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Tori Simpson – Health & Wellness Contributor Tori recently retired from a 20+ year career in software development Project Management. She now calls Prescott Valley home, which she shares with her rescue Chihuahua/terrier mix Sassy, two desert tortoises, and all of the wild birds, bunnies, and squirrels she loves to feed. She has always been a rescue animal owner and has volunteered at the Wild at Heart Raptor rescue organization and donated to the Phoenix Herpetological Society, and Arizona Humane Society. Tori is enjoying Prescott Valley's weather, mountain biking, kayaking, and golfing.



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, two horses and two rescue labs. Her equestrian and western writing has been featured in Arizona publications as well as an international magazine for cowgirls.

HAZEL HOWLS



I had the oddest dream last night. I was in a boat on open water. No land in sight in any direction. Just gentle waves and a beautiful cloud-dotted sky all around. I had never seen a body of water of any size before, so in the dream I experienced a profound curiosity mixed with anxiety (what, me anxious?).

The man and woman in the boat with me seemed familiar, but I didn't know from where. They were very kind and explained that they were taking me home, but needed to take a different route.

A 'different route' seemed to be an understatement.

As I maneuvered around various bags of gear, oars, and the single mast, I tried to make out the scents and scenery.

I had to pee, but couldn't figure out what the exact procedure should be. The couple's voices were quietly reassuring me, when out of the blue I remembered something Dad had said when he was telling me about life in large cities.

"In the city, life can sometimes be boiled down to finding a clean bathroom they'll let you use...."

Then I woke up.

During the first morning patrol, checking every corner of the backyard, I told the dream to Dad as he sat gazing over his cup of coffee. When I finished the patrol, Dad was silent for a long time. When he spoke, he completely lost me (which is really not all that unusual around here).

"Open water...horses... motorcycles, and even certain vintage airplanes from the past can ignite the heart. You apply your mind and body in a different way that opens your

heart to a different wind, so to speak."

He stood up to walk over to the east gate where he stands to look at the mountains. *Uh-oh, I thought, I'm losing him.*

"So, Dad, what do you think that dream was about?" I came along side him and sat down. When he looked down at me his eyes were full of water. "What's up with your eyes Dad?" I was standing now.

"My brain gets hot sometimes and my eyes sweat a little." He reached down to ruffle my 'jackal' ears.

He continued on. "I really don't know about your dream. Maybe something will come to me later."

He turned from the gate and headed to the door, but stopped short. He grinned at me real big, which always causes my tail to start swinging. "When in doubt about a dream interpretation, there's only one thing to do... Play Ball!"

With that, he slid the door wide open to accommodate my high-speed gallop into the house.

Dad grabbed a tennis ball and initiated my favorite game. He throws it towards the front door but hits the floor in front of it and bounces it off the door, launching it into the air where I can catch it.

He always says stuff as I catch like "way to hustle out there," or "way to cover." I really like that part too.

The game ended with me wanting to just lay down and squish the ball over and over again in my mouth. It's a very satisfying sensation. Everyone should try it.

Dad sat on the floor while I laid on my side, squishing away. While he rubbed my chest I mumbled a question. "Is my heart in the wind now Dad?"

"It sure feels like it, doesn't it kiddo?" Dad got up to get more 'elixir of frenetic energy' as he calls his coffee, and lay out

Tucker's and my lunch.

After Dad left the kitchen I whispered a question to Tucker. "Hey Tuck, do our brains get hot?"

"Yours, maybe," he spoke through his crunching.

"No Tuck, I mean that two-legged eye-sweating thing."

Tucker stopped to give me 'the look.' "Do you see me eating here?"

He answered me regardless, "Two-leggeds don't really call it 'eye-sweating.' If enough water comes out, it runs down their face. They call that crying."

Tucker grabbed a quick mouthful and turned away.

Dad passed by, and I yelled out as he began walking away. "Hey Dad, do all two-leggeds get hot brains?"

He stopped at the hallway and looked up for a moment. "Nah, some don't know how to get it heated, and others, well, their

hearts are so cold, the brain never gets up to temperature."

Tucker raised up. "How will we know which are which?"

Starting down the hallway Dad bellowed out, "Wag on kids, try to love up on all of 'em. They sort themselves out on their own."

Tucker turned to the bowl to finish up. "Two-leggeds are way beyond weird. I'm always amazed."

"Yeah but, they sure do know how to play ball, Tuck."

Tucker finished the every square lick of his bowl and laid in the hallway in the cool spot (long fur, hot day). I mulled over the last thing Tucker had said at lunch all afternoon.

Before I nodded off, I remember thinking it seems like the two-legged have a world as strange and varied as large bodies of open water seem to a desert highlands dog.

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Contact a veterinarian

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

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 July 27, Zoo By Moonlight

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 August 12, Animal Parent's Picnic
 August 25, Wet & Wild Water Day
 August 26, Zoo By Moonlight

SUMMER BUCKLE SERIES #2
 August 18, 10a-2p, Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Registration at 9a. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or call (928) 636-3242.

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CIRCLE L ANIMAL RESCUE & SANCTUARY: THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

8550 E. Smitty's Place and 7680 N. Coyote Springs in Prescott Valley

by Rita Thompson-Tinsley

Evoking the quintessential essence of love is what life is all about at Circle L Animal Rescue & Sanctuary. The Prescott Valley 501c3 non-profit operation was founded in 2006 by Scottsdale surgeon Deborah Wilson, MD.

As a second generation vegetarian, now vegan, Dr. Wilson grew up enriched in an animal loving environment. Her family welcomed all sorts of pets into their home life including birds and bunnies, dogs, cats and horses. So, as her practice flourished and grew, and while many professionals such as herself began to spend more time on golf courses or exotic travels, this impassioned surgeon—who also travels extensively through her practice—devoted an extraordinary amount of her time and funding to benefit the lives and well being of the animal world around her.

Dr. Wilson originally began her mission with the rescue of birds, exotic as well as domestic. She later began paying money to



Founder Dr. Deborah Wilson, in her element. (Photo by David Sobel Photography.)

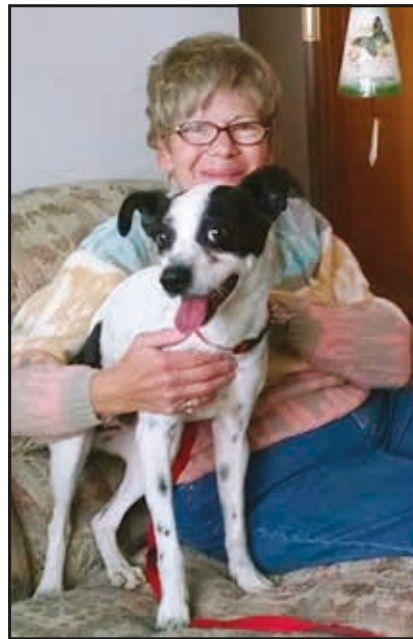
rescue PMU mares and foals from Canada, saving them from slaughter, boarding them in New River, Arizona.

The PMU (Pregnant Mare Urine) industry was developed for the purpose of producing pharmaceuticals containing the urine of impregnated horses. It is claimed that these products are created to treat the symptoms of menopause, but the advertising doesn't indicate the source of the ingredients.

Dr. Deborah Wilson eventually bought the two properties in Prescott Valley: She purchased one portion for the livestock rescues and the second portion she designated for dogs.

The distinction of quality care at Circle L Animal Rescue & Sanctuary is what makes this place truly exceptional. The rescue dogs are not housed in kennels, but live in actual home environments with individual doggy beds, constant pampering and personal attention. The dogs are encouraged to interact with people and other dogs inside and out. They have fenced in backyards and enjoy the freedom to come and go.

Dewey resident Carum Valigore sadly lost her elderly dog, her sole companion. A neighborhood friend took her to visit Circle L Rescue and though she wasn't really sure that the void in her life could be filled, she was absolutely overjoyed to find "Spyder", yes, named after the car. This little bundle of energy, paired with outright affection, has brought utter joy into Carum's life.



Carum Valigore and her beloved "Spyder" adopted from Circle L Rescue.

Circle L appreciates when a person needs a dog. They also recognize when a dog needs the right person. After acquiring a litter of puppies, they were able to adopt out most of them right away. Except for Berry who was highly anxious.

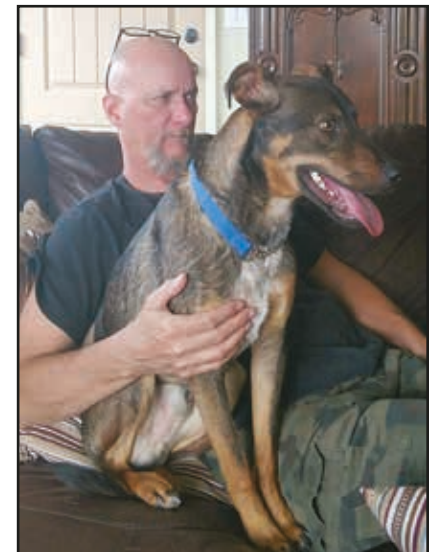
The pup was adopted out twice and twice he was returned because of his high anxiety. Berry would hide and literally tremble refusing to join his new families.

Circle L decided to enlist Berry into a new program for their dogs who need special care. When young trainer Mercedes Ogden of Boosted Canine took on Berry, the first thing she did was to change his name to "Courage". Director Lucy claims, "There were many days we despaired and many set backs, but Mercedes hung in their and Courage became stronger and more connected and then one

day he was ready for adoption".

They decided Courage needed a special home with a specific environment. When they took Courage to his new home, as they departed, Lucy says, "We turned and saw that he was sitting on his new person's lap, looking a little anxious, but ready to join his new family". A profile in Courage indeed.

My first visit to Circle L was enhanced by the initial greeting by manager Lucy Berg's nothing-less-than-amiable Anatolian Shepherd who was more than



"Courage" with his new owners.

happy to escort me throughout my stay.

Lucy, who has owned and trained horses for many years, demonstrates a natural adeptness around the horses and livestock and exudes great enthusiasm in this environment. I was introduced to the current herd including Lucy's own horses Norm, who is retired, and mustang Night Hawk, her current ride who was a stallion at

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Circle L that she rescued before her actual involvement with the sanctuary.

Of the horse rescues, there were 15 Arabians, an appendix, an appaloosa, and a thoroughbred, all in the mix.



Circle L Manager Lucy Berg and Mustang Night Hawk. (Photo by Tanner Photography.)

In early February, Circle L received a call from a state livestock officer asking for help with two horses in dire condition.

Gloria and Steven were delivered to Circle L where they were to receive effective care and an extensive game plan in order to save their lives. The gelding Steven, approximately 25, was not in as bad of shape as mare Gloria, approximately 20, seriously dehydrated and starving.

The first step, according to manager Lucy Berg, was to set up an immediate examination by their veterinarian, Dr. Cox. Then they proceeded with a strategically planned restricted



Gloria, before and after regimented treatment.

diet that would gradually be increased to accommodate the situation. Day after day, then week after week their situations were monitored and the results were encouraging.

Today, Steven and Gloria continue to be two happy and healthy horses enjoying their new life at the Circle L corral.

My tour continued to be amazing and included petting time with the numerous pigs, such as Viet Nameese, Kunekune and Pot Bellied, who were happy to have the attention.



Rita Thompson-Tinsley and Circle L Manager Lucy Berg pig petting. (Photo by Tanner Photography.)

Then off to visit the variety of goats (including a 3-legged version), as well as a Nigerian, Pygmy, Nubian and Boar. There were also donkeys, sheep, chickens and roosters (Ricky and Foghorn), turkeys and geese.

Where do you suppose all of these animals come from? I wondered too.

