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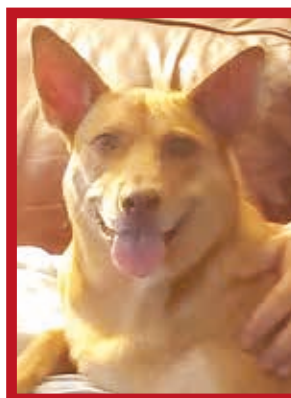
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Allie Werhan – Editor Allie was born loving animals and trying to rescue them. (Can we keep him? He followed me home.) After several careers including teaching and retail management, she is now a part-time writer. Allie coordinated the cat program 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.



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.



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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.



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.



Skye Lyons – The Creature Feature Skye has been a life-long magnet for lost creatures; those who need a helping hand, some redirection mentally and physically, and some hugs. Observing animals has always been a passion, gaining her some strange interactions and conversations with anything and everything, from a cat asking her to be a midwife to owls perching on the hood of her car. Every creature has a story, and she loves finding out what it might be.

Hazel Howls

Anxious. Me? Yes, sometimes very much so. As peaceful and unconcerned as I appear sometimes, I can get very anxious. It can be the overwhelming desire to investigate a new person, or four legged stranger. I've been known to raise the vociferous alarm over mundane or imagined transgressions of visiting wildlife. If I come clean about the depth of how debilitating this can be, I have to admit I can actually lose my sense of hearing along with the ability to gracefully accept a repeated suggestion that escalates to insistent commands. It's just that I can't seem to hear or comprehend when I'm overly anxious. Most times Dad's "Sgt. Major" voice can snap me out of it, but not always.

In the past I could get very worked up and vocal over the idea, or mere mention of meal time. I would prance clumsily and whine and bark and generally slow the whole process down, (picture roller derby for two with lots of "dog speak", no subtitles or roller skates).

I have been given a lot of grace in this area of behavior by my family. When I was a wee red lass, my soon-to-be-chauffeur and Dad spotted me running under the lift gate of his truck. Being in the middle of a delivery in Lupton, Dad turned to the Navajo man next to him

and asked, "Whose dog is that running loose?" I was on my fifth trip circling between them. The Navajo man deftly scooped me up in mid-gallop and handed me to Dad. "Yours," is all the Navajo man said.

Dad turned me over, his fingers checking teeth, paws, skin, eyes, ears. He ran his fingers over my ribs and he knew I was near the tipping point of starvation. We would become family from that day on.

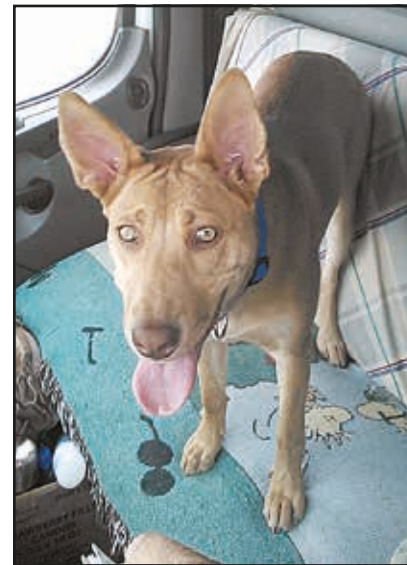
That's how my journey as co-pilot and road warrior of 3-1/2 years and 103,000 miles began.

We traveled together through some of the most enthralling vistas and alternately grim wastelands the Southwest has to offer. We listened to music, made our own sometimes, (harmonica with howl accompaniment), told stories and ate road food.

We stayed in various hotels in and around the Reservations and took walks through trash-strewn truck stops and desert expanses. During these "adventures," my penchant to become overly anxious was becoming apparent. I could work myself into a full panic in the air conditioned cab of the truck as Dad would carry his backpack and paperwork into the hotel room before he came

back for me. Sometimes I worried that a day would come when I would be left alone on the side of the road the same way I was left behind as a puppy.

One night, with both of us asleep in a hotel room in Gallup, (yes, that hotel), I had an unnerving dream. I was standing in a desert landscape void of life or foliage. It was deep twilight and there was no scent or sound. I looked for



Dad but he wasn't there. I felt like I was utterly and completely alone with no hope. In my sleep I let out a low and long howl that woke us both up. The howl was so unusual, Dad and I just looked at each other for a time.

The next day in the truck, heading back home, Dad could tell I wasn't myself. He tried to tell me jokes and play the music I liked, but I just kept watching out the passenger window.

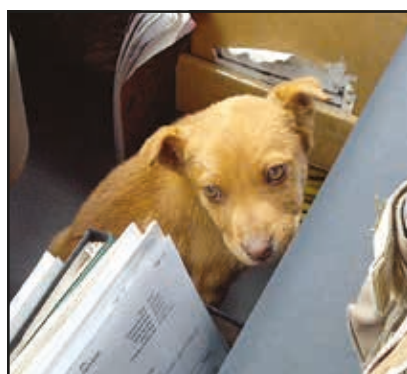
Eventually Dad ran out of the usual dialogue and began telling me about Plato's Allegory of the Cave.

The story is about prisoners chained in a cave capable of only watching the shadows passing by on the wall. Then, one prisoner is freed and explores the outside world for the first time. I pictured myself as the

one who is freed and could identify with his having trouble understanding the real objects of the world. That's how I feel in the two-legged world sometimes, they have so many things that on first sight are strange and mysterious.

Then Dad told me about how the freed prisoner comes back to tell the others that the shadows they have seen are merely representations of real things that are outside the cave. Dad spoke about how the free man with a true experience is looked upon by the other prisoners as crazy and blind. I got so excited hearing this, I know exactly how that feels. How many times have I tried to get my two legged family to understand something really, really important, only to get a pat on the head and some dismissive reply.

As Dad talked more about Plato and philosophy I was determined right then to become a philosopher dog. The burning question that carried me home was, "What if those things that make me so anxious are misunderstood shadows?" "What if there is another way to look at these matters that takes less out of me and the others around me?" Friends, this red dog found a whole new world to explore. Hey, do think you might want to come too?



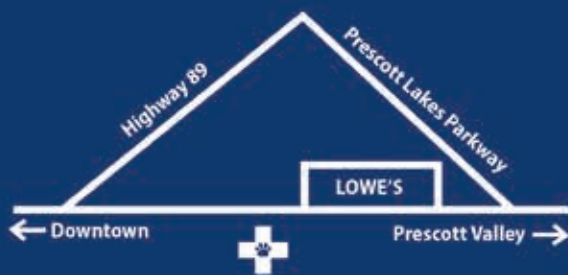


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We do not suggest giving pets any medication without the direction of a veterinarian. At first glance you may think one thing is wrong with your pet, but the veterinarian may find another, and the medication administered at home may do more harm than good.

Simply put, Tylenol (acetaminophen) is a definite NO. This medication can cause pets to become anemic or even cause liver damage, which may lead to death if untreated.

You may have heard of Ibuprofen being used for treatment in dogs, but this is something that should only occur if directed by a veterinarian. Ibuprofen is not used to treat pain or arthritis in dogs like you would assume due to human use. This medication can cause an allergic reaction and it can also be linked with kidney failure or gastric ulcers. **Ibuprofen is a NO when it comes to self medicating pets, especially cats. Cats are never to receive Ibuprofen.**

While it is tempting to do anything to help our pets when they are suffering, it is best to not self medicate at home. If you are concerned about your pet please contact a veterinarian immediately before reaching for the medicine cabinet.

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Breakfast With the Animals: Tortoise, July 8
Zoo by Moonlight, July 8
Summer Zoo Camp, July 10-14; 17-21

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July 8, Horsebreakers Ranch in Dewey. Info at horsebreakers.com or call (928) 632-5728.

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July 10-14. Morning camp: Ages 7-9 from 8a-11:30a; Afternoon camp: Ages 10-13 from 12p-4p. Looking for a fun summer activity for your child? Critter Camp will engage youth with shelter pets, educate them about pet safety, cat and dog body language, responsible pet ownership, pet-training techniques, animal care and handling, and pet healthcare. Snacks, activities, and t-shirts provided. Space is limited. Price: \$100. Fill out the form at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/>

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July 11, 7p, Gilbert, Arizona. For more info, call (489) 503-5497.

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July 30. Judge Michell Combs "L", at Chino Valley Equestrian Park. For more info, call (928) 830-9329.

AUGUST

CLASSES: INTRODUCTION TO EQUITATION SCIENCE

July Topic: Learning About How Horses Learn

Yavapai Humane Society Equine Center, 3731 North Road 1 West, Chino Valley. All classes (90-minute sessions) Saturdays at 6pm. For more info, call instructor Lucy Berg (928) 350-8688

July 1 - How Horses Learn: Not Association

July 8 - How Horses Learn By Association

July 15 - How Horses Learn by Aversion

July 22 - How Horses Learn by Application

EVENTS – HERITAGE PART ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

Zoo By Moonlight, August 7

Breakfast With the Animals: Mountain Lion, August 12

Animal Parent Picnic, August 13

Wet & Wild Water Day, August 26

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS-DOG DAYS SUMMER DOG WASH

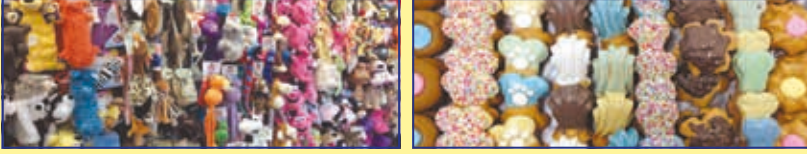
Aug 5, 10a -3p, Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley, Prescott.

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"...tried to solve the digestive problem by changing her food. This continue for three months. Lacey continued to get much worse. She lost weight, had bloody stools and vomit containing blood...After one month of being on the correct foods that Lacey could eat, she has gained weight, has no bloody stools, no vomiting and is finally a healthy, happy dog. Thank you Dr. O."

"Our little girl Chamois...was diagnosed with Lymphoma and we were told it was very aggressive and she probably only had 3 weeks or so to live... I had met Caroline O'Sullivan interviewing her on my TV show. Right away we changed Chamois' diet and started supplements. She did really well on these for quite some time...Long story short, our Chamois lived for 2.5 years and had a very good quality of life...We are grateful for the extra time we had with her, and I owe it to Caroline O'Sullivan."

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Story and Photos by Heidi Dahms Foster

Billy the Kid, Hero Dog Sire of the Year



It's no wonder that the beautiful Golden Retriever Billy is clearly devoted to his breeder and owner, Loni Hunt. He literally was born into her hands.

"He has been my boy since the first breath he took," she said. Not only is Billy a sire of many service dogs, he is now Hunt's own service dog, helping her function with Parkinson's Disease.

The big, gentle retriever has a stellar record as a sire of physically and mentally healthy service dogs. He has been named the 2016 Hero Dog Sire of the Year with the National Hero Dog Breeders Association, a new American Kennel Club program.

The new association has been formed to provide education, regulation and coordination for service dogs, said Southwest District Director Tricia Bowman.

Hunt said she has had a love affair with Golden Retrievers her entire life. "I guess it's the look of them, their personality, and the fact that they stick right by your side," she said.

As a retired nurse practitioner, Hunt said she has known a lot of people who need more than the medical profession can provide.

"I found early on that the love of a dog, any dog, can just work wonders, especially with children, elderly people, and people who have gone through trauma," she said. That realization led her more than 40 years ago to breeding and providing healthy, temperamentally sound Golden Retrievers to the people who needed them.

"When the doctors can't do any more, the dogs can, so I started giving away puppies to people I knew needed them, even before they had formal training for service dogs, and it evolved from there," she said.

Through the years, Hunt worked with service dog organizations in Phoenix and Tucson, and now she works with Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, run by longtime trainer and behaviorist Gary DeGeronimo. Hunt breeds many of the pups that go into the program, and helps to educate the puppy raisers and the new owners. DeGeronimo trains the service dogs and their people.

A member of the American Kennel Club's Bred With H.E.A.R.T. program, Hunt takes seriously the health of her puppies. The program requires that members certify that applicable health screens are performed on breeding stock, agree to AKC regulations, be willing to undergo kennel inspections, and complete annual breeder education courses.

Hunt is clear that a responsible breeding program that consistently produces predictably healthy, sound pups doesn't happen overnight. She calls it her "labor of love."

"It's an ongoing process of learning, education, working with and getting to know and understand people and what their needs are, then doing my best to fulfill it," she said. "The key is that service dogs don't have to be purebreds. It just so happens that my dogs are purebred, and I do sell some of them. That money goes back into my dogs, and anything left over after vet bills and food



goes to Gary to help train them."

The return customers are a perk of Hunt's careful program.

"I still have people who contact me who have had two and three of my dogs over the past 40 years. They keep coming back to me," she said.

