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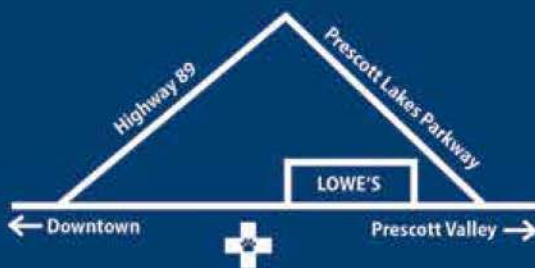


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The Leader of the Pack howls!

Dear Readers,

Spring is here and I always enjoy this time of year. The weather is warming and it's time to get outside into our beautiful area we live in, especially with our four-legged friends. We have many events going on in this issue along with some great stories for you.

Unfortunately, I have some very sad news to share with you. This issue of *The Prescott Dog* is a very bittersweet one for me. As you will read in our Cover Story, my dog, Bernie, was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer in early December and passed away the day after Christmas. He was our founding dog and the heart and soul of *The Prescott Dog* magazine.

On our cover this issue is "A Tribute to Bernie" sharing our life with you, our readers, whom I know understand what a loss like this feels like. Bernie was not, "just a dog" and as hard as this has been for me, I knew I had to share this with you as many of you have lost a beloved dog. Some of you have shared these lives with us in our "Celebration of Life" feature and in conversations we have had. I also want to pay tribute to all the shelter animals out there who still need homes. I hope I do justice to Bernie and all we did together in our mission to help shelter animals in our community.

In our new feature, "K9 Service Corner", you will learn about Facility Dogs. These are highly trained dogs who live in a facility rather than a private home. They are trained for certain tasks as well as providing comfort, companionship and love to those in need. These are very special dogs who help a lot of people at the same time. What a wonderful service they provide. I hope you enjoy this story as much as I did.

In our "Horsin' Around" feature, you will meet Carol Fontana and her horse Tiki who are setting out on a huge undertaking to ride 840 miles along the Arizona Trail system to raise money for Prescott Area Shelter Services. This will be an incredible journey of endurance that will test their skills to the limit. We will tell you how you can help and get more involved at their kick-off party too.

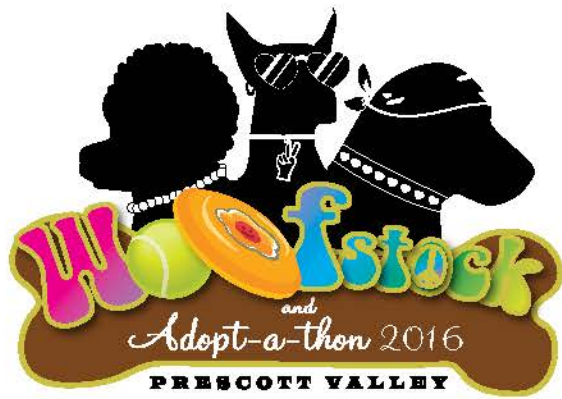
In our "Dogs In Blue" feature, we share another loss to our community with the story about retired K9 Officer, Joey who set the bar high for other K9 Officers who came after him. He and his human partner, Officer Paul Hines had a tremendous career together and Joey was fortunate to be adopted by Officer Hines to live out his life with him and his loving family. We send our condolences to the Hines family and to all who knew him. Police work is another way canines live and work with us in our daily lives.

Our calendar is brimming over this issue with many upcoming animal fundraisers and events that you can enjoy with your four-legged friends. I hope you will participate in as many of these great events as you can. They benefit many wonderful shelter and rescue groups in our town and provide a really fun time for you and your companion animals at the same time.

As for me, life is changing in many ways since I lost my Bernie. Things feel very different but one thing that is not is my mission to continue to help shelter animals just like Bernie was. I hope you will continue that journey with me.

Love, Light & Laughter,

Ann, Bernie and Miss Pauleena



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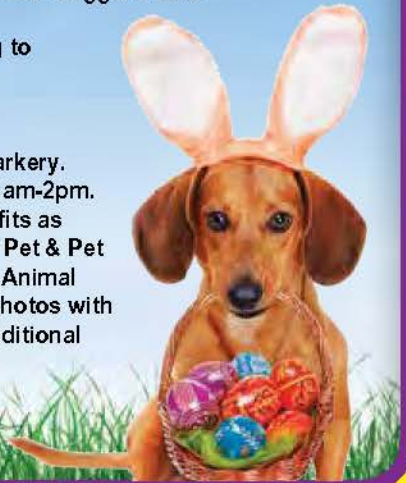
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Calendar

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Ongoing Adoptions

Catty Shack - Cat Adoptions

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609 S. Granite St., Prescott
ssnsmart@yahoo.com

Chino Valley Animal Shelter

Onsite, Mon-Sat 9a-2p
1950 Voss Drive, Chino Valley
(928) 636-4223

Circle L Ranch Adoptions

Onsite, by appointment
Dogs - Liz Steigmeir
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Offsite, Pet Headquarters
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Greyhound Pets of AZ

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(877) 454-DOGS [3647]
for more info www.gpa-az.com

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Onsite, Open House
Fri, Sat. 11a-3p
302 W. Alarcon, Prescott
Offsite, Petsmart
Sat, Sun 11a-3p

United Animal Friends

Cat Adoptions - Petco, daily from
9a to 10:30a and 4p-5:30p or by
appointment by calling Ruthie
at (928) 379-1088
Dog Adoptions - Petco on
Saturdays from 11a-2p, Sunday
at Whiskers Barkery the 1st two
Saturdays of Every month, 11a-2p or
by appointment by notification to our
website at unitedanimalfriends.org

Yavapai Humane Society

Onsite, Daily from 11a-6p, 7 Days
a week. 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd.,
Prescott (928) 445-2666
yavapaihumane.org
Offsite, Petsmart Adoptions
Cat Adoptions - 11a-4p Mon-Sat,
11a-2p Sun

Monthly Events

The Beastro - Every 4th Friday Art Walk

117 N. McCormick St., Prescott
Starts at 5p
Help feed a beast in need
Art Gallery/Retail Animal Items
More info, (928) 227-2796

United Animal Friends

Monthly Meetings - 1st Thursday

Of each month at Red Arrow Real Estate
1107 E. Gurley St., Prescott

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Every 4th Friday 5-8p
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Every Friday, 8-11a & 1-4:30p
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Granite Mountain Riders Meeting

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
Meet women who love horses and join
In a potluck and interesting presentations
Location changes each month. More
info: granitemountainriders.org

Special Events

MARCH

Mar 8th, Miss Kitty's Give Back Event at Chili's

7281 E. Pav Way, Prescott Valley
Present Flyer on page 37 on the event
day and Chili's will donate 20% to Miss
Kitty's Cat House. For more info, call
(928) 775-6918

Mar 13th, 2-4p Saddle Up Kick Off Party Prescott Fairgrounds, 848 Rodeo Drive

Come meet Carol, Tiki and the rest of
the crew as they get ready to embark on
an 840 mile ride through the Arizona
Trail System to raise money for Prescott
Area Shelter Services. Make a pledge
and get involved with all the excitement!
More info: www.saddleupaz.us or
www.prescottshelters.org

March 19: Lucky Charm Adopt 'n Shop, 9-5p Yavapai Humane Society Thrift Store,

1601 Iron Springs Road, Prescott
YHS has your new best friend, a pet!
Pick your price pet adoptions at YHS'
Thrift Store and enjoy a 50% off
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info at yavapaihumane.org.

Mar 19th, 11a-3p, Easter Photos with UAF

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APRIL

Apr 9th - Spring Clean Dog Wash Fundraiser - 10a-3p At Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley St, Prescott

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More info go to
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April 5th - Arizona Gives Day,
join your state in supporting a charity!
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April 30: Gelding Clinic at YHS Equine Rescue 3731 N Rd 1 W, Chino Valley.

YHS is partnering with Prescott Animal
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just \$75, by appointment only.
Call 928-445-2666 for more info.

Save the Date

May 1st - Wine Tasting Fundraiser - 4-7pm

Prescott Crush Wine Cafe'
Proceeds benefit Circle L Ranch Rescue
and Sanctuary. Celebrating 10 years
of saving animals. For more info or to
purchase tickets, www.circlel.org

May 6, 12-5p / May 7-8, 11- 4p: Walk for the Animals Registration Party

Join YHS at Petco at 1931 AZ-69,
Prescott. Pick up your packet pickup for
the 5th annual "Walk for the Animals"
5K and 1-mile fundraiser for the
homeless pets at YHS. Get pet food
samples, free treats, and get ready for
a doggone good time. More info at
yavapaihumane.org.

