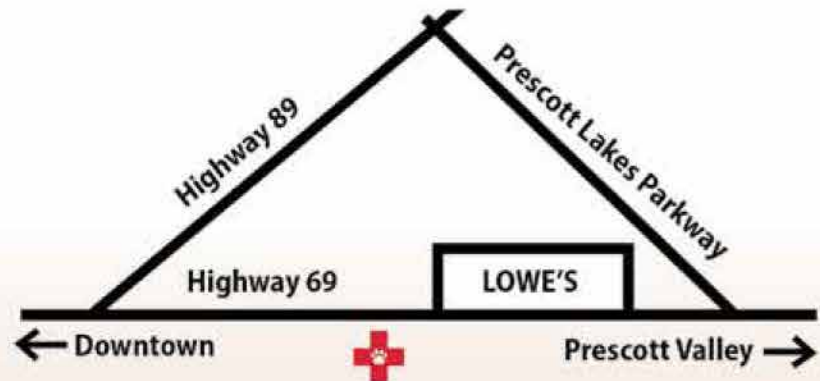


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The Leader of the Pack howls!

Dear Readers,

It's time to ring in a New Year and with it renewal of our lives and hopes and dreams. We get to start over with a clean slate and ideas of what we want to do and accomplish in this year.

Our new feature for 2016 is the "K-9 Service Corner" which will discuss the ways dogs help humans.

To start the year off, we bring you an inspiring story of "Hope" who was abandoned at a dog park but helped by many wonderful people who brought her to one of our own rescues, Circle L Ranch, where she was loved and cared for but at her age and disabilities, thought she would live out her life there... That is until she met a very special human couple named Robin and Terry who had enough room and love in their home to adopt her. In rescue, there is a lot of sadness but there is also much joy when you see a story like this. For people who do rescue, these are the ones you hang on to that inspire you to continue this difficult job that sometimes does not have that happy ending. Welcome to a very happy ending in, "There's Always Hope."

In our Seniors & Their Pets feature, you will meet a remarkable woman who has been rescuing and helping animals all of her life. At any age, her story would be amazing but at 86, it is almost unbelievable that she continues to help animals that have the luck of finding their way to her. Again, an inspiring story that I hope you will enjoy as much as I did.

In our Dogs In Blue feature, you will meet the K-9 Units from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department. The four teams have been patrolling the I-40 corridor for about 5 years now and have some impressive busts that helped prevent drugs getting into our communities. It is a dangerous job, but one they do everyday to keep our communities safer. The K9s continue to prove how valuable they are in law enforcement. I think you will enjoy meeting Miley, Gemma, Vader and Cyrus and, of course, their two-legged partners.

And in our Horsin' Around feature, you will meet young Emily Kruly who has just celebrated her 20th birthday who reflects on how much horses have helped her grow as a person since she was a very young girl. She tells of each one and how they helped her learn and changed her from a very shy little girl to a confident young woman who is now pursuing a career in the veterinary field. For those of us who know and love horses, we can relate to Emily and her story. It continues to drive home the point that animals help us in many ways to grow as human beings. How lucky we are to have them in our lives.

As I write this letter, I am hopeful for the New Year and what it brings. Reading all the stories in this issue gives me inspiration and reminds me once again how lucky we are to be able to commune with these wonderful creatures who enrich our lives everyday.



We continue to be so grateful for all of you who have been our friends and supporters throughout the years. You mean the world to us and we hope we have made a difference in your lives in some small way.

From our entire staff, we wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe New Year.

Ann, Bernie & Miss Pauleena

Bernie Barks: 13 Things Your Dog Knows About You

Dear Humans,

By now, you know that we dogs are very, very smart and intuitive. We know more about you than you realize. With our heightened senses, we can tell if someone has good intentions or not, or if you are having a good day or not and even if you are sick. This list will give you a good idea of what we can do. We are really tuned in to you!

1. You're a generous person—or not. I make judgments about you based on your actions. University of Milan researchers had dogs watch some people sharing food with a beggar and other people telling the beggar to leave. Later, when the individuals beckoned the dogs at the same time, the pups overwhelmingly trotted over to the generous people.
2. When you have negative feelings about a person, I can hear your breathing pattern change, observe your body stiffen slightly, and even smell the subtle pheromones your body emits. So if your in-laws suspect that you don't like them, it may simply be because, um, you don't really like them.
3. I know where you've been. You humans are like sponges. You pick up volatile organic compounds from everything you walk by or touch. If you just visited, say, the supermarket, I will smell the butcher and fish counters, the food you bought, and maybe even the people you stood next to at checkout. I can smell something 100 million times more subtle than the faintest smell you can pick up.
4. You may have cancer. Some of us are being taught to detect different types of cancer by smelling certain chemicals that cancer cells can emit. In some studies, we were 88 percent accurate in detecting breast cancer and 99 percent accurate in detecting lung cancer.
5. You're coming home. We've learned your schedule, and we know roughly when to expect you back at the house each day. But even if you get home at an odd hour, I can pick out the sound of your particular car coming down the street, and I am always listening for it.
6. You've had a fight with your spouse. Even if you don't yell in front of me, I may notice your clipped tone of voice, the fact that neither of you is speaking, the stiffness of your posture, or the agitated way you're walking or opening drawers. Some of us get sick to our stomachs when our owners are bickering.
7. When you need protection. Do I sleep cuddled up next to your bed instead of in my usual spot when your spouse is out of town? Do I stay closer to your leg than normal when we walk through a dark area? I can smell the adrenaline your body releases when you're scared, and I'm also more vigilant anytime someone in the household is missing.
8. You're going on a trip. I hate it when you leave, so I've learned to pick up on all the clues when a departure is imminent—suitcases pulled from the closet or the way you always spread clothes out on your bed. Some of us start to shake and pant because our anxiety spikes. Feel bad? One study found playing classical music for us when we're alone can help us calm down.
9. You're a sucker for our puppy dog eyes. Researchers have found that your body releases the hormone oxytocin (the same chemical that's released when you look at your baby) when we make eye contact with you. So there's a reason we gaze at you lovingly when we want something: It works.
10. What your intentions are. I can pick up nearly imperceptible signals in your body language—a darting of your eyes or the way you grab the leash—that tell me what you're planning. In one study, dogs were easily able to identify the location of hidden food simply by following a human gaze.
11. You're not feeling well. We can be trained to sniff out everything from a drop in your blood sugar to a migraine. A growing number of epileptic patients are getting dogs that alert them to a seizure before it happens. In one Hawaiian hospital, dogs sniffed out urinary tract infections in paralyzed patients who couldn't report symptoms.
12. Your baby is weak. I know your little one is a member of my pack, and I also know she's the most vulnerable. Because I have a strong instinct to guard my family members, I can be extremely protective. That's why I bark aggressively when someone approaches the stroller and why you should be vigilant if someone is playing with your child when I'm around. If I mistakenly think she is getting hurt, I may attack.
13. You're bummed out. I am a master at reading your body language and emotional state. One study found that I can tell if someone's sad simply by reading facial expressions (even if I'm looking at a photo of just half a face!). I'm also more likely to approach someone who is crying than someone humming or talking, an indication of empathy.

Peace, Love & Biscuits

Bernie



(Source: Reader's Digest)



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Mary Beal - Staff Photographer For Mary, photography has always been FUN! She got a Brownie for her birthday when she was 7 years old. Hettie, her cocker spaniel was her only willing model so she has many black and white memories of her safely stored in a wooden box even now. Through the years, she photo'd kids, vacations, and the milestones of life, but now concentrates on her true love — taking photos of animals. Hettie would be pleased.





