

# The Prescott Dog

September/October 2017

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Sunday, October 1st  
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**Sonya Endres** – Celebration of Life: Dakota & Bidly

**Heidi Dahms Foster** – YCSO K9 Miley Graduates to Her Next Assignment: Couch Potato; Barn Hunt Proved the Key to Relationship & Fun for Alice Felden & Tori

**Cheryl Hartz** – Traversing Arizona’s Backbone – The Mogollon Rim Road

**Holly Hill** – Trick Training: What It Is & How to get Started

**Briana Lonas** – Keep Pets Safe from Spooky Halloween Tricks & Treats

**Skye Lyons** – Cover & features page photo; Dogs for Adoption; Cats for Adoption; Creature Feature: What Flies by Night

**Rita Thompson-Tinsley** – Equestrian Corner: Goodwin Fire – Community in Crisis: Area Equestrians Come to the Rescue; Showing Their True Colors – The Chino Valley Equestrian Park

**Allie Werhan** – Cover Story: Having a Heart for Dog Rescue; A Perfect Dog...Almost!; Kitty Corner: Bonnie Blue, I Love You; Business Spotlight: Run-A-Muk; Book Review: *Tails From the Booth* by Lynn Terry

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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.



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



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

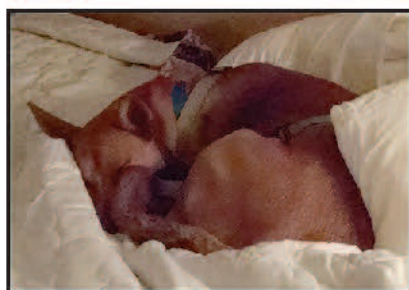


**Rita Thompson-Tinsley – Equine Contributor** After a career in broadcast advertising and production, Rita and family moved from a ranch in Texas where she raised Nubian goats, retired show lambs, miniature donkeys, llamas and horses, to Arizona. She currently resides in Dewey with her husband, three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



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

# Hazel Howls



"So, like I said before, you can trudge through your environs unawares, or move with your surroundings. If a shadow floats across your path from above, do you look straight up reflexively, or do you turn to gaze at the area between sun and shadow"?

I thought I was awake and Dad was pontificating again. We were staying in a moderately sized town in New Mexico and boy, oh, boy, was it cold out. A cutting "ice wind" was coming down from the Black Mesa right at us towards Interstate 40. My two walks with Dad before bedtime were short-lived affairs.

We'd been rolling and making stops at an intense pace all day. Finishing early, we were both looking forward to a more relaxed drive back to Phoenix the following morning.

As for this moment, Dad and I are fast asleep. I am dreaming in my "corral the puppy" crate on the corner of the hotel bed. Dad's droning on in my dream is somehow comforting.

An instant later a sharp thud sends a shock wave through the walls and into the bed. Dad quickly raises up from his sleep and stares into the corner of the ceiling above us, listening intently. Again, BOOM!, the whole room shakes. Dad's not moving. The pouch in his "man bag" next to the

bed, is open, (especially in this town), but he's not reaching for his "sparkling" flashlight or "gonna make you cry" spray. Muffled voices are up above us somewhere between the random staccato "thumps" the building is taking.

Dad slowly looks down at me and ever so slightly smiles to quietly let me know we are safe. His gesture to me at that moment caused what you two-leggeds might call a multi-layered epiphany. First and most glaring to me was I realized I wasn't barking my fool head off. I am Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog. Born on Navajo lands and by God if there is one thing I do, (and do with aplomb mind you), is bark and bark and alert and bark when I sense something is amiss in the camp. Even for the smallest of infractions. So here I am in my puppy crate in the midst of some kind of "Hotel Apocalypse," and it never occurred to me to make a sound. How very strange.

The second thing that struck me is that you two-leggeds have some pretty mysterious tricks up your sleeves. We on four are amazed at how little you use your hearing and sense of smell to full capacity. Dad wasn't relying on the sense of smell or hearing to make decisions in this thick atmosphere of confusion and fear. He was using a different "lens," and somehow transmitted his trust in our safety into me. How does he do that?

The third thing I learned that night hit so deep it goes beyond words. I can only point in it's direction

and hope you find your way there.

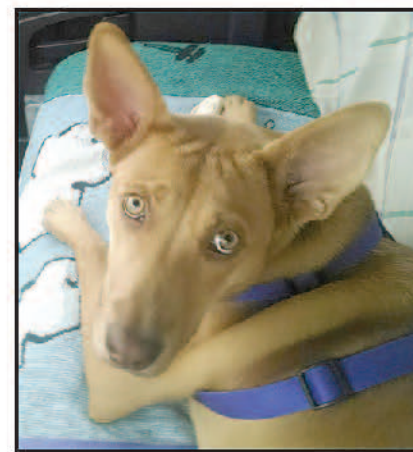
Suddenly, I knew I had value. I was valuable to this man. Even though it seemed like his inaction was reckless, his peacefulness was palpable as he shared it with me. He punctuated that thought when he leaned towards me and said, "Let's get our rest, pup." I drifted off while intently staring at him as he was drifting off. One more violent thud seemed to emanate from inside room, but I had fallen too deep into the arms of peaceful sleep to react.

The next morning before we set off outside for my constitutional, Dad walked up to the door to examine it closer. The door frame on the door knob side was rolled part way into the room. The door was slightly ajar, (locks still engaged), a half inch opening letting a cold breeze into the room. Dad chuckled and said under his breath, "An 'A' for effort," as he pushed hard on the door frame. It rolled back in place with a crunch and the door closed shut. Our morning routine was pretty much of a blur, standard practice on the road.

When Dad and I went into the lobby to check out, Dad wryly asked the night clerk, "Quiet night?" "Far as I know", she replied looking up at him the first time in 10 minutes of jabbering on the phone. "Who needs the excitement, right?" No reply as she click-clicks at her screen. "Hasta lasagna", Dad said making our way out the door.

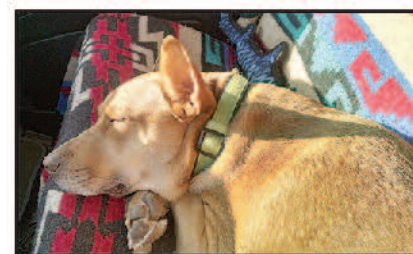
While we were waiting for the truck to warm up, I

sat on the bench seat and stared at Dad. Filling out his logbook on the steering wheel, he grinned and said, "Don't know what that was pup, just knew we weren't in danger...this time".



Later, hurtling down I-40 westbound, (in a sensible manner of course), Dad asked me what I wanted to listen to.

He knows I like "Animal Logic II", but he always plays "Animal Logic I" first. This time, even while he's asking me, he puts on one of that nasally guy's songs. We listened to that song three times. I didn't mind at all that morning. I knew now that I really was valued and was loved. We were going to face the unpredictable strangeness of the road together.



Remember that lonesome dream I had that time back in Gallup? Gone. Dissipated, like a shadow below an overhead sun. "Right now I'll just sit here so contentedly, and watch the river flow...", wish I could sing.



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- ❖ Bloating
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- ❖ Toxin ingestions
- ❖ Seizures
- ❖ Allergic reactions
- ❖ Heat stress or heatstroke

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**Dogs** – Liz Steigmeir, (928) 273-7005  
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### YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY

**Onsite** – Daily from 11a-6p, 7 days a week at Yavapai Humane Society, 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott, (928) 445-2666  
**Offsite** – Petsmart Adoptions  
**Cat Adoptions** – Mon-Sat 11a-4p; Sun 11a-2p

## Special Events

### ONGOING

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Every Sat., 10a-11a. 3731 N Rd 1W, Chino Valley. Private tours available by appointment. For more info, call (928) 350-8688.

### THE BEASTRO – EVERY 4TH FRIDAY ART WALK

117 N. McCormick St., Prescott. Starts

at 5p. Help feed a beast in need. Art Gallery/Retail Animal Items. More info (928) 778-0284

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If you want to volunteer or learn more about United Animal Friends, visit [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org) or call 778-2924.

### LOW-COST WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINIC

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

## SEPTEMBER

### INTRODUCTION TO EQUITATION SCIENCE - YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY EQUINE CENTER CLASSES

*September Topic: Putting Thinking and Learning to Work for Our Horses*  
Yavapai Humane Society Equine Center, 3731 North Road 1 West, Chino Valley. All classes (90-minute sessions) Saturdays at 6p. For more info, call instructor Lucy Berg (928) 350-8688.

**Using Learning Theory to Train** - Sept. 2  
**Using Horses in Work and Sport** - Sept. 9  
**Tack and Other Things** - Sept. 16  
**Using Cues and Movement Together** - Sept. 23

### EVENTS - HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

**Zoo By Moonlight** - Sept. 6  
**Breakfast With the Animals: Black Bear** - Sept. 9

### SANTORI RANCH HIGH DESERT HORSE SHOW SERIES, CHINO VALLEY

(928) 848-3659 for more info.  
**Western Classes** - Sept. 2, 8:30a  
**English (Hunter/Jumper) Classes** - Sept. 3, 8a

### HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES, DEWEY

Sept 9. Info at [horsebreakers.com](http://horsebreakers.com) or call (928) 632-5728.

### NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER OF ARIZONA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION (NAC ADA)

Sept. 9-10. Two-day clinic with Paula Paglia. Carol Land's ranch in Chino Valley. Info & reservations, call Syndy Cunningham (928) 830-9329.

### NOMINATIONS: BETHANY'S GATE ANNUAL "HEROES AMONG US" AWARDS

Nominate an extraordinary veteran, first responder, spouse, or organization. Nominations are due by Sept. 15, forms available at [bethanysgait.org](http://bethanysgait.org). More info (928) 499-9442.

### WESTERN DRESSAGE ASSOC. OF ARIZONA

Sept. 23. Clinic with Lois Whittington at Carol Land's ranch in Chino Valley. Info & reservations, Syndy Cunningham at (928) 830-9329.

### BARKS 'N BEERS

Sept. 30, 5p-8p. \$20 for dinner & beer or non-alcoholic beverage under the stars. Fabulous raffle baskets; friendly dogs welcome. At The Barley Hound, 234 S. Cortez, Prescott. Call 237-4506 for more info.

## OCTOBER

### NAC ADA CHAMPIONSHIP DRESSAGE SHOW

Oct. 1, Santori Ranch in Chino Valley. For info, call Syndy Cunningham at (928) 830-9329.

### EVENTS - HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

**Taste of the Wild** - Oct. 1  
**Fall Zoo Camp** - Oct. 9-13  
**Breakfast With the Animals: Gray Wolves** - Oct. 14  
**ZooFest** - Oct. 28  
**Boo at the Zoo** - Oct. 31

### YAVAPAI COLLEGE AND AAEC HORSE SHOW

Oct. 7. Yavapai College Chino Valley Horse Arena, 2275 Old Home Manor Drive. For info go to [yc.edu/horshow](http://yc.edu/horshow) or call Karen Smith (928) 717-7760.

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Chino Valley. (928) 848-3659 for more info.  
**Western Classes** - Oct. 7, 8:30a  
**English (Hunter/Jumper) Classes** - Oct. 8, 8:30a

### CIRCLE L RANCH ANNUAL HOWL-O-WEEEN BOWLING EVENT

Oct. 21, 6:30p-9p. Antelope Lanes, Prescott Valley. Prizes for best costume, and a terrific raffle table.

### 4TH ANNUAL K9 TRICKS FOR TREATS

Oct. 27, 4-7p. You & your dog can go hunting for treats throughout Downtown Prescott shops. Costume contest, prizes, photos & more. \$10 donation. Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley Street (downtown Prescott). Call 776-8700 or see more details on Whiskers Barkery's Facebook page.

### HALLOWEEN PHOTOS WITH YOUR PET

Oct. 27 4p-7p. \$10 for a framed 5"x7" photo or CD with multiple photos. All proceeds benefit United Animal Friends. At Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley Street (downtown Prescott). Call 776-8700 for details.

## NOVEMBER

### EVENT - HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

**Dollar Days** - Nov. 4-5





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# HAVING A HEART FOR DOG RESCUE

Story by Allie Werhan. Photos by Mary Beal & Skye Lyons.

The front yard has grass, trees and flowering shrubs aplenty, and is shady and inviting. It is also very quiet for a house where there are many dogs living. The visitor advances up the sidewalk toward the patio and suddenly there they are...dogs in fence kennels, all excited to have company, all wiggles and tail-wags. The humans involved are also happy to greet me, but with less wiggling!

Jan Tambellini, the co-founder with Pru Richey, extends her hand in welcome, followed by Pru and their new employee, Andrew Noble...also their first and only employee. All exhibit the human equivalent of the dogs' happy greeting, and I find I am very glad to be there.

