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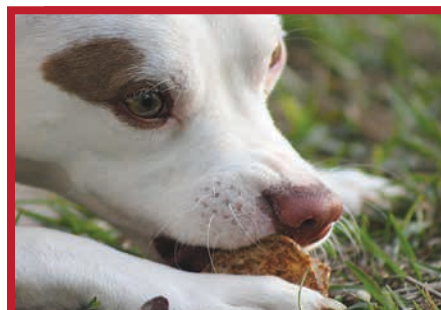
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# THE PRESCOTT DOG

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**Heidi Dahms Foster** - Dogtoberfest 2016 Photographer; No Living Dogs as Gifts

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**Allie Werhan** - Cover Story; What Do I Give Phydo?; What's a Barn Hunt?; Seniors & Their Pets; Business Spotlight; Book Review; Because Every Animal Deserves a Chance

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## The Prescott Dog Staff & Writers



**Cherie L. Dreves - Publisher/Editor** 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.



**Allie Werhan - Editor** Allie was born loving animals and trying to rescue them. (Can we keep him? He followed me home.) After several careers including teaching and retail management, she is now a part-time writer. Allie coordinated the cat program for United Animal Friends for years. Some of her best friends are dogs. The cat is her boy, Scamper, who is a Maine Coon mix, about 7 years old, and a love.



**Bobbi Leverich - Dog Training** Bobbi is the Executive Director of Prescott Area Shelter Services which provides temporary, emergency shelter to women and women with children. She is also a long-time dog enthusiast and trainer whose passion has always been helping homeless pets and people. Her years working at a service dog organization showed her what dogs and people can accomplish when they partner together, which led her to become a certified Canine Good Citizen tester. Bobbi is also a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT).



**Briana Lonas - Pet Health Tips** Briana Lonas lives with her husband John and two dogs - a Labrador/hound mix and a Border Collie/Pembroke Corgi mix. Aside from also raising a horse and chickens, she enjoys researching animal safety issues and natural remedies in tandem with traditional medicine. She feels that our furry family members are happiest when they are healthy.



**Cheryl Hartz - On The Trail** Cheryl Hartz is a tree and animal hugger, an award-winning writer and photographer and a 30-year resident of Prescott Valley. She has hiked extensively with only minor bumps, bruises and sunburns. She was the Arizona Game & Fish Outdoor Writer of the Year for 2014.



**Gary DeGeronimo - K-9 Service Corner and Training** Gary has been a Canine Behavior Specialist for close to 30 years and has been involved with many aspects of the canine world from training to shelter administration. He is currently the Founder/Director of Training for Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, a non-profit charitable organization providing trained and qualified service dogs for those in need, with a particular focus on children with autism.



**Heidi Dahms Foster - Dogs in Blue: The K-9 Beat** Heidi has lived in the greater Prescott/Prescott Valley area since fourth grade. She has been involved with dogs her entire life, and shares her home with husband Randy and a houseful of critters. She recently changed careers after 27 years with Prescott Newspapers, Inc. and now works as Communications Relations Coordinator for the Town of Prescott Valley. She enjoys keeping her hand in writing about and photographing dog activities and events.



**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.



**Rita Thompson-Tinsley - Equine Contributor** After a career in broadcast advertising and production, Rita and family moved from a ranch in Texas where she raised Nubian goats, retired show lambs, miniature donkeys, llamas and horses, to Arizona. She currently resides in Dewey with her husband, three horses and two rescue labs. Her equestrian and western writing has been featured in Arizona publications as well as an international magazine for cowgirls.

## From the Pack Leader

Hello and Happy Holidays from our home to yours.

2016 has been a big year for our family and The Prescott Dog Magazine. My long-held dream came true on February 19th. That's the day that the magazine officially became ours; my husband David and I. The sale presented the opportunity for us to use our "day job skills" to continue giving voice to a cause which we both hold dear, that of animals and rescues in particular.

The theme for the year could be summed up in two words; new and more. New ownership, new staff, new contributors and new rack locations. More news, more pages of pets for adoption, more features and more circulation. I hope that the changes have excited you too!

Prescott Dog Magazine also hosts two adoption festivals each year. WOOFstock in Prescott Valley and DOGtoberfest, in Prescott. Both had milestone anniversaries this year, 5th and 10th respectively. Both events provide a fun atmosphere for all ages, as we celebrate "all things dog" but at its heart the festivals provide a stage for loving, deserving dogs from all over Arizona, to find their forever homes. We are honored to report that hundreds and hundreds of dogs have found their forever homes during these events over the years.

All of these milestones are meaningless without the most important factor...You!

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your continued support of Prescott Dog Magazine, WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest. I encourage each of you to let us know how we're doing. The staff and I welcome your continued comments and story ideas, through post or email. We cherish each one and respond to many. You are truly the eyes and ears of the magazine. We appreciate that!

It takes a community. The real work that takes place to make "the Dog" run is gladly done by a community of award-winning writers, photographers, and designers. I could not have hand picked a better, more knowledgeable group of individuals to carry out our mission. My gratitude to each of you.

My deepest gratitude goes to Ann Harrington, founder of The Prescott Dog. Ann has been a tireless advocate for animal welfare throughout her career. Eight years ago when Ann created the magazine she created a mouthpiece for those that didn't have a consistent voice; the animals and the rescue groups that help them, in our communities. That tradition will continue. We wish Ann all the best in her retirement!

What does the future hold? In a perfect world every companion animal would be in a wonderful, loving, forever home. Most of us know that our current world is not perfect. Until the day comes when we set the world to right, we will be in this fight, a fight to give voice to the voiceless, innocent creatures that have been entrusted to us humans, where they can live the lives that they were intended to live. Until that day, we'll be there.

Peace, Love, Dogs,  
Cherie

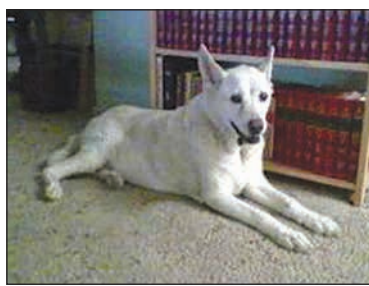
P.S. Here are a few photos of my girls.



peace love dogs



Lady Bear,  
Cherie, & Lauren



Beautiful Lady Bear



"Mirror, mirror on the wall..." says Bella



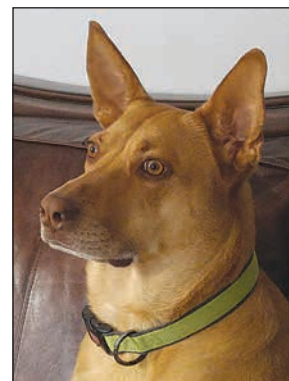
Hazel & best friend Bella

## Hazel Howls

### From Starving Puppy to Spokes-Dog

Pack leader mom asked me to step out from my role as executive support manager to say a few words as this year winds down to a close. Gosh, we have come a long way in the past months, as the humans that I am charged with caring for took on the manifold tasks that produce the Prescott Dog Magazine and its associated events WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest.

My name is Hazel Bazel the Rocket Dog. I was born on the Navajo reservation near Lupton. I have to tell you, it was a pretty rocky start. I was on my own, as my litter mates went their separate ways, and mom hers. I worried and hoped every day. I hoped someone would come along to help me, and I worried it wouldn't come soon enough.



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One day in March of 2013, my life changed. This guy in a really big truck showed up! He couldn't take his eyes off me, then he asked this other guy, the all-important question, the one that changed my life! "Who's puppy is that?" The man that my future dad was talking to, scooped me up and handed me to my dad – "Yours."



Home day

It was done! My life was changed forever! I had a family, I had a home, I had everything I needed. For the first two years I traveled extensively throughout the Navajo, Hopi and Apache reservations, taking care of my dad and delivering supplies to the shelters and other support organizations on the reservations.

When my mom and dad became publishers of the magazine, I knew our traveling days were over. I had plenty of executive support duties ahead of me. Whether it's making nose art with my sister on the office windows or alerting EVERYONE to visitors, or birds, or suspicious noises, I am the dog for the job.

I am still refining my journalistic and editorial skills. Dad is a big help, teaching me how to type and use commas. However, some of my suggestions, such as beef-flavored pages, a rawhide cover and a biscuit attached to each copy, have gone virtually unheeded. This I view as merely a slight obstacle, as us Rez dogs are known for our tenacity AND vocal prowess...I will keep you posted in the coming issues.

My unspoken dream is that all pups, kitties and horses in need get the help they should have to live the fun and joyful life they dreamed of having. The good life: Good family, Good food and lots of love.

Happy Holidays,  
Hazel Bazel "The Rocket Dog"

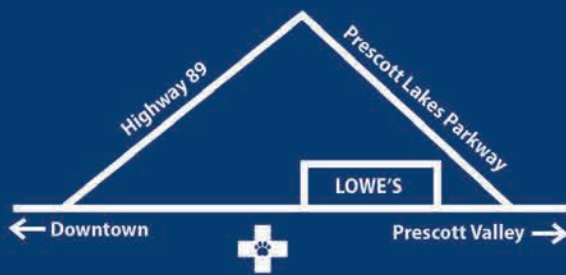


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## WINTER HOLIDAY HAZARDS

### HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Glass ornaments seem like an obvious hazard to anyone if they get broken, but other decorations are often overlooked. **Tinsel** is extremely risky because to cats it looks like a shiny toy and can cause severe damage or death if your cats swallows it. Also, some **snow globes** have been found to contain **antifreeze**. *Amounts as small as one teaspoon of antifreeze can be deadly to your cats and dogs.*

### HOLIDAY FOODS

The holidays bring many delicious baked goods, candies and dinners, but it is dangerous to share these with your pets or keep them in your pets reach.

- ❄ Foods containing **raisins and grapes** (fruitcakes), which can cause kidney failure.
- ❄ Sugar-free candies can contain a sweetener called **xylitol**, which is toxic to dogs and can cause liver failure and a life-threatening drop in blood sugar.
- ❄ **Chocolate** contains a highly toxic chemical to dogs and cats that can cause seizures and heart arrhythmias.
- ❄ **Fatty meat** scraps can cause pancreatitis, which leads to abdominal pain, vomiting and bloody diarrhea.

### PLANTS

Poinsettia plants are commonly known, but generally are only mildly toxic to pets. There are other toxic plants to worry about that are more severe, such as **lilies**, **holly** and **mistletoe**. Lilies are one of the most dangerous plants for cats because ingestion of one or two leaves or flower petals can cause sudden kidney failure.

**PAPEH is open 24/7 - we can be reached at (928) 778-1990.**  
*If you are concerned, we are concerned.*



# Calendar

## Ongoing Adoptions

### Catty Shack – Cat Adoptions

**Onsite-** Tues thru Sat 10am-2p  
609 S. Granite St., Prescott,  
ssnsmart@yahoo.com

### Circle L Ranch Adoptions

**Onsite** – by appointment

**Dogs** – Liz Steigmeir, (928) 273-7005

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**Offsite,** Whiskers Barkery Every 3rd,  
4th, 5th, Saturday, 11a-2:30p

Pet Headquarters, Every Sat., 11a-2:30p

### Greyhound Pets of AZ

Petsmart 4th Sat of each month 1:30p

### Miss Kitty's Cat House

**Onsite** – Open House, Fri, Sat. 11a-3p  
302 W. Alarcon, Prescott

**Offsite** – Petsmart, Sat/Sun 11a-3p

### United Animal Friends

**Cat Adoptions** – Petco, Saturdays from  
10:30a to 1:30p or by appointment by  
calling Ruthie at (928) 379-1088

**Dog Adoptions** – Petco on Saturdays  
from 11a-2p. Sunday 12p-3p. 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 at Yavapai Humane Society, 1625  
Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott  
(928) 445-2666

**Offsite** – Petsmart Adoptions

**Cat Adoptions** – 11a-4p Mon-Sat,  
11a-2p Sun

## Special Events

### ONGOING

#### 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  
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#### United Animal Friends Monthly Meetings

1st Thursday of each month at  
Red Arrow Real Estate  
1107 E. Gurley St., Prescott  
More Info (928) 379-1088

#### Low-Cost Walk-in Vaccination Clinic

Every Friday, 8-11a & 1-4:30p at  
Yavapai Humane Society Wellness Clinic  
2989 Centerpointe E., Suite B., Prescott  
More info (928) 771-0547

## Special Events

### NOVEMBER

#### Paws in the Palace - Bud Bassett

##### Fundraiser

November 3rd from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at  
The Palace Restaurant & Saloon, 120  
South Montezuma, Prescott. Sponsored  
by United Animal Friends. Hear the songs  
and stories of Marshall Trimble, Arizona's  
Official State Historian. Paws in the  
Palace began in 2012 at the suggestion  
of Bud, who was a great animal lover,  
and made possible by his good friend  
Dave Michelson, owner of The Palace  
Restaurant & Saloon. If you knew Bud  
and/or love animals, enjoy good food, fun  
stories and great songs about Prescott  
and Arizona, please join us. Tickets for  
the dinner and show are \$40 plus tax and  
tip; \$20 from each ticket will be donated  
to United Animal Friends. UAF will also  
be holding a silent auction, with the  
winners announced at 8:30p. Please see  
our ad on page 28, and call The Palace at  
541-1996 for reservations.