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yavapaihumane.org

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SUNNY

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SCOOBERS

I'm a large male black w/silver trim purebred great Dane. I am NOT good w/cats, but am an accomplished couch potato, love my stuffies. No alpha dogs please, I'm a gentle guy. I can be playful, but would be good with an older adult.
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GLORY

I'm a senior girl, black, and hey, don't touch my feet! I love rope toys. I need to be the only dog. I love walks and lots of attention.
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DAISY

I'm a Lab mix girl, young and shy. I need a special someone who is very patient. I'm a beautiful light buff with chocolate ears.
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T.J.

I'm a female Cane Corso puppy, brought to the States from Mexico. I'm large, chocolate with black highlights, a sweetie who loves to play with people, working on leash manners, and giving kisses.
Great Dane Rescue of AZ Alliance
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MEATBALL

I'm a male Boston terrier mix, 6 y.o., No small kids. I'm endearing, enthusiastic, confident, sociable. I need exercise, play, training, and love toys and exploring. Only dog. Senior for Senior program.
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LADY

I'm a 2 y.o. coonhound mix, white/brown, female, lge., not at all sad...I'm playful, love water, balls, humans and other dogs. Learning leash training, know basic commands, need lots of activity.
Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



GIRLY

I'm a small cattle dog mix, f., @ 7 y.o., great hiking dog, walk well on a leash, adore people, good w/a male dog companion, ok w/cats w/careful introduction, and also beautiful.
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Welcome to the K-9 Service Corner

Story and photos by Gary DeGeronimo

Welcome to the K-9 Service Corner, a feature that will discuss the ways in which our wonderful canines can assist their human partners.

In this first installment we will look at a few of the more common ways that dogs help people in their daily lives by using their special talents.

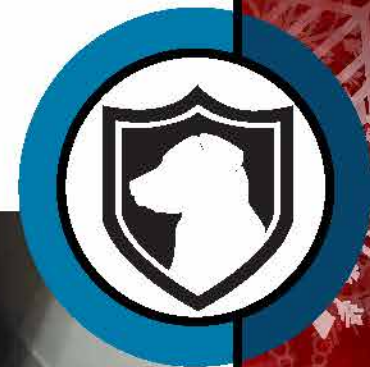
Let us first consider the "Service Dog." We all know that Service Dogs provide certain tasks for those persons with disabilities. They are trained for an extensive period of time and are protected by not only Federal regulations (Americans with Disabilities Act) but State laws as well. The State laws may differ somewhat from State to State. Service Dogs can be raised and trained by companies who specialize in Service Dog Training or can be trained by their partner, usually with the assistance of a qualified and experienced Service Dog Trainer. Service Dogs can be trained to assist their human partners that may suffer from a variety of disabilities, from physical impairments to emotional distress, and we will discuss these abilities in future issues.

Then we have the "Therapy Dog" which is what I like to refer to as "warm and fuzzy." Therapy Dogs are sometimes confused with Service Dogs but are really quite different in the type of services that they provide. Service Dogs are trained to assist one person with a disability. Therapy Dogs, with their human partners, visit health care facilities, such as hospitals and nursing homes, as well as being involved with programs at libraries where children will enjoy their company and read to them. Also, Therapy Dogs do not have rights to Public Access as Service Dogs do and, therefore, cannot accompany their handlers in public places, such as restaurants and retail stores.

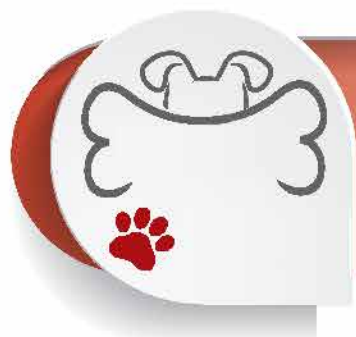
A "Companion Dog" usually describes a dog that does not work but provides companionship to an individual as a well-trained pet. Companion Dogs do not have the same rights to Public Access as Service Dogs. However, that in no way diminishes the important work they do for us and the support they give to their partner.

And finally, we have the "Facility Dog." A Facility Dog is a well-trained canine who provides specific tasks in a work setting to help motivate and enhance certain goals for particular people. An example would be a school that works with children who would benefit by a dog intervention as a calming technique. They can also be used to bring comfort to, and minimize stress for, someone who is in a care facility, similar to a Therapy Dog. Facility Dogs are not Service Dogs and do not have the same Public Access rights as a Service Dog. But they serve as a wonderful tool for the professional in those settings where they can provide so much.

We will look into each one of these "dog services" in more detail in upcoming issues as well as relate stories of how these outstanding animals have changed lives in our community.



- 1.) GHSD "Leo" resting but on the job.
- 2.) Zoey and Justin with GHSD Patch.
- 3.) Cody and Elliott at lunch.
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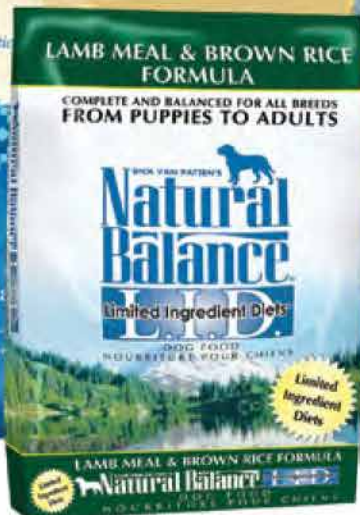
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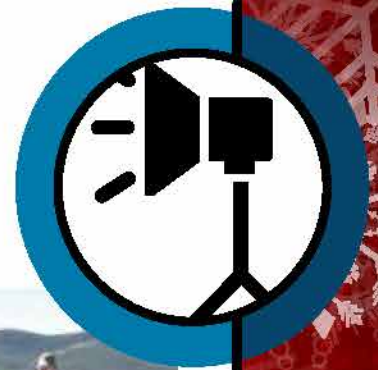


1.) Jeri and Ray. 2.) Jeri with cat Eli and Ger. Shep Hanna. 3.) Wendy Riley and Revo, her Malinois. 4.) Cynthia Blankenship's Ger. Shep Chachi. 5.) Tammy Harrell and Ruger. 6.) Shane Ray with his puppy, Mia. 7.) Jeri's Ger. Shep, Hatchi, doing bite work with Ray.

Farbenholt Dog Training

Story and some photos by Allie Werhan

Additional photos by Ray Farber and Jeri Holton



Like many people, I enjoy watching trained dogs in action, so it was a great opportunity when I was able to attend a training practice at the Farbenholt Dog Training facility in Dewey recently.

The dogs ranged in years and experience from beginners to old hands...er, paws at the business of protection training. A group of dog owner clients had brought their dogs to practice skills, get some guidance and work on advancing to another level. Each dog had a chance to perform twice during the morning.

Ray Farber, owner with his wife, Jeri, of Farbenholt, is the target decoy, also known as "the bad guy." He wears protective clothing and a big thick sleeve that the dogs focus on during their attacks. Occasionally he is accidentally injured, but he knows how to use the drive of each dog to his advantage.

The dogs at Farbenholt can earn their Canine Good Citizen award, learn obedience, personal protection, or work in more advanced programs for skills like herding, police work or service assistance. Preferably, the training is done at the facility in Dewey. There are a lot of plans available.

