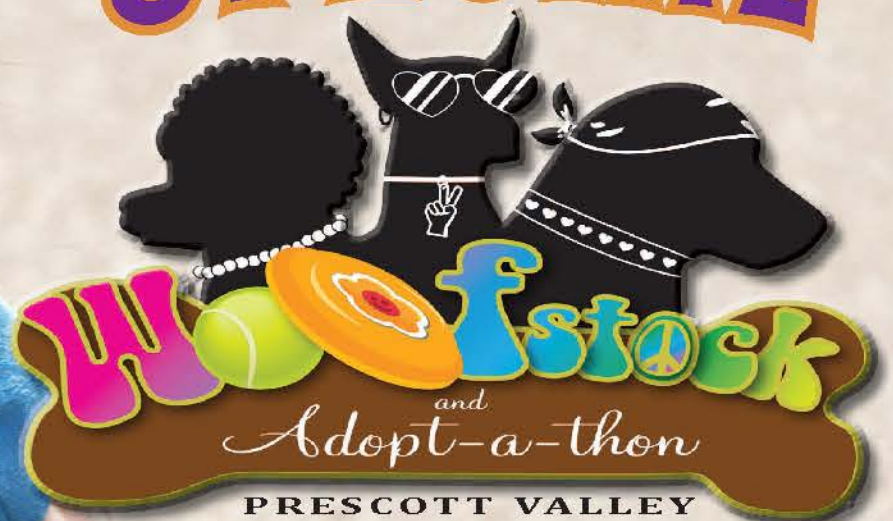


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Rita Thompson-Tinsley – Equine Contributor After a career in broadcast advertising and production, Rita and family moved from a ranch in Texas where she raised Nubian goats, retired show lambs, miniature donkeys, llamas and horses, to Arizona. She 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.



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

From the Pack Leader

Spring is in full bloom!

The 6th Annual WOOFstock and Adopt-a-thon is coming up June 10th at the Prescott Valley Amphitheater, in beautiful Prescott Valley. It's going to be a t time on the cool grass.

There are several new editions to WOOFstock this year.

First, bring your dog and let them come try out the Lure Coursing arena, Courtesy of The Brittney Rescue of Arizona. Coursing was developed for hounds such as the afghan, the saluki and the greyhound, however any dog can experience the thrill of the chase in this fast paced, off leash environment.



Second, canine athletes from around the quad-city area and beyond will be at WOOFstock demonstrating all disciplines of canine sports. Any dog with basic obedience training can start a career in canine sports. The sports are fun, challenging and give you the opportunity to spend constructive time with your pooch.



Publisher's note: The editorial policy of The Prescott Dog Magazine is one very simple question "Can any dog do it?" if the answer is yes, we will report on it. In the coming issues, you will see articles on each sport, outlining what's involved and how someone would get started. Many dogs need "jobs" for stimulation and fulfillment.

Third, we have joined with the American Cancer Society this year to present Bark for a Cure. Our dogs do a lot for us and during WOOFstock many will be walking with their owners to Bark for a Cure. Please see the cover story on page 10 for more details on signing up. There will be 2

walks, one at 10:30 and another at 1:30.

There will be pet products companies giving samples and information. The kissing booth is back with all proceeds going to Gentle Hearts Service Dogs. Come get a smooch from a workin' pooch. Gentle Hearts Service Dogs provide service dogs to autistic and PTSD patients throughout Arizona.

As always there will be plenty of lovable pups looking for their forever homes. If you've spent all winter thinking about expanding your family, WOOFstock is a great place to find that forever companion. We expect more than 25 rescues from around the state will be at the Prescott Valley Amphitheater. Join us for all the fun Saturday June 10th from 10-4 PM. It will be a howling good time.

I would like to thank our sponsors: Prescott Valley Pet Clinic, Little Dealer/Little Prices RV, Courtesy Auto Sales, The Pet Club, Prescott Animal Hospital, Olsen's for Healthy Pets, The Blue Buffalo Company, Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital, Pet Headquarters and Yavapai Broadcasting, KKLD, KYRD, KVNA-FM and The Q 102.9.



Hazel Howls

We , (dad and I), had just stopped at San Felipe for fuel, and more importantly, the legendary San Felipe Breakfast Burrito. After letting it cool on the dash for what seemed like an eternity, Dad began digging into its goodness. Now the rules of the road were that drivers always share with dogs while traveling. That meant I got two big pieces of tortilla, and the last bite was always mine. So here comes the tortilla, hmmm. Now comes the best part, a two by two inch mouthful of tasty fulfillment.



On this occasion though, Dad holds the bite while blah, blah, blahing about last night, and how I would have to wait for that last bite the same length of time I had blah, blah, blah last night. He then places the object of my current desire up on the dash board.

Hurting north on I-25, the Freightliner roaring and bouncing, we rolled over a bundle of landscaping waste falling from a trailer ahead. Just enough of a nose lift and sharp descent to throw my burrito piece next to me on the seat. I promptly applied my skills. Dad laughed, and under his breath educated the landscapers on how to secure loads.

The night before we had stayed in the "Dirt Cheap Hotel" in Gallup. I loved that hotel. The clientele was demonstrative and the carpet was full of smells from past adventures and travels. Dad was distracted at the "wobble" table doing his paperwork and absent-mindingly rolling the tennis ball into the corner where it would launch back at different angles. I was still puppy sized and could get under one of the beds. The third or fourth time under I discovered something wonderful and mysterious. Since dad was distracted, I decided to investigate on my own. Above my head, on the bottom of the box spring, was a hole in the fabric. A puppy-sized hole.

Up inside I found an amazing place, wads of batting, coiled springs, and wood slats that you had to place your paws just right or you would punch through the fabric. The smells, oh I can't even begin to describe the catalog of aromas.

I could hear dad get up and wander around the room. Then I heard him look under the other bed. Now a cursory glance under my new fort, then off to the bathroom, and back into room. "Hazel..., Hazel?"

I thought the excitement coursing through my body was audible, so I was surprised how long it took him to find where I was. When he did..., the game was on. (he didn't want me to tell this, but he actually went outside and looked for me).

The next hour was filled with a kind of joy and excitement rarely experienced. Dad would go to one side of the bed, I would scurry to the other. He kept repeating a phrase. What was it? Oh, "Come here you little...". It ended with an "s" word that over time I have come to believe you use to address small things. Like when he dropped a small part to something he would exclaim that word. I occasionally used it with Lucy when she was small and annoying.

The game came to an end when Dad finally out maneuvered me through the fabric and I mis-stepped and fell part way through. My cover had become a net, and I was the fish. Dad had to tear the whole 1960s vintage dry rot fabric loose to free me. Batting and dust everywhere.

Now back then we were still learning about each other, and at the time of the "Big Box Spring Adventure", I hadn't understood that dad was expressing irritation. I can smell it a mile away now, and if I acknowledge it and come under its shadow, I can lose my tail wagging joy. Sometimes, for your own health and happiness, you've got to just smile and romp and run and broadcast that you are free-free to elude capture, free to be captured. To do that, my friends, you pretend that you can't see the frowns or hear the "s" words.

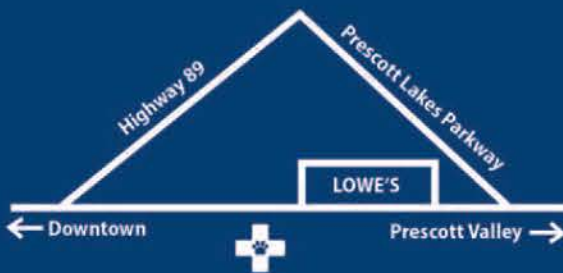


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Keep your pets indoors or with access to shade

It is best to keep your pets in an air-conditioned room or cool environment. If this is not possible, be sure your pet has access to shade at all times.

Access to water

Make sure your pet has two bowls of fresh, clean water in case one gets knocked over. You could also provide your dog with a small pool to play in.

Do not leave your pet in a car

Never leave your pets in an unattended car, even if it is in the shade with the windows down. The temperature in a parked car can rise from normal to deadly in a matter of minutes.

Know the warning signs

- An anxious expression
- Heavy panting and raspy breath
- Open mouth breathing
- Bright red gums
- Excessive salivating or vomiting
- Collapsing or stumbling
- Lying flat on cool surfaces
- Seizures

IF YOU SUSPECT HEATSTROKE, SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE!

Don't take the "wait and see" approach.



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2ND ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY & FUNDRAISER

May 6, 1-5:30pm. Lunch, silent champagne toast, auction & raffle, live music, & viewing of The Kentucky Derby. Games & crafts for the kids. Come dressed in traditional "dirby garb" & enter contests for Most Audacious Hat, and Most Outrageous Bow Tie. Proceeds to benefit veterans, 1st responders, & rescue horses of Bethany's Gait. RSVP at bethanysgait.org, or call (928) 499-9442.

EVENTS – HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

Zoo By Moonlight, May 10

Breakfast With the Animals: Clouded

Leopard, May 13

Mother's Day (Moms get in free), May 14

Donor Dinner, May 27

WORKSHOP: PETS & PUBLIC HEALTH: RABIES & GIARDIA (ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY)

May 11, 6pm.. Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

May 13 at Horsebreakers Ranch in Dewey. Info at horsebreakers.com or call (928) 632-5728.

WORKSHOP: PREVENT DOOR DASHING & GETTING RELIABLE RECALL PART I

May 13, 6:30pm. Gambatte Farms, Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra in Dewey. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org. May 19, 20 & 21

WESTERN DRESSAGE CLINIC

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WORKSHOP: PREVENT DOOR DASHING & GETTING RELIABLE RECALL PART II

May 20, 6:30pm. Gambatte Farms, Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra in Dewey. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

WORKSHOP: PETS & PUBLIC HEALTH: LEPTOSPIROSIS (ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY)

May 25, 6pm. Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info

& directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

WORKSHOP: PREVENT DOOR DASHING & GETTING RELIABLE RECALL PART III

May 27, 6:30pm. Gambatte Farms, Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra in Dewey. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

JUNE

EVENTS – HERITAGE PART ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

Zoo By Moonlight, June 9

Breakfast With the Animals: Mule Deer/ Pronghorn, June 10

Summer Zoo Camp, June 5-9; June 12-16

Summer Zoo Camp, June 19-23; June 26-30

Members Night, June 24

WORKSHOP: PETS & PUBLIC HEALTH: CAT SCRATCH FEVER (ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY)

June 8, 6pm. Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

June 10. Horsebreakers Ranch in Dewey. Info at horsebreakers.com or call (928) 632-5728.

5TH ANNUAL WOOFSTOCK & ADOPT-A-THON

June 10, 10a-4p, Prescott Valley Town Center. Hosted by Prescott Dog Magazine, free admission. Bring your dog, and enjoy a day with the whole family. Live radio broadcasts, demos, vendors, contests, & great prizes. Pet adoptions & Yavapai Humane low cost vaccination & microchip clinic. For more information, see our ad on page 23.

WORKSHOP: HOLISTIC ANIMAL CARE 501(C)3 TAG SALE

June 17, 8am. Gambatte Farms, Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra in Dewey. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

WORKSHOP: PETS & PUBLIC HEALTH: TOXOPLASMOSIS & WOMEN'S HEALTH/PREGNANCY CONCERNS (ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY)

June 22, 6pm. Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley. Workshop is a Public Service Function of Holistic Animal Care 501(c)3. Additional info & directions at HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org.

DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH AVA ESKIN

June 24-25. Linda Tellington-Jones T-Touch Method, in Paulden. For more info call Syndy Cunningham at (928) 830-9329.

