

# The Prescott Dog

March/April 2018

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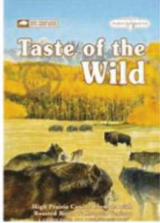


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**Cheryl Hartz** – On the Trail: Bubbling Pond Preserve and Black Hawk Trail

**Briana Lonas** – Business Spotlight: Prestige Security Doors Help Keep Pets In, Burglars Out; Litter Box Confessions: What Your Cat May Be Trying to Tell You

**Skye Lyons** – Cover Story - KittyPalooza; Dogs for Adoption; Cats for Adoption; Creature Feature: Real Wild Cats

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**Rita Thompson-Tinsley** – Making Horse Sense: Dressage Goes West

**Allie Werhan** – MinPin Haven; Kitty Korner: Black Cats are Special; Book Review

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



**Gary DeGeronimo – K-9 Service Corner and Training** Gary has been a Canine Behavior Specialist for close to 30 years and has been involved with many aspects of the canine world from training to shelter administration. He is currently the Founder/Director of Training for Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, a non-profit charitable organization providing trained and qualified service dogs for those in need, with a particular focus on children with autism.



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



**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.



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

# Hazel Howls

## Very Early Morning Conversation (a play in one act)

Our scene begins in the pre-dawn hours...the morning star still below the mountains in the east. The master bedroom is quiet and dark. Laird and Lady are deep asleep. In the corner of the room, below the bed, a pair of eyes are open. The brain behind those eyes is thinking about matters at hand.

**HAZEL:** Tuck! Psst, Tucker...are you awake

**TUCKER:** I am now.

A white head has raises up from the foot of the bed.

**TUCKER:** What now Hazel? Do you have any idea of the concept 'perfect comfy'?

**HAZEL:** Aren't you hungry? Don't you want to go outside?

**TUCKER:** No...well, yes. Now that you bring it up. Right now though, I'm keeping mom's feet warm.

**HAZEL:** Come on pal, help a girl out here. I'm really hungry.

**TUCKER:** Since when did you start to call me 'pal'? Why don't you just wake mom up? Like you did yesterday.

**HAZEL:** I don't want to get read the riot act again. You know, the whole 3:30 thing, and the 'I'm not a dairy farmer, Hazel' speech.

**TUCKER:** OK, let me get this straight. I'm supposed to wake mom up so I get the speech you're supposed to get.

The white head lowers out of Hazel's sight.

**HAZEL:** I see your point.

**TUCKER:** You mean to tell me the 'philosopher dog' is reconsidering the ethics of her plan?

**HAZEL:** Don't get smart, Tuck.

**TUCKER:** A bit late for that. Hey, why don't you just kick the puppy?

**HAZEL:** I don't know if that will work. My paw won't fit through the puppy crate sides.

**TUCKER:** Kick the crate then, Einstein.

*Hazel begins an extensive 'faux' stretch, but the moment her rear pads touch the crate, the puppy squeaks loudly at the end of an expansive yawn. The squeak, being completely unexpected, causes Hazel to jump to all fours slightly alarmed. The combined sound momentarily causes the Lady to stir just enough to roll over and continue her dream. Hazel lowers her hind quarters, sitting down next to the crate.*

**SORA:** Hey, what's up guys?

**HAZEL:** You're awake? How long have you been awake?

**SORA:** Since you started yammering at Uncle Tuck. Hey, when's breakfast?

**TUCKER:** As soon as Hazel comes up with a plan.

**HAZEL:** First off, I don't yammer. Secondly....

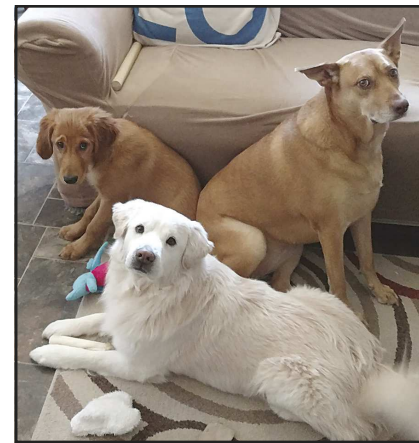
Hazel never gets to her second point because at the exact moment, the puppy notices that the last third of Hazel's tail is inside the puppy crate.

**SORA:** Blue Leader this is Red Devil. Bogie at ten o'clock. I've got a lock on the target. Employing electronic countermeasures, away missile one.

*Before Hazel and Tucker could wonder out loud what the puppy was talking about, Sora had already adopted the swept back wings of an F-16 with her rear legs and flew at her bogie. The leap causes a loud banging of the crate. Hazel turns with a growl and a snap as a very sharp signal of pain arises from the attack. The bogie now employs a hasty retreat, and in doing so, accidentally slams against the side of the bed. The shock wave rolling through the bed suddenly makes Tucker aware of a pronounced itch at the base of his tail. He leaps from the bed and noisily spins on the carpet, circling his hind end desperately attempting to get to that hard to reach spot.*

**LADY:** Just what on God's green earth are you puppies doing?

*A collective "uh-oh" filled the room. All motion stopped, as three pairs of eyes locked on the Lady now sitting up in bed. Reluctantly reaching down for her 'Lady Shepherdess' morning attire, the canine "herd" begins the celebratory bedlam prance and dance around the bedroom. Current time: 4:05am.*



**SORA:** Gosh, that was fun.

**TUCKER:** I suppose that's one word for it.

**HAZEL:** At least we didn't get the riot act again.

**LADY:** (opening the patio door) You puppies are not getting me up before 6:00 a.m. tomorrow, do you hear me? Are you listening puppies?

**HAZEL:** Spoke too soon, I guess.

**TUCKER:** As usual...

**SORA:** Hey, did I tell you guys my real dad is a doctor?

**HAZEL & TUCKER:** (in unison) YES!

**SORA:** Where's foster Dad?

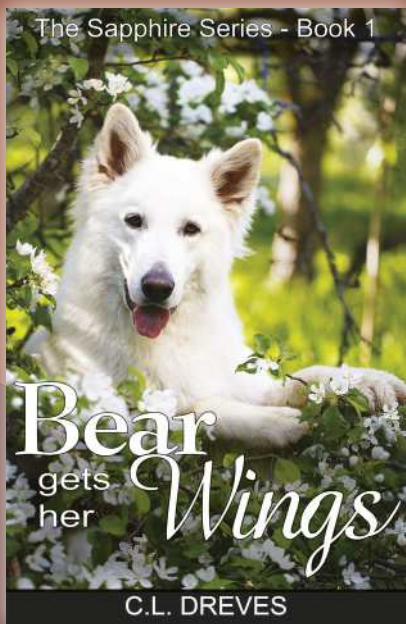
**TUCKER:** He pretends to sleep through the circus.

*Back inside, bladders now emptied.*

**HAZEL:** (now with a mouthful of breakfast) Mmmm mmn fmmph...

**SORA:** What did she say Uncle Tuck?

**TUCKER:** I believe she asked for the dill pickles.



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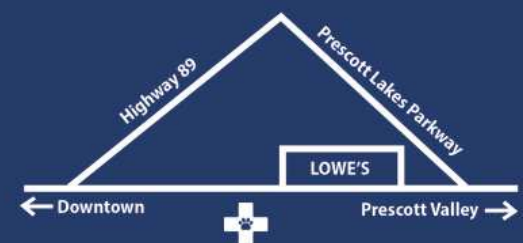
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# Calendar



## Special Events

### ONGOING

#### LOW-COST WALK-IN VACCINATION CLINIC

Fri 8a-11a & 1p-4:30p  
Yavapai Humane Society,  
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#### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

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

#### YAVAPAI HUMANE EQUINE CENTER

If you would like to schedule a tour of our center, please call (928) 515-4947.

### MARCH

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
March 12-16, Spring Zoo Camp.

#### WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

March 16-18, Boyd Ranch in Wickenburg. Benefitting Bethany's Gait. Info: Gary at (928) 595-0428.

#### CVEP BARRELS AND POLES

March 17, Winter Buckle Series in Chino Valley. Registration at 11a, Noon start. Visit [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com) or call (928) 636-3242.

#### 4TH ANNUAL DOGGIE EASTER EGG HUNT

March 24, Whiskers Barkery, 225 W. Gurley, Prescott. 11a-2p. \$10 donation benefitting Yavapai Search & Rescue K9 Unit. More info: 928-776-8700.

#### EASTER PHOTOS

March 24th, 11:00a - 3:00p at Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley Street, Prescott. \$10 for framed 5x7 print or CD with multiple photos. All proceeds benefit United Animal Friends.

### APRIL

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
April 1, Easter Eggstravaganza

#### HORSE SHOW (OPEN FORMAT)

April 14, begins at 9a. Presented by Yavapai College & AAEC. Info: Karen at (928) 717-7760 or [karen.smith@yc.edu](mailto:karen.smith@yc.edu)

#### BLUE MOON RESCUE HORSE SHOW

April 14, a variety of classes at Chino Valley Equestrian Park. Registration 9am. Info: (928) 636-3242 or visit [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com).

#### HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

April 14, Horsebreakers Ranch in Dewey. Info: (928) 632-5728 or visit [horsebreakers.com](http://horsebreakers.com).

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
April 14, Breakfast with the Animals: Tiger

#### CVEP BARRELS AND POLES SPRING BUCKLE SERIES

April 21, Phoenix Children's Hospital Fundraiser. Registration 9a, Chino Valley. Info: (928) 636-3242 or visit [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com).

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
April 21-22, Earth Day Celebration

#### WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

April 21-23, Patterson Ranch in Star Valley, benefitting Bethany's Gait. Info: Gary at (928) 595-0428

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
April 21, Behind-the-Scenes Photo Tour

### MAY

HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY  
May 5, Community Appreciation Day

#### WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

May 19, Mile High Middle School, Prescott. Register at [yavapaihumane.org](http://yavapaihumane.org). Benefiting the homeless pets at Yavapai Humane Society.

