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



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



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



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

# Hazel Howls

I am at my morning station. Nose at the sliding glass panel door. Chin on the carpet. Eyes level with my 'high definition' view of the backyard. My upright and fully directional ears are scanning the area behind me, tracking the movements of those who can open the door.

I hear Dad amble into the kitchen. He pours a full cup of coffee which means he's not going outside at the moment. Half cups are for musings outside. Full cups are for facing indoor tasks at hand, or reading the news off the small screen.

No time to be disappointed. I shall remain focused.

Dad makes his way over and sits down next to me on the carpet. This is new.

As he sips his steaming 'brain activation elixir,' it dawns on me we are about to have a 'talk.'

A tiny wedge of disappointment makes it way past my focus. I raise my head to face dad. With my ears drooping back halfway, I give him my most sincere wet-eyed, 'Do we have to do this now?' look.

No luck there.

"So, uh, some people are asking about this 'philosopher dog' thing you've been mentioning."

He sets his cup down while I try desperately to divide my attention between Dad and any impending action on the patio.

He continues. "You know, most of philosophy rests on facts, evidence, and reason."

At this point I am failing to stay engaged with either the patio or whatever Dad is droning on about.

"Some might be offended at, well, you know, a mere canine spouting off on issues of truth or ethics. That's not a reflection on how I feel about it, mind you."

Dad shifted his 'not so limber anymore' weight, probably realizing that sitting on the floor was going to cost him on the way back up to his two-legged stance.

Now I suppose I could make a few comments on 'mere humans,' or who around here does the most 'spouting off.' Instead I will make use of my better angels and see if I can deftly end this conversation and get back to more important matters at hand.

I raise my head up a bit more and point my ears directly up at Dad.

"How about if I'm just a dog that waxes philosophic at times, like you think you wax poetic on occasion?"

As usual, Dad completely misses my sarcasm. "You know, I like the sound of that. I think that'll work."

Dad's now trying to figure out how to unfold himself with the least amount of discomfort.

I continue. "No sense in telling the public that my doctoral thesis is based on facts and evidence – the reason why, when certain humans talk, they sound like a trombone with the business end of a toilet plunger stuck in it."

Oops. Did I just say that out loud? No matter, Dad didn't hear me.

He's mostly upright now, staring out the door. My eyes follow his.

At last! There he is, just five feet away on the other side of the door.

Dad slowly moves his hand towards the latch.

"No, wait dad, not yet."

He hesitates as my elusive quarry begins his attempt at intimidation.

I whisper, "He thinks the push-ups scare me."

When the calisthenics pause, I snap a look up, and Dad releases the latch.

After the blur of intense action, I check every inch of the woodpile where the lizard disappeared.

Dad sips his coffee while standing at the door. "So what would a philosopher dog say now?"

Still inspecting the woodpile I retort, "Sometimes life can be boiled down to a game of inches. Or quarter-seconds."

Priceless.



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## WINTER HOLIDAY HAZARDS

### HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

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### HOLIDAY FOODS

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

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

### PLANTS

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# Calendar

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Onsite Adoptions – Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4p, 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott, (928) 445-2666

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Lost Pet Center Hrs – Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4pm

## Special Events

### ONGOING

### THE BEASTRO – 4TH FRIDAY ART WALK

117 N. McCormick St., Prescott. Starts at 5p. Help feed a beast in need. Art Gallery/Retail Animal Items. More info (928) 778-0284

### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

If you want to volunteer or learn more about United Animal Friends, visit unitedanimalfriends.org or call 778-2924.

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Fri 8a-11a & 1p-4:30p Yavapai Humane Society, 2989 Centerpointe E., Suite B., Prescott. (928) 771-0547

### YAVAPAI HUMANE EQUINE CENTER

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## NOVEMBER

### CIRCLE L RANCH DOG RESCUE

Doggie Fashion Show - Sun., Nov. 12; 12p Check-in, 1p Show. To benefit Circle L Ranch's dog rescue. Hosted & Sponsored by The Barley Hound Gastro Pub, 234 S Cortez St., Prescott. For more info, visit www.circler.org.

### EVENTS - HERITAGE PARK

### ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

Dollar Days - Nov. 4 - 5

Veterans Day (Vets Get in Free) - Sat., Nov. 11

Behind-the-Scenes Photo Tour - Sat., Nov. 18

WildLights Opening Weekend - Nov 24-25 (See below for add'l dates)

### HIGH DESERT HORSE SHOW SERIES at Santori Ranch in Chino Valley

Western Classes - Sat., Nov. 4; English Hunter/Jumper Classes Sun. Nov. 5. Info at Santori Ranch LLC on Facebook

### PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA PAWS

(Benefits Yavapai Humane) - Sat & Sun, Nov. 11 & 12, 11a-2p. TimberWoof Pet Boutique, downtown in Bashford Courts at 130 W. Gurley, 2nd Floor. Dogs, cats, kids' holiday photos. Snacks & treats. \$10/ photo or CD. (928) 443-WOOF for info.

### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

Rummage Sale - Nov. 9-14. For more info, see our ad on pg 17 or visit unitedanimalfriends.org

### Paws in the Palace Bud Basset

Fundraiser - Nov. 16. For more info, see our ad on pg 35 or visit unitedanimalfriends.org

## DECEMBER

### EVENTS - HERITAGE PARK

### ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

WildLights - Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30

Prescott Christmas Parade - Sat., Dec. 2

Santa with the Animals - Sun., Dec. 10

Half-Price Day - Sun., Dec. 24

Kids Free Week - Dec. 25-31

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# THE BEASTRO FARM YARD

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos courtesy of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue.

Over the years, we have learned a lot about the Wildhorse Ranch Rescue in Gilbert, AZ. Kim Meagher is the Founder and Chairman of the rescue, where she has provided a sanctuary and rescue for horses, mules, and burros, as well as dogs, cats, chickens, and other animals.

"If it needs rescued, that's what we do," says Vice Chair and Director of the HavasuPup Program, Dany Schott, with a laugh.

Dany is moving to Chino Valley, with her partner, Donell Dumos, to purchase and establish a new Wildhorse Ranch Rescue venue in a cooler, more accessible location. Kim will be visiting and helping with the establishment and ongoing operations of The Beastro Farm Yard, while Dany and Dony will live on the property and maintain the day-to-day business.

Both Dany and Dony also have full-time jobs, so it will take both women and many volunteers to keep The Beastro Farm Yard running smoothly. Kim will continue to live in Gilbert but will probably have a small trailer on the Chino Valley property and visit overnight regularly.

There are three acres, a good house, and really good water from their own well. The property is all fenced, but they need special horse fencing for the horse corral. At first, they will have a couple of horses.

There is a blind horse that has its own Seeing Eye horse. The two, as you would guess, are bonded. Besides the fencing, Dany and Dony need a shelter for the horses. The dog and horse facilities are the first big projects, and need to get finished right away.

"We are going to be very busy for a very long time," says Dany, "it is a forever thing."

As of the first week of October, the dog shelter and run will be fully sponsored by Mr. Mel Shutz, a long-time friend and donor of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue. He told me that his dogs, and the dogs he fosters or helps with, are his family and his children. The large canine cabin will have a center living area with couches for humans, kennels with runs and outside space, air conditioning for summer and heating for the winter. There is storage for blankets, food, medicine and other supplies, and a music system! It will be called the Schutz Family Foundation Senior Center for Dogs.

Mel serves on the Wildhorse Ranch Rescue Advisory Board. One of his primary interests is fundraising, and another is his small dog, Crosby, who is going to have to learn to share his "daddy" with all the new foster brothers and sisters. Mel hopes to spend at least one day a week volunteering at the Senior Center, health permitting. He said that he likes spending his funds on projects for animals at Wildhorse Ranch Rescue while he is still alive to enjoy them, and then, with a grin, admits, "...and I get thank you notes!" He has wanted to help senior dogs for years and is happy to finally see that wish realized.

Dany Schott said they hope to have the ranch up and running by the first of the year, for both dogs and horses. There are a lot of smaller projects what will occupy their time for years to come. To name a few, they would like to plant a garden and become as self-sustaining as possible in a few years' time. Goat yoga is high on the list, which requires pygmy goats and a warm secure place for them to live. The yoga will be outside in nice weather and inside when the weather doesn't cooperate. Soon they will acquire a mama and two baby pygmy goats.

If you are like me, when you heard about goat yoga, you said, "Huh?" The pygmy goats, when babies, are the cutest animals on the planet. They participate in the yoga by walking on the people's backs to break down stress. I suggest you make an appointment and come see what it is all about. Dany works at the local hospitals in the Wellness Centers as a health specialist and helps people with personal training. She will be guiding the yoga program.

Goat yoga is becoming popular all over the country. The goats are allowed to walk around the yogis and their mats, and will choose the time they want to jump up on someone's back. They also may decide to nibble at a yogi's hair, her hair ties or clothes, or play and cuddle, which is hard to resist.

Another goal, important even though it doesn't involve goats or yoga, is a red chicken coop. This coop will be heated for winter, and the chickens will provide eggs for the ranch's residents. With all the dogs around, the chickens will not be free range but will have a nice-sized yard to themselves.

Dany met Kim twenty-plus years ago in the beginning stages of Wildhorse Ranch Rescue, a horse, goat, burro

and mule rescue ranch near Gilbert, AZ. Dany started helping Kim, but really became involved when she visited Havasupai Canyon and saw the desperate situation there for dogs. It is a Native American village in the bottom of the Grand Canyon on the west end. There are no roads in, only trails or helicopters. Dozens of dogs ran loose everywhere, and the situation cried out for a plan to help.

She and Kim founded HavasuPups. Dany directs the program, and ever since, they have rescued dogs and worked to improve the environment. Private pilots and other have teamed to help move dogs out, or to take them for medical help. Wildhorse Ranch Rescue also brings in veterinarians for spay/neuter and medications. An active efficient adoption program as well as other factors were put into place by Wildhorse Ranch Rescue to ensure that the dog population became more under control. The Havasupai Tribal Council



Argon, a HavasuPup



Arnie, a HavasuKitty with a toe problem



Mel Shutz, Sara, & Kim



Joan Herstein with Lambykins



Kim



Dony

is glad to have the help and participates gladly.

The environment has changed greatly. The dog population has been reduced by about 80% and many fewer dogs run loose. There is less aggression because dogs are getting fed. Now the people line up, eagerly awaiting vet care and education. Friendships have developed between Wildhorse Ranch Rescue people and the Havasupai people. HavasuPups is one program that really paid off.

The Beastro Art House on N. McCormick Street in Prescott will be closing its doors. It has been a fundraising venue for Wildhorse Ranch Rescue for years. Because of the work done there by Wildhorse Ranch Rescue and Kim and her staff, she knows a lot of people in this area, as do Dany and Dony. The two buildings which make up the Beastro will be turned into Airbnbs and through that use will continue to raise funds for Wildhorse Ranch Rescue, while the name will

live on in the name Beastro Farm Yard in Chino Valley.

Another team project is to build a couple of mini houses to accommodate overnight guests at Beastro Farm Yard so they can experience farm living. This will be a fundraising project, but will also be fun for guests and staff alike. Vegan meals will be provided, so Dony says they can call it a "vegan dude ranch." Guests can also provide their own food.

Kim has been planning for some time to establish a new facility here in the northland.

Wildhorse Ranch Rescue will stay in Gilbert, so Chino Valley is a second location. Older horses or northern acclimated horses can't deal with the heat in Gilbert. They and the sanctuary horses who are in poor health will live more comfortable lives where the setting is cooler. The heat gets harder on them as they age.

The process of searching for the right place, the complications along the way, and the purchasing experience have all been an emotional roller coaster for everyone. It is such a relief to have the property they most wanted, and they are super excited about getting it.

"It is a perfect place," Dany says. "We can put every inch to use. We wanted a place where people can come and experience animals and

now we have that. People can come and bring their families and stay and take care of all kinds of animals and find out what it is like."

They do constant fundraising. Eventually they will have events on this property, and are looking forward to that. Their volunteer program will be up and running right away. They want to rescue horses like the neglected and abused animals seen on the television news. They also rescue strays, abandoned animals, and dogs and cats that have been relinquished by owners. Unfortunately there is no shortage of animals who need help.