May 14th - YHS Walk For The Animals - 8am-noon Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott

Come on a fun walk with your best
friends to benefit The Yavapai Humane
Society. There will be prizes, giveaways,
face painting, agility, pet adoptions
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clinic. Bring the whole family!. Register
at www.yavapaihumane.org or call
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Sat June 4th - Woof Down Lunch Hosted by United Animal Friends Prescott Downtown Courthouse Square

Come out for a great lunch and an
artisan dog bowl. Lots of vendors,
contests, prizes and demonstrations.
For more info, go to
www.unitedanimalfriends.org

Sat. June 11th 9a-3p (Please make note of new date) 5th Annual Woofstock & Adopt-a-thon

Hosted by The Prescott Dog Magazine
Prescott Valley Town Center. Enjoy a
day with the whole family... contests,
demonstrations, vendors, contests and
great prizes. Pet adoptions and low cost
vaccination and microchip clinic with the
YHS. For more information or vendor
booths, call (928) 445-4811

Sun. Oct. 2nd, 10a-4p - 10th Annual Dogtoberfest & Adopt-a-thon

Hosted by The Prescott Dog. Come out
for a fabulous fun day at the Square
with contests, demonstrations, vendors,
contests and great prizes. For more
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Oct. 22nd, 7-9:30p - Annual HOWL-O-WEEN Bowling Event

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Yavapai Humane Society Thrift

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Prescott. (928) 445-5668. Proceeds
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Kala Inman - Kayla was born in Tulsa Oklahoma (boomer Sooner!) She has always had a love for animals and was taught to love and respect animals as part of our family. The family dog "Doc" an English Bulldog was always at her side. For about 10 years she worked at an Eye Clinic for Animals in Garden Grove helping to bring vision back to animals. She moved to Arizona in 2011 and worked in radio and print and now feels blessed to be working at The Prescott Dog.



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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.



Cherie Dreves - Contributor Cherie has had her share of furries "follow her home" (a few times on the end of a rope). Her public relations career probably started back then; lobbying her mom, "can we keep 'em? Cherie has worked to increase community awareness for several rescue groups around the southwest. She is a writer, speaker and idea generator; with a passion for puppies, of all ages.

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If you are interested in meeting any of these adorable friends,
please call the rescue group listed with the picture.



JASPAR

I'm a 5 y.o. Boxer mix, blk/wte. I'm a good boy but need to be the only pet. I'm energetic, love to explore, love daily activities with my family. I need some training. I love running and playing in my yard, and will come if you whistle! Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



LILLY

Sweet Lilly 'cause I'm sweet. I'm 11 y.o, lemon beagle, and I'm even tempered, mild mannered, love cuddling, children, never met a cat. I'm food motivated and like my veggies! I know some tricks and commands. Older kids only, and I need to be the only dog. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924.



SPOT

Not sure how I got my name, but I'm a pit terrier mix, adult male, and I'm good with kids and dogs, but NO cats! I love to play or just sit with you. I have very short hair so need to be an indoor dog. I had a rough start in life and really want a loving forever home and someone to love. Chino Valley Animal Shelter 636-4223 X7.



MAVERICK & MINGUS

We are a black lab mix and a tan lab mix. We are 1.5 y.o. brothers who spent our lives chained to a 4' fence. We are learning how to be dogs, to come inside a house, (doggy doors are tricky), and how to behave. We are happy and playful with lots to learn, but we are good students. Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. 928-273-7005.



BUBBA

I'm a terrier mix, 4 y.o., tan with white trim. I'm a house trained, handsome, clever, loving, cuddly 68# boy. New people are scary at first. I want to be part of a family, and love walks and hikes and playing. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



MAXINE

I'm a stunning hound mix, 1-2 y.o., who raised my pups and am now ready for my own home. I am a bit timid, and need a quiet patient family. I'm good with friendly dogs. I need a new lease on life after a rough beginning. I'm chocolate with white decorations. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924.



WREN

I'm a pit terrier mix, 9 months old, a wriggly gal who loves belly rubs, and wants to hike with you and learn basic obedience skills. I'm okay with dogs, never been around cats. I'm waiting for you! Chino Valley Animal Shelter. 928-636-4223 X7. Zeus. I'm a tricolor Rottweiler mix, 6 y.o., of med. size. I'm a handsome, friendly boy, and I know the doggy door but need help with leash training. I have deep brown puppy eyes! Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. 928-273-7005.



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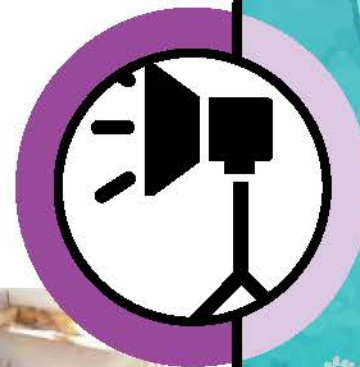
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Del Rio Custom Leather

Story by Allie Werhan

Photos by Allie Werhan and Melissa Ambrose



1.) Chinks with fringe. 2.) Belt with horse and rider. 3.) Desk work area. 4.) Holster. 5.) Melissa working with leather sewing machine with Paul.

Completed projects, chaps (pron. shaps, not like the name for the English fellow), belts, chinks and more, mixed with works in progress, practice pieces, and repairs fill the small shop of Del Rio Custom Leather, along with specialized equipment, new materials and boxes and drawers of supplies stacked on large tables and a glass display case. Melissa and Paul Ambrose know what is in every pile and on every shelf.

Against one wall a ladder gives access to the attic full of more materials and patterns, all part of their recent purchase of this new business. In October 2015, the Ambroses started the process of ownership from Al Levey, who owned Cactus Custom Saddlery in Glendale for years. Al made sure they knew their new endeavor by giving them lessons and having them make notebooks about what they learned, because of his determination that they keep up his life's work and make a success on their own.

Paul Ambrose has been doing some leatherwork for many years, but this is new to Melissa. At first, they decided to acquire a new business so Paul could ease out of his farrier business, which takes a toll on the body. After she got into it, though, Melissa discovered that she really enjoys the artistry involved and is a natural. Paul enjoys all of it. He has a gift for being able to look at something and figure out how to make it.

He can also redesign and repair equipment. He redesigned a packsaddle for the mule's comfort, which had been getting rubbed sore by the straps. Other repairs he makes include those for saddles, gun belts, chaps, almost anything made of leather, except shoes. "No shoes," Paul says, grinning.

Del Rio officially opened Jan. 1st of 2016, but it is a work in progress. They will erect a larger building in the spring so they will have

an office and room for displays in addition to a larger workspace. The business is located on their ranch in Chino Valley, is easy to get to and has lots of parking. There is even a welcoming committee on duty at all hours...4 dogs of all sizes and lots of enthusiasm.

Ambrose is a well-known name in the Prescott area horse community. For years, they have run Atlasta Home Horse Rescue, done horse and rider training, have the farrier business, and both are award-winning cowboy mounted shooting specialists who participate in many competitions every year. Melissa loves training horses, her own and sometimes for a rescue, but as their leather business grows, she will wind down this part of her life. "Both Paul and I would like to stop working with horses that want to kick and buck!" she laughs, and adds that both of them have broken fingers, toes, hands, and other bones.

Working together, Paul and Melissa make a good team. Melissa says, "It is a sharp learning curve, and if you make a mistake, it could cost a \$200 piece of leather." Their hardy leather is premium quality, all of it coming from the United States. It may cost a little more at the outset, but the items will last for years so your grandchildren will still be using what you order today.

A short list of items you can have custom-made includes rifle and shotgun scabbards, chaps, chinks, gun belts, conceal carry holsters, watch bands, covers for iPads and cell phones, motorcycle belts, and many more. They can do custom designs, decorations, fringe, initials and names, and add conchos.

You will find pictures on their website of many of the items they have available, or you can drop in to the store to see samples and finished pieces. For 20 years, the previous owner made and collected patterns, all of which they have, or you can show them your own design.

Paul and Melissa are able to make and repair English tack, which is all hand-sewn, a difference from Western tack. They will repair all types of saddles and tack as well as harnesses, including those for mini-horses.

Al Levey also taught them a system which enables prompt service. A pair of chinks might take 6 months somewhere else, but is available from Del Rio in 2-3 weeks. Because they travel to shooting competitions regularly, Melissa and Paul can take an order a few weeks before the event, then deliver it to the client. They are working on a catalog they can carry with them. Paul also has a portable sewing machine which he can carry to events to make leather repairs on the spot of many items.

Melissa and Paul want their clients to know that they care about their quality and their customers and their needs. "We carry the same quality and caring that we've had in our other businesses into this. We stand behind what we do. If there's a problem, we fix it. It's our reputation and our good name that we're putting out there."