After a meet-n-greet with puppies in the play yard, we move inside where we can sit down and it is quieter. The rooms are filled with fence kennels with floors of stall pads and pee pads. The occupants are dogs of every size, age and color, all happy to see the people. After a bit they settle down and wait quietly...for attention or whatever the humans have on their minds.

Less than two weeks ago, No Longer Astray (NLA) acquired 45 puppies from a distribution shelter in Texas. This shelter gathers dogs from many kill shelters



**Josiah**

Photo courtesy of Mary Beal

and ships them to shelters like NLA that will foster the dogs, get them healthy, and adopt them to good families.

Forty-five is the greatest number NLA has ever taken. The transport broke down in the heat of the Phoenix area, and the delay caused the dogs to arrive in Prescott Valley late in the day. Processing the newcomers is an involved process, separating the dogs with medical conditions, matching others up to be in the same kennels, getting everyone fed, medicated, and settled down for the night. It was after midnight before the people could stop and rest...and since it was Sunday, they had to get ready to go to work the next day.

Why do Jan and Pru put themselves through this ordeal? For starters, for them it is not so much an ordeal as a labor of love. It is a story several years in the making.

"I always loved animals, especially dogs," Jan says. "One year I went to Woofdown lunch in the Prescott Square, (an annual event put on by United Animal Friends), My heart was about to explode. I wanted to pet every dog, touch every dog, and felt such a bond with these dogs." She couldn't get it out of her mind, and realized that rescue was what she wanted to do.

She and her dear friend, Pru, had talked about rescue for 4 or 5 years, but now they sat down and talked more, and began to plan. They discovered that both their hearts were in the same place. Why dogs? So many people are hurting and have a void in their hearts. "Dogs can heal you and give you such comfort. We believe Jesus can heal and comfort us, and we offer people a source of comfort on Earth, in flesh and fur, and unconditional love." It is easier to feel than to explain, but the feelings are on their faces and in their eyes.

They drew up the paperwork to establish a corporation and



**Jan with puppies**

Photo courtesy of Mary Beal

then did a fundraiser on a cold snowy day in front of the Safeway store in Prescott Valley. They had beautiful handcrafted dog beds, blankets, pillows, and many other items of knitted or crocheted work for people as well as dogs. They made about \$1000 that day. Jan's parents came up from Mesa to show their support for this new undertaking, which made it very special.

Work with animals is never-ending. Everyday they need to be fed and watered, their quarters cleaned, and given a chance to exercise. With over 50 dogs, this is hard work. There are smiles and tail wags and sloppy kisses, some heart breaking times, sad tears as well as happy ones. All of these emotions happen, sometimes in the same day, while providing the needs of these dogs.

Sometimes babies are lost and the reasons may never be known, but you have to move on to those animals that need you. But you don't forget.

When the dogs first arrive, they make a trip to the veterinarian for a thorough check-up. Any ailments are treated; they are given shots, scheduled for spay/neuter, dewormed and given flea treatments. Only when they are certified healthy are the dogs put up for adoption.

NLA has been going to Brad-

shaw Mountain Animal Hospital in Prescott Valley for almost a year. Jan and Pru can't say enough good things about the staff and the facility. The staff understands what rescue is all about and what their special needs are. Besides their medical skills, they help Jan and Pru learn about the health of the dogs so they can take better care of them.

Jan reads and studies regularly to expand her knowledge and understand of the dogs' medical needs as well as information about nutrition, exercise and training.

After they acquired their first couple of dogs, Jan and Pru met a lady, Debra, in the Phoenix area who helped them get local dogs off the euthanasia lists. She then meets them with the dogs. She won't take payment, saying her help is a donation to NLA. She donates money and supplies too.

Debra put them in touch with the rescue in Texas where they get dogs. "I don't have a problem taking dogs from anywhere," Jan says. "Dogs are dogs, and all that matters is if they need us." There are people who don't agree.

Jan explains further. "Local shelters are no-kill. The dogs are safe. The dogs we take will die if we don't take them. We take dogs who don't have any more chances left. Our heart's desire is to save those sweet dogs and give them a future."

Both Jan and Pru work full time jobs at Sam's Club, then do res-



**Happy puppies, happy Jan**

Photo courtesy of Skye Lyons



**Pru with pup**

Photo courtesy of Mary Beal

cue full time. Don't ask what they do in their spare time. You will just get a blank quizzical stare!

One of the little girl dogs, Kasi, had parvo. After she was healed, she was out in the play yard with her friends when a young family came to find a dog friend for their dog. They looked at Josiah, and at the dogs in the yard. Their own dog wandered aimlessly among the pups, not paying much attention to any of them. Then he saw Kasi. His ears perked up and he trotted up to her. "You're the one," he said in dog language, and made his wishes known to his family. The mom kind of liked Josiah, but everyone else opted for Kasi.

With one who is ill, Jan spends so much time caring for it. She couldn't be with non-parvo dogs, so in the course of healing, Jan became very attached. It was difficult to let her go, but the family was a good match for Kasi. After a week, they came back and adopted her, and she is an excellent family dog for them.

Right now, NLA has a female baby Boxer, Auri, who was ill and is being cared for and carefully raised. There are also an adorable black and white Shih Tzu puppy, and so many other bouncy, adorable, wiggly pups that it is a slice of Heaven to be surrounded by them.

A young man from Ash Fork saw the NLA Facebook page and arranged to meet the puppies. He just bought a home with 20 acres and needed a dog. As it turned out, he needed several. After spending time in the play

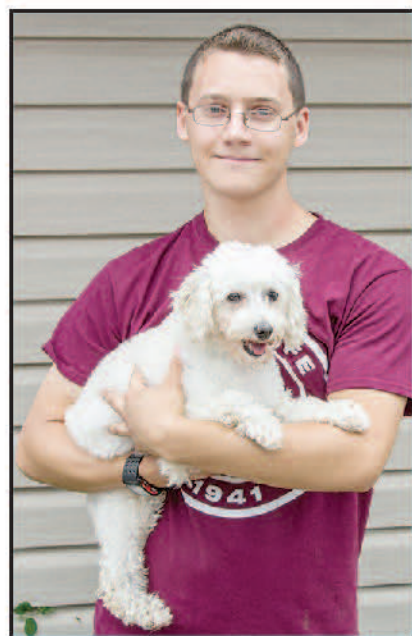
yard with them, he said, "I want that one, and that one, and that one," pointing out his choices. "He was a delightful young man, who had served a couple of tours in Afghanistan and was settling down." When Pru and Jan made the home visit, they were amazed at the beautiful set up, the fenced yard, the area being made into a little pond, and the wonderful person who had chosen to care for the dogs and to love them, and had saved their lives.

Both spend a lot of their own money on medical and hospital bills. Pneumonia cases, parvo cases, heartworm and respiratory illnesses, injuries, and a variety of other causes need care.

They recently hired their first employee, Andrew Noble, who started as a volunteer. He works at Sam's Club, and also puts in long hours with the dog care. Andrew was adopted and says that seeing the dogs find homes resonates with him on a special level.

Andrew's brother too has worked walking the dogs. If you have an urge to volunteer and help care for the dogs, just give Jan a call.

All the dogs live in Jan's home, with areas set apart for those that have medical needs. All dogs are inside at night. The rooms are divided into kennels, with careful thought going into who is whose roommate. The puppies can be annoying...there is a news flash!



**Andrew with pup**

Photo courtesy of Mary Beal

But they get along with each other...mostly.

Both Jan and Pru have their own dogs. Sometimes one of the rescued dogs appeals to them and they have to keep that dog as their own.

When they first started, they decided that 15-20 dogs would be a manageable number to shelter. Then they became connected with the Texas rescue. They have adoption events almost every weekend at Tractor Supply Co. in Prescott Valley, "...which has been gracious and helpful to us," says Pru. The adoption events have been successful. Stop by and meet this dynamic group.

A huge step coming up is to acquire a new property to house NLA. Pru and Jan have found a place in Dewey with a beautiful barn and out buildings. They are waiting on that sales process. NLA has out grown their present location. Every night the dogs are put to bed and covered up and are usually quiet. Now the pups and older dogs have to rotate turns in the play yard. Two play yards, one for the pups and one for the older dogs, would be great.

Rescue is full of stories.

When the group of dogs was traveling to Prescott Valley, the truck broke down. Police officers from 3 different agencies stopped to help. They looked into the truck and soon all anyone could hear was, "Look at that one, aw, this one is so cute! Come see this little guy!" Eventually the truck was able to



get on its way, leaving a lot of happy officers with their puppy fix for the day.

All the dogs go to the groomer regularly, getting ready for their special adoption day. They have wading pools to play in, space to run and chase and myriad toys. You can't stop by the play yard to watch them, because as soon as they know you are there, they all run up to get petting and attention and to give doggy kisses. And, no, all 45 puppies are not in the play yard all at the same time!

Josiah is a big dog, perhaps a pit/lab mix, but he is very afraid most of the time. He is so handsome, people are attracted to him, but no one knows his background to understand his timidity. Sometimes if someone takes him for a walk, they have to take the car to get him home again because he freezes up. "He may be here the rest of his life," Pru says, "but that is okay. Maybe someday the perfect person will come along, but if not, he is safe and loved here."

Jan and Pru have a heart for all these dogs. They get very emotionally attached to them, and want to spend even more time with them than they already do. They want to train more, teach puppy manners, and prepare the dogs for adoption. "We are in it for the long haul and don't worry about a dog finding a home. We love them and know the right adopter will come along. If they don't, the dog has a home here."

It works for the dogs. They know someone is there, to feed them and keep them safe. They get attention and play time and someone to talk to. They learn that it is okay to be relaxed and happy with people, and with other dog friends for play and nap time.

"We never give up on any dog. This is their home, adoptable or not. We take dogs who have no more chances."

In the 1 1/2 years they have been taking dogs, they have adopted out 68.

They have faith in Jesus and in the good they are doing for dogs. The work is endless, but so are the rewards.

# A PERFECT DOG...ALMOST!

Story & photos by Allie Werhan

I went to Williamson Valley to visit Dr. Leah Cole and her husband, Jim McDowell. What a beautiful secluded space, a lovely rustic home... and greyhounds! Yes, big wonderful dogs who came to greet me at the gate. They glided across the ground instead of walking, and came up close to get a whiff of me...ah, cats! And to see if they could get a stroke or two.

Leah and Jim welcomed me into their comfortable living room...the "sick bay" it is called, with more beautiful greyhounds. Some were lounging, the greyhound's great talent, and some were getting up to see who just arrived and what did it mean?

Why is their name spelled with an "e" instead of an "a" as it is in American English? A clue immediately presents itself. Grey with an "e" is a European spelling, which Americans didn't change. (Webster, in the early 19th century, set about changing as many British spellings to American spellings as he could, but all these years later, we rarely notice it.)

So, like almost everything else about them, greyhounds are special in their name. Leah Cole, who is a veterinarian with many years' experience with greyhounds, says, "Greyhounds are a nearly perfect dog." I think she adds "nearly" as a small bow to anyone who might choose to challenge her.

Greyhounds are the acknowledged athletes of the canine world, born and bred to run, and run they do. Greyhounds have been clocked at 45 miles per hour, equal to the cheetah.

Furthermore, they are sweet-tempered, gentle, and easy to get along with. They are intelligent and clever, and adaptable to many environments, which makes them wonderful family pets when their racing days are finished.

Surprisingly, greyhounds aren't big on running when they get off the track. They don't need a big yard, and love to go on walks with their people and smell the flowers along the way. They can be apartment companions as well as live with their families in a house and fenced-in yard.

They are indoor dogs. Inclement weather doesn't appeal to them, nor is it good for them, just as most dogs prefer being indoors during rain, snow, or wind. A greyhound would like a warm, comfy bed, or the sofa, and if you have a fireplace nearby, that's all good. Add some good food and a bit of daily exercise. Oh, and most importantly, lots of love.

Life spans for greyhounds run 12-15 years, long for such large dogs. They are the oldest breed, also, their pictures appearing in ancient Egyptian carvings. They are the only breed of dog named by name in the Old Testament. Many Greek gods were pictured with greyhounds, and in later centuries, kings and lords also had their greyhounds painted into their portraits.

Dr. Leah likes to tell us that greyhounds have few physical problems. "There is no hip dysplasia, no diabetes, and rarely an allergy. They are bred to be athletes and to have good dispositions. They are low maintenance, rarely need bathing or grooming, and are quiet and well mannered."

There is one problem with greyhounds, or maybe I should say, for greyhounds. Over the last years, many greyhound racing parks have closed down. This has left a lot of dogs out of a job. Adoption groups such as Leah's and Jim's have worked to find good homes for these displaced dogs. They are affiliated with Greyhound Pets of America who help with the business end of the adoption organization.