#### Circle L Ranch

Nov. 12; 3 p.m., Movie viewing:  
"The Champions" (Best Friends Animal  
Sanctuary's inspirational journey of the

Michael Vick dogs). St. Luke's Episcopal  
Church, 2000 Shepherd's Lane,  
Prescott. More info (928) 778-4499.  
Donations appreciated.

#### Photos with Santa

Nov. 12th & Nov. 19th, 12p - 3 p.  
Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley St.,  
Downtown Prescott. United Animal  
Friends has made special arrangements  
with Santa to come to Prescott to give  
everyone time to turn their photos into  
holiday cards.

Santa will pose with your adorable pets  
and children. For only \$10, you can get  
a framed 5" x 7" photo of your choice,  
or obtain a CD containing all of the  
photos from your session, so you can  
print as many as you like or create your  
own holiday cards. All proceeds benefit  
United Animal Friends. Please see  
our ad on page 28. For more info call  
Whiskers Barkery 776-8700.

### DECEMBER

#### Kitten Palooza Adoption Event

December 3 & 4, 10 a to 4 p. Sponsored by  
the Ark Cat Sanctuary, at Pet Headquarters,  
2710 N Glassford Hill Rd, Prescott Valley.  
More info: Cheri at (928) 308-4599.



*The Magnificent Seven: See & adopt them at  
the Kitten Palooza Adoption Event*

#### Last Minute Stocking Stuffer Bazaar

Dec. 17; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Prescott Activity Center (Old Armory)  
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Empathy, Love, Trust

**Story and photos by Allie Werhan. Additional photos by Judith Martin. Heading photos courtesy of Gabriel's Angels.**

'Tis the season for angels, but these are not the kind you are thinking about. These angels are children, volunteers and supporters of a special group that works to help at-risk kids learn the important lessons of life. Gabriel's Angels is named after its founding dog, Gabriel, a Weimaraner who worked for 10 years as a therapy dog with his team leader, Pam Gaber. They reached thousands of children in those years, "nurturing their emotional development and enhancing the quality of their lives forever."

Pam Gaber is the CEO and founder of Gabriel's Angels, and leads the mission with groups in Tucson and Phoenix. There are also teams in other areas around the State. The double team of Judith Martin and her dog, Vando, and Jen Radloff and her dog, Suzie, works at the Humboldt Elementary School in Humboldt, AZ. They conduct a class every other Tuesday for two groups, first to fifth graders and kindergarten through third graders.

Both Vando (pronounced Vahn-doe) and Suzie are registered (certified) therapy dogs, and Suzie is also Jen's service dog. The work of Gabriel's Angels "...is driven by a passionate belief that the unconditional love of a dog can heal a child." Vando and Suzie embody this ideal in their interactions with the children.

As the children enter the classroom, the two dogs are near the door. Each child approaches the dogs quietly, one at a time

and gives the dog a pat or hug, then finds a seat in the circle where the class will begin. They have a lesson at the first session about how to greet a dog they know and how to greet a dog they don't know, and are very respectful of the dogs.

Each child wears a name tag. They are greeted by their teachers, Judith and Jan, who talk about the topics of the day, often one of the seven core behaviors that lead to healthy development. One day Vando put on his bumblebee costume and paraded around to each child, while the teachers talked about "Bee respectful," the lesson for that day.

The kids delight in the play on words, "bee/be."

Each child has an opportunity to talk if they wish. A "ring of respect" is passed around, and whoever has it, has permission to talk. The child can pass it on when finished, so someone else has the opportunity to talk, and no one talks except when it is her/his turn.

The "ring of respect" is another play on words, because the "ring" is actually a colorful do-nut shaped dog toy, easy to hold, and easy to see.

When it is time, everyone goes to the large table and sits, while coloring pictures are handed around. They all have all the crayons they need to brightly color the

picture and the lesson for the day. When they leave, the kids can take these pictures with them to show their friends and classmates and to take home to show their families.

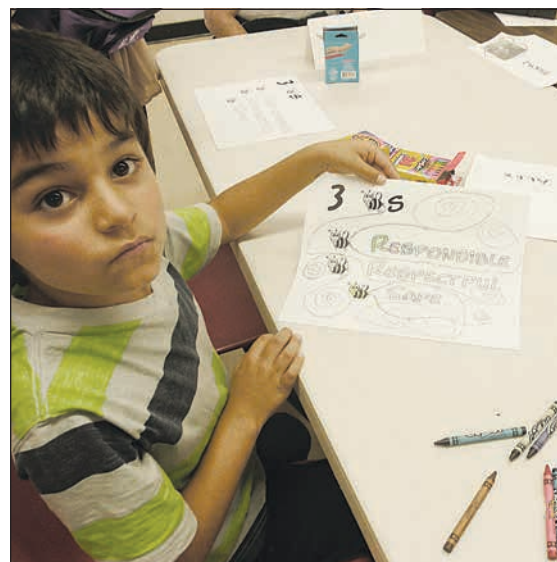
A few years ago, Jen Radloff had a friend with a service dog that would alert on her when her blood sugar was low. The friend urged her to get her own service dog but she was reluctant because she is a cat person and wasn't sure she wanted a dog. She and her husband, Alan, researched about a year, especially about where and how a dog should be trained to meet the client's needs.

Suzie, her dog, started her training as a puppy and went to Jen when she was about a year old. Suzie is an all-American dog-a mix of Shar Pei, boxer, black Lab, Jack Russell terrier and American bulldog! Jen would go walking when she got upset, long or short depending on how upset she was. Suzie would never go on the short walks, because, Jen thinks, she sensed how much Jen needed to calm down.

One day they encountered a woman sitting on the grass, sobbing. She didn't seem visibly injured, and Suzie went up to her and sat close against her. It turned out she was new to Florida from Haiti, and had lost her home, her family and her country. She couldn't speak English. She had wanted to go for a walk, but got lost in the neighborhood and it was the final straw.



Jen with Suzie, Judith with Vando



Bee Responsible



Class discussion

She put her arm around Suzie and tapped her own heart and showed her palm to Jen, to say thank you.

Jen hadn't wanted to cross train Suzie as a therapy dog, but this event made her realize that there was a therapy dog inside Suzie. She called Alliance for Therapy Dogs, the same agency where Judith and Vando were certified. Jen and Alan, her husband, both became certified to work with Suzie.

One experience they had was when they went to Washington State after the terrible mudslide there. They stayed quite a few days and Suzie worked 16 hours a day with the victims and first responders. Jen says many of the first responders weren't trained at all, but were grocery clerks, lumbermen, and other citizens pressed into service. They really needed to talk about their ghastly experiences.

The therapy dog acts as a bridge to help people start talking. Suzie interacts with people by leaning against them or licking them if the situation is appropriate. Jen and Suzie also work with the Juvenile Justice system in Camp Verde to try to keep the tension level down. Sometimes they visit hospice situations. They don't visit the hospitals, because, Jen says, "The hospitals here have an excellent therapy dog program which works extremely well."

Jen has been doing this work about six years. "We've learned a lot. I have limitations because of my health, but this is something I can do. I enjoy it because I'm with my dog and I'm helping other people."

Judith's experience with dogs started with a dog for her children and then a small dog with whom she volunteered for four years in a senior citizen center in the town where they lived. He entertained the people with his little tricks and his cuteness. She also had another dog that loved to be hugged, which the seniors also enjoyed.

Vando is an Italian dog, a Lagotto Romagnola; he is low shedding because of his curly brown hair. He has a beautiful temperament and is a certified therapy dog.

The main requirement for a therapy dog is that the dog will seek the affection of strangers. It takes a special dog, which doesn't have to be any particular breed. Many rescue dogs have become fine therapy dogs.

Vando doesn't push himself forward, but he looks into peoples' eyes and draws them in that way. It is a special talent and Judith feels blessed to have him. Some of her other dogs respond better to her emotions, but he responds to the emotions of other people. He senses when someone is needy for affection or attention.

Here is one example of how sensitive Vando is to feelings. Judith and Vando were at the Hope Fest in Prescott last year, and were talking to a gentleman when Judith noticed that Vando was shaking. The man noticed too and said, "I think he feels my pain."

Another time occurred at an observance of 9/11 at the Prescott Valley Healing Field. Judith, Jen, Suzie and Vando were together. A young girl of about ten was lying on the grass talking to Vando and the two were looking into each other's eyes. As the program started, the grandmother called the girl to come sit with her. A few minutes later, the girl started crying, Vando knew it was "his" girl; Judith had to hold him firmly to keep him from going to the child.

"The beauty of therapy dog work is the dog makes a connection and you have the opportunity to do something for others. It might not ever happen if you didn't have a dog," Judith points out.

Vando loves the children in the Gabriel's Angels classes at Humboldt Elementary School. "That's the most fun he has!" He enjoys going to school, loves getting hugs and pats. At one of the first sessions, the principal brought the children to class, then picked them up afterward. As they were leaving, she told them, "Everybody give Vando a hug!" and all the children grabbed Vando at once. Luckily Vando is a steady dog. The kids had not had their lesson about greeting the dog one at a time.

One day Vando was dressed in a bright yellow and black bumble bee costume. He was very mellow about it, although you could tell it might not be his favorite experience. He was demonstrating "bee" as in "Be responsible," and was a big hit.

The main purpose of the Gabriel's Angels lessons is to give children the tools to develop and improve healthy core behaviors that are critical to normal development. Jan and Judith explain, "We want to try to teach children to have respect and care for themselves."

Although last year, they had only five sessions, this year Judith and Jen started at the beginning of the school year and will have the whole year to work with the children. They don't read the children's records or discuss them with staff, although if they observe a child being upset, they may report the observation to the classroom teacher.

They have their lessons and goals where they talk about the dogs, use the dogs to help the children understand the concepts they teach, and just to have fun.

Jan and Judith start with how much each loves her dog, how they care for them and respect them. They talk about how the children care for their own pets, and how they respond to them.

The dogs are wonderful teaching tools. If someone is having a bad day and doesn't want to participate, the teachers may assign another child to sit with that one, and will also have one of the dogs sit with the upset child. Letting the child opt out of participating is showing respect for the child's feelings.

This class is a special situation, where there are expectations but no pressure and no grades. It is a place where each child can truly relax and enjoy the lessons, each other, and the two dogs, knowing that what they say and think matters. The unconditional love of the dogs enhances their lives.

Visit Gabriel's Angels' website to learn more about the organization, or to volunteer, at [gabrielsangels.org](http://gabrielsangels.org).



**Vando in his bumblebee costume**



**Suzie, Vando, & Friend**



**Friends at Humboldt**

# SPECIAL: What Do I Give Phydo?

Story & Photos by Allie Werhan

Holiday season is almost here...many of the winter holidays, like Christmas, call for a gift of some sort to our loved ones, and that includes the dogs and cats and maybe other animals.

I have some suggestions for the animals and the animal lovers.



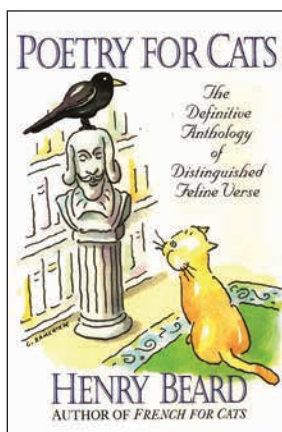
For you folks who prepare their dog or cat food from scratch, and all of you who have thought about it but haven't quite started: *My Dog's Recipe Journal*. It is prepared by Frederick Fichman and available on Amazon. Each page has space to write out the ingredients and directions for a recipe just for your dog. You probably have a stack of clippings in your kitchen junk drawer or tucked in your desk. Now is the time to write them all down and start making treats and entrées for your beloved fur friends.

Speaking of books, the one reviewed in this issue of Prescott Dog Magazine, *Old Dog's Guide for Pups*, is a page-turner for dogs and dog lovers. By the same author, you can find *Learning the ABC's with Animals and Professor Hogan (Old Dog)* and *The ABC's Coloring Book with Animals and Professor Hogan*.

One dog person took his dog through the aisles of his local pet supply store and let the dog choose his own toy. This is double fun for the owner; he gets to shop with his dog and he sees all kinds of neat stuff like books, toys, snacks, picture frames and other dog people. He'll be able to get all his pets' and friends of pets' shopping done in one visit.

The staff is glad to help you make your selections, as is your dog.

But wait, you say. What about my cat? Not to worry. *Poetry for Cats* by Henry Beard is also available at Amazon. You may inspire your cat to write distinguished poetry like these cats of famous authors did. There are poems by Edgar Allan Poe's cat, Shakespeare's cat and many others. If your cat is very intellectual, there is also *French Poetry for Cats*, same author. I don't read French, so I can't



vouch for these poems, but I can tell you the other poems are highly amusing.

Want something to snuggle down with your pet? How about *A Cat's Night Before Christmas* and *A Dog's Night Before Christmas*, both by Henry Beard, a lover of literature and animals. The pictures are charming.