There is a Del Rio website and Facebook page with photographs and more information. The drive out to Atlasta Ranch in Chino Valley is relaxing and you will get to meet the welcoming committee and see the shop for yourself. Give them a call!

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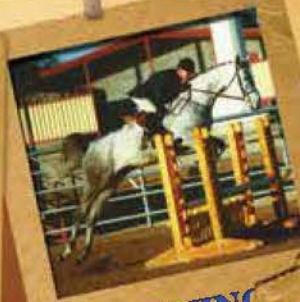
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John started riding at age 8 years at the Pebble Beach Pony Club. His first professional barn was in Carmel Valley in California. He was there 10 or 15 years, showing professionally, training horses and people. His first client was a woman in her 50's who bought a little 1/2 Arabian pleasure mare. He had numerous celebrity clients including actors, musicians and businessmen. Many of his clients became lifelong friends.

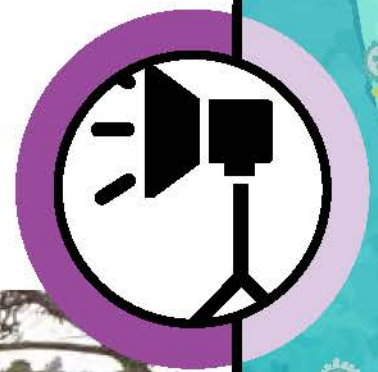
In the 1970's, Ginger Lindsay came to him in a wheel chair with multiple sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that causes nerve damage to the body. Ginger had been told she would never walk again, but she purchased a horse, Ivanhoe Bob, and vowed to ride. At first she had to ride with her feet tied to the stirrups and hands tied to the horn, with months of work on a lead. She had a "mountain of courage" and finally did learn to do trail riding and parades. She represented the barn in the Rose Parade one year.

Ivanhoe Bob was a remarkable horse who taught himself to compensate for Ginger's weaknesses, helping her ride. He was not a therapy horse, but he knew how to help this woman he cared about. "On October 19th, (1976) Ivanhoe Bob joined the immortals of the Horse World."

At Pinon Meadows, John teaches children and adults basic and advanced riding skills, as well as performance skills. He says it is a lot different to teach adults, something he didn't understand until he got into his 50's and realized that pains, aches and balance issues sometimes plague older folks. He laughs as he says this. He has taught beginners of all ages, including in their 70's.

Piñon Meadows Boarding and Training

Story and photos by Allie Werhan



1.) Traveler. 2.) John with Traveler. 3.) Arena. 4.) Traveler in his stall. 5.) John with the barn.

He now has a whole new teaching method so people stay on their horses and don't get hurt. "I've been so blessed to have met the founders of Natural Horsemanship, Tom and Bill Dorrance, whom I knew and worked with, who were my neighbors at one time, 'the cowboys next door'". John's multitude of wins, awards, and trophies reflect his own skill and knowledge and his philosophy of riding and training. He says, "You can't learn from a video. You have to practice in an arena with a live horse." A lot of it is timing, knowing when to do what.

When John left the horse-training industry a few years back, he became a professional resort manager in Sedona, AZ, at the Enchantment Resort. This new career financed his retirement and care of his mother who was living in Sedona until she was 97. He always had a horse or two in training during that time.

Retiring to Prescott, he found the Pinon Meadows property, which is accessible to "tons and tons" of trails and close to horse activities in this area. Back in the training business on a smaller scale, John says, "I have lived my career, and now I am doing this to create knowledgeable horse people." He teaches what he has learned over the years to clients, and is planning monthly clinics starting in March, beginning with "trail riding etiquette" as the first topic. Many trails are multi-use... dogs, hikers, horses, bicycles... which can create problems and challenges about safety concerns and manners and sharing the space.

John believes that people should practice their riding skills until the skills are second nature and imbedded in muscle memory to be available without having to think it through in the case of an emergency or potential accident.

Many new riders, he points out, are getting their first horses in their 40's and 50's and have no experience. He advises that these folks

especially should get a professional to help them choose a horse and prepare themselves to ride.

At Pinon Meadows he has 2 full-time employees, a manager, Wolf Spirit, who maintains the ranch, and a young woman, Yvette Mercado, who feeds and cleans two days a week, and helps John with grooming, exercising and related activities, and also Jordan Golen who is in a working student program and will be showing this season. He has 8 horses right now, but that number can change depending on boarders.

John's goal is to give good personalized attention to people and horses. His is a small family-oriented business where people can come to pleasure ride or trail ride on hundreds of acres, around other friendly, relaxed, safe, and knowledgeable people and horses.

John prepares a group of mature amateur ladies to show locally. He also has a group of junior riders who show locally, including Sam Sharp, who is competing throughout the state and has many championships already.

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Saddle Up! Riding the Arizona Trail

Story by Allie Werhan;

Photos Courtesy of Carol Fontana

Carol Fontana, endurance rider, will go where no equestrian has gone before, on a "thru-ride" of 800-plus miles of the Arizona Trail, from the Mexico border to the Utah State Line. The Arizona Trail is a National Scenic Trail which stretches from the southern to the northern border, and is comprised of 43 passages, each overseen by a steward who knows all the aspects of his/her passage.

Carol and her husband, John Hughes, of Prescott, have assembled an amazing team for their adventure, and put in countless hours researching every foot of the trail. The planning for this adventure is critical and immense. The trail traverses some of the most rugged, remote parts of Arizona, across mountains and deserts, and waterless stretches inhabited by elk, bears, lions, rattlesnakes, insects and every sharp, pointy plant you can imagine.

The ride is endorsed by Matt Nelson, Executive Director of the Arizona Trail Association, who praises Carol's and John's efforts to increase awareness of transitional shelters for women and families in Yavapai County. He says, "Through their outreach to community groups, media contacts, equestrian advocacy clubs and the entire outdoor community aligned through the Arizona Trail, I know their endeavor will be a grand success."

The Prescott Area Shelter Services helps people in need to use community resources to transition to permanent housing and jobs. Prescott Area Women's Shelter and Prescott Family Shelter both support those working to overcome poverty and homelessness. Katee Norris, the Program and Outreach Manager for PASS, says, "The need ...is great; we... rely on the generosity of the community." She is enthusiastic about this unique way to raise funds by supporting an exciting adventure.

Carol Fontana's support team has a truck with a trailer for the horse and mule, and a 27' rugged RV which can go anywhere. "This is not a race," she says. "We will take almost two months to make the ride." The dates are from April 2nd through the end of May, depending on whether they encounter snow on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

Carol's horse, Tiki Barber, was a racehorse from a famous farm in Virginia, Cree Run, the best Arabian racehorse farm in the country. Tiki was nominated as one of the top 5 Arabian racehorses in the country. He was quite a handful when she got him, and still is sometimes, but out in the middle of nowhere, he stops spooking and settles into the work at hand. He realizes the seriousness of the situation. "We love and trust one another and will make it work."

Her 7-year-old mule, Bella, new to the family, was acquired in February, hand-picked for Carol by Pete Mangum because of her athleticism and eagerness to go. She gets along beautifully with Tiki and is like a dancer on the trail. She doesn't spook and has a 4½-mile per hour walk.

Both equines will be well cared for. Her farrier will arrive whenever she calls him, and veterinarians will be on board and in contact throughout the whole trip. "The welfare of my animals is first and foremost," Carol states.

She and Tiki are experienced in endurance racing, and will alternate so neither will be on the trail for days at a stretch. Bella is an experienced trail mule, having worked at both Bryce and Grand Canyon. Some of the country is quite rugged and mountainous, so Carol and her team did reconnaissance rides and hiked the trails to see exactly what they will encounter. On parts of the rocky trail, the horse's feet were padded for protection.

"When you're out there alone with your animal, there is a connection you never get when you're on an endurance ride with 50 other riders, or even on a normal ride at Granite Mountain. You look around and see miles and miles of nothing. There's you and there's your horse. The horse knows your life depends on him and his on you. It is a real partnership."

The stewards of the passages of the Arizona Trail have been wonderful in providing information Carol's team needs to plan the complex itinerary. They communicate about water sources, a big issue in Arizona, and current trail conditions and other details. This ride has involved more planning than anything else



she's ever done. The season chosen for the ride, early spring, will avoid the monsoons and the rattlesnakes and bees, to get them to the Mogollon Rim. The annoying, ever-present Arizona wind is probably going to follow her north.

To keep in constant contact with her team, Carol will carry a locator beacon, a satellite phone, and GPS, and for protection, carry a gun, bear spray and pepper spray. The county sheriffs have been contacted about the days she will be in their areas, as well as have some of the ranchers.