Jim, who met Leah at Prescott Downs many years ago, was a horse trainer for 54 years, and has fallen in love with greyhounds too. He has taken over the extensive record keeping required of purebred greyhounds. DNA records and parentage are noted as well as all medical information, vaccinations, testing, and then when they are spayed or neutered after their racing careers.

In their home, in sick bay, Leah and Jim take care of greyhounds who may have been sick or injured. Right now, they have a beautiful girl, Milkshake, who had 48 races with 12 wins, and gave birth to a litter of 3 beautiful puppies. She also had cancer in her leg and that required amputation and chemotherapy. She has never missed a meal because of the chemo, and has healed very well. She has one chemo treatment left and then will go to the family home awaiting her.

Another beautiful dog, Crystal, tested positive for lyme disease in a blood test. She has never shown a sympJim, but nevertheless had to go through the 4-week treatment with doxycycline. "Greyhounds travel a lot. Crystal didn't get the positive reading here, since we don't have lyme in Arizona," Leah explained.

There is a waiting list of people who want to adopt a greyhound. The dogs

are getting harder to find. The ones in Arizona come from Ohio, Kansas and Alabama. Although there are a lot of greyhounds in California, the population density of people wanting the dogs is great, and prevents Arizona adoption groups from getting any of those dogs.

Geno is a gorgeous dog who has epilepsy, although he has been without seizures for a long time, thanks to a special medicine.

Eeyore is about 2 years old and has not been through the rigorous training to become a racer. Leah calls him, "...a big, stupid puppy," but she says it with such affection and a mirthful gleam in her eye that you know he is going to end up being adopted by her and Jim. "He is so fun to be around, and he makes us laugh."

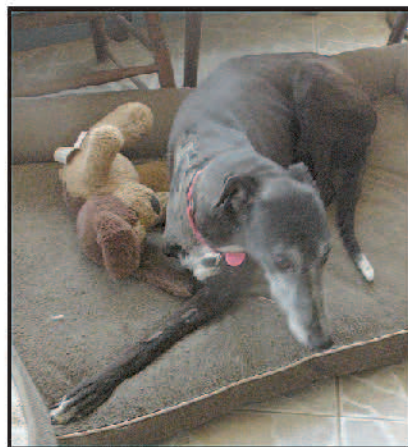
Two special attributes of the greyhound need to be mentioned. Greyhounds are 70% universal blood donors for other dogs. Many of them give blood every month which is stored at the Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital and in other locations in Phoenix and Tucson. There are some other universal donors among dog breeds. If you want to see if your dog can donate blood, contact Canine Blood Heroes. (Prescott Dog Magazine published a story about this group in the Sept./Oct, 2014 issue.)

Because of their easy-going, gentle disposition, and inclination to take just about anything in stride, as well as their intelligence, greyhounds make excellent therapy dogs.

Any questions? These are (almost) perfect dogs, as proven by Leah and Jim. Beautiful, wise, intelligent, faster than a speeding bullet, but lovers of a nice comfy couch, what more do you want in a dog?



Milkshake



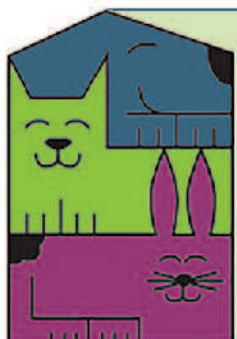
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# RESCUE TALES



## BETHANY'S GAIT

### Marine Corps League Makes Donation to Bethany's Gait Ranch

Copper State Detachment Acting Commandant Bob Radcliff (right) and Past Commandant Bob Wallace present a \$1,500 check to Cristi Rose, Founder and Executive Director of Bethany's Gait Ranch, as rescued horse "Big Tucker" looks on with approval.

Bethany's Gait Ranch is a non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and restoring the lives of military veteran heroes, their families, and horses in need. They provide equine facilitated



psychotherapy and learning services using recognized successful methods.

Located in Williamson Valley in Prescott, Arizona, they have made a positive difference in the lives of over 350 active duty and reserve personnel, veterans, and dependents. They specialize in PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries, adjusting to civilian life, leadership training and secondary trauma experienced by spouses and children.

Bethany's Gait uses rescued horses who have experienced hardships and trauma, so that the client and horse heal together through a bond

created with unconditional love, unwavering trust, and a keen understanding of what the other has been through.

Participants begin to understand where their pain is coming from and learn techniques to work through the pain, communicate better with their spouses and family members, and change their behavior to flourish in their new civilian lives.

Developing horsemanship skills and horse communication techniques, the clients create a bond with their horses resulting in increased self-confidence, understanding of a healthy relationship, and learning positive communication tools.

The Copper State Detachment of the Marine Corps League has for the past several years supported and recognized the positive effect this organization has made in local veterans' lives as well as the improvements made to active duty Marine members of the Wounded Warriors Battalion from MCB, Camp Pendleton.

## UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

We hold FUNdraising events year round; September and October are no exception. Dine under the stars with your dog at Barks 'n Beers at The Barley Hound in September and then, in October, dress up your pup for Halloween photos at Whiskers Barkery.

### Barks 'n Beers

The Barley Hound, at 234 S. Cortez Street in Prescott, is hosting Barks 'n Beers on their back patio on Saturday, September 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. For \$20, you can buy dinner with a beer or non-alcoholic drink, and a portion of the proceeds will benefit United Animal Friends.

Dinner choices are Smoked Pork Sandwich with choice of Traditional or Carolina Mustard Barbecue Sauce and Cole Slaw, or a Vegetarian Creole dish with Firm Tofu and Basmati Rice.

Reservations or tickets are not required – just show up with your pup. Dogs are welcome in the outdoor area. Fabulous gift baskets will be offered for raffle at the event, with tickets only \$1 each or eleven for \$10. Ticket purchasers need not be present to win. For more information visit [www.unitedanimalfriends.org](http://www.unitedanimalfriends.org) or call The Barley Hound at 237-4506.

### Halloween Photos

Put on your best costumes and head to Whiskers Barkery at 225 W. Gurley Street in downtown Prescott on Friday, October 27th between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. to get a lasting image of the fun you and your pet have together. A framed 5"x7" print or a CD with multiple photos is only \$10, and all proceeds benefit United Animal Friends. No appointment is necessary.

Whiskers Barkery will also be hosting K9 Tricks for Treats throughout downtown on October 27, along with their Yappy Hour party with prizes for best costumes. Tricks for Treats will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., with signups at 3:45. Yappy Hour is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with costume prizes and a raffle prize drawing at 6:30. Tricks for Treats proceeds will benefit Yavapai Search & Rescue K9 Unit. For more information, contact Whiskers Barkery at 776-8700.

Follow United Animal Friends on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/unitedanimalfriends](http://www.facebook.com/unitedanimalfriends) to keep up on all our FUNdraising events, including the annual Rummage to the Rescue Rummage Sale and Paws in the Palace Dinner, both coming up in November.



### Havasupups & Kittens

Wildhorse Ranch Rescue just rescued two very dirty puppies and two kittens from Havasupai Grand Canyon. They've been checked by the vet, have received vaccines, and are ready for foster homes. If you can foster or are interested in adopting a HavasuPup or HavasuKitten, please call or text Danyelle at (602) 881-4767.

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## Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

### New Kids on the Block

Meet the newest kids on the block at Circle L Ranch: four-month-old Nigerian Dwarf goats, Wyatt and Willow.

Here are some more interesting facts from Wikipedia about these little charmers. The Nigerian Dwarf goat is a miniature dairy goat breed of West African ancestry. Nigerian Dwarf

goats are popular as pets and family milkers due to their easy maintenance and small stature. However, because of their high butterfat, they are also used by some dairies to make cheese.

Nigerian Dwarf goats are gentle and easily trained. This, along with their small size and



Wyatt & Willow

colorful appearance, makes them popular as pets. They can be very friendly, are easily trained to walk on a leash. Some enjoy coming into the house with their owners.

Adult goats should not live in the house. As ruminants, they need to spend a large part of the day eating hay, pasture, or browse.

Nigerian dwarf goats' small size also makes them excellent "visitor" animals for nursing homes and hospitals. Some goat supply houses even sell small harnesses and tiny wagons that fit Nigerian dwarf goats.

Nigerian dwarf goats are also used in Goat Yoga classes, a form of Animal-Assisted Therapy. As with all goats, does or castrated males (wethers) make the best pets, as bucks can have an objectionable odor. Nigerian Dwarf goats, especially does and wethers, do well with children.



## Catty Shack News

The Catty Shack has had 26 adoptions since the last issue of Prescott Dog. We're overloaded with kittens at this time, but happy with the numbers finding homes.

Our newest litter was born July 23rd, so you can see we're going to have kittens for awhile. We also have another mom with six-week-old kittens.

We have encountered many difficulties this year with the little groups coming in off the street. One mom and her kittens was FIV+, we lost two kittens from failure to thrive, we encountered ringworm, URI, and the usual things that befall kittens born outside with no real human support. We also just had a kitten's eye removed from damage acquired outside.

Our youngest rescue was found alone at two to three days old. We then had a group of six two-week-old kittens found alone. They are all big healthy kittens now. We also had four calls with more than twenty cats at each location. And then there were the almost daily calls with less numbers but just as urgent need.

We have worked diligently to get all adults spayed and neutered and off the street if possible. If not, we have found feeders for the ones who have to go back out. So far, we haven't had to TNR any kittens as we have found fosters to take them in and work with them – which leads me to the accolades and kudos for the fosters.

Really, there is no rescue without fosters. They are the ones who make it possible to bring these fragile and unprotected ones inside and keep them safe while they grow. They open their homes, stay up around the clock to feed, clean up many messes, spend hours playing and socializing, provide meals, transport to the vet for shots, spay and neuter, and generally make it possible for these little lives to turn around to become ready for homes. Then they say good-bye to the kittens as they move on into the world.

This is an intrepid and fearless group of unselfish, compassionate people who are dedicated to making the difference in these lives. We could never operate like we do without them. They are a special breed.

And our veterinarians at Mile Hi Animal Hospital? The doctors who never say no! They allow us to bring in the babies who are struggling and do what it takes to bring them into health. They advise us, observe for us, and devise ways of keeping us going when things are looking dire. They have come through for us time and time again, even though their schedules are maxed out at all times.

Also, our financial backers form the net that gives us the ability to move forward when things get

extreme – like the day last week when we had over 20 cats in the veterinarian's office.

As you can see from reading this, a network of people is committed to saving these street kitties from the lives they are doomed to live if they're left alone out there – abandoned, left behind, lost, orphaned, in harm's way. We are determined to save them and work around the clock to make that happen.

Thank you for your interest in and support of our work. It means the world to those kitties!



Jeny

I once knew a dog ...  
Fast as a speeding bullet  
Jeny was her name.

Black and white - soft fur,  
Black nose, alert, unblinking -  
Brown shoe-button eyes.

Cocked head side-to-side ...  
Doesn't have an OFF button!  
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Loved to chase a ball  
Flitting like a hummingbird ...  
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**DAVEY:**

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**PAOLA:**

1.5-year-old female, poodle/bichon. Loves to go for rides, very playful, always smiling. No Longer Astray (928) 632-2334.



**GRACIE:**

Grace is small and sweet. She and her sister Page were owner surrenders. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**SMUCKERS:**

Smuckers is a 1-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix. He is playful, but energetic. He is medium in size, good with other dogs and ready to go. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**SIDNEY:**

Sydney is a 7-year-old shepherd mix. She is a very sweet girl. Sydney is good on a leash and loves to play. She is very comical. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**JOE:** A darling Shepherd puppy! His sisters have already found their forever homes, and he is waiting for his. Circle L Ranch (928) 273-7005.



**WOOLLY:**

Woolly is a large terrier and weighs about 40 pounds. He has a gentle demeanor and seems to be a sensitive guy. He loves walks with his people and wants to explore. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



**LEON:**

Leon is a cattle dog/rat terrier. He is about 1-2 years old and weighs 15 pounds. He likes other dogs, loves every person he meets, and would make someone a great walking buddy. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



**SAM:**

Sam is a scruffy 50 pound terrier full of FUN! He is a great hiking buddy, an affectionate goofball, and a playful dude. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



**JEWEL:** Jewel is a doxie/min pin mix. She is about 1-2 years old and weighs 8 pounds. Jewel is a very sweet girl. She loves to be cuddled and is good with all dogs and cats. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



**TEDDY:**

Teddy is an Aussie/Sheltie mix. He weighs 25 pounds and is around 10 months old. He gets along with other dogs and just adores people. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924.