Volunteers will be trained to take care of many situations, horses, dogs, cats, and farm animals. These animals need people around them all the time to build confidence and a comfort factor. Wildhorse Ranch Rescue also provides medical care as needed.

Many of the fruit trees on the property have grafts of other fruit trees, so "you get two for one!" This suggests canning fruit and making jam and jelly, as well as fresh fruit. A food preservation project will also include vegetables from the garden.

"Rescues work to help each other, and we are no different." They are looking forward to meeting all the rescue groups in the Prescott area, getting acquainted with their staff of volunteers and sharing experiences. Because of the Beastro, Kim and Dany already know quite a few of the local rescue community members, and Dany has many friends and acquaintances through the medical world at YRMC East and West.

Yavapai County allows horse property to have 2 horses per acre,

although a sanctuary may differ. That means the horse population at Beastro Farm Yard will be a maximum of 6. They plan to keep the dog population at a 5-10 range. Their cats will be with volunteer fosters, not on the ranch. Some of the retired Forest Service horses will probably live in Chino Valley because the weather in Gilbert is so difficult for them.

Dony arrived at the ranch from Phoenix on September 30, driving a huge moving truck all by herself. She spent the day unloading. Dany showed up with her own truck and they helped each other, with the expectation of promises of other volunteers to stop by and unload too. Many of the items were for outside, for the farm or for the patio of the house.

The house has brand-new carpet all through the rooms, which, with all the resident dogs, may not be practical. Dony loves to do remodeling, so she has plans to make the house even more accommodating to their needs. I don't know where she will find the extra time.

There are three or four bedrooms in the house, and two large rooms with wood burning stoves. Out back are a flagstone patio, an above ground pool, and a hot tub. Inside, the kitchen has been updated, with marble counters added. There is even a room for an office, which will be sorely needed.

Kim Meagher started Wildhorse Ranch Rescue in 1995, building her dream with hard work, friends, and many volunteers. Now she is extending her dream to include the new ranch in Chino Valley, protecting animals in sanctuary, and rescuing those in need of new homes. Her close friends are with her and sharing the dream. Her new and old friends here in the Prescott area stand by to see how they can support the dream, a dream everyone in rescue shares... to expand the number and scope of ways to save more animals.



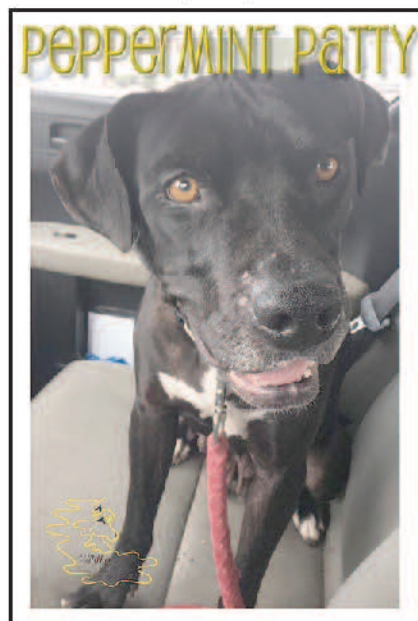
Danyelle with Thor, HavasuPup on 4th Friday Art Walk at Random Art Gallery (Thor has been adopted)



Dany with THOR HavasuPup



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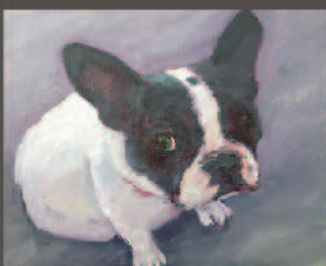
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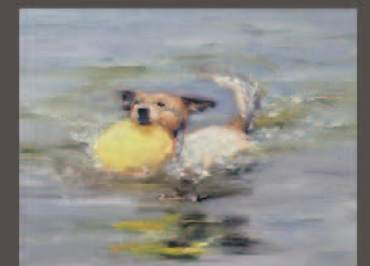
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### Animal Disaster Services

Did we ever have a busy summer! A fire in Black Canyon City, plus the Goodwin fire that started in Mayer and spread widely and rapidly, then flooding (twice) in the same fire area.

Animal Disaster Services set up a shelter to care for the pets of the evacuees, That fire was quickly contained so the evacuation lasted only one day.

The fire in Mayer was a different story. We set up our animal shelter at Mayer High School, but on the third day, were evacuated to Bradshaw Mountain High School (house pets) and the old fairgrounds (equine and barnyard animals) in Prescott Valley.

We quickly exhausted our equipment supplies plus we needed food and blankets. The community is always quick and generous in their response and we received enough to see us through.

We had the largest number of animals, both house pets (141) and barnyard animals (250), than we have ever cared for. That challenging evacuation lasted 10 days.

It makes it worthwhile when the pet parents pick up their beloved furry family members, and you see the excitement of people and pets at being reunited. A heartfelt "thank you" is the only payment we need.

ADS identified a critical need during this evacuation, a small (6' x 10') double axle trailer to store pet food and additional supplies that are donated during an evacuation. We are reaching out to the community once again in hopes that one may be donated to us. Questions may be directed to Becky Salazar, (928) 445-3347.

### Rescue a Golden of Arizona Goes Global

Rescue A Golden of Arizona partners with Companion & Compassion of Guadalajara, Mexico, and Goldens Without Borders in Las Vegas, NV to rescue Golden Retrievers from Mexico, Korea, and China.

Ten Goldens from Guadalajara needed veterinary care that is not easily available in that area. RAGofAZ provided all medical care needed to treat and heal these dogs. They are all now living happily ever after in their new forever homes.

In Korea and China, dog meat is considered a delicacy served in many restaurants; dog meat farms breed dogs specifically for food. The rescues in Korea and China send as many dogs as possible out of country for a second chance at life. "You can't change a dog's life, but you can rewrite their future."

On May 5, 2017, our first two dogs, Yong and Jessica, arrived from Korea, both with Heartworm. They have completed treatment and are now happy and healthy.

On May 22, 2017 Mao Mao and Mao Nui (now Mia) arrived from central China. Mia, a two year old, has nerve damage in her left shoulder and leg, the result of distemper as a puppy. She currently lives with her mom and big sister Maddie in Chino Valley. Mia's therapies include acupuncture and laser by Delia MacDonald, DVM of Harmony Veterinary Care in Prescott.

People often ask us if the dogs speak English, and we respond that they all speak Golden, "the language of love" and that's all that matters.



Mia

### Yavapai Humane Society: Amora

When Amora, a 4 year old shepherd mix, arrived at Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) it was obvious she was in a lot of pain. She wasn't using her back left leg and she wasn't interested in food or attention. Our clinic team diagnosed Amora with hip dysplasia - her only hope at being pain-free was an intense orthoscopic surgery called a FHO.



Amora shortly after surgery with YHS vet tech Brian.

Amora's FHO surgery went well. We were excited to see her sweet nature and strong spirit begin to show quickly after. When she was strong enough, she began physical therapy to rebuild the muscle in her left back leg and hip. A group of dedicated staff and volunteers cared for Amora and gave her the extra love and attention she needed as she healed.

Eight weeks after surgery the only sign of Amora's painful hip was a small surgery scar. We were thankful for how far Amora had come and excited to finally have Amora available for adoption. Six months after we first met Amora she went home. Her new parents are committed to making sure Amora never has to deal with pain again and they enjoy spoiling her with toys, walks, and treats.

Amora's surgery was made possible by the YHS Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program. STAR helps treat animals like Amora who are in need of expensive medical treatment and is funded through donations. For more information about STAR visit [www.yavapaihumane.org](http://www.yavapaihumane.org).



Beautiful Amora is enjoying her new life.

### Miss Kitty's Cat House



Peter Piper

Miss Kitty's has had some wonderful adoptions since the last issue. Petsmart adoptions include the following: Orange kittens Pip & Squeek are now named Mac & Cheese, how cute. Ema, Ava, Ana, Eva, Poe, Mishka, Snax, Cosmo, Babe, Quicksilver, Una, Peter Piper, Nitra, Shade, Toner, Carna, Spice, Ping, Stach all found their loving families.

Please visit our adoptable kittens at Petsmart every Saturday from 10am to 2pm, and on

Sundays from 11 am to 2pm.

The Cat House also had some great adoptions, including Teddy (whose owner is now a Miss Kitty's crew member - how awesome), Grebel, Molly, Mr. Blue, Betty, Clancy, JJ Kitty, Reecher, George, Moonshine, Vinnie and Gatsby.

Miss Kitty's Cat House is open for adoptions Fridays and Saturdays 11 am to 3pm, or during the week by appointment.

All of our adoptable cats are featured on [Pefinders.com](http://Pefinders.com) and Miss Kitty's Cat House Facebook page.



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### Yavapai Humane Society - Puff

When Puff, a handsome 4 year old cat, arrived at Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) he wanted nothing to do with people. This didn't deter our dedicated cat staff and wonderful team of volunteers though. They are used to cats being stressed out when they enter a shelter situation, and they know just how to help cats adjust.

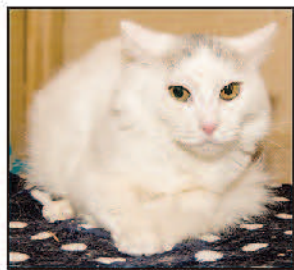


Puff cuddling with one of the kittens in the kitten room

After a few weeks in our care Puff earned the nickname "grumpy old man". He would sit in his cat condo and watch as volunteers cuddled other cats—not wanting attention for himself. We wanted to comfort Puff, to make him happy, but we were at a loss.

Then one day we noticed how much Puff enjoyed watching the kittens play in the kitten room and decided to take a chance. Our staff tenderly introduced Puff to a kitten and Puff immediately cuddled up to the youngster. This was the happiest we had seen Puff since he arrived.

His nickname changed from "grumpy old man" to "kitten nanny" as he cuddled and gently played with the kittens. Not long after moving into the kitten room Puff's attitude changed so much he was willing and wanting to be affectionate with people. This "grumpy cat" who we thought would have a hard time finding a home turned into a loving cat who found his perfect pet parents. Puff and all the animals we help are constant reminders to give up on any pet – grumpy or not.



Puff enjoying alone time

### Yavapai Humane Society - Pharaoh

Many aging horse owners struggle to care for their horses, and the resources to help are not always readily available. Yavapai Humane Society's (YHS) Equine Program brings relief by giving lifelong horse owners peace of mind knowing their horse is being well-cared for and will find a suitable home.

The owners of Pharaoh, an 18-year-old Arabian horse, could not care for him. In early September, Pharaoh got a temporary home at the YHS Equine Center, where he was given a wellness exam - hoof trimming, vaccines, deworming, dental care, and behavioral evaluation.

Pharaoh hadn't received dental care for some time and needed an intensive dental treatment. He was given the gold-standard of care by Dr. Rich Fisher, along with local vet Dr. Dow of Prescott Animal Hospital, who conducted Pharaoh's intake medical exam, donating his services to YHS.

Pharaoh underwent YHS's standard 2-week quarantine for equines, even though he already had prospects for a new owner. YHS Equine trainer, Brandi Baker, tested Pharaoh for his behavior and skills and was delighted with how well-mannered and level-headed this kind gent is.

Pharaoh does a great job under the saddle, listens well, and is a seasoned trail horse—exactly what his new family was looking for. YHS will miss Pharaoh's relaxed, easy-going demeanor, but are so happy he is now with his forever family. He lives with three other horse companions, as well as pigs, goats, and cows, and his human family.

*At right: Pharaoh receiving his behavioral assessment from YHS Equine trainer Brandi Baker*



### United Animal Friends - Update

Our big adoption event this year was Kitty Palooza, on Sat., March 11th, sponsored by Prescott Dog Magazine and with Little Dealer, Little Prices as the venue. We adopted 10 of the 11 cats we brought, an unheard of result from one adoption event for us.

Last year, we rescued 144 cats. With 2 months still remaining in the year, we have taken in 170 cats. The United Animal Friends medical program was started this year. It has covered many regular situations and several emergency surgeries and rescues.