WORKSHOP: FREE SHAPING DEMO

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MAY 6	MUSTANG PROJECT CRUISE In & Out Parking Area, Prescott	9a-12p
MAY 20	DEWEY CLASSIC CRUISERS Sally B's Cafe, Prescott Valley	9a-12p
JUN 17	YAVAPAI CLASSIC CRUISERS Mile High Middle School, Prescott	9a-12p
JUN 24	THE PRONGHORN CLASSIC Pronghorn Ranch, Prescott Valley	3p-6p
JUL 8	HOT AUGUST NIGHTS Memory Park, Chino Valley	3p-6p
AUG 5	PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB Watson Lake Park	9a-12p
SEP 23	PRESCOTT COVETTE CLUB Courthouse Square, Prescott	9a-12p
OCT 7	MUSTANG PONY CRUISE In & Out Parking Area, Prescott	9a-12p

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MAY 13	PRESCOTT VALLEY DAYS Location: Prescott Valley Entertainment Center	
MAY 13	MAYER DAZE Location: Mayer Rec Center	KVRD
MAY 13	GRAND CANYON HARLEY DAVIDSON VETERANS DAY OF HONOR Location: Grand Canyon Harley Davidson	
MAY 22	ALTA VISTA BLOOD DRIVE Location: Alta Vista Senior Living	KKLD
JULY 22	GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION ICE CREAM SOCIAL Location: Downtown Prescott	

Step Right Up To Fun!



It's Woofstock 2017!

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Mary Beal.

Woofstock and Adopt-a-Thon are happening on Saturday, June 10th, from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. at the Prescott Valley Civic Center amphitheater, 7501 East Civic Center Circle. It is the 6th Annual Woofstock, celebrating all things dog and dog companions. Admission is free and there are always free samples from vendors, but the fun is priceless!

The event focus is on the Adopt-a-Thon. Many local rescue groups bring dogs to show and for you to adopt. You get a chance to meet these wonderful dogs, take them for a spin, and see how wonderfully they fit into your family. Bring your own furry family members for a meet-n-greet with the newby. This part of the event will be going on all day or until we run out of dogs!

We have some wonderful sponsors we want to thank, because Woofstock would not be possible without their support and interest. Prescott Valley Pet Clinic, Courtesy Auto Sales, Little Dealer, Little Prices, and Pet Club are major sponsors, so stop by their booths and say howdy and thanks. They have information, products and services they want to tell you about.

Many other businesses will be there, showing you their specialties, some with dog food samples, some with items for your pets. Visit these vendors; you'll be glad you did.

All day long there will be contests and demonstrations going on. It wouldn't be Woofstock without them, would it? The police K-9 units will be here to show off their criminal apprehension skills. These K-9 officers love their work. Jeri Holt of Farbenholt Dog Training will be putting on an obedience demonstration with some of her students and dogs as well as showing Dog Agility.

A new event in 2017 is "Any Dog Can Do It!" Brittany Rescue of Arizona is bringing their lure course and any dog is welcome to see how they stack up against the best. Give your special fur friend a chance to strut his/her stuff.

Chino Valley Canine Trainers will be on hand all day doing demonstrations of agility and obedience, as well as more disciplines. The volunteers will answer your questions about how to get your dog involved in canine sports.

Of course we have contests! You can win a trophy and bragging rights in Pet/Owner Look-a-Like, Best Trick or Talent, Best Overall Costume, Best Psychedelic Costume or Best Looking Dog. You

will have so much fun, and so will Phydeaux! We are also having races, with entrants racing against other dogs of their weight. You have so much fun participating whether you win or not, and everyone loves watching.

Brad Roberts from Yavapai Broadcasting is again hosting our event. He is entertaining and obviously enjoys working with the dogs. He will encourage your dog to sing, jump, and entertain the crowd as well as talk up the Dogs for Adoption Parade. He always does a great job, and everyone looks forward to his funny stories and observations.

Yavapai Humane Society with their wellness clinic will provide low cost vaccinations and micro chipping for dogs, and have certificates for these services available for cats. Vaccinations are \$12 while rattlesnake vaccinations are \$16.

Lots of great food and a pavilion with tables and chairs allow you to relax, eat, and enjoy the show on-stage or walking by.

We ask that you bring only "friendly" dogs to this event because there are so many animals there. It can be very stressful for some dogs. If your dog gets stressed easily or is not friendly with other dogs, please leave them at home. You can take treats and goodies home to them.

Also we ask that you keep your dogs on a 4-foot leash and keep a watch on them because so much is going on and there are so many dogs in attendance that it can sometimes be overwhelming, and we want to keep everyone safe. Don't forget "poop happens" so when it does, please pick it up. We have bags available, and we want to keep the nice grassy area clean so we will be invited back next year.

We are looking for volunteers to help with many different things at the event, like set-up, contests, tear-down and more. Shifts are available so if you are interested in being a volunteer, please call Prescott Dog at (928) 445-4811. We have a full list of volunteer jobs and shifts for Woofstock.

We hope to see everyone at the 6th annual Woofstock and Adopt-a-thon on Saturday, June 10th, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Prescott Valley Civic Center Amphitheatre located in the heart of Prescott Valley next to the library. For information about vendor booths, contests or any other aspect of this event, call the Prescott Dog at (928) 445-4811 or email our event coordinator at You can also go to our website at www.prescottdog.com.



The Little Dog Who Almost Wasn't

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Mary Beal.

Spike wasn't his real name. He called himself Spike for now, because he had heard another dog being called Spike and he liked it.

He had never had his own name. He had never had his own home, or his own bed, or his own food dish...well, he'd never had anything, because he was a stray puppy and no one loved him or took care of him.

He lived in a little not-very-big town where there were a lot of dogs and people, but he didn't belong to any of them and they didn't belong to him. Sometimes, Spike saw a friendly dog walking down the street with a string leading behind him to a person. They were going somewhere together, Spike thought, but he didn't know where, or why they looked so happy and kept looking at each other and smiling. Spike wished with all his heart that he knew where to find one of those people with a string so he could get on the other end of it and go somewhere with a smile.

He didn't know where, or why, but it would be nice to have someone to smile at and who smiled at him.

Nights were very lonely for Spike. Sometimes he was able to find something to eat, like part of a hamburger near that place that smelled so good. There must be a lot of food in there for part of a hamburger to be thrown out on the street. Usually there was a puddle where Spike could get a drink, although sometimes it didn't taste so good, and sometimes it even made him throw up. He wondered if those dogs with the strings ever had a nice fresh puddle.

One morning, Spike crawled from beneath a nice piece of cardboard he had found the night before, and trotted out to see if the food place had something for breakfast. He was partway down the street when he heard a lot of voices and barking. Down the street pranced a lot of dogs, all with strings leading behind them to a person. "Wow," thought Spike, "so many dogs with strings...maybe I can get a closer look and find out how to get a string for myself."

So Spike crept out to the street, watching all the dogs closely, hoping to learn something. Suddenly, one of the people saw him and swooped toward him. Before he knew what was happening, the person put a string on his neck and took him to the side of the street.

"Look, everyone, look!" she shouted. "I finally caught that little dog that hides by the hamburger place. Isn't he cute?" Some of the people crowded around and Spike sank to the ground, afraid he was going to be hurt.



But instead, someone picked him up...oh, my the ground was a long way down now... and said, "He's only a puppy. We better take him to the vet and get him checked out and find a foster home for him."

Spike didn't have any idea what all this meant, but he was being held closely with kind hands

and someone had given him a little food thing, which tasted very good, and he was getting to go down the street with all the dogs on strings. "Fun!" he thought.

A whirlwind day for Spike found him in a house, although he didn't know what it was, with a bowl of food and some clean water and a nice warm comfy bed. There was another dog in the house who was curious about Spike but didn't offer to hurt him so Spike was happy when they curled up together on Spike's bed. The other dog didn't have the string on any more, but seemed okay with that.

Spike discovered that the food was his, and the water was his, and the bed was his, and best of all, he had his very own name...Foxy. He liked the way it sounded, and came running to the people every time they said it, which they seemed to like a lot.

Foxy found out what a veterinarian was, and what shots were, and a few other things he had never imagined. (although you probably can). He also got to go on walks with his own string, a red one, and his new dog friend went with him.

One day, they went for a walk by a store that had a big picture in the window. The picture said "Woofstock! Coming Soon!" One of the people began to talk excitedly and Foxy heard his own name several times. He began to jump delightedly, and was given a food thing and a hug.

Soon Foxy got to go for a car ride, which he had learned to love, wearing his red string and a colorful cloth across his shoulders. The place he went was full of people and a lot of dogs (all on strings) and flags and food and a special place to sit on the grass. Foxy got to walk in a parade, and when he got back to his grassy spot, some people rushed up and looked at him and petted him and small people said things like, "Please, Mom, can we keep him?"

Foxy found what he had always wanted that day. He went home with some people who promised him a forever home, lots of love, a yard to play in and more love.

He also figured out what "Woofstock" meant...A place where dogs and people and love all came together for happily ever after.



Shelby is Lonesome Tonight

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos courtesy of Liz Stegmeir.

Shelby is 13 years old and lives at Circle L Ranch Dog Rescue. It is a good place to live but it is not a home with her own person. She has been at Circle L for over 10 years, but she doesn't get along with other dogs or cats, so she lives in a tiny room with a little yard, all by herself. People come and take care of her and take her on walks, but most of the day and night, she is in that little room and little yard all by herself....for 10 years.



Liz Stegmeir, who is the manager of the dog program at Circle L, thinks Shelby has been overlooked because she has to be the only pet. But there are lots of homes and families with one dog. Shelby is friendly and great with people, even children. She loves being around people. As she has aged, her activity level has decreased. She is more about getting and giving love and taking short walks. She's like any other dog on walks, sniffing everything and just enjoying being outside.

Sometimes Shelby sits in her yard and barks at the volunteers, hoping someone will notice her and come pet her and take her walking. She would be a sweetheart of a companion. She loves to ride in a car, although her arthritis means she needs a



little help to get in.

When Liz comes to visit Shelby, she gives her love and doggy snacks, and Shelby prances around as happy as can be. She keeps her eye on Liz in case there are more snacks, but mostly she is glad of the company and the petting.

Liz and another volunteer, Marlene, took Shelby on a field trip to a lake where Shelby enjoyed everything about it, starting with the ride in the car. She is good on the leash, walking around taking in the sights and the smells. A little boy comes up to pet her, with supervision of course, and Shelby wags her tail furiously. The ducks were thrilling to her,



and elicited another round of wagging.

Circle L would love to see some senior people, or people of any age, adopt a senior dog. There is no shortage of them. If someone would rather foster instead of adopt, that is okay too. "We will pay for medical care, as well as any medications the dog is taking when adopted, for the rest of her life," Liz says. A dog like Shelby who doesn't do well with other animals really needs a real home with at least one person who spends time with her. She doesn't want a lot, just to be comfortable with someone to love who loves her. Shelby is a sweet girl who is willing to give all she has.

A senior dog, Hope, whose story was featured in the Prescott Dog Magazine's Jan/Feb 2016 issue, was adopted from Circle L Ranch Rescue by the Greens, who returned in the fall to adopt another senior dog for a companion for Hope. Hope is 14 years old and still going strong. She is a good example of what good nutrition and care, and especially the love the Greens shower on her, can do for a senior dog.

Because of her color and the configuration of her legs and head, Liz thinks Shelby is a boxer-shepherd mix. Shelby eats regular food, not a special diet. She recently had her teeth cleaned, and lost a few, as many old folks do. She doesn't have "accidents" because of the help of medication and she is a faithful user of her doggy door. At night all the dogs get a biscuit at bedtime and she does a "Shelby dance" of joy, jumping and bouncing in anticipation. Play is still in her heart and spirit.

She has been Circle L's pet of the week, she has been on the adoption pages of Prescott Dog Magazine, she's been featured by Mary Brochner as the dog of the month for Prescott Country Club Newsletter, but no one has offered her a home.

Sometimes Shelby sits outside and howls a little. It sounds like she's sad...lonely, anyway.

