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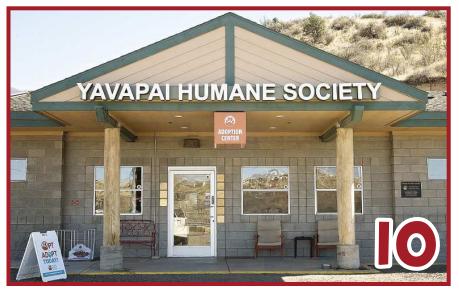
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Seniors & Their Pets





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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.



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**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 – 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 to All! Happy 2017!

2017 is going to be a busy year at Prescott Dog. We'll be adding a few additional writers, two new events, see information below, and we have increased our circulation and added new distribution locations, to better serve you, our readers. You can find out more about these locations or read the magazine anytime at prescottdog.com

Along with the popular WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest celebrations and adopt-a-thons; Prescott Dog Magazine will be hosting two additional events in 2017. Mark your calendars for these Prescott Dog Events:

- KITTY-Palooza Saturday, March 11th, 11:00a 3:00p. Join us for this first ever. Just like WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest there will be plenty of felines for adoption, contests and vendors catering to the feline crowd. KITTY-Palooza will take place within the indoor campground at Little Dealer/Little Prices in Prescott Valley. Our sincere thanks to Little Dealer/Little Prices for their hospitality. More details on the event on page 13 or at our website.
- Dog Days at Prescott Valley Days Saturday, April 29th, 10:00a - 4:00p, Prescott Valley Event Center. Everyone knows there's a lot of things you can do with your dog; Obedience, Agility, Flyball, and Freestyle are but a few. Have you ever wondered what your furry friend would be good at? April 29th come find out. The Brittney Rescue of Arizona will be setting up their coursing arena for any dog to come try out. There will also be demonstrations for Herding, Agility, Obedience, Coursing and More. A majority of these canine sporting disciplines are open to ALL dogs regardless of pedigree, size or style of dog, there's an event for them. For example, I have a friend that has a mastiff mix and she's really good at Herding, who would have guessed that? Dog Days at PV Days, come find a new hobby for you and your hound.
- WOOFstock 2017 The 6th Annual on the cool grass of the Prescott Valley Amphitheater Saturday, June 10th, 10a - 4p. WOOFstock is fun for the whole family, furry or otherwise. Dozens of rescue organizations from around the state will have loving pets looking for their forever home. There are fun contests for canines and humans alike, and more. This year we have added the "Bark for a Cure" walk. More details in the coming months.
- DOGtoberfest 2017 The 11th Annual DOGtoberfest at the Historic Courthouse Square in Prescott Sunday October 1st 10-4P. DOGtoberfest is the granddaddy of them all. October 1st the Courthouse square goes to the dogs-literally. DOGtoberfest is our fall celebration of all things dog. There will be dozens of rescue organizations, vendors, food, advise, contests and prizes. In 2017, we will be partnering with Blue Buffalo Pet Food and their Canine Cancer Research Foundation to bring awareness and raising much needed funds for canine cancer research. More details in the coming months.

Prescott Dog Magazine is committed to the Human/Animal Bond. We support all of the rescue groups, shelters and other dog related programs. We are repeatedly humbled by the examples of dedication and the determination of those volunteers who do the work day in and day out. They don't do this for the glory or the glamour, their dedication is derived from their will to help and their love for animals.

Is this the year for you to get involved? Whether you have two hours a month or twenty, there is an organization out there that could use your unique or not so unique talents. Flip back to page 40 and check out the list of organizations in our area. They'd be glad you did.

I have heard it said you get out of a dog, what you put into them. Meaning, for example, the more you train a dog, the better the dog will respond and the more they will learn. I see it the same way for the new year. Each year is like a new puppy, a clean slate, full of hope, excitement and plenty of love.

Cherie

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#### Spokes-Dog Greetings everyone. Hazel Bazel (the rocket dog) here again as spokesdog of "Prescott Dog Magazine.'

As 2017 begins, I hope you can look back on last year and find good things to bring with you into the New Year-like finding a rawhide roll under the couch, or at the very least a tennis ball

**Hazel Howls** 

From Starving Puppy to



I had a good but slightly trying time of it in 2016. In late April, Lucy arrived as a ball of puppy energy and comeuppance. (Lucy is being trained for a family with an autistic child.) Just as it seemed like my paws-on training program was beginning to bear fruit, my service human people brought home Butter Bear. This new puppy is going to take a wee bit more effort to get her in line. (Lots of wee here and wee there, by the way). Butter is very vocal and likes to expound on her puppy rights. Keep trying, kid. Maybe Lucy will listen.

One interesting development over the last year involves my new-but-ratherodd neighbors who have settled in and live on the hill above my house. They're kind of on the lazy side as they don't keep dairy farmer's hours like we make mom keep. They tend to wake and stir around 9:00am.

I sit patiently at the back door watching and waiting so I can announce their presence. My service human Dad calls it "piggie watch". I know they're not related to pigs, but you have to pick your battles with humans sometimes.

The other day as I was employing my observational prowess at the back door, Lucy told me that I was dreaming and twitching on the couch the previous night. Mom and Dad were chuckling and saying I was chasing rabbits

Now I don't always remember my dreams, but I do remember this one. I was driving Dad's F-350, (my limo), to my favorite store. I knew (in my dream) that my friend was waiting for me with a basket of retriever rolls (wearing a Santa suit, of all things).

Chasing Rabbits, really? Why would a red dog who minors in philosophy waste a good dream on something I can do when I'm awake? I have other dreams, too, one recurring dream is about my Gary, from Gentle Hearts... but those are private. (He's so awesome. In my dreams he speaks in Italian, and scratches my ears just right.)

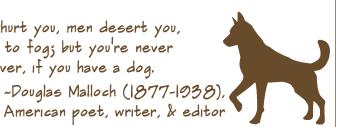
Now on to resolutions for the New Year. I hereby red-dog resolve to lose that nagging five pounds I've wanted to shed, and will help dad with his thirty. (Oh, wait. He's saying 20, now).

Also, I hereby red-dog resolve to show my closest loved ones and friends more affection and kindness. I've been slightly remiss in this area as Lucy can wear out a dog's patience sometimes. You know, you could join me in that, too. More ear scratching for friends and belly rubbings for that special someone

Here's to a better year for all, no matter how many legs you walk on.



Thorns may hurt you, men desert you, sunlight turn to fog; but you're never friendless ever, if you have a dog.



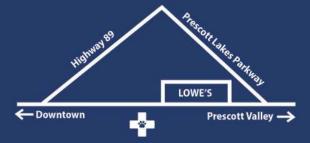
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### **PET DENTAL EMERGENCIES**

Since February is Pet Dental Health month, we wanted to take this time to share with you some pet dental emergencies. It is important to maintain routine dental care with your family veterinarian, but some situations may require immediate care.

#### WHAT IS A DENTAL EMERGENCY?

Dental emergencies may not be the most common type of pet emergencies, but it is important to know what a true pet dental emergency is. Facial or oral swelling, a fractured tooth, oral trauma (bone fractures, lacerations, puncture wounds), bleeding and excessive drooling should always be addressed immediately.

- Facial or oral swelling could be caused from an abscessed tooth, infection or allergic reaction.
- Bleeding can be a sign of severe dental disease or even a bleeding disorder.
- Tooth fractures are not only painful, but they put your pet at risk for an infection.
- Excessive drooling or unwillingness to chew food or toys could be a sign of an infection and if it is left untreated, it could lead to kidney, liver and heart problems.

Pets are great at hiding their symptoms. Many pets that suffer from severe dental disease will continue eating even though it is painful. While dental disease is very important to address, if your pet stops eating this may be a sign of some other type of illness and should be evaluated right away.

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



#### **Ongoing Adoptions**

#### Catty Shack – Cat Adoptions

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**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

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#### FEBRUARY

#### **Valentine Photos**

February 4th from 11:00a to 3:00p at Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley Street in Downtown Prescott. All proceeds benefit United Animal Friends. For \$10, receive a framed 5"x7" print or a CD with multiple photos.











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### Yavapai Humane Society Has A New Executive Director!

Story by Allie Werhan. Additional photos by Jocelyn Bouchard & The Yavapai Humane Society.

### YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors of Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) is pleased to announce Jocelyn Bouchard has been named the new Executive Director, effective December 26, 2016.

Bouchard brings a wealth of experience to her new role. Working in animal welfare for more than 30 years, she has served the industry in a variety of capacities, from veterinary medicine, to building volunteer teams, to fundraising and development, to operations, and has led animal shelters in an executive role since 1999.

Since 1972, YHS has advocated for animal welfare in the Prescott area and currently maintains contracts for animal sheltering services with Yavapai County, the City of Prescott, and the Town of Prescott Valley. It currently operates facilities housing nearly 3,500 cats, dogs and equines annually; provides lifesaving medical and behavioral programs for homeless animals; and extends

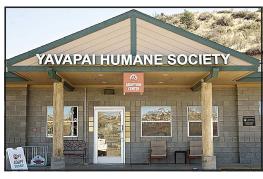
to think of Hawaii as paradise, but to be honest, it isn't the only one; Prescott has many delightful attractions too.

Jocelyn knows a lot of people who have lived in the Prescott area or visited here, and all have good things to tell her about it. She felt "home" when she visited here for the interview for Director.

Her family in British Columbia, Canada, always had animals, including cats, dogs, a hamster and a parakeet, and when she was looking for a career, a veterinarian where she took her dog suggested to her that being a veterinary technician was an option. She got a degree in Animal Behavioral Specialist, the name in Canada, and spent a year working at a private clinic, until she had an opportunity to work in animal welfare for a friend on leave, and fell in love with the field. "I never looked back," she says.

In Hawaii, the first place she looked for employment was the Maui Humane Society. She stayed there for 21 years, the last 11 as the director. The last few years she has been on the island of Oahu. She has been so busy she hasn't had time to go to the beach very often. She is looking forward to exploring Arizona after everything settles down. She does NOT enjoy moving and plans to stay here "20 or 30 years or maybe forever."

Her son will come to Prescott with her. He is a "tech-y kind of kid" she says and is looking at schools in the Phoenix area



low-cost spay/neuter services to the public in an effort to reduce pet overpopulation, among many other programs to support pet owners.

for a study program about game design. "At 17,he has the world at his feet." He has also considered learning to fly, so Embry Riddle Aeronautical University may interest him.