**TITUS:**

I'm about 2 years old, and am very loving and cuddly. I like to fetch, go for walks, and snuggle with my person. Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 x7.



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**BLUE:** I am a 4-year-old pit bull/terrier mix. I came to the shelter with my buddy Spike, and we are both looking for a forever home. I am very friendly, get along with other dogs and love to go for walks. Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 x7.



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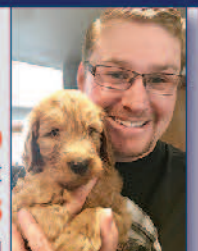
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# ADOPT -A-DOG

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**BABY:** I'm really sweet, and I would really love to go home with Corey, my bestest friend. I'm good with people, cats and dogs. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



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**FINN:** I'm a 6-year-old silver dapple smooth Dachshund. I'm good with people and probably all cats. I like attention, and a little exercise. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



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**BOOTSEY:** Bootsey is a DSH grey & black tabby female with cute white mittens who was born 6/12/07. She is a bit shy at first but when she gets to know you she requires a lot of petting and loving from you. She is great with men and women. United Animal Friends/Suzy (928) 848-6191.



**MARY:** Mary is a domestic long hair, gray & white female who is 4 months old. She is very playful: She loves to lurk behind objects, then pounce, and she loves to play with toys. She will also cuddle on a shoulder or a lap for a nap, and she comes when her foster mom calls "come to the mom." United Animal Friends/Allie (928) 632-5144.



**ABBY:** Abby is an 8-10 year old domestic short hair black gal with beautiful amber eyes. She is very affectionate and runs to the nearest lap available and plunks herself down. United Animal Friends/Ruth (928) 379-1088.



**PICASSO:** Picasso is a sweet little gentleman. He is 4 months old and has beautiful tabby markings mixed with a little orange. Nice disposition, and he just about gets along with anyone. Catty Shack/Elizabeth (928) 848-9509.



**CLEMENTINE:** Hi, I'm Clementine. I am an adorable, friendly and sweet 4-month-old calico girl who loves to play and be held. Come and meet me and find out if we have a future together. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951.



**OPIE:** I'm Opie, the adventurer! I'm 4 months old and a lovely orange fellow. If there's a new space to explore I'm there first. I love people too. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951.



**ROSALEE:** Hi, I'm Rosalee. I am a lovely tortoiseshell and about 2 years old. I am sweet and love people. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951.



**MR. BLUE:** Mr. Blue is a 4-year-old long-haired gray kitty. He is very, very affectionate, friendly, & not aggressive with other cats. He LIVES to be petted and for belly rubs. He knows his name and comes when called. He is going to make a wonderful companion. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411.



**MISSY:** Missy is so sweet. She loves to be petted and sit on laps. She is not afraid of dogs and gets along easily with other cats. She would be great in a home with children or a busy type home. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411.



**ISABELLE:** Isabelle is a 5-year-old short-haired tabby with beautiful dark markings. She has lived with a dog. She loves to be petted, held, and cuddled, and she loves to play with wand toys. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411.



**LAURA:** Shy little long-haired LAURA is a sweet 3-4 years old, dilute tortoiseshell lady. She loves being petted and will start purring before you know it. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411.



**RADAR:** What a handsome fellow I am with my white and grey tiger coat. I have very interesting markings on my front legs - white vertical lines. I am affectionate, easy going, and sure enjoy being petted all over. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



**TANGO:** Hello, I'm tiny Tango and my eyes are the biggest you have ever seen. My coat has lots of spots. I am very eager for attention and enjoy being petted and held. I am also generous with kisses. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



**SAMI:** I am a shiny black puss with big yellow eyes. Very affectionate, I am loving and sweet, and I enjoy sharing cuddles and sitting on laps. I lived with another cat, Bogi, and we really hope to be adopted together. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



**BOGI:** I am a handsome black and white gentlecat. I enjoy being petted and sharing affection. I came here with my housemate Sami, and we are hoping to go home together. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666.



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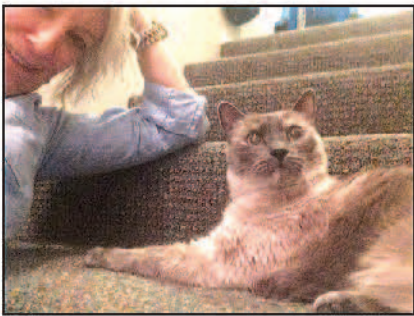
# KITTY KORNER: BONNIE BLUE, I LOVE YOU

By Allie Werhan and Bonnie Blue. Photos courtesy of Barbara Leonard.

Barbara Leonard arrived in Prescott from the Florida Panhandle in May of last year. She lived in downtown Prescott for a while, and then eventually found a lovely condo on the golf course at Love field. She quickly found a calling working as a volunteer at Miss Kitty's Cat House on Alarcon Street in Prescott.

At Miss Kitty's, the cats have free run of the house, and can play, snooze, groom or whatever they want. Barbara noticed a beautiful blue point Siamese girl who just sat in a cat bed and observed the others. Barbara found out the cat, Smoke, had belonged to a man who became ill. He and his wife could keep only one of their pets. When the wife chose to keep her dog, Smoke went to Miss Kitty's.

You will be surprised to know that Smoke can write about her experiences, and has passed her observations on to me. She wants us all to know how thrilled she is to have found Miss Kitty's and her new best friend forever, Barbara.



**Barbara with Bonnie Blue**

Here is what Smoke has to say about that time: *Miss Barbara had quietly talked to me for several weeks, rubbed my chin, picked me up and told me many times what a pretty girl kitten I was.*

*The Miss Kitty's volunteers are such good caretakers of us. We*

*know that our comfort, safety, health and well-being are so important to them. Many kitties never get the chance to be taken care of by such loving people.*

Although Barbara's life had settled down in Prescott, and she was happy, she realized that she needed a kitty of her own. Now that she was in her own home, it made such a difference. She is very comfortable with her new home space, and with being able to decorate it to please herself. She has a view of the green golf course out her window, which will entertain the new kitty for hours.



**Bonnie Blue relaxes**

*I am so happy to be going home with Miss Barbara. She is giving me a new, more girlie name, Bonnie Blue. I guess my blue eyes captivated her so that she wanted to include their color in my new name too.*

Barbara had worked at getting her home ready for Bonnie Blue, purchasing lots of kitty toys and a cozy bed for relaxing and naptimes. Bonnie Blue didn't have much opportunity to learn how to play and be a kitten in her old situation, but now she'll be able to learn at her own speed, in safety and love.

*I even have my own little kitty cookie jar for my kitty treats. I am supposed to stay off the counters, at least when Miss Barbara is*



**Bonnie Blue in her blue cube**

*home, and I can sleep in my own bed and I can go wherever I want in the house. It is a wonderful home where I will be the Supreme Diva. I will shower Miss Barbara with my love and affection daily.*

*It has taken a while for me to learn to play and go through my tunnel and get in my blue play cube, but with Miss Barbara's help and love, I am learning. I even know how to jump up on her bed and be there when she wakes up in the morning!*

Sometimes older cats linger, waiting to be adopted while all the younger cats are scooped up. Bonnie Blue, at 4½, isn't too old, but with her quiet disposition and lack of antics, she was being overlooked. None of that stopped Barbara from falling in love with Bonnie Blue. They are making a happy, comfortable life together. Barbara continues her work at Miss Kitty's, helping the other older cats sparkle so they too will find homes. She has enough love to go around to those cats too, especially now that she has her special friend, Bonnie Blue.

How old is Bonnie Blue in human years? Vetstreet, a source of cat information, says that a 4-year-

old cat is about 32 in human years. A 9-year-old cat is about 52, and a 16-year-old cat is about 80.

Some people don't want to adopt an older cat because of a fear that the cat will have expensive medical problems. Cats often have the same aging problems as humans. Fading eyesight and hearing, maybe arthritis, and a general slowing down are common. The solutions to these conditions are also similar to humans. Good nutrition, exercise, rest and companionship help maintain your kitty's well being.

There are many rewards for adopting an older cat. They are settled down, don't chew your computer cords, know your routine and love to sleep late on the weekend and then read the paper or watch TV on Saturday morning. Often they are full of love and enjoy your company.

Bonnie Blue and Barbara have many happy years ahead of them, and Bonnie will be the first to say so. *My Miss Barbara and I are lucky girls to have each other, and all the years ahead.*



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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: RUN-A-MUK

By Allie Werhan. Photos courtesy of Mike Branigan.

The building at 1205 White Spar Road in Prescott opened in 1969 as a veterinary clinic. Three different veterinarians operated out of this building, the last one being Dr. Smith who now owns Mile Hi Animal Hospital. There is a horse stable and corral on the hill across the creek, unused at present but available for emergency use, such as a flood or fire disaster

Why am I telling you all this? Well, Mike Branigan told me, breathlessly, with so much enthusiasm that he makes me care about the old place, the history and changes. Mike is nothing if not enthusiastic about everything he does, beginning with Run-A-Muk, his dog and cat boarding facility which now occupies this historic place.

Mike bought the property in early 2017, and has already started to modify it according to his plans and dreams for the future. First and foremost, he cares about the safety and welfare of the animals who board with him. He lives in an apartment that is part of the building and is there as the caregiver from seven at night until seven in the morning. In between, he is still there most of the time, working with his excellent staff in the care and service of the animals.

All the fire systems and police systems are coded into his apartment. He has smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and other safety equipment. He can be with the dogs in 4 seconds if an alarm goes off. One of his plans is to install a 750-gallon water pumper as a safety backup, which he would call the RAM fire department. (RAM = Run-A-Muk). He also plans to have a full back up generator system just in case the power goes off.



Aerial view of a play yard

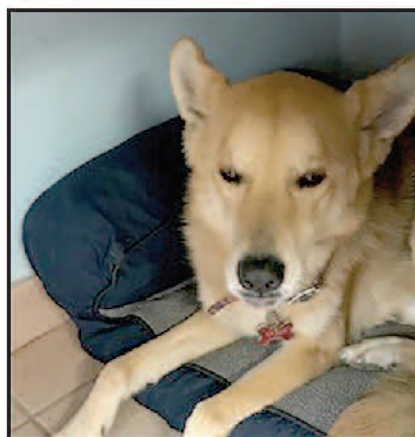
The large play yards include gymnastic equipment, wading pools, and many toys, as well as plenty of room to run and chase, or to relax in the shade and enjoy the day.

During rain the dogs have to be inside, and one of Mike's plans is to convert the old horse barn into a monsoon accommodation for the dogs to play in during bad weather. He also wants to renovate the kennels into suites for the dogs. As it is, at night, after supper, the dogs get one last spin on the playground, then come inside for bed. There is soothing music all night for the dogs and Mike personally says good night to each one to assure them that they are safe and secure.

Dr. Smith at Mile Hi is just down the street for any medical needs, and he also is ready with advice...that is part of the deal, Mike says, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

Future plans include a remodel of his apartment, adding a breakfast room. He has the most beautiful view on the property and can listen to the chatter of the creek as he enjoys that first cup of coffee. "Who gets that in life?" he asks. He always has his own dogs there, and some of the boarding dogs also spend time visiting him...crashing on his couch mostly!

He has 3 boxers, Sarge, his oldest boy, Scout, a girl who was almost stillborn and has a bit of nerve damage as a result, and Ranger, the new kid, about 9 months old and just learning the ropes. Regulars include Cassie, a coyote-dingo mix, and a three-legged beagle named Alvin.



Cassie

Boxers are the family tradition, and Mike loves them, loves their dispositions and personalities and how happy and fun they are all the time.

Mike says, "Every morning, I wake up happy. Who has that? I can't wait to 'go to work' and see all the happy faces. This is what I plan to do for the rest of my life."

When he started college, Mike expected to become a veterinarian, but decided he "wasn't strong enough, if that is the word, to deal with euthanasia." What he does now is very satisfying to him, and he gets to be around all the happy dogs he wants all day and night.

His daughter is studying to be an equine veterinarian in Idaho. "The love of animals is in our family DNA," Mike says.

Mike's future is filled with plans that center on Run-A-Muk and dogs. I should pause here to mention that RAM also has a cattery where several cats live while their owners are out of town. One, Hal, is a particular friend of Mike. When he goes to visit him, Hal talks to Mike; "Hal-low? Hal-low?"

Mike was in the restaurant industry for 35 years, and it is not unnatural for his mind to turn in that direction...only for dogs.



Dogs on bridge



Mike with Scout

He is talking about the world's first doggy diner, with dog recipes on the menu, although the humans would be invited to stay. I suppose they could watch and drool!