Of all the dogs she has bred and raised, Hunt said Billy is the standout.

"Billy is just different. I can't put my finger on it. From the very moment he was born, he was attached to me. He has not produced a dud as far as health, intelligence, and well-adjusted temperament," she said.

She's careful to note that if all health clearances are done, and dogs have proper veterinary care, food and training, not to mention the untold hours involved, a responsible breeding program is not a money making endeavor.

So why put in all those years of effort, education, work and money?

"When I watch an autistic child sit in the middle of the puppy room and there are 10 or 12 pups bouncing all over, and the child is laughing and communicating and reaching for the pups and loving on them, it's all worthwhile," she said.

The website for the National Hero Dog Breeders Association will go live in August, and the website will be www.herodogbreeders.com. Contact Loni Hunt at www.azdesertwindskennel.com/ and Gary DeGeronimo at www.gentleheartsservicedogs.org/

Nala – Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue Dog



When you meet her, Nala is the quintessential Labrador Retriever – she exudes energy and an over-the-top enthusiasm for life. But under all of that personality, Nala has a serious purpose. She is a valued member of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Dog Unit.

Nala also is the beloved pet of Carol and Alan White of Prescott. The couple moved to the area five years ago from Massachusetts. Shortly after arriving, they were walking into a local Walmart, and saw a group of people with their dogs.

"It was the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team," Carol said. "We got interested that day and joined as prospective members in early 2012."

The Whites brought their two Portuguese Water Dogs, Molly and Dunkin – with them to Prescott.

"When Alan and I joined YCSO Search and Rescue as prospective members, we both trained on our younger PWD, Molly. After about six months of training with Molly, I decided that I wanted my



own search dog (Dunkin was too old to be involved). Alan went on to certify with Molly, and I started training with Nala," White said.

After deciding that she wanted her own search dog, White asked the unit leader for a recommendation on where to look. He told her about Marie Peck in Cave Creek. She runs the non-profit Fetch Foundation "Homeless to Heroes" program, placing rescue dogs in service to veterans and others; in therapy; and in search and rescue.

"When I contacted Marie," White said, "She had a two-year-old yellow Lab that would have gone to a 'kill shelter' if Marie hadn't rescued her. She evaluated Nala for one of her three programs. Because of her play drive, she was perfect for search and rescue. Marie had already started training her for search. I was the lucky one who got her."



It didn't take long for Nala to prove her worth as a search and rescue dog.

"Nala literally went from 'Homeless to Hero' she found a woman with advanced Alzheimer's Disease last June. Approximately 30 percent of our searches are for missing people with some form of dementia."

Play or food is the motivator for most search or law enforcement dogs. Nala, who is trained to find both live people and those who are deceased (cadaver), lets White know when she has a "find" by running to her, jumping up on her, and then running back to the person, remains or article. She is food motivated so her reward is a tasty treat. Each handler learns to read their dog, and the key is that behavior changes with a find.

When the group trains, White said, one member or friend/family volunteer hides in the wilderness. On command, the dog begins to move out in front of the handler, often covering 20 to 30 feet to each side.

"When the dog picks up the scent of a human," White said, "You'll see its head pop up, and the dog runs directly to the person, who is well hidden."

The dog alerts, and when the handler says "show me," leads the handler to the person.

For cadaver searches, small portions of human remains are placed in mason jars and are either buried in the ground or placed in a tree, White said. YCSO Search & Rescue dogs recently assisted in finding the body of a missing Prescott woman whose husband was jailed on charges he killed her.

White exclusively handles Nala, and this dog who nearly lost her life in a kill shelter has turned out to be a gifted animal. She has an independent streak, and only tolerates love and affection. But when it comes to her job, Nala's passion is evident.

"Nala lives for the search," White said. "She puts that above her other favorite activities – eating and swimming. When I leave the bedroom dressed for work, horseback riding, or dressed casually she takes no notice. When I dress in the orange Yavapai County shirt, khaki pants and hiking boots, she leaps and spins and barks and won't leave my side. She knows she's going out to search."

The YCSO Search & Rescue dog unit currently has 15 members from the Prescott and Verde Valley areas. The group is currently recruiting new prospective members. Those interested can email Carol White at cwhite@HomeCareAssistance.com. For general information, email Dog Unit Manager Alan White at Alanwhite911@gmail.com.



Search and Rescue Team members are volunteers, providing their own dogs, equipment and travel expenses. People can assist the group by donating at <http://ycsrt.org/>. Click on the tab on Fundraising tab to donate via PayPal. People also can donate through the Amazon Smile Foundation.

Miley, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Detection K9



Miley, a sleek and alert Belgian Malinois, was purchased in 2011 to partner with Deputy Eric Lopez. The two completed the nine-week Arizona Department of Corrections K9 Academy, hit the streets and highways, and began to be a thorn in the side of drug dealers.

During her five-year career, this talented K9 has detected 3,000 lbs. of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$6 million; 60 lbs. of methamphetamines, with a value of \$2.7 million; and 10 lbs. of Heroin, with a street value of more than \$360,000. Just one year into her career, she was awarded for detecting the largest load of marijuana in the country – more than 2,000 lbs. in a tractor trailer on Interstate 40.

In 2017 alone, Miley has racked up an impressive record of finds.

On January 31, Lopez stopped a driver on Interstate 40 near Ash Fork. Miley detected drugs near the rear door. A vehicle search revealed a package with a ¼ lb. of Heroin.

On February 2, also on I40, three people were arrested after Miley detected more than 26 lbs. of marijuana, a half lb. of THC Wax, and THC candy and balm during a traffic stop.



On March 20, during another I40 stop, Miley detected 14 one-lb. packages of methamphetamine concealed in a false compartment in a gas tank. The find resulted in the arrest of two California men, one of whom was out on bond on various other felony charges.

Miley is not a patrol dog, but she is trained to protect her handler. Her presence alone at a scene serves as a deterrent to criminals.

"There have been several instances when after the fact suspects have told us that had it not been for Miley being there, they had the potential for violence. She served as a deterrent and we never had to get to that level," Lopez said.

Miley is extremely social, and she has assisted the Sheriff's Office in the past few years with community outreach, Lopez said, helping people understand the purpose of the K9s and their day-to-day jobs.

Lopez and Miley have garnered a lot of respect during their career.

"Deputy Lopez's ability to maintain rigorous training standards, his K9's natural talent and drive and Lopez's trust in her abilities is paramount to the success they have had," said fellow K9 Deputy Jarrod Winfrey.

Now, at eight years old, Miley is slowing down and will graduate this summer to her next job of "couch potato" in Lopez's home.



BAY LEE AND PEARL: THERAPY MINI-HORSES

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Dave Bradford and Allie Werhan.



I wish you could have been there! Country Care, Inc. is on 2 acres in Cottonwood, AZ, not far from the Verde River. It is a beautiful rural setting, with tall trees, grass and flowers where three large homes with 3-5 bedrooms each house the residents.



Sometimes older people just fade into the background and get little attention, so it was wonderful to see the avid attention all the clients at Country Care received from their staff. Obvious friendships and affection resulted in a warm treatment that had to come from a knowledge of each person by the staff.



On a special spring day, residents began to gather on the porches and verandas after lunch in anticipation of the arrival of the miniature horses, Bay Lee and Pearl, and of course, Dave Bradford and his excellent crew. The excitement ran high when the truck pulling the horse trailer arrived and the girls debarked for the day's adventure.



Some students from Orme School accompanied Dave and the girls as helpers and keepers of the carrots. Amelie Puplat from Germany, Erxuan "Sarah" Zhao from China, Sheila Jaine from California and Mady Whitney from Phoenix knew what they were doing with the horses and obviously enjoyed working with the Country Care residents too.



Lou Middelstorb and Michael Harris, owners and managers of the homes, were just as eager as the residents to meet the mini-horses. Their plans include new and interesting events like this to provide variety and novel experiences for the residents.

Some residents, like 105-year-old Rita Pierce, sat inside waiting to see the horses. Both horses and a lot of people came in to meet her and she welcomed all, loved the little horses, patting and caressing and feeding them little carrot wheels Dave brought for that purpose.

After several hours of visiting all the residents, it was time for Pearl and Bay Lee and their entourage to go home, but they were warmly invited for their return visit in the fall.

Dave Bradford is a stage 4 cancer survivor. His doctor told him the treatment options but Dave declined those treatments because he believed they would destroy his quality of life. Instead, he takes one medication and is living a normal life, working with his greyhounds, his mini-horses, and doing his job at Orme School.

The doctor told Dave he can do anything he wants to do. Dave says, "Nothing is going to stop me with these horses. They have been trained to provide therapy to cancer patients." They also provide pleasure and happiness to many other people. That is the goal. He says he has to share these little girls with other cancer patients as an obligation he owes them. His mother died of cancer, and so he is also doing this for her.

When he first decided to find and train mini-horses as therapy animals, Dave found an ad on a Coffeegram place mat for mini-horses for sale. He visited and made a deal but it fell through. Another search found horses that were friendly but not socialized. He emailed a woman in Cave Creek and made an offer for the horses she had, and she accepted. On the 14th of October, 2016, Dave met them for the

first time, but Bay Lee needed a 2-week separation period from her mother because she was so young. He picked up the girls two weeks later.

To learn the basics and the laws, Dave took a class, the Pet Partners Handlers Course, with 21 other people. He is certified now as a Pet Partner handler. He took the class at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix facility, with an excellent faculty.

Pearl attracts a lot of attention because she's white but don't miss Bay Lee's sweet temperament. Bay Lee received an eye injury which affected her behavior, making her a bit hesitant, so Dave says he had to learn patience from her, to go slow and take it easy, and give her a chance to learn at a speed comfortable for her.

Both horses put on a wonderful show of affection to people, giving kisses and head presses. They obviously enjoy the contact as much as the people do. They move eagerly among the people, greeting everyone. The out-stretched hands and affectionate scratches and pats are not at all alarming, but are welcomed by the girls.

Orme School is a "central Arizona college preparatory coed boarding school" in Mayer, AZ. Students from over 20 countries attend for academics, leadership, equestrian activities and other special programs in a beautiful high desert setting. The horsemanship program directed by Douglas Owen and his assistant, Laurie Alexander, is a huge part of the school's attraction.

"Established in 1929 by the Orme family as a non-profit, the school has excellent athletic and arts programs, horsemanship, gardening and sustainable initiatives." The Orme family



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is still heavily involved in the success of the school.

Early training for the girls consisted of teaching Pearl and Bay Lee to get used to noise, spills, and so on so they don't startle. They have learned to just hop in when he opens the horse trailer door. Both can climb up or down steps, go over logs, take treats out of someone's hands or shake "hands." They are very intelligent and learn quickly. His methods are to "use repetition and be consistent."

Carrots are the big draw for the girls, but so is affection. They have different personalities: Pearl is the boss, and Bay Lee lets her be. Pearl is 2 months older than Bay Lee.

Training is ongoing. Pet Partners evaluates 4 sets of behavior the little horses must accomplish. The last one the girls are working on is when Dave walks into a room and stops, telling the horses stay. He starts with a 6' lead, and evaluators give him a 10' lead. "If you unsnap the shorter led and let it fall to the floor, it is a disqualification because you don't have control of your horse. You are to snap the 10' lead on before releasing the 6' lead. This maintains your control."

Lynn Freeman of Prescott has helped Dave with grooming the little horses.

Director of Horsemanship at Orme, Douglas Owen, spent 10 minutes with the mini-horses and Dave says, "What he did in 10 minutes I haven't done in 2 months."

"The secret to training horses, Dave, is to get them tired. Then they'll do anything you want them to do." Douglas ran Bay Lee in the round pen and if she slowed down, he'd push her again. "Watch her ears. When she turns her ears to me, I got her!" That's what happened. She

followed him all over the pen. The next day, Dave tried this same thing. She finally stopped and he petted her on the forehead and she followed him.

Douglas recently brought home a 5-year-old mustang, untouched, last fall and today (2017 springtime) he can ride that horse. "Got it from the Government for \$25."

While Dave and Sylvia, his other half, are away this summer, he would like to have Douglas work with the girls to complete their training. Dave said he would approach him and say, "Douglas, I will pay you to work with the girls while I'm gone, the when I get back, I will ask you to do the hard part—train me!"

Dave and Sylvia have to go back East to sell a home they have and were laughing together about how they will miss Bay Lee and Pearl, like they were their children. Douglas can keep the girls' skills up while Dave is gone. They will be fed and watered daily.

When Dave gets them out in the morning, he leaves their halters on, opens the stable doors and says, "Go run!" They will run 4-5 times around the whole compound, around the barns, and then come right back to Dave. It's fun to watch and some of the Orme students and staff come to see them.

Bay Lee is in the lead because she has better legs. Sometimes they'll make a pass through the main barn. Then they come back and start munching grass.