The new YHS Equine center intrigues Jocelyn, and she is looking forward to working with the staff there, rehabilitating horses and learning more about them. She is not a horsewoman (yet) but loves horses. She has some experience with horses because Maui is a horse-centric place like Prescott.

Right now, Jocelyn has two dogs, but is "temporarily without a cat." I'm sure she will find someone to help her with that.

Our countryside here is different from Hawaii, of course, but she says, "It's beautiful and I enjoy the newness of it all. I won't miss the bug-i-ness," she adds. That's a bonus for us from living in a dry climate.

Jocelyn has a vision for YHS and the County. "I think there is such a great foundation in terms of finding positive outcomes for pets, the low euthanasia rate for example, and I am looking to build on that. The staff works very hard to have enrichment activities to keep the animals healthy mentally and physically while they are in the YHS facility. I want to expand what are called safety net programs, keeping pets with families when possible, because people benefit

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**Jocelyn Bouchard** 

Elizabeth Haugen, the Marketing and Development Director at YHS, states, "We at Yavapai Humane Society are absolutely delighted to welcome Jocelyn to our organization. She is known for her ability to work collaboratively with her community to support homeless pets. Her enthusiasm and experience will be an incredible asset to the animals and citizens of Yavapai County."

Jocelyn Bouchard says that almost the first question people ask her is why she would move to Prescott from Hawaii? We tend from having pets in their lives."

She loves to work with the whole community. She already has heard positive comments from people about working with her and YHS and the community. It is important to build partnerships with people in the animal field, as well as with non-animal related groups. Jocelyn believes that we all want to make a difference, and using what are you looking for, what are we looking for, we can build a partnership together. One example of that is the Firefighters Calendar that YHS is involved this year, quite an impressive project.

"It is about people as well as animals. We're woven together and that bond is a major part of the goal."

Jocelyn Bouchard has put a lot of thought into her new position with YHS and everything it entails. She will work with the animals, her staff, and the people of the County on every level. She has had success in her previous positions and will expand on those approaches as well as with new ideas and her new YHS work family. We wish great success for Jocelyn here, and welcome her to our city and our community.



### Yavapai Humane Society: A Look Back, A Look Forward

#### **By Allie Werhan**

Some organizations, like some houses, just grow, with a new room being added here or there over the years until you have a building which works but may not serve the needs of the people. Yavapai Humane Society isn't one of those organizations. From the beginning, people with an interest in animal welfare have planned growth and changes to benefit the animals and people of this community.

In 1972, Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) was incorporated, with a \$50,000 capital campaign. The animal shelter facility opened in 1977. The mission statement says: To promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of companion animals. The vision of the organization states: We are committed to ensuring that every companion animal in our community has a great home and is well cared for all of its life.

Over the years, there have been policy changes that reflect both the forward thinking of the organization and the community dynamics which helped set the tone. In 1982, for example, the governing board funded a policy to adopt out animals only after they had been neutered.

In 1997, an estate gift was received that allowed YHS to perform much needed remodeling. An animal enrichment program began 6 years later with the groundbreaking of the Buffy Pence Bark Park. Here dogs can be dogs for a break from their kennels, and staff can work with training and behavior issues.

The public spay/neuter/wellness clinic opened in 2009 at 2989 Centerpointe East Drive Ste B, with affordable spay, neuter and vaccination care available to everyone at low costs. The community and the local rescue groups have come to rely on this excellent clinic.

In 2014, the thrift shop opened at a new location, 1601 Iron Springs Rd in Prescott, with a bigger, modern facility which has won praise for selection and service. They feature specials, like 50% off on the first Saturday of the month.

In 2016, YHS was awarded a grant from Petco that allowed a remodel of one wing in the shelter's pet adoption center, providing a quiet area for pets recovering from medical treatment, or who just need a quieter environment.

In addition to all these changes, YHS has developed and opened an equine center, in Chino Valley, which focuses on rehabilitation and life-saving services for horses, with the aim of getting the horses adopted into good homes. The professional staff retrain the horses using the Equitation Science principles. The Center opened on Jun 4, 20165, and is thriving. Like all YHS facilities, they function with the help of volunteers.

New Executive Director Jocelyn Bouchard is arriving at YHS at an auspicious moment in its history, with a strong foundation on which to build, facing a progressive future.





### **Moving a Mountain: Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary**

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos courtesy of Alie Amato.

Many years ago, a young woman, Alie Amato, was "sitting in my little studio apartment in New York, and decided, 'I can never afford a house here! I'm moving to Arizona!'" She packed up everything, drove to Arizona, and 27 years later, she's still here. There was a moment of "Oh, my gosh, what have I done?" but it quickly passed as life kept moving on.

Sometimes she gets homesick for her family, so she is trying to visit more often. Her mother is gone, and her father is getting older. Taking time off is difficult because of all the animals she has in her care. She has Tom Darrah who works 4 days a week, with the animals and as a handyman. He is retired and supplements his income.

Before she can leave, Alie needs to find a full-time person to care for the sanctuary and all the animals. The sanctuary is on 14 acres in the Bradshaw Mountains, beautiful and quiet, a lovely place for someone seeking solitude. Because BMWA is a non-profit, the paycheck isn't large, but the fringe benefits are awesome. ...the mountain views, the animals who love to see you daily...and where else can you end your phone conversations with, "Got to go...time to feed the bobcat." She also needs volunteers.



Chief the bobcat

Alie got her first cat when she was two years old. After that she always loved animals, especially cats. She was always carrying strays home, much to the chagrin of her dad, who kept yelling at her about it.

There has always been this drive in her. She has another job in the

music business, freelancing for 29 years. Some of the artists she works for appreciate her love of animals and the work she does. Sometimes they give her autographed items and concert tickets to raffle off to help out the sanctuary.

"While it is a great job, it isn't as meaningful as working to save and care for animals. This saving little lives is making an impact." Making a difference in the world has always meant a lot to Alie. No matter what else she has done, the idea of saving lives and helping vulnerable animals has been on the top of her list of important work.

The Bradshaw Mountain sanctuary isn't her first experience with wild life. For a year and a half, Alie was a lion tamer for a man in Florida. Besides lion taming, her job included accompanying lions to Los Angeles and New York for press conferences for the movie, The Lion King. It is a bit shocking to find out about this aspect of her life, but once you get to know Alie, you realize she can do whatever she sets her mind to.

While it was fun and interesting, it was not saving animals or having the kind of impact Alie was looking for. She gave up her lions for a different kind of wildlife.

Alie wanted to open an animal shelter. Her partner in this enterprise, Francois, was interested in the wildlife while she was more interested in domestic animals. Both got their wildlife licenses from Game and Fish, began to build and began immediately to get calls from everywhere. "Snakes, lizards, sugar gliders, animals people bought as exotic pets and then regretted it what they had done..." She and Francois worked together until 2003, and since then, she has been running the sanctuary herself sometimes with help and volunteers and sometimes by herself.

As anyone with animals knows, it is a lot of work to provide food, water, exercise, shelter and all their other needs. Cleaning up after them is no small task. All these chores are constant, with no days off. The animals have to come first.

On a small scale, she has changed the name of the Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary Thrift Shop in Mayer to "Panda's Place." You can read the story in her current newsletter. The contact link is bradshawmountainwildlife.com. The shop adopted an abandoned cat named Panda at their old location, gradually lured her into the shop to eat, and brought her with them when they moved out on SR69. Ever since, people talk about going to "Panda's Place" so why not make it official? Panda loves all the petting and attention and treats.

On a large scale, Alie is looking for a property closer to town to move the sanctuary. It is expensive and there are sensitive issues, like noise (wolves howling) and smells. She wants to maintain the wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, but wants to concentrate on domestic animals especially cats who are ill with leukemia or senior cats with no where else to go. The new facility will be called "Uma's Haven" after a special cat she rescued a few years ago.

You can find out all about the moving plans in the newsletter, as well as see photos of animals wild and domestic. She has started a GoFundMe account for anyone who wants to help.

Once a person gets the notion to rescue animals, to care for those with out friends, and to make their lives better, there is no looking back. Alie is that person, always upbeat, always looking for the next kitty who needs her.



Lulu – wolf hybrid still living at the sanctuary



Ringtail – rescued, rehabbed, & released



Happy Cat



Rescued & released raccoon



Cricket, still at the Sanctuary



### **Book Review:** Dog Medicine by Julie Barton

#### **Review by Allie Werhan**

Julie Barton suffered a childhood of abuse from her older brother and a lack of understanding, an almost blindness, from her parents. While they loved both their children, they had no idea of the dynamics between the two, nor why Julie was so unhappy.

As a young woman, Julie took a job in New York, where she felt like an outsider.

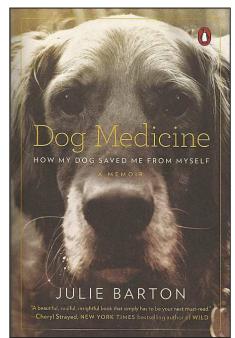
She engaged in destructive relationships, and was miserably unhappy but didn't understand why. One day her life overwhelmed her and she could no longer function.

Her mother took her home to Ohio, where in spite of the efforts of her parents to help her, she turned her face to the wall. Only when she got a puppy did she begin to hope again. Bunker was a golden retriever, a few months old, born the same day she had her breakdown.

A puppy needs to be fed, exercised and loved. Bunker seemed to know from the first how important it was to Julie for him to focus on her. Their bond was so strong that Julie began to believe that her life could change. She found a lifeline in depression medication, and gathered the courage to move, with her parents' blessing, to Seattle.

Her story settles into one of growth, friendship, and love, with Bunker the center of her life. She began to feel that he was saving her. When poor decisions sent her reeling, it was Bunker's illness which kept her from crashing. The depth of her fear for him and her realization that she would do anything to save him brought Julie to the realization of what she needed most.

Vivid descriptions convey the darkness of depression, the slow recovery and the depth of the love between Julie and Bunker with its enormous power to heal both.





### **Business Spotlight: Chino Valley Animal Hospital**

#### Story & Photos by Allie Werhan and Courtesy of Chino Valley Animal Hospital

Dr. Michael Kahan, DVM, attended Michigan State to earn his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1992, practiced in Michigan for several years, then in 2004, he purchased the Chino Valley Animal Hospital. There were some changes, the pace of the town, for instance, which is much more relaxed that his former town, and the hospital itself, which was much smaller at the time. With only one exam room, clients would line up out the door and down the walkway as they waited. It made Dr. Kahan anxious because in Michigan, people would have left after 15 minutes, but here in Chino Valley, people were at ease, visiting with each other and being patient (a little pun there).