Just as important as the dog training is the education of the owners about how to control the dogs and their leashes, how to calm the dogs and what to expect from their dogs. Many of the dogs are rescues from shelters or unfavorable environments.

Jeri started out at age 6 showing horses, then moved to show dogs and obedience competition, and opened a huge kennel in Bethlehem, PA, with numerous support facilities nearby. She became a certified veterinary technician, and learned all the tests for the dogs and how to perform them.

She did a lot of pet training for families, and trained dogs for police departments and prisons. Her father raised hounds, and she

has a red-boned coonhound, Beauford a rescue dog. She also opened a school for people to learn to become dog trainers, and had accreditation with a local college. Jeri says, "You need to be good with people too, to be a good dog trainer."

As a child, the oldest of 6 children, Ray was not allowed to have dogs. He became a military policeman in the Air Force and became interested in dogs while watching the Air Force Police work with their dogs. He got his first dog from Jeri after he left the Air Force.

Ray and Jeri both have a thorough knowledge of the background and history of dog training, and particularly of Schutzhund, which the obedience and protection training is part of. The dog has to learn to compartmentalize the bite training and realize it is a sport and not for everyday use. The owner must show the dog leadership and teach it what its tasks are in a given situation. The goal is for each owner to know that if needed, their dog will protect them.

Training pet dogs is part of their mission, too. Most of this is problem solving, such as inappropriate pooping, peeing, chewing. They teach people how to continue the training work on their own.

Many of Ray's family seemed to be migrating to Arizona from eastern Pennsylvania, so when he and Jeri were married and looking for some property, they moved to Arizona. They were driving to Verde Valley one day and saw the property in Dewey, and knew this was home. They have built their facility the way they want it for what they want to do.

They offer a free evaluation of a prospective client's dog to meet everyone and see if they can work together. They don't do punishment training, preferring to use correction with

additional opportunities to succeed, and then a reward. Because at home dogs are praised and patted all the time, Jeri and Ray use a different kind of reward.

Farbenholt offers a 5-week private lesson course, with lifetime refreshers free. They also offer group classes, and are flexible to meet clients' schedule. During the obedience training, a client may opt to board their dog at the facility. There are follow-up sessions to check how the dog and client are doing.

Their goals are:

- To provide optimal client satisfaction
- To share their expertise with the dog owners in the training of their pets at reasonable rates
- Provision of a safe boarding facility where the owner can enjoy confidence in the quality care of their pet.

I would like to tell you a marvelous tale of tracking and finding a dog lost in the Verde Valley for 42 days. Mark Happe, who does search-and-rescue for animals, taught Jeri and Ray new tricks for finding the lost dog, Hanna. Hanna now lives in their house as a senior dog...but that is another story, which Ray promises to write. Just trust me, it is full of thrills and chills, and many wonderful people along the way.

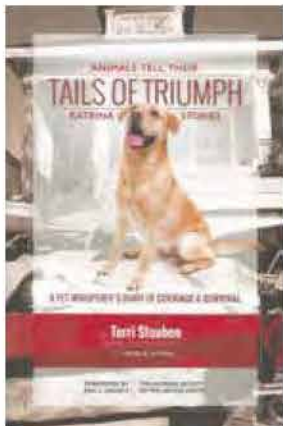
Between them, Jeri and Ray have over 35 years of training experience. They invite clients to visit, get an evaluation of their dogs, and see how that experience will affect the enjoyment of their pets. Training improves the quality of the lives of both owners and dogs.

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Tails of Triumph: Katrina Stories

Written by: Terri Steuben
Reviewed by Allie Werhan

It has been ten years since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and several Gulf States. Thousands of people were displaced, injured, and some killed. Unfortunately, most animals, pets and others, were left behind...the people were not allowed to take pets with them when being rescued. (That has changed, thanks to those people and animals, through new laws which permit the rescue of animals too.)



By Sept. 4, 2005, animal rescuers were allowed into New Orleans, and many volunteer teams went in to find animals in dangerous conditions, rescuing sick, injured and starving animals by the hundreds. Lamar-Dixon, a facility set up to receive and process the animals, was soon overwhelmed. The workers there evaluated animals, tried to locate owners, and then sent animals to other rescue sites all over the country.

Terri Steuben has been a volunteer with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) in California, working with

disaster rescue teams, and communicating with the scared endangered animals she encountered and putting them at ease. She is well trained, holding certificates in emergency response at state and federal levels as well as the HSUS. She arrived at Lamar-Dixon on Sept. 13, to begin her job of saving animals.

Terri kept a journal of her experiences and the animals she encountered, and finally was ready to write an account of that stressful time. She is a psychic animal communicator, relying on all her knowledge of animal behavior but adding the gift of conversing psychically with animals. The animals lived through a nightmare and wanted someone to know about it. You will hear directly in their own thoughts about what had happened to them, their confusion and fear, the despair of lost hope of ever being rescued, and the joy when they realized their ordeal was over.

Medical intuition is also one of Terri's special gifts, and through this, she was able to find out "where it hurts" and aid and guide veterinarians in treating sick

and injured animals, as well as explaining to the animals what was happening to encourage their cooperation.

If you are encountering this type of communication with animals for the first time, you may have to suspend your doubts as you read. Most of us pet owners, while not as gifted as Terri, will attest that we have indeed intuited what our pets were thinking, needing, or wanting, sometimes in surprising detail.

The stories from the animals will leave you wanting to know more; fortunately, Terri Steuben has written another book, *Secrets of a Pet Whisper*, which is a how-to on communicating with your pet and also explains how to prepare for an emergency.

This is an important topic which is gaining ground among animal lovers and which will help us see our pets in a new way. It gives us new insight into the love our pets have for us, their loyalty, and what is important to them. You will also discover that most pets have a delicious sense of humor.

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Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) works hard to find lost pets' owners by posting and searching on social media and Craigslist, calling information tied to microchips, and checking licensing for animals with tags. YHS is celebrating nearly 800 lost pets being returned to their owners in 2015!

Coming home to an open gate to your yard, or checking for Fido in the back yard only to realize he or she is not there is one of the worst feelings you can have. If you have just realized that your pet is missing, your first step should be to contact your pet's microchip company. If your pet is not microchipped, it is a highly recommended and effective method to getting your dog back to you. A microchip is a small chip implanted between the shoulder blades that can be scanned by a veterinary hospital or animal rescue that will be linked to your contact information. Please look into having your pets microchipped at the Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) Spay Neuter and Wellness Clinic.

Next, you should post your lost pet on Craigslist. The internet gives people access to real time information, so you will get more information faster about your lost pet. Be sure to include your contact information, last known location and a clear photo. Simple descriptions can easily be misinterpreted, but a clear photo is unmistakable. Also be sure to mention any unique markings that could be easy identifiers.

Be sure to post lost dog fliers in the area they were last seen, again including contact information, last known location and a clear color photo if possible.

You should also visit the YHS Lost and Found Pet Center to look for your lost pets in person. The last thing we would want to do is misunderstand your description on the phone and overlook your best friend. The YHS Lost and Found Pet Center is located at 1625 Sundog Ranch Road in Prescott.

If you do see your pet out and about, please remember that they are out in an unfamiliar environment and often fearful, so go slow with them. Even owners whom the dogs know very well can be scary in an unfamiliar setting, so take your time with them to build up trust. You can do this by sitting down on the ground with your body turned to the side. If you have food available, use it. Sometimes it takes just a few seconds for them to realize who you are. It is almost never advisable to chase a stray animal. This can be a very frightening experience and will often make them run away.