The rescue variety of Circle L are the devastating results of divorce, bad economical times, and under-expectations of animals that seemed easier to handle or accommodate then



Volunteer Stacy Derington, the goat wrangler. (Photo by Tanner Photography.)

expected. Example: Ye ole pot bellied miniature pig that grew to overtake the city of New York.

Honey, for instance, was just too sweet to eat. There was a local family that bought a turkey chick for the purpose of raising it for their Thanksgiving Day meal. They fed and took good care of Honey and she in return responded with great gentleness and trust.



Honey, just too sweet to eat.

Needless to say, the family's Thanksgiving dinner plans changed. They were unable to continue keeping her though, so now Honey will be one of the sweetest headliners for the Circle L Petting Zoo.

Circle L has this and many dynamic projects in the planning stages of future developments. Other significant programs include obedience classes for dogs, dog and people training,

lessons on how to choose a pet, along with essential equestrian classes. In addition to manager Lucy Berg's horse training background, she is a certified police dog trainer as well.

In their efforts to play a vital role in community outreach, Circle L Animal Rescue and Sanctuary has developed a bountiful community garden sponsored by Helping Hands, a local in-home care organization for people with special needs. They exhibit a warm neighborly spirit of a desire to share what is happening at their rescue animal farm, welcoming the surrounding community to come visit with an open door/open barn policy.

Founder Dr. Wilson concludes, "There is no such thing as an animal that is 'left behind' at Circle L Ranch. We are limited only by funds and space."



Horse Happy Hour. (Photo by Tanner Photography.)



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VETERAN VOLUNTEERS FILL THE GAP FOR LOCAL RESCUES

Story by Briana Lonas. Photo courtesy of John Lockhart.

Our veterans have not only served this country, but continue contributing beyond active duty.

Take John Lockhart for instance. This Air Force veteran volunteers at the Catty Shack Rescue and pays it forward by helping felines find forever homes. He got involved with the rescue shelter one day while he was waiting to see his doctor at the Veteran's Administration Hospital.

"I was looking for something to do. I had an appointment every Tuesday at the VA. I still do. Well, no sense in wasting the day; let's find something to do in Prescott!"

Lockhart explained that he was new to the area and found himself wandering around the N.O.A.H. thrift store, which was where he learned about the Catty Shack.

The mission of the Catty Shack is to help every street cat in the community to receive food, shelter, housing and plenty of affection.

"I love dogs and cats, but right now I'm a cat person. I have two at home. I love taking care of them."

Lockhart filled out a volunteer application and has been helping the rescue organization since last November.

"Cats are amazing creatures. They are intelligent. They have different senses than we do, much sharper than ours," he said.

Lockhart has two rescue cats, a black and white long hair domestic and an all-black Persian—both males. "They joined with me at the hip. We go for walks. I have five acres and live off the grid, with a small garden. Every day my cats are waiting for me, and we take a morning walk."

But his life wasn't always this serene. Lockhart first served in Vietnam as a medic and has seen his share of trauma. He recalled that his first dog rescue took place on a visit to Korea. He was walking around the markets and noticed



Tazzie during a morning walk with U.S. Air Force veteran John Lockhart.

a dog in a cage, reserved for a terrible fate. Lockhart bought the dog for a large sum but had no regrets. That rescue marked him forever, and he's taken in animals ever since.

After his tour, he attended the University of New Mexico and later rejoined the service in 1995 and flew as a flight surgeon. He served twice during two wars, spending six years as an officer. The in-between years were spent in the reserves.

"As a flight surgeon, you are the medical reference for your fighter squadron. I kept pilots and air crew healthy and safe to fly."

Years later, Lockhart received a diagnosis of cancer, from exposure, that led to a medical discharge. While he's in stable condition now, he chooses to keep busy with his volunteer work that includes cleaning after the cats and kittens and ensuring a healthy living environment.

"Our primary mission is to rescue cats. We don't turn any cat away. And, we don't adopt out to a person unless we are sure the cat is going to a good home."

Lockhart says his work at the Catty Shack fills a gap in his life and for any veteran considering volunteerism. "You can really do what interests you in terms of what's positive for the community that helps you grow as a person. We need to help each other—veterans helping veterans. There are many opportunities out there in all kinds of directions. I chose animals."

Another new transplant to the area also spent her time in the Air Force. Lisa Xenitelis lives with her Army veteran husband and two rescue dogs—a Rhodesian ridgeback and a Great Dane.

She volunteers at N.O.A.H. "I'm a huge thrifter. I like the atmosphere there; everything is organized and clean," she said.

Last year, the store donated \$92,000 to non-profit organizations that help animals. At the N.O.A.H. thrift, every penny goes to the animals, she explained.

Xenitelis has been stationed in Hawaii, Sicily, and Boston among other places. She recalled that years ago while living in Hawaii, when her son was still small, she walked close to the Kilauea volcano—a bubbling dynamo that bore little resemblance to today's headlines.

"No one stopped us." She laughed.

Xenitelis worked in human resources and personnel. "I would ensure everything was in order," she said.

In the early 90s, she worked under the presidential administration that effectively cut the military by hundreds of thousands. Xenitelis' duties were to process the paperwork of personnel "incentivized" to leave the military.

"I'm a very proud American...I truly believe it's a good idea for people coming out of high school to join a service for their country. It humbles you, teaches you the basics of life, responsibility, and holds you accountable."

She added that today's young generation is missing the vital life lessons the military teaches. "You get to travel the world, earn money, and meet so many wonderful people. It's a great opportunity."

She and her husband moved to Prescott to find their forever home. "We like the atmosphere and down home feeling. We live in the mountains because I need trails and trees. Our two children are serving our country as well. Our son is getting ready to deploy with the Prescott Infantry Unit and will be gone a year. Our daughter has been assigned to Papago (military reservation) in Phoenix."

Xenitelis was drawn to N.O.A.H. because of her love of animals. "I'm fortunate I don't have to work. I do need to get off the mountain every once in a while," she said and explained that volunteering at the thrift center allows her to socialize and thrift shop.



**Catty Shack
Rescue**

The Catty Shack Rescue is located at 609 S. Granite Street in Prescott. It's open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 2pm.



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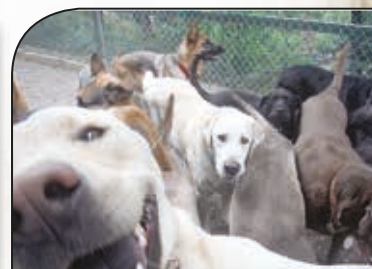
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A TRUE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEUR WITH HEART: JOEY HERRICK

Story by Tori Simpson. Photos courtesy of Joey Herrick.

I recently had the pleasure to speak with Joey Herrick, the founder of Lucy Pet Products and the founder and president of the Lucy Pet Foundation. Joey is widely known as "a trailblazer in the world of natural pet foods." His passion, enthusiasm, deep knowledge of the pet food industry, and sincere concern for the welfare of dogs and cats is evident in his approach to providing the most healthful pet foods and a solution to the needless euthanasia of healthy and adoptable pets. His career and both personal and professional missions are a true American success story, and I am happy to share it with you here.

Joey was a top tier professional drummer in the 1970s beginning at age 18, many years prior to his career in the pet food industry. He had quite a successful percussion career, traveling the world and becoming a regular in The Tonight Show orchestra, all the while becoming close with many of Hollywood's celebrities at that time. He also wrote a book on drumming that was published in 13 countries, and he invented a drumming metronome. These latter accomplishments whetted his appetite in an entrepreneurial direction.

Out of his friendship with comedienne Phyllis Diller was borne his first foray into the food industry and his becoming a true entrepreneur. One day Ms. Diller brought her delicious chili onto the set of a sitcom pilot he was included in, and he was so impressed that he asked for her recipe. They decided to sell it in 1989 under the name "Philli Dilli Chili". It was introduced into grocery stores in Los Angeles, ultimately marketing 4 different recipes that included a chicken version, overcoming all naysayers that chicken chili would be successful. After only 18 months on the shelves, Morehouse Foods purchased their chili company. Joey took his share of the proceeds and, at the urging of the Morehouse Foods CEO who was his business mentor, he decided to create more healthy pet food offerings.

Joey founded the Natural Balance pet food company "out of his car" he says with a smile in his voice. He asked his friend and actor, the now-late Dick Van Patten (Eight is Enough) to join him on this new business venture. Thus began a true collaboration between the two to create a healthy and natural pet food utilizing the best scientific methods. Through the years their Natural Balance pet food products have become a leader in quality pet foods and is a top selling brand to this day.

In 2013 Del Monte purchased the Natural Balance brand of products. Wanting to remain in the industry, Joey then founded a new product line, Lucy Pet Products. Constrained by a Non-Compete Agreement with Natural Balance and Del Monte, Joey started with pet shampoo and conditioner offerings, and then created his Cats Incredible litter. His litter contains a special enzyme (created by Dow and licensed to him) that actually prevents the formation of ammonia that originates from cat urine. The unique bag for the litter that is easily carried and resealed is now patented in 40 countries. Before this breakthrough with the special enzyme, there had been no new innovations in cat litter over the prior 50 years.

Joey was also concurrently working with Dr. George C. Fahey, a Professor Emeritus of Animal and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Illinois. His collaboration with Dr. Fahey, drawing upon his 40 years of studying how natural fiber improves



Joey Herrick and friends Lucy, Ricky, and Jack.

gut health, produced the Lucy Pet food products, which focuses on the utilization of dietary fiber and prebiotics to the overall health and well-being of animals via intestinal gut health. This industry-leading formulation is central to the Lucy brand's market-leading recipe that allows the animal's body to better absorb nutrients and assists with the animal's own natural disease immunities.

Once his legal limitations expired, Joey was free to market his Lucy Pet Products brand of foods that include healthful ingredients such as quinoa, chickpeas, and pumpkin, along with his and Dr. Fahey's invented Prebiotic Balanced Fiber TM, or "PBF". Lucy Pet sources all of the brand's ingredients from known and safe US suppliers. He also employs independent quality assurance testers to ensure that every batch of the food products are totally free of any contaminants.

As successful as he had been, Joey had a real desire and need to give back. Thus, he founded and currently presides over the 501(c)(3) Lucy Pet Foundation. At the time of its inception, the Lucy Pet Foundation was seeing pets in shelters across the US being euthanized at the rate of 80,000 per week. Joey made it the mission of the Lucy Pet Foundation to "...help prevent the needless euthanasia of... healthy, loving animals...(with) FREE mobile spay/neuter clinics in underserved communities throughout the country; humane education programs in schools where animal welfare education is lacking; and disaster relief efforts in the aftermath of large-scale natural tragedies...."

The Foundation's mission also includes the provision that 100% of the net profits from the sale of Lucy Pet Products are donated to the Lucy Pet Foundation.

The Foundation submitted for and received a large grant from the city of Los Angeles for its now famous and highly customized bus with state-of-the-art surgical facilities. It travels to areas in Los Angeles where 120 free spay and neutering procedures per week are undertaken in neighborhoods where the citizens cannot afford such services. When not used in a clinical role, the bus operates as a mobile adoption center, to help find new and forever homes for adoptable and loving pets.

As an example of Joey's heartfelt efforts to help pets in need, last year he and the Foundation's staff toured

the ASPCA facility outside of Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, and they organized 5 airlifts of adoptable pets to Oregon, New York, and California to find homes for rescued animals.

The Lucy Pet Foundation is currently seeking donations to purchase a second spay, neuter, and adoption bus for operation in Houston, to be able to expand its efforts into the community they assisted last year. The ultimate goal is to steward a fleet of these buses all over the country.

The Foundation also provides free food for the hard working K9 Officers of the Oxnard Police Department in California, to keep them in top physical shape for the demands of their job.