Dr. Kahan put up the new building in 2008. It is a beautiful facility, with a large welcoming portal, spacious waiting rooms and many exam rooms and other special purpose rooms.

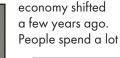
There is an operating theater, separate dental suite, digital dental x-ray, and procedures room. There is also an underwater therapy treadmill in that room. All the equipment is top of the line, and it is constantly monitored, serviced and quickly repaired or replaced as needed. Purchasing the best equipment means up-to-date medical treatment for the animals.

The size of the staff has increased considerably from when the new building opened. There are 30+ staff members, including veterinarians and support people.

Dr. Waite is the equine and large animal vet; Dr. Fernandez and Dr. Styre are orthopedists and also do most of the dental procedures along with Dr. Waite. Dr. McCollum and Dr. Kahan are more general, with Dr. McCollum doing more of the surgeries.

(Dr. Fernandez came into the interview room and introduced me to his newly adopted dog, Sheena. Congratulations to Sheena and Dr. Fernandez.)

People understand when they must wait for their appointments. If the doctor is taking a bit of extra time for another patient, the same attention will be available for their own pets. Many clients have multiple animals, dogs, cats, and more. There used to be more horses, but that has changed since the



**Dr. Fernandez** 

operating on a rat



Dr. Michael Kahan in his office



**Chino Valley Animal Hospital** group photo with Dr. Kahan in center

of money on their pets, possibly more than in other parts of the nation. "These are my children, they are part of our family," clients tell Dr. Kahan.

To the staff of CVAH, all their clients and patients are part of their family. They call greetings to them as they come in, Many of the staff are long term, with little turn over. "The clients will see a familiar face with the receptionist when they come in." He says he likes to go into places where people know him.

Renee, the office manager/factotum, has been with CVAH for 8 years. Other staff have been there from 10 years on up to the present. Some of them leave and come back.

When he thinks about the clients who come to Chino Valley Animal Hospital, Dr. Kahan says, "I hope that people understand how much we care. If a pet is sick, we try to get it in that day, and be flexible in scheduling. Our goal is quality medical care for each patient.'

The medical staff is excellent and well-trained, with a mix of experiences. They can consult with each other over problems without ego being an issue.

Physical therapy is one area of treatment that is growing. CVAH has laser treatments, underwater treadmill, acupuncture and massage therapy. These procedures really help animals. Dr. Kahan says, "I was a little skeptical at first, but the benefits are clear. A dog who was paralyzed now can walk. You can't argue with that. It is worth the large investment in top of the line equipment and specialized training and certification for the medical staff."

Dr. Kahan has two English bulldogs, Abby and Thor. Thor is a 3 year old rescue, who is white and was born deaf. Abby had belonged to a client

> who moved. She's very bonded to his 11-year old son, and makes sure he is okay. "We used to always have 3 or 4 dogs, but it is difficult to give enough



Renee with JD

attention to that many. So we stick with our two.'

The family had been rescuing older dogs, but it got too hard on the family, his son especially, to bond with a dog for a few months and then lose it.

His 23-year-old son is in law school in San Diego.

Other services offered by Chino Valley Animal Hospital are grooming, small animal treatments, such as dentistry and spay/neuter, emergency and urgent care treatment, and boarding. They also have a pharmacy, do preventive medicine, x-rays, eye and ear treatments, and will even make house calls if the need arises.

CVAH also works with United Animal Friends, helping in their rescue program, and has contracts with the Chino Valley Animal Control and Animal Shelter for medical treatment of dogs or cats brought in. They also do the spay/neuter surgery. The staff also participates in Dogtoberfest and Woofdown Lunch, "a lot of fun."

Renee, whom I identified as manager and factotum really does do almost everything, She keeps things running smoothly, and can explain every piece of equipment and how procedures are carried out.

She lived in Prescott Valley 5 years, but 11 years ago, she and her family moved to Chino Valley. She has 7 dogs, 3 cats, a horse and donkey, chickens, ducks and cows. Oh...and two children! Her husband works on a 5/4 shift at the mines at Bagdad.

Her job gives Renee the opportunity to work with clients for the benefit of the animals, which is what she enjoys. She also can take her "really old dog, JD," 15 ½ years old, to work every day, because he lost his sister last year and that seems to have made him "get old fast."

It is difficult to convey the atmosphere of this animal hospital in a few words. It is comfortable, friendly, warm, and welcoming. The dogs sense this too... the ones in the waiting room were more relaxed than dogs often are, what with the medicinal smells they can detect. The medical staff all had time for a friendly pat as they zipped past doing their work.

The first people you see as you come in are Lynn Taylor and Alishia Craig, Customer Care Specialists. They are the last ones too,

saying goodbye to you and your pet.

> 3601 Hwy 89 North Chino Valley (928) 636-4382

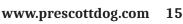


Sheena, Dr. Fernandez's newly adopted dog



**Bernadette** massaging Gretchen









#### Bethany's Gait Ranch Featured in Prescott's 2016 Veteran's Day Parade



Horsing Around equestrian club joined Bethany's Gait (horse rescue) Ranch to participate in the 2016 Veteran's Day Parade, Downtown Prescott.

Linda Clark, Sandra Orellana, Rita Thompson-Tinsley, Kay Oden, Sally Hensley and Karen Mosely were honored to let veterans and their families ride our horses. Marilyn Sieckmann led her riderless horse in honor of the fallen soldiers. Linda Corbin carried the MIA/POW flag. Patty Popp Godfrey decorated her horse in memory of Delissa Blair. Heather McCafferty drove the BG truck with veterans and family members on board. Montey Hensley and James Biradhly were our super dooper pooper scoopers. Cristi Silverberg-Rose organized this dynamic parade entry.

Thanks to all who participated, but most of all, THANK YOU TO ALL THE VETERANS and their families who have sacrificed so much to defend our country. We love and appreciate you!

Veteran riders: Johnny Montoya, William Oliva, Sherrina Johnson, Larry Hasan, Ron Bowen. Children of veterans riding: Mirabella Blair, Konnor Montoya, Isabella Montoya. Banner carriers: Aidan Johnson-Grajeda and Zack Audis.



#### Miss Kitty's Cat House

Fall was a very happy and busy time for Miss Kitty's Cat House! The house was happy to see the following adult cats find their forever homes: Sasha, Miracle, Honey and Butterscotch to the same home, Carter, Smokey Joe, Galaxy, Yavi and Morris, who looks just like the original Morris, TV star cat! MKCH is open to the public Fri. and Sat. 10-3 PM or you can call to make an appointment.

Our young fosters also found great loving homes while being shown at Petsmart Sat. & Sun.: Micah, Winter, Romeo, Catsby, Dugan, Rooky, Max, Sissy, Mary, Chaos, Serenity and Mable. Foster mom's bring their foster kitties to Petsmart Sat. 10-2 PM and Sun 11-2 PM.

As always, MKCH adult and foster kitties are on Petfinder and MKCH Facebook page, check us out!

### **Catty Shack News**

Hi Everyone. A quick note to catch you up on happenings at the Catty Shack.

We had 2 adoptions today! Bryce and Brady, sons of Elinor, went home with a great couple who fell in love with them. They had been at the Shack 2 whole days! We are very happy for them as we who fostered them had become attached to them. A great match all the way around.

Our oldest and our youngest cats went to the vet today. Little Dora to have her first shots and the cat left behind at a foreclosure situation that we call Shadow, who is struggling to come out of the neglect he suffered. He is a very sweet boy, over 10 and declawed. Please continue to spread the word that declawing is cruel and causes issues as they advance in age. He has joined my tribe at my house to try to regain his health and sense of wellbeing. Anyone wishing to help him could send an order of Delectables Stew Lickable Treat for 10+ or older. It is on our Amazon Wish List.

Speaking of our Amazon Wish List, thank you so much for all the wonderful donations from the list. We have received so many nice things and they are making life so much nicer for the kitties at the Catty Shack. We were given the gift of the Frosh cleaning products from Germany and if you are looking for a good group of natural products, this is it.

One of our most experienced members, Rosemarie Hoffman, left us to return to Germany. We were very at kitty wrangling. She was a good friend to all. In the good news department, we

sad to lose her and her expertise

have had an unprecedented number of people step up to volunteer and will be able to cover all Rosemarie's shifts and stay open our normal 5 days a week from 10-2 as well as clean, feed and socialize. We might even get the paperwork done!

As always, thank you so much for your continued support and caring about the kitties. You show it in so many wonderful ways and we appreciate it deeply.

Susan and the Catty Shack Crew Bryce and Brady, Shadow & Baby Dora





Joellyn Nusbaum has been elected President of United Animal Friends (UAF) for 2017. Joellyn has been a full-time UAF volunteer since 2005 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2008. She has served as Vice-President since 2010.

Joellyn has extensive experience in managing numerous aspects of United Animal Friends, including coordinating intake from high-risk animal shelters, evaluating intake animals, matching foster parents and foster dogs, facilitating adoptions and mentoring volunteers. She has played a key role in facilitating a period of extraordinary growth of the organization

through her efforts in marketing, fundraising and social media. Her leadership and vision will ensure an orderly management transition for the organization as it continues to grow.

Kathleen "Toby" Frost is stepping down from her role as President and Board Member after reaching her term limit. Toby is one of the founding members of United Animal Friends and has served as President since 2010. During her tenure, she has overseen the implementation and expansion of key programs including the Emergency Medical Program, the Paw it Forward Program, the Low-Income Spay/Neuter Certificate Program and the Courtesy Listing Program. Toby will continue to have an important role with UAF during the management transition and beyond.

For more information on UAF's mission and programs, please visit www. UnitedAnimalFriends.org.

## UAF Rummage Sale an Unprecedented Success!

The 2016 "Rummage to the Rescues" rummage sale broke all records for United Animal Friends. Thanks to the generosity of Robert Fortner, Jr., who donated the use of the Fortner Aerospace Manufacturing building, we had the largest space ever for the sale. And thanks to the generosity of our community and the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, we raised more money than ever before.

The rummage sale effort was spearheaded by Janet and Jeff S. and a core group of other volunteers who worked tirelessly week after week to collect, sort, organize and price the thousands of items that were donated by our wonderful community of supporters. The sale was held over a period of six days, starting with a Pre-Sale Day for the most eager shoppers, followed by three days of regular sales and ending with a Half Price Day and a Name Your Price Day. After the sale, unsold items were donated to N.O.A.H. Thrift Store, DAV "Trift" Store, Coalition for Compassion and Justice and other organizations where they will help animals and people.