He also is considering a true dog hotel, perhaps in conjunction with the Quality Inn so that the dogs would have a dog-friendly place to stay while their humans were at the hotel. Of course, they would have dog TV, like the one he currently has in the lobby at Run-A-Muk, which the dogs watch while they wait to be picked up from boarding.

Mike's parting message is, "Safety, every minute, of every day." He has lots of experience as a customer of dog boarding and is a certified dog day care owner, and knows what he likes, and that is what he wants to provide for all of his Run-A-Muk clients.

There are five people on site all day, and he is there all night. The dogs are in by 7 p.m. and ease into bedtime. They are always under the watchful eye of a caregiver.

His enthusiasm is contagious... for the dogs, for the clients, for Run-A-Muk and especially for the future. Each day is a joy. As Mike says, "Who has that?"



Nicole, surrounded



Front row: Nicole Tutrone, Isabella Nalda, Liz Burton, Megan Chavez, Rita Berzins, Mike Branigan. Back Row: Dawn Morningstar, Cathy Righter, Dr. Brice Smith, Jean Wu, Tyler Kearney, Gael Espinoza Matt Gordon.



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# BOOK REVIEW: *TAILS FROM THE BOOTH*, BY LYNN TERRY

By Allie Werhan

When I was 15, I went to the County Fair with my BFF where we encountered the infamous photo booth. We gleefully climbed in, pulled the curtains and began to make faces, gestures and postures that we imagined were hilarious. Of course, to us, they were, and made good memories.

Now, imagine your dog in that booth with his BFF or someone of the dog persuasion whom he just met. Lynn Terry did just that, and discovered that what happens when the leashes come off reveals that "dogs of all breeds, colors, shapes and sizes cuddle together, wrestle, smooch, laugh, yawn, howl" with results that will keep readers laughing, chuckling and rolling their eyes.

Lynn has written several short pieces throughout the book to explain how this wonderful work came about. She started because she loved the vintage look of the photo booth, and

had such a success with her initial efforts. She says, "The dogs began sticking tongues out at each other, laughing, yawning, howling, sneezing, frowning, making awkward facial expressions, walking out of the frame...in a nutshell, they nailed it!"

Her work went viral on social media such as Facebook, the Internet and then TV shows. She also got offers to write a book.

Her first experience with pets was at age 23, when she received a little mutt named DeeDee, who experienced the prejudice piled on pit bulls and their look-alikes. She found a local rescue group, Mutts-N-Stuff, where she volunteered photographing dogs and spreading the word about the pit breed. Through the years, Lynn fostered many dogs and a few cats, and really learned about the love, joy, entertainment and warmth animals bring to people.



A big question is "How does Lynn get these dogs to do that?" She explains some of her tricks, including "an arsenal of treats and noisemakers" as well as her own unusual voice.

It requires patience spent getting the dogs relaxed and comfortable on the set, helping them figure out what's involved in this situation for them...and treats that just keep coming!

Lynn's passion for and about dogs is easily seen in her

writing, but even more in her photographs. She says these photos show "not just a bunch of quirky, adorable dogs, but emotions that you might have thought were only human—love, friendship, annoyance, laughter, confusion, and joy..."

The cast of dogs is acknowledged in the back of the book, with pictures and names of each dog in the photos, and also of Lynn's cat, Buggy. So many beautiful faces, so many bright eyes, this album is the perfect finale for Tails.

You will look through these photos again and again, seeing something new each time. You will be startled at the different breeds and how amazing they are, and experience joy at realizing that these dogs are having the most unbelievable fun posing for the camera.

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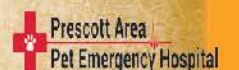
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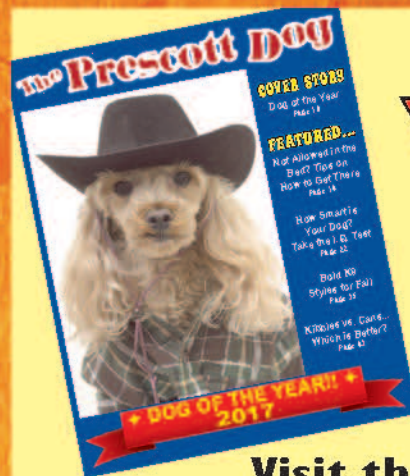


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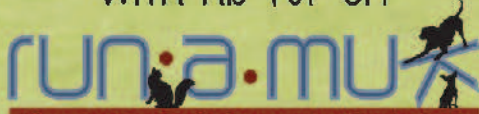
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# TRICK TRAINING: WHAT IT IS & HOW TO GET STARTED

Story by Holly Hill

So, what is a trick? A trick is so much more than basic obedience training such as "sit", "down," and "come." Trick training is a necessary requirement for both dogs in Hollywood and service dogs.

Hollywood Dogs may have to Rebound off of walls, Crawl through something, lower their head on command.

Service dogs may have to: Turn lights on and off, Get things out of the fridge, Close and open doors

For those just looking to have a good time with as beloved pet, trick training offers a wholesome, pleasurable pastime for you and the entire family. Want to wow your friends? Trick training is the ticket!

Dogs think differently than you and I and as such, tricks must be broken into small incremental learning steps. Teaching a trick is a methodical process. An incentive, or reward, helps to reinforce good behavior. Providing highly palatable treats sends a very clear message to the dog that he has performed what his owner has asked.

## How to get started

The first mandatory steps to learning more complex tricks is teaching basic obedience such as sit, down, and stay. Basic obedience and manners is an important beginning prior to learning trick training. Keep in mind young puppies should not do any tricks that could put strain on their developing bodies, such as jumping tricks. Some older dogs with health conditions such as arthritis should not perform tricks which puts strain the joints.

Before getting started you will need a few things

- Patience
- A leash
- Yummy treats your dog loves (try to make the treats small, as you will be using a lot of them)
- A place to put your treats (such as a treat holder that clips to your side)
- A dog (with no major health issues)

The trick I will be teaching you today is "Shake." Your dog will bring his front leg and paw for you to hold and shake as in a human handshake. The "Shake" is a trick he



will need to know before moving on to the "March" (the dog brings up a corresponding leg when you lift yours). The "Shake" also precedes teaching your dog to learn his right paw from left. The "Shake" trick is great for all ages of dogs, even puppies. So, grab some treats and let's get started.

## The "Shake"

There are many methods to teach the same tricks so if one way does not work, another may. But, try these steps first. Make sure to work on a trick for no more than 10-15 minutes a day, 1-3 times a day.

## The Steps

1. Have your dog on a leash, sitting in front of you. Kneel down in front of him.
2. Hold a treat in your hand, showing him you have a treat. (Have the extra treats in a pouch or pocket for easy access) then close your fist over the treat.
3. Hold the treat in your closed fist, close to his foot that you would like shake with. (For me it was the left foot in the picture) If your dog stands up, ask him to sit again.
4. Most dogs will try to get the treat out of your hand by batting at it with their foot. As soon as he begins to lift his paw or shifts his weight tell him "Good boy" or "Yes", giving a treat from your other hand as a reward.
5. Keep working on getting the height of his foot higher, little by little. Bring your hand higher, so he has to reach for it. Your stopping point is the midpoint of their chest. Make sure to reward any movement in height.

6. Once he understands to bring his foot up to your hand, start to hold the hand open without a treat. Let him bring up the foot like he normally would, then lightly grab that foot and give it a little shake with lots of praise and a reward if he brings it up with your hand open.
7. Now you need to add in your cue word. Say your cue word such as "Shake" and repeat all the steps. Each time you start the steps over say your cue word. After a few days, he should start to pick up the word and attempt to give you his foot.
8. Gradually phase out the treats so he only gets a treat intermittently once you are sure he knows the trick.

If your dog does not understand what it is you are asking him to do, go back to the step that he solidly understands and performs. Continue this practice until he can progress to the next part of the trick. Eventually, as you teach small increments of the trick, you will see success. Remember trick training should be fun for both you and your dog! Once you and your dog have perfected the shake trick you may move on to more complex tricks.



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# KEEP PETS SAFE FROM SPOOKY HALLOWEEN TRICKS & TREATS

By Briana Lonas



As the weather begins to change, it's time to plan for Halloween and all of the parties and events that come with this night of wicked fun.

Remember, what might be fun for you may not be so nice for your pets.

For starters, it's fun to dress up the cat or dog with funny costumes. This dressing up might be okay for the short term just to snap those photos and show off on social media. If you plan on keeping your pets dressed for the evening, be sure that they don't mind the outfits and can breathe properly, hear and move around safely.

Costumes made with beads or small pieces could pose a choking hazard. Another point worth mentioning is hair dye. Most dyes are harmful to pets even if the label states that it's non-toxic.

As far as decorations go, that festive string of lights could cause serious damage if chewed or ingested. The same goes for candles, especially if they are lit and the cats get too close. Opt for battery-operated candles instead of the traditional type. Try to avoid draping fake cobwebs around the house unless pets are supervised.

According to PetMD, keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn out of reach. If your pet nibbles on these items, the result could be stomach upset, or worse, cause an intestinal blockage.

The Pet Poison Helpline cites that during the week of Halloween, calls to local veterinarians increase by 12 percent because of poisoning – most of it unintentional, by well-meaning pet owners.

Cats and dogs can ingest candy or small decorations and chocolate may be fatal. The most common food-related Halloween hazards for pets are chocolate, raisins and candy wrappers.

Pets, especially cats, love to chew and play with wrappers. Also, glow sticks appeal to cats and may cause drooling and foaming at the mouth.



## Halloween Safety Tips

The following tips can help keep your pets safe during Halloween:

- Avoid leaving chocolate treats out on trays that pets can reach. Symptoms of chocolate poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, increased heart rate and seizures. Candy containing **xylitol** can also be fatal to dogs.

- Keep your pets indoors during trick-or-treating to ensure they stay calm and safe.
- Keep any outdoor cats inside during Halloween – especially black cats. Unfortunately, terrible pranks do happen to these kitties, and it's better to keep these cats safely enclosed or indoors.
- Make sure your pets wear collars with proper identification even if they have been microchipped.
- If you walk your dog during the trick-or-treat hours, carry a light and make sure the loud noises and costumes won't scare your furry pet.
- 24/7 Pet Poison Helpline – (855) 764-7661
- Listing of foods poisonous to your pets – ASPCA.org
- Black-cat safety on Halloween – petful.com
- Keeping your pets safe during Halloween – humanesociety.org



## The Black Cat Mystique

Folklore is full of factual and whimsical stories about black cats. We love to watch these beautiful creatures slink around pumpkin patches in October; their dark coats a striking visual contrast against the orange. Somehow, these cats make us feel that the holiday season is fast approaching with the beginning of Halloween.

On that note, many animal adoption shelters will not allow black cat adoptions, for the same reason it's not advisable to adopt little bunnies and chicks during spring.

Why? Because often by the time families realize the responsibility that comes with having a pet, it's already bonded and now must be returned to live in a cage and wait for another forever home. It's never a good idea to adopt a "seasonal" pet just because it's cute and fits the holiday. Like with Easter bunny and chick adoptions, resist the temptation to adopt little black kittens unless your household is serious about a long-term relationship.

A terrible reason that a few black cats might be adopted is for rituals. Fortunately, most people don't participate in these events but accounts still make their way into newspapers each year. Not only black cats, but any color feline

could be in danger if left outside during Halloween.

History tells that during the Middle Ages, black cats often were associated with witchcraft. During the Salem witch burnings in the 17th century, cats would be burned alongside their "witch" owners.

Some cultures believed that a cat crossing in front of you meant bad luck. In some countries, a black cat meant a sign of imminent death.

## Fun Black Cat Facts from Petco.com

- There are 19 cat breeds in the Cat Fanciers Association directory that list "black" as a color option.
- Many black cats have golden eyes, which is the result of high melanin pigment content in their bodies.

- Black cats can be boys or girls, but more are male than female.
- The Ancient Egyptians believed all cats brought good luck.
- In England (except Yorkshire) and Ireland, should a black cat cross your path, it's good luck.
- In Scotland, a stray cat on your doorstep means you will find prosperity.
- In Germany, if a black cat crosses your path from right to left, that's bad; left to right is good.
- Pirates believed that if a black cat walked onto your ship and then right back off again, the ship would sink once out to sea.
- In Japan, black cats are considered symbols of good luck.
- In Russia, all cats are viewed as lucky.

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# TRAVERSING ARIZONA'S BACKBONE - THE MOGOLLON RIM ROAD

Story and Photos by Cheryl Hartz



Just one of the countless panoramic views from the Mogollon Rim Road.

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The Rim begins just across the New Mexico border and stretches two-thirds of the way across Arizona, forming the southern edge of the Colorado Plateau. It passes through the Coconino and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests with countless places to stop and catch panoramic views of both.