Shelby is not the only dog at Circle L who is in the 12+ age group. She is not even the only senior dog who needs to be the only pet. These dogs have names like Cuddles and Tiny, and deserve a home and a person to love and to love them.

Like Shelby, there are many things they love to do and there is so much dog left in them. Why is Shelby still at the shelter? "The right person hasn't come along." After 10 years? Yes, it takes time and that person for each dog is out there. "We won't give up on Shelby or the others," Liz says.

Hey, special people, we want to find you and match you up with Shelby or one of the other dogs waiting for you. Their home at the Ranch is a good home, but Liz says, "It is second best. They need a real home with a real person of their own."



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Kitty Korner: What a Kitty Palooza!

By Allie Werhan

Cat rescue groups began arriving early in the morning of March 11, 2016, to set up their "booths" with tables, show cages, flyers, colorful specialty items and of course, cats.

Miss Kitty's was there, and United Animal Friends. The Ark Sanctuary set up near the Prescott Dog Magazine table, while Yavapai Humane Society was farther down the room. Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary was represented with information and news. Alie Amato, the director and owner, was there to talk about the Sanctuary's efforts to fundraise for a new property closer to town, and to share experiences she's had with the unusual animals she protects, including a monkey and some wolves. No, they don't share an enclosure!

Kitty Palooza was the first ever cat and kitten adoption event which included all the local cat rescue groups. (Unfortunately, Catty Shack was unable to attend.) It was exciting to see so many cats in one setting. Cats don't show off their best away from home, but kittens don't care...they can play and have fun anywhere. Visitors had fun going around admiring the cats, watching the kittens, and discovering that their households were one animal short and they really needed another!

Cherie and David Dreves, owners and publishers of Prescott Dog Magazine,

were behind this event. They also sponsor Dogtoberfest and Woolstock, both events for dogs, and decided the cats needed their own event. Apparently a lot of people agreed. The turnout from the community was awesome. Many came to look, to see what the vendors had to offer, and to admire the venue, Little Dealer, Little Prices, which provided the setting with lots of parking.

An amazing number of folks came looking for their new best friend. There were 18 adoptions, including 10 from United Animal Friends. If everyone had brought more cats, the adoptions would have continued...kittens are like potato chips, no one can stop with just one.

The doors opened officially at 10 a.m. Suzy, of United Animal Friends, said there were people in line waiting to adopt when she opened up. Ark Sanctuary's Cheri Sheffield had the first adoption to get things off to a fast start. Ashleigh Town adopted a delightful kitty named Leigh. Each rescue group has its own adoption forms and criteria, all directed toward matching the cat with the home and family so that everyone can have a "happy ever after" experience.

Vendors came with cat products, including food distributors for Nulo, Avoderm, Earthborne, Nutro Source and Lucy's Pet Products. Many of these sponsors gave away free samples to attendees. Pet Headquarters had a shelf of different cat products and toys that you didn't even know you wanted until you saw them, and also a big raffle with baskets full of food, cat snacks, and toys to be won. Funds raised went to a rescue group.

A little after noon, the contests were held. Since cats are difficult to herd, according to the proverb, all the entries were electronic. Contestants' owners showed their kitties in pictures on their cell phones, either still photos or videos. Four categories were Crazy Cat, Cat/Owner Look-Alike, Best-Looking Cat and Sweetest Kitty, a contest won by Robbie Gilliland. Now that people know what to expect and how to prepare, we expect a lot more entries next year. The judges, admittedly, had a difficult job to choose winners.

Prescott Dog can't say thank you enough to the compassionate and generous sponsors of this event. Little Dealer, Little Prices RV, our wonderful host, let us use their facilities, their offices for meet-n-greets, and endured all of the event staff running around making requests, some easy and some "You need what???" Every LDLP staff member was



gracious and accommodating, and Danny, the owner, was on top of everything, and had as good a time as the crowd.

Yavapai Broadcasting, KKLD, KVRD, and Q102.9 radio stations, was another sponsor. For weeks before the event, they ran spot ads to tell the public what was going on, with enormous success, judging by the size of the crowd. People from as far away as Sun City heard about it on the radio and attended. We appreciate all that publicity and the good humor and generosity shown to the first ever kitty adoption event.

Prescott Valley Pet Clinic was another sponsor that stepped up to support adoptions. Posted right by the door as attendees entered, they offered information and items to help the pet parents get their new family member off to a healthy start.

We would also like to thank all the rescue groups who came. We know it is a lot of hard work to pack up your equipment, cages, supplies and cats to attend an event like this, and we appreciate you very much. We know you gained adoptions and publicity from the Kitty Palooza, but we also hope you had fun and enjoyed sharing your cats and kittens with the community. Another Kitty Palooza is in the future, and we will let you know the date. We hope all of you will attend again.

We are asking for suggestions and comments from everyone who attended, including the public. Tell us what you liked and what you think went well, and what we could do to improve your experience next year. This event is for the cat rescues and especially for all the cats in our community who need forever homes filled with love and life. The cats are the bottom line. We can barely wait for the next Kitty Palooza!



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Wildhorse Ranch Rescue News

Harley & Jenkins Have Served Our Country—Time to Retire

Back in early 2000s Wildhorse Ranch Rescue worked with Bill Barcus of Payson Forest Service to help put the paperwork in place that allows Retired United States Forest Service Horses and Mules to go to a rescue, rather than be sold at the auction. Prior to that, many of our four-legged USFS Retirees were not so fortunate and met horrible fates. Thanks to Bill Barcus and the rangers at many USFS Offices, for working with Wildhorse Ranch Rescue to give these furry veterans the proper Golden Years they deserve after a lifetime of service.

Harley and Jenkins Will Arrive at the Ranch this Month!

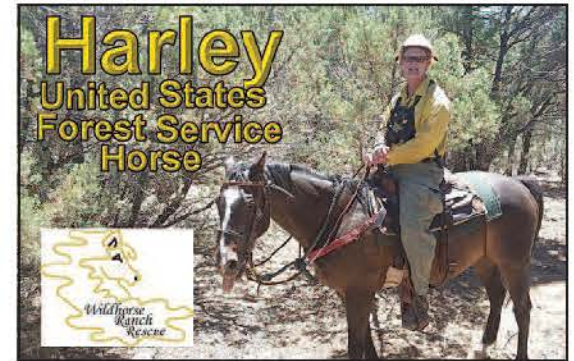
Harley was used by Forest Service range staff for rangeland inspections on the Payson and Pleasant Valley Ranger Districts. He was also used for wilderness inspections and helped the recreation staff.



Jenkins' job was Range Inspections.

Both of these boys have some medical needs that will require monthly care. Please consider a monthly donation, or a one time donation, to help make their retirement years comfortable.

You may Meet Harley and Jenkins at Wildhorse Ranch Rescue on Arizona Gives Day, Tuesday April, 4, 2017, 8 am to 8 pm. Cory McCloskey of Fox 10 News will be shooting LIVE at the ranch at 8:20 am and 8:40 am.



Some Wish-List Items for Harley and Jenkins

- Fly Masks
- Feed
- Monthly Medicine
- Feed
- Hoof Trimming
- Hay
- Fly Spray, Feed
- Did we mention feed?

Pups From India Have a Story to Tell



On Feb. 26, Circle L Ranch Rescue received two pups from India who had been through a lot in their young lives. They were survivors of a litter of 8, had been ill, and homeless, but their rescuers began to network to find acceptance for them in the U.S. The Arizona State Council of the

Humane Society asked Circle L Ranch to take them. Curry and Taj arrived a bit shy but loving and social, ready to begin their new lives. They were 3-4 months old, perhaps whippet mix, and very cute. This rescue owes thanks to many people for its happy ending.



Mini-Horses at Work

Dave Bradford and his tow mini-horses, Pearl and Bayley, have moved forward with their therapy training. Besides their daily lessons and workouts at there home in Orme, they have visited several senior living residences.

Bayley and Pearl have been a big hit, even giving a lady of over 100 years her first experience ever with a horse. In the July/August issue of Prescott Dog Magazine, read the whole story, including pictures!



IN MEMORIAM ✦ GORDON EDWARD DIBBLE September 1, 1945 - March 29, 2017

The friends of Gordon Dibble will celebrate his life on Saturday, May 6th, at 11:00 a.m. at the private home of Mark and Karen Moseley, 3900 W. Center Street in Chino Valley.

Gordon was born to Charles and Helen Dibble in Schenectady, New York. He served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard and worked as a civilian fireman and paramedic at various naval bases. Gordon joined the California Fire Department and retired in 1996 after 24 years of service.



Gordon soon discovered a new passion riding mules. He was a member of the Prescott Saddle Club, Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona, and Horsing Around. He enjoyed riding local trails and camping.

Gordon is survived by many cousins and friends. He was a gentle, kind man who will be missed by those left behind.



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Chino Valley Animal Shelter News

In July, 2016 supporters of Chino Valley Animal Shelter met to organize what would become Chino Valley Animal Partners, Inc. (CVAP), a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. That first meeting was held under a canopy in the shelter's exercise yard.

Our first goal in our mission statement is "to support the animals at the Chino Valley Animal Shelter."

Fittingly CVAP's first project at the shelter is to install weather protection for the shelter's

outdoor runs. The dogs spend time relaxing in these runs each day while the staff cleans their indoor runs. CVAP members Dave and Veronica Zelman are volunteering their labor to install metal panels to shield the dogs from sun and wind. While doing this, they also noticed some other small things that could be done to improve things outdoors. One of these was to install barbed wire around the outside perimeter of the outdoor area to keep predators from coming into that area.

The funds to buy the materials came from CVAP fundraisers, including a mammoth yard sale in Memory Park and cash donations. Most of the donations were collected with the aid of area businesses, which graciously provided counter space for donation jars. The support from our community has been overwhelming and is appreciated.

One project in the planning stage is the addition of guillotine-style doors between the two halves

of the indoor runs. The doors will facilitate cleaning, especially during inclement weather or when a whelping area is needed to accommodate a pregnant stray dog.

More information about Chino Valley Animal Partners is available online. In addition to its Facebook page, Chino Valley Animal Partners, Inc., CVAP also has a website, www.chinovalleyanimalpartners.org.



Before - exterior



After - long wall exterior



New roof inside



Dave and Veronica installing wire

Rescue News: Man Telephones Cat

Steve Marcus adopted a cat at KittyPalooza from Miss Kitty's Cat House cat rescue. The new kitty, Hamentash, née Toby, is a little boy tabby who's named for a traditional cookie served at Purim, a Jewish holiday.

Steve has two cats at home, Gingit, a ginger tabby, and Rambo, a 14-year old Maine Coon. Since Gingit is a little particular, Steve called home. "Hi, Gingit, how would you like a little brother?"

Chuckles from the people listening in, but no record of the rest of the conversation. It must have gone well, however, because Hamentash went home and happily joined his new family where he gets along with the other cats and enjoys hiding and then jumping out at Gingit. No

word on how she feels about this. Thanks, Steve, for adopting Hamentash.



Steve and Toby



Celebrating a Great Race with a Greater Cause

Bethany's Gait presents their 2nd Annual Kentucky Derby Party and Fundraiser on Saturday, May 6th, from 1-5:30 pm.

The event includes lunch, a silent auction and raffle, live music and the most exciting 2 minutes in sports—The Kentucky Derby. Enjoy The Run For The Rosé, a Champagne Toast, plus games

and crafts for the kids.

Come dressed in traditional "dirby garb" and enter contests for the Most Audacious Hat, and Most Outrageous Bow Tie. Proceeds benefit veterans, first responders and rescue horses of Bethany's Gait. To RSVP, visit bethanysgait.org or call (928) 499-9442.