## Ongoing Adoptions

#### CATTY SHACK - CAT ADOPTIONS

Onsite - Tues thru Sat 10am-2p, 609 S. Granite St., Prescott, [ssnsmart@yahoo.com](mailto:ssnsmart@yahoo.com)

#### CIRCLE L RANCH ADOPTIONS

On-site by appt. Please check website for off-site info. (928) 273-7005, [CircleL.org](http://CircleL.org)

#### GREYHOUND PETS OF ARIZONA

Petsmart 4th Sat of each month 1:30p

#### MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE

Onsite - Open House, Fri, Sat. 11a-3p 302 W. Alarcon, Prescott.  
Offsite - Petsmart, Sat/Sun 11a-3p

#### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

**Cat Adoptions** - Petco, Saturdays & Sundays (Hwy 69, Prescott), 11:00a-2:00p or by appointment by calling Ruthie at (928) 379-1088

**Dog Adoptions** - Petco (Hwy 69, Sunday 12p-3p. Whiskers Barkery (225 W Gurley St, Prescott) 1st two Saturdays of every month, 11a-2p. [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org)

#### YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY

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

**Offsite Adoptions** - Petsmart Mon-Sat 2p-4pm; Sun 11a - 2pm. Petco Fri & Sat 11a - 2p  
**Lost Pet Center Hrs:** Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4pm

## REMINDER!

### Bring on the Cats

# KITTY PALOZA

## Adoption Event

*(This is a feline only event)*

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# KITTYPALOOZA IS BACK!

By Skye Lyons

On March 10th, from 10am to 3pm, "Prescott Dog Magazine" is bringing you the 2nd Annual KittyPalooza Cat Adoption Event. This is our way of making it easier for cat lovers to meet many cats and kittens from all our local rescue agencies. All are looking for forever homes, and are ready to go: spayed or neutered, complete health checks, all vaccinations up to date, and microchipped. All they need is love and someone to come and fall in love with them.

KittyPalooza is being held at Little Dealer, Little Prices RV showroom at 2757 Truwood Drive in Prescott Valley. Little Dealer, Little Prices is co-sponsoring the event and have generously donated the use of their amazing indoor campground – complete with trees to create a relaxed atmosphere.

This is great for the cats and those attending as well. Cats can be anxious when in a new environment, and having this event indoors in a secure facility prevents any kitty-escapes from a dash or a quick wiggle. With that worry removed, everyone can relax and enjoy the cats.

There will also be a smaller, secure office for Kitty Meet & Greets, so you can get to know your potential new friend in a quiet area. Little Dealer's RV showroom is climate controlled, has restrooms, and even water fountains. We want everyone to be comfortable.



We're fortunate to have not just one, but five feline rescue groups in the quad-cities area. There is never any shortage of cats and kittens needing help, and all five groups—manned solely by

great-hearted volunteers, and even though always full to the eaves with cats in need—never seem to turn any cat away, no matter the situation or any expensive medical procedures needed.

Yavapai Humane Society is one of the largest rescue groups, taking in cats and kittens with a steady turnover. Their cat facility is lovely, designed with the cat comfort (both mental and physical) in mind. Their volunteers will be at KittyPalooza with a selection of healthy, loving cats waiting for your arrival—and your offer of a sought-after forever home. YHS can't bring them all, so if you want to see more cats after KittyPalooza is over, or discover who might have arrived at YHS after March 10th, you can see all of their kitties at 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd in Prescott.

Catty Shack is another rescue group dedicated to the care and adoption of cats and kittens in the quad-cities area. The rescue is manned by volunteers who love the cats and kittens in their care, and are dedicated to matching each feline up with the perfect person. They will have their lovely and loving felines at KittyPalooza, each one trying to steal your heart. The Catty Shack is located in a lovely, small house at 609 S. Granite St. in Prescott, where all of the cats have room to stretch out and plenty of toys to play with.

Miss Kitty's Cat House is another wonderful facility, located in a classic house at 302 N. Alarcon Sts in Prescott. They have a volunteer organization staffed with volunteer cat lovers who watch over the residents in this facility. The house is free-roaming for the cats, offering a relaxed atmosphere for both kitties and visitors alike. Miss Kitty's will be bringing some of their most wonderful cats and kittens to KittyPalooza for adoption, or perhaps they'll bring those who most need a loving home – though



often both are found in the same cat. They hope you will come and share kitty hugs and a good time, both at KittyPalooza and at Miss Kitty's Cat House.

United Animal Friends will also be at KittyPalooza. This organization runs primarily through volunteers and fosters, but their dogs and cats are showcased every Saturday and Sunday at PetCo on Highway 69 in Prescott. UAF also handles dogs, but KittyPalooza is just for the kitties, and UAF will be bringing their cats and kittens so you can admire and fall in love with them.

The Ark Cat Sanctuary is actually in Parks, Arizona (near Flagstaff), but they have a local representative in Prescott. The sanctuary is situated on ten acres of land adjacent to Kaibab National Forest, so they have a beautiful, peaceful facility with plenty of room to stretch out. The Ark Cat Sanctuary is dedicated to giving a second chance to the kitties who might otherwise slip through the cracks and are in need of a second chance at love. Ark volunteers will be bringing their beautiful cats and kittens, all spayed/neutered, healthy, and ready to go. If you'd like to visit them after KittyPalooza, the Ark is at 10800 E. Spring Valley Road in Parks. It's well worth the trip if you want to see ALL of their kitties.

For those whose hearts have already been captured by a cat, KittyPalooza is offering a fun contest that showcases pictures of your feline. The contest is fun, since all cats are fun and photogenic. Simply capture a photo or a video on your cellphone and bring it to KittyPalooza. If you're bringing a video, please make it between 30 seconds and 60 seconds in length.

The tricky part to this contest is that the owner of the cat must appear in the photos and videos with their cat.

KittyPalooza's contest categories are:

- Crazy Cat
- Cat/Owner lookalikes
- Best-Looking Cat
- Sweetest Kitty

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We hope to see you on Saturday, March 10th during your to Kitty Palooza. It's going to be a wonderful day filled with beautiful cats and kittens and warm-hearted cat lovers. What could be better than a day like that? We'll be there, and we hope to see you there, too.



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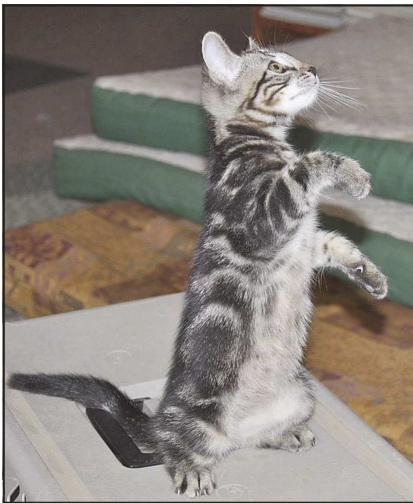
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# THE CHOICES FOR CAT TOYS ARE ENDLESS AND CREATIVE, AND PLAYING WITH YOUR CAT IMPROVES YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND THEIR HEALTH!

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy of each cat-toy manufacturer (except for Riley the cat; he belongs to Heidi)



**Riley**

Cats sleep. A lot. But when they are not snoozing in a patch of sun, most cats are an entertaining ball of energy, and we're always looking for new ways to amuse them. A wide range of toys is a good way to keep your kitty active and healthy, and a ton of laughs and fun.

Just like children, most cats will bypass an expensive toy and leap into the box. They are amazingly curious by nature, and will explore almost anything. We give any boxes that come into the house to our cats to play with before discarding them. We have one cat that crawls into holes in the plastic of a flat of bottled water, looking rather like a fish in an aquarium.

Another fun toy for cats is the nylon tunnel made for smaller animals. Some are one short tunnel, and others branch off in several directions. Some have small holes on the sides for the cats to climb in and out. One nice feature is that these are collapsible



Nasus Cat Tunnel  
Amazon.com

**Nasus Cat Tunnel**

for storage, and reasonably priced at \$10-\$20.

Laser lights are one of the most long-lived and popular of cat toys. Most cats will chase a laser light for stretches at a time, giving them great exercise. Be sure not to shine the light into their eyes. The Pet Laser with batteries runs as little as \$2.99. We've discovered that our dogs love them, too!

One of the most successful and durable toys among our four rescue cats is the Turbo Scratch. It's a round disc with a scratcher insert and a ball that rotates around the outside. It runs about \$10, with scratcher refills about \$5. Adding catnip makes this toy even more attractive!

One toy we're thinking of adding for our felines is the Catit Design Senses Circuit Cat Toy. Three versions offer stations for touch, sight, smell, sound and taste. Most reviews suggest buying the larger version for more play options. Looks like it offers a lot of stimulation – another great buy for about \$20.



Catit Design Senses Circuit Cat Toy  
Chewy.com

**Catit Circuit Cat Toy**

Our cats are mousers, and occasionally bring them to us as live "gifts." But they also love the little leather and fur-like toy mice that come in packages of five or 10. Our felines enjoy carrying these around the house and batting them from room to room. Fair warning: the brown versions of these little toys truly resemble real mice, so if you're squeamish, they can be heart-stopping if you step on one in the hallway or see your kitty carrying one! Penn-Plax has a whole bag of these for about \$8.

The variations on toy mice, by the way, are endless! They come with squeaks, motors, catnip, remote control, and on the ends of strings!

Speaking of strings, some of the most popular cat toys are the wands with strings that have every conceivable cat-attracting item attached. You can amuse your cat for hours without leaving your easy chair, and again, most are reasonably priced, so you can have one for every day of the week if you like!

A newer, really fun toy for cats is the Petstages Tower of Tracks, or similar brands, with two or three round discs in a tower in which balls run on tracks. Our cats bat the balls, chase them around the tracks, lay on the tower, and generally create mayhem. The towers are compact, and cost about \$20.

Another \$20 cat toy that is really popular with our test subjects is the Petlinks Mystery Motion Concealed Electronic Motion or similar brands. This is an electronic gadget that moves a toy under a material cover. This drives the cats wild, but we find our larger, more aggressive cat stops it and opens it fairly quickly.



**Petlinks Mystery Motion**

One of the newest companies we've come across that has some unique toys our cats love is SwaglyCat at swaglycat.com. One of the toys we've purchased from them is the Swagly ScratchRoll Play. It's a sisal tube with a ball inside, and our large cat rolls and carries it all over the living room. It's

a little more expensive at about \$17, but it's durable, so should last well. Swagly also has a catnip-filled crinkle fish that one of our cats has fallen head over heels in love with.

The Swagly ScratchRoll Play!



**Swagly ScratchRoll**

Other toys mentioned in this article have come from Amazon.com and Chewy.com. A little online search or visit to places such as Walmart can turn up some great new toys for your cat at reasonable prices.

If you're creative, you can make some great cat toys yourself. Purchase fleece fabric from sewing stores and fashion it into durable toys for both dogs and cats. Check out YouTube for some ideas – most patterns are easy to make and the designs are only limited by your creativity! Catster.com has a list of five toys you can easily make for your cat, including a simple fleece square filled with catnip and tied. Irresistible to cats!