What if your dog or cat wants to get a gift for you? Think carefully so you'll know your preference. Doggy kisses? Paw shakes? Staying off the keyboard? Simple gifts, but we know the best gifts are time we spend with those we love and who love us. A day at the dog park or on a hike...a few hours cuddling on the couch with your warm purring cat...these can't be equaled by a material gift.

If you are a homebody, maybe new beds for your dog or cat are the right gifts. Many pet supply stores have cozy beds on sale at this time of the year, with holiday scenes or motifs creating special warmth. Blankets, dishes, collars, leashes, and special snackies also fill the stockings for Phydo and Phluffie.

Let's don't forget to share the holiday joy with dogs and cats who are less fortunate. Those cozy beds will be welcomed by shelters and rescue groups as well as by families who may be a little low on cash. Pet food and cat litter make good gifts when that is what is needed. Toss in a few chew toys and jingle balls, and those pets will know Santa didn't forget them.

Oh, yes, what can your pet get you? Some sturdy walking or running shoes will be great, so you can take them on long walks around the neighborhood. Stop every few yards so the dogs can read the local news about who has been down that street before them. Some cats like to go for walks, but most prefer to stay inside sleeping or playing with laser lights (not in the face!) and toy mice. As a gift for you, they will amuse you for hours chasing each other up and down their climbers and across your lap.

Sometimes the best gifts for animals are very simple items like a length of cotton rope or a cardboard box. Think about what your cat or dog really needs before you go shopping. Is it something to support him or her, like food, warmth, and shelter? Don't forget the most important gift...your time and your love. Isn't that what most of us want? That's what they want from us, all year around.

If all else fails, there is always a stocking full of Snausages or snardines....

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# What's a Barn Hunt?

Story & Photos by Allie Werhan

The early fall morning is sunny and for once in Northern Arizona, there is no wind. The road is empty of traffic in this part of Chino Valley. We turn down Chris Hand's long driveway and ask someone about where to find him. "By the barn!" Of course.

The barn is a large weathered building with the wide doors thrown open. Chris comes out to meet us, energetic and warm. After introductions we head into the barn where we can see bales of straw stacked in pyramids with gaps and aisles.

"This is the obstacle course," explains Chris. It is built in a ring of fencing, on several levels with straw tunnels among the stacks. "Hidden in the straw are ventilated PVC tubes containing either a live rat, soiled rat litter or perhaps nothing at all." It is up to the dog contestant to climb the bales, examine the tunnels and pile of straw and find as many rats as they can.

We gather around for a demonstration of the process by Chris and his dog, Virgil, who is eager to get started. He is introduced to a black and white rat in a small, tight cage. The rat watches Virgil, even takes a little swat at him, and then allows himself to be placed in the PVC tube, which is closed tightly. I can see his little rat eyes watching me, more concerned about a stranger than the dog. Soon his little capsule is hidden beneath some straw, and Virgil is released from his leash. He has no idea where the rat is, but he is willing to run up and over the bales, through the tunnels and around the perimeter in his search.

After a few minutes he finds his rat, and lets everyone know what a fine boy he is. He comes over where I'm standing by the fence and makes sure I am aware of his prowess. The rat peers out of the cylinder, ready to go get some snacks and take a nap.

This obstacle course has been used many times so there is rat scent everywhere, which didn't seem to deter Virgil. The Granite Mountain Rat Pack meets to practice here two mornings a week, Friday and Sunday at 8 a.m. They began in April of 2016, with three people and six dogs, "...and have steady growth every since. The most dogs we've had in a weekend for practice has been twenty-six." On Labor Day Weekend, GMRP held a sanctioned Barn Hunt Trial with 111 entries.

Chris explains that GMRP is the House that Virgil Built, because he started the group so he wouldn't have to drive Virgil 3 1/2 hours to one of the southern clubs. He now has 10

rats and the Barn Hunt Club. The sport is "...a challenging but fun way for us to spend time together." Barn Hunt clubs are in Cave Creek, Coolidge and San Tan, which is too far to go for the day. It was hard to compete successfully without a chance to practice both for the dog and the handler, so the solution was to start a club.

Some statistics: currently there are 313 Barn Hunt Clubs in the United States. Over 22,000 dogs are registered and competing in a sport that began in 2013.

The competition is divided into five levels, Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, and Master. The requirements for a successful run include climbing up the bales and going through at least one tunnel. Speed and agility count, as dogs compete on their own levels. The run is timed and scored depending on the level, and the dogs score points with speed and accuracy and how many rats they find.

Now, about the rats. The little beasts are safe and sound in the PVC tube, which is heavily constructed and well ventilated. "I've seen hundreds of runs and I've never seen or heard of a rat being injured," Chris says. In fact, he describes how the dogs and rats actually get acquainted and form friendships.

Which dogs are good at this sport? "It depends on the dog," according to Chris. "Some dogs, like Virgil, take to it from day one. Others will catch on over time, but some dogs have no interest. The rats aren't running, so the dogs have to locate them with their sense of smell. They also have to learn that there is value in showing their handler where the rat is."

"I'm not your guy if you want your dog to learn tricks," Chris says, but "I can teach you and your dog how to play this game. We have dogs at GMRP successfully competing in all Levels from Novice to Master and earning Titles."

To get you started, the first rule is "Trust Your Dog. He's the one with the nose," Chris says laughing. Dogs with many other types of training or no special training at all can compete with an equal chance of success.

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# Seniors & Their Pets: Jean's Ark

Story & Photos by Allie Werhan

If all you know about Black Canyon City, Arizona, is what you see when you are zipping down the freeway at 65 mph, then you will be in for a big surprise by getting off I-17 and driving around on the well-kept streets and byways. There are many large properties with nice homes, yards with dogs and horses, a few goats and other critters. Businesses are scattered along the streets on the east side of the freeway, and on the west side is the main town. The Agua Fria River runs through the area on the east side of I-17, and surrounding the town are mountains, buttes and some wild and beautiful country.

Jean Kessel, 80, was born in New York City, lived in several cities around the country and arrived in Phoenix in 1970. She worked for the City of Phoenix many years, while her husband worked at Scottsdale Airport for a company that makes gun-reloading equipment. He was 82 when he retired, and they decided to find a quieter place to live than the big city. They tried a retirement community but didn't like all the restrictions. They liked Black Canyon City (BCC) and this property they found there.

While she lived in Phoenix, Jean worked as a volunteer with Adobe Mountain Wildlife Center. She fostered many species, with birds her specialty. When the Center had a turtle house, she took care of those animals. She is still a volunteer in good standing there.

In BCC now, she has 3 box turtles and a desert tortoise named Buford in a special escape-proof pen in her yard. The tortoises require careful feeding. They eat dark greens and only 10% of their diet can be fruit. The box turtles eat canned dog or cat food in addition to plants. "All the turtles love corn on the cob,

which isn't good for them but a little once in a while is okay." She keeps mealworms in her refrigerator for the turtles. Some of her family is a little squeamish about that.

When the woman taking care of orphaned mallards in Phoenix went on vacation, Jean took those ducklings. She knew nothing about mallards but learned in a hurry. She made five pens with a little swimming pool and a dog kennel for each group. Mallards won't let non-family members into their group, so separate pens were required. From May to October she raised mallards and then took them to Willow Lake in Prescott to release them. She had to carry a permit because of the Federal migratory bird laws.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio, known for his love of animals, heard about Jean's rescue work at Adobe and asked to meet her. She went to his office with her son and grandson, and was recognized for her service to animals with a photo op, a medal and a badge which made her an honorary Sheriff's Deputy.

Jean, as you might expect, has dogs and cats as part of her household. Five little dogs of various ages flock around her and she has stories about each one. It is touching that she knows so much about them individually, their needs and quirks. Angel is a fluffy black dog, "the old one," a Schipperke that Jean has had for about 13 years. She has a good disposition, is well, and getting ready for a visit to a dentist.

A second Schipperke is an AKC champion who was given to her. His name is Stuart Little because he looks like that mouse. He is

a dickens, Jean says, and likes to climb onto the patio table.

She has several dogs and cats she took in when the owners mistreated them or could no longer care for them. She is known to love animals and to take good care of them and has become a magnet for the needy little ones.

She has also had chickens and a dwarf goat, who was due to go to the butcher, but the butcher didn't have the heart to harm a family pet. Jean took Billy the Goat and found him a home with a herd of Nubian milk goats.

"There are raccoons on the back porch at night but they don't come in the cat flap, so they are okay," Jean explains. They like to eat the food there for the feral cats.

All her cats are rescues, and every cat and dog is spayed or neutered. Jean takes them to the vet in turn for general care, makes sure they all get their vaccinations on schedule, and takes the dogs to a groomer, Sherrie, in Cordes Lakes.

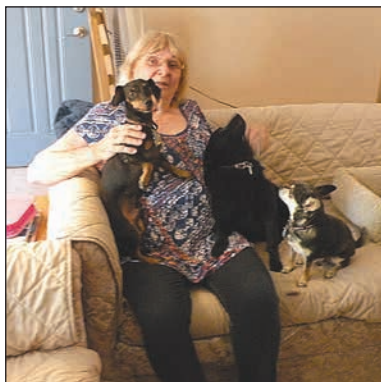
Some of her rescues have had serious medical problems but Jean doesn't give up on them. She nurses them back to health if it is possible, and gives them a safe, secure home. Her husband never minded any of her animals, even one little dog that nipped him.

This October, Jean got to fill a long-time dream, to go to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. She and a friend drove there and toured the facility, and met the animals. She has loved animals all her life, and even her dream vacation involves animals.

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I would like to take a moment to thank some of the people and organizations that made this event possible:

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A special thank you to Steve Sischka with Olsen's for Healthy Pets, the inaugural recipient of The Prescott Dog Magazine's Founders Award. The founders award will be presented each year, at DOGtoberfest to recognize a member of our business community that champions animals on a daily basis. Ann Herrington, with the Big Dog Charitable Foundation, was the inaugural recipient of The Prescott Dog Magazine's Publishers award for her service to the animal welfare community.

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Our volunteers: To an event coordinator, volunteers are indispensable because no event can function without them. Our volunteers set the standard for excellence at every event. Thank you to Allie, Barbara, Kristi, Pam, Heidi, Ben, Cassie, Reilly, Vicki, Bobbi, Brian, Lauren, Jeri, David, Karen, Jan, Heidi D., Rhonda, Jon and Marita.

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Of course, the real headline for the day – More than 70 loveable dogs found their forever homes, (some adoption tales are included in the Rescue News on the following pages) and THAT's when all of the thousands of hours of preparation, organization and orchestration pay off.

To all of the adopters; thank you for opening your home to a new furry member of your family. We hope to see you next year, along with all that enjoy celebrating "All things dog." The dates for 2017 events are: 1) WOOFstock at the Prescott Valley Amphitheater on Saturday June 10th; and, 2) DOGtoberfest on the Courthouse Square on Sunday October 1st. We'll see you there!

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# Prescott Dog Photo Booth Fun

The photo booth raised \$310 to benefit the Big Dog Charitable Foundation



# Sadie, Brody, & Wyatt

## No Longer Astray Dog Rescue

Sadie found her forever home at Dogtoberfest, and we are so excited for her. She was diagnosed with heartworm in February of this year. Due to the expense involved in treatment, she was passed up for adoption and put on the euthanasia list at a shelter in PHX. We knew she was a special girl so we decided we would rescue her and pay for her treatment.



We got her started right away on the treatment plan for heartworm which included keeping her confined for about four months with no long walks or strenuous play time. After finishing her treatment plan we were able to start her on longer walks, and after about two weeks, Sadie was keeping up with the other healthy dogs – hiking, playing, and even chasing rabbits. She had grown quite comfortable living at the rescue and we had certainly grown to love her, but we knew there was the perfect forever home just waiting for her if we gave someone the chance to meet her.

When Dogtoberfest came up we decided it was time for Sadie to find her forever home, and she did. We met a lady who said she had a dream that her next dog would be a beautiful brindle girl like Sadie, and it was love at first sight. She filled out the application, and we did the home check in a few days.

Everything went terrific. Sadie made herself at home on the first doggie bed she saw, and the other dogs in the house were happy to share it with her. Sadie and her new family are taking lots of long walks, and they are truly living happily ever after!

Brody was a volunteer favorite at a Phoenix shelter, but he wasn't getting any attention from potential adopters due to his fear issues and had therefore had been passed over many times. When we saw his sweet face we knew we couldn't pass him by.



We picked him up and brought him home, and within a few days we could see he was going to be a great

addition to any family. He was great on the leash, he was good with other dogs – he even tolerated cats.

Brody became a therapy dog for a very fearful pit mix we rescued several months ago. He got him up and playing, and the two became best buds. It was hard to make the decision to bring Brody to the Dogtoberfest event because our pit was responding so well, but we knew it wasn't fair to keep Brody from finding his forever home.

As we were setting up for the event, a very nice gentleman began asking questions about Brody, and after talking with us for about half an hour he asked for an application. He filled it out right there, and before the event was over we called his references and decided to move forward with the home check.

We stopped by his house on the way home and Brody went right to him. The two seem to have a connection, and we knew it was going to be a great fit. The two have had many adventures together since we dropped Brody off that day. They are a couple of great guys figuring out life together!