When he comes back in August this summer, the girls will have their final evaluation. Then he can approach places he wants to take the girl. So far his visits have been through word of mouth.

Dave and the mini-horses will be at Dogtoberfest, the

Prescott Dog Magazine fall adoption event. He will set up fencing and people can visit with the girls, feed them carrots and enjoy the affectionate nature of the two little horses...and their off-the-chart cuteness.

He has a new double-sided card with one horse on each side and a biography of each.

The plan is to finish the certification, then put out information to assisted living homes. Many people enjoy the horses and animals in general. The horses are trained to go into buildings and onto porches as well as in yards. Sheila, one of the Orme students, made up an "accident" bucket, with gloves, a spatula, and bags but so far, it has not been used. The horses are creatures of habit about their potty choice and don't want to "go" in a house.

At Orme, senior students come to dinner regularly, and he and Sylvia get to know them well. It is a bonus for working at the school.

Mini horses are spreading the love from 2-year-old Carys Orme to 105-year-old Rita at Country Care. Dave didn't expect so much affection from the little horses as he gets. This affection, inspired and given by Pearl and Bay Lee, is a happy surprise and a welcome one.

He had never been around horses before acquiring the girls, so many qualities are new and exciting. The miniature horses are more versatile in where they can go...inside buildings, in elevators...than full-size horses.

Dave has deep feelings for Pearl and Bay Lee and a deep need to give back. He has met several people with cancer lately, unfortunately it is all too common, and the little horses bring them happiness. In unexpected ways, they bring Dave happiness and a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction.



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By Cherie L. Dreves

The 6th annual WOOFStock and Adopt-a-thon was held June 10th, 2017. The day couldn't have been more beautiful; even the wind cooperated. It must have known that we are collectively on a mission to help find forever homes for as many loving, loyal dogs as possible. The reports are still coming in but at last count, more than 26 dogs have found their forever homes. I for one am very honored to have played a role in that. There is a host of people who played huge roles in making this year's WOOFStock the largest yet, creating the largest celebration of "all things dog", in Prescott Valley.

Our Thank You List

To The Town of Prescott Valley

Thank you for creating and maintaining such a beautiful space. The cool grass and rolling landscape of the amphitheater made the perfect backdrop for the day. My personal thanks go out to Jason,

Mary Lou, Kevin and June. The 4 of you really helped this event take shape and run smoothly.

To our sponsors

Thank you for your willingness to participate in WOOFStock 2017. Many of you gave more than what was asked. I was continually humbled by your passion and generosity. Prescott Valley Pet Clinic, Little Dealer/Little Prices RV, Pet Headquarters, Courtesy Auto Sales, Prescott Animal Hospital, Blue Buffalo, Run-A-Muk Unleashed, Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital, Yavapai Broadcasting, Olsen's for Healthy Pets, Chino Valley Animal Hospital, Costco, Farbenholt Dog Training, Earthborn Pet Products, Jade's Pet Grooming, Prestige Security Doors, Kachina Animal Hospital, Phoenix Dog Magazine, Bark Busters, Chino Valley Canine Club, Sam's Club, Solar City, MP Barkery, Rattle Snake Avoidance, Nulo Pet Products, Vita Hound, Animal Medical and Surgical, Wendi Roudybush-Garden Brook Realty, Wellness Approach and J.R. Weinrich Agency, Farmers Insurance.

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Thank you for your hard work, perseverance and willingness to get up at the crack of dawn and heft those heavy crates. All for the love of Dog. Your passion is an inspiration to the rest of us. Thanks go to: Arizona Disaster Services, Arizona Mastiff's, Circle L Ranch, Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, Ghost town Dog Rescue, Greyhound Pets of AZ, Humane Society of Sedona, Humane Society of the United States, No Longer Astray, Pet's Return Home, Pound Puppyz, Petey's Playground, Rescue a Golden, United Animal Friends, Wildhorse Ranch Rescue, Yavapai Humane Society, Yavapai Regional Medical Center - PAWS Program and the YSCRT- K-9 unit.

To our volunteers

Thank you for your passion to help others. We had a fantastic troop of volunteers that assisted the rescue groups, helped set up the event, helped with the demos and contests, and helped restore the venue to the way we found it. I would like to thank Allie, Marita, Vicki, Karen, David, Lauren, Cody, Terry, Barbara, Marilyn, Lyman, Jamie, Gavin, Summer, Harleigh, Justin and Daniel.

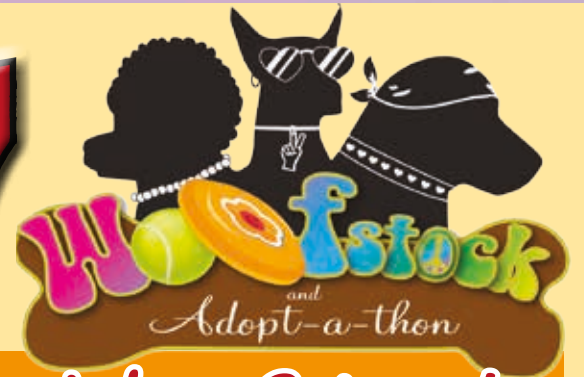
Last but not least, we would like to thank YOU

Thank you for coming out in your psychedelic costumes, dressing up your dogs and showing them off, visiting with vendors, above all, deciding to open your home to a loving, homeless pet.

We look forward to seeing you at DOGtoberfest Sunday, October 1st. at Watson Lake Park.



WOOFSTOCK 2017



Forever Homes Found at Woofstock



We were thrilled to have found a wonderful addition to our family at Woofstock this year! **Andy** came from Ghost Town Rescue and is a six-month-old male Mini-Aussie who is smart, sweet, and so fun.



Reggie came to Brit-tany Rescue AZ via the AZ Humane Society where he was part of a 40-dog seizure. After a few months of living in a home with other rescue dogs, we knew Reggie was ready for a new home of his own. Now he has one!



Circle L Ranch Rescue brought seven dogs to Woofstock to enjoy being a part of this day of rescue, seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Dr. Wilson brought three adorable chihuahuas up from the Valley, and **Pups** found her new home almost immediately.



We shared **Tessa's** story with a family & saw their compassion for her. After spending some time w/her, they wanted to think about it & would be back if she was the right fit. They returned 30 minutes later, having made a unanimous decision to make her a permanent part of their family. During the home check, Tessa laid down on the floor, as relaxed as if she'd been there for years.



Paula was rescued from a high kill shelter in TX. The day we picked her up she was happy & playful & so cuddly you'd never have known what a rough start she had. We brought her to Woofstock, and she immediately caught the eye of a family. Paula gave them lots of kisses & cuddles, & won their hearts. At her new home, she immediately got into her new comfy bed & began exploring her new toys.



Rebel came to Petey's Playground as one of 10 pups left behind Yarnell Community Center in a cardboard box. He was adopted & well cared for 3 years before his owner's health deteriorated & Rebel needed a new home. Not only did he find one at Woofstock, but he won top honors as the best-looking dog at the event.



RESCUE TALES



Catty Shack News

In May we passed the 400+ mark in cats rescued since the non-profit started in late 2011. That is the number of cats taken off the streets in the tri-city area. You have helped us spare that many cats and kittens the untold suffering of life on the streets that they would have experienced without us.

We always have many kittens in foster and can always use more fosters. We attended YHS's neonate foster class this spring. In addition to kitten fosters, we need fosters for adult single cats—they are friendly, tired, hungry and need a place to decompress

and remember what life was like before they became homeless.

I wish I could convey to you what heroes our fosters are. We absolutely could not continue without them. They fill in the gaps in care, round-the-clock feeding, medical care, vet visits, socializing and so much more. They say "yes" every time and even volunteer themselves without being asked. They give so much with no expected reward except to raise a kitty who can then be adopted into a forever home.

We have welcomed several new volunteers to the Shack, but have room for more! Follow our news on Facebook, Instagram, GoFundMe, and our website, cattyshackrescue.org for kitty fixes. Thanks for your support and caring; we couldn't do it without you.

Arizona Legislature. May 2017

HB2523 – Signed into law. This one's a big win for animals. The law provides a way for citizens to voluntarily support the Spay/Neuter Fund of the HSUS Arizona on their tax form, and bolsters additional funding for the spay/neuter program, particularly in underserved communities. The Humane Legislature Coalition of Arizona led the charge on this one.

HB2494 – Good Samaritan Hot Car Bill. This bill was a priority for the Humane Society of the United States, Arizona; it passed into law on May 11. It states, "A person who uses reasonable force to remove a child or domestic animal from a locked motor vehicle is not liable for damages in a civil action if they: have a good faith belief that the child or pet is in imminent danger, the vehicle is locked, the rescuer notifies the proper authorities, does not use more force than necessary and remains with the child or pet until authorities arrive."



The best things in life are adopted.



Rocky of Circle L Ranch Rescue

I'm no fighter, just a lover. I came to Circle L Ranch eight years ago as an owner surrender: instead of finding out why I had severe allergies, my family just decided to give me up.



I had very little fur when I arrived, and what I did have was extremely coarse. I was treated with some medicine and antibiotics, and my coat soon started growing—soft and red, and the itching almost stopped.

I'm active and love to take walks. Once in a while I play with the young pups. And

let me tell you: if you've got a treat for me, I will follow you around forever. I love it here at Circle L, but I've seen so many doggie friends arrive and go home with someone, I have to ask, "Why not me?"

One day a nice lady came to see Layla, another younger friend in my house. The lady really liked Layla, but stopped to pet and ask about ME! She was told I was about twelve and had lived at the sanctuary almost nine years. The lady asked if she could take me as well as Layla, and give me a nice comfortable home and bed. So I guess the reason it took so long is I had been waiting for my special angel!

P.S. I love my new home! My vision isn't good, so Layla helps me get around. In return, I help her with her separation anxiety. As for the lady who took us home, we think she's an angel.

Circle L Ranch Maintenance Projects

We have a lot of property and always a lot of projects. We've completed two major ones, thanks to our amazing volunteers and the teams from Embry-Riddle, as well as sponsor support.

One of our projects was removing and replacing all of the kennels in our pole barn. This is where our "pen" dogs come in for the night. The old kennels were 10 years old, unsafe, and unsecure, so they needed a complete "redo."

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Summer is here and that means our Summer Walk Guidelines are in effect.

- No playing in Bark Parks after 10AM or if the temperature is over 80 Degrees.
- Please limit walks to 15 minutes. This is really just a basic potty break, it's getting too hot for long walks.
- No Pevine Trail. It's too far, and the hot road can hurt the dogs' pads.

Please follow these rules to keep the dogs healthy and cool. If you have any questions please ask any available kennel tech on duty.

Annual Critter Camp for Kids

From July 10 through July 14, Yavapai Humane Society is having its annual Critter Camp. We will have two camps running this year!

Morning Camp

Kids ages 7-9
8a-11:30a

Afternoon Camp

Kids ages 10-13
12p-4p

The cost is \$100 per child, with a \$25 discount from the final price if you register more than one child, or if they were previous campers. Spaces are filling up fast, so act now!

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Gaston

We were recently able to rescue Gaston, a five-year-old cat who was found abandoned in Prescott Valley. All four of his paws were mutilated due to a botched declawing, and it was very painful for Gaston to walk, let alone defend himself outdoors.

We arranged for corrective surgery, where the tips of fourteen of his sixteen toes needed to be amputated to alleviate the damage. While he was under, we were also able to have his teeth cleaned and several benign fat cell growths removed.

Within days of the surgery, Gaston was up and walking with no problems and he is now ready to be adopted into a loving home.

Gaston is just one example of the difference we're able to make with the support of our donors and fundraising events. In the first four months of 2017, we took in 91 cats and kittens (including 29 births), and found new homes for 68 of them. We're poised to do even more.

Cats mingle in the Sun Room & Kitty City

We're now leasing the Sun Room at Kachina Animal Hospital, where

our cats are able to mingle without being confined to cages. We're also housing cats at Kitty City, a space donated for our use by Petco in Prescott. We foster as many kitties as we can but the number of cats in need far exceeds the number of available fosters, so having these two facilities is an enormous help.

Trap/Neuter/Return Program & Low-Income Spay/Neuter Certificate Program

From January through April of this year, we spayed or neutered 169 feral cats through our Trap/Neuter/Return Program, and another 90 pet cats through our Low-Income Spay/Neuter Certificate Program. These surgeries will prevent thousands of unwanted kittens and cats from flooding our shelters.

Neonate Kitten Fostering

Speaking of shelters, two of our volunteers assisted in teaching Neonate Kitten Fostering classes sponsored by Yavapai Humane Society in April. Neonates are very young kittens who have been abandoned or orphaned and need special care. Neonate fosters provide all the care a momma cat would. In return, the baby kittens give back all the love they would give to their mom.