You are probably wondering by this time, who is Lucy? The inspiration behind the moniker for Joey's food brand and the Foundation is a Chihuahua that Joey and his family took in after finding her abandoned, malnourished...and pregnant! Lucy and all of her puppies are marketing mascots for his companies, along with rescue dog Surfin' Jack (always seen sporting an aloha shirt and sunglasses). Ricky the Rescue Cat is the sole feline ambassador in the squad.

The marketing team of mascots accompanies the human crew to major events, along with the "Gnarly Crankin' K9 Wave Maker," a mobile water wave machine that you may have seen in the New Year's Day 2017 Rose Parade. The dogs catch the waves on surfboards, and the public is welcome to let their dogs take a ride as well. The Wave Maker also entertained pet lovers at last year's World Dog Day event in Los Angeles, and has many venue destinations planned for this year across the US.

What direction might Joey take with his food brand and Foundation going forward, I asked. Joey offered this simple truth...it is about life, not only for the Foundation but for the healthier and longer lives of all pets by eating quality food that will benefit their own lives, and also ours.

You may read more about Joey, the Lucy Pet food products, and the Lucy Pet Foundation at the following websites:

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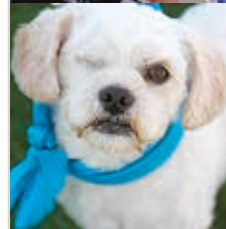
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FOREVER HOMES FOUND AT WOOFSTOCK



Woofstock has always been a great event for our pups. In the past, we have had many dogs find their forever homes. This year, unlike the past years, we brought adult dogs and not puppies, all of whom had been at the rescue for way too long due to no fault of their own.

We had a beautiful 3-year-old Australian Shepherd named



Gretchen who has been with us for over a year. She is a sweetheart and lives life to its fullest. We brought Shadow, who is a 1-year-old Rat Terrier mix and such a little love bug, as well as Luckee, a 2-year-old terrier mix, who is super cuddly and a great little hunter. Clara is a 1.5-year-old Cattle Dog mix who loves all people and some dogs, and Patsy, a 2-year-old Shepherd Mix, who is a such a people doggie and a little cutie.

We also brought Emmy, our sweet adorable little Poodle who is 6-8 years old and has a cataract in her left eye. We brought her there to do a fund raiser for her cataract surgery thinking that she would be passed by until we got her eye taken care of, and Pierre, a 9-year-old chihuahua, who was brought to us at the event in hopes that we could find him a forever home.

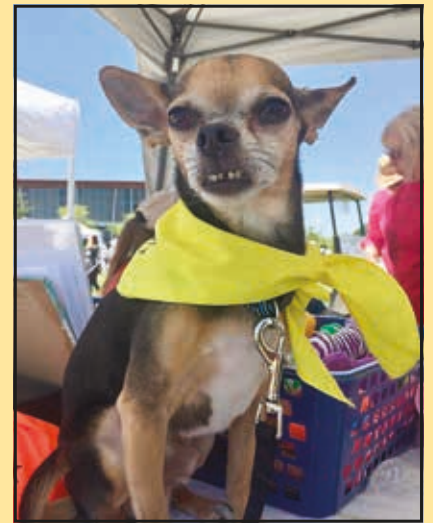
We arrived early to set up our booth, hoisting our canopies to shade our pups and volunteers who so selflessly gave of their time to help find these babies forever homes. We set up our tables for our fundraising events, but on the forefront of all our minds was the pups. Would they find forever homes, would any be left behind.

We knew how special they all were, but we also knew there were a lot of special pups there that day equally deserving of a forever home.

The event started promptly at 10:00 and right away people started showing up. Some came just to enjoy the great atmosphere and music and visit all the great vendor booths. Others came to find a friend for their already 4-legged family member, and many came to find their forever friend and companion for themselves. One thing they all had in common was that dogs, no matter what size, age, color, gender, or breed, make this world a better place.

As people started approaching our booth we were so excited at the interest in Emmy the poodle right away. Within 20 minutes we had 2 applications on her and several other people interested in our other pups. We were off to a great start.

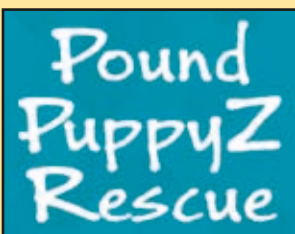
Within 2 hours and 27 minutes we had applications and families for all our pups. Emmy was so cute no one seemed to care about her needing surgery, which we are still raising money for. People looked at the heart and love that these dogs had to offer and opened



their hearts and homes to these amazing pups.

One of our volunteers took Pierre around to the vendor booths, where they met up with Robyn, the Owner of Pet Headquarters, and it was love at first sight. She took Pierre and her sweet rescue pup Sassy home with her, and Pierre, who is now named Jack, settled in right away.

It was an amazing day, God blessed our rescue pups in a big way and the event was outstanding. Thank you, WOOFStock, for giving all 7 of our pups and so many others their best day ever!!!



I must say I was blown away at this event in particular. We have loved all of them but this one stood out.

From the moment we arrived we had people unloading, carrying our stuff, and walking dogs for us. WOOFstock's volunteers were beyond Amazing! Many thanks for Cody and the young girl with him!

Pound PuppyZ had six on-site adoptions and two pre-arrival adoptions.



We brought nine dogs to WOOFstock. Three of the nine went into their forever home on Saturday!

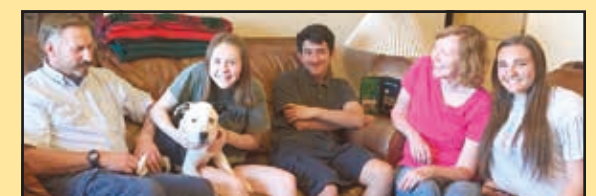
We definitely plan to participate in your future events!



Sunshine Dog Rescue is a 501 c3 non-profit, all volunteer rescue saving medium and large dogs from high kill shelter and unsafe conditions. We rehabilitate,

provide vet care, spay/neuter, vaccinate, and microchip all dogs that come into our rescue. We came to WoofStock to participate in a fun-filled day with some of our adoptable pups.

Nutter found his perfect family and is happy, happy, happy!





Before you even think about taking your pup along for a ride in the car this summer, remember hot cars and dogs don't mix. Even when the temperatures are in the mid to high 80s a car can be harmful, even deadly, if a dog is left behind. This is a lesson hundreds of dog owners find out the hard way.

While there are no exact statistics on how many dogs die every year from heat stroke due to being left in a hot car, the American Veterinary Medical Association estimates hundreds of pets suffer this slow, agonizing, and unnecessary fate every summer. Don't Leave Me. Org informs the public about the dangers hot cars pose to our pets, and in particular, dogs.

What started out as a civics writing project for Professor Debra Nolen's Health Care Ethics course in the spring of 2015, while teaching at Chandler

Gilbert Community College, is now, with the help of current and former students, a sustainable 501 (c) 3 non-profit. Don't Leave Me fosters an exercise in civic engagement through a simple straight forward message: One dog left in a hot car to die is one dog too many.

Professor Nolen strongly believes knowledge translates into action and action can lead to long term community involvement. Don't Leave Me.Org cultivates a sense of social responsibility through animal advocacy, increasing the likelihood of an informed and engaged citizenry

Educating the public doesn't happen without getting out there and making it happen.

On June 9, Don't Leave Me Took their message on the road for the first time by participating in the 7th Annual Woofstock and Adopt-a-Thon event hosted by Prescott Dog Magazine, held at the Prescott Valley Civic Center Amphitheater. There they shared the fact that on a 95-degree day it can take roughly 10 minutes for a car to reach temperatures as high as 108 degrees, that in 30 minutes a car can reach or even surpass 124 degrees, and in about 60 minutes a car can hit temperatures in the high 130s, making it impossible for most dogs to live. Even with the windows cracked, these temperature can lead to heat stroke and death.

In addition to sharing statistics related to the temperatures reached inside a car, Don't Leave Me introduced the new Good Samaritan Hot Car bill they initiated with Arizona State Senator John Kavanagh, ARS § 12-558.02. This new law states that you can use reasonable force to remove a domestic animal from a locked Car. To avoid civil action you must comply with the following conditions:

- Have a good faith belief the confined domestic animal is in imminent danger of suffering physical injury or death unless the domestic animal is removed from the car.
- Before you enter the car, you must notify the proper authorities which are, but not limited to, calling 911, animal control, or your local Sheriff's department
- Before you act, determine if the car is locked or there is no reasonable manner in which the pet can be removed
- Once removed, you must remain with the pet until the authorities arrive at the car.

If you live in the southwest it's common sense: love 'em, don't leave 'em, as one dog left in a hot car to die is one dog too many. For more information go to www.dontleaveme.org



As I sit here thinking back on all the pups whose lives have been saved through No Longer Astray, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to those who have opened their hearts and homes to our pups, most of whom came from high kill shelters, many who were scheduled to die.

After outgrowing our last facility, I decided to move the rescue to Chino since so many of our adoptions have been in that area. With the move came the loss of many volunteers. I am deeply grateful for their help and understand the distance makes it difficult. We are hoping to continue to gain new support and volunteers in Chino.

While our volunteer base isn't as large as Prescott Valley, our wonderful volunteer Sue came as a huge blessing and found us by reading about the rescue in the Prescott Dog Magazine. She jumped right in and started helping us walk dogs (she is a pet sitter and dog walker already) and would even take the ones that were a little more adventurous on the leash.

One dog really caught her eye and she immediately began working with her. She was a little Italian Greyhound /Chihuahua mix who came to us from a kill shelter in Texas. After spending much time with her at the rescue, and not being able to get this little girl out

of her mind, Sue asked if she could foster her to see if she was a good fit for her and her husband. The pups name was Audrey, and she had some fear issues but seemed to really respond to Sue, so we went ahead with the foster program. Within a few weeks Sue had decided that Audrey, who is now Winnie, was the perfect fit for her and her husband. Audrey now has such a great life; she goes everywhere with her new family and loves her new mom so much she won't leave her side.

It was such a blessing for us to see someone who would take the time with a dog who needs a little more love, patience and understanding, due to a past that is unknown, and give them a chance at a real dog's life! It's such a rewarding experience to see a pup who is cowering in the corner or spooks at the slightest sound start coming around and responding to love. While we are deeply grateful for all our pups who have found homes, these stories are the ones that touch us to the core. Thank you, Sue, you are a blessing to us and little Winnie whose life will never be the same thanks to you!

We are excited about the future as we continue to build the rescue into a place where pups who are waiting of their forever home or those who will be with us forever can have the best life possible. We recently received a donation of wood from Jebco Construction Companies in Prescott. We are overwhelmed by their generosity. They even delivered it! We need shade coverings and 3 sided structures in the 2 acre play yard to keep the pups cool as the summer heats up. We have also started putting up the fencing for around our buildings thanks to a wonderful couple who donated some chain link fencing. We

are deeply grateful for the donations from those who support what we are doing!

Rescue is a wonderfully rewarding experience. There are days when your heart is sure to explode with love for these pups and seeing them in their forever homes with a family. Some days your heart breaks when you can't save a pup, or you have to turn away one in need because you just don't have room for even one more. Rescue isn't something you can do alone. It takes a village, and we need the help and support of our communities to keep things going. If you feel lead to support our rescue there are multiple ways to do that. We could use volunteers to feed and water pups, walk dogs, or clean kennels. We need donations of food, toys, beds, blankets, and treats. You can also donate to No Longer Astray through Amazon. Just sign in through Amazon Smile and choose No Longer Astray and Amazon will donate to our rescue on your behalf. It cost you nothing but a few minutes of your time to set it up.

We look forward to this next season to see what exciting things are in store for our Rescue and we'll be sure to tell you all about it. God Bless those of you who rescue or help those of us who do!