Wyatt came to us as an owner surrender with his three brothers. We kept the boys for several months to let them settle in and get to know their personalities. They

were so much fun to watch that we weren't in any hurry to adopt them out. As they started to grow we decided it was time to share their cuteness and fun personalities and put them up for adoption.



One by one the brothers went to their forever homes, until Wyatt was the only one left. He really seemed to miss his brothers and the playtime they had together.

We decided we needed to give him the opportunity to find his forever home too so we brought him to Dogtoberfest where he was the center of attention. He loved all the belly rubs and cuddles and was willing to give free kisses to anyone who would let him.

We had several serious adopters for him, but we narrowed it down to one. After the home check we felt great that he was where he was meant to be. It was a perfect match and he is now in a forever loving home and is the center of attention! For more information, please contact us at (928) 632-2334.

## Greyhound Rescue News

Hello, this is just an update on our greyhound adoption program.

When the last Arizona dogtrack closed in June, (Tucson), we thought we'd be out of business. Not so at all. We've since received shipments of Greyhounds from two Alabama tracks, from Oklahoma, and just



this week, we got eighteen beautiful hounds from Kansas! They range in age from one to six years old, both sexes and lots of pretty colors. They are in the process of being spayed/neutered, having their teeth cleaned, etc., and will be available for adoption and/or fostering by late October.

Two years ago I was reading an astronomy magazine (Member, Prescott Astronomy Club). The article was about the northern lights. In Scandinavian mythology, they are the 'Rainbow Bridge' by which the fallen heroes travel to Valhalla. It gives me such comfort to think that our little heroes travel the same path.

Visit our website at [gpa-az.com](http://gpa-az.com) or call us at (928) 899-6970 for more information.

## Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

### Azul the Rescued Peacock

He greets all of our volunteers and visitors every day. On Friday, October 7th, he became ill. Currently in the hospital with a liver infection, he's on IV fluids, antibiotics, and is getting stronger every day.



Azul in the hospital

We all miss him at the ranch so much and look forward to the day that he can come back home.

## Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife

Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife is a fabulous place for animals in need. It is NOT a zoo. It is a true sanctuary where animals are released to the wild if possible. Some unadoptable domestic animals are also housed here.

We are looking to hire two animal caretakers. These individuals must have experience working with animals. For more information or to send a resume, please email Alie at [aliecataamato@aol.com](mailto:aliecataamato@aol.com).



## Catty Shack News

Charle and Claire were both adopted last month. We were

happy with the homes that took them and felt they would give them good lives.

Gareth was brought back to us from an abuse situation. If you don't remember, Gareth was one of Pearl's tiny babies. He is a big boy now and beautiful. He just needs a bit more room to move around in!

We have begun plans for a few more enclosures to put newbies in when they come in so they can decompress without feeling crowded or unsafe. We are at maximum capacity right now with 13 kittens and 13 adults at the Shack and quite a few more in foster.

You may remember the mom who was dumped with her baby who

became Alice? We never could get her again but several weeks ago she started showing up daily for food and finally babies! We were able to trap the babies and bring her in to foster. She is a friendly dilute tortie gal with a spay appointment! And, of course, her babies are adorable!

The babies found in Paulden with no mother are getting spayed and neutered this week. Time has flown by. They were 6 ozs when they were found on the Alpaca ranch and now they are tubby little kids.

Two boys who were abandoned when their owners' house was foreclosed on are in foster but outdoors. If anyone has room or the desire to foster them, let me know. They are nice boys who got a bad break being left behind with no food and no care. One is an orange male and the other a black long hair who was anemic by the time they were found. He is much better now.

We have rescued multiple mothers with kittens of all ages who are still young enough to need mom.

We lost our little Himalayan girl on Friday. She weighed four pounds when we got her and had bad teeth and thyroid. She was given thyroid medication until her thyroid was normalized which did happen.

Friday her foster noticed there was pinkish tinged liquid here and there in her house so took her in to Mile Hi. They found she had fluid in her lungs and abdomen and Dr. Smith diagnosed her with cancer. We felt it was best to euthanize her as she would suffer from the illness.

Her foster went to be with her and comforted her and talked for twenty minutes until Dr. Smith walked in the room, then little Frannie quietly left her body without any help. She was such a precious girl and had such adorable moves and attitude.

I am so disappointed that you didn't get to meet her.

AND, we said good bye to "Little" Louie the same day. He went to an adoptive home where he will be the big deal only cat. If you are familiar with the Catty Shack you will know that we have had Louie since early 2015 when he was found under a trailer at the age of four weeks. He had issues that kept him from showing well for adoption until his person finally arrived and they had an instant connection. Congratulations Louie. Here's hoping that you have smooth sailing and many happy times in your new home.

As always, I am so grateful for your support and everything you do to make this all possible. We are so lucky to have you all and that you think our work is important enough to stand behind. Best to you from the Catty Shack Kitties!

## Dogtoberfest – a Great Event to Find Forever Homes

### Ghost Town Dog Rescue

I work with Ghost Town Dog Rescue in the Phoenix area. We attended Dogtoberfest and had a booth.

I was so impressed by the event and had a GREAT time. We enjoyed all the festivities and met some great people through it that we still keep in touch with.

An added bonus to it all is we found forever homes for all the dogs we brought :-). We are definitely looking forward to next years.

## Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue

...Welcomes some new residents!

Tara's Babies Animal Welfare, now closing, was located at Ellenwood Ranch in Young, Arizona. When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in 2005, they took many of the animals. The remaining dogs at Tara's were thirteen to fourteen years old. They were happy and, for their ages, in very good health. Circle L chose seven dogs we could help.

Four 8'x10' houses were built with the help and support of several area businesses. We painted them; flooring and heaters were installed, along

with doggie doors. Our hope is to give all a warm bed and a safe, comfortable place to call "home" for whatever time remains.

A big "THANK YOU" to JAGR Sheds, Foxworth-Galbraith, Dunn-Edwards, Yavapai Bottle Gas, Hale Pet Doors, and ALL the people who volunteered their time and effort to bring this huge project to a wonderful completion.

Please visit our website at [CircleL.org](http://CircleL.org) to donate. No amount is too small! Contact

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# Rescue a Golden of Arizona

We have been rescuing golden retrievers for eighteen years and are the oldest golden retriever rescue in Arizona. Here is a story from one of our rescues.

## "Hello, I'm Walter"

I'm nearly 12 years old and thanks to RAGofAZ I'm still here to tell my story.

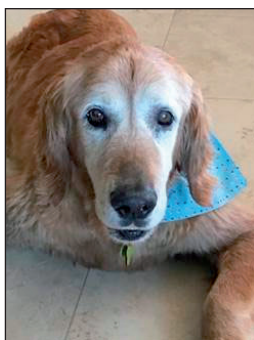


It began when the nice folks at the Yavapai Humane Society in Prescott found me, sick and starving, and took me in. I guess they thought I was a little too sick for them to deal with so they called RAGofAZ and Aunt Robin and Aunt Ruthann came to get me.

Between the shots they gave me and the infections in my ears and chest I guess I was a bit out of it. I did have a brief run in with one of Aunt Robin's cats but I guess they forgave me. The punishment wasn't too bad.

Things got a little scary when they took me to the vet the next day and they learned that I had two ear infections, pneumonia and three masses in my back end. Everyone was wondering if I was going to make it but I said, "To heck with that. I'm a tough old boy."

They gave me some meds and my lungs and ears cleared up in a hurry... and did I mention that the



food was pretty good at Aunt Robin's. Everyone was so nice and seemed so happy that that I was doing so well.

After recovering for a while I was moved to a nice new home – no cats for me to get into trouble with – and RAG started to wonder about those masses in my rear end. They seemed surprised when the first doctor they took me to couldn't find them. I was then moved to another new home and another vet and they too poked and prodded and took an x-ray and couldn't find anything, either.

Everyone seemed really amazed that the masses had vanished but all I cared about was that the vet told my foster mom to feed me 4 times a day until I put some weight on. I really liked him! He also gave me some pills to help my arthritis that wouldn't upset my stomach and in

no time at all I was feeling like my old self and enjoying my walks.

Once they decided that I didn't have something called cancer after all they started looking for a permanent home for me. You might think that it would take a lot of time to find a spot for an old boy like me but the fact is some nice new people came over to meet me and pet me at my foster mom's house before I was even medically released for adoption. One more visit to the vet... who didn't say anything about feeding me less (I told you I liked him!) and I was good to go.

Would you believe, the very next day I was off to my new home in Scottsdale where things are looking pretty good for this old dog who wouldn't give up. Thanks RAGofAZ. I couldn't have done it without you."

## Happy Gets Her Forever Home

### Akita Advocates Relocation Team Arizona (AARTA)

Three weeks after Dogtoberfest, Happy the Akita got her forever home. Her new dad lives in Fort Mohave just south of Bullhead City.

He was in Prescott on event day for a bike race, saw the commotion at the square, and went over to check it out. He found the Akita Advocates tent and zeroed in on Miss Happy who greeted him with kisses and a calm demeanor. He had an Akita before, but was dogless now.



He could not stop thinking about Happy for the next week, so he contacted Akita Advocates and submitted an application. Contact us at 602-88-AKITA (25482)

## "Kitty Palooza" Adoption Event

### The Ark Cat Sanctuary

The Ark Cat Sanctuary is having a "Kitty Palooza" adoption event. When? Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Where? At Pet Headquarters in Prescott Valley.

25 to 50 kittens will be available for adoption. If the weather allows, we will have a grill set up for selling hot dogs, with the proceeds going to the Sanctuary. We'll also have raffles, free samples, and other specials.

The Ark Cat Sanctuary currently has over 140 kittens in foster care. "Kitty Palooza" is being held, not only to help find homes for these kittens, but to get the word out that Pet Headquarters is to be an additional adoption site for the Ark Cat Sanctuary. Contact us at (928) 635-5909.

## Heroes and Hounds project to benefit local nonprofits

### Yavapai Humane Society

Groom Creek Fire District and Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) have teamed up to put on a fundraiser benefiting both nonprofits. The fundraiser is a 2017 calendar they are calling Heroes and Hounds which features photos of Groom Creek firefighters with YHS adoptable dogs, cats, and horses taken by local photographer Chad Castigliano of Chronicker Photography. Castigliano, well known for his viral photo series "The Whimsical Woodsman," donated his time and talent to help make the calendar a reality for the two organizations.

"I am proud to help YHS and the Groom Creek Fire District come together to create a calendar that will benefit a wonderful humane society that protects animals and a fire department that protects lives. Together these two organizations are pillars of our community and should always be supported by citizens and governments alike," says Castigliano.



The 2017 Heroes and Hounds calendar will be sold around the Prescott area to raise funds critical to support the lifesaving work of both organizations. You can order your copy today at [www.yavapaihumane.org](http://www.yavapaihumane.org). Both Groom Creek Fire District and Yavapai Humane Society work for a worthy cause on a limited budget, relying on the support of the community to help fund their live saving programs and services. The two will split the proceeds of calendar sales.



# United Animal Friends Rescues

## What Would You Do?

United Animal Friends is an animal rescue organization, but we don't have a shelter. What we do have is a number of volunteers who, time and time again, open their homes to foster dogs and cats. When the foster homes are full (which is always), we also use paid boarding facilities.

So what do we do when we're short on fosters and boarding space and we're asked to help ten dogs who have spent the last four years living in a house by themselves?

The dogs had belonged to a woman who was a rescuer of sorts, but when she passed away, the dogs were not rehomed. The person responsible for them simply dumped piles of food and left. With ten dogs competing for food, it was survival of the fittest, which led to the winners becoming very unfit.

Several of the dogs were morbidly obese. All were filthy. One dog's fur was so matted, you couldn't even tell that she only has one eye. Most of them are seniors.



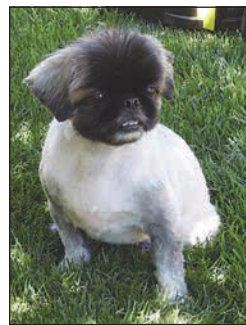
So what did we do? What would you do? We rescued all of them, because that's what we do. We may be short on fosters and boarding space, but one thing we are not short on is compassion.



Some of the dogs will not be adopted quickly, if at all, but we'll stick by them because that's what we do. We've cleaned them up and are slimming down the overweight ones. All of them are extremely grateful for human companionship. A few have been adopted and the others are in loving foster homes.

What can you do? Please consider fostering. Not necessarily one of these dogs, but any dog.

Or any cat. Call us at 778-2924 or check out our website at [www.UnitedAnimalFriends.org](http://www.UnitedAnimalFriends.org) for more information.



When you become a foster, instead of reading about rescue stories, you'll be a part of them. And there's no better feeling than that.

## Cat Rescue News

A man brought a little kitten to Prescott Animal Hospital. It had been mauled by his dog, and had to have its jaw wired and it lost an eye. Suzy Ball, UAF's nurse/tech, took the kitten in to foster, but it spent only one night there. One of the vet techs at Prescott Animal Hospital had fallen in love with the baby and wanted to foster it. She ended up adopting it as well.

From June through August, UAF had a total of 51 cat and kitten

adoptions. The fall months usually see adoption numbers in the double digits, so we hope to see that this year also.