Several of our record-keeping programs are in the process of being revisited to give more accurate records and keep track of each cat or kitten's medical care. We are also working on the spay/neuter program certificates which will be completed this fall. The cat adoption program has been streamlined to match the dog adoption program of UAF.

We are always in need of more fosters in the cat program, especially for our hospice and unadoptable cats.

We have unified collaboration with Yavapai Humane Society and other local rescues to make the focus on the animal and not the organization.

Suzy has become the new Coordinator of the Cat Program for UAF, as well as become a member of the UAF Board of Directors. Mike Branigan, owner of Run A Muk is the other new Board member.

### United Animal Friends - Cat & Dog Rescue

In the first nine months of 2017, UAF has taken in 130 dogs and 156 cats and adopted out 136 and 143, respectively. While those numbers mean a lot, it's the individual animals that mean everything.



Peanut

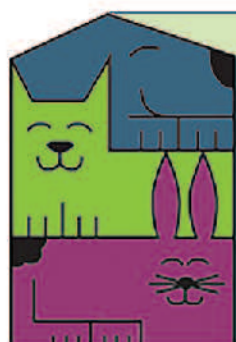
Take Peanut: at just 10 weeks old, he was living in a shelter where an accident broke three of the tiny bones in his tiny foot. He desperately needed foster care, and was lucky enough to land with Anita, one of our wonderful fosters who has experience in keeping slippery splints on little puppy legs. Under Anita's care, Peanut healed up good as new, and has now been adopted into his new home, where he has a lifetime of fun ahead of him.

Or JimBob, a kitten whose skull was fractured when he tried to steal a large dog's dinner. JimBob nearly died, but instead ended up in the foster care of Suzy, our Cat Coordinator. Suzy and another volunteer figured out how to make a custom-fit crocheted helmet to keep him safe while he healed. Today, JimBob has visual deficits and other issues, but he is otherwise thriving. He remains in Suzy's care, and if the right home comes along he'll be adopted out, but if not, he'll remain with UAF and Suzy for the rest of his happy life.

When we say we're on a rescue mission, we mean it. Behind each broken body is a special spirit, and turning each grim tale into a happily ever after makes it all worthwhile.



JimBob



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### No Longer Astray

We've had a great year so far, with over 80 pups finding their forever homes. There have been great times and difficult times, but it's worth it all to see a dog that was on death row now living in a wonderful home with the love of a family and a family to love.

We've had some heartbreaking moments with puppies that have been very ill, and some wonderful moments seeing many of those very sick pups fully recover and get adopted into forever families.



Many of our puppies come from Texas because the need there is so great. These pups have had a very rough start to their lives and normally need medical care on some level. It's so rewarding to see them get healthy and find their forever families.

We get asked often how we can let these puppies go after having some of them for an extended period of time, but our answer is always the same. It's bittersweet, but seeing a pup's face light up when they meet their new family for the first time, knowing these puppies will never see another shelter or rescue environment, makes it all worth it.



We watched this happen with several of our beautiful babies at Dogtoberfest this year.

Sweet little Jayden came to us from a kill shelter in Texas, where she had been put on the euthanasia list due to a skin condition. She was treated by a foster in Texas and brought to Arizona, where we fell in love with her. After assessing her temperament we considered her for therapy work, but decided it would be better for her to have a home of her own and a family to love her.

We brought her to Dogtoberfest where she found a wonderful family who is going to train her for therapy work. She will go with her new owner everywhere and have the opportunity to help and bless many lives.



It was bittersweet to let her go but we know in our heart we did the best thing for Jayden. Nala, Nina, and Molly also found their forever homes at Dogtoberfest. It was a great day, and we can't wait for next year.

God has blessed our rescue above and beyond our dreams this year. We look forward to many more wonderful adoptions as we approach the end of this year, and we so look forward to the next.

Thank you to all of you who have adopted pups from our rescue or supported us in some way. We are deeply grateful.



### Circle L Ranch - "The Bucket List," From Liz's Heart

The Circle of Life continued with newborn pot bellied piggies, puppies, and kids (baby goats), all born at the Ranch in January of this year. We took in many seniors, a few three-legged dogs, and numerous litters of pups including eight 2-week old babies whose mom was not being kind and nurturing. They went into 24-hour care immediately with 3 wonderful fosters including Dr. O'Sullivan who took 4, Dawn and Toby who took 2 each. We thank them all for the 3-hour shifts and constant attention so the pups can become their very best. We also had baby goats arrive at the ranch at only 2.5 weeks old; they went into foster care with Delila and Samantha.



We lost a few sanctuary residents and we saw adoptions as a result of our Golden Paws Program for senior dogs. One of the first was special because it was Heidi, one of our Katrina dogs, who finally got her chance to live as a beloved pet with volunteers, Kathleen & Gary.

We know how sad it is when we realize we will lose one of our dogs to age or illness. A new program called THE BUCKET LIST will work with

dogs whose passing is recognized ahead of the time.

The program will open when we receive news of a serious problem or realize one of our dogs is approaching its last good days. We put together 5 to 10 ideas for that dog, customized to fit each one – their abilities, personalities, and the situation. We'll send it to all volunteers, whom we ask to take one of those ideas and share it with that dog.

It can be as simple as a ride to the park to smell around, lay in the grass and have lunch (maybe ice cream), to wade in a lake, go for a hike; anything that will make their final days special. I know we all do our best to make their lives better but I think this is just as important.

We would create a Bucket List Fund at the Ranch to cover costs of lunches, trips, or treats. If you are willing to take them for an outing but don't want to use your car, you are more than welcome to use the company van.



Max (left) with friend Lola

We just learned that our wonderful boy Max does indeed have cancer. We are going to do everything in our power to make him as comfortable for however many days he has left. We want to include Lola in it, because she is his BFF. If you have questions, please call me.



Max

Here is a list we made especially for Max:

1. A trip to the lake
2. A large ice cream
3. A great lunch away from the ranch (steak, pork chops, a large hamburger)
4. A meaty bone to chew on for as long as he likes
5. A special cake made for dogs
6. A picnic at the courthouse to sit on the grass
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### Hello. My name is Jake.

I, Jake, have attached my selfie, hoping you will consider me for your magazine. My Mom and Dad would LOVE to see me in "Prescott Dog Magazine." They would be so, so proud!

I was a lost and unhappy soul, a little on the dirty side, lost, dirty, and thin when I was found roaming Glassford Hill Road late last January. The folks at Yavapai Humane Society bathed, fed me, and gave me a safe place to sleep.

A week later, my new Mom and Dad fell in love with me. Their old Goldendoodle had recently passed away, and they were on their way home in Cottonwood to see the movie "A Dog's Purpose." They were looking for "catharsis."

With an hour before the movie, they came to the shelter. We met and fell in love, and left together for our beautiful, home, filled with cuddles, food and treats, a big yard, and chew toys! Mom and Dad never got to see the movie that day. Maybe I was their "catharsis."

Thank you in advance for considering my "selfie."

Sincerely yours, Jake

Parents' Note: The preceding is by our approximately 4-year-old White German Shepherd dog named Jake. He is a lovely addition to our family of 2 humans and 2 cats. He is extremely handsome, well-behaved, incredibly devoted and loyal, playful as a pup, and always "smiling".



### Doings at the Catty Shack

While we have rescued more cats than ever before in this banner year of the kitten, we still took the time out to give the Catty Shack a needed mini facelift.

Volunteers power washed and painted the front of the building, screened in the front porch and all windows, painted doors, trim and lawn chairs, hung festive streamers and trimmed the yard with only a little outside help. Kudos to their hard work and dedication.

We joined Petfinder, which opened a world of adopters for us.

We have fosters who have been watching over their kittens since March making sure the babies thrive until they are old enough to be altered and come to the Shack for adoption. Unless you have fostered, you might not understand what it entails: how well will kittens relate to people and become adoptable?

We are still taking in abandoned cats. We are also still looking for a bigger facility so we can rescue even more cats in distress and house them until they can find a home.



We are planning for the Last-Minute Non-Profit Stocking Stuffer which is in its 26th year, so if you have any items to donate that we might sell, we would really appreciate it.

We're also always looking for volunteers and fosters. For more info, come by the Catty Shack at 609 S. Granite St or call us at 928-778-6951.

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# ADOPT -A-DOG

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**Sweetie Pie** is a terrier mix. She weighs about 40 pounds and is 2 years old. She has a little stub of a tail. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Annie** is an Australian shepherd mix. She is around 5-6 months old. She has beautiful coloring and a gorgeous coat. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Maggie** is around 7 months old and looks to be lab, with maybe a little whippet. She is friendly and has a nice demeanor. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



We think **Pete** is a schnauzer. He is around 20 pounds and about 2-3 years old. This guy has personality plus. He loves toys and other dogs. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Roxy** is a lab mix. She is around 2 years old and has a very nice disposition. Roxy is friendly with everyone she meets. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Zuni** is a rat terrier mix with a kooky underbite. She weighs about 8 pounds and has long legs. She walks well on leash. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Raquel** is a white shepherd and lab mix who weighs about 50 pounds. Raquel is house trained, has excellent manners, and gets along great with other dogs. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Willie** is a shepherd and golden mix who weighs about 50 pounds and is around 3 years old. He is a sweet, well mannered dog with good house habits. United Animal Friends uafdogs@gmail.com



**Riley** is as sweet as they come. Riley is looking for a home where she can make her people laugh and can receive lots of hugs. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



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Hi. I'm **Balley**, and I'm a sweet old girl who needs to get to know you slowly. I'm very sweet though. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



I'm **Jethro**. I'm a little puppy in this big hound dog body! I love to romp around and play. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



I'm **Neeko**, and I'm meeko, but I once warmed up, I can be a very friendly dog. I'm best with kids older than 7. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



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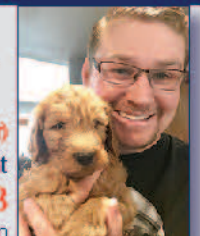


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# ADOPT -A-DOG

**Julia** is one of two sisters that are Beagle Shar-Pei mix. These girls need to stay together as they are extremely bonded. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**Bean** is about 4-5 months old. He is a Heeler/blue pit bull mix. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**Lilly** is an extremely sweet, lovable, friendly, approximately 3-4 year-old female Pointer mix. She rides well in the car, is good with people and other dogs. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**Stella** appears to be a fox terrier mix who is about 2-3 years old. If you can provide this girl with a loving home, please give us a call. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**Ritz** is a 5-year-old Jack Russell mix. Ritz is a sweet girl and is good with other dogs. She would probably be best in an adult only home. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005



**Meemee** is a 10-year-old spaniel mix. She loves her people and is good with other dogs. She likes taking walks and is potty trained. Circle L Ranch (928) 73-7005



**Abby** is an Akita mix who is about a year old. She is incredibly sweet and will come over and wrap her arms around you for a hug. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



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# KITTY KORNER: CATS AT WORK

Story & photos by Allie Werhan

Dogs that work for a living are no surprise. We have cattle dogs, shepherds, police and military dogs, therapy and service dogs...and the list goes on. What about cats? Barn cats are a good example of working cats; cats also work in a variety of other venues, both to catch mice and to add some class to the shop. Here are some working cats you might like to know.

Melcher Printing, at 8660 E. Valley Road in Prescott Valley, has had a shop cat for years, not always the same one. Two cats ago, the kitty they hired changed his mind and hid in the shelves, so he retired and a new cat was taken on. He worked out very well, in fact, the family liked him so much, they took him home and brought in the current kitty, Stormy.

Stormy loves her job. The people who work at Melcher's, and the owners, Amanda and Phil Anderson, love her. She basks inside the front window, behind a big photo of herself on the shop wall, enjoying the sun. She has a jug of water and some treats handy, too. There are customers who come in just to see Stormy,

and some of them bring treats and spend time petting her. A word of warning: don't spend much time petting her tummy; she doesn't like that.

Occasionally Stormy makes an outdoor lizard excursion, but mostly she stays inside, visiting her hiding spots, the clients, and the staff. She spends nights in the shop too, but who knows what she does then?