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when the pet owners are no longer able to do so.

One of the most rewarding parts of our mission is finding appropriate companion animals for our seniors based on their abilities. Visiting shelters to find a dog or cat can be daunting at any age. We know our clients well enough to look for and find just the right one and then provide support and supplies during the adjustment period. Sometimes that is a crate, an outdoor dog run, or litter boxes, sometimes leashes and licenses. Seniors in rural and remote areas can have a better quality of life when pets are involved.

We are so excited about our summer fundraiser at Crown King. Shade from the tall pines and the

cooler breezes make this a perfect venue for a summer event. There will be food, drink, corn hole and horseshoe tournaments, and great music by Todd Perroud and friends. There will be vendors as well as door prizes and raffles.

We are particularly excited about the pet portrait donated by Wickenburg artist Brigitte Miller. A few years ago after Petey died Brigitte gifted me the extraordinary portrait of this awesome dog that is the namesake of our organization. She is donating an 8x10 portrait of your pet if you are the raffle winner. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00 at the event.

We are grateful to the Crown King Event Center for sponsoring

this gathering. Overnight accommodations are available through the event center and are recommended after a jam-packed day of fun and fresh air. It is a long way back down to the highway.

If all these things are not enough to entice you, we may have puppies. It is not usually our mission, but when a pregnant chocolate lab is found on a rarely travelled dirt road AND a local family steps up to let her have her babies in the warmth and comfort of their home, we had to help. She had 10 healthy puppies just two days after she was taken in, and they just may be ready to take the road trip with us to find their forever homes. Stay tuned. Updates on our website peteysplayground.org.



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is a Prescott-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization of community volunteers who are devoted to the welfare of companion animals.

Animal Disaster Services works under the direction of Yavapai County Emergency Management Services and exists to create and maintain a shelter for animals during emergency evacuations. Animal Disaster Services volunteers provide loving care 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, for the duration of the evacuation.

Everyone is encouraged to be prepared for the next evacuation. Do not wait until you have just minutes to evacuate. Create a family

disaster plan which includes your animals. Create evacuation kits to include items you may require for your animals (i.e. collars, harnesses, leashes, identification tags, medication, special dietary food, etc.). Create a buddy system with neighbors in the event you are unable to return to your home to evacuate your animals. Designate a prearranged meeting place for all family members once everyone has been evacuated.

For more information on how to be prepared or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit our website at animaldisasterservices.com.



We are proud to announce the creation of a new dog and cat rescue, AARF ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY. Liz Stegmeir, who managed the Circle L Ranch dog rescue for seven years and is well-known and highly regarded in the rescue community, is heading up this new organization.

AARF is a 501c3 non-profit and is located off Hwy 69 at Poland Junction Road. A beautiful 10-acre property has been anonymously donated to AARF, and we are now in the startup of the building stage. Dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters will be saved and made ready for adoption to loving forever homes. This new rescue will be staffed by volunteers and supported through tax-deductible donations and grants.

We are asking for help from the community to get started. Please see our Facebook page, aarfanimalrescue, for our wish list and other information. We also would welcome volunteers with various skill sets. If you love animals and want to save lives, this is the place to be.

For volunteer, donation help or any other information you may contact Liz at aarfanimalrescue@gmail.com.



Austin, an Amazing Aussie

Austin is a one-year-old male that was picked up as a stray on the streets of Phoenix. He was Shelter. He was dirty, matted, and unaltered.

Austin is a sweet, eager to learn puppy that loves long walks; he observes the ducks and geese at the park lakes, but never gives chase. Show him a ball, and he knows he can chase it.

He doesn't know he weighs over fifty pounds, so he loves being a lap dog. At times he's humored us and climbed up on a kitty condo while at an adoption event at our local sponsor's store.

Austin goes with the flow and fits in everywhere. We hope his adopters

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Oh, Danny Boy

Danny came to United Animal Friends as a 3-week-old baby. At first, he thrived on baby bottles, learned to eat solid food, and had a fine time playing. However; as he grew, he lost his appetite and slept more. While his siblings would play energetically for three or four hours every morning, Danny would play for a while and then sleep for hours.

After ruling out leukemia, the veterinarian discovered a life-threatening problem with his intestine that required surgery. Danny came through the surgery well enough, but he was a very sick boy. He didn't have a bowel movement in the five days he spent at the hospital, but he had one the minute he arrived home. And then two a day for the next several days, making up for lost time! He gobbled his meals like he'd never been fed, proving that his intestines were doing their job outstandingly well.

Danny hated staying in a kennel for ten days "resting" until he could play with his siblings. He had toys to play with, but still wanted to get out and run. On the day he was allowed out, he started chasing his siblings and just running for the joy of it.

Now he is a new boy, bursting with life. United Animal Friends is so grateful to the staff of Kachina

Animal Hospital for providing the medical care Danny needed to save his life. He is now ready for his next big step, a forever home.

Learning Love

In February, UAF rescued eight matted Maltese mixes who came from a hoarding situation where they'd been confined to a bathroom their entire lives. Once cleaned up, they were welcomed into their foster homes, where they learned how to be dogs.

Each blossomed at a different rate. They ran from humans, but liked other dogs. Oliver quickly discovered the joys of human attention and was adopted within a month. Mia was afraid of her food. Pearl would not eat for the first few days, and then would eat only if no one watched. Her foster mom made a point of playing with her other pets in front of Pearl so she could see that they were happy and safe.

Lulu was very skittish but, luckily, her adopters were as patient as her foster mom. They came to visit three times to let her get used to them and then, on the second visit to their home, she stayed for good. It took Allie two months to relax enough to be adopted by a retired woman who has lots of time and love to give her. Benny bonded with his foster mom but panicked when she had visitors, jumping from a second-floor balcony to escape. It took two days to get him back but one week later, he found his perfect match and is now living in the lap of luxury. All are now loved.

Rescues like these take patience, but happy endings like these make it all worthwhile.



MISS KITTY'S ADOPTION CENTER

Jules Found His Purr

Oh Happy Day! All of us in rescue understand the fact that FIV+ cats can live with other calm cats, even if they do not have FIV. We know they can still live happy and long lives.

Such was the case with Miss Kitty's six to eight year old gorgeous orange-and-white tabby JULES. He was found in a local neighborhood and had been living outside for 2 years. A kind woman had been feeding him and even took him into her home for a few weeks. He's sweet and calm despite all he's been through.

Don't you think this picture says it all for Jules?




ADOPT -A- HORSE



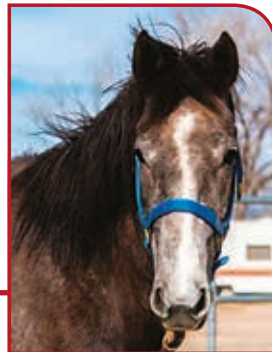
Berry is a handsome, 22-year-old gelding. He is easy to catch, in your pocket and loves attention. He is broke to ride, loads, ties, stands for the farrier. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2226



Chacha is a cute, 1-year-old mustang filly. She is a clean slate that needs someone to bond with as she has little experience. She is curious and wants to learn. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2226



Equinox is a sweet, in your pocket, 7-month-old mustang filly. She is halter broke, leads, picks up all four feet and loves to be groomed. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2226



Jazz is a 2-year-old mustang filly. During her time here, Jazz has built up her confidence to trust people along with becoming halter broke, leads, picks up all four feet. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2226



Salsa is a curious, 8-year-old mustang mare. She knows how to lead and stands to be groomed. Salsa wants to please but needs the confidence to do so. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2226



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LEROY: A 1-year-old Blue Heeler mix, and a handsome bundle of energy. House trained. He needs a good deal of exercise and is an ideal running buddy. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



RUCKUS: A 4-year-old pit mix. He is a goofy boy with a lot of energy. Looking for an active home with no other pets. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



BRANDI: Cattle dog mix. Cautious at first, but an endearing and loyal dog. Good with dogs, a princess on the leash. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



GWEN: A 5-year-old retriever mix who lost her home due to a move. A loving dog longing for a loving, caring home. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



WALKER: Looking for an experienced dog lover/expert. He is sweet and willing to learn, but nervous and not for children. With the right person to love, he will be a dear and willing dog. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



HEIDI: Such a good girl, but a bit timid at first meeting. Active and brimming with healthy energy, ready to play. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



LAVENDER: Loving, but timid at first, I soon will relax with you on the couch - especially if belly rubs are included! I know some basic commands. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



JERICHO: At first he can be very timid, but once relaxed, he will be so sweet. Loves to be petted. Gentle, calm and quiet. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



APOLLO: A handsome Australian Shepherd, 6 years old. A sweet boy who enjoys affection. Gets along with other dogs. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



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MIA: A 3-year-old Havanese mix, rescued from a hoarding situation. Sweet, but still timid, Mia will need someone very patient and loving. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



PETHEY: A 1-year-old Beagle. A bundle of energy, he is a fun-loving, inquisitive hound that loves people and other dogs. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



TRUDY: A 1-year-old Australian Cattle Dog mix who craves attention. Good on a leash. Good with friendly dogs and polite with cats. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



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NORMAN:

A 5-year-old yellow Lab mix. Norman is such a wonderful fun dog. Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 ext. 7



GETTY:

A 7-year-old Boxer mix. Prefer being the only dog after losing an eye in a fight. Cats are okay, and kids are the best!!! Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 ext. 7



JESTER:

A 3-year-old Lab mix who absolutely loves playing with people. Good with other dogs, and probably cats. The ideal home would be an active one. Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 ext. 7



ABBEY:

A Mountain Dog and retriever mix, Abbey is loving, playful, and watchful. She is housetrained, and good with dogs, children, and other animals. Petey's Playground (928) 713-1375



MOLLY:

A 10-year-old Rat Terrier, whose owner died. Very sweet, housetrained. Lived always with **TINKERBELL** the Chihuahua (pictured at right). Owners last wish was to keep them together. Petey's Playground (928) 713-1375



TINKER-BELL:

A 10-year-old Chihuahua. Sweet, housetrained, debarked. LATE Owner's last wish was to keep her together with **MOLLY** (pictured at left). Petey's Playground (928) 713-1375



BOWIE:

A sweet 5-month-old Chihuahua. He is very affectionate and cuddly, but also loves to play. Good with other dogs. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



CONNIE:

Terrier/Chihuahua maybe?! She's a year old, playful and feisty, but also a cuddler. Great with other dogs, but we don't know about cats. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



IVY:

A Border Collie/Terrier mix, about 6 months old and 21 pounds. Very sweet, lots of energy, loves to play. Good with other dogs and cats. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



ZOE:

A 12-year-old Miniature Schnauzer. Very loving, VERY smart. Playful, but happy to be a couch potato as well. House and crate trained. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



NINA:

Looks like a tiny boxer. She is 2 years old and 10 pounds. A love who gets along with other dogs. We don't know about cats. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



GRACIE:

Gracie is a 2-year-old, 56 pound pooch. She wants a fenced-in yard to play and chase balls in. Good with dogs, cats, kids. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



FRIDA:

Only 8 months old, she is a sweet, smart and **ENERGETIC** girl. She loves to play with other dogs and is a good hiking companion. United Animal Friends (928) 778-2924



COOPER:

A 5-year-old male Parson Russell terrier mix. He is an energetic and affectionate, medium-sized dog. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



SHAKIRA:

A 7-year-old female Chihuahua. She is sweet, a bit shy at first, but looking for someone to cuddle with. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



ROMMEL:

Rommel is a Daug -- a Dachshund/Pug mix. He is 2 years old and has a face you can't help but fall in love with. Affectionate and funny. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