IN MEMORIAM ✦ LINDA QUINTO

Sad news for the rescue community...long time United Animal Friends cat foster, Linda Quinto, passed away on March 31st, 2017, following a long illness. She had family in Nevada and California, but in Prescott, the rescue community, especially UAF, was her family. Linda lived in Prescott over 20 years. Her favorite activity outside of caring for kittens and cats was to go to a good movie with a friend. She mentored and encouraged new volunteers, had remodeled her home so she had two cat rooms, and knew as much about cat care as anyone. We will miss Linda so much...maybe she will wait for us at the Rainbow Bridge.



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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.



BONGO: I'm a senior male lab/pit mix. I'm 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.



PIXIE: I'm a playful, outgoing 2 old lab mix. I love everybody, whether they're dogs or people, and I really love water -- what lab doesn't! I know how to use a doggie door, too. I'm really smart, and I love to please my people. Please call about me? Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



JAX: I'm One Great Dog with a really cool look -- everybody says so. I'm about 2-1/2 year old. I get along with people and dogs, and I'd love to find a forever home. Will you come see me? I'd really love to meet you. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



WILLOW: My owner got sick and had to give me up. I'm a bit sad, but someone to love would cheer me right up. I'm a good girl, and I know how to do everything right. I'm good with other dogs, and I walk nicely on a leash. Could I come live with you? Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



SHILO: I bet you're looking at my sugar-coated 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.



PUNKY: I'm proud to be a chiweenie, and I'm only about 10 lbs. I'm a little nervous meeting the other dogs, (hey, I'm small!), but I'm warming up to them. I love people, and I just can't get enough lap time. Please come see me and let me spend some time in lap? 928 273-7005



JONESY: They say I'm a Rat Terrier/Pug mix, and I'm one handsome fellow. I really love people, and I can get pretty excited when I see friendly folks. I'll even talk to you about it. I'm only about 12 pounds, but I don't mind other dogs. Come see me? Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



Milo is an approximately 3 1/2 year old Min Pin/Chihuahua mix male weighing around 20 lbs. He enjoys hanging out with other dogs and cats. He is also crate trained and rides well in the car. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



CLYDE is a sweet 1.5yr old Pit Bull. He is on the small side and only weighs about 45lbs. He is easy to train and already knows a few commands. Clyde walks great on an easy walk harness and is a pretty laid back dude in the house. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



TANGO: I'm an Airedale/terrier mix, around 1 year old, and I weigh about 50 lbs. I'm a love bug, and I just love everyone I meets. I'm a pretty mellow fellow, but I'm mostly a happy active fun dog! United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



MAISY: I'm part Rottweiler, maybe a little hound, but all sweetness! My tail is always wagging, and I just love meeting new people, especially on walks! United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



ERNE: I'm a large Australian Shepherd mix, and I'm around 1-2yrs old. I'm a cool guy with a great personality. I love affection and attention and all the people I can meet. I'd be a terrific hiking companion! Let's go for a walk. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



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



CORNDOG: I'm a beagle/doxie mix, and I'm only 6 months old. I'm sweet and cuddly, but I love to run around, too, and go for walks. I'd love a home and a person to cuddle with. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



PEARL: I'm a Chihuahua princess, 9 months old and I weigh 2 lb. In spite of being royalty, I'm cuddly and sweet and just love everyone I meet. I even get along well with other small dogs, and I'm very playful. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



AUDREY: I'm a sweet 3-year-old Bullmastiff mix. I love to be with people and hang out watching TV in the evening. I love going for walks and rides in the car. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



DUKE: They say I'm a big goofy puppy kinda guy, but I'm really just friendly and loving. I'm 1-1/2 years old and just packed with personality. I love walks and games, and I'm always up for an adventure. And I'm smart, too. Wanna go play? United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



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LIZZY: I'm a border terrier mix, and I'm just one happy dog. I'm about 2 years old, and I get along with other dogs, and I love people! United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



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AMELIA: I'm about 7 years old. Since coming to the shelter, I have proven to be a very sweet and fun-loving dog. I'm 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



NIKKI: I first adopted as a puppy, but I was recently returned to the ranch. They said it was 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 and patience, please give me another chance? I really have a lot of love to give. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



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FREDDY: I'm ready to play, although I'm shy at first. I'd make an awesome friend to someone who knows anxious dogs, and is willing to give me more social experience. Yavapai County Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



TYSEN: I'm an 8-year-old Great Dane/Ridgeback mix. I have learned how to live in a home with other dogs and cats. I adore my foster family children and love to play games with them. I would love to find a great home with a nice dog bed at my human's side. Yavapai County Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



AUDREY: I'm a dainty girl, an Italian Greyhound mix, about 1 year old. I didn't grow up with a loving family, so I'm shy. It's going to take some time for me to warm up to people, but I have a lot of love to give if someone could love me. Please give me a chance? No Longer Astray (928) 910-6853.



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TOBY: My coat is tiger, and I have a fine white bib. I'm told I am quite handsome. I came here with my house-mate Sully since our owner could no longer take care of us, and we really hope we can stay together. Please come see us. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



RIDDLE: I'm a big orange tabby, and I'm approximately 3-4 years old. I'm a mellow fellow who loves to be outdoors. I came to the shelter with an injury to my foot, but I am all healed up and ready for my forever home. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 ext.7



Muffy: I'm 2-1/2 years old, & I am so unique! I have a beautiful silver tabby coat & white feet, plus tiny freckles on my nose. I love being petted & held. Come visit me at The Catty Shack & share a cuddle. (928) 778-6951.



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 OK with a small dog. Come visit me at The Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



TINA: I am a darling, petite, long-haired tuxedo, only 2 years old, & waiting to find my person. I would like to be an only cat, but I love people. Meet me at the Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



COOKIE: I am a little tuxedo girl. I am very cute, & I love to play, as I am only about 12-18 months old. I would be better as an only cat. Please meet me at the Catty Shack. (928) 778-6951.



JOJO: I am a medium-haired boy with a huge fluffy tail! I am 7 months old. I am a little shy, but you can hold and pet me, and I love to play. Come meet me at the Catty Shack! (928) 778-6951.



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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.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: TOTALLY FLOORED

Story and Photos by Allie Werhan

When you step in the door at Totally Floored, to your immediate left you see the office, with owner Dan Hussey's big desk and resource materials. This morning waiting to greet guests are Jett, an 8 year-old black Lab and Sadie, a 3 year-old Yorkie mix, who are full of tail wags and smiles. They are happy to offer themselves for petting, and then settle down with a snack while Dan talks.

The Totally Floored showroom displays many types of hard floors, including wood, laminate, tile, and vinyl, in all the modern variations. In the carpet area, every type of material is available, with patterns and colors to suit any taste or desire. Totally Floored also carries lines of beautiful area rugs in all sizes and styles. In other words, this is the place to find all your flooring wishes as well as needs.

"We ask the questions before the shopping starts," Dan says. They want the floors to coordinate with the customer's expectations. "We're cautious about what we recommend because we want the customer to be happy with their new floor."

Totally Floored specializes in finding out what a customer needs and wants and matches those with one or more of the many products available. Dan is very aware of what people need to think about concerning their pets and their floors.

The sales staff has a very systematic process to help people determine what is the best product for their home, including questions about pets, the existing flooring, colors in the walls, cabinets, and furnishings. What is the style of interiors? What fabrics, leathers, and woods are used? Once they know all that, Dan and the sales

staff can begin "formulating some recommendations."

They begin in the showroom, but typically will bring samples out to the house to discuss with the clients, and offer advice and help with choices. The professional sales person can see if the products and choices the customer makes will perform the way they want them to.

Dan points out that flooring is a long-time-use product and therefore the shopping cycle is long. People generally shop for flooring after 10 or so years. When you begin to shop, you remember what you saw years ago, but you don't know what's new. A lot has happened in flooring because technology has changed so much, and the machinery has improved. People are able to find products they never heard of. "We like to educate our customers about what is available. After a 15 minute interview process, Totally Floored staff have learned about the customer's project and can knowledgeably advise on flooring products and how to proceed."

Customers are grateful for this process because they can feel confident about what they are buying. They are educated consumers. Since floors are the biggest item in homes besides the roof, it is important to avoid mistakes. This may be a five-or-ten thousand-dollar project you will have to live with for a long time. Having an expert to help you is a wise decision."

Most of the flooring merchandise comes in so many colors and

styles it would be impractical to try to stock it. The customer will receive orders in one to three weeks. Most people aren't ready for their flooring the next day. They are planning ahead.

Every day, Dan brings two dogs to work. He has 4, Jett and Sadie, as well as Valle, a Dalmatian, and Kai, a standard poodle. The dogs are calm and mellow because they get plenty of fresh air and exercise. They are also used to being in the store and around strangers, and readily allow people to have the blessing of petting them and talking "doggie."

The morning and evening walks get Dan outdoors too. "I never realized how beautiful this area is until I started walking my dogs...pristine country and no crowds." He has to watch for coyotes, and always keeps Sadie close with him, but the others are allowed to run. They wear radio-controlled collars like hunting dogs, so if they get too far out, he can "beep them" back. They love to chase rabbits but never catch any...

"Owning your own business can be time-consuming. We decided when we opened that we were not going to have any debt, so we are a debt-free company. We pay the bills as they are presented to us." That lack of financial pressure is a big blessing.

Dan is content with the size of the business and facilities and wants to keep them the way they are. He is proud of the team: Julie runs the administrative side of the business, while he runs sales. He has Kati, Shannon and Veronica in the sales department, Dawn

and Jacie in accounting.

Dan believes that people and relationships are more important than money. "My dad taught me that when we had a business in California." He always lives by it when dealing with customers or in other situations. "We take care of people."

Dan's suggestions are to try things that are more interesting and beautiful. "Put something more artistic on your floor," Dan says. "These materials are available and you have the opportunity to make your floor an artistic statement instead of a utilitarian function."

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- 11:30a Best Pet/Owner Lookalike Contest - State Area
- 12 Noon Police K-9 Unit Demonstration - Demo Area
- 12:15p Historical Group Photo Shoot - Adoption Area
- 12:30p Best Psychedelic Costume Contest - Stage Area
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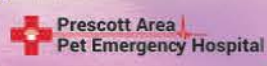
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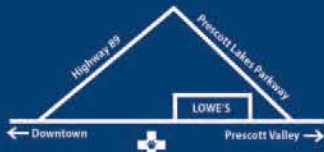


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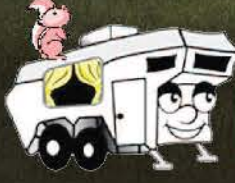
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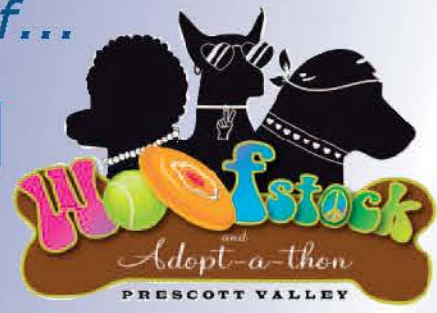
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BOOK REVIEW: FIRE RACE

By Allie Werhan

The coyote stories appear in many Native American cultures, although the character and the stories vary from one culture to the next. Coyote is often a trickster, stirring up trouble, but he is also wise and can solve problems for his people, the other animals. Fire Race is from the Karuk people of Northern California. It tells how Coyote saved the animals from the cold winter by stealing fire from the Yellow Jacket Sisters. He can't do it alone, though; the job is accomplished only because all the animals work together to help.


Wise Old Coyote tricks the Yellow Jacket Sisters into starting a fire burning on a piece of wood, so he can decorate them...you see, before this, they didn't have their beautiful black markings. After he finishes making them "pretty", Coyote sneaks away with the burning piece of wood, and the race is on.

If an angry Yellow Jacket Sister has ever chased you, you understand why Coyote, and subsequently the other animals, ran so fast! How did the animals elude the Yellow Jacket Sisters? What special abilities does each animal have that can help their cause? Hah! I'm not going to tell you, you'll have to read for yourself.