We offer gift certificates for people who want to give cats as holiday gifts, but not too many people take advantage of that.

Suzy reports that two special needs kittens who required special food were adopted and returned because they were sick. The adopter had ignored feeding recommendations and fed the kittens the cheapest food on the market. With a diet change the little ones are recovering and will soon be available to a more sensitive family.

Thank you to everyone who supports our cat program. Come in to Kitty City and play with the kitties. You may meet your new best friend.



## Aussie & Friends Rescue

We had four adoptions at Dogtoberfest, which is great, but the best was the first dog adopted.

A lady and her kids came looking to adopt a older dog to give a fur-ever home to, and they found Bear who is 11 years old.

Below is a email that I received Sunday night when I got home. The woman who had adopted Bear is a vet tech at one of the clinics in Prescott. She wanted to give us a update that he was doing great. She wrote:

*Just wanted to check in with you and let you know that Bear is a very good boy, and he gets along*

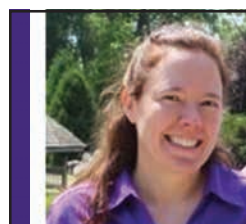
*great with the cats! The kids love him and are so happy he's part of our family. He is so good-natured and easy-going, and he seems right at home already.*

*He REALLY likes dinner and snacks - I think he'll be back up to a healthy weight in no time.*

*Bear was always moving when he first got home so I couldn't get a clear picture. After dinner he settled right down, along with Lily and Leo kitty (in my lap. He's SO adorable and sweet! We LOVE him!*

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# Business Spotlight: Pet Headquarters

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Allie Wehan & Robyn Hazlewood

Robyn sits in her office at Pet Headquarters in Prescott Valley, consulting with her General Manager, Gary Beebe, and her Office Manager, Tammy Davis, whom she calls her right and left hand. They have to decide about new merchandise to order, reorders of popular products, and questions about staffing. Deb Fitzgerald, a teacher at Prescott High School, helps them with merchandising projects. In the middle of it all, Sassy, a Dachshund/Chihuahua mix, is "helping" keep everyone on task.... and hoping for a doggie treat.

Staff comes to the door with questions, customers see Robyn and the others through the glass office windows and pop in to say hi, and vendors are coming and going. Pet HQ is a very busy, popular place, the place to be if you are a pet person.

For many years, Robyn worked at Pet Headquarters as a staff member before she had an opportunity, with her business partner, Tory Simpson, to buy the store. "Why not?" she thought. She knew the business, and what's more, loved it.

It is working out just as she thought. "We're the Cheers of pet stores," she says laughing, referring to the long-running TV program about friendship. "We always have time to laugh, and to listen to client stories. We know the names of our customers and their pets, and they are all important to us."

Robyn and Gary have compiled reports on all items to see what sells well, and replaced poor sellers with new items. Gary works at finding items he believes in, new and traditional. Robyn says, "Gary's the backbone of the store."

Three full-time groomers, Tiffany Desrosiers, Sarah Davis and Master groomer, Maryse Dunn all keep that part of the business flourishing. It is like a beauty salon, with shampoos, trims and cuts, and even blow-drys. They'll wash your pooch for you or you can do it yourself, with special soaps, conditioners, and other items to make your doggie beautiful and sweetly scented

Lyman Louthian is the floor manager, experienced in the retail business, and Justin Ivey, whose sister, Tori, is a cashier, is the warehouse manager, but Robyn points out that the staff all jumps in and does what needs to be done when things get busy. Luke Huenemeyer, who plays football for Bradshaw

Mountain High, works part time doing what ever needs to be done. Someone says "Titles change from day to day," and all laugh.

It is important to Robyn, Tory, Gary, and Tammy to use U.S. sources for the items they stock. All the foods are U.S.-made. Many of their sources are family-owned businesses, and some are local. Employees often test new products on their own pets at home to familiarize themselves with them.

"This staff is the best one I've ever worked with. We are respectful to each other, and we take good care of each other," Robyn says. Partner Tory, who works in the Phoenix area, looks forward to the times when she comes into the store to help Tammy.

Little Sassy comes into the interview, looking for some love. She was available for adoption for a long time, even going on TV in Phoenix, but now she has a home and loving extended family and is thriving. She is 10 years old, and living her best years.

At the end of the day, she is allowed to go choose her favorite treat. She is in good health and provides good company for the staff. She was fostered by Circle I Ranch Dog Rescue, where Robyn found her. She has her own wardrobe, and a little car seat for driving trips.

The store has had its best sales days ever since Robyn and Tory took over. It is prospering, and has allowed Robyn to "spread her wings."

One of the first things Robyn and Gary did the same day they signed the papers for the store was to take all the remedies and health items and put them in one Wellness Room. They are putting up special signage from Better Deal Printing, a family owned business, the same style signage they use throughout the sales floor. It makes it easier for customers to find what they want, or to enjoy browsing throughout to see what's new and interesting.

New products come in all the time. The new organization and new projects make it a very user-friendly store. TVs are spotted around the perimeter, and there is a little seating area to have a cold drink and watch your sport. (15% of the soda sales go to Circle L Ranch Rescue organization.)

Cheri Sheffield, who works with the Ark Cat Sanctuary in Flagstaff, has kitten adoptions at

Pet Headquarters, and the store also works with Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue and No Longer A Stray dog rescue, as part of their intent to support local rescue groups.

Pet Headquarters also participated in Dogtoberfest recently, and is involved in as many local rescue events as possible.

Every month No Longer a Stray puts up a fundraiser display near the front door to raffle off, always something attractive and charming.

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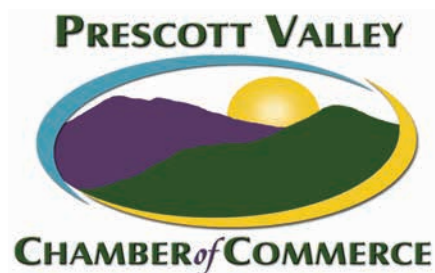
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# Book Review: Old Dog's Guide For Pups II

Written by Allen Appel, Mike Rothmiller, and of course, Old Dog. Review by Allie Werhan

Every puppy needs this book to learn how to be a successful, fully realized dog. It's all here, from training your human "to supply the Three Great Needs" to all the other lessons which will make a pup grow into a happy dog.

Humans, if you have ever wondered how your dog sees the world, this book will help you. The Three Great Needs are Playing, Eating, and Sleeping, and in each stage of life, puppy hood, adulthood, and maturity, the dog focuses on one of these.

Along the way, there are basic rules, from the dog's point of view. There are lists of games, things to chase, and things to bark at. How does a pup have fun? More examples. I have to tell you, Humans, that these lists are very critical from the dog's point of view, but from the human's...well, you will have to decide for yourself.

As you read, you will recognize how closely every dog you have ever known has read this book, learned it, and taken it to heart. You will also laugh, chuckle, grin, slap your forehead, and recall with love and amusement all the dogs in your life...and why you have and keep dogs in your life...and would never have it any other way.

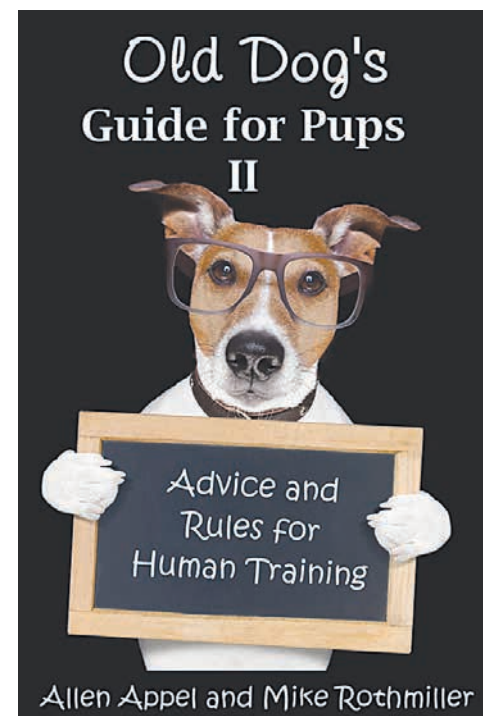
Humans, I can't possibly tell you all the exciting and clever things Old Dog has to say in a short review. You will have to sneak this book away from your pup and read it yourself, without your dog seeing you do it, so you will know all their secrets.

Dogs and humans have been living together for 50,000 years, sharing family values, companionship, work, and affection. The relationships people have with dogs today are both similar and different from the historical relationships, yet we can see that each of the topics Old Dog brings to pups is part of our long history together, built up by that long association and pleasure in each other's company.

Old Dog's Guide for Pups is fun, and also a review of all that dogs mean to us humans.

At the end your heart will melt, as Old Dog tells the Fourth Great Need of dogs...to "love thy human." Fortunately for humans, this one is easy for dogs.

Old Dog, whose legal name is Hogan, and his people are all residents of Prescott, Our Fair City, and he donates part of the proceeds from his book to rescue groups.



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## Melvin

I'm a great Dane mix, 1 y.o., full of love and mush. I love friendly dogs, and people. I am big, but you won't lose me in a crowd or bend over to pet me! I'm blue merle with a white spot on my forehead. Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. (928) 273-7005.



## Joan

I'm shy, and a little nervous with new people. I'm very loving and playful after I know you. I enjoy belly rubs, going on walks and learning basic commands. I would like a confident person who can teach me to trust. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



## Jake

I'm a 3 y.o. Plott hound, a good boy, but I don't like small dogs or cats. I like girl dogs my size (60#) and I love walks. I don't hunt, I'm a family dog. Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. (928) 273-7005.



## Jessica

I'm a 1 y.o. pup, still trying to get accustomed to all the sights, sounds, & smells of life, a sweet girl waiting for my forever home. If you are willing to spend time w/me, I will give you a lifetime of companionship and love. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



## Big Sandi

I'm a 4 y.o. female mastiff mix. I had a rough life until Circle L rescued me. I have a torn tendon in my back leg that can't be memded, but medication helps. I need to be the only dog or with a mellow dog. No cats please. Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. (928) 273-7005.



## Suzie

I'm a 5 y.o. girl, peppy & playful, with a positive attitude toward life. I would love some training classes to learn fun new things. I want to hang out w/other dogs and nice children and you. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



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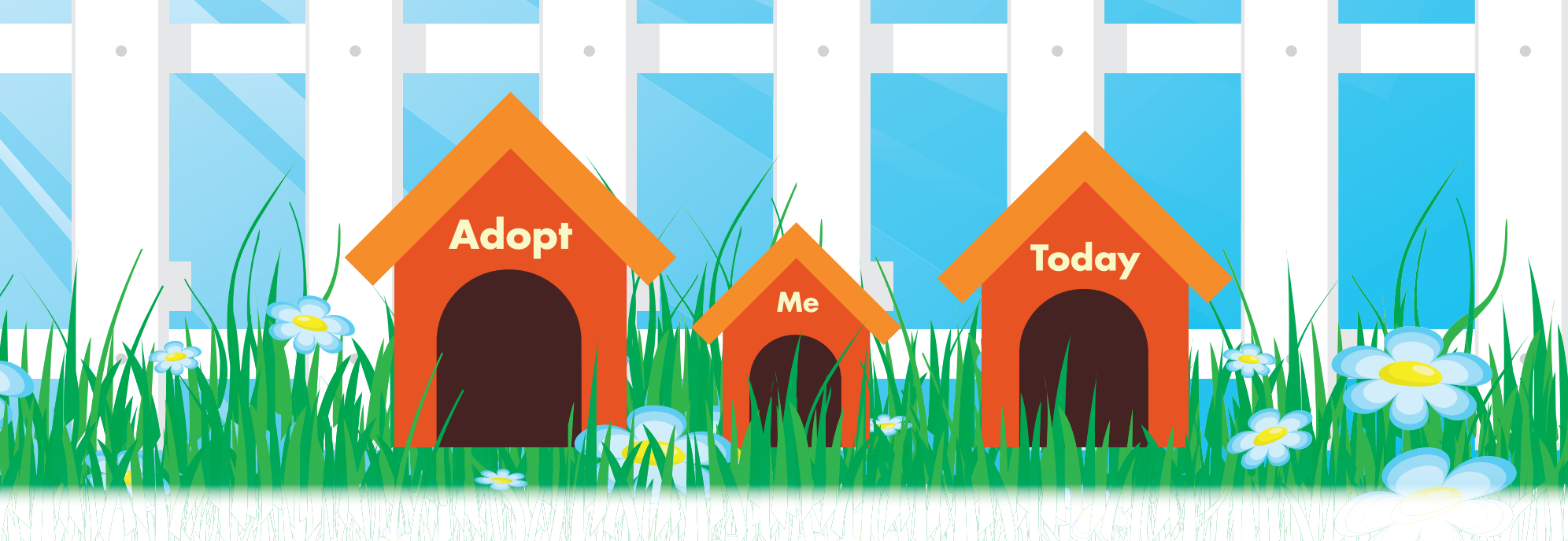
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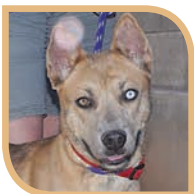
**Ben**

I'm a golden mix, 3 y.o., friendly and I love people. My tail is always going! I don't like to be crated, but I'm very smart. I need a lot of attention and a high fence. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.