United Animal Friends thanks everyone who had a part in this unprecedented success. The funds raised through the sale will allow UAF to further its mission of providing rescue programs and services to animals and those who care for them.



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### **Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue & Sanctuary News**

at Circle L (Ezra is a volunteer at the

Ranch who loves our seniors).

Hope has had quite a year as the

She became a local celebrity at the beginning of 2016 when she

appeared on the cover of "The

newest member of the Green Pack!

Prescott Dog" magazine. We cannot

believe the number of people who

and article! Her front leg braces

believe we are officially known

throughout Prescott as "Hope's

After adopting Hope, we were so

happy to be a "4-pack" again...me,

kids. Hope and her younger brother

adjusted to their new life as siblings.

Hope's personality emerge as she got

more comfortable in the pack. Out of

the blue, she can suddenly have some

really feisty moments where she will talk,

talk, talk, and play. She and Comet had

some great little romps when they'd both

get playful. Then it always ended on her

terms...."I'm done with you now, little

We have absolutely loved seeing

Comet (who was 9 at the time),

my husband Robin, and our two furry

and attention she is getting!

have recognized her from the cover

are a frequent topic of conversation

parents". She deserves all of the love

whenever we are out walking. We

### Hope's New Year

Sharing a special story and wishes for a special 2017 from Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

In the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of Prescott Dog Magazine, we featured a story about Hope, a German Shepherd rescued by Circle L Ranch Rescue and adopted by Terry and Robin Green. She had carpel hyperextension, a condition which leaves her unable to walk on her feet. Braces were specially ordered for her and she adapted to them quickly, toughening and strengthening her legs and feet. It was said it would be about a year for Hope to fully adjust to walking with the braces. Here, the Green family explains what the next year brought to Hope.

#### September 18, 2016

Since today marks one year since we adopted our very special senior girl, Hope, I thought I'd send an update so everyone who loves and cares for her from Circle L will know how well she's doing. We are so happy that Ezra and Hope still see each other and continue the bond they developed

**Our Potbellied Pigs** 



Breed: The most common type of mini pig is the Potbellied Pig (also called Vietnamese Potbellied Pig, Miniature Pot Belly Pig, or Chinese Potbellied Pig). The average adult size of a potbellied pig is 120-150 lbs., although one can weigh as much as 250. The KuneKune is also a mini pig, but it weighs in at around 400 pounds on average and looks more its cousin, the farm pig.

After the first of the year, our potbellied pigs will be adoptable to very select adopters. Every potential adapter will receive both an interview and a home visit, and we'll have lots of questions.

A meet and greet is required (perhaps more than one), where an in-depth discussion of the pigs' needs and health requirements will take place. Each prospective adopter will be given a full packet of health information. Please note that if an adopter needs to ask us, "Do they make good

pets?" you're likely not ready to adopt a potbellied pig.

If you're interested in sponsoring one of our animals, please note that it costs \$5,000 a month for us to feed ALL of our farm animals so ANY contribution is very welcome and much appreciated.

man, I'm going to go lay down". The older sister ran that show.

Sadly, Comet's health hit a rapid decline and we had to let him go to the Rainbow Bridge in May. He was just over 10 years old, but that's young for us. We never dreamed we would lose him so soon. We all took some time to grieve our loss and transitioned to our new "3-pack" status. We felt bad for Hope, losing her brother after only 8 months with us. But she is adjusting well to life as an only child. She enjoys that she gets to lick BOTH plates after dinner and doesn't have to share.

Following the loss of Comet, Hope's story gets very interesting. Ever since we adopted her, she and Comet each had their own space in the back of our SUV....the "dogmobile". They NEVER laid right next to each other or touched in the car. Then, a few weeks before we lost Comet, we twice found him lying in the car with his paw on her leg. We took pictures because we couldn't believe what we were seeing.

On his last day with us, all of us were together running errands. I came out of a store and Robin told me he took a picture of Comet and Hope that I had to see. I couldn't believe my eyes. His entire front leg was up on Hope's side. It was so uncharacteristic of him and we truly believe there was some unspoken dog communication happening there as Comet knew he'd be leaving soon.

The very first week Comet was gone, we experienced what we believe was the passing of the torch. Sitting on our deck with Hope, she saw a person and a dog walking in front of our house. She jumped to attention and let out a "big dog" bark we had NEVER heard from her before. She was in protect mode and that was definitely a trait she had never shown us before. Ever since, she now alerts us whenever any person and/or dog is walking in front of our house. We believe that, as only dogs can communicate to each other, Comet had passed the torch of protecting Mom and Dad, to his older sister, Hope. And she has proudly taken that torch and is doing a great job! It makes us laugh and cry at the same time.

We are so grateful to have Hope in our pack and in our lives. With all the love she has given us and the love we be been able to give to her, it has been a GREAT "Year of Hope" for us all.

Many thanks to Circle L for bringing such a wonderfully sweet girl into our lives.

Terry, Robin, and Hope Green

### **Rescue Moms**

RIO came to us in October 2016 found under a shed on the reservation with her pups, starving and totally unsocial. One baby wasn't even hers but she gave it a family. Rio was shy, but approachable, a good mom who allowed volunteers time to socialize her babies.

LADY was rescued from Safford in October 2016. She was in poor condition after giving birth to 12 pups, 3 of which did not survive. She was so thin, trying to nourish all these babies and young herself. Her pups were 3 weeks old when we got the family. She too was a sweet, kind and a super mom.

Entering our 11th year, the Ranch is grateful for many things but especially knowing that so many of the dogs we took in are safe

and loved; more chapters to be written. Our farm side has expanded with many pot-bellied pigs rescued last year. Consider a tour but please call for an appointment (see our website circlel.org).



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### PET CLUB

Across from Safeway 991 N. State Route 89 Chino Valley, AZ 86323 (928) 458-7466



Lady









**Shelby**. @11 y.o. female Lab mix, ok w/some dogs, prefers human attention. Likes walks, car rides, & watching TV with you. Great senior companion. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.

Mandy. Female beagle/border collie mix, med. size, 1 y.o. affectionate, loves people, needs lots of attention, big yard. Ok w/dogs, not sure about

cats. Love walks. United

Paul. Aussie/shepherd

mix, 7 m.o., enjoys

affection & attention,

running & an active

family. United Animal

Friends. (928) 778-2924.

needs fenced yard for

Animal Friends. (928)

778-2924.

Jax. Male shepherd mix, @ 2 ½ y.o gets along with other dogs, tricolor. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.

**Reba**. Lab mix, @ 10 y.o., bouncy, outgoing, adores her humans, yard w/high fence needed. No other dogs, no cats. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.

Makenzie. F. pit bull terrier, 7 m.o., okay with dogs, needs puppy training. Darling girl, energetic. Circle L Ranch., (928) 273-7005.

Whitney. Aussie mix boy, @ 8 y.o., very active, good w/dogs, very loyal to people. Buff feet. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.

**Loretta**. Shepherd/ hound mix, 1 y.o. good dog, needs surgery on her back leg...had a rough start. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.













He's a golden-eyed happy active boy. United Animal Friends. (928) Bud. A 4 y.o. pit bull/ border collie mix boy

who loves to go for walks, get treats and hang out with you. He would like an active family. He has freckled feet, too. Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 X7.

dogs, people, attention,

running, and hiking...

778-2924.

but not sure about cats.

Scooby. Boy, smooth coat tricolor border collie mix, 2-3 y.o., fun loving personality, needs to be an only dog or w/a female companion. Smart, loves to play. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.

Callie. 8 m.o. shepherd/sheltie mix girl, small, affectionate, good on a leash, happy-go-lucky. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.

Willie. Shepherd/ golden mix, 3 y.o., med. size, tail is always wagging, ok w/friendly dogs, loves to lean on people and get affection. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.

**Rocky**. 8 m.o. cattle dog mix, small, smart, quick learner, needs patience, activity and a buddy and some training to be awesome. United Animal Friends. (928) 778-2924.







Tango. He's still a puppy, 10 mo.old, 60#. He knows some commands and is very smart. He love treats so he learns fast! He love



Wrinkles. Friendly. Likes to be scratched, likes female dogs, A normal dog with wrinkles! Needs owner who knows Shar Peis. YHS (928) 445-2666.

**Roxy**. Loves to play

ball, run, is potty trained,

wants an active family to

take her on adventures,

very athletic, would love

agility sports, ok w/

445-2666.

friendly dogs. Yavapai

Humane Society. (928)



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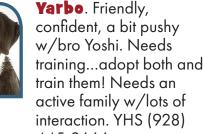
leash, a sweet, mellow girl, needs to be the only dog, loves routine. Good around the house, older kids okay, & friendly dogs. YHS. (928) 445-2666.



Jazzy. She's a girl shepherd/cattle dog mix, 1 y.o., loves people and want to be close to you. She will weave around your legs like a cat! Her stunning beautiful eyes are two different colors, and she has a nice short coat. She walks well on a leash. United Animal

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Mercedes. Lab/blue heeler mix, good w/ older mellow dog, loves walks, playing ball. 6 y.o. girl, If you always wanted to own a Mercedes, here is your chance! Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



**Pixie**. Lab mix, playful 2 y.o.girl, out-going, loves other dogs, people and is crazy about water. Very smart, willing to please. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



Jake. Plott hound mix boy, 3 y.o. good boy, like a female canine companion, loves walks. NOT a hunting dog, wants to be a family dog. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



**Big Sandi**. A 4 y.o. female mastiff mix.She has a torn tendon in her back leg that can't be mended, but medication helps. She needs to be the only dog or with a mellow dog. No cats please. Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. (928) 273-7005.



**Molly**. Aus. Shepherd mix girl, @ 7 y.o., smart, sweet, quiet. Loves to snuggle, everybody loves her. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 X7.



**Tatum**. Rat terrier mix, boy, 2 y.o. gets along w/ dogs, cats, likes children. Needs an active family & a big strong fence! Lots of exercise! Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 X7.



Josey. Black male, 3 y.o., easy going, a little baffled by squeaky toys. Josey has a wonderful singing voice & loves water. Greyhound Pets of Arizona. 877-454-3647.

#### Rescue in the Limelight: No Longer Astray Story & photos by Allie Werhan

In our ongoing effort to highlight the news and events of community rescue groups, today we are showcasing the recent addition of a dog rescue in the eastern part of our community, No Longer Astray, organized and managed by Jan Tamborlini with help from her energetic volunteers. The group was formally established in Nov. 2015, and is a 501 c 3 so donations are deductible, among other benefits.