These are just a few examples of the ways our supporters help us make the world a better place for cats. If you'd like to help, please donate to our Cat Program or Spay/Neuter Program or, even better, give fostering a try. You'll be richly rewarded in purrs and the knowledge that you made a big difference in the life of a cat or kitten who needs you.



New Arrival: Logan Puppy

Wildhorse Ranch Rescue's HavasuPups & Friends Program will be taking in an injured puppy this weekend from the Havasupai Falls Grand Canyon Area. For now, we're calling him Logan Puppy.

He arrived in June at the The Beastro art gallery in Prescott, Arizona. We're treating his injuries and giving him additional much-needed medical care. Once Logan's feeling better, he'll be up for adoption.



Logan Puppy

New Shade in Time for Severe Heat Warning! Corral Kraft Came to the Rescue!

Fox 10 News came out and did a story on our destroyed shade structure; you can see the Fox 10 newsclips here:

<http://www.wildhorseranchrescue.com/shelter-and-shade.html>

Corral Kraft then came to our rescue in more ways than one!

Tyler of Corral Kraft met with our construction manager, Dave Klingensmith, to find out what we needed. Corral Kraft then donated and installed a 12'x24' shade structure in time for the rescued herd to be protected from the Severe Heat Warnings in Phoenix!

Thank you Corral Kraft!



Destroyed shade cover



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Kachina Animal Hospital's Annual Open House

On Saturday, May 6th, 2017, Kachina Animal Hospital held their annual gala open house. Every visitor received a gift bag and a tour of the facilities, including the operating theater, recover room, kennels and kitty

play room complete with United Animal Friends cats available for adoption.

UAF had a booth where people could get information and also be directed to the Kitten Room where many of the spring kitty season babies were waiting to show off their cuteness.

The entire staff—including Dr. Lynn, Dr. Bason, Dr. Bellew, and all the nurses, technicians and

office staff—were available for questions and animal chat. Many of them had kitty faces painted on, with a variety of whiskers, noses and little pink tongues.

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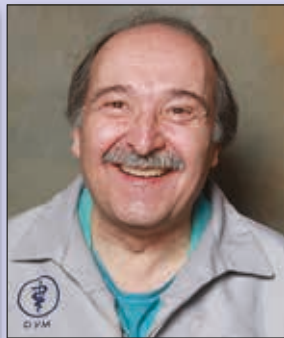
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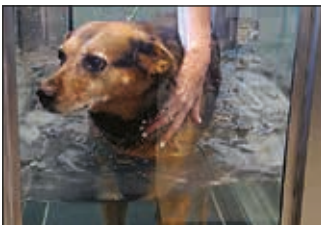
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Dogs for Adoption

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CHARLIE:

This is a sweet cuddly 9 week old, 3 pound Chihuahua Pug mix. Charlie is very confident, playful, silly, smart, and just plain cute. He loves everyone he meets and gets along great all his foster dog siblings including the big dogs. Please email doxiemama4@gmail.com to learn more about this dog.



LEO:

People say I might be part beagle, maybe doxie, but I'm a cool guy. I love people, and I would cuddle right next to you all day if you let me. I'll share you with other dogs, even cats, but I really want to love a person again. Please come see me? United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



CHAP:

I'm a cattle dog mix, around 3 years old, and I am one handsome, sturdy fellow. If you're looking for a loyal companion, I'm your guy! United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



CHIEF:

Chief is a boxer, maybe Saint Bernard mix, he is 4 yrs old, had a boxer-shaped body, and weighs about 45lbs. Chief is super treat motivated and already knows sit! He is good with other dogs, but females would probably be better match for this guy. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



FRASIER:

Looks to have a lot of the husky breed in him. He might have other Northern breeds as well. A gorgeous boy, Fraiser is about a year old, tall and weighs about 45lbs. He loves other dogs and adores people! Will make someone a wonderful companion. Email uafdogs@gmail.com to learn more.



CORONA:

Corona is a stunning black and white maybe border collie? She has long legs and a nice soft coat and is around 2yrs old. Corona has a sweet personality, but is initially a little timid. She seems to come out of her shell quickly. she likes affection and taking walks. Please email uafdogs@gmail.com to learn more.



WILLIE:

He is a shepherd golden mix. He weighs about 50 pounds and is around 3 years old. He is a mostly mellow, sweet, well mannered dog with good house habits. This guy is super handsome and will make someone a great companion. Please email uafdogs@gmail.com to learn more about this dog.



DOUGIE:

Dougie is a Shih Tzu mix. He is around a year old and weighs about 10 pounds. This little guy is a snuggle bug, and he does well with dogs that are not in his face. Dougie has been around cats and does well. He will need grooming on a regular bases due to his breed. Please email uafdogs@gmail.com to learn more.



ROSE:

Rose is a sweet cuddly 9-week-old, 3 pound Chihuahua/Pug mix. She's gentle, playful, adventurous, active & very smart. She loves everyone she meets and gets along great with other dogs, including her big dog foster siblings. She's also doing well with both potty and her basic puppy training. Please email doxiemama4@gmail.com to learn more.



CASSIA:

Hi, I am a 3-year-old Pit Bull mix with a beautiful brindle coat. I love to play ball! I am house-trained, and I am learning new commands like sit. I am better with older kids as I can get a little rough playing ball. Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 ext.7



AMELIA:

About 7 years old. Since coming to the shelter, I have proven to be a very sweet and fun-loving dog. I am not good with other dogs, and probably not too good with cats, but I do love people! Please come meet me soon! xoxo Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 ext.7



TITUS:

The shelter staff believe I am approximately 3yo. I'm very affectionate & love to be with people. I have a lot of energy, love the water, & love playing fetch! I play well with other dogs, but am not good around cats, horses, or any other small animal that might be fun to chase! Please come meet me. I am even cuter in person! Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 ext.7



DURAN:

The shelter staff believe I am an approximately 1-1/2 year old Labrador Retriever mix. I'm gorgeous, fun loving, energetic, & I know the commands "sit" and "shake." I seem to be okay with most other dogs. If you would like to meet me, please stop by the shelter! Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 ext.7



FINLEY:

he shelter staff estimates my age to be about 1-1/2 years, & they think I'm a shepherd mix. I'm cute, sweet, & totally lovable! I seem to really like other dogs, and will probably like cats, as well. House trained, I am! Chino Valley Animal Shelter. (928) 636-4223 ext.7.



PEEWEE:

I'm mostly Chihuahua, so I won't take up much space, & I won't eat very much. I'll play with you & make you smile. Mostly, I just want to be loved. I do want lots of love. So if you have room in your heart for a little guy like me, please come see me? Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



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TOM: Tom is a little dog that came in with a very scared mom.



Mom appears to be Fox Terrier. Tom is about 9 weeks old. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.

LEGEND: Hi there! I'm Legend. I'm a sweet boy with an infectious smile and a big heart. I'm looking for a home where my people will provide me with lots of love, daily walks, and a few squeaky toys. I can't wait to meet be your new best friend! Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



MAYA: I'm a Vizsla mix, and I love water and toys and fun! I'll always be first in the pool. I'd love to have another doggy companion, but I can be your only dog if you want me to. Just play with me! Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue at (928) 273-7005.



LEVI: Aren't I handsome? I would love a home with female dogs and kids, but it should be older kids because I'm very strong and I forget myself and play too rough for really little kids. And do I love to play! Could you give me a forever home? Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue (928) 273-7005.



NIKKI: I was adopted as a puppy, but was recently returned because I was shy. I'd really like another chance at a forever home, maybe one with older children or adults that wouldn't scare me? If you have the time & patience, please give me another chance? I really have a lot of love to give. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



SHILOH: I bet you're looking at my frosted muzzle, aren't you. Yes, I'm a lab mix of a certain age, but I'm still pretty active, and I love people and other dogs. I'm sweet, with lots of love to give, and I really dream of a home of my own. Please come see me. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



PAIGE: Paige and her two sisters, Cricket and Grace, are owner surrenders who are in need of a new and loving home. To set up an appointment to meet one of these cuties please give us a call. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



PUDDING: Not sure of the breed, maybe a little beagle? Call her a brown dog mix. About 4 yo and a little shy when you first meets new people, but she's really sweet. Good with other dogs, but would be fine as an only dog. To set up an appt. to meet Pudding, call Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



PRINCESS: Pit mix about 13yo old, a Hurricane Katrina survivor. Has spent the last 10 years in a rescue. She loves everyone she meets and long walks, and she would really love to spend some time with a loving person and have a home of her own one more time. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



STELLA: This is Stella. Stella appears to be a fox terrier mix who we think is about two or three years old. If you have the time and patience to provide this girl with the loving home she deserves please give us a call. Circle L Ranch. (928) 273-7005.



BONGO: I am a senior male lab/pit mix. I am neutered and house trained and use a doggie door; I know it all. I would love to find my forever home. All you have to do is love me, and I will be the best boy ever. Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue and Sanctuary (928) 273-7005.



RILEY: A HUGE fan of the tennis ball. I like to chase the ball and bring it back, take walks outside, and relax and snuggle indoors. I'm an active, fun, happy, young girl ready to go to my loving forever home, like, maybe, yours? Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



SHADOW: A bit shy when meeting new people, but warms up to be loving and affectionate. A very loyal kind of dog. Grew up with another dog, and can be social with new dogs as long as is given an appropriate opportunity get to know them. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



SUPER: Hi, I'm Super! No, really, that's what people call me, Super. I walk great on a leash and love to learn new tricks in return for yummy treats. If I'm your dog you can bet that I will work very hard to please you. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



BARBOSA: I love going for walks! I know sit, down, and sometimes I even shake paws, but I need more practice on that one. I'm very loyal and enjoy lying at my people's feet while they're relaxing. In my perfect home I would be an only dog and get to go hiking often. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



SNOWBALL: This is an American Eskimo mix. She is a beautiful girl, the traditional white color of her breed, small in size, and she is 12 years in age. She would love to have a home of her own again. Yavapai Humane Society. (928) 445-2666.



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APRIL & MAY: April and May are two adorable, Domestic Medium Hair calico females who were born March 14. United Animal Friends, 928-848-6191

SAMMY: I have a beautiful long orange coat & a fine plume tail, & like to have my fur petted. My former owner could no longer keep me, so I need understanding folks who will be patient until I can be comfortable in a new home. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



SULLY: I'm a gorgeous Siamese mix with lovely blue eyes. This place is kind of scary for me, so I'm not as responsive to petting as I normally would be. I lived with another cat, so other cats are OK. When I'm relaxed, I love to play. When I go home, I will need the gift of time, so I need a family who will be patient with me. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



MOON: I'm 1-1/2 years old. I'm a sweet, playful, calm boy, and I love looking out the window. I'm small dog and kid friendly, and I'm waiting for you at Miss Kitty's Cat House. (928) 445-5411.



JOJO: I have a beautiful fluffy, feathery tail and am a handsome devil. I'm around 8 months old. It takes me awhile to warm up to people, but when I do you can hold and pet me, and I love to play. Come meet me at the Catty Shack! (928) 778-6951.



HEART: I am a multi-colored short-haired tabby girl, and I am 8 months old. I am playful and loving. Please come and meet me at the Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



ADRIANA: I'm super sweet, only 1-1/2 years old, and a delightful gal. I love attention and will follow you around the house so we can be friends and chat. I'm looking for my furever family. Miss Kitty's. (928) 445-5411.



MUFFY: I'm 2-1/2 years old, & I have a beautiful silver tabby coat & white feet, plus tiny freckles on my nose. I love being petted & held. Come visit me at Miss Kitty's & share a cuddle. (928) 445-5411.



ZIVA: Beautiful, soulful, and eccentric—that is ZIVA! She wants a person like herself; affectionate, with a sense of humor. She does not care much for other cats, but may be okay with a small dog. Miss Kitty's. (928) 445-5411.



CeCe: CeCe is a beautiful short-haired torti-point Siamese girl who is 8 years old, with big, beautiful blue eyes. She is playful and loving and enjoys cuddling, chasing her toys, and snoozing by the window. Give her a chance, and CeCe will love you all her life. United Animal Friends (928) 772-8225.



JAVA: Java is a short-haired, grey-and-black tabby with a white chest. She's 7 years old & declawed. She likes to be petted & loved, & needs a loving home so she can feel safe & wanted. Her previous person died, & poor Java feels very lost right now. She's great with kids & dogs, & other cats. Please give Java a chance? United Animal Friends. (928) 379-1088



BRAVO: Bravo is an adorable short-haired gray marble tabby male kitten born in March 3, 2017. He is friendly and lively. He likes to play with toys and with other young kittens. United Animal Friends (928) 710-8031



ZIPPER: I am a beautiful 7-year-old tortoiseshell, and I am looking for a new human companion. I am a happy, verbal lap cat. My other favorite thing is being brushed. Could you come by Miss Kitty's and chat with me? (928) 445-5411.