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**Jazzy**

I'm a girl shepherd/cattle dog mix, 1 y.o., love people and want to be close to you. I will weave around your legs like a cat! My stunning beautiful eyes are two different colors, and I have a nice short coat. I walk well on a leash. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.



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I'm a handsome male Shar Pei mix and at 3 y.o., I'm shy at first, but with love I will be your loving companion in no time. I have cute buff eyebrows and lots of energy. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 X7.



**Tango**

I'm still a puppy, 10 mo. old, 60#. I know some commands and am very smart. I love treats so I learn fast! I love dogs, people, attention, running, and hiking... but not sure about cats. I'm a golden-eyed happy active boy. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.



**Bud**

I'm a 4 y.o. pit bull/border collie mix boy who loves to go for walks, get treats and hang out with you. I would like an active family. I have freckled feet, too. Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 X7.



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I'm a 1 y.o. terrier mix, chocolate and silver, with a unique look and a fun-loving personality. I need lots of activity and dogs my size...no small dogs or cats, please. I need leash training and a secure yard. Adults or older kids are best. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.



**Tonka**

I'm a big boy, a 5 y.o. Great Dane mix. I love my dog house and being outside. I am friendly, and did I mention, large? I am sometimes shy. I have a beautiful tricolor coat. Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 X7.



**Coco**

I'm a Chihuahua-Pug mix, 3 y.o, and 12 pounds. I am sweet, friendly, and I like people. I have a cute little snaggletooth. I would love some training, too. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.



**Leroy**

I'm a pit mix, 4 y.o., friendly and love to go for walks. I get along with other dogs, and love children but prefer older ones. I have a little white tip on my tail and will love you forever. Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 X7.

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# The Emotional Side of Rescue

By Susan Smart, Catty Shark/Community Cats Rescue

The phrase "Go easy on the rescue worker for their heart is already torn" went through my head as I was threatened for the umpteenth time by a person who was just going to "dump the cat" if I didn't take it. I could get angry, stubborn, resistant or sad. But no matter what I did, at the heart of the matter, was a kitty who needed to be rescued.

All those emotions fell away as I mentally ticked off the places I could or could not put another kitty while it was tested to make sure it wasn't sick or contagious, checked for microchip, for spay or neuter signs and the myriad other issues that could be occurring for this cat.

I stared into the eyes of the slightly belligerent, desperate individual who was posturing before me and then I saw the cat. Small, helpless, underfed and under appreciated, hiding at the back of its carrier, not sure what was going on. Just a few months old and starting me to wonder what it's short life had held and how it had gotten here?

Was it a stray? Or was its mom? Had someone taken it, thinking they wanted a kitten, and when the novelty wore off, blaming it for being a kitten? Had it even known the joys of having a mom to be reassured by or had it been orphaned early on and left to wander until found by person or predator? Was mom out there already caring for another litter or worse injured or killed? These thoughts went through my mind as I pondered the stories that might be the background for this little one's life.

Well, never mind all of that. We will go forward from today and see how we can make things better until a new chance at a

different life can be established. And we will find a way to make that happen.

If you, like the individual I speak of above, and want to rid yourself of an animal, most rescue people are striving to help you find a way to do that. We are networking with each other and also our volunteers to maximize our limited time, energy and funds to help as many animals as we can. We are keeping want lists of animals people are looking for, finding fosters who can care for the animals until we can get them in somewhere, looking for food, money for vet bills, supplies, low cost spay and neuter, and as many options as we can unearth for each animal that we come across. Much of our time, energy, days off, vacation time, evening hours and any place else we can pull from is taken up with care of animals, phone and hotline work, feeding, cleaning, nursing and vetting. It is our passion and great joy to help.

"Ah, let's go little one," I think, as I pick up the carrier to walk away, our lives already inextricably intertwined.

My mission is to rescue.

My dream is that one day, I won't have to.

~Tia Torres,  
Villalobos Rescue



## Cats For Adoption



**Muffy.** I'm 2 y.o. silver tabby with white feet and bib. I have freckles on the bridge of my nose, and enjoy being petted and held. I'm glad to be safely indoors. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411



**Chloe.** I'm a friendly, sweet-talking orange tabby girl. I have a white diamond on my chest and a white tip on my tail. I am a delightful crème-colored cutie. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411.



**Kitty.** I'm 2 y.o. tuxedo girl. I was shot in the arm, and went to the ER. I am positive for FIV but can be integrated into a home with other cats. I'm affectionate, loving, sweet and want my own family. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411.



**Suede.** I'm a long-haired tortoiseshell with soft, luxurious fur. I like to be brushed and get attention. I am dreaming of a forever home. I have beautiful tortie markings. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411.



**Zipper.** I am a 7 y.o. short-haired tortie who wants a loving home of my own. I like human company and I like to be brushed. I also like to chat with you while I sit on your lap. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411



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# Cats For Adoption



**Galaxy.** I'm 2 or 3 y.o., and will come right over to ask for head pets. I love to be admired, and I am certainly beautiful. I am a lynx point Siamese mix with blue eyes. I have some cute stripes too. Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411.



**Tara.** I am a sweet pretty young tabby girl with a white bib. I like to be petted all over, & I'm friendly w/a big purr when I get attention. I want a forever home with nice people and lots of toys and love. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



**Disney.** I'm a sweet petite gal w/pretty markings. I'm a bit shy at first but warm up quickly to my people. I need to be the only pet. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



**Abbie.** I have a loud purr, am friendly and love to be petted, brushed, and I enjoy head rubs too. I give kisses when I get attention. I have been lonely and hope for a family as the only cat. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



**Crackers.** I am a gentle cat of a certain age, and a little shy until I get to know you. I will trade head bumps and purrs for petting. I am calm and gentle, and don't like loud noises! I would love a home w/a nice lady to be my best friend. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



**Aurora.** I'm a gray tabby girl, born 4/08 and I'm ready to find a home and belong to someone. Come meet me and my twin sister, Sybil. Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



**Hobbes.** My brother, Calvin and I are finally old enough to be adopted, hopefully together. We are friendly sweet boys. Come to Catty Shack and meet us and our sisters. Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



**Calvin.** My brother, Hobbes, and I finally made it to Catty Shack where we are waiting for a home. We would love to be adopted together. We get along really well, and are well behaved boys. Come meet us. Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



**Sybil.** I'm a twin sister to Aurora, and am a gray tabby girl with a beautiful face. We are ready for a forever home. We love playing with toys and each other. Come meet us. Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



**Oregano.** I am a dsh brown and white tabby boy, and am about 1 1/2 y.o. I am shy at first with strangers. My brother is the other spice boy, Cilantro. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Cilantro.** I am a dsh brown and white tabby boy with gray markings on my face. I am about 1 1/2 y.o., and a little shy at first with strangers. Oregano is my brother, and we would love to be adopted together. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Kasey.** I'm a dsh brown tabby girl who is almost 4 y.o. I would be happier as the only cat. When I'm not stressed by new surroundings, I'm a loving kitty and will even climb onto your lap. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Hayley.** I'm a striking dilute tortoiseshell girl, about 2 y.o., and I like to be held and cuddled and I'm very playful. I'm nervous around cats so would be best as the only cat. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Peaches.** I am a beautiful pale peach and white girl, a little over 1 y.o. I am a small brave girl who likes to be brushed and petted. I am shy at first but not scared. I'm great friends with Handsome and would like to be adopted with him. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Apollo.** I am a handsome dsh black and white tuxedo about 1 y.o. I like to cuddle, and play patty cake. I am sweet and well-socialized. I was rescued by some nice people and would like a forever home now. United Animal Friends. Ruthie (928) 379-1088.



**Hermione.** Hi...I am Aurora's and Sybil's sister and we are great friends. I am a sweet friendly girl, a dsh black kitty. I was rescued at 5 weeks old, and am ready for a nice forever home with loving people. Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



**Meatloaf.** I'm a sweet orange tabby boy with a goofy personality. I do well with other cats and people. Let's have some fun! The Ark Cat Sanctuary (928) 308-4599.

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# A Classy Dog Needs a Class

By Bobbi Leverich

Over the years, as a dog trainer, I have received countless frantic calls from people who love their pets but can no longer tolerate living with them. At the end of their virtual rope, they call a trainer. Either they get help or they are on their way to the nearest animal shelter to surrender their beloved pet. Working with these people and creating harmony between pets and their families, keeping dogs in their homes, is why I became a dog trainer.

Have you ever wished that your dog could talk? Well the truth is they do! Research has shown that dogs have their own way of communicating with their owners, as well as with other dogs.

Pay attention to what your dog is telling you. There are many videos on the Internet that can teach you how to understand what your dog is thinking or feeling. Dogs express themselves through their body posture, facial expressions, their eyes, their lips, teeth

and tongue, the position of their ears and even their tail. Just because you see a dog wagging its tail, don't assume it means they are happy and excited to see you.

Remember, dogs live in the moment. They communicate with looks, body posture, vocalizations, and behaviors. They learn through their sense of smell, sounds and interactions with humans and other species, they don't process long sentences or analyze information.

The first thing I tell my students is don't talk too much. Dogs do not engage in long verbal conversations. If your dog is having behavior issues, it is mostly likely the result of failed communication. Incorporate an effective communication system that allows you to teach your dog the household rules.

Household rules are just that...everyone in the household must agree to the rules. Dogs cannot contemplate what each family member wants. For example, if you say the dog can be on the couch does everyone in the household agree? If not, imagine the dog's confusion about what is appropriate based on who is in the house at that time. I always ask students to meet as a family, define the household rules and post them on the refrigerator. If everyone's expectations are the same, many of the behavior problems will subside.

Once the rules, your expectations, are in place, it is time to teach your dog what those expectations are. Reward your dog when he or she does something right and ignore your dog when they do something inappropriate. This is the basis of Positive Reinforcement Training.

The more you reward, or reinforce a behavior, you make it stronger. Jumping is a good example of how this works. When dogs jump on their owners the first things I hear people say are "get off, get down, or NO!" What just happened? They accidentally

reinforced the behavior because the dog got what he or she wanted, your attention. Instead, I tell students to "be a tree". Reward your dog when he or she is sitting or standing beside you, ignore them when they jump on you.

This is often more difficult than you think, it is a matter of you re-training yourself in how you react to your dog's actions. Reinforcements can be food/treats, praise or toys. Whatever item you choose, make sure it is something of high value to your dog.

And what if your dog won't stop jumping? Re-direct them to something you do want them to do. This is where their knowing basic commands comes in handy. If he or she won't stop jumping, re-direct them to do a sit or a down and reward them when they do as you have asked.

When in doubt, always seek the advice of a professional dog trainer or enroll your dog in classes. Classes do more than train dogs, they train people as well. Remember, there are no bad dogs, just dogs that are misunderstood!



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# Keeping Your Pet Safe for the Holidays

By Briana Lonas

The holidays are almost upon us and as we gear up to celebrate and decorate, we should be mindful of some helpful tips that could save the lives of our cherished pets.

According to PetMD, it's best to place your Christmas tree in a corner, to prevent your dog or cat from jumping onto the tree and knocking it onto the floor.

But let's face it – some pets are stubborn and will keep trying to jump. If this is the case, try placing something "scary" at the base of the tree such as aluminum foil – or anything that creates a lot of noise.

Avoid decorating the lower branches of your tree with lights. Pets may get tangled up in the wires and knock the tree down without being able to escape the fall. If your pet tries to chew on the wires, this action also may cause electrical shock.

If that were not enough, decorating with popcorn strands or anything else edible might further entice your pet to knock the tree down and onto the floor as a way of getting to the "good stuff."

If your tree is live, keep the space beneath free from the dead pine needles – in the event your pet ingests them, these needles could puncture your pet's intestines.

Another hazard when decorating the lower branches are the small ornaments that could create a choking hazard.

Tinsel is pretty but if Fido or Fluffy ingests it, they could end up in the pet emergency room because those irresistible, sparkling strands cause intestinal blockage. Other items that block intestines include wrapping paper and plastic.

If you decorate with candles, stay in the room while the candles burn or at least keep the flames out of the reach of nosy pets.



Those beautiful holiday plants we love so much are poisonous to dogs and cats, such as poinsettias and mistletoe.

The ASPCA notes on its Website that holly plants cause nausea, vomiting and diarrhea in pets. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal and cardiovascular issues. Lily plants can cause kidney failure in cats.

As for those electrical wires, keep these taped to the walls or baseboards to help prevent animals from chewing through them. Chewing on wire also can cause pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), which can be fatal.

These tips cover a lot of territory, but there are a few extra precautions to take during the holidays. One of our human favorite pastimes is food. And naturally, we want to share our treats with our fuzzy loved ones.

Veterinarians recommend never giving chocolate to your pets. In addition, avoid feeding gravy or fatty foods as well as bones – especially poultry bones. That Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey is for human consumption only since the splintery bones could cause choking and intestinal damage.

Try giving treats made specifically for your pet.

Dogs and cats may not attempt to drink anything alcoholic on purpose; it's good to note that accidental ingestion may cause weakness and respiratory failure.