If you are able to catch your pet, please be aware that the stress and fear an animal is experiencing can drastically alter a pet's behavior. YHS urges you to give your pet time in recovering from the traumatic experience. When in doubt, please call animal control or your local sheriff's office for assistance.



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There's Always Hope

Story by Allie Werhan
Pictures by Mary Beal

What do you think the chances are for an 11-12 year old dog, matted, uncared for, with crippled front legs, to get adopted? Not too good. Yet here is an exceptional dog, with an exceptional rescue, with an exceptional couple who all came together to prove that there's always hope.

In fact, the angel who found this old German Shepherd mix abandoned in a dog park in Phoenix named her Hope, because she believed there was someone somewhere who could and would help this dog. This angel knew about Circle L Ranch dog rescue and called and explained about the dog she found. "Yes," they said, "Bring her here. We'll take her."

So Hope arrived in Prescott Valley, where Liz Stegmeir and her crew took care of her, fed her, gave her a warm bed, and doggy and people friends. They discovered a dog with a warm, loving personality, no grudges, no complaints, just a dog happy to be saved.

Liz wrote a story for the Circle L Ranch Rescue newsletter which will break your heart to read, but you already know it has a happy ending because you see the picture of Hope there, smiling her big doggy smile.

A couple, Terry and Robin Green, moved to Prescott from the Denver area with their two senior dogs, brothers Comet and Bandit. The family lost Bandit and mourned his passing; he was the first senior they adopted and the best dog ever. Comet needed a companion, so they started looking for an older rescue dog to adopt. (You already know where this is going, don't you?) Yes, this couple who always adopts from rescues or shelters connected with Circle L and were soon out at the ranch visiting Hope.

At first Comet said, "No way." Then on the second visit, both dogs said, "Well, maybe." After that, they went on short walks together, visited together, began to share Terry and Robin, who had already fallen in love with Hope, and before long, the deal was sealed. Hope arrived at her new home with her new family in mid-September, 2015.

When Terry and Robin first moved to Prescott they decided to forego the two-story homes they had always had, and get a one-story house because they planned to adopt only senior dogs, and the dogs had problems with stairs. "Besides," they said, "someday we'll be seniors, and then we won't like stairs." The home has an open layout, doggy doors, and no stairs except at the back and front doors.

Hope's story of abandonment and her condition went straight to their hearts. It is not known if Hope's problem is congenital, or degenerative. It is called carpal hyperextension; all the ligaments on her front legs at the "wrists" have been stretched or pulled out so that she walks flat-footed on her "wrists."

The Greens both say the reason they want senior dogs is that they have the compassion for them, and the resources and the time to give to their dogs, who have all lived to ripe old ages. Because of this, they have faced all the challenges that go with aging, and illness as well as accidents.



When Comet lost his brother, his own health deteriorated. "His diabetes kicked in and then he started running into trees and bushes," Terry said. He had to have cataract surgery a year ago, and although it took a while for him to heal, his sight is now normal.

After Hope came to her new home, Terry and Robin expected there to be an adjustment period as she and they, including Comet, adapted to the new arrangements. Hope has a good temperament, is good with all dogs and people. Whatever befell her before her arrival at Circle L Ranch has not affected her sweetness or easygoing personality. As she listens to visitors talk to her people, she "talks" and plays, putting on a little happy dance, glad to be part of the group.

She is longhaired, with German shepherd coloring and big beautiful expressive brown eyes. Her new "brother," Comet, is part Malamute, part Husky, with the soft, thick white fur and blue eyes of his breed. He has wonderful sturdy legs and gentle ways, peeking around the door at his visitors before joining the fun.

Before the Greens adopted Hope, they talked with their veterinarian, Dr. Tammy Pauletto at Prescott Animal Hospital about her condition. She, it turned out, knew of a company in Canada that makes braces and orthotics for dogs with just this problem. A week after her adoption, Hope's legs had casts made for custom-fit braces.

The last week of November, the family went for a walk at Lynx Lake and Hope walked 1.5 miles, keeping up with Comet and even trying a few trots and a bit of running. Before that walk,



her distances were very short without the braces. She also goes to the dog park and starts prancing and trotting, obviously enjoying her new freedom of movement. The braces have improved her gait, so she is walking correctly instead of flat-footed.

Because walking flat-footed contorts her muscles, she needs time to rebuild her strength and correct her walking posture, as well as toughen up her pads, which are tender from disuse. Hope tolerates getting the braces put on, but once they are on, she knows she is going out, to walk and have an adventure. She runs down the hallway to go out to the car.

Let me tell you about the Greens' dog-mobile. It is an SUV "that has never had the back seats in upright position," Robin says, "with a fitted foam pad on the floor so no toes get stuck in the cracks, and dog beds on top." Both dogs love to ride in "their" car, Hope with her head out the window if possible. The car is a safe haven for them.

Both Terry and Robin work from home. Terry works with companies all over the country, facilitating business continuity in the private sector in the event of disasters like flooding and other weather related events as well as manmade disasters like wildfires. How can companies maintain business when workers can't access their offices? That is the question Terry answers.

This connects to her plans for retiring, when that day comes. Terry wants to apply her knowledge and skills to working with Animal Disaster Services here in Prescott.



Robin manages the projects for a huge global company to help them shift systems in their offices or out-source projects. He works in information technology (IT) which involves almost everything a business does.

They take the dogs almost everywhere, and if both need to be gone from home at the same time, Terry and Robin don't put the dogs in a kennel. A woman comes to their home and cares for the dogs, medicating them, feeding them and walking them. They have also made provision for the dogs if something happens to them and they can no longer care for the dogs.

In many ways the house is the dogs' house. The family room has 5 dog beds in it, in the places the dogs like to sleep. Two of the beds are waterbeds which take the coolness from the tile and make the beds 15-20 degrees cooler for the dogs. Comet, especially, needs a cool environment.

There are charts of the medicine and special care each dog needs. Keeping track would be impossible if they didn't have a system!

The first week of December, Hope's braces were sent to the manufacturer to get some adjustments for fit and fastenings. Terry and Robin are also looking into getting some braces that will be more flexible that Hope can wear around the house most of the time. They think it will take about a year for her to fully adjust to being able to walk with the braces, to get toughened up and regain her strength. She also has some allergy problems that affect her skin, and has a new diet to address that problem.

Lest any reader is wondering how Comet fits into all this, please know that he is very loved and is in the



middle of all the excitement, travels and adventures. He has his new life companion, and except for the occasional growly moment at mealtime, the dogs are very comfortable and happy with each other.

The Greens are passionate about their dedication to the adoption of senior and older dogs. "Puppies always get adopted," Robin says, "but not always the senior dogs." Unfortunately, when animal pounds clear out their dog population, the old dogs are first to go. Yet there are so many positive reasons to adopt senior dogs.

"They have gotten through the destructive stage of a puppy chewing on everything from your shoes to your new dining table's legs," Robin goes on. In addition, they don't cry all night, they are house trained, often know basic commands, and are ready and grateful to live in a home with a family. They appreciate what they are given, and love without condition. Further, they welcome the love you want to lavish on them, and will stay by your side and be your friend and confidant.

Terry says, with her lower lip just slightly trembling, "People tell us that Hope is lucky to have us. We say, no, we are lucky to have her. She has enriched our lives so much, and far more quickly than we expected. She shows her loving and fun personality all the time; she is calm and accepting with us, a friend to Comet and welcomes visitors to our home."