On a recent Sunday the group set up in the parking lot of the Tractor Supply on Eastridge in Prescott Valley. (Thanks, Tractor Supply!) They were showing some mixed breed puppies in some puppy pens with covers, necessary because some of these little wrigglers could go up and over and lead everyone on a merry chase.

A small crowd of dog lovers and families looking to adopt soon gathered, and the show was on. The handlers were busy with the pups and the adult dogs alike, all enjoying the fall sunshine and attention.

Jan has a property in Prescott Valley where she fosters most of the dogs, a full-time job for her and the volunteers, with feeding, brushing, cleaning, vet visits and just time to play with the dogs. She believes strongly that people look for dogs for healing, to lift them up in difficult times.

It is also true that many dogs need time to heal too. Dogs that have been strays for a while develop fear issues, and food issues, among others, and it is important to give them time to recover. "Don't take them in and rush them out the door," Jan says. Give them a chance at a healthy, happy life."



NLAS often rescues dogs

from euthanasia lists of shelters, giving them the second chance they deserve. Watch for their events in Prescott Dog Magazine and stop by to welcome this new group to the Prescott community.



**Lilly & Lucy**. Sisters, red brindle girls, 1½ y.o., would like to stay together. Greyhound Pets of Arizona. 877-454-3647



Mega Novus. Red, 4 y.o. boy, walks nicely on a leash, doggy-door trained, Not tested w/ cats or small dogs, Loves his person, wants to be close. Greyhound Pets of Arizona. 877-454-3647.



The McLaughlins with Pris and Jan as they adopt a puppy, Louis. Pris Richey, Atrus, Rachel, Bastion & Christopher McLaughlin and Jan Tamborlini



Sadie







**Cricket**. Brindle girl, sweet, petite, wants to be your best friend. A snuggle bug and a walking partner. She counter surfs. No cats or small dogs. Greyhound Pets of Arizona. 877-454-3647.









Molly. One y.o. girl, gry/ wte tuxedo, shy to begin, loves petting, responds to a touch and sweet talk. Miss Kitty's (928) 445-5411.



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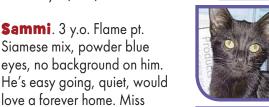
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**Chris**. Lots of spunk in this

girl. One/half tail length,

m.o. sweet girl, beautifully

mix , 9 m.o. people

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length tail. Sister to Chris and Leigh. Ark Cat Sanctuary. (928) 308-4599.

### **Kitten Korner: Kitten Wisdom** By Allie Werhan. Photos courtesy of Catty Shack

Kittens are so cute and adorable that sometimes people forget that they are living beings who are babies and need the special care all babies need. At Catty Shack Rescue, the volunteers understand the needs of kittens and cats, too.



Fergus came to Catty Shack as an orphan. Susan Smart, who is the owner/manager of ĆS says, "He came to us a tiny, crying abandoned kitten who didn't want to be left at the Shack, and didn't want to be one of the group...he

**Fergus** 

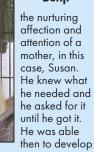
wanted a mom. He carried on until I had no choice but to bring him home. There, we wore him around in a sling, bundled him up next to us whatever ve were doing, and he fell asleep at night holding my head with both paws or tucked under my chin, purring himself to sleep. You couldn't leave the room or have a closed door between you, and so the days went by with the little squawky baby running the show!"

Susan explains that a kitten alone doesn't learn cat etiquette, because cats train each

other in how to be cats. After a while, they got two kittens about his age from Lisa Gra-ham, a rescuer in Chino Valley. Fergus now had a brother, Benji, and sister, Elizabeth, and the three integrated into a little family. He still wanted a mom, but he didn't need her constantly.

Once they were old enough to be altered, they all lived at Catty Shack. Although some people think something is wrong with a needy cat, a kitten is a baby who needs

#### Benji



into a warm, loving little being. All 3 kittens became well-rounded, well-adjusted cats, with no aggression or fighting.

"It was a real lesson for me," Susan says, "to learn that it was important to figure out what each cat needs and give that to them. Each cat is different, just like people are. It isn't coddling or spoiling. People are allowed to have all kinds of foibles, but somehow we don't want animals to be needy or show what might be considered a weakness. Some animals are even euthanized because they are 'different.' Animals become part of our families, and we need to accept them, foibles and all, and gently help them grow and change, and love them as family members deserve."

Susan says that Catty Shack doesn't adopt out a kitten alone. It must have a companion, either adopted with it or in its new home "Cats are not loners; they need company to thrive. A lonely cat may get into mischief." Like many rescue groups, Susan's group does follow-up calls to see how the adoptees are doing, and to help with the adjustments if needed. All cats are special to their families and capable of showing love and affection, responding to the love they are given.

Fergus was adopted in May, and taught Susan another lesson. "He taught us how your heart can crack open when you watch them move to the next phase of their lives, going to a home out in the world. But, as Leonard Cohen says, "There's a crack in everything...that's how the light gets in."



The next step is...more kittens.

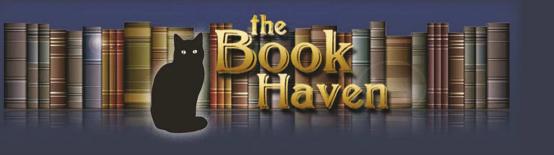
The three little ones pictured above were tired and wanted to cuddle. They are a sister and two brothers, who will soon be living at the Shack. The interaction with people helps them develop into warm, loving cats.

Catty Shack has several small rooms which provide an intimate setting for people and volunteers to interact with the feline residents. Volunteers recently built a catio onto the building, where the cats can be outside and still be safe. Although there is a wonderful corps of devoted volunteers, there is always room for more

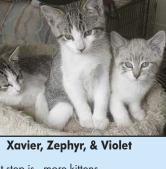
Catty Shack has filled a real void in the Prescott community because they take in cats off the street or kittens from community cat colonies. These stray or abandoned cats become affectionate pets with the care and nurturing they get from the volunteers. Unfortunately, there is no shortage of cats. Fortunately, there is a world of love at Catty Shack.

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### SPECIAL: MINI THERAPY HORSES

#### STORY BY ALLIE WERHAN. PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVE BRADFORD.



In October of 2016, Dave Bradford rode a horse for the first time. He fell in love with the whole experience. For many years of his life, Dave had trained Greyhounds as therapy and decided to work toward the same goal with horses.

After much discussion with friends, he realized he needed to start with babies, and with horses that were small, because they can go places full-size horses can't. More planning was necessary to find the right horses and arrange for help and a set up. You know how you really want something, and you have to wait... and wait? That is what Dave went through until one day Pearl and Baylee were welcomed into his family and workplace.

Dave works as the horse caretaker at Orme School, a tremendous job in itself. He also has stage 4 melanoma, but has refused chemo and radiation. He takes a medication called Yervoy Ipps and lives a normal life. His doctor told him he can do anything he wants. "I'm 72. Nothing is going to stop me with these horses. They have been trained to provide therapy to cancer patients."

He does their training himself, with the knowledgeable aid of Lois Carsten-Libby, a long-time trainer of horses and greyhounds. Lois says," Dave is working a miracle. The 'girls' can go up steps, ignore noises and odd sounds, take treats out of someone's hands, and even shake 'hands'. He uses repetition and is consistent and that's how he does it."

Pearl and Baylee have to pass a test just as dogs do. They have to be able to go into buildings, ride elevators and do many other activities. He is in contact with Pet Partners and his evaluator, Star Gunnison. The plans are that the girls are ready to test at the first of the year.

It surprised Dave how much affection he receives form the mini horses. He has deep feelings for the girls, for what he is doing, and its importance for people with cancer.



Pearl, Dave, & Baylee

Pearl, with her blue eyes, is the boss of the two, and Baylee accepts that. Ages are 11 months and 9 months old respectively. They are versatile about where they can go to meet patients.

Both little horses love attention, and can bring happiness to the people they meet. Dave is grateful for his own health, and wants to share his love and gratitude for what he has been given.

In spite of all the paperwork, testing and certification, Dave sticks to his plan. I'm not stopping."



**Baylee & Pearl resting** 



Yavapai Humane Society Equine Center Horses for Adoption



**Nighthawk** is a 4 year old who was rescued from slaughter. He has been recently gelded and is beginning his training, demonstrating good manners and is a quick learner. He will need an owner with experience. Nighthawk's photo was taken with Groom Creek firefighter Dave Lattman and is September's featured photo in the 2017 Heroes & Hounds Calendar.\*



**Skipper** is 10 years old and has never been ridden, although is currently under training. He will need a home with an experienced rider. He likes attention and is very smart. He will make a wonderful horse for the right person. Skipper's photo was taken with Groom Creek firefighter Daniel Boutin and is June's featured photo in the 2017 Heroes & Hounds Calendar.\*



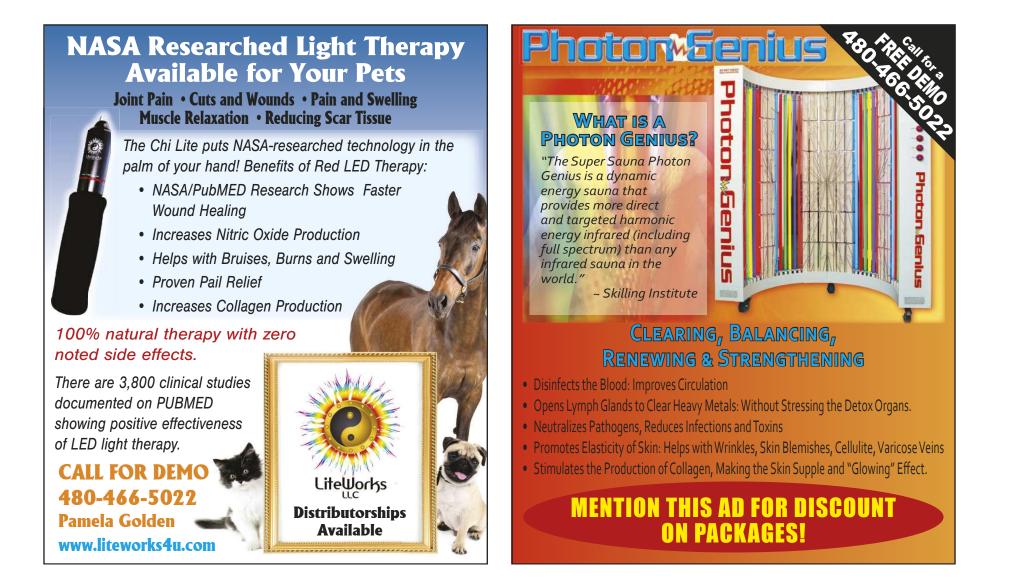
dark brown coat, a black mane, and a white blaze. Yavapai Humane Society's Equine Director, Dr. Lucy Berg, says Aspen is a very kind horse. She has a wonderful calm manner. She has not been ridden, so will need training to be a saddle horse.