TYLER: I'm a handsome 4 year old that just loves hanging out with my person, whether it's on the computer, the bathroom, or your lap. And I love to play! Could you be my person? Miss Kitty's (928) 445-5411.



WHISKEY BOY: I am a large, handsome orange and white tabby, over 5 yrs old. I am friendly and playful with an easy-going personality, and I'm good with small dogs and children. I like long naps and playing with wand toys. Miss Kitty's. (928) 445-5411.



ABBY: Abby is a short-haired black female who is 2 years old. She has beautiful amber and is extremely affectionate. She just needs her forever home. United Animal Friends. (928) 848-6191.



DIVA: Diva is a short-haired black & white tuxedo female who was born 8/14/15. She can be described as a little spitfire. She is affectionate, and gives love nips. United Animal Friends. (928) 848-6191.



NALA: Nala is a short-haired (rare) orange-tortie tabby female about 2-3 years old. Her coloring is very unique and striking. If she is in the sunlight, her coat glows almost copper. She is such a loving, gentle girl. United Animal Friends (928) 379-1088



TATTOO: Tattoo is a short-haired calico female who was born April 6, 2016. She is quite outgoing and playful and is also good around children. United Animal Friends. (928) 379-1088



TOBY: My name is Toby, & I came with my housemate Sully. I'm finding this adjustment kind of scary. When I'm relaxed I love to play & chase toys. My coat is tiger, & I have a fine white bib. When I go home I'll need a patient, understanding family, because it may take me awhile to settle in. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



KITTY CORNER: JIMBOB, THE LUCKIEST KITTY ON EARTH

By Allie Werhan

JimBob is one of 4 kittens rescued in April with their mother. He was fostered with one volunteer until he was weaned, then moved to another foster, Sandra. She is a very conscientious foster, home-cooking food for her dogs and her cat fosters. She had made chicken with rice, fed the kittens and then put food down for the dogs.



One month old



Two months old

JimBob, a food-aggressive boy, made a beeline for the dog food. They ate together every night, but this night, JimBob started eating a Lab's food. The dog, usually mellow, pushed JimBob but JimBob may have bitten the dog and was pushed into the wall. Sandra heard a yelp and looked down to see JB unconscious on the floor. She iced him and called Suzy, an RN who is also the medical professional for United Animal Friends' cats.

Suzy sped to Sandra's and took JB to Kachina Animal Hospital, the source of medical help for UAF cats. Dr. Bason and Dr. Bellew were just leaving for the evening, but waited for Suzy.

By this time, JB was becoming more alert, but he had extensive swelling of his head and his eyes were swollen shut. The veterinarians gave him a mega dose of anti-inflammatory and pain meds, and told Suzy to keep him on seizure protocol for 10 days, quiet in a dark place with minimal stimulation.

The next day JimBob wanted to eat. He was given more anti-

inflammatory, and pain med. By the third day, he was responding to Suzy's presence by running toward her. His eyes were open, although his vision was impaired. After 10 days, Dr. Bellew x-rayed him and her response was, "Holy cow! Why are you alive?" His skull was broken in two places, had shifted sideways with one area unlikely to grow closed. That will be reassessed when he is older and bigger, to determine if surgery will help. His quality of life will be different, but he will have a good life.

Suzy explains, "When I brought him home from the hospital that first night, every time he moved, he hurt and would cry out. My Lab/heeler mix, Jesse, age 2, would wake me up to come and help JB."

Several mornings later, Suzy was setting up JimBob's soft-sided condo, and little JB was playing on the floor but suddenly she couldn't find him. Panic! Then Jesse came into the room with JB in her mouth, put him on the couch and settled down to kitty sit him.

"Oh, no, no, honey, he can't be on the couch because if he falls off, he will be dead." But it was a very sweet thing that Jesse just wanted to take care of her little kitty.

JimBob needs a helmet if he is going to be allowed out of his condo, now that he has completed his 10-day seizure protocol. A fall or a bump could kill him. So Sara has crocheted a little helmet for him. She



JimBob's house interior



JimBob's house exterior

saw a picture on a website for brain injured animals, and started playing with the creation.

"I had to make several prototypes to get the right size and shape for JB," Sara said. "There is a piece down the back where a collar can run, go around the front, and keep the helmet in place. The only snag she says was when Suzy sent JB's measurements in centimeters and she had to go to Google to convert to inches. "You can tell she's a nurse," Sara laughed.



Fitting the helmet



Trying on the helmet



Ready to play

Suzy has several animals in her home, as fosters, patients and her own crew, including Jesse, Sarge, a gray parrot who lives up to his name, two miniature poodles and several cats. Zoe, one of the little dogs is also protective of JB. Sarge has to be put into another room, because he likes to run at the cats and try to scare them.

Jesse appointed herself JimBob's kitty sitter when he is out of his "house" and raises the alert with Suzy if JB cries or fusses. She also escorts the other cats out of the room if they try for a peek. She understands that JB needs special care, that something is very wrong with him.

In early June, JimBob's physical endurance was minimal because of the seizure protocol where he was isolated in the dark and kept quiet to get the pain and swelling under control a major step to his recovery. Suzy was giving him pain meds 4 times a day at that time, but now he is off those meds.

Playing increases his stamina. He doesn't worry about what he can't do; he just does what he can. Animals are smarter than people in that way. He actively seeks out contact with Suzy, and loves to play with his toys. He has a cat bed in his condo and has figured out how to bounce his jingle balls off the side. Clever kitty.

When he is allowed out of his condo, he walks around the house for a few minutes but he is quickly ready to go back to his bed and rest. High protein diet also is designed to aid his healing and strength.

Now he is a gorgeous little marble tabby kitty who just wants to play. (He was 2 months old at the time of this writing.) As he grows to adulthood, he will be reassessed periodically and perhaps face surgery. But he is alive, and growing, and happy as only a kitten can be.

Footnote: It took 5 days for JimBob to figure out how to rip the helmet off. Then he came prancing up to Suzy dragging it in his mouth like a trophy. Back to the drawing board!



New Helmet

BOOK REVIEW: *SURVIVING HENRY*, BY ERIN TAYLOR YOUNG

By Allie Werhan

On their first trip to the pet food store with Henry, their boxer puppy, his behavior made it clear that there was a lot of obedience school in his future. The family became on first name basis with everyone at the K9University, where Henry attended class after class, had individual counseling, home visits and all kinds of equipment trials in an effort to teach him how to be the family pet.

Although Erin Young injects a lot of humor into Henry's adventures, his almost impossible accidents, and his constant problems with leashes, food, water, animals, people, and vehicles, most of these experiences were amusing only in retrospect.

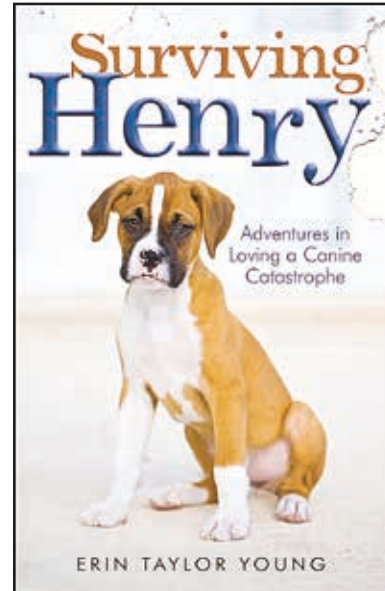
Many times the family, especially Erin, thought about finding Henry another home, but then, what would happen to him? Would anyone ever love him? Where would such an impossible dog end up? Besides, every once in a while, Henry would cuddle, and show he loved his people, and in

fact, needed them and what they tried to give him.

Eventually, Erin realized that Henry didn't want to be the way he was, that he wanted to be a good dog, and wanted help to stop the destructive cycle. She saw it in his eyes, the fear and anguish that accompanied his mishaps. He almost died when he jumped from outside in through a plate glass window and was badly cut. It was torture to watch the vet clean the wound as Henry cried. "He cries and my heart shatters to smithereens."

Recovery is long and difficult because Henry is Henry. But eventually the stitches come out. He learns to walk better on his leash, but still has outbursts...fits, Erin calls them, when he behaves irrationally and without much hope of her regaining control until Henry is ready.

Sometimes Erin asks, "Why did we get a difficult dog?" Some days she would like to take him back. But there is a small whisper inside her that says she has to stay the



What finally helps Henry learn what he needs to know? It is both surprising and shocking, as you, dear reader, will discover. Henry's miracle...

One day when it was raining, Henry put his head on Erin's lap with a sadness only a boxer can convey. She felt sad for him, too. Remembering all the two had been through together, the trouble, the fun, the pain when he was injured, and the difficulty of helping him outgrow most of his tantrums caused Erin to reflect on the meaning of Henry in her life.

She realizes, "I love this dog."

"The bond I have with Henry is a treasure-hammered gold, forged through the sweat and blood of every Henry walk, every rescue from the lake, every training exercise repeated over and over and over."

Surviving Henry was not a trial but a lesson in real love.

course with Henry. Her children's innocent prayers always include, "Thank you for Henry," no matter what Henry had done that day. They accepted him and loved him.

Then Henry started a new, softer routine in the morning, feeling happy and greeting her with a sweet disposition. "Like he's reaching out, wanting to be normal."

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By Allie Werhan

Many homes being built today and many older homes have a serious lack: adequate storage space. Whether it is additional room for a vehicle, a place to store outdoor or camping equipment, or even a building in which to set up a telescope and the accompanying supplies and equipment, an add-on building designed to suit those special needs is often the answer.

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Patrick Baize is the owner of Weatherking. He has become an expert on the types of storage needs people have and what his company can do to help them. His sales staff is knowledgeable and well trained to talk to people, discover their situations and needs, and recommend products which will provide solutions.

One of his salesmen told him he thought it would be easy to purchase a little shed and set it up himself over a weekend. Patrick says he thought the

same thing until he tried it. "It takes a lot of time and is complicated!" he said.

That is why a large part of the company is service. The customer, with the help of the sales staff, chooses the storage solutions for his needs. Then the shed is delivered and installed. Some of them are partially assembled ahead of delivery to expedite set-up on site. Carports are delivered and then assembled, but some portable buildings are delivered as a completed building. There is preparation work involved such as a concrete pad or other foundation for some buildings.

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Patrick's wife grew up in Central Brazil. There were 6 or 8 children in the family, most of

whom were adopted. Patrick grew up in a family that took in foster children. It is a natural step for the couple to continue this process.

They have "3 biological children, 1 adopted and 2 foster children who will all soon be adopted." Two of the children have special medical needs.

The family are Mennonites. This fall, the oldest daughter, 18, is going to Uganda for a 2-year mission. Patrick says, "This is exciting but a little stressful for the parents."

The storage business is a bit slow in the winter, but really picks up in spring when people start to organize their households and prepare for summer.

The Baize family enjoys the outdoors and try to get up to the Sno Bowl at Flagstaff during the winter a few times. "My wife doesn't like me to ski any more...she thinks I may get injured. And I realized that my legs aren't as young as they used to be!"

"We also like to fish and hunt, go boating, and just be out in the woods. We go on at least one camping trip each summer. We also enjoy working in the yard together and have a large garden and raise some animals." How about pets?

The family has pet goats, dogs, cats, and sheep.

The children go to a private church school where they participate in sports and other activities as well as academics. This summer includes a visit to Brazil to visit his wife's family.

Patrick spends a lot of time driving to his various locations as well as driving to customers' sites. He also travels to select merchandise for his shops, to meet with other dealers, to learn new information about the business, and to supervise construction of buildings where he is needed.

"Customer service is a major part of our business," Patrick says. "We are honest, ethical business people and we are there to help our customers. We respond to calls and help people with the problems that arise." If there is something a customer doesn't like, then Patrick and his staff go out and work on solving the problem. Even if the problem can't be fixed, customers know he cares and will respond to help and will come back to make it good.

Patrick believes that the customers have a right to expect good service. That is his goal and the goal of his staff. They know they have a good product; their focus on service and the customer's needs make this the choice for storage solutions in our community.



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TRAINING YOUR DOG: IT'S AS SIMPLE AS ONE, TWO . . . TEN!!!

By Gary DeGeronimo

As we are all aware, there has been a voluminous amount of articles written about "dog training." And most of them have good information that helps us with the education process for our best friends. And of course, there are those articles that would be best served as the paper lining in the cage of our pet birds. Fortunately, not too many of those.

I try to begin canine education with the premise that dog training is not rocket science as well as the fact that training is not one-size-fits-all.

So, I have adopted a simple ten-step method or philosophy to approaching dog training. They are simple but quite powerful steps in attempting to communicate with your dog.

One: Start Training Early:

It is generally easier to learn than to un-learn and learn new. Even though you can teach an old dog new tricks, it is better to start teaching good behavior from the minute your dog enters your family.