Pronounced *muggy-on* or *muggy-own* and probably named for Don Juan Ignacio Flores Mogollón, the Spanish Governor of New Mexico from 1712 to 1715, this wall of rock stretches 200 miles and has drops of 2,000 feet or more to the valley floor.

We like to exit State Route 87 out of Camp Verde and drive the gravel Rim Road, Forest Road 300. It's suitable for passenger vehicles, but 30 miles per hour is about as fast as you'll go. Snow can fly early in this high country (elevation up to 8,000 feet) and the road closes for the winter, so don't put off your fall adventure too long.

A little more than a mile from FR

300's start is the trailhead for the General Crook Trail, a wagon route dating back to the 1870s that was used to supply the U.S. Army and Gen. George Crook in his long war against the Apaches. It's one of many trails from which to choose along the Rim. Overlooks and places to hike abound. Just pick a spot and stop.

Depending upon how far you choose to drive the Rim Road, you can pick from any number of side trips such as:

Potato Lake, Kehl Springs Camp-ground, Barbershop Canyon, Knoll Lake, East Clear Creek and Barbershop canyons, to name a few. Along the way you also will observe the effects of one of the deadliest wildfires in Arizona history – the lightning-caused Dude Fire of 1990, which resulted in the death of six firefighters and the loss of 24,000 acres.

Along the less-frequented byways, you might surprise some



Maples and oaks intersperse among Ponderosa pines.

larger wildlife. Mule deer sprinted up the hill away from our chosen campsite last October, leaving their calling cards. Elk droppings also were prevalent, and we heard their high-pitched bugling calls at night. Winged friends included turkey vultures, ravens, woodpeckers and various songbirds. Our dogs, Jack and Duke, especially liked spotting gray squirrels.

Although we didn't see a bear, we did step around huge piles of bear scat. Because rolling in doo-doo is what dogs do, we had to clean up one canine that reveled in that activity.

Good thing we had some wet wipes along until our granddog Magpie could have a bath at home.

The Rim can get pretty chilly in the fall. October night temperatures dropped to the 30s and 40s while we were camping. Down coats and thermal

underwear felt good around the evening campfire. But daytime temperatures were comfortably in the 60s or so. Light jackets and/or down vests were enough for hiking until the sun warmed us up and set the gold and crimson leaves of the oaks and maples ablaze.

Before you hit the road, check the Coconino National Forest website and read the Alerts & Warnings for the latest fire, flood and road closure information. To learn more about trails, look under Recreation. It's also a good idea to download the free digital motor vehicle use map, with essential information about road, trail, and area designations. Free hard copy MVUMs are available at any Coconino National Forest office, or by calling 928- 527-3600, and also at local outdoor stores and offices of other nearby National Forests.

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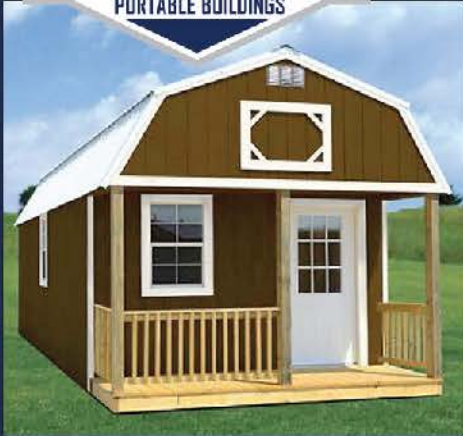
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When he was just a pup, he would dream of traveling to far away places, perhaps joining the Navy (K-9 Division) and seeing the world. But Gentle Hearts Service Dog "Duke" was instead destined to become a top rate Service Dog and find his way to an awesome partner, Jeff Merritt, in Prescott, Arizona.

As with most Service Dogs, Duke takes his job very seriously. He is never more than a few feet away from Jeff at any time, keeping a vigilant watch on his partner Jeff. This is obvious to me every time I pay a visit to Jeff, his lovely wife Caryl and Duke. Duke will be very excited to see me, running up to receive some hugs and rubs. But after a few minutes of excitement, Duke will be right back at Jeff's feet. If Jeff should get up from his chair to go to another room in the house, Duke is right on his heels.

Well, it came as quite a surprise to Duke one day when Jeff told him that his dreams as a pup of travel would be coming true. Of course, when I first heard about it, my thought was, "When You Wish Upon A Star" but that sounded a bit corny.

On June 11, 2017, Duke, along with his partner Jeff and his wife Caryl, embarked on a seven day Disney Cruise to Alaska with stops at several ports of call which included Skagway, Juno and Ketchikan.

The adventure for Duke and his family began with a flight from Phoenix to Denver, then from Denver to Vancouver, British Columbia, where an overnight stay at a local hotel made sure all were ready for the next day to begin their big adventure.

Once Duke and family boarded the ship, Disney Cruise Lines treated him like the special dog that he is. Both staff and passengers would say hello to Duke throughout the cruise without distracting him from his main focus...his partner Jeff. Duke was even provided an "Indoor Elimination Station," better known as a bathroom. The Cabin Attendant for Disney Cruise placed a large tray of real grass on the balcony of their stateroom for Duke to eliminate in. And the Cabin

Attendant would follow up to make sure the grass was always clean.

Out of the 2,400 passengers on this magnificent ship, one of the highlights of the cruise for Duke was when he had the opportunity to be introduced to one of his puppyhood idols . . . Pluto!! Although just a little larger than he thought Pluto would be, Duke felt safe staying close to Jeff. After all, Duke was on leash; Pluto was not!!

As a working Service Dog, Duke accompanied Jeff to all events on the cruise. Once Jeff and Caryl were seated in the dining room, Duke immediately assumed his position under the table, out of sight (and usually falling asleep). And during times when Jeff and Caryl enjoyed live stage shows, Duke was right next to Jeff keeping a close eye on him. Duke only lifted his head when he thought everyone was applauding for him . . . but no other reaction.

Duke loved walking on the deck with Jeff and really enjoyed the majestic views of the Alaskan scenery. The cool temperatures of Alaska made Duke and his family forget about the Arizona weather they had left. And going for a walk in Skagway, Alaska was a great way to stretch the legs and take in the sights.

Duke was an awesome Service Dog for his first cruise; he made both Jeff and Gentle Hearts Service Dogs proud. Plans are already underway for Duke's next big adventure. Tickets have been purchased for Jeff, Caryl and Duke to fly to Florida early 2018 where they will be on a Disney Cruise to Nassau Bahamas. On this trip, Duke will have an added thrill of being joined by Jeff and Caryl's daughter Wendy, who is just as crazy about Duke as Duke is about her.

So, it looks like Duke's dreams as a puppy are coming true. As he continues to be an outstanding Service Dog, performing his tasks wherever his partner Jeff is, the desire to travel the world has become a reality for this outstanding canine. The only thing left that I can say to Duke is... "It's A Small World After All."



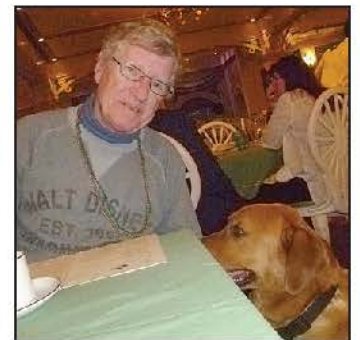
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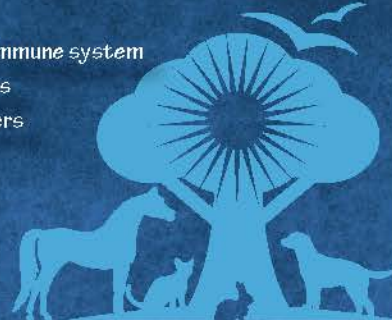
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# YCSO K9 MILEY GRADUATES TO HER NEXT ASSIGNMENT: COUCH POTATO

Story & photos by Heidi Dahms Foster

Yavapai County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Lopez has moved on to a new chapter in his law enforcement career, and so has his K9 partner Miley. Lopez has been promoted to detective, and Miley, a Belgian Malinois who has been at his side since 2011, is retiring to his home as a family pet.

Lopez said he has never been as close to an animal as he is with Miley, and he's glad to have her stay with him. "I've always had dogs, and I'm a dog person," he said. "But I never realized how close you could get to a dog. For those five years (on patrol) we were together more than anyone else in my life. It got to a point that we pretty much fed off each other – we knew exactly each other's moves."

Miley officially retired in a ceremony during a Yavapai County Board of Supervisors meeting on August 1. The County transferred her to Lopez for a token \$1, which Supervisor Craig Brown was glad to pay in honor of her service.

Lopez knew he had something special as soon as he and Miley attended the nine-week Arizona Department of Corrections K9 Academy in the Tucson area. He found out right away that this K9 was not only small, but she was quick.

"I had always envisioned a giant 100 lb. K9, so when I went to pick her up I was taken back, she was about 60 lbs. But she was every bit as tough as the big dogs. In the academy, her speed was a highlight not only in running and working ability, but she was one of the fastest dogs finding drugs. It would take all the other dogs and

handlers double the time it would take for Miley. I can't take credit for that, it's all her. Toward the end of academy, they had a race, and she smoked everybody. I sure was proud," he said.

Miley started her career on patrol with another talented duo that was starting at the same time – Deputy Jarrod Winfrey and Tjando. The two teams have been successful in taking a large amount of drugs out of circulation during their time in service. Tjando is retired now and Winfrey is having great success with the young Malinois Gemma, whom he received and started as a puppy.

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

In 2017 alone, Miley has racked up an impressive record of finds, including heroin, marijuana, and one stop with 14 lbs. of methamphetamines.

Miley is eight years old now and the decision to retire her came because she

began to have problems with her rear knee. Lopez could tell she was in pain at times. The job is hard on the K9s, and eight to 10 is usually the age they are retired.

Aside from her obvious abilities at detecting drugs, Lopez is quick to say how his service with Miley has changed him as an officer and a person.

"I would say she certainly advanced my career. She made me mature a lot. It's a whole different aspect of police work with the dog, and facing big drug loads taught me a lot about that. I've been fortunate to be a part of the K9 team, and it will help me as a detective."



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# BARN HUNT PROVED THE KEY TO RELATIONSHIP & FUN FOR ALICE FELDEN & TORY

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy of Bethany Howell, Dogs in Motion.

When Chino Valley resident Alice Felden thought she was going to need a service dog, she set out to find just the right companion. When her German Shepherd Tory joined her home, Felden had regained her mobility, and now had an intelligent dog with an over-the-top play drive to deal with.



Felden tried obedience - both traditional and Rally - with Tory, and even achieved a couple of qualifying scores toward her titles. But she was looking for something more that would provide fun for the lively dog. "She was so hyper, she hated obedience. She was looking everywhere but at me." That's when Felden discovered Barn Hunt.

Shortly after joining the Chino Valley Canine Training Club, someone mentioned the Barn Hunt training Chris Hand of Granite Mountain Rat Pack started in 2016. "I took Tory in June, and introduced her to the rat. She took to the game immediately. That first day, Chris was hiding rats for her. I thought, 'OK, this is possible.'"

Barn Hunt is a fairly new, outrageously popular dog activity that virtually any dog and handler can do together. Novice teams begin in a relatively small 20 x 20 ft. area with 18-22 straw bales, a short bale tunnel, and just one rat hidden in a strong PVC tube with air holes, one "litter" tube with bedding a rat has used, and one empty tube. The dog wears no collar or lead, and is turned loose on the course and told to "find the rat." The dog must find and indicate the tube with the rat in it, and the handler must call "rat," to signify that he or she recognizes the dog has found the rat.

Courses become larger and more difficult as the teams advance, with longer tunnels, higher climbs and more cleverly hidden rats and decoy tubes.

Rules for dog, rat and handler safety are strict. The dogs wear no collar or leash, and after calling "rat" when the dog finds the tube with the rat inside, the handler may only hold the dog with flat hands - no grabbing hair or legs - called "scruffing."

Felden said the sport, while not rigid obedience, still requires a good relationship between handler and dog, especially when it comes to discerning whether the dog has found a rat or just a litter tube. "You have to be able to read the dog. Tory will dig the tube out and grab and hold it. She usually ignores litter tubes, doesn't even look at them. Sometimes if she's hyper she will dig it out and then leave it. I wait for her to grab it before I call it," Felden said. "Her thing is to mouth it. It's her toy."

The rats used in Barn Hunt are pampered pets, and if a tube is shown to a dog, the rat usually will come to the side and sniff the dog without fear. The rats are well cared for and always protected by the heavy-duty PVC tubes.