Aspen is a 4 year old mare with a lovely

**Callie** is a 4 year old Paint horse and is very good in hand. She has not been under saddle, but is learning bit work and being worked with in the round pen. Callie will need further training to be ridden but she has basic ground manners and is a lovely horse.

**Chaquita** is a 14 year old Peruvian Paso. This mare is a beautiful horse who is learning to trust people. She has a lot of potential for the right home.

\*Heroes & Hounds Calendars are available for sale online at www.yavapaihumane.org and benefit Yavapai Humane Society and Groom Creek Fire District.





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### SENIORS AND THEIR PETS: A LIFE OF DEDICATION TO RESCUE

#### STORY & PHOTOS BY ALLIE WERHAN

To make Heaven the perfect resting place for loved ones we adore, God made sure those Pearly Gates contained a doggy door. ~Unknown

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Where the couple lived, they had enough acreage to foster dogs, so they built pens and runs for the dogs, At one point, there were 21 dogs, 4 of which were their own. Each dog had its own pallet in the barn, with water from a portable cooler.

George worked with a food bank, and brought home dog food that had been ripped open, or otherwise damaged, and been donated by a store. They gave the food to families who otherwise might not be able to keep their dogs.

The rescue group where she got the dogs had no facility; so all their animals were fostered. The President of the group pampered her pets, having couches for the dogs and a TV for the cats.

They had a big cage in the back of their truck that they would fill with dogs to take to adoption events. One dog, Penny, would suddenly become ill when it was time to set out. The minute she got back home, she felt good again and went romping out into the big meadow and pool.

It was customary to do a home inspection both before and after the adoption. One little parti-



Sherrill with Lucy

colored dog was adopted to a family that seemed perfect, but the follow-up visit found the little dog in the back yard, in a pile of junk with a dirty rag for a bed, no food, and a badly infected foot. The dog was taken to the vet and fostered again, until she was healed. Her next family treated her like a princess.

You may be thinking that these stories happened in Prescott recently where there are so many dog lovers and fosters and rescue groups. Well, no. These and many other stories are told by Sherrill Laughton, and happened to her and her husband, George, when they lived in Phoenix and were involved in the early days of fostering and trying to save animals and educate people about how to care for pets.

Sherrill and George drove to Arizona in 1959 from New Hampshire with 3 school-age children and one dog. (That alone tells you how much stamina they have.) They settled in Terra Buena in Phoenix, where they had that large property to foster dogs.

Sherrill worked with the Animal Benefit Club, a no-kill rescue group, as well as others, rescuing many animals over the years. She says she feels guilty these days because she is no longer able to do this work, Their property in Chino Valley is designed to foster, with pens and runs, all fenced. She took care of dogs for friends too, and they still ask her, but she directs them to her son and daughter-in-law who live near-by. Her youngest son lives in Paulden and doesn't foster.

Dee Cantinas was a long time rescue friend from Phoenix, who worked as a teacher and focused on teaching children and their parents about how to care for their animals, and saw that the animals received their vaccinations. She was also able to keep animals in her classroom, and each child was responsible for



Wall of memories

one. Once they finished their work, they were allowed to play with their pet.

When she was a child, Sherrill always had dogs and cats on their farm. George is allergic to cats, and has asthma, so they don't have them inside. However, he has a little black cat outside that he cares for. He has built a weather-proof insulated house for the Cat With No Name on their back deck, and there is a large protected yard which the cat has to itself to play.

She fostered in Phoenix too, in the desert. There were big pens with wire set in concrete around the bottom so dogs couldn't dig out. George used camper shells in which he put floors and beds for the dogs' shelter.

Sherrill has a large scrapbook filled with memories of dogs she has rescued or had as pets, and the people she knew from the rescue groups and some of the adopters. On the walls are more pictures of dogs and people including the first Miss Wheelchair Arizona, Ellen Pilcher.

Sherrill and George, who have been married for 63 years, started building their home in Chino Valley in 2003, and moved in 2004. Besides taking care of people's dogs, Sherrill worked on rescue phone lines, and it seems little has changed there.

Much of rescue has changed over the years, but the basics are still there. We care for animals who can't care for themselves, try to rescue them from deadly situations, educate people on how to care for animals, and teach people that animals, like us, want to live a happy live with those they love.

Rescuers haven't changed much either. Sherrill shows us a lifetime of dedication to animals, and making people aware of the importance of the human-animal bond. Her own little Lucy loves her and protects her by yapping loudly when strangers approach her house. And she is always available for doggy kisses. I think Sherrill kind of likes that.



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### TRAINING YOUR DOG: CAN DOGS REALLY GET BORED?

#### STORY & PHOTOS BY BOBBI LEVERICH

The simple answer is YES! Did you

know that many of your dog's

common behavior problems are

are bored they will find ways to

result in negative behaviors such

as barking, chewing and more. Dogs need to burn energy just like

people do. The problem is they

don't know the difference between

entertain themselves. This can

the result of boredom? When dogs







good behavior and bad behavior. Providing mental stimulation is a good workout for your dog's brain and reduces boredom and destructive behaviors. Walking is always a great option, but what do you do when it's a bad weather day?

First, give your dog something interesting to play with. Fortunately, today an array of interactive toys to choose from is available. Toys that challenge your dogs are mentally stimulating. Food dispensing toys can be filled with their favorite treats, allowing the dog to interact with the toy in order to get the "reward" or

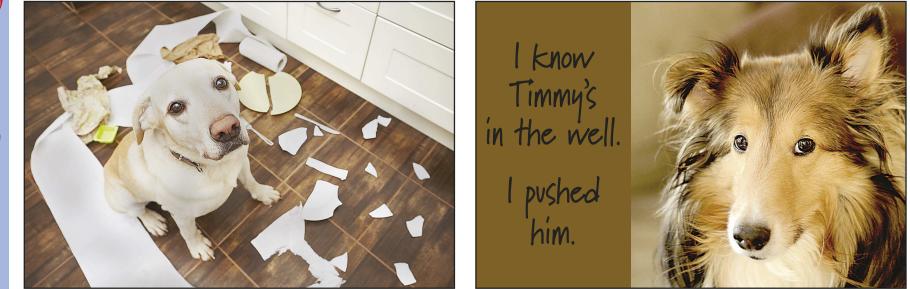
treat. While interactive toys can be purchased online and at your local pet store, something as simple as a muffin tin and some tennis balls can do the trick. Scatter the treats in the muffin tin and cover the holes with tennis balls. Let your dog remove the tennis balls to uncover the rewards! Remember to rotate the toys to keep things new and interesting.

Second, Give Your Dog a Job! Dogs can help with household chores and everyday routines. Look around your house, how can your dog help you? Dogs can pull laundry baskets into the laundry room, pick up toys, open the refrigerator (not for the faint at heart), retrieve the newspaper, open or close doors and drawers, ret rieve those empty water bottles and place them in the recycle bin or even remove and replace their toys from the toy box. Imagine not having to get up and turn on or off the lights... instead, have your dog do it for you.

Even something as simple as feeding your dog can become a stimulating game. One of the easiest ways to

challenge their minds is to make them work for their meals. Throughout my years training dogs, I have practiced something called "Nothing in Life is Free". You can ask your dog to perform some trick or obedience command before he or she gets their dinner, or consider having them eat from a food dispensing toy. It makes the meal last longer and can be a fun activity for your dog.

As you can see, the list of ways your dog can participate in your household is endless! These tasks not only help you, they will build your dog's confidence level and reduce boredom. When in doubt, enroll your dog in a local dog class or consult a trainer and if you don't have the time or energy, consider enrolling your dog in doggie-day-care. Getting them up, moving and engaged is key to alleviating boredom and destructive behaviors. The time we have with our animals is precious and my daily motto is "make every day count and Make it Fun!"





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### NEW YEAR TIPS FOR DOGGIE WEIGHT LOSS

#### **By Briana Lonas**

New Year's resolutions aren't just for people.

As we all anticipate ringing in the New Year, have you thought of any ideas for your pet that might make a difference? What about that weight loss and exercise regimen or the better diet plan?

Just like people, dogs may benefit from seeking that ideal weight. Unfortunately, they can't do it without our guidance in reaching those healthful goals.

First, think about making an annual check-up for your furry loved one. Ruling out any health issues before embarking on a lifestyle change could be beneficial.

Underlying problems could be contributing to your pet's weight gain, lethargy or digestive problems.

On the topic of digestive health, setting a goal of not feeding your dog or cat table food might go a long way towards weight loss and longevity.

According to PetMD and other similar sources, table scraps are unhealthy for animals. That's because our food often contains bad fats and sugars – not to mention modified starches and questionable flavorings.

The plus side to human cuisine is that you can feed

your pet certain foods without the guilt such as carrots, green beans, broccoli, lean or organ meats (in small amounts) and – wait for it – ice cubes! If your pet loves to watch you fill up your glass at the refrigerator ice dispenser, use this time to offer an ice cube as a special, cold treat.

Does your dog enjoy stalking you in the kitchen while your cook? Throw a couple of small, raw vegetables on the floor for a quick, nutrition and enzyme-packed snack.

Many dog and cat food manufacturers make special formulas for weight loss. Take a little time and research the ingredients before rushing out to buy a large bag. Also, whenever introducing new foods, feed a little of the new formula at each meal to avoid stomach and digestive upset. Blend the old and new foods together gradually.

Also, read the ingredients in your pet's food to ensure enough essential, fatty acids are included in the new menu.

What about grains? Many Websites offer tons of pros and cons to a grain-free diet. Some sites argue that grains are used as filler and gluten can wreak havoc



with your pet's digestive health – not unlike humans.

Other cases argue that it's not the grains that cause illness, but the storage facilities for the grains. Low-gluten formulas exist such as rice, barley and oatmeal. Keep in mind that overweight pets could actually gain weight on grain diets.

If your pet has a selffeeding food dispenser, consider replacing it with a regular food dish. This way, it remains empty most of the day and helps with proper portion control.