Ivan Basso is another working cat who rules the roost at High Gear Bike Shop, 505 E. Sheldon St. in downtown Prescott. He has lived there since he was a baby. A neighbor caught him with a skunk trap baited with bacon. He spent 5 years sleeping in the back room of the shop, eating supper, and going to bed while Cindy Berger and the others went home. Ivan Basso, also called Basso Kitty, has full run of the shop 24/7.

Basso is a good kitty, playing with the kids who come in, and graciously allowing customers

to feed him snacks and admire him. His favorite game is to wait by the cash register and as soon as Cindy hands a receipt to the customer, he snatches that paper and takes off.

He likes most dogs, but not dachshunds. Something about them sets him off.

He gets cards and gifts at his birthday and holidays and many visitors who come to the bike shop just to say hi to him. He greets people and tries to get into purses or bags sometimes, just to satisfy his curiosity.

When Cindy or other staff whistles to Basso, he responds instantly. It reminds me of the way herding dogs respond to whistles. He does go outside sometimes, but is always in by suppertime. He'll paw at the door and meow until someone lets him inside.

Cindy says, "At this time in his life, he needs to be a working cat, taking care of customers and being in the thick of things. It's who he is."

Leigh Simmons Skellenger, owner of The Book Haven at 3040 N. Windsong Drive in Prescott Valley, told me, "Book store cats are a very old tradition. Bookstores had to have cats because mice would eat the bindings."

A few years ago when bookstores were closing right and left, Leigh decided to open a book store to take advantage of that vacu-

um, and she knew from the first that she would have a cat. Her husband, Vaun, discouraged her because he thought a cat would be bad for business.

After the store was open 6 or 7 months, Leigh hired her cat, Isis, a sleek black beauty, to work the store. Isis needed a little training to realize it was good to talk to the customers, come out from under the desk and get on top, and generally to keep things running smoothly.

Soon her own fans were coming in to see Isis, give her treats, and visit with her. There are even some who come from Phoenix. Leigh's friends in Pennsylvania follow Isis on Facebook. She has the run of the store, but doesn't go outside. She is microchipped. She also has her special napping spots throughout the store, but the front window is her favorite. She can keep track of the action, greet people, and enjoy the sunshine.

Vaun, who has his custom woodwork and cabinetry shop in one corner of the bookstore, has had a chance to observe Isis and what her presence does, and says, "That cat is a real asset to the business." Isis just looks smug.



Stormy at Melcher Printing



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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PINON MEADOWS BOARDING & TRAINING STABLE

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

Horse trainer John Frank began riding horses at the age of 9. He got his start at the Pebble Beach Pony Club in Pebble Beach, California. The club largely focused on hunter/jumper training, but offered teachings and competitions in 3-day Eventing, a sport that combines Dressage with both Cross Country and Show Jumping. John found the instructors at Pebble Beach to be impeccable and as he developed great skills in riding, his passion for horses and competitions equally flourished.

Several years later, John moved with his parents to Oregon where he continued his equestrian journey, participating in trail riding and the exhilarating joy of horse riding on nice sandy beaches. He bashfully remembers the boyhood excursion of getting caught riding his horse over a golf course, a big "no no" in this particular community. He was actually fined for the mischievous act.

John Frank's parents were greatly supportive of his riding activities; however they strongly encouraged him to become fiscally responsible in supporting his endeavors. Therefore, John found work in the barns where he received training.

There was a family friend who made the 1964 Olympic riding team from California. He became owner of a training barn in Oregon where John was able to work to feed his passions. He worked for lessons from the extraordinary riders in the Oregon barn. He was able to buy his first horse, a chestnut mare named Gingersnap, by cleaning stalls.

After high school, John's horse training schedule intensified as he poured himself into lessons and into a rigorous circuit of horse competitions. At the time, he was riding both Western and English, which included Hunter/Jumper classes.

Mid way through college, John joined his family overseas, a working trip for his dad. They spent more than 3 months in Europe and were guests of the Shah in Persia where John was invited to ride their great Arabian horses. He reneged at the time, but the occasion was certainly a monumental one to be treasured in John's life of adventure.

Back in California, John continued riding and was now a trainer as well. His previous trainer Ralph Carter had become an instructor at UC Davis and invited John to teach at the Sacramento campus for a summer. The next year, when John packed to go to college, his cargo included a horse, which he trailered to Chico State University. He majored in Psychology while continuing to participate in the horse show circuit.

Between his junior and senior year, John Frank decided that he definitely wanted to be a horse

trainer. His next move was to the International Equestrian Institute of Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia. The 1,000 acre historical estate and horse park is internationally recognized with great regard for their equestrian sports as well as their equestrian center. So, John headed east where he learned a lesson in two major principles: discipline and humility.

The day started early with feeding the horses and cleaning. He was riding at least three horses a day and then there were lectures, and, perhaps the toughest element, Major John Lynch, Director of Morven Park International Equestrian Institute.

Major Lynch, world renowned, was both famous and revered. He was no pussy cat when it came to teaching methods. Though exceptionally adept as an instructor, John found the Major to be severe. It would have been easy to walk away and return home, but John stuck with it and in the end, the Major offered John Frank the opportunity to stay and work on the upcoming Olympic team. John was forced to turn the major down as he had accepted another offer. All-in-all, this amazing experience had brought forth the realization of John's developed talents and skills in the saddle and in the show ring.

John Frank was offered the position of trainer at Indian Springs Equestrian Center in Salinas, California, across the street from the famous Monty Robert's barn. Indian Springs was primarily a Hunter/Jumper barn, but included teachings in Hunt Seat and other disciplines. This facility gave John the opportunity to work with Arabian horses, training and showing, and he worked plenty of hours. This man has developed such a signature style with his training that to this day, friends and associates ask him to make their horse a "John Frank Horse".

John has trained nationally as well as internationally. He has worked with great professionals and he has trained many a horse for California celebrities and those of notoriety.

In 2011, John began the building of a dream, his very own training barn in Prescott, Arizona. With much thought, and equal passion, Pinon Meadows was conceived. The name of the barn was purposely reminiscent to that of Spruce Meadows, a prominent facility in Canada.

The making of Pinon Meadows did not happen over night. First, there was the arena design. Next,

fencing, paddocks, and the all-important barn. Clients came by word-of-mouth. He has a proficient barn manager to help with the boarded horses and daily routine. He also oversees the management of a neighboring barn.

John Frank loves where the journey has taken him, a bridle path of twists and turns. He claims he "will always be around to show horses and train", a lifestyle that has become a life. And now, John continues to inspire students to realize their full potential as he trains in all disciplines of horsemanship.

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Western Riding. Photo courtesy of John Frank.



John Frank at home with horse Traveller & Great Dane Sapphire. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.



John Frank competing on Arabian/Warmblood Traveller. Photo courtesy of John Frank.



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# SAVING HOUSTON'S CATS

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Dr. Caroline A. O'Sullivan and Barbara Thomas.

Over a decade ago, during the great Katrina hurricane disaster, rescuers learned a lot about saving animals during the destruction. A Federal law was passed authorizing FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to save and care for pets and other animals. That still left literally thousands of dogs and cats in need of rescue and placement after Hurricane Harvey's destruction.

Best Friends of Utah (BF) response team has deployed to Texas to rescue stranded animals, deliver supplies, and transport displaced shelter pets so they can be rehomed. Local holistic veterinarian Dr. Caroline A. O'Sullivan, and Barbara Thompson of Holistic Animal Care rescue group in Prescott Valley/Dewey, are part of that response team. They went to Houston recently to transport cats to shelters where they have room and can help the cats.

The volunteering process began with Dr. O'Sullivan signing up with BF, of which her rescue is a part, to travel to Houston and participate in taking cats to their new shelters. She and Barbara prepared according to their instructions and also took what personal items they would need. They drove a van across country to Houston.

Although they brought crates, BF provided their own, of several sizes. "BF staff helped us pack the crates into the vehicle so they wouldn't slide. Each animal had a sheet of paper on top of the crate with its records and numbers."

BF is fanatical about record keeping. If someone thinks BF took their cat by mistake, they can track it down with their record system. They are legally bound to take the animal back to the owner. The animals they take have no known families.

Although it is not part of the transporters' responsibility, they found out that BF has a medical protocol to prepare the animals for

transport, as well as making sure they are taking the correct animals. These animals were pushed out of shelters when the storm hit to make room for the pets with homes, parents and/or records.

Barbara and Dr. O'Sullivan had cats with two assigned destinations, one in New Mexico, another in Chandler, Arizona, and their own rescue in Dewey. Best Friends had already made all the decisions, so the travelers met the other rescue people only briefly when they delivered the cats. Both groups wanted more cats than were assigned to them, so they will be getting another group.

The cats are all of unknown origin so are labeled feral or barn cats. Dr. O'Sullivan says that can be a misleading label because once the cats have a few days to settle down, get over being scared and stressed out, their behavior may be entirely different. A new environment and time to reacclimate may result in cats who are adoptable.

"We have no idea what kind of stress these cats have gone through," she says. "Now that they have a chance to rest and feel safe, it will make a lot of difference for them."

Of the truckload of cats, Holistic Animal Care ended up with five. The entire trip expense of over \$800 came out of Dr. O'Sullivan's and Barbara's pockets. They are ready to do it again, and are waiting the call from Best Friends.

We all know that, unfortunately, right after Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma plowed into the coast of Florida as well as damaging other states, and right after that, Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and other islands. Best Friends has teams working in all those areas to help the animals, pets as well as farm animals. This enormous job will take a long time to complete.

Best Friends has many groups unable to transport who want cats and dogs as well, so they need help transporting. This rescue from the hurricane is a long, involved process, and is nowhere near over.

"It is a long way from over," Dr. O'Sullivan says. "It is clear that Holistic Animal Care wants to help dogs and cats devastated by Hurricane Harvey and will continue to do so. If there are any other 501C3 groups in our area who want to take Hurricane Harvey animals but are unable to transport, and can help with costs or people, or both, we are willing to help them."

Dr. O'Sullivan likened the Best Friends process as a big machine.

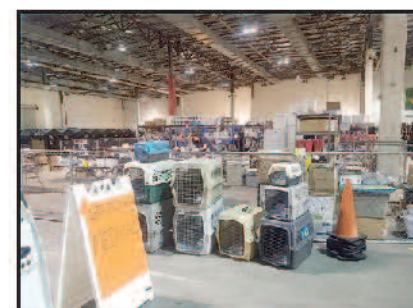
"We are a small part of that machine," she says.

The BF people and people in rescue groups like Holistic Animal Care have compassion and concern for animals just as all rescue groups do. All the people with training and knowledge of animals are part of this machine and can reach out to help, through funding, fosters, transport, spreading the news by educating the community about what is happening...even planning for the future in case they have a disaster in their own area.

When her cats from Houston mellow, Dr. O'Sullivan wants to adopt them to local people, as barn cats if needed, but maybe as pets. She and Barbara are ready to get on the road to Houston for more cats, or dogs for that matter, wherever the need is greatest. They will be ready as long as the need exists.



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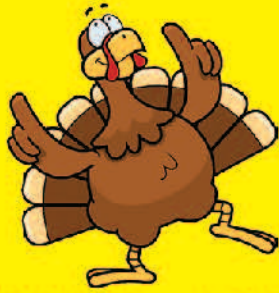
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# TOXINS KILL: VETS TOUT QUICK ACTION TO SAVE LIVES

Story & Photo by Briana Lonas

No matter what time of year it is or how busy our lives get – it's important to take the time and keep possible toxins out of the reach of your pets.

Dogs, in particular, fall victim to many household and prescription items partly because of a curious palette and nature.

Cindy Barnes, DVM and Medical Director for the Pet Emergency Hospital in Prescott, advises that if you suspect your furry loved one has ingested any sort of toxin, do not delay.

"Most of the time, we can induce vomiting and get the substance out of the system early. Digestion isn't immediate, and the sooner we can induce, the better."

She stresses that the advice of any veterinarian would be to act quickly and get your pet to emergency care.

"Inducing vomiting, for the most part, is safe and a lot of times it can save their life."

What about some of the home remedies? Oftentimes, pet owners have the best intentions and may even seek advice on the Internet.

For example, hydrogen peroxide was once the tried-and-true home remedy, but Barnes said that new studies show high doses of peroxide can cause necrosis of the stomach's gastric lining. Don't use Ipecac syrup, either.