Two: Use of Dog's Name:

Your dog's name should only be used to signify a positive event. When your dog hears its name, there should be no hesitation whether this is a good thing or not. Do not call your dog to you in order to punish or reprimand. A reliable "recall" is based on trust and confidence that coming back to you is one of the better things in life.



Lilo and Kaitlyn early training

Three: Use of Humane Training Techniques and Positive Reinforcement:

Your dog should respond to you out of respect and trust, not domination or intimidation. Harsh training techniques will only break down the relationship you should have with your dog. Through the use of Positive Reinforcement your dog will not only learn but enjoy it as well.

Four: Don't Say It If You Don't Mean It:

Be sure "you" are ready to train. If you cannot reinforce a command, do not give it. If you do and you cannot properly reinforce and instruct, it becomes an optional request to your dog.

Five: Calm Atmosphere:

When you begin to teach your dog a new behavior, choose a training environment that is conducive to learning. Start with zero distractions and as your dog begins to catch on, add a few distractions. You should be upbeat and pleasant without being frenzied and loud.

Six: Timing is Important:

There are basically three times to correct and modify a behavior:



Joy and Katie with good control

1. After the dog does the behavior – of little value.
2. While the dog is doing the behavior – better but still of little value.
3. Before and while the dog is thinking of doing the behavior – best time.

Seven: Don't Echo Commands:

Say it once (twice at most). If your dog does not respond, show him or her what you would like. Do not continually repeat the same command as this will simply allow your dog to 'turn you off.'

Eight: Tone of Voice and Posture:

Your tone of voice and posture are powerful tools in training your dog. Be firm and confident in your tone without being overly harsh. Shouting is of no benefit to a dog since it has very keen hearing and the increased volume may actually inhibit learning. Do not bend down toward your dog. Instead stand tall and sure; communicate confidence in your physical attitude.



McGuinness and Sue practicing on leash

Nine: No Room for Frustration:

Because training your dog should be a fun experience, frustration should play no part in it. If you find that your dog is just not responding and is beginning to try your patience, STOP and end the training session. It will be of no value to you or your dog to continue in a "no-learn situation." It is best to keep training sessions short at first and then build up to a longer time. Also, keep in mind that all species will have a bad day."

Ten: End All Training Sessions on a Happy Note:

Training sessions should be a good experience for you and your dog. When you have ended the formal part of the training exercise, play a game or have some fun with your dog. Let him or her look forward to the next time you get together again.

So, enjoy the time you spend teaching your dog good behavior... and Happy Training!!



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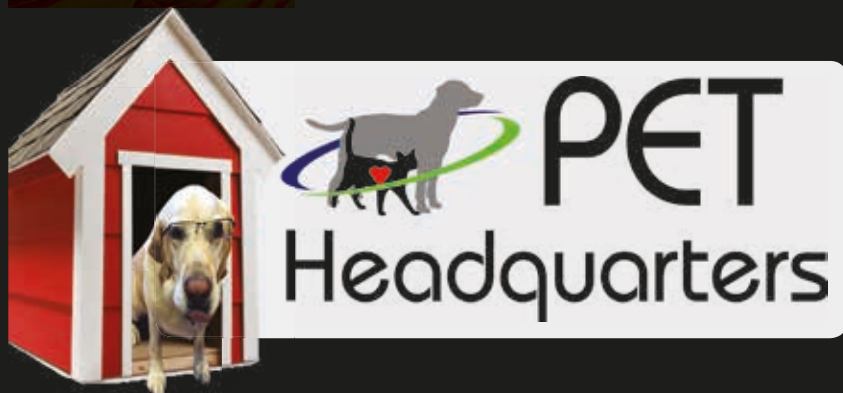
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THE CASE FOR AMERICAN-MADE PET FOODS AND TREATS

By Briana Lonas

Pet food and treat labels are an important consideration for owners and often, products listed as "Made in the USA" boost consumer confidence.

For starters, purchasing pet food made in the USA could reduce the risk of your pet ingesting contaminants.

According to lovelistUSA, foreign-based pet food manufacturers could pass on a risk of bacterial contamination.

Buying pet food made in the USA could decrease this risk since the transport time would not be as long therefore reducing exposure to temperature changes.

Much of the manufacturer information regarding USA-sourced pet foods claim their products are made in the United States. However, importing and exporting certain ingredients still takes place. The question to really ask is, "What part of my pet's food is sourced in the USA?"

The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) regulations state: "All or virtually all means that significant parts and processing that go into the product must be of US origin."

Therefore, a pet food product should not contain foreign content. The AAFCO also states that if ingredients are imported, then it's hard to back up the claim, "Made in the USA."

Also, an American-based food manufacturer may use higher quality control measures to ensure pet safety.

If you want to call the pet food manufacturer, several websites offer helpful tips when asking questions, such as: "Who formulates your diets? Where are your diets produced and manufactured, and can I visit this plant?"

The best way for most pet owners to provide adequate nutrition for their pets is to feed them high quality commercial food, such as those offered in veterinary offices and pet supply stores.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recommends buying from good quality outlets and typically won't support a generic or store brand pet food or treat as a first choice.



Choosing a good dog or cat food brand can be intimidating with so many to choose from on the market shelf. A USA product could eliminate the fear factor when feeding choice ingredients to your furry loved one.

One case study of an imported food product cites the melamine fiasco that poisoned hundreds of animals. In 2007, the FDA warned that some pet foods were causing illness and deaths for cats and dogs when a Chinese manufacturer attempted to make their wheat gluten appear more pure by adding a plastic product called melamine.

This incident raised awareness that pet food ingredient sourcing is not only important but could be a matter of life or death.

Sourcing of ingredients means that the chicken meal or other ingredients was actually grown and produced on American soil. Some manufacturers do this, but sometimes certain ingredients are only available out of the country.

A company that commits to making a product sourced with USA ingredients may have to outsource if a supplier runs short on an ingredient. What makes finding all USA-made pet food difficult is that many companies merge internationally and fewer factories around the world make specific ingredients such as vitamins and minerals.

Items such as carnitine and taurine are not supplied in the U.S. To determine if vitamins and minerals listed in the ingredients are being sourced overseas, call the food manufacturer.

For a list of American made dog and cat treats and products, visit www.usalovelist.com. To find out if a pet product has been recalled, such as chicken jerky products for dogs, visit the FDA's website at www.fda.gov.

READING THE LABEL

A label that says something is "manufactured by" identifies the party responsible for the quality and safety of the product and location, according to the Food and Drug Administration. A label that says "manufactured for" or "distributed by" indicates that the food was manufactured by a company other than the one selling the product. A pet food company that uses its own facilities versus manufacturing off-site allows for better quality control. FDA reports state that pet food companies that use their own manufacturing facilities typically set higher quality control standards such as isolating raw ingredients from dry and are better equipped to deal with quality control issues.

For a better understanding of the listing of ingredients, consumers may note that the pet food commercials showing fresh cuts of beef or poultry could be misleading. Citing chicken as an example, the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) defines the single ingredient chicken as, "A clean combination of flesh and skin with or without accompanying bone, derived from parts of whole carcasses of chickens thereof, exclusive of feathers, heads, feet and entrails." But even though the reality of pet food ingredients may not look as appetizing as television, "Made in the USA" ingredients are safer and nutritious.

Chicken meal, "is the dry rendered product from a combination of clean flesh and skin with and without accompanying bone, derived from whole carcasses of chicken thereof, exclusive of feathers, heads, feet and entrails." Therefore, chicken meal listed as a first ingredient offers more protein than the single ingredient chicken.

The AAFCO further explains that the water content for the single ingredient chicken averages around 70 percent, with 18 percent protein and the chicken meal averages 10 percent water content and a 65 percent protein level.

According to dogfoodadvisor.com, animal by-products are what's left of a slaughtered animal after the parts intended for human consumption have been removed.

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WOODCHUTE TRAIL 102

Story & Photos by Cheryl Hartz



Hikers generally don't believe that bulldozers on a mountain can bode well, but the wonderful Woodchute Trail is built on the tracks of just such heavy equipment sent to carve out livestock and wildlife watering tanks on Woodchute Mountain, just north of Mingus Mountain.

Woodchute Wilderness' name originates from Jerome's copper mining era, when loggers cut trees that would become shoring timbers for the mines. They transported the timber down the mountain to Jerome via chute to loading platforms for the town's narrow gauge railroad. That railroad now is Forest Road 318, and the north end of Trail 102.

With its 7,700-foot altitude and second-growth Ponderosa pine, oak and alligator juniper trees providing cool relief, Woodchute Mountain exhibits the perfect environment for a summer hike. Woodchute Trail from the parking area off Forest Road 106 to the top of the mountain is classified as moderate difficulty, with an elevation gain of only 600 feet over its 2.3-mile length.

Traveling along the east side of the mountain affords extensive views of the Verde Valley, Sedona's Red Rocks, and even Flagstaff's San Francisco Peaks. Once on the ridge, Prescott Valley is visible. Along the way, a plethora of colorful wildflowers – bright blue Hill's Lupine, light blue aspen daisies (fleabane) with their oversized yellow centers, yellow arnica, clusters of goldenrod, red penstemon and purple four o'clocks among them – attracts hordes of hummingbirds.

Should one opt to continue down to the north side trailhead, another five miles of hiking along a series of steep



A hiker & his canine companions enjoy a vast vista of the Verde Valley from the Woodchute Trail.

switchbacks and an elevation change of 2,000 feet await.

The Potato Patch campground does have water, should you stop there first after turning off Highway 89A. But remember



Blackeyed Susans proliferate around a wildlife tank just off the trail.

that Woodchute is a designated wilderness area, so take along your own supplies and pack out what you pack in.

Motorized vehicles and bicycles are prohibited, but horseback riding is allowed. While you might outfit your dogs with packs to carry their own water, you won't need to do the same for horses, as the Woodchute Tank should provide plentiful refreshment. And you'll marvel at the profusion of black-eyed Susans in the open meadow surrounding it. It's just a short detour on the Rick Tank Cutoff Trail 104 after its intersection with Woodchute Trail 102, as well as a pleasant place to hang a hammock and read a book or grab a nap.

Wildlife abounds on the mountain, but even if you don't spy any, you're likely to spot tracks of deer, bear and assorted small mammals and birds in the mud around Woodchute Tank.

This trail is one of my husband's and my favorites as it is quick and easy to get there from our Prescott Valley home. It lends itself well to a day hike and always makes us feel like we "got away from it all" with little preparation. After a relaxing day, we still get home well before dark, with plenty of time for dinner, a shower, and perhaps catch an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game on TV.



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VETERANS AND THEIR SERVICE DOGS

By Gary DeGeronimo

It goes without saying that we are all very proud of our military. As we live our lives day to day and enjoy the benefits that our freedom allows us, our United States Armed Forces are stationed throughout the world protecting our country, ready at a moment's notice to defend our nation from enemies, both foreign and domestic. They stand their post so we can rest at night.

And during the time they serve in the military, some members will have experiences that will stay with them long after they return to civilian life. These experiences can cause emotional trauma in their daily life, ranging from having difficulty dealing with people to having difficulty dealing with their own thoughts. The severity of these issues can run a long spectrum, from having occasional night terrors to not being able to leave the house.

Many of these veterans need a support team, people who can talk with them, help them through these difficult times. And there are organizations out there that will be no further than a phone call away. But it's obvious that people cannot be with them 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This is when a Service Dog or Emotional Support Animal can be vitally important to their life.

The Veterans Administration, Office of Research and Development is currently conducting clinical trials to examine the efficacy of Service Dogs for Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). This study has been underway for some time now and is scheduled to continue for some time. However, I think we can all agree, without clinical trials, Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals can be extremely beneficial to assist our Veterans.

A simple search of the Internet will produce story after story of how these wonderful four-legged partners have changed the life of military Veterans and have given that unconditional love and companionship they so desperately

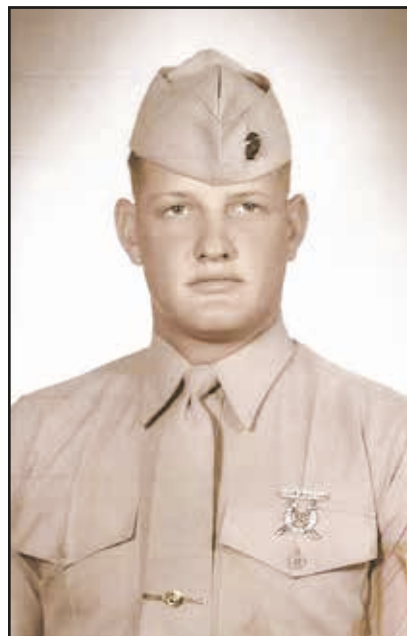
need. These Service Dogs and Emotional Support Animals will be there for them at all times, to alert them when those difficult and dark memories return and to distract them in a way that only the love of a dog can do.