The animals that beg for food and are rewarded for their bad behavior can actually learn to sit away from the eating table and nibble on a safe bone or toy. As the family gathers for each meal, try to ignore your furry loved one and set new boundaries during mealtime. Begging is not an easy habit to break, but in time this new routine could establish a healthier household.

Diets are no fun; we all know that. So, be creative with your pet's diet plan and integrate healthful treats into the day. After all, if humans enjoy little snacks



throughout the day, so too will your pet!

When people feel deprived of their favorite foods when dieting, sometimes the loss creates even stronger cravings for fat, sugar and starches. At least in the beginning.

Your pet also might be feeling the loss of her usual fare. A little creativity is in order to help get through the first few weeks.

Therefore, integrating an exercise program in the mix could go a long way. If your pet is not already walking or playing on a regular basis, try easing into a routine that includes heart-healthy movement. Of course, consult your veterinarian first.

If your pet is healthy enough, try walking an extra distance each day even if it's only half a block. Throw a ball or play with your pet before the first and last meal. Purchase a cheap, little laser light and let your dog chase this throughout the day.

So, what's the benefit to this changed-up eating and exercise plan for your pet? You might actually lose some weight and get healthier, too!



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**By Cheryl Hartz** 



Winter is a good time to enter the Coconino Forest's Fossil Creek Wilderness, with its mild days and crystal clear water that remains a steady 70 degrees year-round. From October 2 through March 31 you don't even need a pass. The rest of the year, you'll need to reserve your spot ahead of time and pay a \$6 fee to enter what is considered Arizona's most diverse riparian area. The U.S. Forest Service



and the Red Rock Ranger District implemented the policy this past summer, because of overcrowding that created serious traffic and safety conditions.

A series of springs out of the cliffs of the Mogollon Rim and at the bottom of a canyon 1,600 feet deep spew 20,000 gallons per minute - 30 million gallons every day – ¬into Fossil Creek to keep it clear and clean. Calcium from the massive flow has created limestone deposits called travertine, and embedded in the deposits are fossils, hence the creek's name.



Starting from the road at the end of the parking lots, the one-mile Waterfall Trail will take you to the creek's most spectacular natural water feature. If you're especially lucky, you might even spy a rare visitor – a mermaid  $\neg$  – amid the deep pools the waterfall feeds, or relaxing on one of the boulders poking up from the creek. But so far, she's been spotted only in summer.

Take a detour among the many side trails down to the creek and find your own mini-paradise swimming hole surrounded by the more than 30 tree and shrub species. Watch for the 100 or so bird species, such as black hawks, and some of the area's more notable residents, including otters, beavers, leopard frogs and javelina. Then mentally mark your spot for summer reference when it will be warm enough to indulge in a refreshing plunge.

As one of only two National Wild and Scenic Rivers in Arizona (the Verde River is the other), Fossil Creek earned Congressional protection in 2009. The Forest Service was mandated to develop a Comprehensive River Management Plan to protect and improve Fossil Creek. The Dilzhé'é, or Western Apache, consider the area their



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To get there, take State Route 260 out of Camp Verde to the Fossil Creek Road 308 sign. A high clearance 4-wheel drive vehicle isn't required for the nearly 17mile gravel road, but it is highly recommended, as the passage is not smooth and your speed will be low. This is now the only way to drive to the creek, as the once accessible winding road down a steep mountainside from Strawberry is closed. That access point remains hikable, however, but is long and difficult, especially climbing back out.

But it is winter, so before leaving home, call the Fossil Creek 24hour Hotline at 928-226-4611 for updates on conditions and road closures.

Keep in mind that the Fossil Creek Permit Area is Day Use only. You can't camp there, but spots are available nearby. The parking lot has portable toilets, but no drinking water, so carry plenty, or use a filter to take water from the creek. Also, pack out what you pack in and please keep the entire Fossil Creek Wilderness area pristine. Picking up your pooch's waste will help.



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### Service Dogs Corner: "And Then Came Rosie"

#### By Gary deGeronimo

This is a story about a special young lady who was brought together with a special Service Dog . . . and her life has never been the same.

The story begins in September of 2014 when I was contacted by Kristy Carey, mom of this special young lady, inquiring about Service Dogs and how the process worked to acquire such a dog. After meeting with the Carey family, it was decided to move forward on a Service Dog project for "Trinity," a beautiful nine year old girl with several medical disabilities.

For the next fifteen months, an appropriate dog was located, trained and prepared for



replacement as Trinity's Service Dog.

On December 18th, 2015 a Golden Retriever, a little over one year old, named "Rosie" was placed with her new partner and best friend Trinity and a unique relationship began. And although I knew that Rosie would make a good Service Dog for Trinity, I really had no idea at that time how life changing this relationship would be.

For the next several months, training continued on a regular basis to assist with the adjustment period that is quite common for Service Dogs being placed in a new environment. It was obvious that Trinity was putting in a lot of time to increase her skills with Rosie who was responding very well to the training. Whenever I would visit to check on the progress, Trinity was always thrilled to show me what more Rosie could do.

I began receiving very positive reports, and pictures, from Trinity's family showing how close Rosie and Trinity were becoming. But it was the following report from Kristy, Trinity's mom, that really



demonstrated how deeply the bonding had become between Trinity and Rosie and what a powerful service this dog was performing for this special young lady: Gary, Trinity took the melatonin for over eight years.

. . from the time she was three, until Rosie. And yes, it basically helped her shut down her mind and overactive sensory system so she could sleep. We completely stopped it within two weeks of Rosie coming. We haven't given it to her since . . . even when traveling. Rosie often sleeps on Trinity giving her that deep pressure that calms her nervous system. If Rosie isn't on Trinity, Trinity is on Rosie. Our summer trip to Illinois was the first time Trinity has traveled and not had a meltdown from change in routine. And Rosie even gets her to sleep in on our camping trips. I could go on and on . . .

Rosie did attend her first IEP meeting with Trinity yesterday and gave her the calmness and confidence to advocate for herself appropriately.

What makes this story even more exceptional is the way in which Rosie and Trinity came together, as if Rosie was traveling down a path in her life to be with Trinity.

Rosie, the name picked by Trinity, was purchased from a breeder as an eight week old pup by a family in the Las Vegas, Nevada



area where she would begin her journey. After a period of several months, the family realized it could no longer care for her. Rosie spent a significant amount of time in a kennel at their home as it was difficult for them to deal with a Golden Retriever pup as well as several other dogs in the family.

I was then contacted by the family in Nevada and asked if I would be interested in taking Rosie so she could go into a Service Dog training program in Arizona. I immediately headed for Nevada, picked up Rosie and returned to Arizona where Rosie was placed with outstanding puppy raisers in Chino Valley and soon began her Basic and Public Access Training. Rosie also had the thrill to live with Rusty, the puppy raiser's existing dog, who was a wonderful, and at times very patient, canine instructor for Rosie.

It didn't take long to realize that Rosie possessed some very good skills and would make an excellent Service Dog.

A meeting was arranged for Trinity and her family to meet Rosie while she was still in training. After that meeting, and a little more training, Rosie finally ended her journey into the loving and caring arms of Trinity and her family. To this day, Rosie continues to provide support, confidence and love to that special young lady, and that special young lady gives it right back to Rosie, they are inseparable.

I have been blessed with the opportunity to see how animals can change lives, especially those of children in need. So, it doesn't surprise me when I hear these words from a family like the Carey's ... And Then Came Rosie.

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### "Marrying" Your Dog Trainer (because the relationship is that important)

#### Photos and Story by Heidi Dahms Foster



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A good trainer can help you unlock some of the mysteries of how your dog thinks, how specific breeds learn, and how to help your dog understand what you are asking. The right trainer can be the difference between a great, long-term relationship with your pet, or heartbreak.

So how do you find that trainer? It takes a little persistence, and some dedication beyond simply signing up for a class. Following are 10 tips to find the person who will help unlock the potential of your relationship with your dog.



- 1. People skills are paramount. Take time to talk to the person you want to hire to train your dog, because ultimately, both of you are in training. You must feel that you can communicate with your trainer, and that you are free to ask questions. Your trainer should be willing to answer your questions, and freely explain things you do not understand without talking down to you or appearing impatient. Some trainers are more comfortable with dogs than with people, and it shows. Don't dismiss this point, because your ability to communicate with and relate to your trainer is crucial to your dog's success.
- 2. Know what you want from your trainer. Does your dog have bad habits that you need help to solve, such as aggression or fear? Do you want to prepare for competition in dog sports? Or do you simply want to teach your dog manners for daily living? Be honest with your trainer. If you are clear from the beginning, he or she can start you off in the right direction.



- 3. What kind of experience does your trainer have? If he/she is training for dog sports, has your potential trainer successfully competed in that venue? What behavioral issues does the trainer have experience dealing with? Trainers can be highly specialized, and a good one will be honest about whether their class or method will help you and your dog achieve your goals.
- 4. Ask around. If you are looking to compete in dog sports, you will want to attend some local events and find out where successful dog/handler teams are training. Word of mouth is powerful advertising - just be sure to talk to several sources. The same applies to basic training. People who are happy with their trainer will spread the word. If you are planning to attend a class, visit and watch one before signing up. Your potential trainer should welcome that visit.
- 5. Heed your first impressions. Is the training area clean and safe? Does your trainer interact well with the group, or you, in a friendly, easily understood, knowledgeable way? Are you comfortable with how the trainer approaches and interacts with your dog and others in the class?
- 6. Does the trainer ask for proof of vaccinations and information about where you take your dog, to avoid exposing puppies and other dogs to potential diseases?

- 7. Does the class challenge you and your dog? Training is a step-by-step, ordered process, but it should be fun, engaged and challenging for you and your dog. If you, or your dog, are bored, it might be time to move up to a more advanced class, or find one more suitable for your needs.
- Is the trainer harsh or domineering to you or your dog, or others in the class? A domineering, overbearing trainer who uses harsh methods should make you uncomfortable. Look at how the people and dogs in class react to the trainer. They should be relaxed and happy. You are the customer, and you should feel free to leave at any time.
- Ask for references. A successful trainer will be glad to give you names of students you can contact.
- 10. Choose to be a good student. Once you have found a trainer you feel comfortable with, and a class in which the owners and dogs are happy and engaged in learning, then commit to absorbing all you can. Choose to attend every class, and do your homework (generally a few minutes each day), and be a listener. Above all, choose to engage and enjoy, because the time you spend and the lessons you learn will enhance your relationship with your best friend!