Homemade fleece toy  
Catster.com

**Catnip Fleece Toy**

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The Choices for Cat Toys are Endless and Creative



The primary mission of Petey's Playground is to support the relationship between seniors and their pets. Many of the dogs and cats we rehome come from senior households with owners who are experiencing physical and or medical hardships. Sometimes, though, we are compelled to blur the boundaries of our mission in order to help a dog or cat in need. We currently have three dogs in need of fosters with a long-term commitment to improving their adoptability.

Amy came to Petey's Playground one week before the Yarnell Hill Fire. She and her two sisters were 7 weeks old, and each of them had one deformed leg that could not be used. Amy was adopted, and despite assurances from the adopter, she never got the socialization that was so critical at an early age.

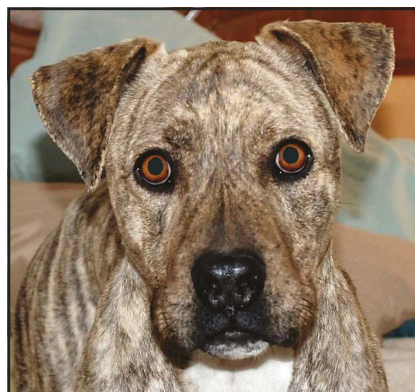
Jesse was found as a stray and taken to Yavapai Humane Society. Severely under-socialized, it was quickly determined that Jesse would

only be adoptable with intense one-on-one attention.

Both of these dogs bristle at human touch and observe the goings on from a distance. They get their courage from other dogs, but despite their intense fear, they've never shown aggression toward people.

Confidence can be built with consistent coaching in a predictable environment. In the ever-changing dynamics at Petey's Playground, it's difficult to focus on these two. However, they are both great company to other balanced dogs, and Jesse loves the little ones.

If you have experience or would love to learn how to help Jesse and Amy contact me at 928-713-1375 or [peteysplayground@gmail.com](mailto:peteysplayground@gmail.com).



**Jessie the brindle pit bull**



Ace and his brother Calvin were found in the dense forest east of Payson in November of 2015. They were on the run together and had to be coaxed into a cabin with food to even be caught. They were approximately a year old and were incredibly malnourished; they weighed only 24 lbs. each. It took months for Ace and Calvin to warm up to our staff and volunteers and learn to trust again.

Calvin found his forever family after an entire year at HSCAZ. He's been thriving with his new family and is a whole different dog now.

Ace took a little longer to find his forever family. He was adopted twice in 2017 and both times ran back to our shelter after escaping from his new family. Staff would arrive to work and find Ace sitting at the door waiting to

get back in for his breakfast and play groups.

After a few more months of encouraging Ace to find his new family, he finally chose his new Dad! We knew it was love at first sight when Ace immediately, and very bravely, approached his new family wagging his tail. He even jumped right into their truck, something Ace NEVER did. It took 2 years to rehabilitate Ace and teach him to trust again, and we're so glad we got to be a part of his journey.

Congratulations Ace and Calvin! Thanks for reminding us all why we work long hours and give tirelessly of ourselves- dogs and cats just like you!



brought some of her friends to our page as well.

Reese most definitely made herself at home in no time. She loves her new 13-year-old dog playmate, and the dog's feelings are mutual!

Reese follows Stephanie & Randy's two sons around the house, and they are constantly playing with her. She is not afraid of anything, eats really well, and even tries the dog food. She also settles down to cuddle with everyone in the family.

They all love her dearly, so there is no chance of her coming back! It's a perfect home for sweet little Reese.



## MISS KITTY'S ADOPTION CENTER

*Our Senior Sweetheart, Reese,  
Found Her Purrfect Home*

Stephanie and Randy have adopted senior animals in the past, and they were attracted to Reese via our MKCH Facebook page. Knowing her senior age and her thyroid medical situation, they had no problem with either. They had no other cats in the house, just a 13-year-old small dog.

Mom and Dad are Stephanie and Randy from Surprise, Arizona. Randy's parents have lived here in Prescott for about 8 years, and they visit them regularly. They have been to Miss Kitty's Cat House previously and have donated to us. Stephanie follows us on Facebook and has

## ADOPT -A- HORSE



**Cochise** is a 14-year-old Paint/Pinto/Quarterhorse. He is easy to catch, leads, ties, stands to be brushed, and picks up all 4 feet. Cochise knows voice commands. Yavapai Humane Society, (928) 445-2666 ext 107.



**Sassy** is a 14-year-old Paint/Pinto/Quarterhorse who is comfortable saddling up and being ridden. She needs a little more practice under saddle as she hasn't been ridden often lately. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666 ext 107.

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## MinPinHaven

by Allie Werhan

When I moved to Arizona there was no active Miniature Pincer rescue group that would take dogs from Maricopa County or the Humane Society into rescue. So I spoke with a few adopters and decided to form MinPinHaven Rescue, Inc. so we could help save dogs that were in danger of being euthanized solely for lack of space, or fear, or other circumstances.

I chose MinPins because they are big dogs in little bodies. They really do not know how big they AREN'T - or how small they are. While that brings its own set of challenges, they will win you over with their alertness, intelligence,

and energy level. They are rightly called the King of Toy. They are problem solvers; - they will figure out how to accomplish their desired goals - steak on the counter, fence in the way of freedom, etc.

Goals for the coming year are to recruit more foster homes, which as we have discussed, is a challenge in itself. Without foster homes we cannot save dogs. It is that simple.

Roscoe has healed and mended from his catastrophic injury of what we surmise was a scalding by something hot off the stove. He is now healed and continues to show off his little handsomeness in a bow tie. His adoring human, Tara Hughes, is still working on getting him desensitized to meet-

ing oncoming bigger dogs before they can continue down the road of becoming a burn therapy dog for children or veterans.

Lucky and Tid Bit were abandoned in a Phoenix backyard after their humans lost their home. Someone slipped into the backyard and just slit open a 30-pound bag of dog food, and the dogs ate all they could get. Lucky had an open gash at the base of his tail, but it's all healed now, and he is looking for his new home. He and Tid Bit are a bit apprehensive about new situations, but they are learning to trust and be adventurous.

Sassy (Miss Sassy Pants as I called her) was the little girl found in a shelter in California. The shelter did not treat her for a gash



**Tid Bit before**

and for her ears when she came into the shelter. When the rescuer pulled her for me, she had her vet treat Sassy's wounds. She's been adopted by a loving retired couple in Sierra Vista - a foster failure which is where the foster cannot bear to let them be adopted by someone else.



## Yavapai Humane Society

### Yavapai Humane Society Kicks Off Animal Advocate Program

Yavapai Humane Society (YHS) is always looking for new ways to help their homeless pets find perfect homes. However, some pets get adopted a lot faster than others. Often times it is hard to pinpoint why.

It is not uncommon to overhear staff and volunteers on the YHS campus pondering why a dog or cat has stayed in the shelter for so long despite their wonderful personality. These special animals could use

some extra promotion and support to help get them adopted into the right home, and this is where the YHS new Animal Advocate program comes into play.

The program supports volunteers who want to advocate for long term dogs and cats. Dogs like Harley, who was with YHS for 92 days. Harley, a cute black lab mix, was the first pup in the animal advocate program. His advocate was YHS volunteer Coleen Stivers. Coleen was brave enough to be the first official animal advocate, and it only took her 17 days to find Harley's perfect family.

Coleen has been instrumental in launching the animal advocate program. Not only has she found perfect homes for five harder to

adopt dogs during her 3 months advocating at YHS, she's also volunteered her time to coach other volunteers on how to be successful animal advocates.

Last month Coleen put on an animal advocate class with the help of volunteer photographer Stephanie Brown and a few YHS staff members. The class was held at the Prescott Library and open to the general public in hopes of recruiting volunteer animal advocates.

During the class Coleen talked about identifying those animals most in need of advocacy and how all it takes to become an advocate is commitment, creativity, and a big heart. Stephanie taught the attendees

the importance of good animal photos to promote the homeless pets, and gave tips on getting just the right shots. Elisabeth Hagan, Marketing and Development Director at YHS, shared tips on using social media and presented other ways to market homeless pets. The YHS Behavior Team also taught some basic dog handling skills to have the pups show their best for photos and off-campus appearances.

We're excited about this new way to promote and campaign shelter pets. For more information on the Animal Advocacy program, contact the YHS Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@yavapaihumane.org](mailto:volunteer@yavapaihumane.org) or 928-445-2666 ext. 103.



## UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

### Special Needs Cats Help Each Other

Sir Thaddeus Triscuits III, aka Sir Lovesalot, aka Teddy, came to us at four months old with a hole the size of a quarter in his left upper thigh. Being the resourceful cat he is, he had learned to walk with his leg tucked under him while using his long tail as a kind of rudder to help keep his balance.

The leg needed to be amputated at Kachina Animal Hospital, where the doctors and staff immediately fell in love with him. Dr. Bellew came in on her day off to do the surgery and Dr. Bason requested naming rights in exchange for assisting. Teddy came through with flying colors and

then went to foster Suzy's house to recuperate.

There he bonded with JimBob, a special needs cat whose skull had been fractured when he was a tiny kitten. Neither of them had a very good kittenhood, so they instantly started playing, sleeping and eating. Where one was lacking in life skills, the other showed the way. JimBob taught Teddy that dogs are OK, while Teddy encouraged JimBob to explore heights.

Teddy recovered so well that he was able to move to Kitty City at Petco, where he was adopted into a loving home. JimBob hasn't been adopted yet, but don't feel bad for him. If the right home is not found, JimBob will remain a "forever foster" at Suzy's where he is no longer afraid of heights thanks to Sir Thaddeus Triscuits III.

### What a Difference a Foster Makes

UAF fosters have superpowers. They magically transform unwanted dogs into treasured family pets. Take Malcolm, for instance. When he and another dog were being transported from the Winslow shelter, UAF foster Anita asked Cheryl, the driver, if they were dirty. "Filthy!" was the reply. Well, Anita loves all dogs but she hates a dirty dog, so she asked Cheryl to bring them straight to her house for a bath. At Anita's, the dogs went from "gunk" to "glow" in no time.

Now, you might think that this is just another one of those before and after makeover stories, but there's more to it, and it's a funny story.

Anita had been helping a couple who were looking for just the right

pup to adopt. Anita sent them photos of Malcolm and Ralph, and they liked both. When they came to meet the two, they chose Malcolm.