Barnes explained that when it comes to life-saving medications, her clinic utilizes an exact, prescribed dosage based on the animal's weight. Dogs and cats require different dosages.

Over-the-counter and prescription medications present their own dangers to animals. OTCs can mask symptoms that can help your vet determine what is going on.

Barnes warns pet owners not to be tempted to administer baby Tylenol, Advil, aspirin, or ibuprofen. She said that while owners may think they are doing their pets a favor, really they are hindering



Cindy Barnes, DVM

a veterinarian's ability to help. For instance, baby aspirin may interfere with pain management. OTCs combined with veterinarian administered meds could have detrimental side effects.

Benadryl is fairly safe, she said. The best thing to do if you are concerned that your dog may have been stung by a bee or insect is to go ahead and give a dose of Benadryl on the way to your veterinarian facility. However, do call the vet and ask for the appropriate dose while en route to the clinic.

"The biggest thing I see is people under dosing. It's best to call your vet," Barnes said.

Pepto Bismol can have harmful effects and may not be beneficial for diarrhea in animals. Pepto causes black, tarry stools, and if the pet owner doesn't volunteer that they gave the medicine then the vet may think your dog has a bleeding ulcer.

"If you give meds, report everything -- even if it's one half an aspirin," Barnes advises.

Many times, pets get into their owner's prescription medications and Barnes recalled one case

whereby a little dog got into some heart medication.

"It was an extended release medication, and the dog got a couple of pills. He was here in intensive care for four days, IV drips. We had to keep his heart going; it stopped twice. But he lived. We get situations like that all the time."

Aside from over-the-counter poisons, antifreeze is another common chemical harmful to dogs. Despite the greenish color, this liquid is enticingly sweet and seems to attract dogs. Unfortunately, in some cases, people inject antifreeze into meat to poison wildlife or a neighbor's barking dog. Barnes said that if not caught early enough, antifreeze poisoning may cause acute renal failure or kidney disease.

Rat bait is another problem.

Dogs sometimes ingest rat poisoning found in the garage or other areas of a home. "The old type of rat poisoning was an anticoagulant, which causes internal bleeding. A lot of times people don't realize their animal is sick until it's too late; you don't always have overt signs," Barnes said.

"Rat bait manufacturers have now come up with a newer formula with an active ingredient called bromethalin that causes brain swelling. Barnes said there is no antidote for it, although new studies reveal a potential supplement therapy may help treat this type of poisoning.

"We get people in all the time that believe their dog has been poisoned. A majority of the time, it's rat poison."

Another problem is the uptick in cases where dogs ingest their owner's marijuana.

With more and more people receiving medical marijuana cards, the unfortunate side effect of this increase is the increase in cases coming to the emergency room. She said when owners bring their pets in, some are very forthright about what they may

have ingested. Others take a little coaxing, she said.

"We don't care. We're not going to pick up the phone and call the police. Our only concern is the care of the animal. We need to know what the animal got into so we can treat it appropriately," Barnes said.

The emergency hospital also has seen an increase in cases where dogs have ingested methamphetamines.

"Those are really sad. Some make it, others don't make it," she said.

On the flip side of the toxin list is something seemingly harmless and that is chocolate.

"We see tons of those cases every holiday," Barnes said and recalled when her own dog ate a large quantity of chocolate and macadamia nut candy from her kitchen counter.

"Macadamia nuts can cause paralysis. Chocolate can stop the heart. If it doesn't do that, it can cause pancreatitis," she said. Her dog is fine now, but even when you feel your holiday goodies are out of range, an energetic pet with an agenda can often find a way to reach those forbidden treats.

Garlic and foods in the onion family also prove toxic.

Barnes said she and her staff work hard to stay on top of all the latest technologies and stresses that pet owners should remain vigilant and never hesitate to get their pet into the clinic at the first signs of trouble.

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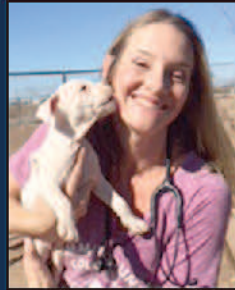
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**Story & photos by Cheryl Hartz**

Don't expect a leisurely amble on a city sidewalk when you traverse Sedona's North Urban Trail System, East or West. Urban in this case simply means that the nine interconnected trails in spectacular Red Rock Country are in the heart of Sedona. Most of the time you'll forget the busy town surrounds you. Occasionally you'll spot homes in the distance.

The North Urban trails run from the Jim Thompson Trailhead on the east end to the Thunder Mountain Trailhead to the west. To park, you'll need a Red Rock Pass, available all over Sedona, and at the Jim Thompson Trailhead at the end of Park Ridge Drive.

Jordan Trail is part of the eastern portion, which also includes Cibola Pass, Teacup, Sugarloaf Loop and Sugarloaf Summit trails, with access at the Jim Thompson Trailhead. The North Urban Trail is in the Coconino National Forest and operated by the Red Rock District, phone 928-203-2900.

Jordan and Cibola Pass trails create a 2-mile loop with areas of shade and a net elevation gain of about 200 feet. The trails through manzanita, scrub oak, pinon pines and prickly pear provide moderate ups and downs which you might not even notice because of the spectacular views of wind-sculpted red rock formations.

The Jordan Trail is open to mountain bicyclists, equestrians and hikers. Because it enters the Red Rock Secret Mountain Wilderness, Cibola Pass Trail doesn't allow mountain bikes. Both trails connect to the Soldier Pass area and the Devil's Kitchen sinkhole to the west, only another 1.3 miles, with the same elevation gain.

Temperatures can be chilly in late fall and winter, but you're not likely to encounter snow-covered trails. Wear layers you can shed, and bring plenty of water and sunblock. Hint: you'll need all those layers



**From the Jordan Trail, wind-sculpted red rock formations greet you from every direction.**

of clothing when the sun goes down.

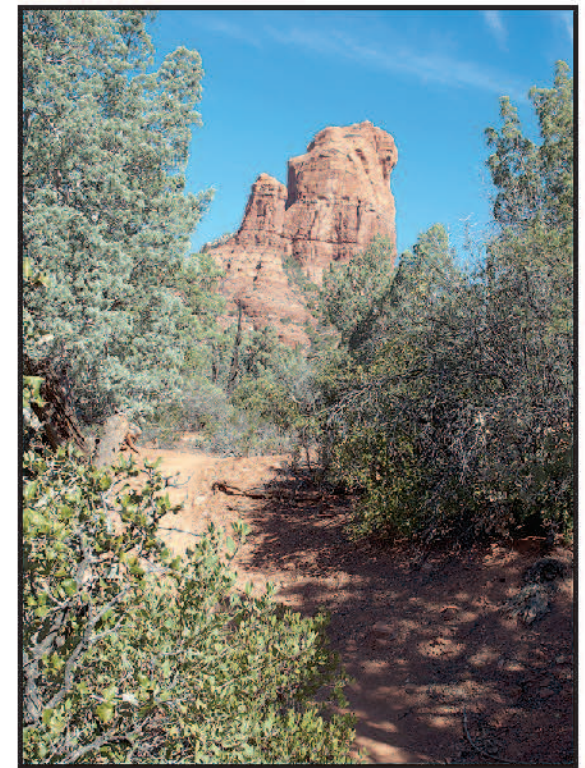
We all are well aware that Prescott is Arizona's Christmas City. But our neighbor Sedona lights up during the holiday season as well, especially at Tlaquepaque. By happy coincidence, the east Urban Trails are very near there, so here's a post-hike suggestion: choose one of many fine area restaurants to fuel you for a visit to Tlaquepaque after dark. (Some restaurants are dog-friendly, too.) If having your socks turn red from the powdery Jordan Trail hasn't put you in the holiday spirit already, the magical displays certainly will.

Some events and dates to consider: new event this year is the Tlaquepaque Tree Trail, Friday, Nov. 24 – Saturday, Dec. 2, where you can buy a raffle ticket for one of 20 specially decorated trees, to benefit Toys for Tots; Sedona's Tree lighting is Friday, Dec. 1; Saturday, Dec. 9 is the Festival of Lights (luminarias); Holiday Sweet Stroll is Saturday, Dec. 16. More information is available at [www.tlaq.com](http://www.tlaq.com), or at [www.sedonachamber.com](http://www.sedonachamber.com).

To get to the Jim Thompson Trailhead: From the junction of State Routes 89A and 179, take 89A north 0.3 miles to Jordan Road on the left. Follow Jordan Road into the Jordan

Park Subdivision and turn left onto Park Ridge Drive at the T-intersection. Continue 0.4 miles to the end of the road at the parking area. Toilets are available at the trailhead.

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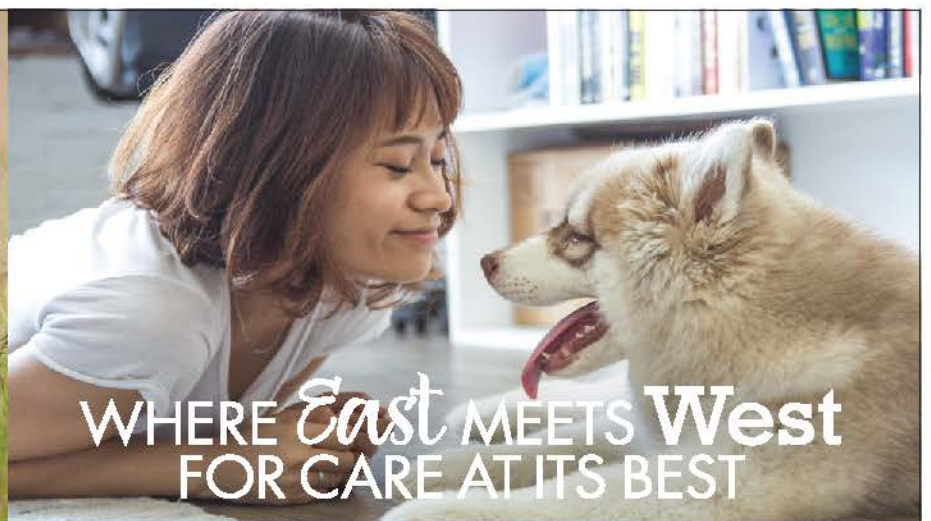
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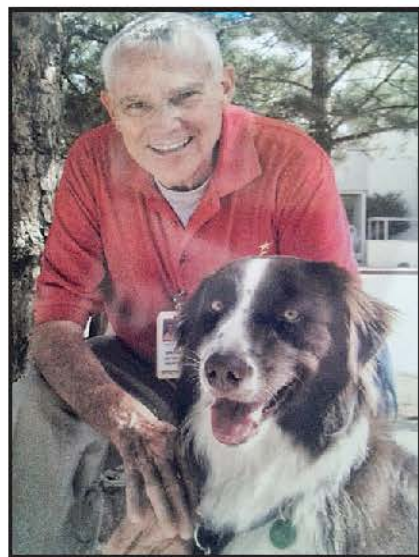
# VETERANS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE

Story & photos Gary DeGeronimo

Walk down the halls of the Veterans Administration Buildings in Prescott, Arizona and you will meet some very dedicated and unique people. There are health care professionals as well as volunteers who look after our great veterans every day at the VA Hospital.

And within this facility, there is a very special volunteer team that visits the patients there in order to bring a little comfort and lots of smiles that only they can deliver. That would be Don Packard and his wonderful Therapy Dog, Sailor. Of course, you will only have to mention the name Sailor and both patients and staff will know that Don tags along while Sailor creates the magic.

Don is truly that veteran who continues to serve. From 1961 to 1981 Don was a member of the United States Air Force. During that 20 years of service, Don has found himself stationed in Japan, Panama Canal, and Viet Nam, just to name a few. But even after those 20 years, Don wasn't finished with his service.



Don Packard & Sailor

Just about six years ago, Don brought a young Australian Shepherd home, named him Sailor, and things have never been the same. Don did an exceptional job of training Sailor and in 2013 completed the requirements from the VA Hospital to become a volunteer and visit as a therapy dog team. Sailor was a natural, and it didn't take long before he was one of the VA's top dogs.