A good example of the benefits that a Service Dog can bring to a military Veteran can be seen with Luke and his Service Dog Partner Gunner. Luke is a Marine Veteran who served his country for many years and has seen his share of the dark times.

The jungles of Viet Nam would leave a deep and long impression on anyone. But as tough of a Marine that Luke is, a little help from his Service Dog Gunner is of significant benefit, including some of the physical issues that Luke deals with today.

Gunner stays close by Luke and keeps a close eye on him, ready to assist in any way he can, whether for physical stability or emotional stability. And Service Dog Gunner is on duty at all times. Recently a visitor at Luke's home commented to Luke's wife Linda, "Where is Gunner?" Linda simply replied, "Where is Luke?"

And the same can be said for another Marine Veteran Robert



Marine Luke

and his Service Dog Partner Max. Robert's time in Kuwait left some severe emotional scars that followed him out of military service and into civilian life. Days were tough; nights were tougher.



Luke & Service Dog Gunner

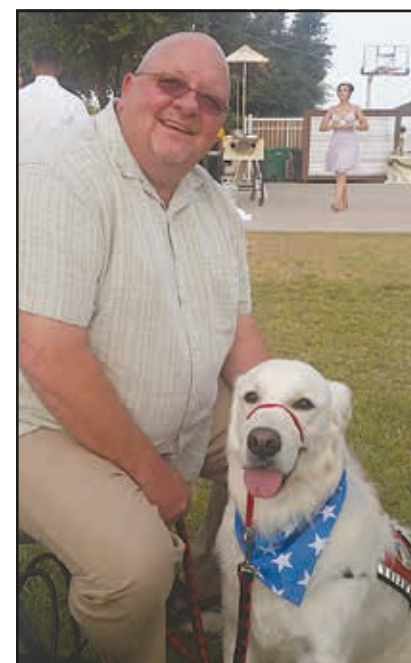
Although some scars from Military Service are visible, not all are. During those times when Robert may be having difficulty coping with the world around him, Max is right by his side, wet nose and warm muzzle ready to snuggle in to comfort Robert and bring him back to emotional stability.

There are also those Veterans who benefit from an Emotional Support Dog, a well-trained canine who provides emotional support, comfort and companionship. An ESA or Emotional Support Animal is not considered a Service Dog under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). And although an Emotional Support Dog does not have the same rights and privileges as far as Public Access is concerned, it can assist that Veteran in so many ways around the home or at places where pets are allowed.

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Marine Robert



Robert and Max

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RALLY OBEDIENCE PROVIDES FUN, INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR HANDLERS AND DOGS

Story and photos by Heidi Dahms Foster

Dog obedience trials used to be limited to a regimented course in which the handler could give only one command per direction from the judge, and the team had only one chance to successfully complete the exercise.

While those trials still are offered at sanctioned dog events, and still represent a formidable challenge, a new obedience opportunity, called Rally-O or simply Rally, has become increasingly popular among those who want to enjoy a different venue for training and trialing their dogs. The sport is open to both purebred and mixed breed dogs.

According to Wikipedia, Rally obedience originally was devised by Charles L. "Bud" Kramer from the obedience practice of "doodling" - doing a variety of interesting warm up and freestyle exercises.

In Rally, the dog/handler teams proceed through a course of up to 20 signs, each with an exercise for the team to complete. Exercises might consist of turns, recalls, sits and downs, serpentines through cones, graduated steps forward or backward, and in advanced classes, jumps. The exercises become more complicated as the team completes levels from Novice to Excellent.

Teams start with a set number of points, and deductions come from crooked sits, tight leads, or an improperly completed exercise. If two teams score the same number of points, the team with the fastest time through the course wins. Teams can earn titles through such registries as AKC, the Australian Shepherd Club of America, and several others. To earn a title, teams generally must successfully complete three "legs," or qualifying runs, under two different judges.

Perhaps the most popular difference between traditional obedience and Rally is that handlers can talk to their dogs and use hand signals to encourage and direct them through the course. The sport is suitable for nearly everyone, regardless of physical condition, and is also suitable for all ages and breeds of dogs.

Preparing your dog to compete in Rally requires basic obedience commands such as heel, sit, down, stay, and come. A dog must learn to "finish" or return to heel position on both sides of the handler, and as the team advances, skills such as backing up on command, pivots and more are added. Much help is available through local dog clubs and online, along with rules and sample courses from each registry. Phone apps, such as ASCA Rally, from Blue Ribbon Dogs, show course signs, give instructions on how to complete each exercise, and even include a video of a team completing the exercise.

Those who want to set up their own course can find samples and print signs online.

Paulden resident Diana Curl, whose Australian Shepherd Dutch is currently ranked number one in the Australian Shepherd Club of America Rally Excellent standings, said, "My very first experience of doing anything with dogs was obedience with my Golden Retriever. It was rigid and seemed stressful. Rally is much more fun for the dog and handler. Obedience still takes a lot of work and skills, and I admire people who do that. Dutch has started toward his Companion Dog title (CD), but he and I both still prefer Rally."

Julie Forward, a Chino Valley resident who has been involved in Rally in California and Arizona, has done regular obedience, but she enjoys Rally because she feels it's easier to keep it fun and engaging for the dog. Her Aussies, Molly and Ryleigh, have ASCA Rally Excellent X titles, meaning they have qualified for the additional Excellent designation with three scores of 195 or above.

Shawna Davis is a Dewey resident who teaches Rally lessons through PSR Stockdogs. She has been doing Rally for more than 11 years, and her Aussie Saide has earned her Rally Trial Championship through ASCA and her Rally Advanced Excellent title through AKC. She also has a Companion Dog Excellent title. Her dog Gauge is currently working on his Rally Trial Championship as well.

Davis reiterates what most Rally aficionados say, "It's more fun and engaging, and it has more elements to it. You never know what the order will be on the course."

Shawna Davis can be reached for lessons at 970-799-3860.

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Diana Curl of Paulden and her dog Dutch are the number one Rally Excellent team this year in the Australian Shepherd Club of America standings. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster



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Rally allows handlers to interact with their dogs through voice and hand signals. Here, Rally instructor Shawna Davis of Dewey interacts with her Aussie Gauge during a trial. The two are working toward their Rally Trial and Supreme Versatility championships. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster



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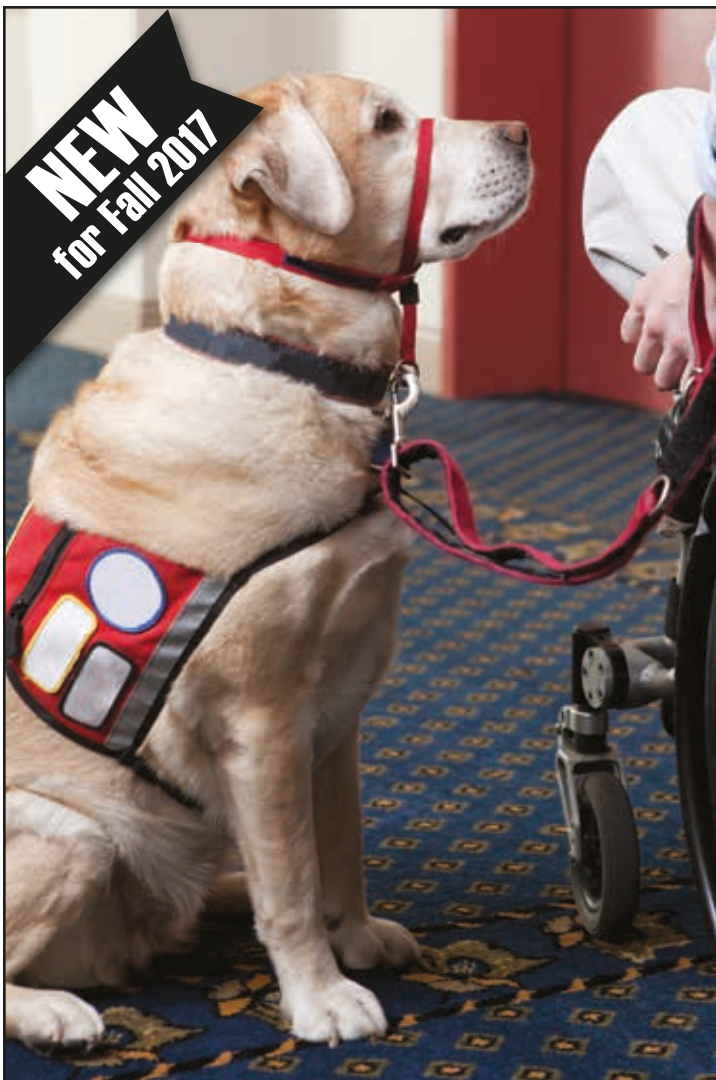


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DARING TO DREAM BIG: THE CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos by Jean McFadzen.

From concept to creation, building the premier equestrian multi-purpose facility in Central Arizona is not for the weak or the faint of heart. This humungus project requires a healthy measure of blood, sweat, determination, grunt work, and in this case, community effort and generous funding.

The driving force behind the mission is Danielle Feller, president of the Chino Valley Equestrian Association that oversees the building of "a dream". The Chino Valley Equestrian Park is a multi-use facility which will include canine events as well.



**CVEA president
Danielle Fellers.**

After relocating to Chino Valley in 2010, Danielle and her husband settled into Haystack Ranch, off of Perkinsville Road. Anyone familiar with Perkinsville Road is aware that Home Manor Road is the location of Yavapai College's Agribusiness & Science Technology Center. As Danielle was cruising by this area, flat, vast and usable, she began to see, adjacent to the Yavapai College property, something that no one else had visualized. She saw an amazing horse facility. "Coming from California, I have ridden in all of the big facilities on the west coast," shares Danielle, "and there's nothing like that out here."

A monumental dream such as this requires all the right people in all the right places. One of the first individuals that Danielle enlisted for assistance was Gary Gang,

equestrian instructor at Yavapai College and Combined Driving champion showman and trainer. Gary, vice president of the Chino Valley Equestrian Association, moved to Chino Valley in 1998, and has great experience in setting up this kind of facility. Another positive force on the development and implementation of a plan has been Susie Cuka, then Chino Valley council woman. But perhaps the most extraordinary connection made was that of world class architect Sergio Martinez, who just happens to enjoy roping as a hobby. Martinez has designed well over 300 equestrian facilities, and was willing to put his incomparable magic to work to create the Chino Valley Equestrian Park (CVEP).

In the ten-year, three-phase plan on the 80 acres, the end goal is to have six arenas with warm up arenas, and finally a spectacular covered arena. This great feat will likely take place during the third phase along with the addition of barns and RV parking.

Sounds impressive, but it hasn't come easily. First, they had to convince the town of Chino Valley to lease the land to the quickly formed Chino Valley Equestrian Association. Luckily, "the mayor and town council have always been behind us," attests Feller. Then, they had to get out there and go to work. Feller continues, "So far we've resurrected the original rodeo arena that was there. Fifteen years of tumbleweed. We worked to get it cleaned up and it's looking good."

And then, the association was knocked a heavy blow when it was discovered that five integral steel panels were stolen from the CVEP property. As a community facility striving to develop solely from donations and membership fees, it has been quite upsetting as well as disturbing news. The five narrow panels missing are typically specific to bull riding setups. "The panels



**Heather McCafferty and
Trooper**

were literally taken off their hinges and removed," reports Danielle.

However, the disappointing setback is not enough to keep this team from marching forward. To date, there are two usable arenas, which indeed are being utilized. There was a full attendance for Mary Rose Anderson's Trail Obstacle Course clinic held March 1st. The Northern Arizona Chapter of Arizona Dressage Association announced via Facebook that they would be hosting future Schooling Dressage Shows and clinics at the new Chino Valley Equestrian Park. They are a founding sponsor and have already donated dollars for the soon-to-be dressage arena. Their first event took place in May. Member Kati Anderson reports, "Our first schooling show at the Chino Valley Equestrian Park! Challenging wind, amazing riders, super footing... This will be our new home for the coming years."

With the ideal central Arizona climate, this facility is geared to accommodate equestrian shows year round, especially during the summer when it is not feasible to compete in the Phoenix area. Eventually Danielle plans to offer



**Dressage participant Kati
Anderson Kirsten Kuzmanic**

reasonable layouts for Eventing and Combined Driving, and construct a bridle path surrounding the entire perimeter so that riders can warm up their horses or simply go for a ride. The idea of the CVEP is truly a proverbial playground for any and all horse lovers. Annual memberships allow riders to utilize the facility within the guidelines layed out by the Chino Valley Equestrian Association.