A few days later, the adopter sent Anita an email. She had saved photos of all the dogs they had looked at in their search for the perfect dog. Turns out they had seen Malcolm's photo from Winslow and although her husband had been interested, she had said "No way!" Now they are both madly in love with him.

Her email said "He cleaned up good. Funny how that worked out." Yep, funny... with the help of a superfoster.

Wouldn't you like to become a foster and have superpowers too? Contact us at [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org) to find out how.



## Wildhorse Ranch Rescue at Beastro Farm Yard

"Our Ultimate Goal is to go out of business because there are no more horses to be rescued!"

~Kim Meagher, Founder Wildhorse Ranch Rescue



We have been rescuing animals since 1995. It has been a dream of ours to have a Northern Arizona facility. We have several key programs, which include

providing a safe retirement for the US Forest Service Equines. These horses and mules worked for the US Government for most of their lives. In the past, when they were sent to "retirement" it meant the local auction as older hors-

es who could no longer work. They typically attracted slaughter buyers. In 2005, we worked with Bill Barcus of the Payson Ranger Station to put the paperwork in place so that these noble equines could go directly to a 501(c)(3) rescue instead of to the auction. Since that time, we've been taking in every single US Forest Service Horse that we are contacted about. We always find room for them. Why is a Northern Arizona property so important? These equines work in cold weather, and our main ranch is in the Phoenix valley. It's too hot for them, so we compensate with misting systems in our barns and turning them out at night, rather than the daytime in summer months. It's easy to see that a cooler climate would be much nicer and kinder for these retired government horses and mules.

Our facility in Chino Valley is referred to as Wildhorse Ranch Rescue at The Beastro Farm Yard. The official name of the charity is Wildhorse Ranch Rescue. We add the descriptor of the Farm Yard, so that people know which location we are referencing. It's about 3 acres with 1 acre devoted to the horse area. We have a small horse shed that will fit up to 2 hors-

es. We would like to have 4 more 3 sided wooden horse stalls with front gates so that we can properly house the horses in the winter.

Wildhorse Ranch Rescue would like to thank Prescott Dog Magazine for their story about our new facility in Chino Valley.

Our other programs include:

- HavasuPup & Friends Program - we've been rescuing animals in the Havasupai Falls, Grand Canyon area for 10 years now. It started with Cats and Dogs. In 2014, we rescued 9 emaciated and injured equines. We provide spay/neuter surgeries, farrier, vaccines, and education. We've helped reduce the unwanted dog population by 85% !
- Equine Rescue - We rescue all types of horses from wild mustangs to famous blue bloods.
- Kitty City - Created in 1995 to provide a safe place for feral and semi-feral cats that were free roaming when the Gilbert Ranch was obtained.
- Training and Education for Current/Future Horse Owners - Approximately 85% of first time

### OUR BIGGEST NEEDS

- 4 Wooden Horse Stalls with gates
- Squeeze of Grass Hay
- 30 Bags of Stall Shavings
- 6 Mucking Rakes
- 4 Wheelbarrows
- Small Bobcat or tractor with front loader
- 6 Hanging Horse Feeders
- 6 Large Horse Water Containers
- More land so we can save more horses!
- Donations to cover water bills, vet bills and feed bills

horse owners give up their horse within the first 5 years. Our goal is to help current horse owners solve their problems, and provide support to new owners to avoid problems, so they can live their dream with their horse. This keeps more horses in homes and less in the rescue world.

Every year in the United States, approximately 100,000 American equines end up slaughtered to supply meat for people in other countries. Our horses deserve so much better.



## Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

### Dreams Really Do Come True

Close your eyes and imagine. Imagine a major hurricane named Katrina has reached your home. Water is pouring in. The roof has blown off. It's dark, it's so scary, the water is so deep, and it's getting deeper and deeper.....

Now, imagine you're just a puppy. Your family has abandoned you, and you are so afraid. There's so much water, so much noise, so much wind. You cry and cry, but nobody comes back for you. You try and hide, but the wind and water keep coming. Your hiding place is no longer safe. You run, run for your life. But where? The rain stops, but there is still a lot of water and it tastes terrible! You can't find any food and you're so hungry!

Finally some kind human finds you and takes you to a rescue center and put you into a kennel with hundreds

of other barking lost dogs. At least it's dry, with fresh water and some food. But still, you are alone, you are black...and you are a pit bull. You don't understand, but things look bleak.

Another rescue takes you and several other Katrina survivors to their property. They call you Princess and the name suits you! You love people, all people. You just want a human to call your own, someone to play with you, to love you and give you a forever home. You keep dreaming.

Now, keep your eyes closed and imagine with me again: You're a loving, active pit bull, looking for your new best friend to snuggle with, to take you on car rides, to the park, to take you home. But for the next 10 years you live at this rescue with limited human contact. Your living conditions were minimal, but you kept your spirits up all these years. You keep dreaming of a new home.

Then one day there is unusual excitement in the air! Some strangers come to see you, They like you! A few



weeks later, these strangers come to take you to a new place called Circle L!

What a difference! You got your own dog house, heated in winter and cooled in the summer, but most exciting of all, people! People who talk to you, take you for walks, take you to a real house where you get to lay on your own pillow. But you are still looking for your own human and forever home.

Then a lady named Faith read your story and came to visit. She fell in love with your charms. She took you to the park, took you home, played with you, gave you chicken treats, took

you for car rides, and came to visit you almost every day. You kept waiting and hoping she would be your human. You already claimed her! But you had to meet Glenn, Faith's husband, and had to charm him as well. Oh, you worked so hard. And then finally that special day arrived, you got adopted! Celebrate! Celebrate, dance to the music! You and all your friends were so happy that you were at last going HOME!!

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes folks. Some wear military uniforms, some wear police or fire fighter uniforms, and some like Faith and Glenn wear ordinary every day uniforms. They are Princess' heroes and have given her the greatest gift that any of us could possibly have give—a home for the rest of her life. Yes, Princess is a senior dog, but she is healthy, loves to run and play, and she has brought huge smiles and laughter to her new family.

Now, open your eyes and see Princess's new life! See...dreams really do come true.



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**JAX:** A 9-month-old rat terrier/doxi mix. This little guy is adorable and so much fun. Happy disposition, loves playtime and his walks. No Longer Astray (928) 910-6853



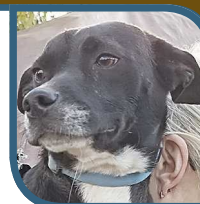
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1-year-old mixed breed. Beautiful markings, very sweet girl, a small pup who gets along with most dogs. She's a real love No Longer Astray (928) 910-6853



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**SASHA:** A 5-year-old pit bull mix, she is a loving girl who loves sitting on laps and pets. Knows commands. Friendly to other dogs. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



**SAGE:** A 4-year-old Catahoula/Rottweiler cross. A big floppy guy who was found outdoors all alone. Rebuilding trust in people, but good with petting. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



**TANNER:** A big happy Pit Bull mix, only a year old. He's a people pleaser and full of love. Loves tennis balls. Still learning manners, but getting there. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



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**MIDNIGHT:**

Female, 3 years old. Black with a white patch on her chest. Loves sitting with her person and being petted. United Animal Friends/Susan (928) 443-0547.



# KITTY KORNER: BLACK CATS ARE SPECIAL

By Allie Werhan

When I say black cats are special, I don't mean that they are more special than any other cat, although some people would argue with me about that. What I mean is that in spite of all the bad press black cats have gotten over the years, and for that matter, still get, black cats are just as sweet and friendly and furry and loving and funny and have all the same special attributes as their different colored relatives.

A beautiful black cat, Katie Kitty, about 3 years old, lived in a family consisting of her pet mom, Diane, and her dog sister, Bandi. Katie loved her family, often sleeping with them and playing in the living room or bedroom where they were occupied. One of her favorite games was assuming the persona of the Black Flash and dashing at top speed through the house, over the furniture, around the corners,

and then skidding to a stop to assess the reaction of her mom and sister to her prowess as a runner.

She also liked to sleep in the laundry basket, or under a blanket, or maybe in the windowsill where she could keep an eye on everything in her domain. The one place forbidden to her was the outdoors, so she had special places to lurk, just in case her mom didn't pay close enough attention and Katie could dash for the unknown. She actually made it a few times, but



it wasn't all that great after all; no nice bed, no kitty food, and no family. So mostly she just sat in her lurking spots to aggravate Diane.

So you see, she was a cat who loved to manage her own life, do what she wanted to do, stay or go as she pleased. She was, as they say, her own cat.

One day a heart-breaking event occurred. Bandi had been having trouble walking, and going potty, and moving around. Little Katie knew something was wrong but she didn't understand. Then her mom took Bandi to the doctor, but Bandi didn't come home.

Diane cried and cried and lay on the bed trying to sleep. Usually Bandi kept everyone awake half the night, but this night, although Diane and Katie Kitty didn't sleep, Bandi wasn't the reason. Katie, who loved Bandi and her

mom, was at a loss. When Diane got up and left the room, Katie followed her. She followed her to the kitchen, to the bathroom, to the computer where Diane worked. In fact, she never let Diane out of her sight for even a minute.

She chirped and meowed and talked to Diane, using all the words she knew. She sat by her side and brushed her leg and climbed on her tummy when she was trying to sleep.

Katie didn't forget about lurking and aggravating Diane, and sleeping in baskets or even dashing around the room; they just weren't as interesting. She had given herself an important assignment. She made sure, in her kitty way, that Diane knew she was not alone and was loved and that her grief was shared. They both began to get better.

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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: PRESTIGE SECURITY DOORS HELP KEEP PETS IN, BURGLARS OUT

Story and photos by Briana Lonas

If you own cats, then you know that their sharp claws and uncanny agility aren't the kindest treatment for your screen doors. As for dogs, they may scratch at your screens and push against the mesh with their noses so that in time, your practical investment might not look so good.

That's where Prestige Security Doors can make a difference. Prescott native Robert Hudson opened his business eleven years ago and now services all of Yavapai and Mojave County. He knows firsthand that opportunity sometimes comes at the worst of times.

Hudson and his wife worked full time at good jobs when the market took a nosedive. His wife lost her job, and the couple needed to find replacement income. They stumbled upon the screen door business and worked at it until, five months later, their side venture turned into a full-time occupation.

"We started out with the traditional security doors with bars to keep people out," Hudson explained. He added that many of their customers wanted screens that wouldn't hide their front doors, yet they had to be built well enough to prevent forced entry while still letting in fresh air. Keeping Fido and Fluffy safely indoors also ranked at the top in customer requests.