The Karuk story is retold by Jonathan London and beautifully illustrated by Sylvia Long. The illustrations alone are worth your time with this book. Children looking for summer reading will enjoy this and other Coyote stories, available at the public libraries.



Super-Dog
by Angela Ditch



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Pets & Public Health: Rabies & Giardia (Zoonotic Disease), May 11, 6pm, Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley.

Prevent Door Dashing & Getting Reliable Recall Workshop Part I, May 13, 6:30pm, Gambatte Farms, Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra, Dewey.

Prevent Door Dashing & Getting Reliable Recall Workshop Part II, May 20, 6:30pm, Gambatte Farms Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra, Dewey.

Pets & Public Health - Leptospirosis (Zoonotic Disease), May 25, 6pm: Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley.

Prevent Door Dashing & Getting Reliable Recall Workshop Part III, May 27, 6:30pm: Gambatte Farms Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra, Dewey.

Pets & Public Health Cat Scratch Fever (Zoonotic Disease), June 8, 6pm: Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley.

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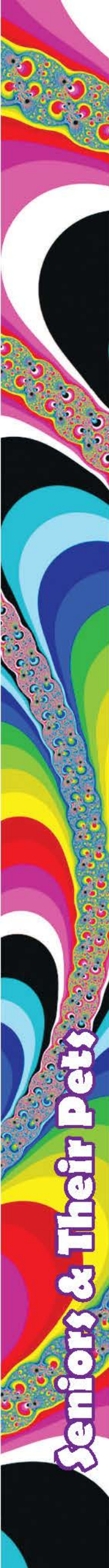
Pets & Public Health - Toxoplasmosis & Women's Health/Pregnancy Concerns (Zoonotic Disease), June 22 - 6pm - Held at Holistic Veterinary Care & Acupuncture Center LLC, Prescott Valley.

Free Shaping Demonstration, June 24, 6:30pm, Gambatte Farms Corner of Deer Pass & Sierra, Dewey.



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SENIORS & THEIR PETS: PET ILLNESS, PET GRIEF GROUP

By Allie Werhan

Pets have become family for most of us, and are treated accordingly, with good nutrition, health care and more personally, they go on vacation with us and often sleep in our beds at night. For these reasons we love them and need them and keep them with us. When their lives are over, we grieve for them similarly to how we grieve for our other family members.

Karen Bennett, who lives in Dewey with seven dogs, is a therapist with 20 years of experience who has struggled with that loss and grief. She has formed a group "for individuals dealing with the declining health or loss of a family pet."

The meetings are free and are open to anyone who wants to attend. Karen has a casual agenda, offering information available at the meetings. However, she says, it is important to keep the meeting open to what concerns people have that day and "what topic we need to address the most."

Her guidelines state that what is said in the meeting is confidential; it stays in the meeting. She uses phrases like, "Here's what happened to me; here is what I did, rather than try to solve others' problems. We all grieve in different ways. We need to know that the meeting is a safe place, that it is okay to feel the way you feel. What helps one person maybe different than what helps someone else."

This isn't a class. Karen is providing a place where people can speak about their thoughts and feelings or sit and listen or ask questions without being challenged or criticized. "We will understand and empathize with you."

She also wants to offer information about issues involved with these topics, and have it available at the meetings. Karen wants to include resources which others can pursue on their own too. She provided an article to attendees about the costs of pet health care and of the cost of pets from the initial expenses throughout the pet's life.

For example, the average cost estimate for medical costs for a dog is \$235 per year, and for a cat is \$160 per year. Expenses can

escalate quickly if the pet becomes ill or is involved in an accident.

For many people that can present an ethical as well as a financial problem. A pet owner may ask herself, "How much should I spend to save my pet's life?" If she can't afford it, then what? Some conditions can cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars. You love your dog/cat. He doesn't deserve this to happen to him. How do you make the necessary decisions?

Sometimes after the fact, pet owners will wonder if they did enough. Did the pet suffer unnecessarily and should the owner have acted sooner? These questions come up during grieving and it helps to talk to people who have struggled with those very questions. It can be so confusing and painful.

When she starts a meeting, Karen wants the new person there to have an opportunity to talk first. If they just lost their pet, then they need to talk about it.

You've read the word, "talk" a lot in this article, and that is the reason for the support group, to talk or listen your way through the grief you feel.

An example Karen gave is about a book title, Final Farewell. She knows the author and knows she writes good books, but this title jars her emotions. It might not bother some else, but it bothers her. "Grieve how you need to," she says. "Grief has hills and valleys. One day you feel like you are doing okay and the next day you're sobbing. I thought I was gong crazy sometimes but I learned that it is just normal grieving to have all these conflicting thought and feelings."

Ideas can be offered to help. One member wanted to discuss what kind of memorial she could have for her cat who had passed. Karen brought an article that had some ideas, but others present were able to offer suggestions as well, about memorials they had created for their own pets.

There are also memorials you can purchase, stones with names etched on them, dedicated picture frames, and Best Friends in Utah has a



memorial page on line you can participate in.

Karen's goal is that people will come away from each meeting with information, and ideas to think about, knowing they have the support of other pet lovers, and a feeling that they can get through this difficult time. Karen is available through a call or a text, and there are enough meetings that a person can attend one every week.

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Gesundheit! Are You Allergic to Fido or Fluffy?

By Briana Lonas



Springtime is a great season filled with blooming flowers and warm weather. But if you are suffering from more than seasonal allergies, could it be your pets?

It's not unusual to develop pet allergies even if you've always owned a dog or cat. Also, despite the hype, there really isn't an allergy-free dog, according to reports.

In one study documented in the New York Times, "The quantities of dog allergens in homes with so-called hypoallergenic breeds are no different from those in homes with dogs widely considered non-hypoallergenic."

According to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology, it's a good idea to get tested and receive an assessment whether or not you are allergic to certain animals.

Obviously, finding a new home for a beloved, animal member is not an option for most pet owners. So how do you cope with allergies to fur and pet dander around the home?

First, take a look at the statistics:

More than 60 percent of U.S. households have pets and more than 100 million of those homes include dogs and cats.

Something called allergic rhinitis can happen with pet owners. As if outdoor pollen and indoor molds were not enough,

pet hair and fur poses other issues for the human population.

Allergic rhinitis may be triggered by urine and saliva found on kept dander. Symptoms may include itchy, water eyes and conjunctivitis, or "pink eye." Pet dander can also cause issues such as a

runny nose, nasal congestion and asthma-type symptoms such as wheezing.

The proteins found on pet dander contribute to these symptoms and are airborne – so that just by walking into a home occupied by dogs or cats could set off a chain of allergy issues.

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How to Reduce Allergens

Natural, Budget-Friendly Cleaning Tips

Many Websites, including PetMD and the American Veterinary Medical Association offer tips on how to reduce pet allergens in the home:

- Keep your pets out of bedrooms
- If possible, keep pets outdoors
- Brush your dog or cat often to control shedding and dander
- Vacuum every day or sweep hard-surfaced floors to minimize pet hair; replace carpet with hard-wood flooring if possible
- Consider purchasing a HEPA air filter
- Consult with your veterinarian to choose a dander control shampoo
- Use allergen-resistant bedding
- Wipe or brush down upholstery at least once a week, including pillows
- Keep your bedroom pet-free while you sleep
- Avoid hugging your dogs or cats, even though we know that's not easy!
- To minimize cat dander, consider choosing a different food formulated to reduce dander

The following are natural, budget-friendly cleaning tips for pet owners:

- Avoid simply dusting with a feather duster – this method could kick up more dust, mites and dander into the air. Try wiping baseboards, furniture and walls with a simple, damp cloth. Products made from non-toxic ingredients may help tackle dander and mites without causing irritation to children and other pets.
- Wash curtains, slipcovers and rugs if applicable and remember that even though it's extra work, keeping the pet dander – especially cat dander with its FEL D1 protein – at bay could do wonders for the indoor air quality of your home.
- Ask your veterinarian about non-toxic, pet wipes for your dog or cat. A daily rub-down could reduce shedding and dander.
- Pet dander, anti-allergen sprays are available on the market so choose one that's right for you
- Use a low-dust, scent-free kitty litter for your cat boxes
- Remove shoes before entering the house
- Mix simple solutions of baking soda and vinegar to clean hard surfaces. Avoid products that contain harsh chemicals such as formaldehyde, ammonia and sodium hypochlorite

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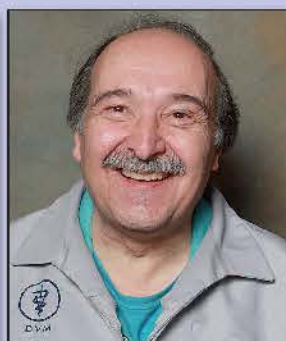
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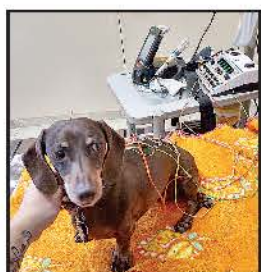


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Little Granite Mountain Trail #37

Story and Photos by Cheryl Hartz



Preparing for a Grand Canyon hike is not something a person can do in a week. To avoid next-day soreness – especially of your “brake” muscles – months of training are required, and that includes regularly finding challenging trails to traverse. Whether or not you’re training for a monumental hike, a local trail that will provide all the ups and downs you desire is Little Granite Mountain Trail #37. Prescott National Forest’s rating of difficulty level is: difficult. But you’ll get a true workout with huge rewards both aerobic and aesthetic.

The journey also is bound to inspire reflection on Arizona’s fragile desert landscape, because the trail was impacted by the devastating Doce Fire of June 2013. The hot, fast burn destroyed 6,767 acres – approximately two-thirds – of the adjacent 9,799-acre Granite Mountain Wilderness area, mostly on the northeast side of Granite Mountain, and threatened the Williamson Valley area. Fortunately, no homes or human lives were lost. The forest service reports that both flora and fauna are rapidly recovering. (The first Doce Fire occurred in June 1990 and torched 850 acres.)

The Little Granite Mountain Trail #37 trailhead is in the Prescott National Forest just 15 minutes west of Prescott off Iron Springs Road, with a parking lot 3.2 miles past the turnoff to Granite Basin Lake.

The wide trail itself is loose decomposed granite, which can make for tricky footing on a path that is seldom on the level. It seems you’re either going up or down, sometimes gently, sometimes steeply. Don’t let your legs get lazy or you might slip and find yourself sitting on the trail, rather than

walking it. Parts of the trail have suffered erosion as a result of the second Doce Fire. The forest service urges users to stay on the trail to let the rest of the landscape recover more rapidly, while avoiding possible rolling rocks, stump and root holes, falling trees and rain-caused loose soil.

Skirting the west side of Little Granite Mountain, a steady uphill climb for the trail’s first mile-and-a-half winds you through massive coarse granite (surprise!) boulders in a plethora of fantastic shapes. Breathtaking views of Yavapai County, including

Prescott to the south, Prescott Valley to the east, Skull Valley to the west, and north to Chino Valley and the distant San Francisco Peaks near Flagstaff, prevent the landscape



The San Francisco Peaks are visible in the distance from parts of the trail

from overwhelming the hiker with the grayness of its rocks. But look closely at the boulders, and often you’ll note a coat of orange and green lichens.

There’s even an area of trail surprisingly littered with rose-veined white quartz. Abundant are cacti – yucca, cholla, prickly pear and century plants – and chaparral, including scrub oak, manzanita and mountain mahogany. But evergreen trees such as alligator juniper and ponderosa and pinon pine occasionally provide rejuvenating shade and a refreshing scent.