While alcohol might not be very tempting, that water in your Christmas tree holder could be a problem.

The folks at Hartz state that tree water can poison your dog because of the preservatives or potential tree pesticides and fertilizers. Also, the fir trees contain oils that can irritate your dog's mouth and stomach, causing drooling and vomiting.

Try covering the tree water to prevent your pet from getting sick.

Keep a list of the following phone numbers in your cell phone contacts list, on the refrigerator and by the telephone:

- The nearest 24/7 pet emergency clinic
- Your veterinarian's phone number
- The ASPCA poison control hotline (1-888-426-4435)



## BEWARE! Over the Holidays, & Every Day Paw POISONS

The following tips are provided by the Pet Poison Helpline at [www.petpoisonhelpline.com](http://www.petpoisonhelpline.com):

Foods not to feed your dogs:

- **Foods containing grapes, raisins and currants** (can result in kidney failure)
- **Chocolate and cocoa** (contain theobromine, a chemical highly toxic to dogs and cats)
- **Foods containing xylitol** (causes a life threatening drop in blood sugar and liver failure)

Don't let your pet near the following:

- **Imported Snow Globes** – When broken, these release ethylene glycol and one teaspoon ingested by a cat or a tablespoon or two for a dog can be fatal
- **Liquid Potpourri** – if the family cat ingests even a few licks of this formula, it could be fatal
- **Glow sticks and glow jewelry** – Pets, especially cats, love to chew on these items. Over the past year, Pet Poison Helpline received nearly 80 calls concerning pets that punctured glow sticks or glow jewelry, and 70 percent of the calls involved cats
- **Costumes** – If you dress your pet in a costume, be sure it doesn't impair his vision, movement or air intake. If the costume contains metallic beads, snaps or other small pieces, be aware that if ingested, some metals (especially zinc and lead) can result in serious poisoning. Also, don't be tempted to dye or apply coloring to your pet's fur. Even if the dye is labeled nontoxic to humans, it could still be harmful to pets

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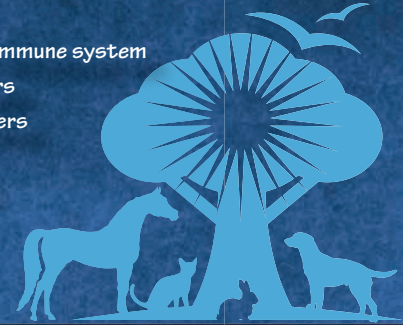
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# A Holiday Hike in Sycamore Canyon

Photos and Story by Cheryl Hartz

Sedona's Red Rock Country is well-known for Oak Creek, its largest canyon, but its second-largest, Sycamore Canyon, is a gift waiting to be opened. This nearly 56,000-acre wilderness in the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests is home to one of the world's rarest features – a desert riparian area – courtesy of Sycamore Creek. It's also home to Arizona's state animal, the mischievous ringtail cat, as well as a plethora of large wildlife, including blue herons, mountain lions, black bears, mule deer and elk.

To get a spectacular view of the red and white sandstone cliffs dotted with caves and get you in the mood for the winter holidays, start at the top of Parsons Trail #144 and hike amid holly and mistletoe about a quarter mile down to the creek. Along the next easy 3.5 miles you'll see towering cottonwood, walnut and sycamore trees. Mesquite and juniper, prickly pear and yucca all are represented.

Small side streams with miniature waterfalls, powdery red dirt and even some sandy banks – almost beaches – are especially fun for dogs to splash and roll in. It's fun for humans to watch them taking advantage of nature's gifts, too. Naturally, a bath will be in order for all concerned when you return home.

The creek runs year-round along the trail. About four miles in you'll get to Parsons Springs, a pool that pretty much signals the end of the above ground portion of the creek. (There are 16 miles of underground creek, visible above ground after snowmelt and summer monsoons.) Turning around at the springs will provide about a 5-hour round-trip hike. But plan to spend the day so you can enjoy a relaxing lunch and have time to watch for wildlife.

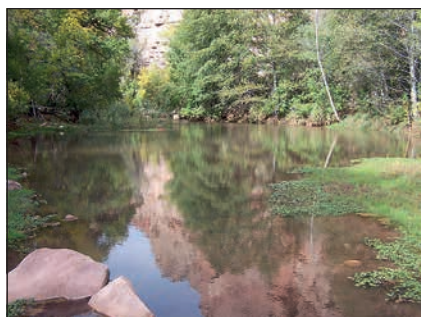
Part of the Sycamore Wilderness Southeast Trails, Parsons is fairly heavily used, so please keep your impact to a minimum

and pack out what you pack in. Take water or use your water filter and draw it from the creek. Remember that motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed on the trail, or anywhere in the wilderness.

To get there, take the Tuzigoot National Monument turn-off from State Route 89A near Clarkdale. You'll cross the Verde River and turn left onto well-maintained Forest Road 131 (Sycamore Canyon Road). You won't need 4-wheel drive for the 10 miles to the trailhead parking area. The area is operated by the Red Rock District; phone 928-203-2900 for more information.



Overview - Sycamore Canyon



Clear reflection



"Nothing's better than a roll in red dirt."



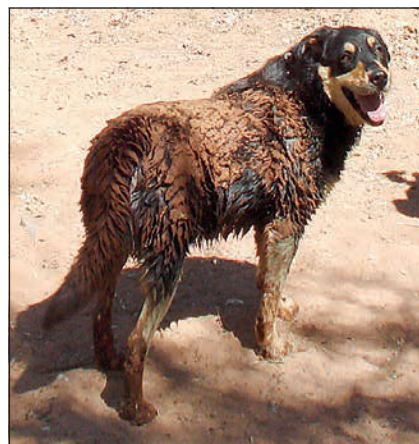
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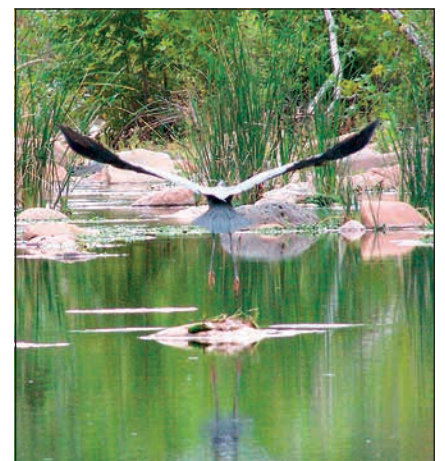
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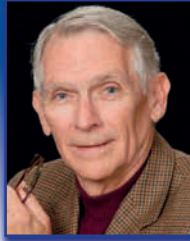
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# Service Dogs "On the Job" During the Holidays

Story & Photos by Gary DeGeronimo

Didn't we just finish the Holiday Season? It sure seems like we were just ending all that fun and excitement of a time filled with . . . traffic, crowds, repetitious music, and food, and more food, and even more food.

For some folks it is a time of celebration with family and friends, gathering together for fun times. And for some, they may be able to take some time off of work to sit back, relax and enjoy the season.

But in the world of Service Dogs, the Holidays could mean a little more stress for them to deal with while performing their tasks and keeping an eye on their partner. It may even mean that they are presented with a few more challenges than they would face at other times of the year.

With all the seasonal activities happening during the Holiday Season, from crowded and hectic shopping centers to the long lines at restaurants, an extra amount of distraction is all around. But the Service Dog must perform its duties regardless of how the environment may change.

Just think of how you feel when you return from a day out around the Holidays, either shopping for those Christmas presents you must have, or heading to the grocery store getting ready for that big meal at Thanksgiving, dealing with all the traffic, both vehicles and people. Our Service Dogs will feel that same sense of relief returning home to stay close by its partner.

Service Dogs need to focus on their partners, making sure they are ready to alert them, if

needed, or support them if they should become unsteady, or even to interrupt an emotional melt down that may occur in the middle of a busy store.

Proper Service Dog etiquette is vital at all times, and especially during the Holidays. When you see that well-behaved dog with his or her partner at the mall, remember to not distract that dog by talking to it or otherwise trying to engage it. Its job is to stay focused on its partner in order to perform the task it is trained for. It is always appropriate to address the person with the Service Dog rather than the dog. Just keep in mind, at that point it is a working dog and not a pet.

Just because you may see a person with a Service Dog and that person looks fine and does not appear to need the assistance of a Service Dog, do not assume that the Service Dog is not working. Many individuals have what is known as a "Hidden Disability" which may not be apparent. One example of this would be an individual who may suffer from an agoraphobic issue, a fear of crowds or unfamiliar places. This person may look perfectly normal but in fact would not be able to function in public if it were not for the assistance of a Service Dog by his or her side. A Service Dog in this type of situation will often check in with its human partner regularly and will even create a physical barrier, or what is known as a "social interruption" between its partner and someone walking up them. For this, the Service Dog must always focus on its partner to assist when needed, no matter how many elves are running through the mall.

A former client of mine experienced a situation where she was out Christmas shopping at a local mall in California with her young child who is dealing with autism. The mall was crowded, was loud, and as you can imagine, people moving very quickly. This young child was holding on to his Service Dog but in a second, had dropped the leash and ran through the crowd ahead leaving the mother and the dog behind. Of course, the mother panicked at first but immediately got in control and told the Service Dog, "Go Find Nick" at which time the dog moved very quickly through the crowd and out of sight of the mom. When the mom was finally able to make it through the crowd, her child and his Service Dog were sitting on a bench snuggled together. This Service Dog focused on his job, no matter what distractions he had to face.

Holidays will also create a different attitude or even a different temperament in some people. Our own pets can be very intuitive and sense these changes in personalities. Our Service dogs must continue to be focused at all times, no matter what the behavior change might be of the people around them.

So, whether you are enjoying a day at the mall shopping with friends or family, or attending a Holiday event or gathering, please remember that the well-behaved canine you see, who is usually identified by the typical Service Dog vest, is "On the Job."

And from all the Service Dogs out there . . . have a great Holiday Season. And now it's time for them to get back to work !!!



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# No, No, That's Not a Real Service Dog!!

Story by Gary DeGeronimo

We face a problem in Arizona, and in fact the country, trying to determine the difference between a legitimate Service Dog and what we have come to call a "Fake Service Dog."

The Department of Justice has set out in a publication the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements that define a legitimate Service Dog: "Service Animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities."

Service Dogs are not pets; Service Dogs are working animals. As set forth in the ADA definition, they have specific tasks to perform.

But if it was only that simple!!!



Through free enterprise, and the internet, it just takes a few clicks and you can order a Service Dog vest, Service Dog patches to put on the vest, and even an official looking badge to place on the vest to show the world that you have a Service Dog, or so it seems.

A legitimate Service Dog goes through extensive training, both task oriented as well as public

access training. And they are trained for a purpose . . . "to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities."

Many businesses are apprehensive to question those with a Service Dog as they fear that they are interfering with a legitimate Service Dog. But the ADA also protects those businesses by allowing them to ask two questions to those entering their establishment with a Service Dog. One, is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and Two, what work or task has the dog been trained to perform.

They cannot ask about the disability, require any medical Documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation, or ask that the dog demonstrate the task.

It seems somewhat limited in trying to identify a Service Dog. However, there are other requirements as well as observations that can be made to determine the legitimacy of the Service Dog. Service Animals must be under control; they should not urinate or defecate inappropriately; they should not whine or bark or growl or make other noises (unless it is to alert to an individual's disability); pick food or objects off the floor; sniff people or shelves and counters; drag or pull the handler; appear unkempt or ungroomed; jump or engage with other people. This is all addressed in the training of a legitimate Service Dog.

The bottom line is, you could identify a Service Dog by its behavior in public. It should be well-behaved, clean, focused and walking close to its handler. In other words, it should act like a Service Dog.

A collage of four dogs wearing headphones, each associated with a radio station logo. The logos are: "KYRD COUNTRY 105.7 FM" with a cowboy hat icon; "Q102.9 KQST NORTHERN ARIZONA'S HOTTEST HITS!" with a dog behind a DJ mixer; "KKLD THE CLOUD 95.9 FM" with a dog wearing headphones; and "100.1 ARIZONA'S ADULT ALTERNATIVE" with a dog wearing headphones. The text "YAVAPAI BROADCASTING" is written vertically on the left, and "MYRADIOPLACE.COM" is written vertically on the right. At the bottom, the slogan "Sit. Stay. Listen!" is written in large, bold, black letters.

# Pets as Gifts? Please Think Again.

Story & Photos by Heidi Dahms Foster

Parents or family members want to please other family members when buying a Christmas gift. If someone in your family has been asking for a cuddly puppy, what better way to hit the giving jackpot than to have that little cutie under the tree on Christmas day? However, a surprise puppy is never a good idea.

Beyond the dangers of busy holiday schedules, overexcited children, and foods and decorations that are dangerous to dogs, the holidays are not a good time for living gifts. That adorable pup still can become a beloved family member, but the transition will be much easier if the timing is better. Here are five reasons to wait:

**The safety and health of the puppy:** Puppies are much like human babies in their fragility. They need frequent feeding, uninterrupted sleep, and attention. Excited children can over handle, over stimulate and exhaust a fragile pup during the chaos of holidays, causing the animal to become ill or be injured.