The Guardian pet security door is the most popular item they sell, Hudson said. Each mounting frame is made of steel, built to blend in with your home, featuring a stainless steel, woven screen that can't be cut by dogs or cats.

"There's nothing they can do," Hudson said, and he knows all too well the damage house pets can wreak. Years before opening his business, Hudson's wife and daughter fostered kittens for the Yavapai Humane Society. He recalled one evening when he walked into his house, he heard some serious mewing. He turned to look in the direction of the sound and spotted six tiny fur balls hanging from his screen door! Now,

Hudson's home features his line of screens and, "A full grown cat can scratch on these doors and can't hurt them at all."

He rests easy knowing that his four dogs – a Labradoodle, Cockapoo, Yorkie, and a Bichon-Poodle mix – cannot escape the house.

Prestige custom fabricates each door one at a time to suit every home or business. Do you have French or arcadia doors? Not a problem, Prestige builds to fit your needs. The woven, stainless steel mesh prevents cat or dog nails from getting stuck and every door is bug proof.

Sadly for the cats, mice and lizards can't sneak beneath these doors. Pesky flies and even the smallest insects cannot penetrate the screen. An added bonus is that every door lets in the fresh air. The Guardian model keeps burglars out and is so durable that it can hold up against a beating with a baseball bat.

Customers may choose from many styles to fit their tastes. Whether it's a southwest décor you're looking for, modern, nature-inspired, or traditional, the showroom displays many varieties and colors for all tastes. The best part is that Prestige will customize your door to fit the personality of your home.

From start to finish, an order may take three to five weeks from the measurement taking to installation, but Hudson said that typically their completion times average three weeks.

The steel construction comes with a powder coated finish and fully welded hinges. Customers may even choose the hardware. The installed doors won't have gaps, and each door comes with a wind chain to keep it from hitting the wall of the house. Best of all, each door has a lifetime warranty on the screens against rusting or tearing and on the door itself. "We manufacture them right here in Prescott," Hudson said.

Need a kitty or doggie door? How about gates, entry enclosures, courtyard gates, and window guards? These options are also available.

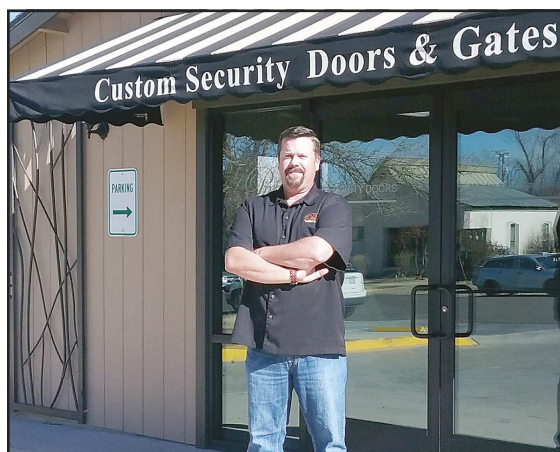
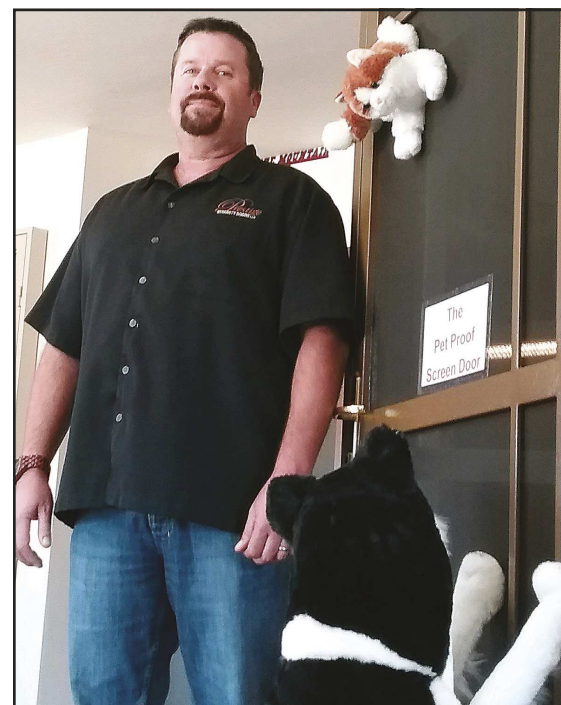
Prestige Security Doors hours are Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Prestige is located at 600 E. Sheldon in Prescott. For more information call 928-541-7900 or visit their website at:

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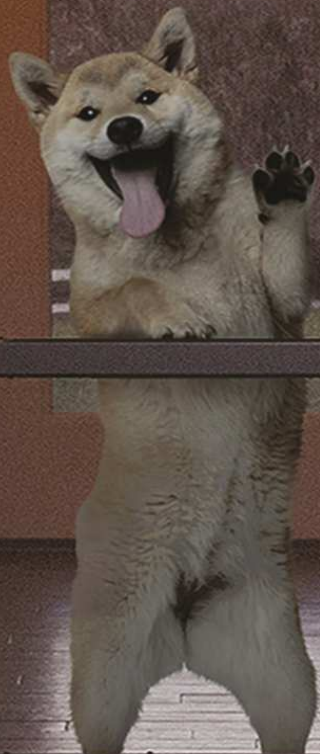


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# LITTER BOX CONFESSIONS: WHAT YOUR CAT MIGHT BE TRYING TO TELL YOU

Story by Briana Lonas

Stitch was a handsome tuxedo cat; he got his name from the little scar that ran across his coal-black nose. He grew large and enjoyed such things as stretching in beams of sunlight, chasing crickets, and spending lazy afternoons on the window sill. He ate fine, appeared to drink plenty of water, and never soiled beyond his litter box.

Then, out of the blue, Stitch became lethargic and meowed when touched around his belly. Days went by, and his owners began to worry that this episode might be more than a kitty tummy ache.

Stitch started to have trouble relieving himself in the litter box, and he wouldn't touch his food.

One night, he did the unthinkable. He managed to spray his urine on his owner's pillow. Knowing that this was his way of asking for help, his owners took Stitch to the veterinarian where he was diagnosed with a case of struvite crystals – not the sparkly kind worn in jewelry, but the type possibly caused by a dry food diet.

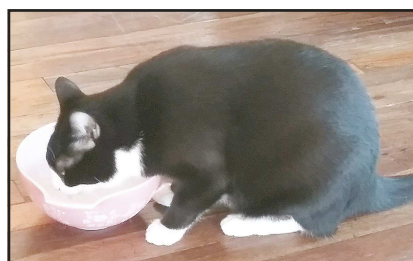
A couple of days in the animal hospital and prescribed medicine cleared up Stitch's problem. He lived a good life before passing away from old age. But his problem is not unique to felines. According to the Mercola website, there are many reasons why cats suffer from lower and upper urinary tract issues: infections, cystitis, crystals and a host of other feline infections.

It's important to take your cat to a veterinarian if you notice any symptoms, because UTIs can lead to serious complications affecting the kidneys and

bloodstream. A proper diagnosis is critical to your cat's health. According to petwave.com, some cats may not show UTI symptoms at all. The following is a list of signs that your cat may be having UTI issues:

- Frequent attempts to urinate
- Straining to urinate
- Inappropriate urination (such as outside of the litter box)
- Incontinence or dribbling of urine
- An unusually strong odor to the urine
- Blood in the urine
- Excessive licking/grooming around the external genitalia
- Redness, inflammation, and irritation around the external genitalia
- Lethargy; listlessness
- Fever
- Depression
- Lack of appetite

Elderly cats and those with weakened immune systems are at a greater risk of developing infections of the urinary tract. Outdoor cats are also at a greater risk. It's important that cats drink plenty of water. If you feed your cats a dry food diet, be vigilant that your pets drink enough to flush their bladders properly. Consider discussing with your veterinarian a proper dry/wet food balance or other nutritional options.



Kitty drinking water

Below are some ideas to help your companion get the most water possible:

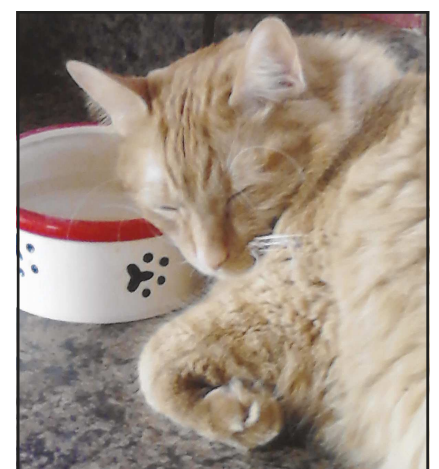
- Keep clean, fresh water available at all times
- Consider placing small bowls of water throughout the home such as a table, window sill, and bathroom floor or wherever kitty likes to visit. If your cats are allowed on the kitchen counters, this is an ideal location for extra hydration
- Tempt your finicky felines with chicken broth
- Turn on the bathroom sink taps to provide a tiny trickle. Many cats are tempted by dripping water.
- Purchase a water fountain that provides a fresh, continuous water flow. Cats prefer the freshest water available and if your cat water appears cloudy or smells stale, would you want to drink it?

If you suspect your cat isn't drinking enough despite all of your attempts, schedule an appointment as soon as possible to avoid dehydration or UTI issues.

Another problem cats may have regarding elimination issues is when they urinate or defecate outside the litter box. According to the ASPCA, elimination problems could result from turf wars or conflict between multiple cats in the house. Sometimes, your cat is trying to tell you that you've been slacking in the clean-up department and would you please freshen up the box? Stress also may cause kitty to eliminate in different areas rather than the litter box.

If you've ruled out any medical issues, the following list might be helpful in determining why your feline is misbehaving:

- The litter box is dirty
- There aren't enough litter boxes for your multiple cats. Each cat should have her own box, plus an extra
- Your cat is getting older and would prefer a box with lower sides for easier access
- The box has a hood or liner
- The litter in the box is too deep. Cats prefer one to two inches of litter
- Cats don't like to poo near their food. Be sure there is enough space between these private areas so your animals feel comfortable
- If there is too much noise or traffic where the litter boxes are located, he might not want to use them
- Try different litter types to see what suits your cat the best.
- If your cat is marking their territory or spraying, consult a veterinarian to rule out any medical issues but this also may be your cat's way of communicating with other pets or searching for a mate.