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Smokey is a 2-year-old Grey Tabby. He is a calm fellow who could do with a little bit of exercise! Ask about Smokey today!
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Genesis is a 7-year-old orange tabby. He is almost blind, and very sweet. Just make sure he knows you're there! Come meet him at YHS today!
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Bear is a sweet and shy 8-year-old black tabby. He is a quiet and calm boy looking for a nice place to nap. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Atlas is a mischievous 1-year-old lynx point Siamese mix. He loves to crawl in boxes, bags, and laps! High energy and talkative, a great addition to any home. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Knuckles is 11 years young and looking for a place to laze around all day. He loves to cuddle, and isn't afraid to tell you when he wants attention!
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Bowie is a 4-year-old domestic longhair who adores being petted. Mellow and gentle, can be quite talkative when he wants attention. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Bindi is a sweet, loving, cuddly 1-year-old female. Loves playing, sun bathing, and a good game of chase. Good with other cats and dogs. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Jesse is a sweet 1-year-old female. Loves exploring, wand toys, balls, mice, and cuddling. Catty Shack (928) 778-69518



Tex is a handsome 1-year-old gentleman who loves pets, playing, and hiding his toys. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Topaz is a predominantly gray tabby girl, 1 year old. Gentle, kind and loving, but a bit shy at first. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Gary is a handsome Snowshoe mix, approximately 4 years old. He is gentle, loving, a chill guy who gets along with other cats. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Minette is a 2- to 3-year-old female Torbie (tabby and calico/tortiseshell). She actually looks like a Picasso painting. Beautiful, sweet, and very playful kitty. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



Ruby Rae is a lovely Seal Point Siamese mix who is very bonded to Daisy Mae and needs to be adopted with her. Sweet, loves people. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Daisy Mae is a sweet tortoiseshell Siamese mix, very bonded with Ruby Rae and needs to be adopted with her. Loves people, very friendly, good with dogs. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Ziva is a special cat with some simple special needs. A beautiful silver tabby lady who needs just the right person to understand her and give her a beautiful forever home. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



Jenny is a sweet, quiet little girl. She loves attention and being held. She gets along well with other cats. She is blind but navigates pretty well. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



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Diego and his brother, **Omar** are Tuxedo Turkish Van mix. They enjoy being brushed and are very sweet. They are bonded and need to be in the same home. (928) 445-5411



Morgan is a sweet, so playful tabby kitten. She is a tabby with medium hair and is almost 2 months old. Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 ext. 7



Kimber is white, medium haired and 7 weeks old. She is sooo cute and sooo playful! Chino Valley Humane Society (928) 636-4223 ext. 7



Lily is a tiny little girl with shiny black fur, huge gold eyes, and a huge purr. Sweet, affectionate and loves toys. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Sassy Cat is a 2-year-old tortoiseshell lady who is playful and active. Likes relaxing on laps, head pets, and chasing toys. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Blondie is a handsome orange tiger male, 2 years old. Friendly and sweet, very curious and playful. Like lap cuddles. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Daytona is a handsome brown tabby domestic longhair. He is small in size, but with a big personality. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Anya is a sweet and loving 4-year-old female shorthair with rather different coat coloring and big blue Siamese eyes. Talkative. Loves pets, asks for tummy rubs. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Jiggles is a handsome black and white fellow with long fur and a gigantic plume tail. Very affectionate, likes to be petted. Also likes to be brushed. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



Tyler (nicknamed Mr. Mau-Mau) is a super sweet red-and-white tabby, 5 years old. Loves chats, brushing and petting. Loud purr, will roll over for tummy rubs. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



Grayson is a 10-month-old gorgeous, all silver-grey male. He is such an affectionate and sweet little boy, loves being picked up and cuddled on your lap. Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



Moonshine is a 4-year-old silver tabby; quite a large fellow. Sweet, calm, very loving, he will always come to you and ask for pets. LOVES being brushed! Miss Kitty's Cat House (928) 445-5411



Meredith is a delightful, pretty dilute tortie girl with reddish eyebrows. She's very friendly and wants love and attention. She is about 10 months old. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Kiki is a Siamese mix with a beautiful thick, soft coat and blue eyes. A total lap cat, she loves to be held, and played with. Age under 2 years. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Opal is a pretty little gray tabby girl, 1 year old. She is slightly shy but has a sweet and lovable personality. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



Miu Miu loves to sit on windowsills, is gentle and has a curious personality. She is under a year old, is playful, active, and loves to interact with people. Catty Shack (928) 778-6951



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PRESCOTT ANIMAL HOSPITAL NEW BUILDING POISED FOR SUMMER GRAND OPENING

Story by Briana Lonas. Photos by Briana Lonas and courtesy Prescott Animal Hospital.

Prescott Animal Hospital has a long history in Everybody's Hometown, and many of its clients are second and third generation patrons.

"We've been at this location since the early 70s, in existence since 1947 in Prescott," explained the hospital's administrator Nancy Robl – she has worked for Prescott Animal Hospital for 10 years, and in the veterinary field locally for 18 years. She has been involved with 4H, as well as caring for her own cats, dogs and horses.

Prescott Animal Hospital sits along Iron Springs Road and soon will move – just yards away from its current site. Robl said construction could wrap up in July on the state-of-the-art 15,000-square-foot facility. The Prescott Animal Hospital Equine Center will remain at its location near the airport at 2611 Avenger Road in Prescott.

The 7-member veterinarian team will have more room for performing medical and dental procedures. In the near future, three additional doctors will join the staff.

"It's going to be significantly bigger than here... we'll have more room for boarding with 20 boarding suites for the dogs, a separate cat room with a skylight and kitty condos, and canine companions may enjoy their own off-leash playground on the premises," Robl said.

The client experience will change a little, too, as hospital protocols will see some streamlining in the future – mainly because of the 13 new exam rooms, which will make the check-in process faster and more comfortable for the patients and owners. A separate cat and dog



Artist rendering of new PAH facility.

entrance and waiting rooms should eliminate animal stress, too!

"Anxiety is another thing for pets. We work hard to alleviate that." The staff takes the time to spray blankets and bandanas with pheromones for a calming effect.

"It's going to be pretty extraordinary," Robl said and added that the new facility will include a critical care unit, heated cat and dog recovery rooms, and an isolation unit. The old building will be leveled and used for additional parking.

A post-surgical rehabilitation area, complete with a water treadmill, will help patients recover faster and if that weren't enough, a CT machine is in the future.

Aside from the new amenities, Prescott Animal Hospital still provides wellness and preventive care including vaccinations and pre-dental exams. These regular check-ups and cleanings help prevent the progression of gum disease and other issues.

Flea and tick, as well as internal parasite control, is another key to good health. Robl explained that it's a good idea to have your dog undergo a fecal exam twice a year and a blood parasite test every other year. For instance, when you visit the dog park, you never know who's been there before in your dog's tracks. Mosquitoes spread heartworm, so it's also important to have your dog checked and ensure optimum health with a monthly preventative program. Baseline blood work should be performed every year.

"That makes it easier, too, for the doctors so they have something to compare the blood work to if your pet gets sick," she said.

Nutritional review and weight loss may help your pet overcome health issues including joint problems, respiratory issues, and being at risk for diabetes. Prescott Animal Hospital can help your pet safely lose those extra pounds.

Something people may not know is that the hospital performs courtesy wellness exams for pets adopted from adoption agencies.

"I don't think there's anything that we won't try to help a client with," she said.

Prescott Animal Hospital works with many rescue groups as well as participating in all local events related to animals and rescue efforts. Another bonus for clients: a visit to the Prescott Animal Hospital website offers information about the doctors and an opportunity to shop online for nutritional products and medications. Visitors also may schedule appointments.

"We're very excited about the new building. I think that growing is a big thing. It's a scary thing but we are not going to lose our community feel by being bigger. One of the most important elements to Prescott Animal Hospital is our team and how important they are for us to succeed...They are such a good bunch of people that have the same beliefs and desires to help clients and their pets, and I truly love them!"

The Prescott Animal Hospital staff hopes to schedule an open house in the near future to invite the public in to view the new hospital.



PAH grand opening is scheduled for July.



Nancy Robl and Hoss, a PAH resident, take a break.



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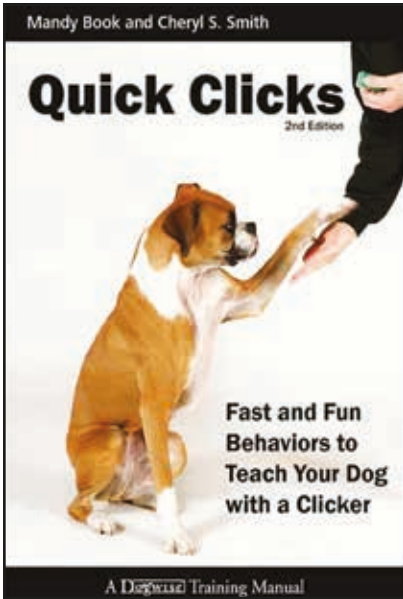
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BOOK REVIEW

QUICK CLICKS UNLOCKS THE WORLD OF CLICKER TRAINING FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

By Heidi Dahms Foster

If you've seen people using clicker training with great results, or you just wonder whether this "no force" training method might work for you and your dog, Mandy Book and Cheryl S. Smith's *Quick Clicks: Fast and Fun Behaviors to Train with a Clicker* might be just the ticket.



The authors begin with the science behind clicker training and the basics of clicker use. When you're proficient, clicker training seems like magic, the authors say. "Pairing the click sound with a treat teaches the dog that the click means 'treat coming.' Once the dog makes the connection you can use the clicker to pinpoint for the dog the exact behavior that earns the treat."

Clicker training also allows you to build on behaviors rather than try to teach an entire complex behavior at once. The authors call this 'shaping,' breaking a behavior into many small steps and gradually putting them together, combining them into the final behavior.

The trainer doesn't have to guess with *Quick Clicks*. The book begins by explaining what is expected before you

ever start clicking with your dog. Once you complete this short and precise explanation, you'll have an understanding of shaping behaviors, timing, and other tricks to make your clicker experience go smoothly.

In today's fast paced and busy world, short clips of any kind are helpful, and *Quick Clicks* is full of boxes called Click Tricks. These are easily digested helps scattered throughout the book to make your clicker training easier. More boxes entitled Slick Clicks further the understanding of each chapter.

Take the time to study Chapter 1 carefully, and do the exercises. Once you do, you are well on your way to a new and exciting training adventure with your dog.

Chapter 2 gets you off to some easy but truly useful behaviors with clicker training – Take a Treat Gently, Sit, Down,

Come, Walk on Leash, Wait, and Don't Touch. Many dog owners would be thrilled to have their dogs reliably perform these behaviors. But *Quick Clicks* offers much more – even dealing with such health issues as toenail clipping, bathing, grooming, and vet visits, and behavior issues such as jumping, barking, and other manners. Others are simply fun tricks and skills.

Each chapter in this book is a new adventure, and whether you choose to use the clicker for basic training or delve into some really fun advanced behaviors, you'll be sure to come out with a closer relationship and a dog that is easier to live with.

Quick Clicks 2nd Edition is available at www.dogwise.com for \$19.99. You can get a bag of seven clickers with wristbands on Amazon for \$8.99.

ALLERGIES

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Many people erroneously assume itching due to food allergy requires a recent diet change of some sort. In fact, the opposite is true. **Food allergy requires time to develop; most animals have been eating the offending food for years with no trouble.**

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Story by Briana Lonas. Photos by Briana Lonas and courtesy of Prescott Compounding Pharmacy.

“Okay, my friend. There you go.” Those were the friendly words from pharmacist Gregg Huser to one of his many loyal customers at the Prescott Compounding Pharmacy not too long ago. Huser is the owner and pharmacist at this specialty treasure conveniently located near the YRMC west campus.