For the first two days of the ride, Carol will have 2 other riders with her, but after that will ride alone. Riding alone is not generally recommended, but then most riders don't have the support team or the precautions available that Carol does. They will cache water if need be.

Carol's and John's dog, Fricka, will accompany her entourage and be there to greet her in the evening. Fricka is a hound mix with a beautiful bay whom they have had about 3 years, and is a United Animal Friends rescue.

The big kickoff for the trail ride will be on March 13, from 2 to 4 P.M., at the Prescott Fairgrounds, 848 Rodeo Drive in Prescott (see ad). People can make pledges, donations or sponsor the ride or trailheads at the kickoff. Every penny they raise will go to the PASS, for shelter services.

Carol explained why this cause is dear to her heart. Her mother raised three children by herself without any of the resources available today. She would do anything for her children. Carol saw the struggle her mother went through on a daily basis and says it is time to give back. "Homelessness can happen to anyone, and is nothing to be ashamed of," she says. "Helping the homeless is what this ride is about."

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- 1.) Fricka on a hike.
- 2.) Carol with Tiki getting a drink.
- 3.) Tiki is bonded with Carol.
- 4.) Carol and Tiki on the trail.
- 5.) Bella the Mule with Carol.



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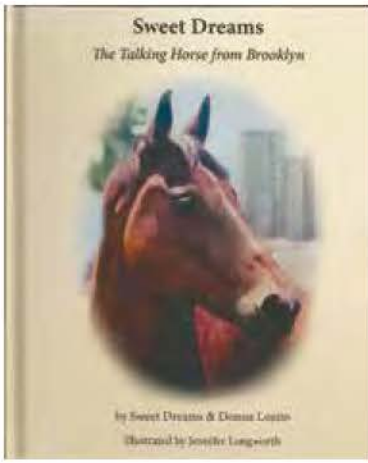
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Written by: Seet Dreams and Donna Lozito
Reviewed by Allie Werhan

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So Sweet Dreams, the horse, starts his book about teaching children how animals speak to each other –without words- and how "...people, especially children can understand animals."

This book, written for children, is simple enough for adults to understand. When Sweet Dreams becomes lame, he sends mental pictures to Donna, his person, to let her know what is wrong and what he needs to get well. These mind pictures are telepathy, communication without words, from one mind to another.

Most people have some experiences they would describe as telepathic. If your pet sits and stares at you, you may "feel" that he wants to go out, hurts, needs petted. You may be picking up on some body language or movement, or just have knowledge of your pet, but you don't know where that idea came from. It seems necessary for some type of feeling to exist between the person and the animal (or another person) for this communication to happen.

Donna learned to listen, took her horse's advice, and after a period of time in horse rehabilitation, Sweet Dreams healed and regained his strength so he and Donna could ride together again.

Donna and Sweet Dreams learned together to listen with purpose to each other's minds. The second message is that "...if you believe you can, then you can." There are other lessons, too, such as, "Animals think and feel," and "Children are more in tune to telepathic communication than adults."

But don't think that this simple, sweet book is a textbook; it's not. It is based on a true story and is filled with love and respect. The illustrations, by Jennifer Longworth, are lovely and meaningful, especially the pictures of Sweet Dreams. A meeting with Sweet Dreams will enrich an animal lover's life.



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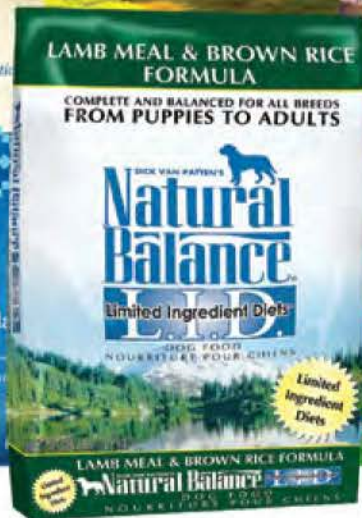
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And, then, we received this! The same generous donor that gave us the \$20,000 match also provided a fully reconditioned van large enough to haul and transport items needed for the ranch as well as dog food and a second means of taking dogs to the vet or groomer. Amazing gifts to begin 2016, a new chapter and tools to continue saving and changing the lives of animals in need.



Everyone at Circle L Ranch truly thanks the wonderful supporters who have so generously donated to *make our wish come true* -- not once but twice!



In January 2015, YHS purchased 7.3 acres in Chino Valley to begin an equine rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption program. The

property came with two substantial equine buildings and several smaller structures. However, the facilities were in poor condition and the utilities were not up to code. A great deal of work is required to make the property operational. Fortunately, there are many who share YHS' vision for establishing an equine rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption center. Over 80 volunteers joined YHS staff and Board Directors Jerry Kipp and Al Bryant to develop a business plan, a budget and the resolve to make the property operational. YHS is proud to announce a Grand Opening date of this facility on June 4, 2016.

YHS has successfully placed into loving homes 97 percent of all the homeless animals rescued over the past three years. To the best of our knowledge western Yavapai County is home to the only communities in the United States that have effectively ended the use of euthanasia, (or killing, as some prefer to call it), as a way to control pet overpopulation – making our community the most humane society in the nation for dogs and cats! That success, coupled with our community's compassion, made including equines in our mission to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of pets the right and natural thing to do. If you want to help support this program please send your lifesaving, tax deductible donation to the YHS Equine Initiative (1625 Sundog Ranch Road, Prescott 86301); or make your donation online at www.yavapaihumane.org/equine.

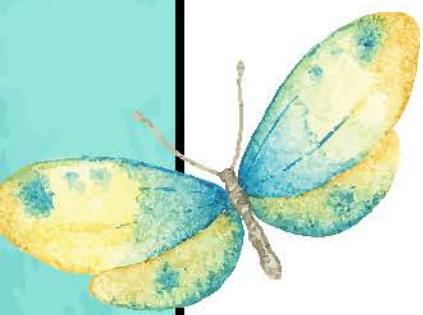


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A Tribute to Bernie, The Prescott Dog; A Shelter Dog Story

Story by Ann Herrington
Photos by friends of Bernie

Our kinship and reverence for animals is as old as human history; we have bonded with them for thousands of years. They give us unconditional love, loyalty and devotion, even risking their lives to save ours. Our shared understanding has grown over the years so that animals have become part of our families. We have grown in our ability to respect and protect them, which is the least they deserve after all that they give us.

This is a story I never wanted to write, but I need to share with you, our loyal readers; I know you will understand. In early December 2015, a routine visit to the vet found an anal sac carcinoma growing inside Bernie. My wonderful veterinarian, Dr. Batt, looked at me with pain in her eyes as she told me. I felt like I was in the Twilight Zone, hearing the words from an alternate universe. Out of nowhere and without any warning signs, my sweet boy had cancer, the most aggressive type he could get.

I spent all of December working with Dr. Batt as well as with my loving holistic veterinarian, Dr. Delia MacDonald. I also took him to an oncologist in Scottsdale to no avail. Bernie passed away the day after Christmas.

His life was cut short at 8 years. I was devastated. I still am but I'm focusing on all we did together and all the memories we shared and all our success with helping shelter animals. Bernie was a shelter dog who was always by my side. Here is our story...

Bernie was one in a million...my love for him and his for me was boundless. Our connection was very deep, like nothing I have ever experienced. I have loved other dogs but never like him...he got me! We could talk to each other without saying a word. We read each other's thoughts. He understood almost everything I said and listened intently as I spoke to him. He was the sweetest soul I have ever known and became my heart, the mascot and the soul of *The Prescott Dog*. Anatole France said, "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." Yes. Bernie awakened my soul and taught me patience, joy and most importantly, how to live in and for the moment.

He was the founding dog and canine writer for *The Prescott Dog*. Like his feature, "Bernie Barks," he always wanted to help people and other animals. We were on a mission together, to tell everyone about how wonderful shelter dogs are and how much potential they have to bring joy to their families. When I look into the eyes of a shelter or rescue dog, I see my sweet boy and remember the blessed day he came to live with me.

Like many shelter dogs, Bernie had gone through several homes before coming to me. Did you know that the average dog has 3 homes in his/her life? Such was the case with Bernie.

Bernie was brought to Prescott Animal Control (PAC) before the Yavapai Humane Society took over. Things were bleaker for animals in those days. Luckily for Bernie, United Animal Friends went to the shelter and brought dogs out to adoptions at different pet-related stores. Bernie was taken to Pet



1.) Bernie coming out of the water at Pacific Beach in San Diego. 2.) Bernie at 6 months old playing with Sophie. 3.) Ann and Bernie's first photo shoot.



Headquarters in Prescott Valley and shown for adoption.