Kitty sleeping on water dish

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# BOOK REVIEW: *MERLE'S DOOR*, BY TED KERASOTE

Review by Allie Werhan

Lately, we have been reviewing books about wise animals, both dogs and cats, and the lessons we can learn from them. Merle's Door is also about lessons, a book another author says, "...could be the best book ever written about dogs" (Elizabeth Marshall Thomas). Perhaps this trend is a suggestion to us about how we should employ our new year.

Indeed, this is a dog book like no other. The author found a young, stray dog in the desert and kept him. His care of and for the dog, Merle, is not at all like what is usually described in training and bonding experiences.

Ted teaches Merle hand gestures, expressions, tones of voice, and surprisingly, Merle reciprocates. As the author explains, then demonstrates, it is a matter of observing each other, of paying attention, and allowing the dog to make most of his own decisions.

A reader who wants to try these

techniques would do well to start slowly and carefully, because the modern human does not, as mentioned above, let the dog make most of his own decisions. Just as with children, changing methods in the middle of a situation is not likely to turn out well. There must be a foundation constructed first.

Doesn't sound like much fun to read about? Not so. Ted Kerasote is a brilliant communicator with his dog Merle, and explains/demonstrates so well to the reader his methods and how he achieves the goals he seeks that it is difficult to put the book down. He writes beautifully, and draws the reader in because his topic is so fascinating.

This is not a book you can dip into from time to time....

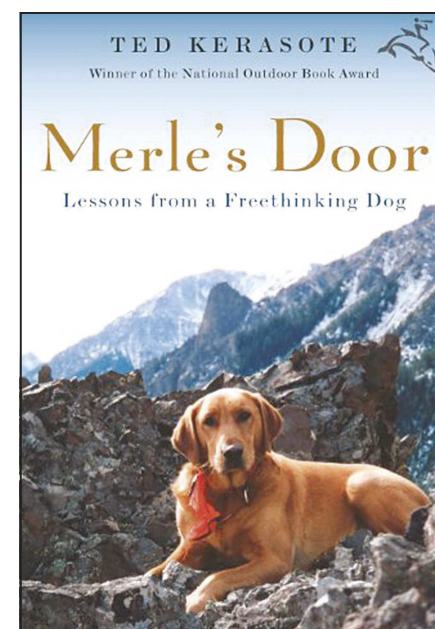
The subtitle of the book is "Lessons from a Freethinking Dog." Merle looks to Ted for directions, or maybe advice or guidelines would be a better way to describe what

he does. Only when Merle would be in mortal danger does Ted give him orders. When Merle encounters a bison bull, Ted lets him figure out for himself that the animal is too big for a 45-pound dog to take on.

Merle loves to chase deer, cattle, antelope, rabbits, squirrels, any thing the can run. He chases with the intent to eat his prey, too. What is he going to learn from the bison, and will he apply the lesson to the other types of animals? Read on and find out. Be ready to be surprised.

After reading Merle's Door, I can't say it is the best dog book ever written, because I haven't read them all, but it is the best one I have read. The fascinating aspect of Merle's relationship with Ted is that they both teach each other about the world and life. When you finish this book, you will have definitive answers to some questions. Do dogs think? Do dogs have feelings? Can

dogs understand the concept of "me"? You will also want to find more books by Ted Kerasote and more dog books about this type of "training" and human/dog interaction. And you will sit and stare at your dog and ask him some questions and listen for some answers you never thought of coming from dogs before.



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# BUBBLING PONDS PRESERVE IN THE PAGE SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY



On the Trail: Bubbling Pond Preserve & Black Hawk Trail

**Text and Photos by Cheryl Hartz**



Great Blue Herons live in the preserve year-round.

March and April are the perfect months to experience spring's busy 'Birdy Verde.' Just outside of Sedona is the Black Hawk Trail and Bubbling Ponds Preserve in Page Springs, just off State Route 89A. They are part of the Verde Valley's nationally recognized Important Birding Area. This is a vital portion of the

Pacific Flyway, a corridor for birds migrating between Canada and South America.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department maintains the hatchery. Volunteers from the Northern Arizona Audubon Society maintain the preserve. NAAS designed and funded the \$45,000 project while AGFD provided the land, for a successful conservation partnership between private and public entities.

The Bubbling Ponds Nature Trail kiosk, located by the parking area, gives a checklist of species, whether common, occasional, or rare, that birders might spot at different times of the year. The sign also mentions the Partners in Flight conservation initiative, which plays an important part in preserving riparian areas for migratory and native bird species.

At least 200 species of birds have been identified throughout the seasons here. Ravens and hawks are



Great Blue Herons keeping watch.



A hiker observes herons from the Great Blue Heron Deck on the Black Hawk Trail, with ancient cottonwood trees and House Mountain in the background.

common, as are Great Blue Herons and kingfishers. Songbirds, such as marsh wrens, swallows, flycatchers, cardinals, tanagers, and waxwings, appear at different times. Ring-necked ducks, canvasbacks, redheads and mallards, coots, and killdeer winter in the ponds.

The Black Hawk Trail begins beside the Bubbling Ponds and passes a ramada under mulberry trees before entering a mesquite Bosque forest. Most of the flat, easy, 1.8-mile trail is covered with wood chips. After the mesquites, the Split Willow Education Area provides a row of benches under Gooding Willow trees.

The trail continues past a wetland and a cattail marsh. Great Blue Herons nest in this area, and you'll want to stop on the deck named for them overlooking the wetlands, a rare habitat in Arizona.

Many colorful signs along the trail and on the Great Blue Heron Deck and the Marsh Deck provide a plethora of information. For instance, I learned that a wet meadow is called a cienega in the Southwest (who knew?), and that the cattail marsh is home to the endangered and harmless Mexican garter snake. Herons eat fish, frogs, gophers, and snakes, which probably is one reason the Mexican garter snake is endangered.

All of this comes with a view of House Mountain, a shield volcano, so termed because its low-angle profile, caused by low-viscosity (easily flowing) lava, resembles the personal shields warriors carried.

The Black Hawk Trail connects with the half-mile Willow Point Loop, which meanders along Oak Creek through massive and ancient Fremont cottonwoods.

Along the creek, deer and raccoons leave footprints in the mud. Trees show imprints from gnawing beavers. If you're especially lucky, you might see river otters cavorting in the creek. Wildlife trails allow for bush-whacking in the preserve.

A tiny creature found only in Page Springs is the Page Spring-snail, but be on the lookout for mammals from pocket gophers to javelina to white-tail deer. Mountain lions and bears live in the surrounding countryside and have been known to make an appearance at the preserve.

As always, keep your dogs leashed and clean up after them. A dog pot and bags are provided at the trailhead. I wouldn't take a cat. The poor kitty would experience birdy overload.

On the other side of Oak Creek, Page Springs Fish Hatchery and visitor center is open all year, and admission is free. Covering 82 acres, it's the state's largest cold water fish production facility, annually producing 700,000 trout, mainly rainbow trout. It also has a warm water hatchery to raise native fish to aid recovery efforts.

After your walk, you might want to choose from among several nearby attractive wineries or a cafe for distinctive beverage and food choices, well beyond normal hiking fare.

Happy Hiking!

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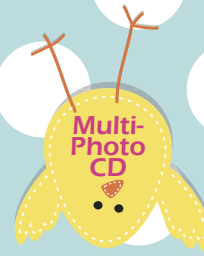
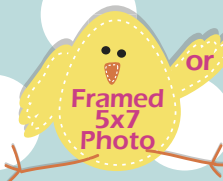
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# SERVICE DOGS AND THEIR FELINE FAMILY

Story and Photos by Gary DeGeronimo

As we all know, Service Dogs go through an extensive amount of education and months of Public Access Training in order to be well-behaved in all environments, and hours of specific task training in order to assist those with disabilities in their daily life, the ability to ignore and stay focused on their job at all times.

With all the time spent on training and improving their skill level, Service Dogs can use some time to relax at home and enjoy family life, and for some Service Dogs that means having a feline brother or sister at home to spend some quality time with.

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), cats cannot be considered as Service Animals. However, cats can be considered as an ESA, or Emotional Support Animal. They do not have the same rights and privileges to be in public places as a Service Dog would, but do have privileges on most airlines as Emotional Support Animals.

Cats, as well as several other pets who qualify as Emotional Support Animals, can accompany their owners on an airline. However, they are governed by the Airline Carriers Act of 1986 and not the Americans with Disabilities Act. Recently, however, many airlines are attempting to regulate those who wish to bring their Emotional Support Animals on flights by requiring documentation from health care providers.

Cats can also be considered as Emotional Support Animals under the Fair Housing Act which would allow them to be in public housing with their person.

What cats can be, though, are wonderful companions to their Service Dog brothers and sisters. Let me introduce you to some of them.

When Gentle Heart Service Dog In-Training Cleo, a one year old Golden Retriever, has a hard day of Service Dog training and needs some rest and relaxation, she can always depend on Duffy to be there for her. Some snuggle time is just what the vet ordered. Then, in the evening, they both enjoy watching some Animal Planet together, just to catch up on the current events in the animal world.

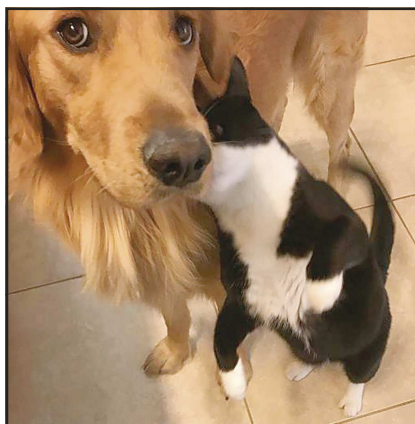


Cleo and Duffy enjoying a snuggle



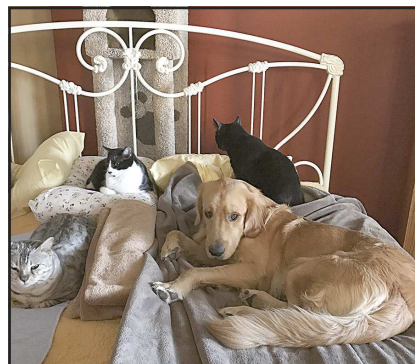
Cleo and Duffy watching Animal Planet

Of course, Gentle Hearts Service Dog Dusty, a one and a half year old Golden Retriever, also enjoys a welcome home snuggle after a day of training. Mr. Socks is the first one to meet him at the door



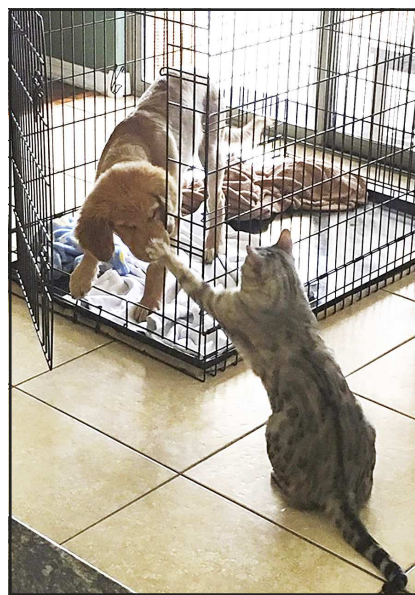
Tony giving Dusty a welcome home hug

and more than happy to oblige. Later, Dusty is invited to spend some quality nap time with Tony, Oreo, and Doc, his feline family.