After Felden's first good experience with Barn Hunt, they returned to the next practice and the two met Maggie Lieber, of Central Arizona Rat Patrol, who told her she and Tory should enter the next Barn Hunt trial. "But we've only been to two practices, I said. Maggie said, 'She can do it.' I figured what do I have to lose, so I entered her in the trial at Mortimer Farms in Dewey. Tory got her Novice title that weekend, just boom, boom, boom, on her first birthday."

Felden said she prepared by going to the trial a day early and asked to help. She assisted with building the maze and putting up fences, learned much and had a great deal of fun. During the trial, Tory qualified on her first two runs and earned a second place on her next run, earning her Novice Barn Hunt title.

"I thought, 'Hey, this is pretty good! There was another trial the next month, and I practiced with Chris. He told me, 'You know, she'll go as high as you are willing to take her,'" Felden said.

In the next trial, Felden and Tory attained two qualifying scores toward their Open Barn Hunt title with second and first place ribbons. The following trial, the two earned a first place and High in Class for their Open title and two "legs" toward their senior title with two firsts. They were on a roll and having a blast.

Felden illustrates the necessity of being able to read and direct the dog with her one miss in Tory's last Open leg. "It was funny, the mess up was mine. She had cleared the place but I knew the rat was there. I kept saying 'here, here' and I should have said 'Find the rat!' because that's her cue to search. She kept coming to me and we ran out of time. I was so green I barely knew to call rat!"

In her next event, Tory earned her senior title and made her first Masters run. She was in the big leagues now, as the Masters title requires five qualifying legs, and now Tory had to find a random one to five rats among 10 PVC tubes, in four and a half minutes. She qualified in that run.

Then the challenges began. "We went to New River and I thought, 'Great, I'll get my Masters title,'" Felden said. "They do herding at that facility, too, so it was all new smells, and Tory was excited. I let her go and she found a rat in less than five seconds. She zoomed up the bales and through the tunnel and then hit three more tubes in 30 seconds. I didn't call rat on the first because she left them, but on the third, I called because she was digging. There was no rat, so we didn't qualify. She did the same thing that afternoon."



The next trial, the team had the same challenges in four more tries, a disappointment after their rapid successes early on. After regrouping and working with Hand, Felden realized that Tory was just too over-excited to concentrate. "It was an expensive lesson! The next trial, I went a day early, let her walk around and smell, and get her bearings. She got two legs that trial, for three, and we only needed two more."

Felden wanted to complete Tory's Masters title under Judge VicTorya Hall, because she had gotten her first title under Hall. She accomplished the goal that weekend and then earned two more legs toward her Barn Hunt championship, or RATCH, which requires an additional 10 qualifying legs. Tory achieved the championship on her second birthday.

While Tory's achievements can appear on the outside as if they are attributable mostly to her incredible talent, the truth is that much dedication, persistence and a well thought out training plan went into her success. On his Granite Mountain Rat Pack Facebook page, Hand lists his formula for success: TxT xTxT = Results (Training, Time, Trials, Travel).

"It's very easy to admire the finish line photo, but that photo shows you the winner, and nothing else," Hand said. "The 'perfect' dog hasn't walked through the door yet. Alice and Tory have found a great amount of success in this game because they showed up, put in the Time, and they Trained. Then they Tried and Traveled. You can, too!"

Tory can continue to compete in Barn Hunt trials and earn additional levels of her championship as long as she wants. Felden enjoys the close relationship and fun she has achieved with her dog so much that she wants to keep going. "You can literally go every weekend," she said.

For more information on this fun, interactive dog sport, visit [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com).

Chris Hand owns and instructs at Granite Mountain Rat Pack, a facility located in Chino Valley that offers instruction and training in the sport of Barn Hunt. Those interested in learning more can email [granitemountainratpack@gmail.com](mailto:granitemountainratpack@gmail.com) for more information or to set up an instinct test for their dog.



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# EQUESTRIAN CORNER: GOODWIN FIRE – Community In Crisis

## AREA EQUESTRIANS COME TO THE RESCUE

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



**The Goodwin Fire - Horse Rescue**

Photo courtesy of Leigh Shulberg

Sometimes, when a community is under great danger, a community comes together, in near perfect harmony.

Late June, Matthew Fenn was busy helping Mayer, Arizona residents to evacuate from the newly ignited Goodwin Fire. He even had special permission to cross over extreme boundary lines, not normally granted to civilians. And then suddenly he found himself in the same situation as his Dewey Humboldt area ranch was ordered to evacuate. Matthew and Kendall Melline knew that they would need some help in transporting close to 30 head of horses out of the 140 acre ranch.

Matthew posted a "help message" on Facebook. And then, to the rescue came over 2 dozen rigs to load horses and take them to safe shelter. Lots of local equestrians showed up to help out. But they weren't all local. Leigh Shulberg of Wittmann, Arizona saw a post on Facebook for horse owners needing help evacuating. "Since my horse trailer was currently hooked up, I was already to go," says Leigh.

She managed to rescue a horse from Matthew's ranch and volunteered to take the mare to her home for safe keeping. She also returned the horse when the evacuations were concluded. There were others such as Denise Goodwin and Linda Corbin of our community that helped evacuate

horses, then provided them a place to stay at their own residences.

On the other end of the computer spectrum, Karen Moseley of Horsing Around (trail riding group well known to also double as community benevolence outreach), is checking online, looking for people needing help. There are now 400 people or more who have joined Karen's group Horsing Around. With such a fast growing membership, it's no wonder that her phone number was given out by the local Sheriff's office as well as a community equine center.



**Karen Moseley of Horsing Around, in her element**

When Karen received their calls regarding horses needing help, she would then call Horsing Around members she knew could assist. Eventually, Karen found herself in what could be referred to as an equestrian-in-distress dispatch system. Karen remarks that "the difference between the Goodwin Fire and the Doce Fire, (west of Prescott, 4 years ago) is the ability to use social media." During the Doce Fire, Karen explains that the loss of power inhibited their ability to communicate easily, unlike the recent disaster. At one point, during the Doce Fire, Karen's last bit of communication was purely "If you have a trailer, go to

Williamson Valley Road". And, of course they came, even though roads were closing down shortly after.

As Moseley continued to work the phones to send volunteers to help evacuate the horses, Tara Tomkins coordinated at the sight of the evacuations, arranging police escorts to those manning the horse trailers. Many of the volunteers even drove their trailers through neighborhoods who had not yet solicited help, looking to see if they needed assistance. And on several occasions, the help was indeed welcomed.

Meanwhile, Spike Hicks, of Animal Disaster Services, a volunteer organization created by Yavapai County Emergency Management Services, got the call to go to work. First, Spike was beneficial in setting up the small animal shelter, for cats and dogs. Then as the need developed ever stronger, Spike helped coordinate the equine shelter which was set up at what was previously referred to as The Coors Event Center, off of 89A, next to Yavapai Downs.



**Spike Hicks & horse Zorro**

Photo courtesy of Rita Thompson-Tinsley

As the evacuations became rapid, so did the setting up of the facility to house these unhomed animals. Originally, the physical situation was lacking, but as the need became apparent, county workers brought in

corrals that they were taking apart and reassembling at the shelter just in time for each arriving animal to be accommodated. Volunteers showed up each morning at 6 am for feeding. And there was a second crew or the same that stayed to feed at 5 pm. Spike set up shop and slept in a camper on the premises to assure that all of the 53 horses and donkeys were adequately cared for, along with colleague Clyde Griffith. And, according to Spike, there were also goats, llamas, pigs, chickens and peacocks, plus a few more dogs and cats.

In retrospect, the key elements to remember and practice during an emergency evacuation for equestrians include:

1. Make sure your horse is capable of loading into a trailer.
2. Get your horses/livestock/pets evacuated before it's mandatory.

Example: I have a TWO horse trailer, but I own THREE horses. It took me two trips to get them moved.

3. Keep a hard copy of important names and phone numbers in case you lose phone or electrical communications.

Aside from the county government services that made this disaster remarkable, there were other neighbors and friends that offered their accommodations to friends as well as strangers. The shelters were made ready for the animals, as our community donated food and labor to make this tragedy a heartfelt remembrance. And best of all, we survived, with an inexhaustible spirit, in a land that will forever be appreciated and treasured.

Ranch owner Matthew Fenn concludes, "This event had an incredible outcome. It's what it's all about. Community helping one another."

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# SHOWING THEIR TRUE COLORS: THE CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos courtesy of WLR Photography.

The grand opening of the Chino Valley Equestrian Park came complete with a crowd arousing grand entry. The Prescott Long Riders paraded throughout the show arena brandishing the American flag, the Arizona state flag and the flag which represents the new Chino Valley Equestrian Park. Those in attendance were on their feet and truly inspired by the National Anthem performed by Grammy nominated vocalist Candace Devine. The official ribbon for the ceremonial cutting was presented via horseback, of course. Riders Meg Goodyear and Rita Tinsley brought forth the honorary ribbon to Mayor Darryl Croft, Councilman Lon Turner and County Supervisor Craig Brown, where it was properly sliced.

Henceforth, the day was filled with equestrian demonstrations and exhibitions. Justin White of Justin White Performance Horses provided two riders executing reining patterns. Carol Belmont brought along expert

rider Morgan Dick of Bar U Bar Ranch to demonstrate AQHA Challenges on her precision-perfect horse Puff. The crowd was also treated to a dressage demonstration by rider Marlana Obrzut on a Cameron English-owned Andalusian. The amazing display included the celebrated "Spanish Walk", which was a thrill to experience.

Fabulous food and refreshments were on hand as well as great vendor booths and entertainment by the exuberant band Alter Ego. The Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies performed their thrilling western shootouts throughout the day.

The president of The Chino Valley Equestrian Association Danielle Fellers wishes to thank everybody who came out to support the equestrian park stating, "We were able to raise a good amount of dollars and plan to have a BBQ/Dance early in November to continue efforts to fund this well-needed community facility."



**Grand Entry Long Riders with Ribbon Presentation**

Photo courtesy of WLR Photography



**Ribbon Cutting by Mayor Croft**

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**Marlana Obrzut dressage demonstration on an Andalusian**

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Story by Skye Lyons

It's autumn again, and the stores are already sporting the Halloween props, including the night-time things that give us the willies. The spiders I find disturbing, but the owls and the bats are another matter. They shouldn't be frightening, at least not if you know a bit about them.

My first owl encounter came the evening I moved my horses to my new stable in Virginia. I was going out to check on everyone before bed and, as I opened my back door, I flipped on the floodlights to illuminate the path. I was greeted with a loud OOOHOO AAAHAA, leaped back, and slammed the door. A moment later, I screwed up my courage and tried again. Cracking open the door, I peeked out just in time to see a large owl launch itself from the tree opposite the door and the floodlights. I had no doubt startled him as badly as he had frightened me. Probably blinded the poor fellow as well. He had his revenge shortly thereafter: when I was watching my shadow in the floodlights as I was returning from the stable, a large owl-

shadow swooped over my head-shadow. I never heard him, never felt the breeze of his wings. But I saw his winged shadow, and he was clearly not pleased with my having moved into his woods.

My Virginia owl turned out to be a Great Horned Owl, which is also common in Arizona. They are big birds. With a three- to five-foot wing-span. They're also quite social. In the springtime, you can hear them calling to each other. "Whoo-hoo, hoo, hoo" is the classic call, and if your hoot is good enough, they will let you join in and even wait for you if you're slow to call when it's your turn.

Great Horned Owls are also good friends due to what they eat: rats, lots of mice, rabbits, and skunks. Birds have no great sense of smell, so owls have no problem chowing down on skunks.

We have eight species of owl in our area. None are particularly scary, unless you hear the Barn owl or Western Screech owl's call when you're not prepared for it. Their "Go away!" call will definitely give you the shivers, but they mean no harm.

Some Arizona owls are unique. The burrowing owl is a little fellow, only eight inches tall, and he likes to live in holes in the ground left by other animals. He's a bug and rodent eater. Our most unusual owl is the Elf owl. He's only five inches tall and lives in holes in the Saguaro cactus. He's also a bug eater - mostly flying insects. Sadly, he lives too far south to be seen at our elevation, but he's very cute and far too small to be frightening.

The bats are also friendlies, and they've been the victim of several classic myths. No, they're not blind, they're not going to attack you, and they won't get tangled in your hair. Bats have echo location abilities that let them locate a mosquito in flight, so they're well aware of exactly where you and your hair are standing. Rabies, unfortunately, does occur in bats (if there's a local outbreak), but the easy way to deal with that danger is to treat a bat like any other form wildlife: if it's not acting normally, or if it's a nocturnal creature out in the daylight, avoid it. Regarding bats especially, if you find one on the ground, DON'T TOUCH IT! Put a bucket over it, call Arizona Fish and Game to deal with it, and you won't have a problem.