Then in 2014, I had the pleasure to meet Don and Sailor for the first time as they successfully completed the evaluation process through the Pet Partners Therapy Dog Program in order to volunteer as a Therapy Dog Team with the Yavapai Regional Medical Center's PAWS (Pets Are Warm Support) Therapy Dog Program. It wasn't long before Don and Sailor captured the hearts of both staff and patients at this facility as well.

Don can tell you many stories, as most Therapy Dog Teams can, of the times when a visit to a patient or staff was especially rewarding. Don shared with me one of those special moments, and it was an experience that I will always remember.

One day, Don and Sailor were visiting an elderly Navy Veteran at the VA Hospital who was truly thrilled to see Sailor. After a few minutes of visiting, the Navy Veteran looked at Sailor with a serious and fixed stare, and as he focused on Sailor, he snapped into a military salute.

As the Veteran held the salute, Sailor immediately sat up and raised his paw, as if to be returning the salute. Obviously, this was a very emotional



Sailor preparing to salute

moment, from one Sailor to another sailor.

So, now we know that Don and Sailor are big hits at the VA Hospital as well as Yavapai Regional Medical Center. But they do not stop there. Don and Sailor have been visiting Hospice Family Care once a week for about three and a half years. And it goes without saying, they play a very important role during those visits with folks who could use the gentle touch of Sailor.



Therapy Dog Volunteer Jake

As you can see, Don has managed to keep himself pretty busy visiting all these facilities and putting in hundreds of hours of volunteer times. But again, Don hasn't stopped there. About two years ago, a little Aussie puppy named Jake found his way into Don's heart. And in keeping with Don's passion of a veteran who continues to serve, he has trained Jake, who has now successfully completed his Pet Partners Therapy Dog evaluation and will begin to follow in the footsteps of his big brother Sailor.

Of course, both Sailor and Jake must share Don with their older sister Katie, a thirteen-year-old mixed breed who Don and his wife Darlene rescued way back when. And it appears that Katie is the queen of the four-legged crew and keeps Sailor and Jake in line. Don is also able to get in a four to five mile walk daily with his four-legged kids, which keeps the whole clan in shape so they can keep up with their busy volunteer schedule.

As we know, all veterans are special, and we will also be thankful for their service to our country. When we meet a veteran, we will continue to say "Thank you for your service." But when it comes to a veteran like Don Packard, I will always say "Thank you for your continued service."



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# HORSES BRING UNIQUE SKILLS TO SEARCH AND RESCUE MOUNTED UNIT

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photo courtesy Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

When people think of Search and Rescue units, they may not immediately think of horses. But the Yavapai County Search and Rescue Team's Mounted Unit plays an integral role when it comes to finding a lost person in this vast area.

Craig Stevens is the manager of the YCSRT Mounted Unit. Currently 10 members join the other six units that make up the team - Search Dogs, Back Country, 4x4, Quads, Southern Unit and the Incident Command Team.

Each of the teams has distinctive skills, and each is called out on an incident according to what is needed for the terrain and type of search. Working under YCSRT, each unit has its own checking account, policies and procedures, required training and scheduled meetings.

Stevens said horses can cover a large amount of rough terrain in a short time, and they possess a sense of smell, sight and hearing that rivals that of some search dogs. It helps if the rider is truly tuned in to his mount, as Stevens is to the horse he has ridden for 21 years.

"I can look at his ears and follow his body language. Sometimes he'll slam on the brakes and focus a half mile away. He won't move, and I'll sight between his ears to see what he's looking at. There is something out there that he has alerted to, and it tells me I need to head in that direction. I trust him, and I'll radio in to say I'm going to check it out," he said. "They know if something's out of the ordinary."

Sometimes, because of various reasons, a lost person does not want to be found, Stevens said, and an animal's senses are invaluable in the search.

"A horse can smell or detect movement 100 yards away," he said.

The Mounted Unit does not get called out on a lot of searches - generally three to four a year - which can be a turnoff for some riders, Stevens said. But when their skills are needed, it pays to be ready.

"We are definitely a resource the department can count on because of the way we search," he said.

This year, the Unit has participated in two searches. One was in the Ash Fork area, where there was a huge expanse of land to search for a lost person with Alzheimer's disease. They searched for four days with no success, and knew the likelihood of finding the victim alive was slim. They regrouped and two days later found the woman sitting under a tree. She had passed away several days before.

"That was heartbreaking," Stevens said, but he knows that, while tragic, finding even a deceased person brings closure to family members.

A few months later, the Unit was called out to the same area, where an elderly man had gone for a walk with his dog and did not return. More than 100 people assisted in the search, and located him across a wash, disoriented but alive. Searchers were unable to get

to him, but called in his location, and a helicopter lifted him out.

"He's alive to tell about it, and that was a 'feel good' search. We hope that happens every time," Stevens said.

Three of the members in the Mounted Unit are new. Upon joining, they complete an extensive Sheriff's Office background check, and then attend the Search and Rescue Academy, a state-mandated two-day training. The unit usually meets once a month, and schedules a training each month as well. Members are required to attend six meetings and four trainings per year to stay active.

Trainings focus a lot on the use of GPS, a crucial device that helps incident commanders determine the scope and coverage of a search. This training is done without the horses, but field training also is important.

"In field trainings, the most common is the line search," Stevens said.

"Six or eight riders will line up side by side and 20 feet apart, and ride abreast, turn in unison and come back. The space between horses is governed by topography - canyons and brush."

The unit also studies how to use topography and other maps to determine the best approach to take to a search, especially important in an area where riders have never been. Their approach also may change depending on who they are searching for, an elderly person or a child for instance.

"All of those factors play into how we search and how we train for scenarios," he said.

The Mounted Unit doesn't look for a particular breed, size or type of horse that can be a part of the team. They do, however, seek experienced riders with calm animals that are used to riding in the back country.

"The people we look for would be trail riders used to the outback and rocks, who don't always ride on trails or in the arena. The rider needs to be 18 or older," Stevens said.

Members provide their own horses, trailers, saddles and tack, and GPS unit. Grants help to supply uniforms, packs, saddle bags, jackets and other needs. When training, Unit members pay for their own travel, but if on a search, they are reimbursed for gas and food. They are also insured under Workmen's Compensation.

Stevens finds his participation in the Mounted Unit is fulfilling.

"I love it," he said. "It's an adrenaline rush when you get that call, at whatever time of day or night. All the training comes into focus - this is the real deal. I might get to save someone's life, and that's what drives all of us."

"To save a life with what you love to do is pretty terrific in my viewpoint."

The Unit is always looking for qualified members. For information on the Unit or how to apply, call Craig Stevens at 928-300-2723 or email [craigstevens224@gmail.com](mailto:craigstevens224@gmail.com).



From left are Lori Stavropoulos, Steve Endicott, Art Bertolina, Elaine Eaton McCants, and Wayne Hershey. Not pictured is Director Craig Stevens. Photo Courtesy YCSRT.



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# PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE RUN SEASONED K9 FORCE

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster

Prescott Valley Police Department's K9 unit consists of three dogs, each with its own personality and unique set of skills. Together, the three dogs and their handlers combine a wealth of drug detection, tracking and patrol experience.

PVPD Sgt. Keven O'Hagan handled Bojar, the department's first explosives detection dog, for three years. He later moved on from the K9 Unit to advance to SWAT, became a corporal, and later a sergeant. Now he's come full circle as the sergeant responsible for the Prescott Valley K9 Unit.

The current unit consists of Officer Layton Cooper with Belgian Malinois Jake, Matt Williams with German Shepherd Turco, and Caleb Cozens with PVPD's newest addition, Labrador Toyo.

Jake came to the department in 2013, from another agency in Oxnard, California that was downsizing its K9 program. He distinguished himself before joining Prescott Valley's unit, and after he arrived, with former Prescott Valley Officer Dave McNally, and now is continuing his good work with Officer Cooper.

While Jake is all business on the job, he is a community favorite because he loves to be loved. As soon as someone shows interest in him, he rolls over for a belly rub. Nearly eight years old, Jake

is within a year or so of retirement. He has done a stellar job for the Prescott Valley department on patrol, with four apprehensions of criminals, and in many drug finds.

Turco, O'Hagan said, has been doing solid drug work both with PVPD and with the Partners Against Narcotic Trafficking (PANT). The dogs are available for the asking to help any local law enforcement agency in need of their skills. While Turco never has been fond of crowds, he is gaining confidence, and is showing a great ability for tracking. Recently he tracked scent from a business burglary and found evidence that may help officers solve the crime.

Playful Toyo, the department's newest K9, has turned into a drug detection machine, O'Hagan said. Toyo's effectiveness is enhanced by her handler, Officer Cozens. Cozens came to Prescott Valley from Chino Valley and PANT, where he also worked in drug interdiction. "Officer Cozens is one of the better drug hunters in the department," O'Hagan added. "He has a passion for chasing drugs, and

Toyo is the tool that helps him to do the job better."

Congressman Paul Gosar visited the Prescott Valley Police Department in May to honor Officer Cozens, who was chosen Officer of the Year for 2016, and Toyo. The visit was part of Gosar's rounds to various police departments in observation of the month's Police Week. During the congressman's visit, Cozens and Officer Williams with Turco gave a demonstration of narcotics detection and bite work.

O'Hagan stressed that this K9 Unit, like others in the Tri-Cities, exists largely on donations from the community. The department is currently asking citizens to join a Facebook campaign to help win a \$5,000 K9 grant from the Aftermath company. Just visit:

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Officer Caleb Cozens ready to reward Toyo for a drug find during a demonstration for Congressman Paul Gosar in May. PHOTO BY CHRIS KISSLING.



K9 Jake is always ready for a belly rub. PHOTO BY HEIDI DAHMS FOSTER.



Officer Matt Williams and Officer Caleb Cozens demonstrate bite work with Turco for Congressman Paul Gosar in May. PHOTO BY CHRIS KISSLING.



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# MAKING HORSE SENSE: SAVE A HORSE - HERE'S HOW

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley

You've heard of lost dogs and stray cats? Well, it can happen to horses too. So, here are some sensible solutions when the occasion rears up.

It was the morning after a terrific lightening storm that barn manager Cherie Zuelke arrived at Pinon Meadows in Williamson Valley. As she opened the entry gates, two horses rapidly whizzed past her to enter (without invitation), in panic mode. Cherie was quick to enclose them and then contain them in paddocks until she could further pursue their identities, and consequently, find their owners.

The sorrel mare was recognized and the owner, a neighbor, was notified immediately. But, as for the Appaloosa stallion refugee, nobody on the premises recognized him. He was a striking Leopard Appaloosa, the kind of horse that is unique to see because of its spotted pattern. So, barn manager Cherie and owner John Frank kept their new equine visitor contained and away from the other horses, and began their process of investigation to find the Appy's owner.

First, they began calling all of the local equine veterinary offices. No luck. Then, great luck as a friend of the training stable was successful in locating the owner of the stray stallion. She utilized the internet to find him on the Arizona Stallion Directory. He was easy to "spot" due to his own "leopard spots".



**Appaloosa stallion Native Sun CM. Photo by Maya DeNell.**

The owner had the stallion featured in the directory, therefore her contact information was readily available.

The call was made, and as it turned out, her horse had been staying at a nearby ranch while she was away. The stallion and the sorrel mare, both at different neighborhood barns, were frightened by the thunderstorm, and broke loose until morning when they found each other and Cherie opening the gates. All are now home safe. Wonderful end of story.

Some local trail riders decided to do an excursion through the Verde River Trail. Rider Meg Goodyear and friends were baffled when they came upon the fenced-in trails to find an Appaloosa frantically running the fenceline. They called the local Animal Control, then decided to take an alternative trail as to not further upset the stranded animal or take the risk of disturbing their own horses.

A day or two later, a nearby rancher ponied the stranded horse out of the river area and to the nearby Rim Rock neighborhood. Anne Callahan generously offered to make room for the stranded horse. He now has a comfortable turnout and plenty of food, and has been named Opie, like the Mayberry character because, as Anne says, "He has a red coat and is friendly".