In a horse community such as Chino Valley and its surrounding towns and areas, you will find an ample number of ropers, reiners, cutters and mounted shooters. You will find barrel racers, pole benders and Eventers too. There are those exhibiting the grace of Dressage as well as those demonstrating the strength and stamina of Endurance Riding. There is the fun and exhilaration of clever trail obstacle courses for horses, and ever-entertaining activities for canine clubs. And, finally there will be a facility to host such a wide range of events.



**Rita Thompson-Tinsley
enjoying obstacle course clinic**

The progress apparent in this dynamic project has been inevitably propelled by the team effort of tireless volunteers who have become invaluable. Volunteer committees are composed of workers sharing their labor, professionals sharing their expertise. But the one thing all these people truly share in common is that they are each equestrians, with shared, unfaltering passion for what is becoming the Chino Valley Equestrian Park.



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OUR NATIONAL BIRD – THE BALD EAGLE VS. THE TURKEY?

Story by Skye Lyons



The Bald Eagle is our national bird. It was chosen to represent our nation in 1776, and an engraving of the eagle appears on our National Seal as well as on our dollar bills. Its image is used throughout our nation, and we're so familiar with it we hardly notice it anymore. It is based on a real bird, though, and when faced with a live bird instead of an engraving, our reaction is somewhat different.

It is almost impossible not to have feelings of awe when watching one of these great birds soaring or when you are lucky enough to stand next to one. They are enormous birds, with a wingspan of 5.9 to 7.5 feet, standing 30 to 36 inches tall and weighing up to 14 pounds. Combined with that fierce profile and icy stare, they are birds to be reckoned with.

Our founding fathers decided the eagle should be the symbol of our new country. Native Americans thought it was special, too; long before we got here almost every tribe revered the eagle. Even so much as a feather holds great significance. Essentially, our founding fathers wanted to create a seal that would show we meant business as an independent nation. And you have to admit, the eagle looks fierce and independent.

On July 4, 1776, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson were given the task of creating our Great Seal. However, not everyone was thrilled with the choice of the eagle. Franklin penned quite the rant against it in a letter to his daughter.

"For my own part I wish the Bald Eagle had not been chosen the Representative of our Country. He is a Bird of bad moral Character. He does not get his Living honestly. You

may have seen him perched on some dead Tree near the River, where, too lazy to fish for himself, he watches the Labour of the Fishing Hawk; and when that diligent Bird has at length taken a Fish, and is bearing it to his Nest for the Support of his Mate and young Ones, the Bald Eagle pursues him and takes it from him.

"With all this Injustice, he is never in good Case but like those among Men who live by Sharping & Robbing he is generally poor and often very lousy. Besides he is a rank Coward: The little King Bird not bigger than a Sparrow attacks him boldly and drives him out of the District."

He goes on to say "For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America... He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

Yes, the bald eagle is on many occasions an opportunist, taking from others like a schoolyard bully. That's the way of the wild – the big kid snatches the lunch money in many situations. And run from the little birds? If there are enough little birds ganging up on you, the easy way out of the situation is to glide leisurely away from what's got them all puffed up. Choose your fights, big bird. A coward? No. An eagle will fight to defend its mate, its nest, and its young. Eagles mate for life, return to the same nest every year, and can hunt and bring down small deer when the need arises. Somehow, I think Mr. Franklin misjudged our bald eagle just a bit.

Eagle slander aside, others on the committee to create the Great Seal prevailed as to the image that would adorn it. I guess they just didn't think that the turkey would send the best message to the other, more established countries. The Bald Eagle = Big, fierce bird, circling and screaming overhead

versus the Turkey = Small bird, hides in the woods, very tasty.

Can you imagine the turkey being our National Bird? Instead of watching him soaring through the skies overhead, we'd listen for his little feet scuffling through the leaf-litter in our forests. Would we feel fortunate to hear his nasal call of 'GOBBLEGOBBLEGOBBLE!' ringing through the trees?



Consider the turkey's noble profile: his small, dark eye shining fiercely (if we can see it). Are we impressed with his manly red, wormlike snood draped across his little "I'll peck you" beak? Would our hearts swell with patriotic pride over the blue-hued, crumpled skin of his thin neck, or would we be awestruck seeing the flabby, warty wattles hanging down over his ample breast? He does have a pretty cool tail when he fans it out to display it, but do we want All Things Turkey defining us as a nation? Um, not so much I think. Sorry, little turkey.

On the other hand, whether or not you like the Bald Eagle, you have to admit he's one magnificent bird. That icy stare? Impressive. That curved beak meant for tearing? Intimidating. A wingspan wider than most of us are tall? Feet the size of the average hand, with talons the size of a finger? Flat-out scary. He's one fierce bird, and, as a symbol to other nations on our Great Seal, he represents something fierce and protective.

Our great seal features the Bald Eagle claspng 13 arrows in the talons of one foot, and an olive branch in the other. It's a clear message: war or peace? Our eagle is a bird that can back up a fight if someone brings it.



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HANNAH'S MIRACLE

By Danny Sampson

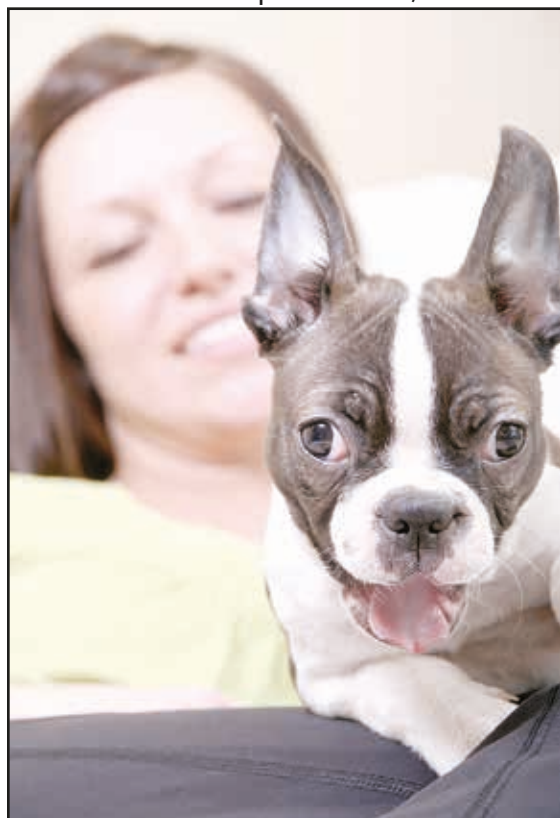
"What do you want to pray about tonight sweetheart", I said as I was tucking my eight year old daughter into bed.

"I want to pray for my Boston", she said.

You see my daughter, Hannah, wanted a Boston Terrier in the worst way. She shopped the classified ads for months, trying to barter with a breeder. Her currency was an RV rental in exchange for a puppy.

I'm in the RV business and it was 2010. The country was in a deep recession, and during recessions no one hurts more than an RV dealer. I certainly didn't want to spend a thousand dollars on a dog.

So my daughter shopped, and failed to close a deal with a breeder. She prayed that night for a Boston Terrier, that it would be a pure breed, less than



a year old and healthy. I prayed that it would be potty trained and most important.....Free.

Three days had passed since that night with Hannah. It was July 5th 2010, and one of my sales people named Steve Hermansen showed up to work carrying.....that's right, a young Boston Terrier! He was less than a year old, probably ten months according to our vet. He was a pure breed and potty trained.

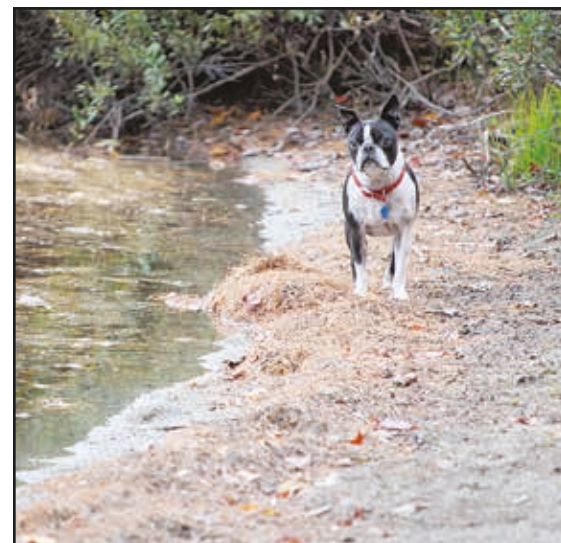
While the dawn of realization overtook me, I asked Steve, "Where did you get it?"

"Well," he said, "this morning when I woke up, he was standing outside my arcadia door looking at me. I don't even know how he got in my back yard". He told me that he had already gone to the vet to check for a chip, and finding none he drove his neighborhood looking for lost dog signs, and hanging found dog signs. As of yet, no one has claimed him. That is, except for Hannah.

I could feel the surge of emotion welling up in me. The hair standing at attention on the back of my neck. I was overcome, as only someone that has witnessed a miracle could understand.

The odds against this happening naturally are astronomical. No, this was Super-Natural. This was the Father showing kindness to a little girl. I felt so honored to be a witness to this most excellent event.

I grew up being taught that God is just waiting with a big stick to smack me with when I screwed up. As an adult, I know this is not true, but still to this day I struggle to remove that impression of him



from my head. This precious gift from God Himself, to our family only shows/proves that He is kind. And it proves that he listens to our prayers. For some reason this time He decided to make a statement, loud and clear.

Of course I told everyone I know this story, and I joked that if they had any prayer requests, they could make an appointment with Hannah.

I wanted to name the dog "Dill Weed" because he's so quirky. But, my daughter had naming rights and she named him "Ollie". Till this day he sleeps with her on her bed, and she adores him.

If anyone were to ask Hannah or Steve about these events, they will retell the story exactly as I have, because it is 100% true.

My wife and I had a serious conversation with Hannah. We encouraged her to Never Forget! Never Forget what God has done here. Don't ever start thinking this was a coincidence. Remember this for what it is, a Miracle, or as we call it "Hannah's Miracle".

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Realty Executives

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Galleries

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Five Joys of a Family Business

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In 1976, when I was still in high school, my father opened a small retail office supply company. He made me a partner in the business, which as I look back now, was a very generous gesture.

That was over 40 years ago, and with the exception of a few years, I have been working with family ever since.

In those beginning days it was just Dad and me, working long hours, building a start-up company. I recall my salary was \$50.00 per week! Maybe that's why he had to make me a partner.

Now, my Dad is gone – buried here in Prescott, but enjoying his new digs in Heaven. I have a picture of him and Mom on my desk, and often think of them and miss their presence in my life. And this brings me to my first JOY: Unique memories.

Working with Dad allowed me to know him as a man, a businessman, a community leader. I had more time with him than any of my siblings. We spent several years together in day-to-day interaction. This extended time allowed me to know him on a deep level, and be influenced by his life and example. I have wonderful memories of those early days, and experiencing my Dad's indomitable spirit and energy. None of that would have been possible without our small, family owned office supply store, in downtown La Puente, California.

In 1988 I moved to Prescott and purchased a little, struggling flooring company. This allowed the opportunity to work with family again. Over the years my father, mother, sister, brother, nephews, sister-in-law were employed in our store. JOY #2: Helping family. Owning a

company allows you to bless your family in ways otherwise impossible. Helping your family is a wonderful feeling.

Currently, my wife and I own Totally Floored, in Prescott Valley. We work together most days. Many people part ways with family in the morning, and will not see a loved one until evening. Thus, JOY #3: Being around those you love. This world can be a tough place. We all need special people that look out for us, encouraging us and share hugs and kisses. With Julie here at the store we enjoy each other every day. When our special song plays on the sound system we dance together in the warehouse; reminding us of our wedding and the commitment and love we share. It is always a bright spot in the week.

Together we make a strong team, and create a pleasurable place to work. JOY #4: Family brings value. Julie brings a great deal of common sense and wisdom to our operation. Without her steady hand, and eagle-eye on the check book, we wouldn't be as strong as we are. Family members bring a shared desire for the business to succeed and offer exceptional value to the company.

Sometimes when people come in to the store, and they have had a distressing situation in their life, we ask them if we can pray for them and try to encourage them. JOY #5: Sharing our values. Family-owned businesses can offer a personal touch. We develop friendships and have agility to meet pressing needs.

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Community Involvement

We strive to make a positive difference in our community.

Soldier's Best Friend, Veterinary Care and Board of Directors

Along with providing veterinary care to dogs enrolled with Soldier's Best Friend, Dr. Steven H. Dow serves as a board member for the program.

United Animal Friends Board of Directors

Dr. Amie Dow is currently serving on the United Animal Friends Board of Directors. United Animal Friends (UAF) is a local, non-profit rescue group in Prescott. UAF is an all volunteer organization supported by donations, grants and fundraisers.

Animal Disaster Services

Dr. Kenneth Skinner serves on the board for Animal Disaster Services. ADS exists to create and maintain a shelter for animals during emergency evacuations at no cost to the pet's owner.

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