My friend Pete was driving by Pet Headquarters and saw some dogs for adoption out front. He was not looking for another dog that day; he and his wife Lorri already had Sophie, a cute, sweet French bulldog. But when Pete saw Bernie, he knew he was special and he went home and told Lorri and she fell in love too. Bernie was about 6 mos. old and it appeared he had kennel cough and if taken back to the shelter, would have most likely been euthanized to prevent the spread of kennel cough through the shelter which would put every animal at risk. They really loved Bernie and cared for him, with Pete spending hours playing ball with Bernie, and Lorri taking him on walks everyday. Sophie also loved Bernie and she played with him everyday even though he was so much bigger than she was. He was so gentle with her and would let her do anything she wanted to him. He had the best disposition like that.

In April of 2008, I had lost my first shelter dog, Harley, who had introduced me to shelters and the plight of shelter animals in 1997 when I went to adopt a friend for my other dog, Haley. Haley had passed away before I moved to Prescott but Harley was with me until he was 12 years old. He had many health problems, and I had to let him go.

By then, Bernie was about 18 months old and upon hearing of the loss of Harley and the struggle I was having

with it, Lori called me to see if I might want a visit from Bernie who she said was so sweet and would make me feel better. I was hesitant but agreed saying, "Well, ok, but I'm not keeping him" and the next day, Bernie came over with his food and all his toys. Suffice it to say, he never left and that began our incredible life together.

When I got Bernie, everything changed...I felt happy again and because of him, I launched *The Prescott Dog* in 2008. During that time, I took a job in hospice where the owners were big animal lovers and allowed us to bring our dogs to work. Bernie went to work with me everyday and became the office mascot, walking around visiting all the employees and sometimes enticing them into a game of ball. The General Manager taught him to throw the ball up on her desk so she could throw the ball to him. He never forgot that and I think some of the other employees had wished she hadn't taught him that! He was a great mood elevator to a lot of people, especially me, and having him with me everyday was a dream come true.

One day, I took Bernie to the inpatient unit with me and a lady who was visiting with her mom, a patient, asked if Bernie could come in and visit her and her mom. He walked right in the room and that was the beginning of Bernie visiting patients and their families on a regular basis. Bernie loved everyone and was always very attentive to people's emotions. Like he did for me, Bernie made other





people "feel better" and he eventually became a registered therapy dog. He always knew who needed him and I witnessed him sitting with people many times quietly loving and comforting them. The nurses began requesting that Bernie be brought over to spend time with certain patients. It really was the most amazing thing I have ever seen and so fulfilling. If we humans could only communicate like dogs do! They know the right things to do without being able to say a word. Bernie and I also attended the Bradshaw Mountain Special Olympics and brought many of our therapy dog friends there to meet and greet the Olympians in the Pavilion and keep them company while they waited for their turn to compete. We marched in the parade with them in the opening ceremonies and it was an exhilarating day for everyone! What a gift these special animals are and how lucky we are to have them.

We had so many adventures together...I took him to the beach for the first time in 2012. I needed a break so I rented a little apartment just blocks from the Pacific Beach Dog Beach in San Diego, California. Bernie was a natural and loved every moment of it. He ran in the water, romping with other dogs and playing for hours. I could barely drag him away, he loved it so much. He wrote about his "summer vacation" in his "Bernie Barks" feature, with lots of great pictures. I will never forget that trip!

Another beach trip included Bernie's BFF, Savannah, my daughter's black Lab. At Rocky Point Mexico, they romped on the beach for days. Obviously, Bernie was a beach bum!

Bernie was a Frisbee freak! He knew how to play ball but one day, my friend Jill and I decided to try him with a Frisbee. Two throws and he figured it out and he never stopped. He wanted to play every day all day. People used to laugh at his laser beam focus on that Frisbee as he never took his eye off of it when you were getting ready to throw it and rarely ever missed catching it! He was a great athlete. We took agility classes and he did well with that too.

People sometimes feel guilt about having to euthanize their beloved pet. "Did I do the right thing? Maybe I should have waited." What I realized is that whatever we do, our pet understands that we love them and are making the very best decision for them that we can out of that love. They understand, especially when it comes to pain and lack of a quality of life.

Bernie was full of life and that awful disease took it from him. Saying goodbye was the worst thing I had to do. We have the right to grieve their loss in whatever way we want and for however long it takes. Although that is heartbreaking, we need to remember to celebrate their lives and all that they have taught us. I truly believe they are our spiritual teachers. They love us unconditionally, validate us and enrich our lives in so many ways.

I think shelter dogs know that we saved them and, like the car magnet I have seen that says, "Who saved who?", they often are really the ones that ultimately save us from a lonely life, a life without unconditional love, a life without joy or fun. They teach us to be present in the moment, the way they live.



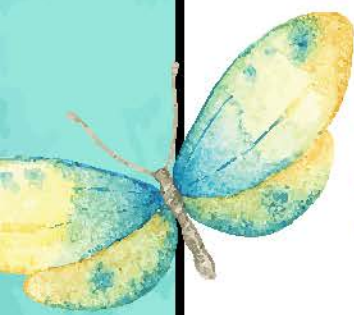
4.) Bernie sharing his love at the Special Olympics. 5.) Bernie with BFF Savannah at Rocky Point. 6.) Ann's Grandson Sam & Bernie at the park. 7.) Bernie romping in the snow. 8.) Ann & Bernie at Goldwater Lake. 9.) Bernie retrieving a stick. 10.)Bernie taking a break from frisbee with his doggles.

I try never to say never but I don't know that I will ever have a dog again, especially one like Bernie. He was so smart, so loving, so much fun and he seemed to always be smiling and so was I when I was with him. He motivated me and made me want to be a better human being because I wanted to be as good as he was.

When I think of him today, I think of the story from my favorite book, *The Art of Racing in The Rain*. The book is told from the perspective of Enzo, the dog, who tells us, "In Mongolia, when a dog dies, he is buried high in the hills so people cannot walk on his grave. The dog's master whispers into the dog's ear his wish that the dog will return as a man in his next life." Not all dogs return as men, they say, only those who are ready. Enzo says, "I am ready." He knows he is different from other dogs, a philosopher with a nearly human soul. That was my Bernie, he seemed almost human to me, and he understood pretty much everything I said. He was incredible.

Although Bernie is gone, I will never forget him and all he taught me. I know he is still around and visits me often in my dreams. My goal is to continue the mission that he and Harley taught me about shelter dogs, cats and equines, and to continue spreading that word as far as I can and as long as I am breathing. These animals end up in shelters through no fault of their own. I would like to ask for your help in continuing this mission with me by supporting rescue and shelter organizations and to spread the word about how important it is to spay and neuter and adopt from a shelter or rescue group. Whether it is through financial support or volunteering, you can make a difference...we did.





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So hug your fur babies tonight just a little tighter and tell them how much you love them, as you just never know what fate has in store for you tomorrow.

Thank you everyone who sent flowers and cards, which are all on my coffee table with Bernie's ashes. They mean so much to me in a time of grief and it comforts me to look at them and remember.

I miss you my beloved boy and know I will see you again when it is my time. I love you and miss you more than I can say...you were pure love and it was my greatest joy that you let me share your life!

When Bernie was at the end, we travelled to Las Vegas to spend Christmas with all of our family not realizing that he would not make it back with me. We were very fortunate to find Dr. Toby Goldman from Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice who was so loving, patient and kind and provided the most peaceful passing to Bernie surrounded by our family at my daughter's home there. Dr. Toby gave me a beautiful book with so many loving ideas to celebrate Bernie's life and some wonderful poems. Thank you to Lap of Love for giving me permission to share one of them with you. It has given me great comfort.

My Dear Family,

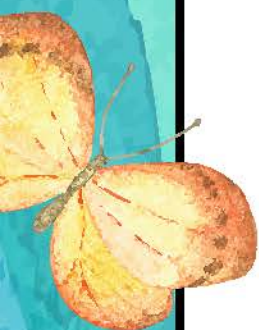
Today I am as I was meant to be: young, energetic, full of life and able to explore everything around me. My legs work perfectly, there is no more pain, and I can run, jump, and play with all my friends. Most of all, there is no regret, no aging and no confusion.

I ask that you not grieve for the loss of what we shared but rejoice in the fact that we lived and loved each other with unconditional adoration. One touch or kiss from you, one pat on the head, one favorite treat, was all that was needed for a lifetime of unwavering commitment from me to love you and cherish you until my time had come. I am grateful and thankful that our lives merged and we were able to share such special moments together.

I will await your arrival as we are always meant to be together. Please do not hold onto the love that you shared with me, but share it with another so that I may live on forever in your heart. Remember, to have loved and lost is better than to have never loved at all.