Dusty and his feline family

I must say, it was helpful to have Tony the cat around as Dusty was growing up, just to let Dusty know when he could and could not come out of his kennel. It's obvious Tony took his job of being an assistant dog trainer very seriously.



Assistant Dog Trainer Tony

Then we have Ben, a Gentle Hearts Service Dog, and his feline family. Ben first met his family, Wunjo and Sowelu, when he first arrived in his new home, and he was thrilled—well, sort of. Once the pecking order was established ...cats on top and Ben just a little below that...they

all just became one big happy family.

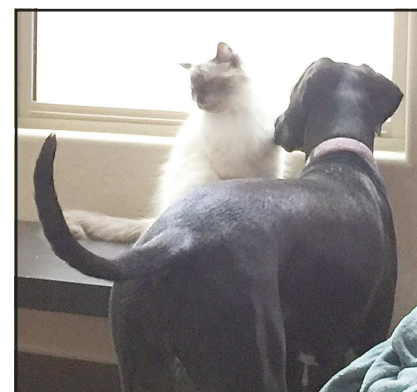


Ben sharing his bed with Wunjo



Sowelo sharing his bed with Ben

Finally we have Lilo, a beautiful Lab mix, also a Gentle Hearts Service Dog In-Training, who enjoys his cat companion Nonnie. Although Nonnie displays her typical finicky feline behavior, big sister Lilo loves to keep a close eye on her at all times.



Lilo keeping a close eye on Nonnie

For many Service Dogs and Service Dogs In-Training, having a feline brother and/or sister to come home to can be just as enjoyable as it is for us. The pleasure our furry feline companions bring to our canines is obvious by the way they show their affection for one another. It truly is... "The Cats Meow."

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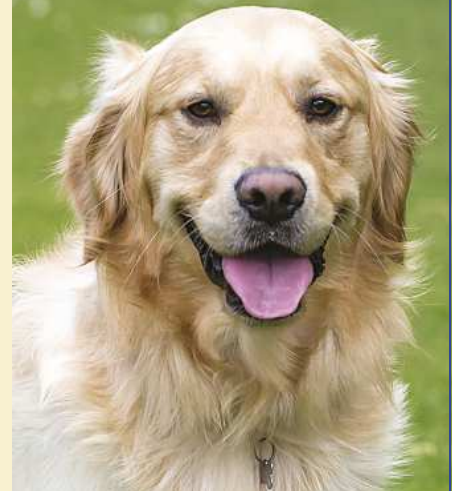
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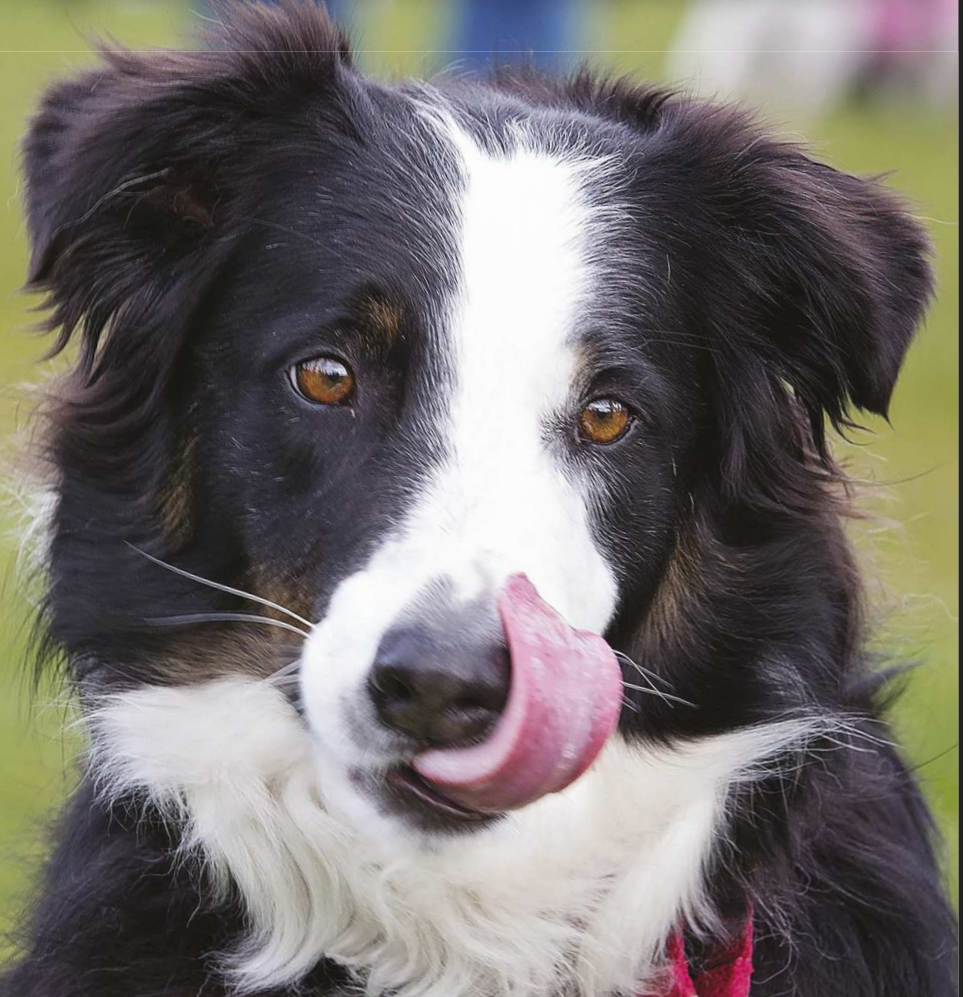
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# YAVAPAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: TWO NEWLY GRADUATED K9/DEPUTY TEAMS LOVING THEIR NEW PARTNERSHIPS

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

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has two new graduates, to bring to four the unit's highly trained teams. In December, Deputy Trevor Hearl and K9 Vader, and Deputy John Bounds, with K9 Cyrus, completed the Arizona Department of Corrections K9 Academy in Tucson. The 320-hour, on-site academy serves to help the new teams bond and learn to work together.

During the rigorous training, Deputy Hearl and Vader certified in Narcotics Detection, and Deputy Bounds and Cyrus certified in Narcotic Detection and Handler Protection. Both teams underwent extensive testing before they received their certifications.

Vader previously was handled by Deputy Steven Warburton. YCSO purchased the Belgian Malinois in 2015. Vader loves people and children and is the department's socialite, popular for school and public visits. When the department bought K9 Viper this past year, Warburton took over his training and handling as Viper was a more advanced K9, and Vader went to Deputy Hearl. Viper was born in the Netherlands and shipped to the United States. He loves his dog toys and any kind

of obstacles, and takes his commands in Dutch.

Deputy Hearl joined YCSO three years ago. Already a dog lover who has hunted with dogs, Hearl also is a proactive officer who is always on the lookout for illicit drugs. One night, he had occasion to call Sgt. Jarrod Winfrey to deploy his K9 Gemma on a traffic stop. She alerted on drugs, and that was the catalyst for Hearl; he wanted to work with a K9.

On patrol with Vader since January, Hearl said Warburton's previous work and training with Vader has made his job easier, but also has challenged him to grow as a handler.

"Deputy Warburton is a seasoned handler and one of the best I know," Hearl said. "Vader is used to listening to him. My challenge is finding that balance between being Vader's partner and his leader. He doesn't know I'm in charge yet."

Still, Hearl loves partnering with the talented dog. "We get along great. You can see in his behavior that there's nothing else he'd rather do than go out and look for drugs. Watching him work is probably my favorite part."

Vader's particular quirk is "grinning" when Hearl sweets talks him. "It's funny. Here's this police dog coming over showing all his teeth, but he's not aggressive at all."

Hearl can't say enough about Vader's training and talents. "If he could drive a car and write reports, I'd be out of a job," he said.

After an unauthorized tryst between K9s produced a litter at the Navajo County Sheriff's Office in 2012, YCSO traded 12 unused shotguns for Cyrus and two other pups. It was a legendary trade. Only one of three, Zoe, did not have the drive for narcotics work, so she went to live as a pet

in an officer's home. Gemma, teamed with Sgt. Winfrey, and Cyrus, now with Deputy Bounds, have a history of huge drug finds. Gemma is famous for the largest find of Fentanyl in the country for 2015.

Deputy Eric Lopez, who handled the now-retired Miley, raised Cyrus and taught him scent work. He then was handled by then YCSO K9 Supervisor and Sgt. Victor Dartt, and is now Bounds' new partner.

Deputy Bounds has been with YCSO since January 2014. He started in the K9 unit in 2016. He's enjoying working with Cyrus, and discovering his talents and quirks.

"He's still a puppy. I think for my first K9 it's going good. He's good at working on his own. You can take him right into a room and put him to work on a find; you don't have to show him," Bounds said.

Bounds said he enjoyed the Academy this past December with Cyrus because the dog was a previous graduate.

"Some dogs were brand new and didn't know anything. It was cool getting to see how to develop them and train them. Eventually Cyrus will retire, and I'll get

the opportunity to train a new dog. I'm guessing Cyrus has three to four years left to work, then he'll get a chance to be a dog, eat bacon and all that stuff," he said. Most handlers keep their K9 partners after retirement, when they become family pets.

While the social Vader is strictly a narcotics dog, Cyrus is certified in narcotics and patrol.

"Cyrus took to patrol," Bounds said. "He has a pretty good bite. We did a lot of training with popping the (patrol vehicle) door to release him to help the handler, and he has started helping me out on patrol."