Terry and Robin tell you in their own words why they chose to adopt Bandit, Comet and now Hope:



1.) Terry and Hope. 2.) Hope resting on her bed. 3.) Comet. 4.) Hope's brace up close. 5.) Happy Family Robin, Comet, Terry and Hope. 6.) Terry putting on Hope's braces. 7.) Daily medication schedule for Hope.

The biggest reason is love, love, love! The seniors have so much love to give and it is an honor to give them their final forever home with all the love we can possibly give.

The bottom line is that although we may only get to share a few years of their lives, seniors seem to double the years of joy they add to our lives.

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Time and Buttons
Story and some photos by
Allie Werhan
Additional photos by
Kay Lockett and Ryan Clum

Buttons is a gray tabby with a cute little face who came to Miss Kitty's Cat House in Prescott in February of 2013. In June of 2015, by then age 3, she was still there, hiding in the box on the climber, refusing most food, swatting or biting at anyone who intruded on her solitude. She wasn't getting any petting or love, so Buttons, becoming more anti-social daily, was considered unadoptable.

Ryan Clum is a professional wrestler who travels to Los Angeles every weekend for matches. He had some time on his hands during the week, so he decided to volunteer at Miss Kitty's.

When he met Buttons in March, 2013, she became his project. Miss Kitty's gave him a key so he could visit any time, and he began working with her as often as he could. She was so cute, he thought, with her white collar like a fur ascot. He would spend 3 hours a day just sitting with her, and moved her into a room by herself, which turned out to be very important for a fearful cat.

Buttons began to improve, and was moved back into the main room, where she was much more comfortable than before, not hiding in her box anymore and only occasionally swatting some people while letting others pet her. The other volunteers were astonished and delighted as Buttons slowly gained confidence and lost her fear.

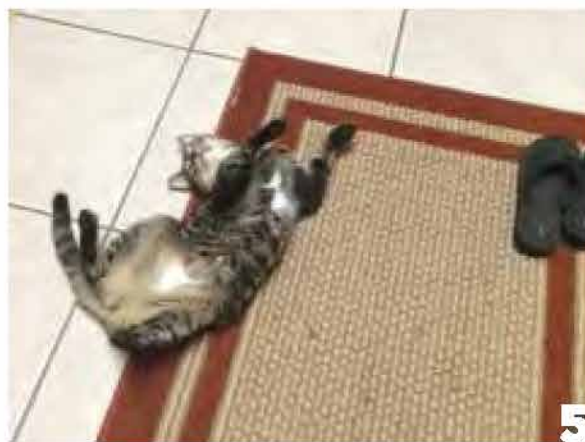
Ryan says, "Working with Buttons was slow, but she made steady progress." Taking time to let her work at her own speed, to be patient, and to be satisfied with even small steps is very important working with this cat. She came to rely on Ryan and to trust him, and still does. That trust opened her to the possibility of a new home through adoption.

Kay Lockett, whose cat, Bubbles, passed away in July, 2015, at age 15, was grieving and looking at cat photos online, when she found Miss Kitty's website and saw a picture of the cutest little cat face she had ever seen. She immediately fell in love. A few days later, Kay visited Miss Kitty's and as she came in the door, she saw Buttons "standing on her throne."

Ryan was also there, and with her attention to Buttons in spite of a bit of grouchiness, Kay convinced him that she was serious about this little cat. The next day, Kay returned and adopted Buttons, but didn't take her home for a few days so she could get her house ready.

Buttons spent a lot of time exploring her new home, which is just the right size for her. Without the distraction of a lot of people and other cats that she had at Miss Kitty's, she has blossomed. She still has a ways to go though, so Ryan comes over every Friday morning to work with her and Kay.

Before Ryan became a professional wrestler, he worked in Hollywood in show business, with film and television projects. He always wanted to be a wrestler and decided he'd better do it soon, so 5 years ago, he got a trainer who had been Arnold Schwarzeneger's bodybuilding partner, and jumped in with both feet. He wrestles under the name of Ryan Morals and dresses in blue...but not as a cat!



- 1.) Ryan Clum, Kay Lockett and Buttons.
- 2.) Buttons and Ryan.
- 3.) Buttons.
- 4.) The nose kiss with Ryan and Buttons.
- 5.) Buttons at ease in her new home

"Most wrestlers I know love cats," Ryan says, "maybe because we travel a lot and they are easier to take care of than dogs." As he talks, he strokes Bubbles, and she is almost in a trance. It is easy to see what a strong bond formed between them.

Kay works at Promise Recovery Center and enjoys her work, helping young people recovering from addiction. "You have to be there for them 100%," she says. She is also a life coach, which she loves because it is very empowering to both her and her client. When she comes home from work at night, Kay loves to find Buttons there, meowing a greeting and hoping for a little treat.

"I feed her mostly wet food, the best I can afford," Kay explains, "with a little bit of dry food and freeze-dried chicken treats"

Sometimes when Kay is lying on her bed, Buttons comes and "talks" to her and they both meow at each other. "I don't have any idea what we are saying, but it is awesome," Kay says laughing.

Every word and gesture from both Kay and Ryan speak of the love and respect they have for a gray tabby cat who was once given up as hopeless. Ryan sums it up, "Given enough time and the right situation, a cat can come a long way. People thought Buttons would have to spend the rest of her life at Miss Kitty's, but the time and love give proof of what can be done."

Buttons likes to stand nose to nose with Ryan and will stay there, eyes closed, as if communing with him. She is starting to do that with her new "mom," Kay. She has found her happy place.

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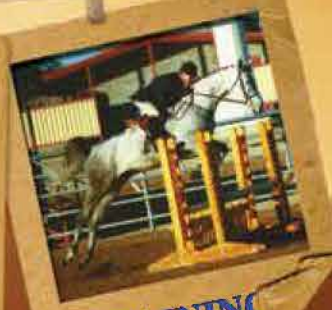
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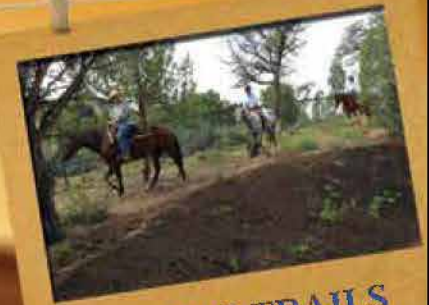
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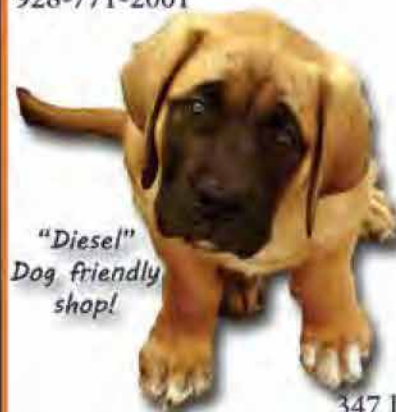
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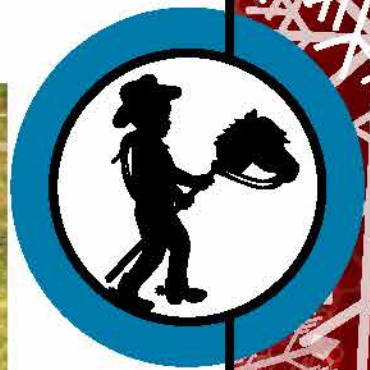
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My Life So Far with Horses

By Emily Kruly



1.) Riding "Rusty" in my first riding lesson. 2.) Schooling with Patrick. 3.) Riding a project horse named Buttercup in a hunter class. 4.) Current mount: Jackamo Joe. 5.) Riding a dressage test with Zeek. 6.) With Sweetie Pie. 7.) Show jumping with Zeek. 8.) Emily with long time companion, Zeek, sharing birthday cake.