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### **Alternative Horse Therapies: Head to Hoof Wellness**

#### **By Rita Thompson-Tinsley**

The winter season is an ideal time to take serious inventory of all your horses' aches, pains and issues. Our "seniors" require special attention during the colder months which tend to bring out the "ouch" in all of us.

New technologies, along with special research and studies have brought to the forefront new choices in equine therapies. Some of these techniques have been around, but are new methods to many of us. And, each of these techniques are treatments for humans and other pets by the professionals that were interviewed. As always, it's imperative that you consult with your veterinarian first to insure proper diagnosis.

Bowenwork, was developed in the 1950s in Austrailia, by Thomas Bowen. Celebrated for his gentle, non-invasive procedure, his concept is to reset the tension in certain muscle groups by using a unique move which utilizes a "stretch-and-roll-through", pausing between sets of moves to give the horse's body time to initiate its response. More specifically, these moves create specific vibration on the fascia which prompts soft tissue release, sending neurological impulses to the brain. The premise is that circulation is increased, energy flow resumes, the body begins to heal itself. Bowenwork is known to be effective for a multitude of equine ailments such as sore back, sluggish lymphatic system, tightness in guarters and shoulders, shortened stride, hollow back, TMJ and the list goes on.

Rates generally run between \$55.-\$75. a session. Bowenwork practitioner Linda Clark, an RN, Traditional Naturopath, and longtime natural horseman, is highly trained and contends that, "Horses respond very well to Bowen treatments and enjoy them. You will observe them visibly relax, soften and process the moves".

Results are generally reported in only 1-2 sessions, major results in 3-5 sessions. Linda's studies have lead her to include Cranial Sacral, Acupressure



and Emmett Therapy to her sessions.

Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field/ Frequency (referred to as PEMF) has also been around a while. Used throughout Europe and other countries for more than fifty years, the PEMF technology creates a subtle pulsing magnetic field designed to restore health at a cellular level by stimulating cell metabolism. Using a soft, flexible rubber loop, the PEMF device is gently placed over the horse's body. The coil sends a wide, magnetic field up to 16 inches deep into the cellular level.

Technician Lisa Joyce became acquainted with PEMF when her barrel horse experienced major issues in his SI (Sacroiliac). Hoping to avoid injections, her veterinarian urged her to try the Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field treatment. She was so thrilled with the results and the non-invasiveness that she became a certified practitioner.

Lisa explains that "the method targets and stimulates the damaged cells in the blood so as to increase the oxygen in the blood which helps reduce swelling, soreness and stiffness. PEMF is purported to increase calcium in bones which can help fractures heal faster". This method can be used for conditions such as muscle soreness and pain, abscesses, fractures and wounds, inflammation and more. Being totally portable, these PEMF units are routinely used at horse shows and events.

Animal chiropractics was being avidly studied and practiced as early as the 1980s. According to the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, chiropractics is a health care profession that focuses on the relationship between the body's structure...and its functioning.

At Durango Equine Veterinarian Clinic in Buckeye, Maggie Loomer, DVM, is certified in Animal Chiropractics. Generally, she sees performance horses that might be recovering from an ongoing injury, or those that have more hidden ailments. She starts by first looking at the horse, and initiating a static exam which includes feeling all the joints, checking muscles for heat and swelling. Then, she watches the horse move, watching to see if it is striding out properly.

Based on how the horse moves, she can assess potential areas needing focus. Dr. Loomer then palpates every joint of the horse's body which allows her to see whether that joint is moving and moving appropriately. If it's not, she diagnoses vertebral sublu xation complex which basically means NOT that the bones are out of alignment, but the joint's not moving through the proper range of motion.

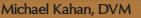
"If it's not, I can contact one of the bones of the joint and put a small thrust into that, and get it moving again", she states.

To know that the procedure is working, Dr Loomer often sees an endorphin release. The horse will start licking and chewing. Their eyes get softer, they get quieter. According to the vet, "I really think that chiropractics can help every horse, just like it can help all people. It's about keeping the joints moving in the proper amount, proper orientation. All of our spinal nerves exit the spinal cord right beside the joints of the vertebrae. Think of these nerves as the railroad tracks or highways for information to travel from the brain to the organs, muscles and limbs, and then back to the brain. If that nerve is compressed with a subluxated joint that is not moving properly, the flow of information is impeded. This can lead to decreased organ and muscle function which can cause illness, decreased motion and pain. So, keeping all those "highways" open, prevents nerve impingement, and creates a happier, healthier horse".

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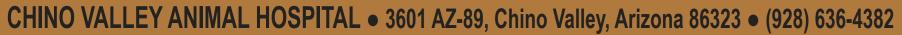
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## Celebration of Life: Max

Story & Photos by Lorette Peloquin

T.S Elliott wrote that April is the cruelest month...and so it was in 2014. We said goodbye to Max Bialystock Peloquin St. Hilaire on that bright and sunny April 30th. He had been my cat since 1998 when I brought him home from a local shelter in New Jersey. Max, along with his sisters, was found in the February cold and snow. Their mother was dead, and the 3 month old kittens had survived by eating the bread tossed onto the snow for the birds.

He was loving and sweet, greeting me at the door when I returned home from work...insisting that I pick him up so he could cuddle closely under my chin, purring loudly and not moving for several minutes, like a toddler so happy to see Mom return. He slept curled up against my rib cage... never close enough to me to suit him. Max embodied all the best traits of a cat...litter box trained, neat, self-sufficient...along with the best qualities of a dog...loyal, loving, and not aloof! He was perfect.

He was adventuresome, accompanying me on my cross country move to Arizona in 2004, and then slipping out shortly after moving into our new home. Despite his "born in the wild" beginning, he was an indoor cat, viewing his world from sunny window sills. I thought he would perish in the strange and unknown Arizona wilds. I was wrong. My Jersey cat had street smarts! He survived three weeks







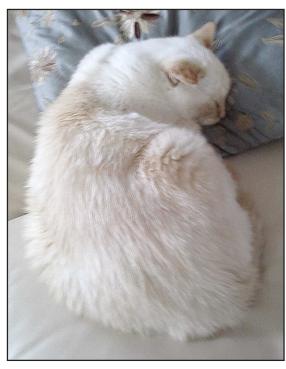
in our new neighborhood, navigating the drainage ditches, finding protective shrubs in which to sleep, until eventually a neighbor spotted him hanging out by her bird feeders! His survival instincts had kicked in and he remembered that birds mean food! He managed to evade the coyotes, bobcats and eagles who might easily have feasted on him! I finally captured him in a "Have a Heart" trap, and discovered that in those three short weeks Max's survival skills had made him wild! I brought him home, snarling, hissing, until he realized that his scent was in this house and on me...and he threw himself against me, purring loudly! He was home!

He won over my new husband who was primarily a dog person for many years. Max accompanied us as we traveled the countryside, adapting to the new normal of being on the road! He knew that he was fed as soon as we entered the hotel room, and waited patiently as his food was prepared. In the morning he knew that when the suitcases started heading out the door, we too were heading out...and he'd hop into his carrier ready to start the day. If he felt we had been driving too long, he'd hop into the front seat to remind us that he'd had enough! He was a most well-traveled feline, driving with us "from sea to shining sea" eight times!

We miss him every day. Occasionally we find a few "Max hairs" embedded in a little used throw or pillow...and we smile, remembering our sweet, loving, beautiful bluedeyed boy.











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### How to Choose the Best Flooring for Your Pet

#### By Dan Hussey

With good advice, choosing the best floor for your pet-loving home is easy. That is what I am about to give you, for free!

Julie and I have three dogs, 2 cats, a bearded dragon and 4 grandkids (not listed in order of importance, but close!) Like you, our pets play a part in most decisions we make. Considering your pets when choosing new flooring is especially important.

Here are the most popular surfaces in flooring today. I am giving a pet friendly star rating for each type of surface. 4 stars would be our most pet friendly floor, 1 star our least.

\* \* \* \* Stone, porcelain or ceramic tile (Available in a wood plank look, or a tile look)

This is our most durable and pet friendly floor. Stone, porcelain and ceramic will resist scratching, are not prone to moisture



damage and do not reflect traffic patterns, even with extremely high traffic. The grout is the most susceptible to uglying out. To avoid that, use a high grade moistureimpervious grout; that will automatically seal the grout at the time of installation.

The down side to stone, porcelain or ceramic tile is the initial cost, especially if you are installing over a wood substrate. It is also a cold surface to the touch, and very hard; that means it is not the floor we always recommend with pets, even though it is the toughest.

#### \* \* \* Luxury vinyl and luxury vinyl plank

Luxury vinyl is the hottest genre of flooring today. Improvements in the manufacturing process have created realism in vinyl flooring unseen in the past. The plank products are usually floating, click products, that are a favorite of the do-ityourself buyer. More often in wood grain, but they are also available in tile looks.

Beyond the amazing realism, the floors resist scratches, are often water proof and are softer underfoot than tile. Perfect for normally active families, who desire a quieter, softer floor, but a floor still very cleanable and pet friendly. Vinyl is less expensive to install and require less floor preparation. Vinyl is the product category that we most often refer to our pet loving customers.

#### \* \* 1/2 Carpet

Most pet owners are moving away from carpet and towards hard surface flooring, understandably. Feeling frustration over reoccurring stains, and fearful of odors, carpet is losing ground to hard surface.

The good news for pet owners that prefer carpet: H2O carpet by Shaw. With a waterproof backing, this carpet prevents any moisture from penetrating the carpet, and flowing to the carpet cushion. Keeping all the moisture in the face of the carpet allows the stain to be removed and stops odor and reoccurring stains.

#### \* \* Laminate

As in vinyl, laminate has improved dramatically in the last several years. Early on laminate flooring lacked texture, variety and realism. Now, it is hard even for a professional to distinguish laminate from hardwood. Improved textures, wider planks and tremendous variances in color and style, laminate is now viable alternative.

Some styles have water resistant warranties, and most resist scratching fairly well. Laminate does tend to sound clicky when pets traffic over it, however, so for this reason we advise caution if you have active pets.

#### \*Hardwood

Although a timeless classic, we usually don't recommend hardwood flooring for pet owners. Even with improved finishes, hardwood tends to scratch and be susceptible to moisture damage.

With the exception of owners of older less active pets, we caution homeowners against hardwood.

Now, for one more bit of advice, visit Totally Floored by Flooring America before you make you final flooring purchase. We are experts in flooring, friendly and honest. We will give you the best advice around, our prices are competitive and you'll love our dogs, too (yes, they get to come to work with us every day!)





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