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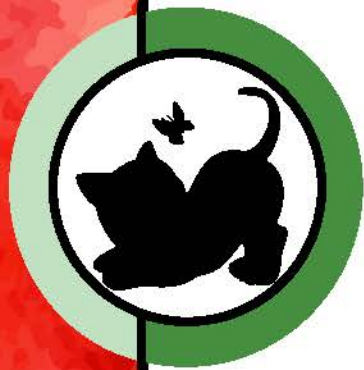
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Kitty Miracle

Story by Allie Werhan;
Photos by Barbara

If you don't already believe in miracles, you may by the time you finish this story.
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Barbara lived a normal life, growing up on a ranch in Colorado, eventually moving to Arizona, raising two children, traveling around the country. She participated in arts and crafts shows, was an EMT in Mayer, Az, traveled some more and ended up in Prescott.

She found a nice duplex in Cordes Lakes, Az, and moved there with her sweetheart, where she continued with her normal life, growing a garden, potting flowers, baking, and becoming a jewelry designer and maker of fiber arts.

This is Kitty Korner, you are saying, what about the cat? When Barbara moved into her home in Cordes, she met a lovely longhaired black and white cat with 2 kittens. They were feral cats, although Mama Lovey was friendly and had been socialized to enjoy people. Her kittens, Buddy Bear and Baby White, were less than two months old. She brought them to Barbara's back door for food and water. They grew up and Baby White, a beautiful girl with a gorgeous face, got in the family way, eventually became Zoe, was socialized and she and her babies were adopted through United Animal Friends. Buddy wanted nothing to do with people.

Mama Lovey became pregnant again too. Barbara said, "Enough is enough," and made Mama come into the house and stay there. The only problem was the resident cat, who didn't like having the new cats inside.

On March 11, 2011, Mama had 5 tiny boys under Barbara's bed, right next to the cozy warm box Barbara had prepared for her. The kittens were healthy and very cute. As they grew, it became quite a spectacle when all five little boys thought it was time to eat and lined up to yell for food. What a racket. They were part Turkish Van, as is Mama, and Anthony especially was a wonderful singer. Their sparkly unique personalities filled the home with kitten fun.

Mama Lovey had become the love of Barbara's life.

After the babies were weaned, Mama Lovey was spayed and allowed to go outside again. She loved to hunt and was very good at it, specializing in rodents. Her little boys were adopted through UAF, and all found good homes.

Meanwhile, Buddy Bear, aka Stinky because he wouldn't let Barbara touch him, continued to eat at the back step and hang out with his mother in the garden. He loved to lurk beneath the pepper plants and watch for bugs. (Mama preferred the tomato plants.)

Barbara made plans to move to Virginia to be near family, and so she found a good home for Mama (UAF again) with a lady who wanted an indoor-outdoor cat who was a good mouser. Buddy was too elusive and refused to be trapped, so it was with a broken heart that Barbara left him behind in the yard.



- 1.) Buddy Johnson.
- 2.) Mama Lovey.
- 3.) Cuddle puddle - 5 babies.
- 4.) The twins, Anthony & Omar.
- 5.) Mama Lovey and Buddy Bear.

We are getting to the miracle part now.

The plans to live in Virginia didn't work out, so Barbara decided to come back to Cordes Lakes. She had left her furniture in the duplex for the landlord to sell, but none had been sold and the house was still vacant. Barbara moved back in and took up where she had left off.

The same week she told a UAF friend that she was returning, her friend told her that Mama Lovey refused to go outside so her adopter wanted to return the cat. Did Barbara want her back? "Oh, my, yes!" Barbara shouted.

As soon as Barbara was back in her house, her friend brought Mama Lovey to her, saying, "You have a very depressed unhappy girl here. It will take many days, even weeks, for her to readjust to you." Within 2 minutes Mama Lovey was eating treats out of Barbara's hand, and meowing and purring. She had been waiting for her old life back, and now she had it.

Mama Lovey wanted to go outside immediately, but Barbara made her wait a few days. Then Mama went out, sat down and cried. In only a few moments, she ran into the yard and brought Buddy Bear back with her. "Meow! Meow! Meow!" they said, and Buddy let Barbara pet him. Did Mama know Buddy was still there? Maybe. She is a cat, after all.

Buddy followed Mama to the door, Barbara fed them, and all was well. For a long time Buddy wouldn't come inside but he let Barbara pet him. That closeness grew; Buddy came inside and turned from a rough and tumble outdoor cat to...mush.

Barbara put him into a carrier and got him altered. He has a big blanket-lined basket near the sliding door where he naps through the day. He loves to sleep in the house at night, be brushed and play with toys. He is a huge, very longhaired boy who still likes to go outside sometimes but stays close to home, snoozing under the pepper plants with his white toes gleaming and Mama Lovey near by.



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MARNEY

I'm a small black female kitty with gold eyes and a shiny coat. I like head rubs and feather wands and toys. I need to be the only cat. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



TATINA

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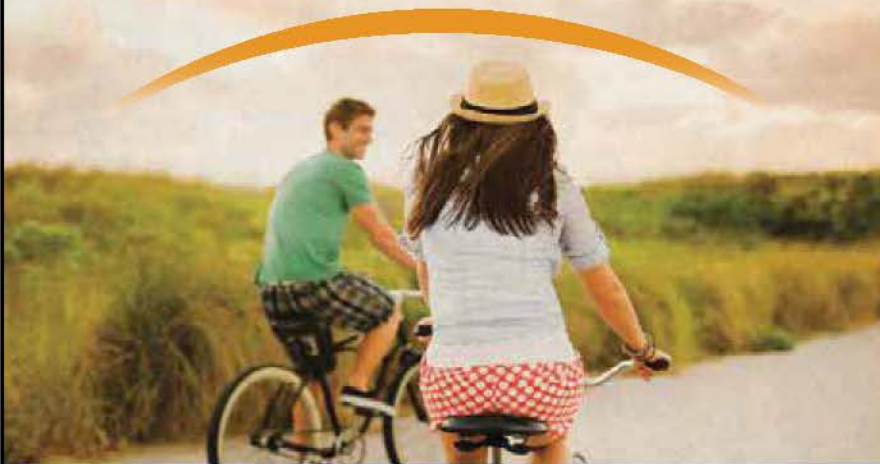
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That Funny Looking Dog

Story and Photos by Allie Werhan

When Gary Sampson took Lizzie to the Yavapai Humane Society Clinic for her vaccinations, he encountered a little boy who was looking at all the animals. "Wow," he said when he saw Lizzie, "that's a funny looking dog." Lizzie is a happy little dog in her forever home now, and while the groomer, veterinarian, and little boys may think she is funny looking, she is a cute terrier mix with very long eyebrows and lots of enthusiasm for life.

A couple of years ago, things were not so great for Lizzie. United Animal Friends had rescued her from New Mexico, but she had parvo and it took tender love and medical care to prepare her for adoption. The Sampsons, Linn and Gary, adopted her in August 2014, at the age of 6 or 8 months.

Lizzie is their 3rd dog, by a very happy chance. Bonnie, their older Scottie, was ill, suffering, they thought, from the aging process, and they feared the worst. Mac, the younger Scottie, was very confused and fearful when he came to them, and Bonnie was his anchor and lifeline. He slept with Bonnie, ate with her, went outside or stayed in with her. If something happened to Bonnie, what would he do? Last summer, they began to look for another little female dog, and found Lizzie.

They took Bonnie to their veterinarian, Dr. Pauletto at Prescott Animal Hospital, and discovered that Bonnie had 4 very infected teeth. After the teeth were removed and Bonnie recovered, they found they had their happy little perky-for-a-12-year-old Bonnie back, and were a 3-dog family.

Lizzie, a wonderful dog, loves to run. That's great when she is at the dog park, but at home they have to be extremely careful when opening the door. "She has managed to get away from us on several occasions," Gary said. "In the summer she's back in 20 minutes because she gets thirsty, but in the cooler weather it may be half an hour. When she gets out, Mac usually gets out with her, although he doesn't do it by himself. It shows he is not so dependent on Bonnie as he used to be, and he really needs the exercise, but we don't want them running around encountering javelina, traffic or coyotes."

Bonnie doesn't play, but Lizzie and Mac romp through the house together. After dinner they get up on their big doggy bed and take turns being the victim in a play fight. Gary laughed as he related the stories of how the two play. Mac is totally happy with Lizzie's games. Sometimes she scolds Mac with yippy sounds as if she's nagging.

At first, Mac tried to bully Lizzie, but after a few days, she'd had enough and told him so. They worked it out and are best buddies now.

Rescue dogs have had experiences the new owners can't know. The first time she heard the word, "sit," Lizzie promptly sat down. She is leash trained and not afraid of people, quite loving and friendly. Someone cared for her in the past.