Birthdays are an assigned day to celebrate and reflect. Today is my twentieth birthday, so I'm taking some time to flip through my mental scrap book. On every page of one's mental scrap book is a person, event, or lesson that changed them in some way. My pages are painted with horses.

As a young child as early as first grade, I struggled in the social setting of public school. I was shy and unable to connect with the other kids. I remember staying in at recess to read books on a faded red bean bag chair in the back of the class room, usually hidden behind a bookshelf. In a creative attempt to help me out, my parents enrolled me in riding lessons at age nine. I was hooked. The connection I felt so instantly with the horses was unexplainable... it was the beginning of a lifelong passion.

Every horse has a lesson to teach us. My first horse Mac was an older buckskin Quarter Horse my Dad obtained from a friend. Mac had arthritis so badly in one front leg that the joint had fused, essentially it was a kick stand. He was sweet

and stood still while I learned the basics of grooming and care. I could take him for short walks but nothing else. Though I wanted to learn how to trot, canter, and jump, Mac couldn't and I was ok with that because he was my best friend. Mac knew all my deepest secrets and he would listen intently as if he knew English. With him by my side, I was confident to start interacting with other kids in the horse community. Mac taught me that horsemanship isn't all about the blue ribbons and high-dollar accessories. Horsemanship is about your relationship with your horse.

A few pages later comes Ezekiel, a large white pony with fiery red leopard spots to match his uniquely spunky personality. At the time, Zeek was a handful but with dedication, sweat, and sometimes tears, Zeek and I grew as a team. Thanks to the unwavering support from both my parents and childhood riding instructor, I was finally in the saddle. Identifying with three-day eventing, Zeek and I progressed fast, attending different jumping and dressage clinics and competitions around the state. By

age 15, I was earning opportunities to work with more advanced horses. Though I was training on others, I never gave up my fiery pony. Zeek taught me perseverance, and the hard work pays off if you apply it in the right places.

In my later teen years, I worked with project horses. First there was Patrick, an appendix-paint gelding. He was a solid chestnut with a wide blaze. This horse was stunning, a true eye catcher. Though beautiful, the boy had a temper. After numerous vet checks, x-rays, and other testing, it was determined that he was physically comfortable. With any unsoundness ruled out, it was safe to determine his behavior under saddle probably had to do with previous poor training. Typical training methods didn't seem to work, he just wouldn't listen. Every once in a while I come across horses like this. It doesn't always mean they are untrainable, it means you have to get creative. Teaching him tricks in the paddock was the gateway to greater lessons. Patrick taught me to think outside the box, and to be innovative.

Flipping the pages again brings us to my senior year of high school, the chapter of Sweetie Pie. With big brown eyes and a creamy dun coat, Sweetie was the kindest mare I had ever met. Sadly, sweetie had habitual health problems making her un-ridable about a year after I bought her. Caring for her piqued my interest in veterinary topics.

Sweet Pie was instrumental in my decision to pursue an education in the veterinary field. I am now studying for my equine practitioner certificate at Yavapai College with hopes to attend vet school in the future.

Today, I'm adding a new page to my scrap book..... a snap shot of myself eating birthday cake with Zeek, now in his mid-twenties and still going strong! In reflecting on this day, I realize how powerful and good an influence horses have been in my life. Each one has taught me something new and special. I am forever grateful for all they have taught me and continue to teach me every day. I cannot imagine ever being without them in my life!



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Bonnie Keith: A Lifetime of Devotion to Animal Rescue

Story and pictures by Allie Werhan

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Inside the cozy home are rooms of memorabilia, photos, albums, ribbons, and figures from a lifetime of being involved with dogs, especially with the Manchester terrier breed. Bonnie used to show and breed the dogs, but now, at 86, she is concentrating on rescue. Her goal is to help the little dogs become socialized and ready for permanent new homes.

Bonnie herself is a fount of knowledge about the breed, of stories about the hundreds of dogs she has known, loved, and cared for, and of their fun and adventures along the way. She can sit for hours and tell their stories, her love and respect evident in her voice and her admiring glances toward Tyler and Dylan.

Manchester terriers have a breed rescue organization, so when Tyler, at age 3 in 2009, was dumped over a chain link fence onto concrete and suffered a broken pelvis and other broken bones, the rescue group was called and Bonnie ended up with him.

Tyler is very sweet and friendly, and has been good for her rescues. He is a nurse dog, that is, he will look after and care for other dogs who come to her home, teaching them how to be a dog, modeling behavior, and cuddling with them to make them feel at home.

Dylan, though older than Tyler, is her other dog right now. He is from North Carolina, where he had been sold by a breeder, then returned when the couple divorced. Bonnie received a call about him, but he was not in need of medical or other care and so was not one of the kinds of rescues she takes. He was sent to her anyway. He was in a dirty crate with a dirty blanket, no food, water, or toy, from 5:30 in the morning to 8:30 at night. He was so traumatized, and in bad shape.

After several attempts, Bonnie contacted the ex-owner. Because of work situations, the poor dog had spent 10 hours a day in a crate, even as a puppy, with no training, no walks, and no socialization. He had never been anywhere or done anything. He had been mistreated and would not let anyone touch his feet or ears.

To help socialize him, Bonnie put him in an obedience class only for friendly handling and to be around other dogs. She trained Dylan at home with Tyler helping. Dylan is a sweet, friendly dog now, learning to show off a little, and (I can attest) quite happy to sit with a visitor and get petted.

Over the years, Bonnie's rescues have been older dogs who have experienced abuse, illness, and disability. One, Jeremiah, had brain damage from mistreatment and his hind legs wouldn't work, so he rode around in a little buggy.

Goody came from a home where the woman wanted her but the husband didn't. After the woman died, the man abused Goody, and fed her by dumping 20 pounds of dog food on the floor once a month. No walks, no one to play with her...food was all she had. After some time with Bonnie, her weight normalized. She got a new name, Miki, and new vocabulary so that she never heard the words the old owner had used. She earned her Canine Good Citizen award.

Manchester terriers and miniature Pinschers look similar but are two different breeds. People often mistake Manchesters for min-pins.



In 1988, Karen Clymer, well known in the Prescott area rescue community, formed the Canine Club in Chino Valley. It was a service club whose goal was to make the animal control building into a shelter. Bonnie is the archivist and historian of the club, and still has all the records from the beginning. It took a long time and a lot of hard work but the Chino Valley Animal Shelter is a strong presence now. The service club has changed its focus to more of a competition club, according to Bonnie.

As a young woman, Bonnie wanted to be a veterinarian, but the return of World War II veterans filled all the places in her college, so she took medical technology instead. She has worked in the Experimental Psychology laboratory at the University of Wisconsin with primates, at the San Diego Zoo with gorillas, in Idaho, Wyoming, Texas, and Maryland, eleven states in all, always with animals in addition to her dogs. She has fascinating stories to tell about all those places, having worked with some outstanding people...and animals...in her life.

The older dogs that she rescues now need a lot of understanding, a chance to start over and learn that

1.) Bonnie with Dylan on her right, Tyler on her left. 2.) Tyler and Dylan, waiting for instructions. 3.) Tyler in front, Dylan behind. 4.) Tyler

there is love, kindness, toys, and a chance to reinvent themselves from their old lives of fear and illness. Then the dogs find loving permanent homes correct for them. "I am a foster, not a collector," Bonnie says to explain why she doesn't keep the dogs. "Tyler may be the exception, because he is so good with the other dogs, sensing what they need and helping them."