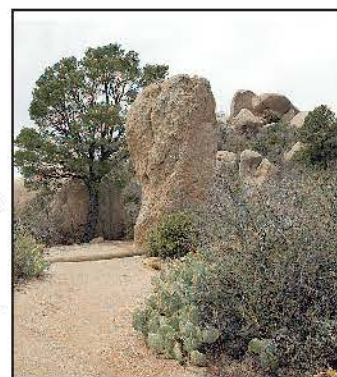
Boulders in fantastical shapes like this shark head line the Little Granite Mountain Trail



You likely won’t see the area’s large wildlife: those elusive mule deer, javelina, bears and mountain lions, but there’s a good chance of spotting soaring hawks and ravens, flitting songbirds and skittering lizards. Naturally, as in almost all of Arizona during warm months, be on the lookout for rattlesnakes.

At the 1.5-mile point, you’re at the southern boundary of the Granite Mountain Wilderness and the intersection with Clark Spring Trail #40. If you opt to explore Clark Spring Trail #40, it’s two miles through a riparian area to the Granite Basin Recreation Area. If you stay on Little Granite #37, the total length is 4.2 miles with an elevation change from 6,000 feet up to about 6,600, before descending a steep, narrow section to about 5,800 feet into Skull Valley. A round-trip will take a good five hours, but take time to formulate photos and partake of a picnic. Just be sure to pack out the plastic and paper wrappings you packed in, if any.

Trail #37 ends at Blair Pass and Granite Mountain Trail #261, which enters the Granite Mountain Wilderness. If you continue into the Wilderness, bicycles are no longer allowed.



Little Granite is open to hikers, mountain bicyclists and horseback riders. No water is available, so take along plenty, especially if your canine companions are along.

Alligator juniper, manzanita, prickly pear cactus, flowering shrubs – Little Granite Mountain Trail boasts a mix of vegetation to accompany its boulders

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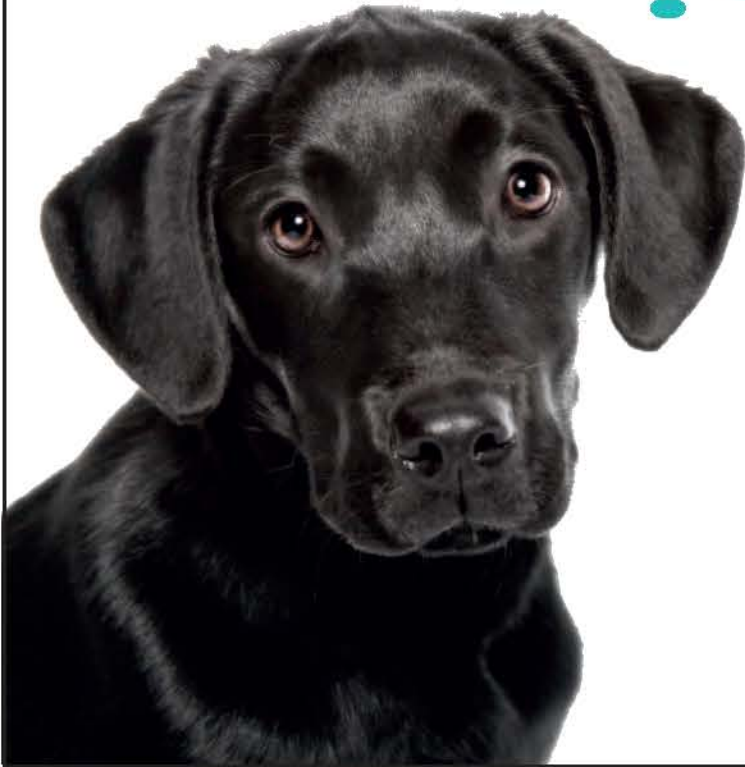
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Service Dogs Corner: Service Dogs Go To School

Story and photos by Gary deGeronimo

As we all know, school environments can be the source of significant stress for a child. It can involve everything from difficult school subjects to social interactions with other students and faculty. What would be for many a simple day-to-day routine of going to school, attending class and hanging out with their friends could be a daily challenge for some.

Now imagine a child who is dealing with a particular disability, either physical or psychological, what they may face every day . . . perhaps not that simple.

Let's think about the child who faces a physical disability and what they need to overcome in daily school life, abilities that we take for granted. They may be in a wheelchair or other medical apparatus and have to open a door to a classroom or retrieve a dropped object on the floor. These are the simple tasks that may pose difficulty for a child with a physical disability.

I'm sure we can agree that in situations like that, a Service Dog would be of great assistance to a child

with a physical disability. The Service Dog can be trained to retrieve an object such as a pen or pencil dropped on the floor and return it to the child, or be there to push an automatic door pad to open a door.

There are also those individuals, both children and adults, who deal with diagnosed psychological or psychiatric issues which makes it difficult for them to attend school. A Service Dog, in certain instances, would be of great value to that person and would be able to assist them just getting through the day.

In the January/February, 2017 Edition of "The Prescott Dog Magazine," I submitted an article about Rosie and Trinity, the young lady and her Golden Retriever Service Dog ("And Then Came Rosie"). Since the writing of that article, it was decided that Rosie should be considered for attending school with her girl Trinity.

Of course, there was a process that needed to be addressed, starting with meeting the faculty at the school to answer questions and concerns about how Rosie would be assisting Trinity in her daily school routine as well as the role that faculty would play. After that presentation, the students who would be seeing Rosie every day as well as interacting with Trinity

needed to be addressed to explain the proper protocol for having a dog attend school and to explain that while Rosie was at school, she would be considered a working dog, not a pet.

Then there was the first day that Rosie would be attending school with Trinity, monitoring the behavior of not only Rosie but how the other students would react.

I must say, the students and faculty of this particular school were amazing. But what was even more amazing was the fact that Rosie performed her tasks for Trinity on the first day.

As Trinity went to her second class with Rosie, I stayed just outside the classroom so as not to disturb Rosie or Trinity and to be able to observe "Rosie's" behavior. Prior to going to this particular class, Trinity's mom informed me that this particular class was most difficult for Trinity and caused her significant stress, almost to the point of producing a meltdown for Trinity. As I continued to monitor Rosie and Trinity, I noticed Trinity was beginning to fuss in her seat, then began to hold her head with her hands, some obvious

signs that Trinity was experiencing a stressful situation. I then observed Rosie do what she was trained to do, put her front paws on Trinity's lap and rest her head on Trinity's chest, what is known as "Deep Pressure Therapy." Immediately Trinity began to stroke "Rosie," say a few words to "Rosie," and soon the episode was over. Rosie then settled down next to Trinity's desk and patiently waited for that class to terminate while still keeping an eye on Trinity.

Then there is Elliott and his Service Dog "Cody" who live and attend school in Providence, Rhode Island. Just as with Trinity and Rosie, the process was the same. First a meeting with the faculty; then the students. In Elliott's case, there were some issues with social interactions with other students as well as some diagnosed emotional issues causing significant stress for Elliott. Within a short period of time, "Cody" was performing similar tasks for Elliott and continues to do so to this day.

As I mentioned before, any Service Dog attending

a public school with an individual must meet certain requirements, such as proper requests to the school authorities for the Service Dog to attend the particular school, requiring proper vaccinations and health records, as well as proper control of the Service Dog.

In some cases, the schools will institute what is known as a "Three-Unit Service Dog Team." This consists of a trained Service Dog, a person with a disability, and a person who is an adult and who has been trained to handle the Service Dog. This is especially beneficial as it creates another monitor for the Service Dog with someone who knows how to deal with day-to-day situations at school.

The examples given in this article are taken from Gentle Hearts Service Dogs here in Arizona. However, there are many such stories of these wonderful Service Dogs from all over the country allowing persons with disabilities to truly become "persons with abilities."



Rosie & Trinity in the school lunch room



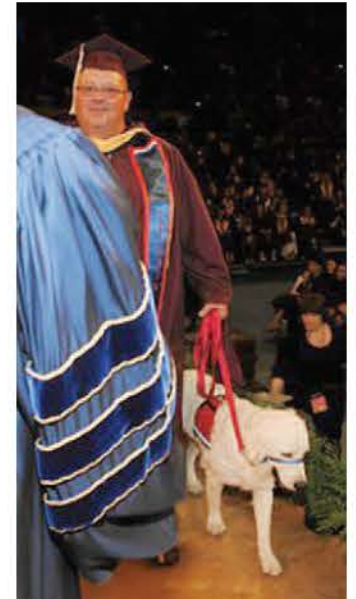
Rosie & Trinity taking a break at school



Elliott & Cody working on social interaction at school



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Robert & Max receiving diploma at ASU

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Free Pony: Small & Sound

Story and Photo by Skye Lyons

The ad in our county employee newsletter read: *Free Pony: Small, sound, 8 years old. Good with children. 703-***-****.*

Something about the ad nudged at me. I had a stable at my home. I had young nephews who adored horses, and mine were neither small, nor good with children. So I called about this "free pony, good with children." I scooped up a friend, and we went out to visit this pony the next day. It was the day before New Years Eve, and bitterly cold, but nothing deters horse people from a new horse.

We pulled into the driveway and were escorted through the snow around to the back of the property, and my enthusiasm died the moment I saw her. What I found was a tiny pile of thick fur, lying on a sheet of ice. She was tied by a rope around her neck to an old water heater. She didn't even bother to look around at the approach of strangers. I knelt down in front of her, lifting her head in my hands. One eye was clouded over, but it was the hopelessness in the other eye that made me cry.

The man who escorted us hauled her roughly to her feet, and I realized what the problem was in an instant. She had foundered. Her front feet were deformed from illness, having grown out and curled up like elf slippers. Now she crouched back on her heels trying to cope with the pain. My logical self said huge vet bills ahead, that this would be a big mistake. But my heart knew she would come home with me.

I agreed to take this free pony, but I wanted a vet to make sure she had no communicable health issues first, crossing my fingers that my vet would come out on New Year's Eve. The owner was very annoyed; he wanted to hog tie her and toss her in the back of my truck, but we agreed to meet back again the next day. It broke my

heart to leave her there, as it was going to be near zero that night, and the thought of her curled up on the ice overnight was terrible.

I raced home to make frantic phone calls and plans were set in motion. Then I spent the rest of the day and into the night building a tiny stall in my stable aisle. By 9 p.m. that night I had a little pony stall bedded deeply in pine shavings, and an old foal halter was located for this little girl. I spent the rest of the night worrying about Buttercup and praying my feet would thaw before morning.

We showed up the next day, but the owner wasn't there. His granddaughter came out to wait with us. She had no interest in her pony whatsoever, but she was entertained by my moment of terror when a creature roared at us out of a trash heap. It was the size of a desk and made nightmarish barking noises that sent me running as she giggled.

"It's just the pig," she advised me. "We thought she was going to have little pigs, but she's not, so we're going to eat her."

My shivers were no longer just from the cold.

The vet finally arrived and set about checking over little Buttercup. He pronounced her far from healthy, but no risk to my horses. The owner showed up then, carrying his shotgun, and after exchanging silent glances, we redoubled our speed in claiming this free pony. I worked the knots free, letting the rope tied to the water heater fall to the ice. I found it left a groove in the crest of her neck that I could lay my finger in. I led the sore pony toward the driveway while my friend and the vet linked hands under her rump and helped push her forward like a wheelbarrow. This was necessary to get her to move—until she saw the trailer. She stopped dead. Her head

snapped up. Her ears pointed toward that trailer, and you could see the memories coming back.

That's a horse trailer. Trailers take you places. You get in, and you get out somewhere else.

Suddenly Buttercup hit a whole new gear, and she was dragging me straight up to and into that trailer. A quick look back over her shoulder said "Okay, let's go!" Wherever it was going was fine with her, so long as it took her away from this hell.

She unloaded at my place with the same enthusiasm, tiptoeing down the ramp, announcing her arrival with a shrill little whinny. It was answered with deeper voices from inside the stable. We led her carefully in and down the aisle, where my horses snorted and stared at the smallest equine they had ever seen.