She has a strange voice, like a bay or howl. Mac hears her and breaks into a beautiful howl. The dogs will imitate the coyotes when they hear them, and sometimes sound better! Gary explained that twice a day, Lizzie gets the Scotties together for choir practice to develop their talents.

The Sampson's back yard is hilly, with many terraced areas planted with flowers and shrubs. There is a rustic rail fence, but it is covered with wire and electrified on top so the coyotes or other animals can't get in. The dogs leave the fence alone, playing safely in their wooded yard.

Linn and Gary retired to Prescott in Nov., 2000. They checked out several places, including Wickenburg, AZ, where Gary had spent his



1.) Gary with Mac and Lizzy, Linn with Bonnie. 2.) Bonnie, Age 12. 3.) Lizzy. 4.) Gary Sampson with Lizzy. 5.) Bonnie with Mac.

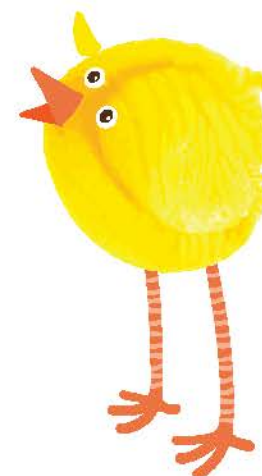
teen years, before choosing Prescott. When Linn saw the Square, she said, "This is it!" They wanted a town with a heart, not just a strip on the highway. They wanted to be within two hours of an airport, away from freeways, in a town with a college, good library system, and few open spaces, where one could live privately.

"We really love our dogs, and our lives pretty much revolve around their schedule. They breakfast at 6 a.m. and have dinner at 5 p.m. We walk them, take them places and spend a lot of time with them." The dogs take glucosamine and brewer's yeast daily.

Linn is "kind of tech-y" and belongs to the computer society and the Northern Arizona Genealogy group. Gary enjoys tennis and they both bowl. Gary tells on Linn: "She has

probably attended 96% to 97% of all the yard sales in the area."

Both appreciate the efforts of UAF to make sure that dogs, family and home are all a good match, where each animal can find its niche and all the people can understand and enjoy their pets. Lizzie has found her niche...at the top!



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It was developed to protect against the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake but because of the similarities in their venom it also protects against the Western Rattlesnake (including Prairie, Great Basin, Northern and Southern Pacific Rattlesnake), Sidewinder, Timber Rattlesnake, Massasauga and the Copperhead. It does not protect against the Green Mohave or Water Moccasin.

How does the vaccine work?

The vaccine helps dogs generate a protective antibody against rattlesnake venom. The protective antibodies start neutralizing venom immediately. This means that the vaccinated dog experiences less pain, less swelling, less tissue damage, a faster recovery and has a reduced risk of permanent injury. There are certain factors that may influence the antibody effectiveness against venom including the location of the bite and the amount of venom injected.



Helpful Tips to Avoid a Rattlesnake Encounter

1. Keep your dog on a leash while hiking or camping.
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Prescott Valley's 'Joey' Set the Standard for K9 Officers Who Came After Him

By Heidi Dahms Foster



DOGS IN BLUE: THE K-9 BEAT



1.) Office Paul Hines with Joey. 2.) Joey. 3.) Retirement ceremony for Joey at Kennel Kamp (2011).

In January, the Town of Prescott Valley and Officer Paul Hines lost a long beloved member of the community and its police department.

Belgian Malinois K9 Joey passed away at the ripe old age of 14. He was retired in January 2011 at age 9 after a stellar career with the Prescott Valley Police. His longevity was a testament of the care local veterinarians provide the K9s, and the continuing care of Hines and his family.

In 2003, the department was looking to expand its K-9 program, and after finding Joey, purchased him with money from a grant through the Yavapai County Community Foundation. Joey started working for the PVPD in 2004. He racked up an impressive record of drug, money and property seizures. According to Prescott Valley Police records, throughout his career, Joey located 1,300 pounds of marijuana, 26 pounds of methamphetamine, 10 pounds of cocaine and 50 grams of heroin with a combined street value of more than \$1.7 million. He assisted in the seizure of 683 vehicles involved in criminal activity and more than 1,000 arrests. He had

several criminal apprehensions to his credit, including catching a felon in 2010 in Chino Valley for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

Hines received the 2007 Community Policing Ribbon for his work in integrating the K-9 program into the community. Hines and Joey were a capable team of drug recognition experts, and became a part of callouts for PVPD's Special Response Team, PANT, and many neighboring agencies, as well as visiting schools and community events to educate the public on the role of the Police K-9 team.

As Joey reached eight and nine years old, despite his training, excellent skills, and passion for his work, he began to slow down. In a police situation, that could have jeopardized his safety and that of his handler. That's when the tough decision to retire the dog came about.

Joey and Hines, along with Hines' wife and sons and a host of admirers, attended a retirement ceremony on Jan. 27, 2011 during a town council meeting at the Prescott Valley Civic Center. During the ceremony, Hines paid \$1

to the town to officially purchase Joey and take responsibility for his care.

During the ceremony, Hines told the audience that he had promised Joey to his son Peyton, at which time he handed the leash to the excited boy and stepped back to wipe a few tears from his eyes.

After his retirement, Joey made a host of retirement appearances and received accolades from his admirers. The hard working employees of Yavapai Exceptional Industries crafted and presented him with a palatial doghouse to enjoy in his retirement years.

Upon Joey's retirement, a Prescott Valley Police commander said, "Joey has set the standard for what we look for in K-9s. He has set the bar high, and he'll be sorely missed."

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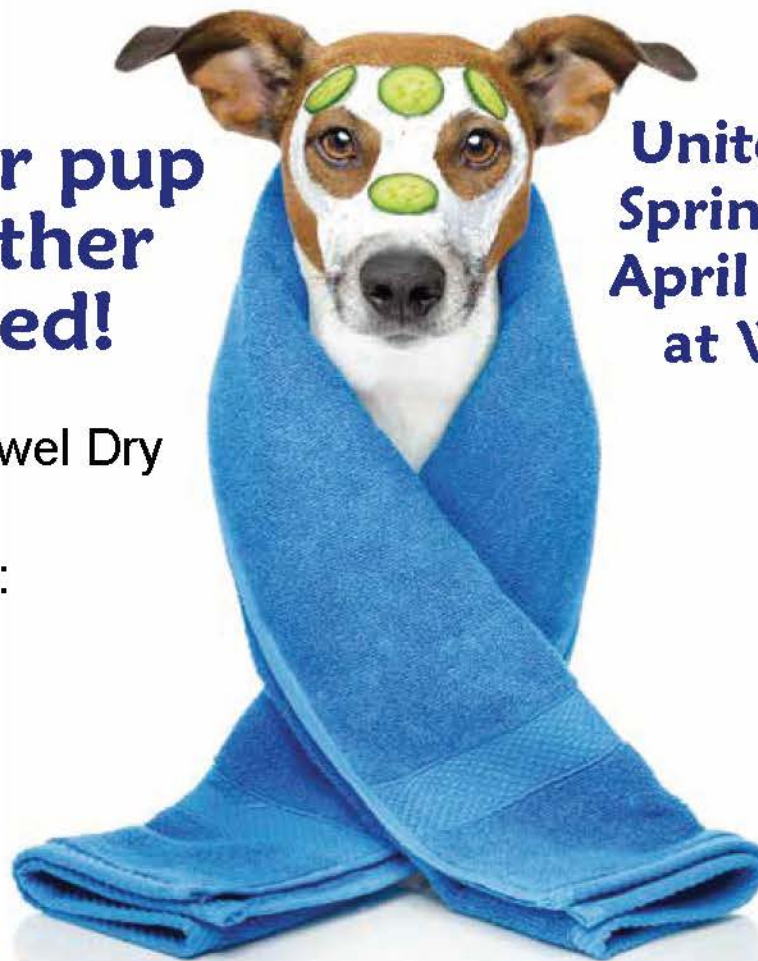
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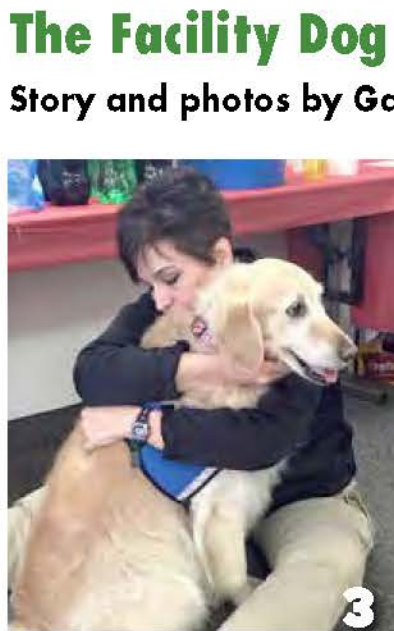


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1.) "Paisley" enjoying her Retirement Ceremony. 2.) Calvin. 3.) Staff Member Lara saying thank you to "Paisley" with a big hug. 4.) Calvin showing some love.