We have more bat species in Arizona than any other state, with the exception of Texas; 28 species, to be precise. They range from the tiniest of bats, called the Western Pipistrelle, who weighs about as much as a penny, to the Mastiff

bat, who has a wingspan of almost two feet and weighs a whopping two ounces.

Both bats can eat their weight in insects every day, including mosquitoes. It doesn't sound like much, but that adds up to around 1,000 bugs per night per bat. With the concern about mosquito-borne illnesses, this makes make bats our friends. The Pallid bat likes to hunt on the ground for scorpions, centipedes, and other insects many of us don't like, so cheers for all of the little bats.

Two Arizona bats are nectar and fruit-eaters that pollinate Saguaro cactus: the Lesser Long-nosed bat and the Mexican long-tongued bat. They live too far south to be seen around here, but they're amazing. And really, how scared of a flower-child bat can we be?

Bats don't want to hurt us, they just want to stay out of our way while they eat some bugs. Bat faces appear weird, but they're really interesting if you take the time to look at them. Owls are beautiful, and they help us by eating rodents we don't want to interact with. So, if you're out at night and something flies by, don't be afraid. You just encountered a good-guy who flies by night.

It may be that the really scary owls and bats are the glow-in-the-dark rubber bat and purple glitter owl variety offered for sale at Halloween. Those can be truly frightening....



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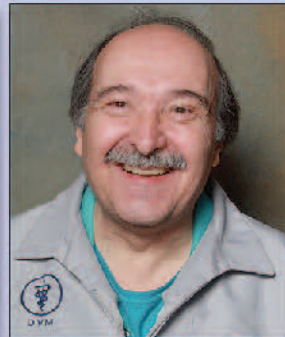
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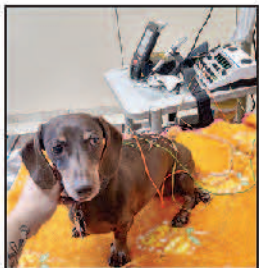


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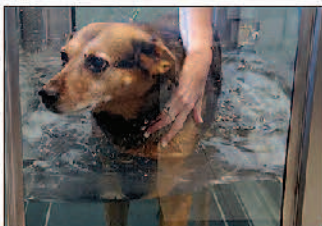
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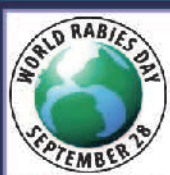
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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE: DAKOTA & BIDDY

Story by Sonya Endres

I had just moved into an apartment in November of 1993 and decided to adopt a cat. I went to the Arizona Humane Society two days after Christmas. A beautiful gray/black tabby caught my eye. I noticed there was a sign on the tabby's cage that read "Cat of the Day." I inquired about the sign and was told this meant it was her final day. This is the cat I adopted.

Her name was "Kitty" and I immediately renamed her Dakota. She was 5 years old and was the sweetest, calmest and smartest cat I have ever known. We fast became best friends. Dakota could form words and we had many conversations. She was stubborn and always had to have the final say! A good story comes to mind when I think of my many wonderful years with Dakota. It concerns her bowl of food.

I kept it on the table and as she got older, I decided to move it to the floor. A few days later as I was sitting in the living room reading, she came to me screaming, "Ants! Ants! Ants!"

I got up and followed her. She took me to her bowl of food and crawling around inside and then leading across the floor to the back door was a trail of ants! I immediately picked the bowl up and cleaned it out and then sprayed outside around the door. I put the fresh bowl of food on a different inside wall and life resumed for about a week and then here Dakota came again yelling, "Ants! Ants! Ants!"

I thought to myself, if there are indeed ants in her bowl, I am going to faint. And guess what? There were ants everywhere! I didn't faint but I cleaned up the bowl and returned the food to its original tabletop location with the kitchen chair now pulled out to assist Dakota. We never had a problem again with ants, and Dakota never spoke the word ants ever again either!

Dakota and I had a fabulous 16 years together. At age 19, I gave her fluids to help her kidneys and at 21 years of age with her hearing and eyesight failing, she became diabetic and then began to have seizures. I had to make that awful decision to let her go to the Bridge. I was beyond consolable. My world collapsed.

Dakota went to the Rainbow Bridge on May 20, 2009. I was working at an animal hospital at the time and 10 days later on May 30th, a basket of kittens was left at the hospital front door. One, a tiny gray/black tabby, caught my eye and ended up going home with me that night. I named her L'Kota

for Little Dakota, but she became known as lddy Biddy or just plain Biddy and that is mainly what I called her.

I could hold her in the palm of my hand. She was independent and strong and had the most beautiful eyes. We became inseparable and at a year old, I decided to get her a little brother to play with from Arizona Animal Welfare League. I named him Vincent. They were best buds. They became the dynamic tabby duo. We moved to Prescott from the Phoenix valley and all seemed right with the world.



**Biddy**

In August of 2016 when Biddy was only a little over 7 years old, she began to have trouble jumping up on the counter to get her food. I at first thought it had to do with the shiny laminate flooring, but one day, I decided to check her out and I found a small bump on her left upper hind leg/hip area.

Now, Biddy was the resident bug patrol at our house. She had tangled with bees, spiders and scorpions and sometimes came away with a bug bite battle wound, so at first I thought this was to be one of those. Eventually it would disappear like all the rest, I assumed.

I kept checking the bump, and in late October, I noticed it was growing. Off to the vet we went. She was set up for a biopsy the following week and for more than 10 days I held my breath as we waited for the results. I



**Biddy**



**Vincent (front) & Biddy**

got the call on the day after Thanksgiving. It wasn't good.

It turned out Biddy had a cancer called fibrosarcoma. She had gotten her annual vaccinations in June and this bump (now fast becoming a mass) appeared at the site of the vaccination. I was astounded that a vaccination could cause this and proceeded to see what could be done on her behalf. But I was told nothing could be done, and I even went for a second opinion and was told the same. The cancer mass was like an octopus with tentacles that spread throughout her body.

Biddy deteriorated extremely fast and on December 13th when she was only 7-1/2 years old, I had to let her join her grandma Dakota at the Rainbow Bridge. I was beyond devastated, and so was her little brother Vincent. He had lost his best friend.

Christmas 2016 was awful. The colorful lights had lost their magic. On January 5th of this year, I decided Vincent needed a new best friend and I needed another little furkid to love. I found Kona at Catty Shack Rescue. She was perfect! She was only 8 months old and has the biggest round eyes just like her big sister, Biddy. She's feisty and tough but most of all, Vincent and I love her and need her.



**Kona (front) & Vincent**

But the dynamic duo is now the lovable three stooges as we also adopted in June of 2016 from United Animal Friends a gorgeous calico that we named Stella. She is a big girl with a big heart and she has won our hearts! The three are inseparable and each night, before we go to bed, I tell them stories about their grandma Dakota and their sister, Biddy, and how one day, we will be together when we all hook up at The Rainbow Bridge.



**Vincent with his Snakey**



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### Copper's

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### Jaime's Waffle Express

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Prescott - 439 Miller Valley Road  
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(928) 282-8557

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# Invest in American-Made Flooring

By Dan and Julie Hussey, Owners of Totally Floored by Flooring America

Thirty years ago, when I opened my first flooring store, most of the products we offered were manufactured in the USA. Now, many of the manufacturing jobs have moved to China and other foreign countries. This shift has had a big impact on the flooring you are offered in the typical flooring showroom.

Americans are competitive shoppers, and many times the low bidder gets the project. This tendency, to shop for the lowest price, has created a retail environment of offering products made in foreign countries, in order to present the lowest price.

To some, this advent of mostly foreign made flooring products is distressing. Some shoppers are cognizant that products made over-seas costs jobs in the States. Flooring is usually a larger purchase, with an average ticket of \$2,500. And when you buy an entire house full of new flooring the total can exceed \$15,000.

It doesn't take long, with purchases of that size, to take many jobs away from the country we all love, and want to see prosper.

For those of us with a passion for the prosperity of America, how do we answer this flood of foreign made products? Here are some suggestions to help turn the tide, to protect American jobs and our long term prosperity:

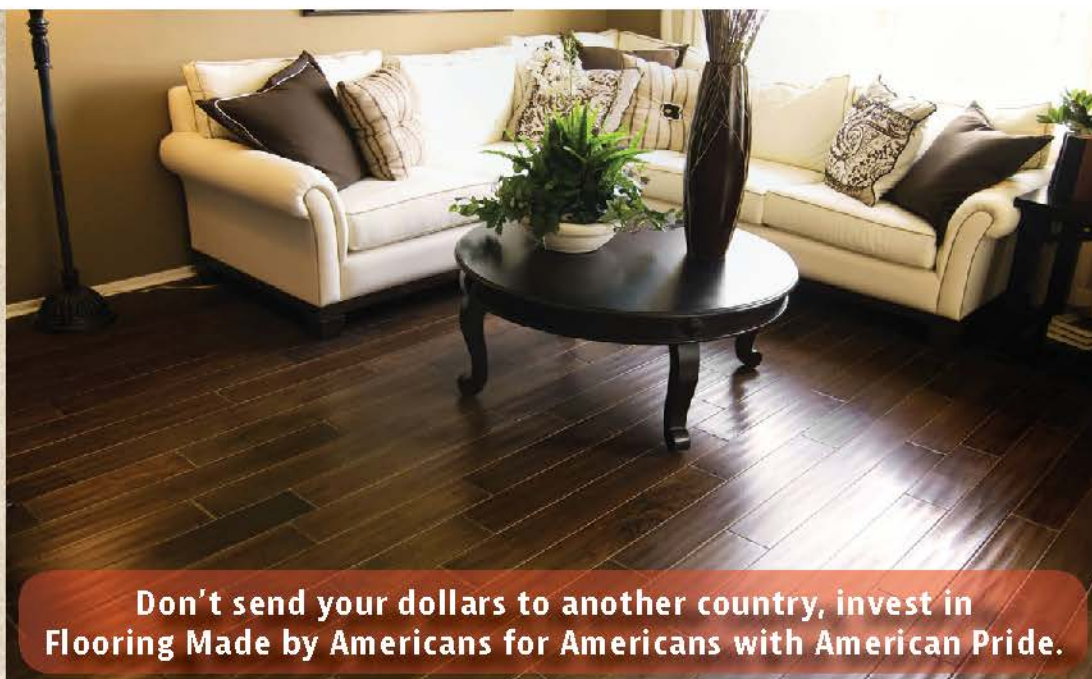
1. Be aware and proactive: ask for products MADE IN AMERICA.
2. Don't make the lowest price your first objective. Cost is important, but not the most important aspect of a flooring purchase.
3. Encourage retailers that you shop with to offer more products made in America.
4. Buy American. Compare American made with American made, not American made with foreign made.
5. Encourage your friends and family to support manufacturers and retailers that support American made products.
6. Recognize the advantages of American made products: availability is better, with shorter wait times; warranties and more likely to be honored, as the manufacturer speaks English and can be reached with a simple phone call; buying American keeps jobs here, which contributes ten-fold to our overall economy.

Here in our Totally Floored by Flooring America showroom, we have installed American made flooring on the showroom floor. We encourage you to visit our showroom, and ask us to show you our competitive and gorgeous MADE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL USA products!

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# DIABETES AWARENESS

## For Pets

### IS DIABETES COMMON IN PETS?

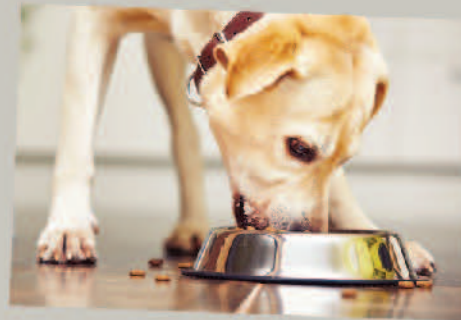
Diabetes Mellitus is a common disease of both cats and dogs. Animals that are more likely to become diabetic if they are overweight or obese, have pancreatitis, are taking certain medications, or have Cushings disease, to name a few.

### WHAT CAUSES DIABETES?

Diabetes Mellitus is caused by the bodies inability to produce insulin from the pancreas in specialized cells. Insulin is required for the use of glucose. Glucose is the primary source of energy for the body. All cells in the body require glucose in order to operate properly.

### IS IT DANGEROUS?

Yes. Untreated diabetes mellitus can result in a medical emergency and treatment requiring hospitalization.



### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

- > Increased or ravenous appetite
- > Excessive drinking & urination
- > Weight gain and then loss
- > Neuropathy and cataracts

### MANAGEMENT

Diabetes Mellitus management is most successful with a close relationship with your veterinarian, especially when first diagnosed.

If your pet is exhibiting any of the common symptoms, schedule an appointment with a veterinarian. We are open 7 days a week to help accommodate your schedule.

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