**Trail Rider Meg Goodyear**

Opie is a sorrel Appaloosa with a sweet and gentle personality. His feet had been worn down from running that fenceline, and he has some skin issues, but otherwise has proven to be a well-trained horse. Opie now has a set of front shoes and is receiving the best of care for his particular skin condition. The next step for Opie, who appears to be around the age of 17, is to find him a suitable home.



**"Opie" safe & sound with Anne. Photo by Rita Thompson Tinsley.**

The biggest thing at Big Horse Ranch, is the hearts of those who run it.

Cherie Mackenzie had been driving by the same local ranch for two years. Her horse rescue happens to benefit big draft horses and the likes. Cherie found herself obsessed with the same draft horse at the same stables, and at one point the sunlight was just so that she saw this horse's malnourished characteristics and realized...this gal might likely be in trouble. So, without hesitation, Cherie drove in and asked, "How much?" And the big draft mare went home with her.

Cherie's Big Horse Ranch is a rescue that does not adopt out horses. When these horses come to Big Horse Ranch, they're home forever. So, Babe has found her new forever home.

Four hundred pounds under weight (how many gals can claim that?), Babe is on a new diet that has been imperative to her back-to-health weight-gain needs. And she has plenty of love surrounding her. Babe now resides at the same



**Big Draft "Babe" with Army Veteran Dottie. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.**

great place that is not only a horse rescue, but home to a Heroes and Horses facility for vets and first responders.

I'm a big fan of horse stories with happy endings. So, please keep in mind the information listed below if you by chance find a horse milling around your own backyard or a stray in your driveway, or much worse, a horse or two running down the highway next to your car.

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# Will Our Pets Be in Heaven?

By Dan Hussey with *Totally Floored*

Being a pet lover naturally includes the pain of losing our beloved friend. Our pets have a shorter life span, so many of us face this grief many times during our life.

The thought arises, will we see them again? Will pets be in heaven?

I am a follower of Jesus Christ, albeit imperfectly, but earnestly. In the Christian community we do have this discussion. Some

believers fall on the side that our pets are temporal, and will not be in heaven.

I am not one of those.

Here are a few of the thoughts that comfort me when I lose one of my pets:

1. Jesus entered this world, at his birth, within the home of the animals: He was born in a manger (what we call a barn today). As a believer in Jesus, we think

Jesus was not only a baby, but God in baby form. I know, that is incredible, but is what the Bible teaches. Now, here we have the miracle of the incarnation (God becoming a human) starting off with the animals. We are coming up on the Christmas season, and you will no doubt see a manger scene, with the lamb, the cattle and baby Jesus all lying

together. Later in life many people rejected Jesus, but not that day, that day the angels, the shepherds, Mary and Joseph welcomed him, and yes the animals, too. They shared their humble dwelling with Jesus. I believe Jesus is going to repay the animals for the accommodation, and prepare a place for them.

2. In Isaiah the Bible says "In that day the

wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all."

What a beautiful picture. Is it only a metaphor? Just a nice way of saying there will be peace in heaven, but this won't actually happen? I don't think so. We all long for a time when this crazy world we live in will be at peace. When men will quit fighting wars, when we won't have political battles, when we won't experience divorce or heartbreak, and for us animal lovers: when the animals won't suffer any more. The bible clearly promises that that day is coming.

3. Finally, in the last days, when this whole show is wrapping up, Jesus is seen coming on a white horse, in fact he is seen with an army of his followers on white horses. Here we have a view into the future, and there they are: the animals. A beautiful, stunning scene with white horses.

Therefore, I look forward to heaven, a heaven where I will hug and kiss my Mom and Dad again, and yes my pets.

Is this purely wishful thinking? Is it pie-in-the-sky philosophy? We shall see, my friends, we shall see.

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# JINGLE ALL THE WAY

By Skye Lyons

*"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way...."  
"Sleigh bells ring, are you listening...."  
"Oh hear those sleigh bells jingling,  
ring-ting-tingaling too...."*

Why do so many of our favorite Christmas carols include sleigh bells? If they're not in the lyrics, they just as often turn up as happy background percussion in the arrangements. Sleigh bells make a nice sound, but what's the reason for them?

It all goes back to that one-horse open sleigh – or a two-horse open sleigh, or the Russian troika with three horses. No matter the number of equines involved, sleighs in general were the winter form of transportation before automobiles and paved roads. Wheels and snow just do not mix kindly.



**A Russian Troika (Wikipedia Commons)**

But who needs wheels when it snows? Hitch up those horses to the sleigh, put your lap robe across your knees, and you and the horses are ready to go.

It's a smoother ride than a cart on dirt roads, and you can really move along with the right horses pulling a sleigh. The problem is that when you are gliding along in a sleigh, all you hear is the soft crunch of the runners in the crust of the snow, the muffled hoof beats of the horses pulling it, and – if you have an enthusiastic horse – you hear the high, blowing snorting of your excited beast.

In short, you make very little sound as you race along, and nobody can hear you coming.

In towns this was a problem. Crashing into other sleigh-rigs was one fear, as you couldn't tell where the others were exactly. The other hazard of a silent sleigh lay in the potential to squash pedestrians unaware of the approach of the horses.

So serious an issue was this that in 1820 Massachusetts passed a law requiring all sleighs to have at least three bells on the harness.

And so, the merry sleigh bell came to be added to all winter harness. You could hear those sleigh bells

ring-ting-tingaling for quite a distance, which gave you time to scamper out of the way. The bells ring in time to the horse's movement, so the rhythm of the jingling told you just how fast a sleigh was moving.

As alternate forms of winter transportation became commonplace, the sleigh-ride became a form of entertainment. The big bells announced your recreational vehicle much like pipes on a Mustang do these days. And the more bells on your horses, the better.

The traditional bell was called a petal bell. Approximately three inches across and made of brass, the petal bell's tone is fairly deep, rich, and carrying. It's also a shiny and attractive accent to the horse's harness.

As to the sleigh ride itself, this has now been reduced to a recreational activity. You can find hotels in the north offering sleigh rides through snowy areas – such as the lovely woods in British Columbia, or as far away as tourist accommodations in Lapland.

The sleigh has also become the horse-drawn carriage featured in many winter weddings. It's a wonderful and unique experience.

If you can get out there in the snow alone with your horse and your sleigh, your ride becomes almost magical, because it's almost silent.

You might hear your horse breathing, and see plumes of steam coming from their nostrils. Your sleigh glides smoothly and quietly across the snow



**Sleigh Bells**



**Sleigh ride at Mt. Washington Hotel & Resort, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire. Photo by Carol M. Highsmith, Library of Congress collection. (Wikipedia Commons)**



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– only a whispering crunch marks your passage. The steady sound of your horse's hooves on the snow is very quiet also.

It's just you, your horse, the glisten of the snow, and the sound of the harness bells. And, at least for me, it is pure joy.

Horses of all sizes can pull sleighs, from great draft horses such as Clydesdales, to multipurpose horses that can be ridden as well as work in harness, down to tiny miniature horses with equally tiny sleighs and carts. The options are many.

Here in Prescott, the potential to go dashing through the snow is minimal, but there are other options to drive horses with a wide variety of wheeled carts and wagons that are equally enjoyable. It may not be as quiet, but it's also not as cold, and the sound of your horse trotting along ahead of you holds its own sort of music.

There are people in Prescott and the surrounding area who train horses to drive, and also train the drivers.

So the next time you see that lovely Christmas card with the horses and happy people in the sleigh, remember, it's a wonderful experience, riding along behind those horses, and it's something you can enjoy right here in Prescott. Though perhaps without all the snow.



**Vintage Christmas Card, with Bells**



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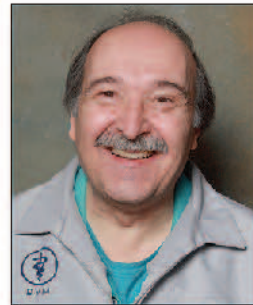
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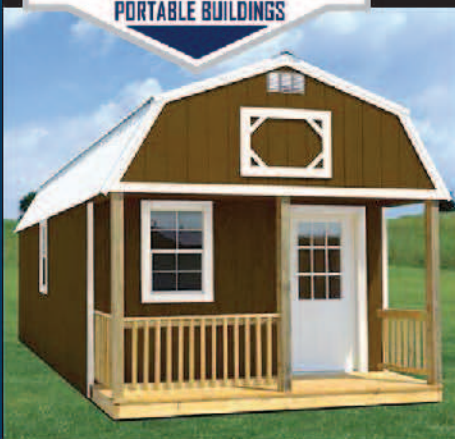
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# KELEV

*The following is written in the timeless spirit of holiday fictional stories.*

My name is Kelev. Not a common name for a dog. Around my community it is commonly used as an insult. The young sheep herder Levi named me, or rather called out, "Hey Kelev," the first time we met.

The second time we saw each other was on the street in town. He yelled out at me. His older brother, some feet away, spun around towards him thinking Levi had just called him a dog in public. Levi innocently pointed in my direction, but his brother's irritation didn't diminish.

Levi chuckled as he knelt down and gave me a bit of cheese and bread, whispering, "You are HaKelev HaYehudi, and I am Levi. I give you permission to aggravate my brother Ze'ev, anytime you see fit."

Levi was the first to speak to me as a friend.

At that time, I lived in a hollow under a stone wall where livestock were kept. It was a secreted place where I was left alone by people, the property master and his family not knowing I was there. When the oxen began stirring in pre-dawn light, I would leave and begin my rounds through the town looking for food and avoiding the shouts and occasional objects being thrown in my direction. My cousins' unruly behavior accounts for the animosity I often encountered.

Lately, the town has been more difficult to navigate. A steady stream of travelers and extended family members have been arriving at all hours. Beasts of burden, children, and armloads of assorted sundries fill the streets, making my rounds difficult. My scouting circles (ever wider) often take me to the hills where the grazing sheep are kept this time of year. That's where I met Levi and old Lev.

That day they were eating their lunch. Lev-between and during mouthfuls of bread-was dramatically telling stories of young King

David. I was intrigued by their conversation and the smell of food.

I quietly climbed a stone pile behind them where a soft wind carried the scent of cheese. The sun on my back and a cool breeze lightly kissed my muzzle.

I began to drift off when suddenly Levi shouted, "Hey Kelev!" I looked up to see a ball of cheese and bread flying towards me. It whacked me in the side and rolled on to the grass. Lev, not understanding why Levi wadded up his lunch and tossed it over his shoulder, stopped talking.

While I was making quick work of my fortuitous gift, Levi stood up and stretched. He turned in my direction and said, "You're welcome to visit, but if you chase the sheep, Lev will catch you and feed you to a bear."

Lev, still sitting, turned toward me, grimaced, and barred what was left of his teeth. They both laughed.

This afternoon however (thanks to young children who drop food), I headed back to my hiding place with a full belly before dark.

At the lean-to next to the cave where the livestock were kept, a stranger was helping a young woman down from a donkey. Lightly covered in road-dust, she looked as if their journey had taken a toll. She moaned a few times from the movement and effort.

The property master and his wife came out to help the couple carry their things into the cave. When the master noticed me watching, he ran me off. With the sound of the woman moaning still in my ears, I ambled off.

There was only one place I could think of to go.

Up on the hills, Levi and Lev were lying in the grass, staring at a fading twilight sky.

"That star looks like its right over the town." Lev turned to Levi. "It's been in the night sky for two seasons or more."



Levi turned to the sound of my approach. "Kelev, what are you doing out so late?"

He reached in his bag and tossed a bit of cheese to me. I listened to them debate the meaning of the star for a while till their voices faded and sleep overcame me.

A bright flash woke me, woke Levi and Lev-woke everyone on those hills. The second and third flash were even brighter and coming from above us. I was waiting for the rumble of thunder and thought about finding shelter. Levi and Lev were both standing and scanning the sky.

Lev exclaimed, "There are no clouds...."

The next and brightest flash silenced Lev. Immediately above the hills appeared the largest most powerful being I have ever seen. Lightning-like shafts emanated from all around him, and our muscles were weakened by his presence.

We all fell to the ground with our eyes staring up at him. He spoke words that resonated through my body. The echoes of the trumpet-sounding words couldn't be made out with dog's ears and had barely faded when suddenly the trees, the rocks, and the air above us were filled with a multitude of glowing beings that resembled

men, but larger. They burst into singing with voices raised. Many were dancing.