We led her to her new stall, all sized for her. I slipped off her halter and whispered to her that she was home. She looked around and sniffed each corner briefly. She drank deeply of the water, snatched a bite of hay, and then tested the deep bedding. No ice. No frozen ground. Soft, warm shavings. Her knees bend, and she slowly lay down, then closed her eyes with the deepest sigh possible from such a little body.

I closed the stall door and left her. I didn't know how long I might have her, but I was satisfied that this night, at least, she could sleep in warmth and comfort.

A few days later she had been fed, groomed, thoroughly vetted, seen by my farrier, and felt a whole lot better.

The only truth about that ad was that she was small. The rest of it, not so much. She was not a pony, but a miniature horse, though she was a little too tall at 39 inches. Secondly, she was not 8 years old, but well over 20. Sound?

That claim was laughable. This poor creature was crippled and in terrible pain. She was also blind in one eye. Outside of that, she was a fairly healthy little old lady.

We updated her shots and had her teeth floated so she could eat properly, now that she actually had food, and she had been put on medication for the pain in her front hooves. That and a visit from my skilled and very patient farrier had improved her life immensely. I will always remember that tall man on his knees, working on her tiny ruined feet. He did what he could, and while nothing was ever going to be enough to make her normal, he eased her pain and let her walk more normally.

So, with some care, comfortable living conditions, company other than an irritable pig, and a lot of love, her life was looking a whole lot better. Along with a new life, she was given a new name: Amanda, which means 'worthy of being loved,' which she certainly was.

Within a week I had a whole new horse – one with quite a saucy attitude. Her first time out in the field, instead of spending a few minutes in the sun, she immediately discovered a squeeze-through. The last

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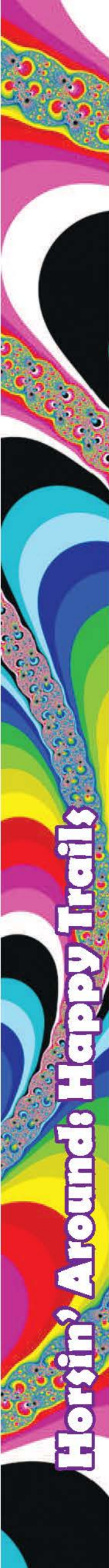
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Horsin Around: Happy Trails

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley

Roy and Dale could never expect more spectacular, let alone happier, trails than these situated in the mountainous, creek and canyon adorned landscapes of the Prescott National Forest. I, and many of my fellow trail riding compadres have found ample adventure and amazing views in this proverbial playground for the equestrian spirit.

When I relocated to Prescott, I lived adjacent to Granite Mountain and enjoyed many trail rides from both Williamson Valley Trailhead as well as from the Cayuse Trailhead within the Granite Basin Recreational Area. I have always been impressed and appreciative of the well-created trails and the continued maintenance of both trails and trailhead areas. I have since fallen in love with the Verde River ride and the newly designed Green Gulch trails in Dewey Humboldt.

Where to Ride

There are a number of trail riding groups whose members are knowledgeable and familiar with area trails. There is Granite Mountain Riders, The Prescott Pony Club, and Bill Williams Mountain Men, to name a few. Many of them are also involved with the trail projects and trail maintenance.

Karen Moseley formed the riding group Horsing Around which now has a membership of over 335 local women. The activities of this group are too many to list but include: Two rides a week, helping the Prescott National Forest Service and Back



Karen Moseley enjoying the view. Photo provided by Karen Moseley.

Country Horsemen of Central Arizona (BCHCAZ) with packing supplies, organizing CPR/First Aid classes and Drone Desensitization classes, volunteering on trail work projects and current work on adopting a trail.

This past year, Karen put together a series of trail rides to experience the entire Prescott Circle Trail which is a 54 mile loop that circles Prescott. Karen also recommends the new trails on the Almost a Trail System created with the leadership of the Prescott National Forest and the handiwork of the BCHCAZ and others. Karen comments that "they worked together to put some amazing trails for us to explore".

The BCHCAZ is a non-for-profit organization dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

Jason Williams is Trails & Wilderness Coordinator for the 900 or so miles of the Prescott National Forest. He plans and implements trail projects including hiring crews, laying out trail, making sure everything is ready for breaking ground and working with the volunteers and everyone involved to get the project done. Projects are getting done. New projects are being created. And, all the way, Jason exudes nothing but enthusiasm about the volunteers, "It's ALL about volunteers."

Seventy miles of new trail has recently been approved through The Greater Prescott Trails Plan, to be in and around the Prescott Basin area. While adding the 70 miles of trail to the



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trail system, this project will adopt approximately 30 miles of unauthorized trails with reroutes to address natural resource concerns. There will also be construction of up to 40 miles of new trails, improvement and enlargement of six trailheads, and the creation of two new trailheads. According to Williams, overall 90 miles have been authorized in the last three years. This is an astounding report of positive growth that will offer yet more destinations for horse riders as well as other nature trail dwellers.

Speaking of OTHER dwellers, there are four classifications of "users" which our trails are designed for: Hikers, bikers (mountain bikes), horse riders and motorized vehicles. Trails expert Jason Williams stresses the importance of sharing. His job is "providing the best experience for the most people. We want to have trails open to as many users as possible because then we're serving as many people as we can." The Prescott National Forest designates trails for specific users. So, if you are a horse rider not comfortable riding in the vicinity of motorized vehicles, for in-



Prescott National Forest worker, Jason Williams at map. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

stance, you can find specific trails for horse riders or perhaps horse riders and hikers. Whatever combination suits you, in the Prescott National Forest, there is a trail for everyone. The best scenario, however, is to learn to share the trails without inhibitions.

What to Pack

1. Map of the area. (Know where you're going. Have a plan. Stay on the trail.)
2. Extra food and water and a jacket.
3. Cell phone (GPS).
4. A sharp knife.
5. A loud whistle.
6. First aid kit for you.
7. First aid kit for your horse.
8. Hide your key at your truck (don't put it on your horse or in your jacket—things happen).

Safety Tips

1. Know your animal. (Be aware of how your horse responds and watch for sudden changes such as ear positioning, head movement and body tightening.)
2. Trees DO fall in the forest (according to Jason). (Be aware of nature and environment.)
3. Always check your saddle and tack before riding and recheck along the way.

Jason emphasizes safety as being key in every aspect of their trail creating and maintenance. Courtesy of sharing the trail with other users contributes to their positive track record, along with the collaboration of many of the user groups in an education campaign that is obviously paying off.

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(Free Pony, Continued)

post of the fence line had another post set in just a bit, so that people could squeeze between them, but the horses could not. Amanda, however, fit quite nicely.

I saw it happening, and my shouts of "Amanda, no!" roused me a look over her shoulder that said "Bye-bye, sister." I almost caught up as she gave a wiggle to get her hips through, and she was off. She led me on a slow, but merry chase all over the property, inspecting every bit of her new farm. Each object of interest held her just long enough for me to almost get close enough to grab her ample mane, and then she'd move off again, finding something new that caught her interest. I must admit that while I was a bit frustrated with her, I was also laughing and enjoying her curiosity. The tour of the place finally ended with her standing on my patio, staring through my sliding glass door and watching the television. Had it not been time for horse-dinner she might have made a second circuit, but thankfully she took pity on me and let me tuck her in with the others for the night.

Before I went in for my dinner, Amanda's escape route was fixed with a board across the squeeze-through at pony-chest height, much

to her disappointment.

The next day she ducked away from me again, and tried to steal hay from the biggest horse on the property.

Johnny went out to his usual breakfast spot in the field to find a tiny horse munching away on his hay. As he approached, Amanda began squealing and stamping her hind feet, telling him in no uncertain terms that it was all hers. Johnny looked in disbelief at the knee-high threat, and then turned and gave me the same look as I hustled over to prevent the potential carnage. That big horse versus Amanda's few inches was going to be a massacre.

He turned and aimed his backside at her, but, gentleman that he was, he didn't kick but just used his rump to gently push her off of his hay.

Johnny was amused; Amanda, however, was highly insulted. She humped off to eat elsewhere, aiming dirty looks his way.

None of the horses would hurt Amanda in any way, but the same could not be said of her. She had a wicked trick that made the big horses to keep a wary eye on her location; when peeved, she would sneak up next to one, then reach up and bite it under the belly. We'd see a horse

leap into the air without any visible reason, and know that the little monster had gotten someone again.

After years of a life of hell, Amanda suddenly loved life. She greeted me every morning with a squeaky nicker, and she loved being groomed. She adored attention, and she was just the right height for me to hug, which I did quite a lot. And I gave her new children to love. My nephews, age 3 and 4, thought she was just the best thing ever. No, they couldn't ride her, but they could love her, feed her, pet her, and just hang out with her. They all had a wonderful time, full of squeals and giggles and requests for more carrots to feed her.

Sadly, those horrible little feet finally let us down. Amanda's joy in life eventually gave way to agony, and she said it was time to go. She was approaching 30 years old when we had to say goodbye, but she taught

me a lesson I have carried with me all of my life: Count the love, not the years. Amanda's years may have been short, but the memories she gave me are many, and her love burns bright even today. I know she loved her time with us as well.

The night after I had her put down, I let the horses into their stalls as I always did. Painfully aware that there was one less this time, blotted the tears on my sleeve as I went through the evening routine. And then I heard Amanda's little hoofs crunching on the gravel in the aisle, just as they did every night as she marched down to her little stall.

The horses' heads turned to watch the pony who wasn't there, so I knew I wasn't imagining it. The little crunchy hoof-steps stopped, and then came the big sigh I knew so well.

I wiped away the tears, and smiled. Amanda was still with us.

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Police K9 Corner: Miley & Toyo

Stories By Heidi Dahms Foster

Sheriff's Office K9 alerts to 14 pounds of meth in vehicle

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office K9s continue to do their part in taking drugs off the roads in Northern Arizona. A YCSO report states that in early morning on March 20, K9 deputy Eric Lopez noticed a grey Nissan Sentra travelling on Interstate 40 with both the driver and passenger acting abnormally concerned about the presence of a Sheriff's vehicle.

Deputy Lopez noticed the vehicle immediately slow and exit into a gas station, where the two occupants stalled for time before leaving. He pulled in behind the Nissan, at which time the driver pulled into a café parking lot and with his passenger, quickly walked into the café.

Because of the suspicious actions of the Nissan's occupants, Deputy Lopez deployed



YCSO K9 Miley & 14 lbs. of meth

his Belgian Malinois Miley for an exterior free air sniff around the car. She alerted to the rear passenger area. Lopez and another deputy then attempted to speak with the

men inside the café, at which time the driver, Robert Deleon, 31, attempted to enter the ladies room to get away. He was detained along with his passenger, Miguel Patino, 38, both of California.

Deleon had two meth pipes in his sock and said he had a small amount of marijuana in the car. Based on Miley's alert, deputies searched the vehicle and found an altered fuel tank. A false compartment in the tank concealed 14 one-pound packages of methamphetamine.

Deputies arrested Deleon and Patino and booked them at the Camp Verde Detention Center on numerous drug charges. They remain in custody.

PV Police welcome new K9

The Prescott Valley Police Department in February welcomed its third K9. A yellow labrador retriever named Toyo has joined current PVPD K9s Jake and Turco. Toyo is a single purpose dog - her entire job is to use her superior nose to find illegal drugs. However, the department also plans to train her as a tracking dog.

Money to purchase Toyo came from PANT and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) funds. Prescott Valley's Sun Valley Tire donated \$1,500 toward Toyo's kennel, leashes and equipment.

Officer Caleb Cozens is Toyo's handler. Cozens previously worked for the Chino Valley Police Department for six years, two of which were spent with Partners Against Narcotic Trafficking (PANT). While working with PANT, Cozens found he was well suited to narcotics investigations. When he moved to the Prescott Valley force, he continued to pursue his dream of being a K9 handler, a position that doesn't often come open.