Both Tyler and Dylan are loving, happy dogs, well cared for and involved in their active home life with Bonnie. That is just the way she wants it.

YC Dog Licensing is Online Now

**FEATURE
ARTICLE**

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Have you ever needed your dog's license or vaccination records at a moment's notice, but you don't know where you filed them last? With vaccination due dates sometimes two to three years apart, it's often difficult to keep track of Fido's paperwork. Yavapai County Animal Control has harnessed technology to make it easier for pet owners to keep timely records for their animals.

"This is long overdue," said Animal Control Sgt. Deb Dean. "We've discussed it for years."

Ycsoaz.sheltertrack.com provides dog owners within the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County the ability to renew their pets' licenses, maintain health records, receive reminders, and even report a missing pet. The service is free. The dog owner need only create an account to access all of the website's features. The information is then available to the owner, the designated veterinarian, and Animal Control personnel when needed.

To obtain a dog license, the owner must provide a valid Rabies certificate. This documentation may be submitted online by the owner or the dog's veterinarian. The license period for each animal will then be linked to the duration of the rabies certificate. Owners can pay by the year or up to three years via Pay Pal or credit card. Dog tag numbers are now permanently assigned to each animal.

Account holders also may track their dogs' medical records, including vaccination history, spay or neuter documentation and date, vet appointments, surgeries, injuries, medical needs and quarantines. Users may update ownership changes or the death of a dog, which terminates licensing and Rabies obligations. Designated co-guardians of the animal may also use the site and receive notifications.

The notifications are particularly helpful, Dean said, to help dog owners

keep up important vaccinations, such as rabies. If a dog is injured in an altercation with a wild animal, such as a skunk, bat or coyote, and does not have proof of current vaccination, they must be quarantined for six months at an approved facility at the owner's expense. Dean said such a scenario has happened three times in her 25-year tenure at the County, and it is heartbreaking for the owner and for Animal Control personnel.

Dog owners also may use the site to register a service dog, and when approved, receive an exemption for licensing fees.

To register for an account, go to <http://ycsoaz.sheltertrack.com/> and click on the "Create a Login" link on the left hand menu of the home page. Fill in the required information. You may find that some previous information already is in the account, as YCSO personnel are continuing to upload records.

If you have questions about this new service, please call the YCSO Animal Control Unit, Sgt. Deb Dean at 928-777-7285 or Robin Derrickson at 928-771-3282. For technical issues ONLY involving registration and account set-up, contact Ron Castle at 928-777-7403. These personnel are available Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Additionally, questions may be sent to animalcontrol@yavapai.us.

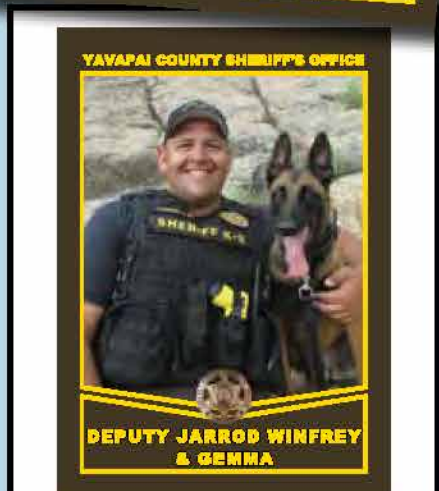
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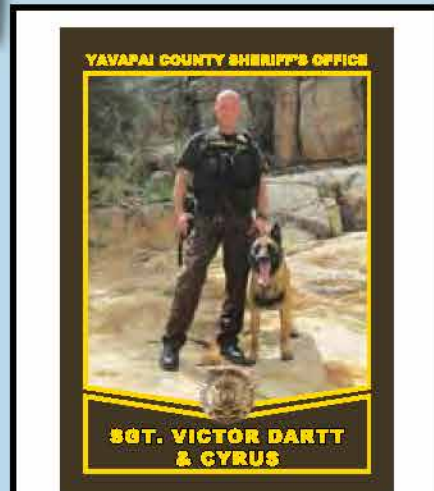
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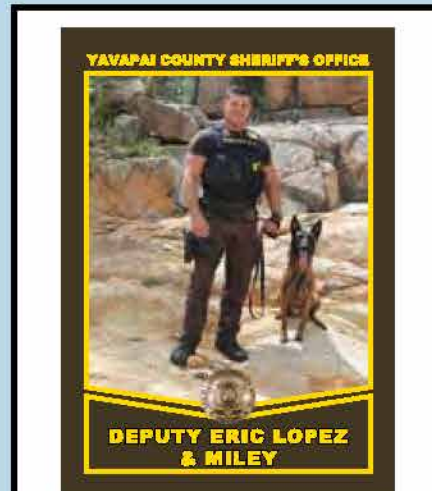
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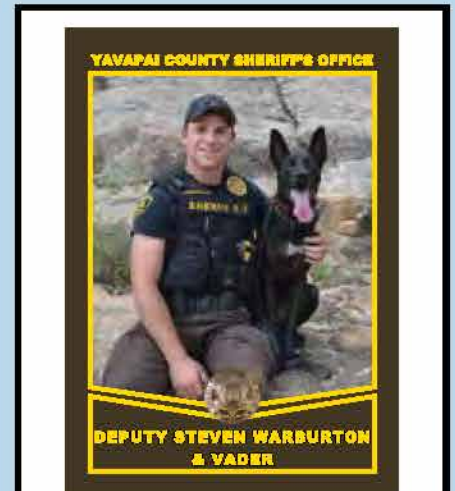
The Deputy and his partner patrol the 8128 square miles of Yavapai County. Gemma is a 2 year old Belgium Malinois and has graduated from the Arizona Police K9 Academy. Deputy Winfrey an 11 year veteran of YCSO and Gemma want to remind you to stay safe and drug free.



The Sergeant and his partner patrol the 8128 square miles of Yavapai County. Cyrus is a 2 year old Belgium Malinois and has graduated from the Arizona Police K9 Academy. Sergeant Dartt a 16 year veteran of YCSO and Cyrus want to remind you to stay safe and drug free.



The Deputy and his partner patrol the 8128 square miles of Yavapai County. Miley is a 4 year old Belgium Malinois and has graduated from the Arizona Police K9 Academy. Deputy Lopez a 5 year veteran of YCSO and Miley want to remind you to stay safe and drug free.



The Deputy and his partner patrol the 8128 square miles of Yavapai County. Vader is a 2 year old Belgium Malinois and has graduated from the Arizona Police K9 Academy. Deputy Warburton a 3 year veteran of YCSO and Vader want to remind you to stay safe and drug free.

YCSO Deputies and their Dogs Effective at Stopping Large Quantities of Drugs on Interstates

By Heidi Dahms Foster



1.) K-9 Miley with contraband
2.) K-9 Gemma with contraband

Four Yavapai County Sheriff's Department K9s and their handlers are making a difference in taking drugs off of major interstates in the county before they can filter into communities.

Deputies Eric Lopez with Miley, Jarrod Winfrey with Gemma, Steven Warburton with Vader, and Sgt. Victor Dartt with Cyrus weekly patrol county interstates, particularly Interstate 40, that net sometimes huge seizures of drugs.

Dartt said the K9 units began patrolling Interstate 40 in particular about five years ago.