Lev jumped up with his arms raised and began whirling in circles and proclaiming words about a King of the Universe.

Levi scrambled to grab their robes and shouted above the roar of the aerial celebration, "C'mon, let's go, Lev! C'mon, Kelev!"

We began running into town. Old Lev was having no trouble keeping up.

Levi, as if reading my confusion yelled, "We're looking for a newborn baby in a manger."

I slid to a stop and grabbed a mouthful of Levi's robe, pulling him to a stop. They were going the wrong way. I gave them both a sharp and scolding bark, then turned to the right and ran with all my might towards my home.

Behind me, Lev, between heaving breaths, shouted, "Keep up with Kelev, Levi. Don't lose sight of him."

With the sound of singing in the distance and the slap of shepherd's sandals on dirt behind me I wondered. What would we find? More importantly, what does it mean?

*For more on the hillside events and what followed, see Luke's letter to his friend Theophilus.*



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# BOOK REVIEW - HORSE DIARIES: JINGLE BELLS

Book by Catherine Hapka, illustrations by Ruth Sanderson. Review by Allie Werhan.

In *Horse Diaries: Jingle Bells*, a young Clydesdale gelding named Jingle Bells narrates an important event in his life. By now, dear reader, you have realized that many animals can speak their special language to someone who is a creative listener!

Jingle Bells lived in Wisconsin in 1915, when the country still depended in many places on the strength and skill of horses to travel and work. He draws a hay wagon in the summer and a sleigh in the winter, helping to take care of a family of farming people who have work to do, places to go, and grandparents to visit. The 11-year old daughter, Kari, who named him, is his special friend, and considers Jingle Bells as part of the family, which he certainly is.

Jingle Bells has interesting conversations with his horse companions as well as other animals. The reader may recognize personality types that coincide with humans. As an example, Jingle works hard and takes pride in being useful. His team mate, Millie, who is only half Clydesdale, complains a lot about the heat, being thirsty, or being tired, but she still does her share of the work when it is time.

On this particular Christmas, a crisis intervenes in Kari's life, tearing her in two directions, and forcing her to realize times are changing. Her

oldest brother is coming home for the holidays with his wife and new baby, and is driving his automobile...a Model T Ford, the vehicle which was taking over many of the tasks horses had always done.

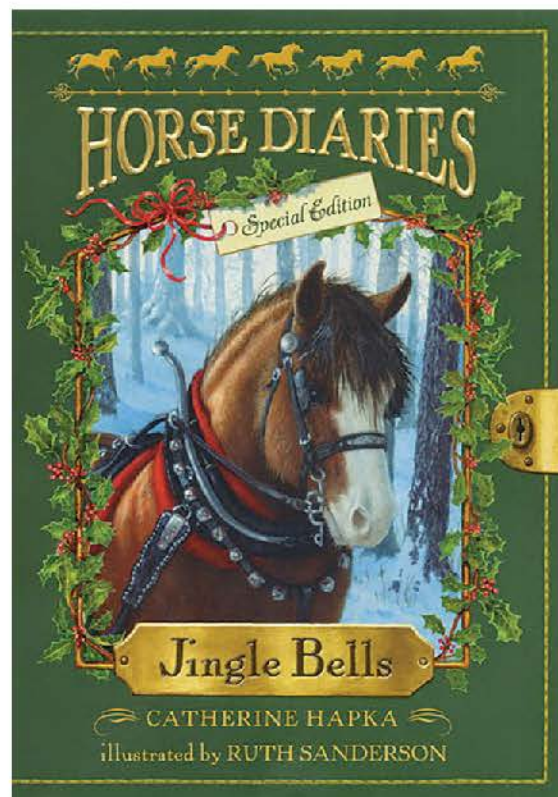
On Christmas Eve, the family prepares for their annual visit to their grandparents' home. When Kari heads to the barn to prepare Jingle Bells for the sleigh ride through the falling snow, she is told no, we are all riding in the automobile. Her protests are to no avail. Jingle Bells is left behind.

Is this the beginning of the end for Jingle Bells' usefulness? Kari's heart is breaking.

Jingle Bells' story is one of the *Horse Diaries* series of horse stories told in the first person for children ages about 10 and up. The topics covered are chosen to stir interest in the history of the era and in the people the horse lives with.

In *Jingle Bells*, there are short essays included which discuss draft horses and the Clydesdale, the automobile and its rise to prominence, as well as the Scandinavian farmers who settled Wisconsin in the early days of the United States. Special features are a drawing lesson by the illustrator, and a recipe for cookies and instructions for some holiday decorations.

I would have loved the gift of this book as a child. It has history, children, holidays, and horses...what's not to like? The illustrations are beautiful and appropriate, helping to carry the story along. Put this book on your gift list... for yourself!



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(928) 925-5650  
www.luckyclub.peffinder.com

### United Animal Friends

(928)778-2924  
www.unitedanimalfriends.org

### White German Shepherd Rescue

WhiteGSDRescue@AOL.com  
awos.peffinder.com/shelters/AZ323.html

## Horse Rescues

### Atlasta Home Horse Rescue

(928) 642-2602  
www.atlastahome.org

### Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

(866) 926-8007  
www.wildhorseranchrescue.com

## Wildlife Rescue & Sanctuaries

### Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife Association

(928) 632-9559  
www.bradshawmountainwildlife.com

### Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary

(928) 778-4242  
www.heritageparkzoo.org



## Boarding/Kennels & Daycare

### Farbenholt Kennels

Dewey (928) 632-7557  
azgermanshepherds.Com

### Hassayampa Canine Resort and Spa

2893 Venture Dr, Prescott  
(928) 776-0932  
hassayampacanine.com

### KennelKamp Village

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

### Prescott Animal Hospital

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

### Prescott Valley Pet Clinic

9501 E. Lorna Lane, Prescott Valley  
(928) 772-6069

### Run-a-Muk Dog Day Care Center

1205 White Spar Rd, Prescott  
(928) 771-9252, run-a-muk.com

### VCA Thumb Butte Animal Hospital

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

### Whiskers Barkery

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

## Do-It-Yourself Dog Wash

### Pet Headquarters

2710 N Glassford Hill Rd  
Prescott Valley  
(928) 775-5558, azpethq.com

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

## Groomers

### Belinda's Pet Grooming

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

### Bella's Suds & Cuts Grooming

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

### Blue Quail VIP Pet Services

1201 Iron Springs Rd, Ste 10, Prescott  
928-778-1944  
bluequailvippetservices.com

### Jade's Dog Grooming

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

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### Yvonne's Pet Grooming

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

## Pet Food/Supplies

### Olsens

olsensgrain.com  
Olsen's - Prescott  
711 Elrod, (928) 445-1664  
Olsen's - Chino Valley  
Hwy 89, (928) 636-2321  
Olsen's - Dewey  
Hwy 69, (928) 632-5233

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(928) 775-5558, azpethq.com

### Warrens's Hay - N - More

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

### Whiskers Barkery

225 West Gurley St., Prescott  
(928) 776-8700  
320 N. State Route 89A, Sedona  
(928) 282-8557

## Pet Medications

### Prescott Compounding Pharmacy

1000 Ainsworth Dr., Ste B105, Prescott  
(928) 515-2354

## Petsitting

### Auntie Pam's Pet Sitting

(480) 466-5022

### Fur-Ever Happy Pet Services

(Petsitting, Dogwalking), (928) 351-1330  
FurEverHappyPetServices.com

### Petsitting Plus

Karen Sable Goldstein, (928) 308-6560

### Horse and Animal Care

Sharon Boles, (928) 710-5381

## Training

### Farbenholt Dog Training

Dewey (928) 632-7557, azgermanshepherds.com

### Pawsitively Awesome Dog Training

(928) 710-8188, awesomecanines@gmail.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

### PRESCOTT

#### 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  
2989 Centerpoint East, Ste. B, Prescott  
(928) 771-0547, yavapaihumane.org/clinic

### PRESCOTT VALLEY

#### Premier Pet Hospital

3322 N. Glassford Hill Rd. (Next to Starbucks)  
928-719-7387  
www.premierpethospital.com

#### Prescott Valley Pet Clinic

9501 E. Lorna Lane, Prescott Valley  
(928) 772-6069

#### Bradshaw Mountain Animal Hospital

6227 E. 2nd Street, Prescott Valley  
(928) 772-7775, bmaonline.com

### HOUSE CALLS

#### Visiting Vet House Calls for Pets

(928) 778-7657

## Vet - Emergency

#### Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital

2245 Hwy. 69, Prescott, (928) 778-1990

## Vet - Holistic

#### Harmony Holistic Veterinary Care

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

#### Holistic Veterinary Care and

#### Acupuncture Center

Caroline A. O'Sullivan, DVM, MS  
800 E. Valley Road, Prescott Valley  
(928) 925-4130

## Equine Services

### BOARDING

#### American Ranch Equestrian Center

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### TRAINING

#### Piñon Meadows Boarding & Training

John Frank  
5000 West Road 2 South, Prescott  
(928) 717-9885 • Cell (928) 821-1453

### VETERINARIANS

#### Prescott Animal Hospital & Equine Center

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

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**Hotels/Motels**

**Apple Creek Cottages**

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**Best Western Prescottonian**

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**Comfort Inn**

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

**Creekside Lodge & Cabins**

Rt 69, Mayer, (928) 632-0777

**Motel 6 - RV**

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**Wyndham Garden Hotel**

4499 Highway 69, Prescott (928) 777-0770

**Real Estate**

**Realty Executives**

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

**Windermere Real Estate**

914 E. Gurley Street, Prescott, (928) 776-1166

**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

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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**

142 N. Montezuma, Prescott, (928) 445-1240

**Waffles N' More**

1365 W. Iron Springs Rd., Prescott, (928) 778-3039

**Wildflower Bread Company**

Prescott Gateway Mall, 3250 Gateway Blvd. (928) 717-1700

**Automotive/RV**

**Adams Specialty Automotive**

347 Lincoln Ave, Prescott, (928) 771-2001

**Adventure Auto Glass**

8030 E. Yavapai Rd., Prescott Prescott/Quad Cities (928) 775-9898  
Sedona (928) 282-5788  
Cottonwood (928) 634-2776

**Autoworks**

6540 E 2nd St, Prescott Valley (928) 775-3332  
autoworksserviceandrepair.com

**Courtesy Auto Sales**

Prescott - 1004 E Gurley St., (928) 515-2919  
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

**Oil Can Henry**

Prescott Valley - 8201 E State Route 69 (928) 775-2336  
Prescott - 439 Miller Valley Road (928) 776-9677

**Professional Services**

**Blind Dog Apparel**

9386 E Flortentine Rd, Prescott Valley 928-202-4852, blinddogapparel.com

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**Ace Hardware**

7211 E 1st St., Prescott Valley, (928) 772-8111

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

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113-115 N Cortez Street, Prescott (928) 541-0077

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Prescott Valley - 5500 E. St. Route 69 (928) 771-8467

Prescott - 1941 E. Hwy 69, (928) 777-2400

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2300 E. St. Route 69, Prescott, (928) 541-8640

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On the corner of Walker & Granite St., Prescott (928) 708-0545

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Dewey - (928) 632-5233  
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**Petco**

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

**Prescott Super Pawn**

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

**Tec Rehab**

202 W. Gurley St., Prescott, (928) 458-0908

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

**Warren's Hay - N - More**

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

**Whiskers Barkery**

Prescott - 225 W. Gurley St., (928) 776-8700  
Sedona, 320 N. State Route 89A, (928) 282-8557

**Yavapai Humane Society Thrift Store**

1601 Iron Springs Rd, Prescott (928) 445-5668

**Galleries**

**The Art Store**

109 S. Granite St. Prescott, (928) 443-0749

**The Beastro**

117 McCormick Street, Prescott (928) 778-0284, www.thebeastro.com

**The Frame and I**

229 W. Gurley St. Prescott, (928) 445-5073

**Mountain Artist Gallery**

228 N. Alarcon Street, Prescott (928) 445-2510

**Random Art Gallery**

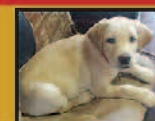
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