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Huser can mix medication flavors to suit children and pets. In addition, the pharmacy offers individual dosing applications appropriate for any situation including bio-identical hormones, pain management, pediatric, hospice, and exotic animals such as the patients that live in the Heritage Park Zoo and the Out of Africa animal park.

“A lot of people don’t know what we do,” he said. His pharmacy services all providers and offers discounts for service dogs and adoptions. Veterans receive a discount, too. The pharmacy also provides delivery and same day service on most prescriptions.

“It comes in handy when you or your animal needs the medication. We also carry a fair amount of nutritional products for pets, over the counter products as well and vitamins and supplements. We’re getting into the CBD oil products for pets and everything pet related.”

Huser said he got into the compounding niche after he worked as a retail pharmacist for many years. “I wasn’t really satisfied with it,” he admitted and said that his business is not a numbers game like the big box pharmacies. About forty percent of his business is from the pet industry, and he works with more than a dozen local veterinarians.

He grew up in a town with three or four small pharmacies in California and started out as a delivery boy. He then got drafted into the Army, and after

serving came back to the States and graduated from the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. Huser has lived in northern Arizona since 1989 and owned and operated a compounding pharmacy in Sedona for more than a dozen years before moving to the Prescott area.

“It’s a good business to be in, he said and explained that most of the rural mom and pop pharmacists have

gone by the wayside because of the big box stores.

He said he loves his work and also enjoys the challenges of preparing medications for the animals. He recalled the time when a giraffe needed an antibiotic preparation. “We backed a large truck up against the fence with a ladder. We got up there and the giraffe comes over to us. We had put the medication in a banana with the peel and everything, and he ate it.”

Huser has plenty of interesting stories about his work with the local pet clinics and wildlife habitats, and for more information, be sure to visit his Facebook page and view his unique experiences with everything from the big cats to eagles and pelicans.

Almost on a daily basis Huser receives a lot of thanks from his customers and gains satisfaction in knowing that he’s helping keep many pets alive. Domestic cats in particular often suffer from thyroid disease as they get older. “If you can help their thyroid, you can keep them healthy,” he said.

Pain management from injuries and surgeries make up a large portion of his duties, and he’s able to prepare medications that are easy to dose, especially for cats as they can prove more difficult to handle. For example, Huser makes a



cream that goes through the skin, and just a light application within the ear gives the cat the right dose without the stress.

He also carries vials that help pet owners dispense the correct amount of medication safely and easily without worry.

The shelves of the pharmacy are filled with the elements that make up pharmaceuticals, and customers may find a variety of nutritional and beauty products as well in the waiting area. The lab features the specialized equipment necessary for compounding such as ointment mills, powder blenders, electronic balances, and a capsule machine. Every item is compliant with state and federal regulations.

Huser said he’s happy working in Prescott because of the warm community and healthy business environment—it’s the perfect place to provide his human and animal customers benefit from medicines and dosages not otherwise available. Prescott Compounding Pharmacy is the sole compounding-only pharmacy in the Quad Cities area and proudly supports local events.

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ON THE TRAIL: WEST CLEAR CREEK COOLS THE OVERHEATED HIKER

Story and Photos by Cheryl Hartz

Yavapai County contains an astounding 19 wilderness areas, and one of the best for temporarily escaping summer's extreme heat is the West Clear Creek Wilderness in the Coconino National Forest outside Camp Verde.

It encompasses more than 15,000 acres on the Colorado Plateau's southern edge and is named for West Clear Creek, a year-round clear, cold stream that creates a lush riparian environment.

West Clear Creek Trail No. 17 is a popular one, and a little less so since the U.S. Forest Service closed the nearby campground a couple of years ago.

The lower end of West Clear Creek Trail starts at Bull Pen Ranch and if you were to traverse the entire trail, you'd hike 7.5 miles over an elevation gain of 1,800 feet through a red rock canyon to Bald Hill. Even though you need to cross or wade the creek several times to backpack the whole thing, between unpredictable monsoons and high heat, summer isn't the best time for this. A better idea is to make a day of it. Pack a lunch and hike a mile or three. Veer off the trail to one of many refreshing swimming holes. You'll



Here the trail first intersects with West Clear Creek.

be ready to jump right in, but not for long. I'm not exaggerating when I say the water is COLD. Tie a hammock between two trees, read a book and/or nap until your suit dries and you're ready to take the plunge again. Repeat as needed.

For the more daring among us, find a waterhole with a small cliff and leap in, at your own risk. The trail first reaches the creek at a popular slick-rock slide unattractively termed "the toilet" for the way it flushes the swimmer who tries it. And it's nearly impossible not to try it at least once! But once you claim a swimming hole as your favorite, you'll want to return time after time.

According to a Forest Service report, up to 80 percent of Arizona's wildlife species make this habitat their home, from rattlesnakes and songbirds to javelina and mule deer. Once during the winter when fewer humans venture into the area, my hubby and his dad startled a pair of mountain lions resting under a bush beside the trail. Fortunately, the catamounts took off lickety split.

Deciduous trees – willow, cottonwood alder and sycamore – line the creek, making it verdant green in summer and glorious gold in the fall.

If you don't want to carry in so much water, take a filter and pump your own from the creek. You won't need ice. Do take plenty of sunblock. Summer sunburn is no fun. Neither is skin cancer.



After a cooling dip, Magpie uses her best cute look to beg a bite.

To get there, take Forest Road 618, five miles out of Camp Verde on State Route 260. Drive another 2.1 miles and turn right on FR 215. Then it's three miles down a washboard road to Bull Pen, including one steep section, where desert bighorn sheep have been spotted infrequently.

Happy Hot Weather Hiking!



The author's first dog, Barney, loved to dive here. Mea, pictured, was more cautious.

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DOGS IN WAR...DOGS IN PEACE

Story and photos by Gary DeGeronimo.

Canines who have served the United States in Military conflicts throughout the world have a long and rich history. From the time of World War I where dogs were used for everything from sentry or guard duty to scent work to today's special operations teams using highly trained canines who can parachute with their handlers into very dangerous situations to fulfill their mission.

There have been hero dogs as far back as 1917. One of the most well-known, and highly decorated canine, would be Sergeant Stubby.

Born in 1916, Stubby was described as a "dog of unknown breed." He was found wandering around as a stray at a college in New Haven, Connecticut, in an area where the Army's 102nd Infantry Regiment was training.

He stayed with this unit during their training period, and, when the unit was deployed to France, the commanding officer allowed Stubby to remain with the regiment. That proved to be a wise decision as Stubby became an integral part of the war effort for the United States Army.

Stubby was promoted to the rank of Sergeant after not only being wounded multiple times during battle, but demonstrating his skills in battle by letting his fellow soldiers know of enemy troops sneaking up, locating wounded soldiers, and so much more. In one instance, he actually caught a German soldier by his pants and held him until



Sergeant Stubby - A Brave Stray

American soldiers arrived. Sergeant Stubby served for 18 months and was involved in 17 battles.

Sergeant Stubby has a brick at the Liberty Memorial's "Walk of Honor" in Kansas City which reads, 'Sergeant Stubby - Hero Dog of WWI - A Brave Stray.'



Sergeant Stubby
A Decorated Hero

Throughout the years, the United States has been involved in a number of conflicts around the world, and during this time our canine soldiers have been shoulder to shoulder with their human soldiers. From WWII, Korea, Viet Nam to today, there are numerous stories of dogs performing amazing feats of bravery and saving countless lives.

In recent years, we have seen these outstanding canines entering extremely dangerous war zones with their human military counterparts. A case in point, the dog who accompanied his SEAL Team unit when they entered a hostile area in order to eliminate the terrorist Osama Bin Laden.

Cairo, a Belgian Malinois, played a critical part of this operation. After landing at the location by helicopter, Cairo helped clear buildings, sniff for bombs and booby-traps, searched behind doors and other places where terrorists could be hiding. He also kept a close eye out for anyone approaching the area, ready



SEAL Team Six Cairo

to alert his handler. Cairo is a decorated canine soldier and has participated in many missions with his team.

There are numerous accounts of how these 'dogs in war' were involved as part of military operations and how their heroism allowed for successful missions. And just as important as our 'dogs in war' have been to our military, and continue to be, we cannot forget the part that canines play as 'dogs in peace.' When our men and women return home from these areas of conflict bringing those difficult times back with them, it is obvious that their service does not end.

Dogs can also serve another very important service to our men and women who have completed their military service but return with constant reminders of their experiences. Service Dogs are specially trained canines who will assist someone with a particular disability, both physical or psychological.

For the veteran who suffers from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) as a result of military service, a trained Service Dog can make all the difference in the world and will



Max with Robert and Lisa. Max is always ready to serve his veteran.



Dusty knows when Joe needs him the most.

at times allow them to move forward in life.

These special animals can perform such tasks as deep pressure therapy, interrupting disturbing dreams and flashbacks, and letting that veteran know that they will be there for them every day, or as they would say, "I have your six."

Of course, Service Dogs can also assist our veterans with physical disabilities as a result of military service. By assisting with mobility tasks that they are trained to perform, these Service Dogs can make every day life so much easier for them.

So we can now expand our statement of "Thank you for your service" to include not only to our brave men and women of the United States Military but also to our fearless canine warriors.



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SERVICE DOGS...KNOW THE LAW

Story and photos by Gary DeGeronimo.

With the amazing benefits that Service Dogs provide to their human partners comes certain responsibilities from those human partners. Some of those responsibilities include such things as general health care, safety, continued training, and most importantly, knowing the law as it relates to Service Dogs.

It's important that someone with a Service Dog, or who is in the process of training a Service Dog, understands what rights apply to a "legitimate" Service Dog.

As we all know, Service Dogs are governed and protected by the Federal Law known as The Americans with Disabilities Act, commonly referred to as the ADA. But there are also provisions in most state laws that deal specifically with Services Dogs as

well as Service Dogs In-Training that Service Dog partners should be aware of.

The State of Arizona has had laws on the books concerning Service Dogs for some time now. But with a greater recognition of Service Dogs as a vital part to those persons with disabilities, there have been those who abuse this privilege to have a legitimate

Service Dog in public environments with their human partners. There have been attempts by some to misrepresent their pet dog as a Service Dog.

Up until now, there has not been specific Arizona Laws that address the fraudulent misrepresentation of a Service Dog along with penalties for such behavior.

However, recently there has been a noteworthy amendment to Section 11-1024 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Arizona State Law that relates to Service Animals and the rights of individuals with disabilities to bring their Service Animal to public places. This particular amendment is significant in that it not only addresses the critical issue of fake service dogs in Arizona but also the imposition of a civil penalty for a violation of this law.

The new Arizona Revised Statute Section 11-1024, Subsection K reads as follows: **"A person may not fraudulently misrepresent an animal as a Service Animal or Service Animal in training to a person or entity that operates a public place. A Court or duly appointed hearing officer may impose on the person**

misrepresenting the animal in violation of this subsection a civil penalty of not more than two hundred fifty dollars for each violation."

This amendment was introduced to the Arizona House of Representatives on February 6, 2018, then introduced to the Arizona State Senate on March 1, 2018, and finally signed by the Arizona Governor on April 17, 2018.

This amendment should have an impact on the issue of Fake Service Dogs in Arizona, something that has plagued legitimate Service Dogs, as well as legitimate Service Dogs In-Training, for quite some time.

Because this is such a new law, we will monitor the application of it and report back in the future. It is definitely a step in the right direction and one that will benefit those amazing canines who are trained and work every day as Service Dogs for those who are truly in need of their service.



Penny - Proper place for a Service Dog in restaurant.



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Leo - Out of the way while owner works.

PILOT PRESCOTT VALLEY ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM AIMS TO KEEP KIDS SAFE AROUND DOGS

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy Prescott Valley Police Department.