**Lifetime commitment:** Getting a puppy is a commitment for the lifetime of the animal, up to 15 years, and gifting a pup rather than letting someone choose their own is a bit like an arranged marriage! What appeals to one person may not appeal to someone else, which makes for an awkward exchange, or worse, a pup returned to the shelter or breeder. The commitment includes care and very importantly – consistent

training to avoid behavior problems.

**Activity level and temperament:** An energetic, large dog may overwhelm a child who doesn't have the strength or knowledge to deal with the level of activity and enthusiasm. An overactive pup can knock down or frighten children or injure elderly or frail people. Some breeds need a job to do, every day, and can get out of hand without proper exercise. Others are "couch potatoes," content to lounge around with the family. Some dogs are not suited to deal with young or very active children. For a successful match, it's best to take all of these into consideration.

**Ability to care for the animal:** Children are children, and while some are quite responsible, others are easily distracted. That new puppy must have clean water and bedding, regular feeding and exercise, baths, nail clipping, training and attention, every day. During times of children's busy schedules, lack of attention, and forgetfulness, these duties will fall on the parent, so the commitment must be made by both. A good mantra is: "I don't eat, play or sleep until my pet has been cared for."

**Cost:** You may look at the price of adoption or purchase, and think you can afford a dog. But remember that the pup will require a series of shots, spay or neuter, food and shelter, training, occasional boarding and medical care during its lifetime, adding up to several hundred dollars per year. When the dog becomes elderly, a little more care and cost is involved. Be sure you can go the "long haul."

If, after looking at the commitment and cost, you decide that a pup is in your family's future, here are some ways to make the gift exciting without bringing the animal into a chaotic holiday atmosphere.

Buy some of the equipment – food bowls, beds, leashes, educational books and pet toys – and package it ready for the new addition. Add a gift certificate for the cost of adoption or purchase, stating that the family can choose the pet at an appropriate time.

**Research:** While planning for your new addition, take some time to talk about what kind of dog you would like to add to your family, what activities you would enjoy with the pup, what size, breed, and activity level of dog you prefer, and who will be responsible for its care.

**Visit online pages for rescues:** Yavapai Humane Society, United Animal Friends, Circle L Ranch or other local rescues are listed in Prescott Dog, and you can see the different pets available. If you have a specific breed in mind, check with the Prescott Arizona Kennel Club, which can explain the traits of a responsible breeder and provide references.

**Plan ahead:** Visit some local dog activities to see what you can do together with your new pup! In the Quad Cities area, activities include obedience, agility, conformation and 4-H clubs. Herding, lure coursing, flyball, barn hunt, and more are also available. Local hiking trails are a joy for those who love to get outside with their pets. Many dogs with stable temperaments can become certified therapy dogs and bring joy and comfort to hospitalized and elderly patients. The more time you spend with your new pup through any activity, the better your relationship will be for life.

Plan and anticipate through the holidays, take the needed time to make sure the match is good, and then enjoy adding that new bundle of furry joy to your family.



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# Unstoppable Spirit

## The handicapped horse is anything but...handicapped

Story & Photos by Rita Thompson-Tinsley

A horse is a horse, of course. And when special challenges occur, the horse has proven positively that it can adjust to its world triumphantly.

Aurora's story is not just another fairy tale. At Bethany's Gait Ranch, they believe that this pony personifies the loveliness of Disney's Aurora (Sleeping Beauty).

Bethany's Gait (BG) is a non-profit horse rescue in Prescott that has developed into an outreach to local veterans and first responders as well. Their slogan: Rescuing Horses, Restoring Lives.

While BG was originally in California, Founder/ Executive Director Cristi Silverberg-Rose got a call from another therapeutic riding center with a pony they were hoping to rehome. Aurora had foundered, and after being advised to retire her, they were contemplating putting her down. Instead, she became another family member at BG. Meanwhile, Silverberg-Rose discovered that Aurora's diet was the cause of her foundering issues and implemented specific diet changes, Aurora became sound. Unfortunately, she was soon diagnosed with glaucoma in her left eye. Within 6 weeks, Aurora was completely blind in that eye, which had to be removed.

When asked how Aurora responded to becoming unilaterally blind (one-eyed), Cristi reports that she did not respond differently at all. "She's really trusting. She's like the Energizer Bunny. She just keeps going." Aurora works with kids of veterans and first responders, because she's small enough so they learn to ride on her, groom her, even paint her with color and sparkles. Cristi adds, "Some veterans that come in that are now disabled and have been through a lot, can look at her and see she's got

special shoes, special food, and she's missing an eye. Wow, she's got all this going on and yet she hasn't let this effect her life. She found a way to make it work." The impact of Aurora's presence has been nothing short of amazing.

According to veterinarian Bryan Nolte, DVM, of Prescott Animal Hospital's Equine Center, "Just like with people, the horse's ability to compensate with their other senses is the key to those horses that do acclimate to vision loss. Their field of vision is different than ours. They'll maneuver their head in a different head set so they can maximize the vision on the one side of their head."

Lilly's sire is reigning champion SPOOKS GOTTA GUN. Her dam is well bred DUN IT MIS MUFFIT. At four months, Lilly (SPOOKS DUNIT FANCY) has it all! Except for one thing. Lilly is deaf. But don't tell her, because this full-of-life yearling doesn't suspect a thing. Her life in silence is the only one she knows, and she has adapted with the style and spunk that she was born to have. She, as her lineage suggests, is champion-bound.

Kasie Morgan, breeder of Morgan Stables Performance Horses, first determined that Lilly was likely deaf when after a month old she noticed that she didn't respond to her voice or the clapping of her hands. However, Kasie states, "I almost feel like she's more alert than some of my other colts, because she can't hear so she looks around a lot more".

Training Lilly may take a different finesse, using physical cues as opposed to verbal ones.

"There seems to be some heritable factors and it seems to be more prevalent in Appaloosa horses," Dr Nolte shares regarding equine deafness. "The few horses that

I have seen that are deaf, happen to be Paints or Appaloosas". Lilly is registered as both AQHA and APHA (American Paint).

The biggest frustration is when "mother mare" calls to her deaf youngster, as "mother mares" do, and Lilly doesn't respond, because she doesn't hear. While, Lilly "calls out" to the other horses, resounding like any horse. And Kasie contemplates, "So how does she know how to make those noises without ever hearing those noises before? This is kind of amazing to me".

Dr. Nolte adds "I think it's learned behavior. Because of their ability to function as a group, it takes that (calling out process) to get the group's attention. The inherent nature of all those (deaf) horses is they vocalize as well. And she may not hear herself vocalize, but she sure knows she's doing it." Nolte's last point ponders, "Is her vocalization understood like it would be if she could hear back...?"

Uninhibited and full spirited. This sums up this teenage gal and her magnificent mare.

While Gaia comes from a very active riding family, she, at the time, was "stuck" with a pony as her troublesome mount. Gaia's mother, Lanelle, spotted Deal (Tromps Double Deal) on a local trail ride. She witnessed the great integrity and level-headedness of the paint mare being ridden in unusually rough terrain and under compromising circumstances. All watching were agreeably impressed. Lanelle promised that if the mare was ever up for sale, they would have her.

That mare became available and, as promised, Lanelle brought her home. Eventually, Deal became Gaia's new ride, and the rest is history. And, by the way, Deal is unilaterally blind because of an infection a few years prior. Since her arrival, Gaia and Deal have done everything together including parades, rodeo grand entries, barrel racing, and recreational jumping. I don't think there's anything that this horse wouldn't do for Gaia. A good Deal, indeed.



Aurora getting kisses



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# SPECIAL: Because Every Animal Deserves a Chance

Story & Photo by Allie Werhan

You may have seen Nancy Morgan at Dogtoberfest on October 2nd. She has a mission in life, to help every dog, cat, and horse in need.

She carries a big pack full of written material, flyers, petitions, educational material, admonitions about hot weather, cold weather, the needs and requirements of pets and other animals. If you need information about your own animals or neglected animals you see along the way, she can offer some ideas and solutions.

Two different sheets are titled, "I Love You So Please Love Me Back," which highlights the importance of this concept. Love includes proper care, training, food, and environment for the new pet. A new kitten or puppy requires training regarding the litter box or doggy door, and patience while they learn it. They require a safe, warm, quiet place to sleep. Food of good quality, clean water, and in sufficient quantity will make your new little friend healthy and happy. Be sure to know what foods will make the animal sick, or even poison it.

The most important ingredient in growing a healthy happy pet is love. Attention. Play time. Neglect is not just lack of food, water or freedom. It is lack of loving, empathetic concern.

Abuse isn't always deliberate. Sometimes animals are left too long in the sun, or the water dish runs empty, or people forget to play with the pets or get the medical care, shots, alter surgery...those things can happen and it is important to establish a routine with your pet so nothing is left out.

Nancy has loved animals all her life, and now has dedicated her life to helping rescue groups and animals. She is active in Northern Arizona from July through October each year, and travels as far as the Navajo homeland to provide necessary

items to those in need. She collects clean towels, and clean small blankets to donate to animal shelters and rescue facilities and groups. She wants to ensure that the cats and dogs have a clean warm place to sleep. Shelters and other facilities are always in need of these items, and everyone can help by donating them, to Nancy or directly to the facilities.

Many of the rescue groups and shelters are 501 ( c ) 3 groups, which means anything you donate is deductible on your income tax return. Some of them also have volunteers who can come and pick up the items if you will call them.

Other items often needed are dog and cat collars, leashes and rubber toys. Nancy usually has a supply of these to hand out, because they often go home with an animal when it is adopted. Every dog has to have a leash, but doesn't need the retractable ones, just a nice leash and a collar for those important tags...and a name tag.

You have no doubt received emails with requests to sign petitions to stop cruelty, get captive animals released to a sanctuary, and other causes. These petitions do make a difference. Recently the City of Montreal, Canada, voted to ban pit bull dogs and any dogs that looked like them. Thanks to petitions, the City Council has rescinded that rule and will judge any cases on their own merit.

Nancy keeps copies of current petitions and urges people to get involved by signing ones they are interested in. She is interested in all of them, because her goal is to preserve the dignity and right to a decent life of all animals. It takes only a few minutes of your time to make a big difference.

You can find Nancy's flyers and other material at dog parks and through her email. She actively seeks donations for the animals and rescue groups, but not for herself.



Nancy Morgan and her dog, Sassy, at Dogtoberfest

When she gets a notion to save dogs or other animals, Nancy has a bit of bulldog in her...she doesn't let go. She has been working to get a "shelter" in California shut down because the dogs and cats are abused and hoarded. It took the better part of a year, but she made it easier for authorities to do something than to keep putting her off, and finally the "shelter" was shut down. The so-called owner got away with some dogs, and she is concerned that he will start again with the same abusive activity, so will be on his trail when she returns to California around the first of November.

Nancy is a prime example of how much one person can do for the animals, with determination and work. It doesn't deter her that she is not saving the world all at once. What she knows is that she is making a difference for one dog or one cat at a time, which is saving the world for that animal...and giving the rest of us an example to admire and to follow.



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We will get the child/children's clothing sizes, favorite color, hobbies, etc., and will ask mom/dad what they need and want in order to get ideas for you.

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NOTHING is guaranteed.*



### Sponsor's Choice:

- You can do the shopping, or we will do it for you.
- You can deliver the gifts and meet the family, or we will. (We try our best to get photos, but we can't promise.)
- You can provide a Christmas meal; however, we hand out double-food boxes the week of Christmas.
- You can help the entire Family (mom & dad), or just the kids.

This program is geared towards the sponsor and what you want to do.

If you would like to be a Sponsor for our Adopt-A-Family program this year, or if you have questions concerning the process, please contact Yavapai Food Bank and ask for Lynn at (928)775-5255 or email her at [lynn@yavapaifoodbank.org](mailto:lynn@yavapaifoodbank.org).

## We Need Volunteers & Sponsors We Need YOU

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the special events listed below, please contact Lynn at (928) 775-5255.

- **November 1-23** – Sign up for Thanksgiving boxes
- **November 1** – Signup starts for Adopt-A-Family
- **November 19** – Fall Food Drive at Safeway
- **November 21** – Flying High Turkey Drive at Fry's
- **November 22 & 23** – Coat & blanket distribution at Yavapai Foodbank
- **November 22 & 23** – Distribute Thanksgiving boxes at Living Faith Church (7225 Coyote Springs; must sign up as explained above)
- **December 9 & 10** – Burning Desire at Safeway
- **December 20 - 23** – Toy giveaway & double food boxes at Yavapai Foodbank

## Did You Know?



Beginning with the 2016 tax year, the maximum credit for contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations is now \$400 for single or head of household, and \$800 for married taxpayers. (Previously, it was \$200 & \$400, respectively).

Yavapai Food Bank, Inc. is a qualifying 501(c)3 agency, and we would be deeply grateful for your donation.

For more information, please visit the Arizona Department of Revenue's website at:

<https://www.azdor.gov/TaxCredits/QualifyingCharitableOrganizations.aspx> and click on the "Publication 710" link under the "Information for Taxpayers" heading.

*Thank you for your consideration  
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