"The reason is that there is an enormous amount of crime occurring on our interstates. Not just drugs and money trafficking, but also sex/human trafficking and fraud (credit card, check, identity theft, etc.). Having a unit with K9s immediately available is one of the most efficient ways of investigating these crimes and disrupting the flow of crime through our county. The YCSO K9 Unit has jurisdiction to patrol any roadway in the county, however, most of our success has come on I-40, so that's where we tend to work more often," he said.

YCSO often partners with other law enforcement agencies on patrols, because it can supply the trained dogs and handlers. The bigger seizures on the Interstate help to stop the transport of drugs into smaller county areas.

"If the drugs are seized on the interstate," Dartt said, "It is typically a bigger haul, as the wholesale portion of the exchange is being disrupted. That large quantity is then prevented from being broken up into the smaller amounts that flood our communities."

"The YCSO K9 Unit is assigned to patrol the interstates, so essentially our entire shift each day of the week is spent doing that," Dartt said, except for time taken to continue training with the dogs".

In 2014 YCSO seized approximately 410 pounds of marijuana, 7.5 pounds of heroin, 12.5 pounds of methamphetamine, and a stolen car in patrols. They also dealt with several fraud cases. This year, the numbers are expected to be higher, Dartt said. Officers have noted that heroin trafficking is on the rise.

"Heroin is making a huge resurgence and we have seized more this year than last," Dartt said. "However, because of its low dosage quantity, we will hopefully never see it in quantities like we see marijuana, for example."

Young Gemma, a Belgian Malinois that Deputy Jarrod Winfrey raised from a three-month-old pup, is responsible for some large drug seizures on the interstate. In December 2014, during a search on I-40, she alerted on the trunk of a car carrying nearly 90 lbs. of marijuana worth more than \$50,000.

On Oct. 30, 2015 YCSO K9 deputies seized 142 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop on east I-40, again near Ash Fork.

In a Nov. 2, 2015 stop, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office K9 deputies made several arrests that took 30 pounds of cocaine, 4.5 pounds of heroin and 270 pounds of marijuana off the market.

K9 teams spend many hours training, and the deputies become astute at recognizing behavior that indicates possible criminal activity. However, they must strictly adhere to the law when it comes to searching a vehicle when they suspect it is carrying drugs.

"The laws governing traffic stops are extremely fluid right now," Dartt said. "It used to be that we could run a dog around any car with no reason for doing so as it was considered to be a 'free air' sniff. Now, reasonable suspicion must

arise during the stop before a dog can be deployed."

If the search indicates drugs, and they are seized, those drugs are destroyed after the case is resolved. Property is returned, destroyed, or in some instances, auctioned off if it was used in the commission of a crime.

While the K9 teams have had many successes in stopping the flow of drugs on I-40, deputies can't truly measure their progress, Dartt said.

"It is impossible to quantify, from our perspective, how much of an impact we are making as we don't know the total of all drugs being trafficked across the interstates. However, we have had cases where the suspects (from other states) told us they had heard of us because we had arrested their friends the week before."

"We have also found an old fashioned atlas in a car from another state with an area of I-40 circled," Dartt said.

Perhaps, if nothing else, the notoriety of the area's K9 teams will make traffickers think twice about using the I-40 corridor to transport dangerous drugs that find their way into county communities. And, if the drugs are there, it's a sure bet that Gemma, Miley, Cyrus or Vader, all Belgian Malinois, will find them.



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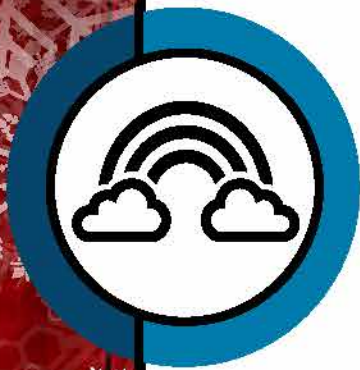
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A Special Horse Named Playpen

By Elizabeth Tritz

Playerman is his name but I have always known him as Playpen. I am not sure how he got the nickname; he had it when I met him. Playpen was a sorrel quarterhorse that stood 14.5 hands and weighted in at 1000 pounds with more guts and spunk than any horse I have ever met.

I traded him for a truck engine in 1993 when he was just shy of 9 years old. He was a horse that I could put a 2 year old on and he would be so gentle. The older children could gymkhana with him or play rodeo queen or I could take him to round up cattle, pony race horses all day long. It didn't matter what you asked; he was willing.

His other nickname was Gladys Kravitz after the neighbor on the TV show *Bewitched*. He was the nosey horse neighbor. His first year in the Prescott area he got a nose full of porcupine quills. That same summer he stuck his head in the horse shoer's cap that covers the equipment over the bed of the truck. It came crashing down on his head.

Any other horse would have been gravely injured, but not Playpen. Once he got out, he walked away shaking his head.

His third year in Prescott, in the middle of the night, we heard all this ruckus. We went out to see what was going on and it was Playpen chasing a mountain lion out of his pasture. He could not stand anything in his pasture.

Don't take it the wrong way. He loved dogs, out trail riding or in the back yard, but not in HIS pasture.

We tried to call him off that lion but he would have no part of it. He was hot on that cat's tail. He wanted it out of his pasture and he wanted it out now!

He knew how to open just about every gate around and would let all the horses on the ranch out. On Christmas of 2006 at 0200, he let everyone out and they went for a stroll through the neighborhood.

If there was ever a horse trailer with a door open, he would load himself. He loved going for a ride.

Whenever Playpen was ponying racehorses at the track and he had to wait on the backside during a race as the horses came racing by, it was all you could do to hold him. He thought he needed to join in the fun.

He was a mighty guy working cattle too. On one occasion at the sale barn when he was trying to get a big bull through the gate, the bull turned and got under him, tipped him over but somehow he got on his feet and got that bull where it needed to be.



One night he even had a standoff with an old cow that was roped and not wanting to come along willingly. He wasn't quite big enough to pull her and he wasn't about to let her get away so a standoff it was! He eventually won.

My three girls grew up with this guy. He was incredible with the patience he had with them. They could do anything with him and he would put up with it. On occasion he would tire of them messing with him and he knew all he had to do was a sliding stop. They would fly over his head and that would be that. He knew they would put him in the barn and he would be done for the day. Multiple times they were told not to put him away but, get back on. However, they always gave in so he kept doing it.

He was a 4-H project for all three girls. Several times I was called on the PA system at 4-H events to see the little girl in the practice arena as the sorrel horse threw her. Naw, Playpen just did a sliding stop.

Playpen and my middle daughter would sometimes celebrate their birthdays together as they were three days apart. She always thought that was pretty cool. My four grandbabies

were introduced to horses because of Playpen. My oldest granddaughter, Haylee, had her first ride on him before she was a year old. He knew the difference and knew when he had to be calm and easy and when he could act up and be a Wildman.

The night he passed was a calm night, warm with no wind. The veterinarian thought he was going to make a full recovery so I left him and came on home. It was about three hours after I got home when the doors to the hay barn flung open for no apparent reason. Minutes later my phone rang and I knew.

She said, "I am sorry he was fine and within ten minutes he went bad and passed."

He was 30 years and 1 month. R.I.P. my man. I love you and miss you more than words could ever express and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you. Please tell Virus hello for me. I am sure she was waiting for you as you two were best friends and you missed her when she passed a few months before you. That's a whole different story in itself. Playpen, you were without a doubt the best trade I have ever made in my life!



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