Prescott Valley Animal Control officers this past school year introduced a pilot dog safety program to four Granville Elementary third grade classes. Animal Control Supervisor James Risinger said the Prescott Valley Police Department hopes to expand the program to all Prescott Valley schools in the future, in an effort to help children avoid dog bites.

Risinger said he chose third graders to participate because they are old enough to understand the lessons and young enough that the program will help to protect them around dogs into their future years.

The lessons, approximately 30 minutes each over two days, focused on teaching the children how to understand dogs' body language before approaching them, proper etiquette such as asking the owner if it's OK to pet the animal, how to properly approach and greet a dog on a leash, while it's eating or sleeping, and how to protect themselves if a loose dog approaches them.

Risinger, along with other Animal Control officers and sworn officers, first engage the children with demonstrations of how people approach each other. If you don't know someone, he said, normally you'll greet them with a handshake rather than a hug. If you know them well, you might hug them. Additionally, Risinger and the officers enter the classes in full uniform, and he explained that depending on body language, that can be intimidating. However, when he sits on the floor and talks with the kids, they find it less scary than someone standing over them. He then translates those lessons to how a dog might perceive a person they don't know approaching them, hugging them, or standing over them.

As the children begin to understand how their body language can affect an animal, Risinger brings out photos of



Prescott Valley Police and Animal Control officers take questions from kids during the department's pilot dog safety program this past year.

real dogs in various poses, and talks with the children about how each dog is acting and what might be a sign that the dog is uncomfortable and might bite. He also explains how dogs say "no," which could escalate to a bite if not heeded. Soon, as he shows the photos, the children become good at recognizing the dogs' signals.

Another facet of the training is to help children understand that any dog, no matter how friendly, can bite. They may be guarding their food, be in pain from illness or injury, or simply be fearful. Learning how to read and approach animals gives the kids another layer of safety to avoid bites.

In the second class, Animal Control Officer Evelyn Whittaker brought in her therapy dog Figgy. A Japanese Chin mix, Figgy was severely injured in her



Prescott Valley Police and Animal Control Officer Evelyn Whittaker and Figgy, Lt. Scott Stebbins, and ACO Supervisor James Risinger.

front legs and abandoned by an abusive former owner. After successful surgery, Whittaker adopted her from the Yavapai Humane Society. Surprisingly, the little dog loves all people and especially children. The children were able to use the lessons they learned as they approached with permission and petted Figgy.

"Every child there was able to use the safety techniques we taught them, and then ask questions. It was a great success," said Risinger.

After completing the class, the children are given a coloring book that simply outlines the lessons they've learned, and a certificate of completion.

Because the program, if expanded, will require more calm, people loving dogs, Risinger and Whittaker are both preparing two more family pets - Risinger's big Pointer mix Ginger and Whittaker's Border/Aussie mix "Cowgirl" - to help out in the classes. Both have been professionally evaluated and are going through their training now. Once certified, they'll also be able to help local schoolchildren learn to safely approach dogs.

Risinger said he personally saw the success of the program when he brought Ginger to the school to pick up his kids. While waiting, one of the students who had participated in the dog safety classes recognized him and approached. The child was excited to see Risinger and the dog, but she slowed down and asked him if she could pet Ginger, and then properly greeted the dog with the skills she had been taught in class.

Risinger thanked Lt. Scott Stebbins, Animal Control Officers Whittaker and Tim Yogerst, Police Officers Justin Scarbrough and Cameron Kinsey, and Granville Elementary for their participation in the program.



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FROM RESCUE TO AGILITY CHAMPION: MICKEY IS A STAR IN COMPETITION AND IN HIS ADOPTER'S HEART

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy Karen Russell and Ron Boe Photography.

Karen Russell said she wasn't looking for another dog when she found her new best friend, but it won't surprise most people when they hear what she was doing when she met Border Collie/Pointer mix Mickey.

Karen was a volunteer at the Yavapai Humane Society, walking dogs, when she began working with two brothers, later named Mickey and Max. The two were 8 months old, and she fell in love with them both.

She had previously enjoyed agility, the popular sport of timed obstacle courses, with her dog Zoni, now 11, but she asserts that even when she decided to adopt Mickey, she



Rescues Mickey and Max.

wasn't thinking of competition. "Mickey and Max were just mellow and fun, and we got lucky in that my parents took Max, and they still get to see each other."

It was a good separation for the pups, because Mickey, the more submissive of the two, blossomed. Now four, they still get along fine.

Karen and Zoni had worked with Chino Valley trainer Debbie Pomeroy of Turns 'N' Wraps. Wanting to grow her relationship with Mickey, Karen also began lessons with him on obstacles suitable for his young age.

"He was eight months when I started agility with him in a class setting, so Debbie tempered the exercises to fit his immaturity," Karen said.

The jumps were kept at four to six inches, and Mickey didn't do weave poles, because of his immature spine. He wouldn't advance to bigger obstacles until he was at least a year old. Even then, Karen



Karen Russell and Mickey on Course.

took it slow. The sport at that point was more to build Karen and Mickey's relationship through something fun to do together.

In July 2015, Mickey entered his first NADAC (North American Dog Agility Council) trial at the Intro level. Karen was worried that the social Mickey would visit with everyone at the trial rather than focus on the course, but he received a qualifying score in every run. Since he couldn't compete in the Novice category until he was older, she kept him in Intro for six months, just enjoying her time with him.

"He was developing his brain," she said, though "even at four, he still has a puppy brain."

In January 2016, Karen and Mickey moved to the Novice classes, and he continued to do well. Karen took her time advancing to each new level, because she wanted to give Mickey ring time and experience. The duo moved to the Open level in July 2016, and then to the Elite level in January through March 2017. Because there are several different classes, or courses, at each NADAC level - jumpers, tunnelers, touch and go, weave poles and "chances" - she took her time mastering each class. She didn't want the young Mickey to get burned out or injured.

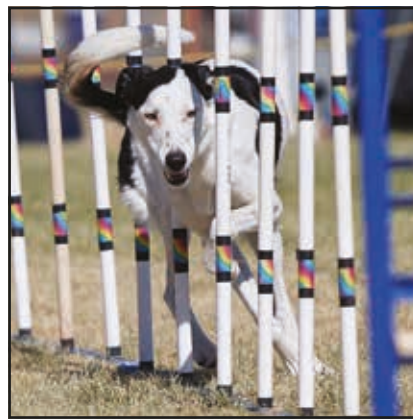
When she and Mickey achieved their Elite level titles in all classes, Karen realized that despite not competing more than once a month, or twice at most, Mickey was on his way to his NATCH

(NADAC Agility Trial Championship), an achievement that requires a challenging number of points earned in each class. For this team that didn't compete on a weekly basis, it is a big achievement indeed.

"A lot of people compete every weekend, and even then, the NATCH can take years, because in an agility run, a qualifying score means you can't miss a contact, or have a jump bar down. It has to be perfect runs. For Mickey to get his NATCH a year after getting his Elite titles was so awesome," Karen said. "The cool thing for me was that with my other dog, contacts (a portion of each obstacle the dog must touch to qualify) were not our friend, and no distance runs - she stuck to me. My goal for Mickey was not a NATCH, but all of sudden I realized, 'we can do this!'"

While a Border Collie cross, Mickey's body style more resembles the Pointer in him. His speed is deceptive. Twenty-five inches tall, he has an estimated 21-foot stride that one judge said, "gobbles up the ground." Karen said he can round an agility course faster than many true Borders because of that ground covering stride.

"He's smooth and fluid with big paws. And he has the Border Collie brain, he's so smart," she said.



Mickey weaves poles.



Karen Russell Celebrates Winning Her NATCH.

Karen's admiration and enjoyment of her partnership with Mickey comes through when she talks about the big, happy rescue.

"He's just such a joy to work with. He's like 'steady Eddie,' always calm, and always looking for my signal, for where to go. He's looking at me with his eyes if not his head. I feel like we're a team," she said.

In fact, they're such a team that Mickey "talks" to Karen on the agility courses.

"He's just hysterical. If I'm late or miss a cue, he lets me know by howling and barking. He has everyone rolling on the ground. One judge said Mickey yelled at me, and I deserved it!" she said. "It's the teamwork, the great bond, that I enjoy the most."

Mickey doesn't zoom around all the time, he's not that high energy. But they do a lot of walking and hiking that keeps them sharp mentally and physically. Karen said the cross training gives them a break, and it's also good for the now senior Zoni.

Karen said she had a great start with Mickey because she got to know him before deciding to adopt.

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ENDURANCE RIDING—GOING THE DISTANCE

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos by Susan Kordish of AZ Cowgirl Photography, LLC.

What can you say about an equestrian sport that's primary focus is on the well being of the horse? You can say "Bravo!" and applaud their efforts.

Endurance riding is a competition that seems to promote and ignite the very spirit and athleticism of the horse. Rider and horse become one on a long distance trek, timed to the finish, with appropriate interruptions of veterinary checks along the way and after.

Before the ride begins, each horse is inspected by a veterinarian to ensure that they are fit to begin the event. There is a ride distance of 50 or 100 miles to choose from, depending on you and your horse's abilities and experience. Limited Distance rides (LD), 25 miles, are geared for new riders or young horses being trained as well as pleasure riders.

The winner of the endurance ride is the first horse to cross the finish line as long as they have successfully passed the veterinary checks positioned along the way and one upon completion of the ride; a phenomenal feat. However, if you ask any serious and experienced endurance rider what is the more coveted prize, it would be that of Best Conditioned Horse.

The pinnacle of endurance rides is reverently referred to as The Tevis Cup. The Western States Trail Foundation (WSTF) is recognized as one of the world's best tests of true horsemanship. The big daddy of Endurance Rides goes through the Sierra Nevada Mountains from east of Squaw Valley to Auburn, California.

You can compete in endurance riding with any breed of horse or mule. Arabians generally dominate the top levels of this competition because of their amazing stamina and natural abilities, but other breeds have done equally well. The American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) is the organization that represents equine endurance riding in North America, and is a great source for information.

Being horseback for 50 to 100 miles

absolutely calls for specific saddle and tack. Adequate saddle fit is imperative so there is no undue pressure on your horse's back or any other part. And, you want a saddle pad that breathes and wicks away sweat so that your horse's back stays cool. Research and reference are invaluable when it comes to the comfort and well being of your equine partner.

Choosing the right horse and the right gear is indeed important. But of utmost pre-eminence is the consistent conditioning and training of your horse to be in perfect shape for every ride. This practice is the true key element for success in endurance riding.

Jackie Urbanski rides an Arabian named Spitfire. I'm not sure which one of them is more deserving of the name. Jackie is a natural horseman in that she has ridden so much of her life that she has almost a sixth sense of reasoning with horses. When she started doing Endurance Rides about 7 years ago, it was for fun. But when she met Spitfire, it became serious business. This Arabian had some issues that many riders would have backed away from, but Jackie took the reins and the rest is history. Her winnings are truly impressive and proof that the relationship you nourish between you and your horse can be amazingly compelling.



Jackie Urbanski and her Arabian, Spitfire.

Michele Sharp, another local endurance rider, became acquainted with the sport in 2011. "I like the challenge of it," she claims. "Physically for me, and managing my horse well." When asked about getting involved in endurance riding, she advises, "Volunteering at a couple endurance rides to meet people,

watch how it works, ask a lot of questions. Many times there are opportunities to ride someone else's horse which might be a great way to see if you even like the sport."



Michelle Sharp

AERC posts a blog site on Facebook where avid endurance rider Bruce Weary, DC, occasionally posts helpful tips. From his 35 years of riding, Bruce shares tips from his own trials and errors and triumphs. This from Dr. Weary, who writes (and speaks) so eloquently about attitude: "I failed six times in a row in my first attempts at finishing the Tevis. I got sick twice, and had a pretty sick horse there once. My mentor taught me to get comfortable with failure and making mistakes in my life, because I would see a lot of both of them, so I never took my initial lack of success at Tevis personally.