"It's hard to get into because once a handler is in, they don't want to come out because it's

such a great job," Cozens said. He tested for the first open position, and another officer was chosen, but Cozens soon found the department was getting another K9, and he was qualified.

While Prescott Valley looked to the Yavapai Humane Society for a possible dog, they couldn't find one with the over the top play drive police K9s need. It's not a quality most people want in their house pet.

"They have to want to play, play, play, until YOU are tired!" Cozens said.

Prescott Valley eventually found and purchased the nearly three-year-old Toyo from Waddell Kennels, the same kennel from which the Town purchased K9 Turco.

Master Trainer and PV Officer Paul Hines worked with Cozens and Toyo so the two could finish certification and be on the road in March. Toyo already is trained to detect drug odors. It remained only to meld her and Cozens into a team.

While Toyo loves to work, she is also gentle and loves people, so it's a good bet that

residents and local schoolchildren will see her around town at demonstrations and visits.



Officer Caleb Cozens with Toyo



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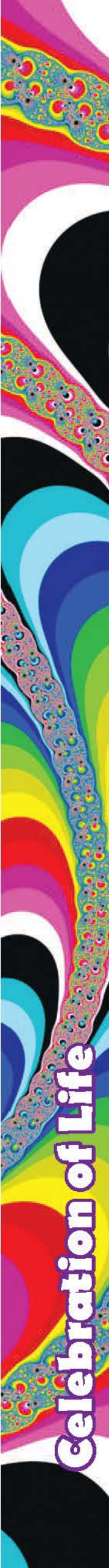
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Celebration of Life: Jesse

Stories By Heidi Dahms Foster

This is a story of hope, tragedy and how a quarter of a second can change lives.

Back in 1996, during a previous career, one of my salesmen headed out for an evening appointment. Arriving at the address, he found a suburban home in a quiet neighborhood. As he approached the front walk he noticed this little brown ball of fur laying on the porch it was chained to. Walking by he realized the collar on the dog was adjusted too tight. After speaking a while with his prospect, the salesman came to the realization that the little ball of fur on the porch would be leaving with him that evening.

The salesman wrote the dog "into the deal" essentially, he had taken the dog as the down payment for the customer's home improvement project. The salesman believed it would all be fine with me..., as soon as I saw her the next morning. That evening they shared dinner, fast food hamburgers and fries, that she happily gobbled.

The next morning the salesman brought her to our office, got her right up to my office door, and slipped her leash off and let her walk into my office alone. Here was this beautiful, young chocolate lab. The salesman followed shortly after and explained what he had done the night before. I laughed. "I couldn't leave her there. I rescued her for you," he related, "She's just too beautiful. I just couldn't leave her there like that, she didn't even have water to drink.

Jesse had a delightful personality. She was very gentle and a real lover. It was "head over heels" at first sight for me and I knew the same would happen at home. At the end of the work day, Jesse and I left the office to retrieve my daughter from school. I remember she was running and squealing from the front door of the school to the car door. She was overjoyed! There was a dog in our car!

The two of them were inseparable. Jesse followed her everywhere. They read books together, did homework and chores. The community we lived at was quiet and small. Even at 10, my daughter was allowed to walk



Jesse. She was very watchful and cautious when they were outside alone. Jesse was the first dog of her very own.

Thanksgiving night when we had come home from dinner, my daughter grabbed the leash and away they went out the door for the day's last stroll. My attention was immersed in the kitchen when she came bursting back through the door. "MOM!!! MOM!!! JESSE RAN AWAY!" Unknown to us, people began setting off fireworks in our common area. Jesse became terrified and bolted. For a nine year old, Jesse's flight reaction was overpowering enough to break free. I grabbed my keys and out the door we went.

Up and down and around and around, we scoured that neighborhood. Street after street with no luck. Desperation and the determined will to see Jesse safe at home with us, kept us going. We searched for hours, by foot, by car, no luck. I was left with a fitfully sleeping 10-year-old in the back seat and no Jesse. I called off the search, vowing that we would get up early and start again. Hopefully, someone had grabbed her and we would hang lost signs in the morning, and she'd be back by lunch.

That next morning, we had arrived back home from hanging flyers and searching when our phone rang. I thought to myself, oh goodness it's worked and someone was calling us to come pick up Jesse.

"Hi, I saw your flyer on our mailboxes," there was a long pause, "I think I know where your Jesse is". The caller went on to explain that she

had checked her mail before going shopping. She stopped the explanation for a moment, "I'm sorry, I think I saw her on the northbound shoulder of I-17 just above Thunderbird." My heart sank and I was struck dumb as I hung up the phone. (I have to relate to you that if you ever are faced with telling a stranger this kind of news, please follow through and do it. As hard as it is, it is a kindness, it just doesn't feel like one at the time)

We got in the car again and drove to that area. Sure enough, there Jesse lay.

At the time, we lived near 19th and Cactus, but she had travelled all the way to Thunderbird and I-17. A lot of ground to cover, only to meet her senseless demise. To this day, I don't know how we didn't find her.

Anyway, I told y'all that this was a story of hope, of tragedy, and how a quarter of a second can change lives. Jesse had found her loving, comfortable, forever home when the salesman rescued her for me. The tragedy was that she perished way before her time, without those that loved her near.

Now I want to talk about that quarter of a second. Jesse was killed by fireworks on Thanksgiving night of all times. Not usually an effusive time with grandpa's old revolver or a fistful of fireworks. Each year many dogs are frightened, freak out, bolt and are lost due to municipal fireworks as well as the kinds you buy in the store. Most dog owners, aware of Fourth of July issues take precautions. Jesse lost her bright future, her family and ultimately her life, because of a 12-cent fire cracker set off in a parking lot by an unthinking person.

If you use fireworks, please make sure people aren't out walking their dogs, dogs are not loose in the area; owners, stay alert to protect your dog.

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(928) 771-9252, run-a-muk.com

VCA Thumb Butte Animal Hospital

1441 W. Gurley Street, Prescott
(928) 445-2331, vcahospitals.com

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(928) 775-5558, azpethq.com

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Belinda's Pet Grooming

8098 E. Valley Road, Suite 4
Prescott Valley (928) 237-3068

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655 Brannen Ave C., Prescott, (928) 707-2309

Blissful Pet Salon

8182 E Florentine Rd., #A, Prescott Valley
(928) 775-4089

Jade's Dog Grooming

1101 Old Chisholm Trail #G, Dewey, (928) 899-1027

KennelKamp Village

9049 E. Florentine Rd., Prescott Valley
(928) 759-8181, kennelkamp.com

Whiskers Barkery

225 W. Gurley St, Prescott, (928) 776-8700

Yvonne's Pet Grooming

8600 E. Valley Rd., Prescott Valley, (928) 772-7095

Healing Therapy

LiteWorks

Pamela Golden, (480) 466-5022
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Pet Food/Supplies

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olsensgrain.com
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711 Elrod, (928) 445-1664
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Hwy 89, (928) 636-2321
Olsen's - Dewey
Hwy 69, (928) 632-5233
Olsen's - Clarkdale
Hwy 89A, (928) 649-3900

Pet Club

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(928) 717-6003
Pet Club - Chino Valley
991 N. State Route 89 (across from Safeway)
(928) 458-7466
thepetclub.net

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2710 N Glassford Hill Rd, Prescott Valley
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Warrens's Hay - N - More

2295 South Highway 89, Chino Valley
(928) 636-1303, warrenshaynmore.com

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Pet Medications

Prescott Compounding Pharmacy

1000 Ainsworth Dr., Ste B 105, Prescott
(928) 515-2354

Petsitting

Fur-Ever Happy Pet Services

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FurEverHappyPetServices.com

Petsitting Plus

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Horse and Animal Care

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Training

Dandy Dawgs

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Farbenholt Dog Training

Dewey (928) 632-7557, azgermanshepherds.com

Veterinarians

CHINO VALLEY

Chino Valley Animal Hospital

3601 AZ-89, Chino Valley, (928) 636-4382
chinovalleyanimalhospital.com

Circle L Animal Hospital

845 AZ-89, Chino Valley, (928) 536-4421
circlelanimalhospital.com

DEWEY

Kachina Animal Hospital

850 S. Henrickson Rd, Dewey, (928) 772-8225
kachinaanimalhospital.com

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Prescott Animal Hospital

1318 Iron Springs Road, Prescott
(928) 445-2190

Mile Hi Animal Hospital

334 White Spar Road, Prescott
(928) 445-4581

VCA Thumb Butte Animal Hospital

1441 W. Gurley Street, Prescott, (928) 445-2331
vcahospitals.com/thumb-butte

Yavapai Humane Society

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic
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Prescott Valley Pet Clinic

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(928) 772-6069

Bradshaw Mountain Animal Hospital

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Visiting Vet House Calls for Pets

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Vet - Emergency

Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital

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Vet - Holistic

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VETERINARIANS

Prescott Animal Hospital & Equine Center

2611 Avenger Rd, Prescott, (928) 776-7669
prescottvets.com

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Delia McDonald, DMV, Todd Metcalf, DVM
832 Hope St. Prescott (928) 445-7499

Hotels/Motels

Apple Creek Cottages
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1317 E. Gurley, Prescott, (928) 445-3096

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1290 White Spar Rd, Prescott, (928) 778-5770

Creekside Lodge & Cabins
Rt 69, Mayer, (928) 632-0777

Motel 6 - RV
1111 E. Sheldon St., Prescott, (928) 776-0160

Wyndham Garden Hotel
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(928) 777-0770

Real Estate

Realty Executives
503 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, (928) 777-0257

Windermere Real Estate
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Home Smart
Elizabeth Kennedy, lizkrealstate@gmail.com
(760) 861-3885

Restaurants

Barley Hound
234 S. Cortez St., Prescott, (928) 237-4506

Cupper's
226 S. Cortez St., Prescott, (928) 445-1636
258 Lee Blvd., Prescott, (928) 515-2446

Jaime's Waffle Express
3050 Windsong Dr., Prescott Valley
(928) 772-3131

Leff-T's Steakhouse & Grill
150 S. State Route 69 #12, Dewey
(928) 632-1388

The Palace Restaurant & Saloon
Downtown Prescott, 120 S. Montezuma St.,
(928) 541-1996

Starbuck's
1220 Gail Gardner Way, Prescott
(928) 445-7023
351 N Montezuma St., Prescott
(928) 776-9797

Streets of New York
150 E. Sheldon St., Prescott, (928) 708-0707

Sweet Anne's Café
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Waffles N' More
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(928) 778-3039

Wildflower Bread Company
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(928) 717-1700

Automotive/RV

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Prescott/Quad Cities (928) 775-9898
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Autoworks
6540 E 2nd St, Prescott Valley
(928) 775-3332, autoworksserviceandrepair.com

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Prescott Valley - 6900 E Frontage Rd.,
(928) 775-0069, courtesyautosalesprescott.com

Little Dealer/Little Prices
2757 N Truwood Dr., Prescott Valley
(928) 350-240, littledealer.com

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103 N. Cortez St., Prescott, (928) 778-2095

Clothes Hound
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Home Depot
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Prescott - 1941 E. Hwy 69, (928) 777-2400

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Dewey - (928) 632-5233
Clarkdale - (928) 649-3900

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(928) 775-5558

Pet Club
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(928) 717-6003

Petco
1931 E. Hwy 69, Prescott, (928) 708-0212

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703 E. Gurley Street, Prescott (928) 776-4653

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The Hike Shack
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130 W Gurley Street, Prescott, (928) 443-9663

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2295 S. Hwy 89, Chino Valley, (928) 636-1303

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(928) 282-8557

Yavapai Humane Society Thrift Store
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Galleries

The Art Store
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The Beastro
117 McCormick Street, Prescott
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The Frame and I
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