What is a Facility Dog? A Facility Dog is a highly trained canine working with one or more facilitators/handlers in a special environment, and that is trained to provide specific tasks to help motivate and enhance certain goals for particular people as well as comfort, companionship and love to those in need.

Environments where Facility Dogs are most beneficial are agencies such as child advocacy organizations, educational facilities, especially with at-risk students, counseling settings and more.

A Facility Dog will spend the day "at work" with their facilitator/handler, and be ready to perform their duties when called upon. Some of these duties include sitting with a young child while offering comfort and attention as investigators talk to them about sensitive subjects, or perhaps putting their head on the lap of an adult as they discuss issues with a counselor.

Facility Dogs are trained to a very high standard with skills comparable to a Service Dog. However, a Facility Dog is NOT a Service Dog and does not have the same rights and privileges as a Service Dog outside the facility where it works. Although the Facility Dog performs many of the same functions as a Therapy Dog, it is NOT a Therapy Dog.

Therapy Dogs generally must pass an evaluation process at which time they are "registered" with a certain Therapy Dog organization. There are certain training organizations that will "certify" a Facility Dog after a long period of instruction and training not only for the dog but also for facilitator/handler.

The Facility Dog must be able to respond to commands from one or more facilitators/handlers as well as know multiple commands that will assist in the goals of the professional it is working with. This means that the facilitator/handler must be trained not only in how to properly use a Facility Dog during sensitive and sometimes emotional interventions but also how to give proper instruction and continued training to the Facility dog.

Let me tell you about a particular Arizona Facility Dog named "Paisley" and you will have a better idea of how these wonderful canines change lives.

Paisley, a Golden Retriever, has been working as a Facility Dog for the Department of Child Safety (formerly known as Child Protective Services) since December of 2013. Prior to that, "Paisley" worked at another child advocacy organization known as Childhelp starting in 2007. I had the good fortune to not only be involved with Paisley's training but

also her placement and continued training while on the job.

Paisley went to work at the Department of Child Safety just about every day and then returned home at night with her facilitator/handler who was also her family. During Paisley's time on the job, she brought comfort and love to many children who were going through extremely difficult times. Paisley would sit with those children while investigators had to conduct very sensitive and at times emotional interviews. And all the time, Paisley would stay with the child giving them comfort as well as something non-judgmental to hold on to.

Paisley also would engage the child in play which was an important calming technique during those difficult times. Simply throwing the ball for Paisley or rolling around on the floor with this big furry Golden was a great way to reduce stress for the child.

As you can imagine, working in such a job could be very stressful for the human element as well. So, in comes "Paisley" to bring some comfort, love and positive attention to the staff of this type of facility whose day is otherwise surrounded by negativity.

But this isn't the only duty that a Facility Dog such as Paisley performs. Not so long ago, Paisley was asked to accompany a young child to a courtroom where testimony had to be given by the young child. Paisley had no problem accompanying this child to Court, sitting with the child during and after the testimony and providing that comfort and love

during a very scary moment for the child. Paisley performed this task like the professional that she is.

Paisley has recently decided that she will retire from her duties as Facility Dog for the Department of Child Safety and spend her days as a full-time family dog who relaxes at home while waiting for her people to be with her for the evening and weekends. Everyone agrees that Paisley deserves this new life, perhaps on her back, upside down, against the wall getting in some good nap time.

Because of the immense benefit Paisley has been to this organization, a request was made for a replacement to Facility Dog "Paisley."

At Paisley's Retirement Ceremony, the Department of Child Safety was introduced to their new Facility Dog In-Training "Calvin," a six month old GoldenDoodle. Although Calvin will be in training for many months, it looks like he definitely has what it takes, both temperament and personality.

Facility Dogs play an important and beneficial role in the world of K-9's assisting their humans. When you watch a Facility Dog in action, it is as if the emotional stress that a person is feeling is absorbed by these furry creatures.

So much more could be said about the wonderful service that the Facility Dog performs as well as many stories about their work. But suffice it to say, they are truly awesome!!!






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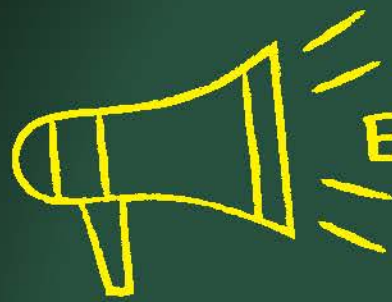
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She and I

By Cherie L. Dreves

One Sunday morning in mid-March of 1993 "The au pair" arrived. As I looked out our front window, in the distance I saw my five-year-old carrying something white. As she drew closer, I could see the jostling of a little white body with legs and ears. She was beautiful and she had come to us. Two young girls had given K. D. Bear to my daughter. "Just tell your mommy you found her." The truth came out the next morning on the way to school. My daughter was worried that I wouldn't let her stay but at that point I wouldn't have dreamt of ever letting her go. I was in love.

Bear became my au pair. She inserted herself into every facet of my life. She was my home improvements foreman, my paperwork partner, my sous chef and my ever present "sugar bear." Together we raised my daughter while Bear was raising me. Bear was always right there.

My position took me away from home, a lot. Back home, Bear waited patiently at the top of the stairs for my return. I was told she rarely moved from that post without intense coaxing. I really missed being at home with my girls. Each night I would call, talk to my mom, who was "playing my wife", then my daughter, who would hold the phone so I could talk to Bear. Many times she talked back to me. While I was away, she grew into this dignified, stately beauty, the most lady-like dog I had ever known.

We relocated to Phoenix in Sept 1995. Because we were from San Antonio, there were a few things that we needed to overcome; the intense heat of the sidewalks, lack of grass in our yard and the lack of regular rainfall. Our solution was to make it rain ourselves. I would hold the garden hose straight up so that it would rain on Bear and me. It seemed to help ease our homesickness and it was fun.

Between Christmas and Valentine's Day there isn't much in the way of children's celebrations. Our solution was to make up our own. Bear turned three on February 1, 1996, so to celebrate we bought party hats and a cake, which Bear loved and had a special dinner, all in Bear's honor. We continue this tradition with all of our dogs.

Though many things changed from 1993 to 1997, when we relocated to the Prescott area, one thing that remained the same was the love and loyalty Bear showered upon me. Children grow, houses change, jobs change, but the centering constant in my life was Bear.

K. D. Bear had her own chaise lounge in front of the window, she loved chicken, she didn't like to go for walks and she got carsick. She was known for her kind manner mixed with a little stubborn streak.



In 2005, a big year for us, Bear turned 12 in February, my daughter graduated high school in June and relocated to Ohio and I was off to New York at the end August. Bear started feeling bad in mid- August. We went to the vet. She seemed fine after so I went ahead with my plans. The vet called me while I was in NYC to see how Bear was doing. All the reports I got from home indicated Bear was fine.

I flew home on Labor Day, and Bear was fine till Wednesday evening when she lost her ability to stand. I was in denial. She would be fine, she's just weak. I could not bring myself to call the vet. I finally found the courage Thursday afternoon and asked them to come Friday evening.

Bear and I spent every moment possible together from Wednesday evening till Friday evening. September is usually warm and breezy, our favorite time to be out on the porch, which we had done for so many years. I could see the end coming and I wasn't the least bit ready. We sat quietly in the living room, listening to the breeze in the mulberry tree out front. By the time the vet arrived, I was bracing Bear's wither with my thigh so that she could

1.) Lady Bear. 2.) Cherie with Bear. 3.) Cherie, Bear and Lauren. 4.) Polar Bear.

hold her head high, as her dignified manner required. We all just sat quietly for a few minutes, and she was gone. Freed from her earthly ailments she was headed to that "one tree hill" where I know I will see her again.

After a sleepless night and a day of all out mourning, at 6 P.M., I went out to the back porch, turned on the stereo and for the next 2 hours listened to the cast of *A Prairie Home Companion* deliver a eulogy for my Bear. The 9/10/2005 show is in the archives. There is a very transitional story about the ever-changing roles of our lives.

I am not ashamed to say, I cried away the better part of 6 months. I believe that period was the loneliest part of my life. K.D. Bear was a rescue. She came homeless from the park. Through her life she opened the door for several other beloved rescued dogs to join our family. We have loved each and every one, but K.D. Bear was different than the rest. I don't feel my life would have been the same has I not shared it with this special dog.



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