Dr. Bruce Weary

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Celebration of Life: Duke

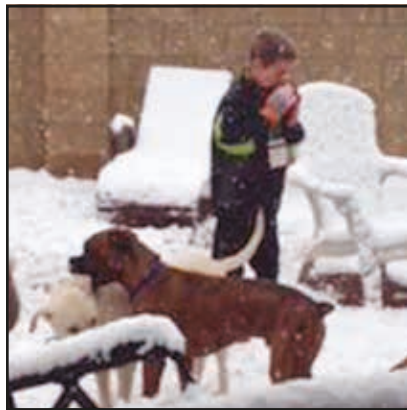
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Duke was loving and had personality galore. From the time I went to get him I knew he was for me; he ran straight up to me and had that look of fun and love in his eyes.

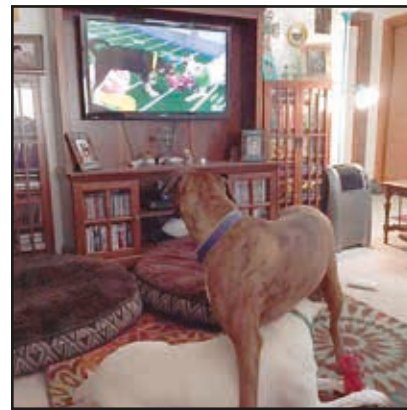
He loved to go on adventures, he loved to get out and explore the outdoors. He camped, hiked the lake trails, loved to go meet with friends at the square, and the doggie events.

He was very protective of the grandkids and loved to play.

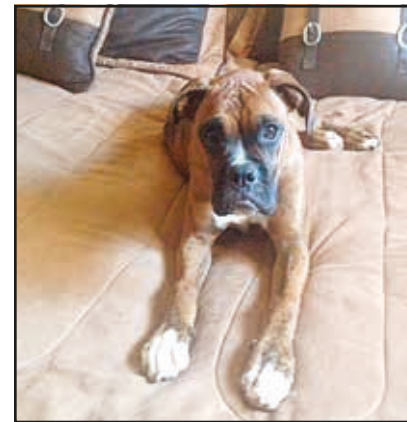


Sunshine, rain, or snow he was always up for a good time. He also enjoyed his nap and chill time once he was worn out.

He knew that the weekends involved watching football in this family, and he liked to watch the Puppy Bowl on TV.



Up until the very end he was such a lover. I remember sitting at the vet's that last day, and there was a little boy sitting next to me who said to his



mom, "That doggie doesn't feel good."

You could just tell by Duke's eyes he wasn't himself, but the little boy started talking to him and called Duke to come see him. Duke went and put his front paws up on the little boys legs and gave him a kiss.

He was loving until the very end. My heart still aches, and I miss him daily. He will be forever in my heart.

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She recommends bonding and spending as much time as possible with a dog before adopting.

"I think most important is to make sure the dog fits your lifestyle. A lot of people want a Border Collie or an Aussie because they are smart, but people may not have the activity level that will suit the breed. Find a dog that fits your lifestyle and your activity," she said. "The wrong fit can be a nightmare."

Help is available, though, because Yavapai Humane Society has adoption counselors.

"Talk to the counselors - they can recommend a good fit. They know the dogs better than anyone because they are with them all the time. They want a successful pairing, because they don't want the dogs coming back either," she said.

Whichever dog you choose to be your new family member, and whatever you do for activity, be it hiking or walking or competing in a dog sport, Karen said, "it's all about spending time and having fun with your dog, and what you make of everything you do with them. Consistency, discipline, exercise, and training make a good, happy dog."

And for agility champion rescue dog Mickey, Karen said, "it doesn't matter what happens on the course, but it's always more fun when you do well!"

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azgermanshepherds.com

Pawsitively Awesome Dog Training

(928) 710-8188,
awesomecanines@gmail.com

VETERINARIANS**Chino Valley**

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

Circle L Animal Hospital

845 AZ-89, (928) 536-4421
circleanimalhospital.com

Dewey

Kachina Animal Hospital
850 S. Henrickson Rd, (928) 772-8225
kachinaanimalhospital.com

Prescott

Mile Hi Animal Hospital
334 White Spar Road, (928) 445-4581

Prescott Animal Hospital

1318 Iron Springs Road, (928) 445-2190

VCA Thumb Butte Animal Hospital

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

Yavapai Humane Society

Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic
2989 Centerpoint East, Ste. B
(928) 771-0547
yavapaihumane.org/clinic

Prescott Valley

Bradshaw Mountain Animal Hospital
6227 E. 2nd Street, Prescott Valley
(928) 772-7775, bmahonline.com

Pet Dental

6550 E. 2nd St., Suite C
Prescott Valley, (928) 772-1181
petdentalusa.com

Premier Pet Hospital

3322 N. Glassford Hill Rd.
(Next to Starbucks) (928) 460-4211
premierpethospital.com

Prescott Valley Pet Clinic

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

HOUSE CALLS

Visiting Vet House Calls for Pets
(928) 778-7657

VET - EMERGENCY

Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital
2245 Hwy. 69, Prescott, (928) 778-1990

IMPORTANT PET CONTACT NUMBERS

Animal Disaster Services

Shelter for animals in the event of a disaster
(928) 925-7990

Chino Valley Animal Control

(928) 636-4223 x7
Licensing 928-636-4223 x7

Prescott Animal Control

(928) 777-1135
Licensing (928) 777-1291

Prescott Valley Animal Control

928-772-5180
Licensing 928-772-5180

VET - HOLISTIC

Harmony Holistic Veterinary Care
Delia McDonald, DMV and
Tammy Pauletto, DMV
919 12th Place, Suite #6, Prescott
(928) 445-7499 harmonyvetcare.com

Holistic Veterinary Care and
Acupuncture Center
Caroline A. O'Sullivan, DVM, MS
8200 E. Valley Road Ste C, Prescott Valley
(928) 925-4130, HolisticAnimalCareAZ.org

LOCAL DOG PARKS

Prescott
Willow Creek Beneful Dream Dog Park
3181 Willow Creek Rd. Grass, agility field,
water features, separate small & large dog
parks. Prescott Parks & Rec (928) 777-1122

Prescott Valley
Mountain Valley Park, just off of Nace
Lane. Fenced, handicap accessible. Agility
equipment, benches, shade, parking &
water. Dogs must be vaccinated. PV Parks
and Rec (928) 772-5180

EQUINE SERVICES

SHOPPING

C-A-L Ranch Store
1048 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott
(928) 717-5408, calranch.com

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

TRAINING

Piñon Meadows Boarding & Training
5000 West Road 2 South, Prescott
(928) 717-9885 • Cell (928) 821-1453

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VETERINARIANS

Prescott Animal Hospital & Equine Center
2611 Avenger Rd, Prescott
(928) 776-7669, prescottvets.com

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3322 N Glassford Hill Rd, Prescott Valley
premierpethospital.com

PET-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS

HOTELS/MOTELS

Apple Creek Cottages (928) 445-7321
1001 White Spar Rd., Prescott

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

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

Wyndham Garden Hotel (928) 777-0770
4499 Highway 69, Prescott

REAL ESTATE

Wendi Roudybush, Associate Broker
Garden Brook Realty, (928) 713-5136
520 W. Sheldon, Prescott
www.Wendi.Realtor

Rehab Boswell Team
Realty Executives (928) 925-1125
rehabyhomes.com

Home Smart
Elizabeth Kennedy, (760) 61-3885
lizkrealstate@gmail.com

RESTAURANTS

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

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

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

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

Waffles N' More
1365 W. Iron Springs Rd.
Prescott, (928) 778-3039

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

AUTOMOTIVE / RV

Autoworks
8572 E. Eastridge Dr., (928) 775-3332
autoworksserviceandrepair.com

Courtesy Auto Sales
courtesyautosalesprescott.com
Prescott - 1004 E Gurley St
(928) 515-2919
Prescott Valley - 6900 E Frontage Rd
(928) 775-0069

Findlay Subaru Prescott
3230 Willow Creek Rd, Prescott
(928) 771-6900, findlaysubaruprescott.com

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Blind Dog Apparel & Graphic Design
9386 E Florentine Rd, Prescott Valley
928-202-4852, blinddogapparel.com

Holly Lorette
Master Stylist, Master Colorist
537 6th Street, Prescott, (928) 460-3349

Liberty Mutual Insurance
Adam England, Agent, (928) 642-0073
Adam.England@LibertyMutual.com

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(928) 776-0944 or 1-844-779-2200

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

Clothes Hound
122 S. Montezuma, Prescott
(928) 771-0811

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

Home Depot
Prescott Valley - 5500 E. St. Route 69
(928) 771-8467
Prescott - 1941 E. Hwy 69
(928) 777-2400

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

N.O.A.H. Thrift Store (928) 708-0545
603 S. Granite St, Prescott,

Oma's Haven Resale Store
8933 Florentine Rd, Prescott Valley
(928) 632-5638

Prescott Super Pawn
703 E. Gurley St., Prescott, (928) 776-4653

Prestige Security Doors
600 E. Sheldon St., Prescott
(928) 541-7900,
Prestige Security Doors.com

TimberWoof Pet Boutique
Bashford Courts Atrium
130 W Gurley Street, Prescott
(928) 443-9663

Totally Floored
2710 N. Glassford Hill Rd.,
Prescott Valley 928-445-4650

Tractor Supply Co
TractorSupply.com
Prescott - 3301 Willow Creek Rd
(928) 778-0942
Prescott Valley
8740 E Eastridge Dr., (928) 772-5579,

Warren's Hay - N - More
2295 S. Hwy 89, Chino Valley
(928) 636-1303

Weather King (928) 636-2506
1962 AZ-89, Chino Valley
aweatherkingonline.com

Yavapai Humane Society Thrift Store
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(928) 445-5668

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Here at Premier Pet Hospital, we strive to provide the best veterinary care possible, with an attentive and sensitive hospital staff to serve you.

We believe that preventative care is the best way to keep your pet healthy and happy, so one of the most important services we provide is the annual physical examination. In that examination, we check of all your pet's vital systems, create a baseline of health, and proactively catch any situations that might need attention.

Our Other Services include...

- Annual Exams
- Vaccinations
- In-House Diagnostics Laboratory
- Surgery
- Spays, Neuters
- Dental Cleaning
- Pet Emergencies
- Therapeutic Laser Treatment
- Deworming
- End of Life

For your convenience, you may drop off your pet if you are unable to schedule a specific appointment time.

Our hospital also provides a variety of more extensive services for your pets, such as hospitalization and intensive care for seriously ill patients, and diagnostic tests performed both in hospital and at our in-

house laboratory. The hospital has both x-ray and ultrasound abilities. All x-rays taken in our hospital can be reviewed by a board certified veterinary radiologist.

We have a dedicated surgical suite and strive to provide the best in anesthetic and surgical care, from routine spays and neuters, to orthopedic and abdominal surgery. Should the need for referral arise, we have excellent relationships with many board certified specialists in areas such as internal medicine, critical care, surgery, cardiology, dermatology, ophthalmology, and oncology.

Emergencies that arise outside of hospital hours will be handled by our hospital whenever possible. Otherwise, you will be referred to the Prescott Area Animal Emergency Hospital.

We look forward to meeting you and your pet. Please call any time you have questions regarding your pet's health. We will always do our very best to practice outstanding veterinary care, communicate clearly, and earn your trust at Premier Pet Hospital.



Dr. Gordon Vergason, DVM
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Offer expires Friday, August 31, 2018.

928-460-4211

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