Yavapai is a vast county, and the K9 units might find themselves in any number of places during their shifts – Interstates 17 and 40, the Verde Valley, and Chino Valley.

"We move around quite a bit depending on what PANT (Partners Against Narcotic Trafficking) or patrol needs," Bounds said.

Despite being trained for patrol and bite work, Cyrus is a gentle, sociable dog, a favorite of the deputy's toddler, with whom he lays on the floor and plays a gentle game of tug. He likes to stand backward in his kennel in the patrol vehicle, slapping Bounds with his tail.

"I have the best job ever – bring your dog to work and hang out with him all day," he said.

All while taking dangerous drugs off the street, which makes for a better quality of life for everyone.



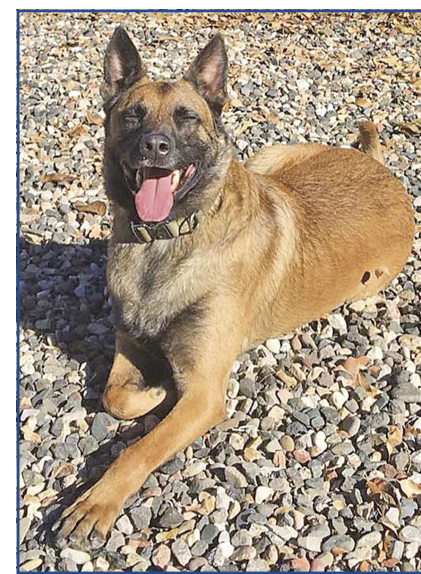
Deputy Trevor Hearl and K9 Vader



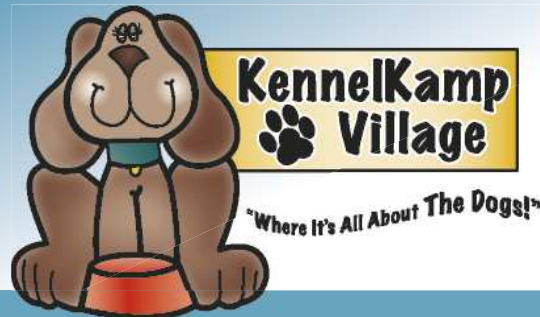
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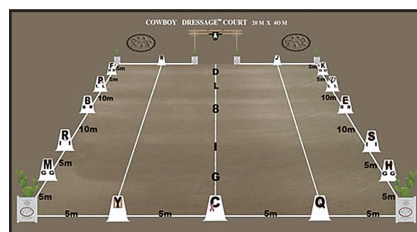
By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

East is east and west is west. But this excellent form of riding is considered best — universally.

In the state of Arizona, Western Dressage has become a rapidly growing horse competition with plenty of fervent participation. Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) strives to build an equine community that combines the western traditions of horse and rider with classical dressage. And with the newly formed Western Dressage Association of Arizona (WDAAZ), primarily implemented from the Prescott, Chino Valley and Paulden area, Arizona will see an outstanding opportunity for exciting venues and well designed competitions right here in our home-sweet-quad-cities. They will be expanding their competions by adding Ranch Riding and Trail Course to their upcoming events.

The dictionary identifies dressage (a French term for training) as the art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility and balance. Wikipedia further states that dressage is a highly skilled form of riding performed in exhibition and competition, as well as an "art" sometimes pursued solely for the sake of mastery.

I can tell you that participants in dressage, western or otherwise, choose from a multiple selection of tests (patterns) available for a choice of performance levels, to exhibit in a dressage arena designed in a specific geometric rectangular shape. Now to make things a bit more challenging, the arena is accessorized with big letters from the alphabet that ARE NOT arranged in the same order you learned in kindergarden. They are, however, supremely purposeful for the precision destinations



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that you will strive to successfully 'nail' in this simple arena course. What truly distinguishes dressage from other disciplines, is the attention to detail of the training methods.

The Western Dressage discipline is indeed an integration of training methods. According to the WDAA website, Classical Dressage brings the techniques of master European horsemen, techniques that are hundreds of years old and based upon principles which encourage cadence, balance and carriage. It is technical and precise, a rigorous discipline for horse and rider. The practicing and perfecting of western horsemanship throughout centuries has influenced today's Western Dressage, emphasizing the concept of lightness and subtle cues. The outcome of this meticulous journey serves to reflect well for both horse and rider.

One of the founding members of WDAA is Cliff Swanson, trainer, clinician, instructor, and breeder of Morgan horses for amateurs and national champions. He and his compadres put together the Western Dressage concept from a sheer passion to "give back to the horses." Why? "Because horses like it. It just makes sense to them," responds Swanson. They designed the rules and the tests which Cliff refers to as "training maps for the horse."

Northern Arizona Chapter of Arizona Dressage Association and Dressage Desparados are additional clubs that offer Western Dressage here in the quad-city area.

Cowboy Dressage was created



Cliff Swanson, a founder of WDAA performing on his Morgan.

by Eitan (pronounced: I tawn) Beth-Halachmy of Grass Valley, California. He and his wife Debbie call their registered organization Cowboy Dressage World. Their website contends that the goal of Cowboy Dressage World is to help make dreams a reality. Horsemanship is an arduous journey. A good relationship with a horse is an endless endeavor. You can see his demonstration of Cowboy Dressage in his video entitled "Dances with Cows." Additionally, Eitan was invited to open the closing ceremony at the 2006 World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. It is reported that he received a standing ovation by what was mostly a European audience as he gave a thrilling performance in his western attire, saddle and tack.

In regard to structure, the Cowboy Dressage arena has been modified in a simpler fashion, and tests are a little different than Western Dressage. However, like Western Dressage, Cowboy Dressage is open to all breeds of horses. Another similarity is that Western Dressage trainer Cliff Swanson and the Beth-Halachmys are foremost distinguished in the Morgan horse industry.

Cowboy Dressage contender and trainer Marcia Moore Harrison started researching this discipline by going to the 2013 Finals. And like others, she became totally hooked. "Many say when they find Cowboy Dressage, that they have finally



Jennifer Byron riding Smarty. Photo by Tanner Photography.

found a home," explains Marcia. "Kindness to horse and others is our first rule. Learning and growing in horsemanship is strongly valued. Soft Feel and partnership are highly rewarded," she adds. Harrison would like to expand Cowboy Dressage World into Arizona and has already scheduled clinics in both Gilbert and Payson. Ms. Harrison plans to eventually add both Liberty and a Trail Obstacle Course to her Cowboy Dressage events.

The common interest of all of these bright and determined dressage clubs is to expand their programs for the purpose of helping people and their horses. Bringing a flexibility that enhances horsemanship and the level of the horseman and women, they present the dynamics and great pleasure we seek when we choose to sit in the saddle.



Eitan Beth-Halachmy, founder of Cowboy Dressage. Photo by Lesley Deutsch.



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# REAL WILD CATS

By Skye Lyons

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I have a friend who is as obsessed with jogging as I am with creatures. He runs on the wilder trails for miles each day, and he reports occasionally on what he's seen as he runs. First, it was a rather angry roadrunner. Then he commented on a rattlesnake he saw at the same place on the trail several times a week. But the report that caught my attention was when he crossed paths with a bobcat.

He stopped dead to stare at the bobcat, unable to quite believe what he was seeing. The bobcat stared back as though equally surprised. Then it turned and walked off the trail and disappeared.

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Yup, we have wild cats out there.

Bobcats, also known as wildcats, are interesting and beautiful cats. They are Arizona's most common predator, number-wise. They are small, about 2 to 2-1/2 feet in length and weighing 12 to 30 pounds. Their color can range from a lovely camouflaging gray to almost orange. All coat colors are overlaid with markings merging spots and stripes reminiscent of the tabby markings in cats. Their ears are large and tufted at the ends, which is quite distinctive. Their paws are enormous for their size. What is most distinctive, however, is the tail. It usually sports lovely rings around it, but it's shorter than you'd expect for its size – only about five inches.

A bobcat may look like a domestic kitty at first glance, but looking at these points can tell you quickly it's not a tame kitty welcoming you to approach. Most bobcats are quite shy and will try to avoid people. They're largely nocturnal, though, as my friend can attest, not all of them follow that rule.

They are territorial, with territories ranging from one square mile up to twelve square miles – which is likely why that family kept showing up on the jogging trail.

They're efficient hunters, preying for the most part on the creatures that proliferate with great ease, such as mice, rats, and rabbits, so bobcat-hunting helps keep these little guys from overrunning the area. However, the bigger bobcats have been known to stalk larger game,

including small deer; the cats are very powerful for their size.

Folks have occasionally seen them in more urban areas bordering woods, and there have occasionally been housecats who succumbed to the charms of a cruising bobcat and produced hybrid kittens. And people have more than once picked up a cute "abandoned" little kitten in the wild, only to find out a few short weeks later that the sweet baby-tabby is not what they thought it was.

Bobcat kittens are among the cutest out there, so it's easy to see how people could mistake them for something a bit gentler, but those who adopt a bobcat always find out it does not make a good, or gentle, house pet.

Some people confuse the lynx and the bobcat. Both have the huge feet, good for stability when hunting. Both have the wide-set pointed ears with tufts on the ear tips, and both have stubby tails. However, the lynx is larger and prefers northern forests, whereas the bobcat is happy in a wider range of terrain, including swamps and marshes, deserts, and wooded areas. You'd

think we'd have lynx here, as Lynx Lake is in Prescott, but the actual cats live further north.

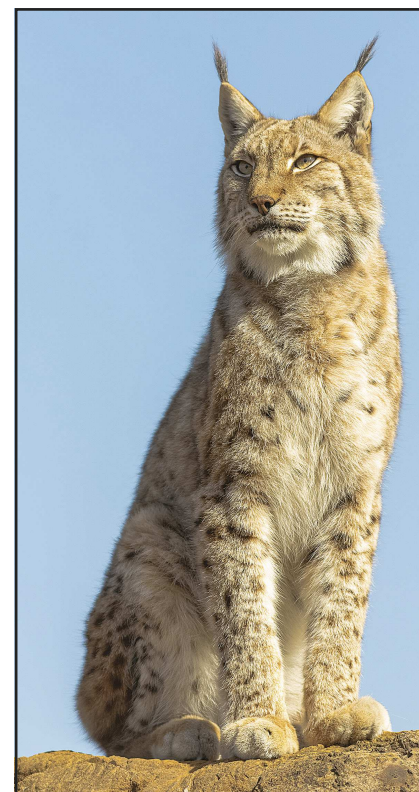
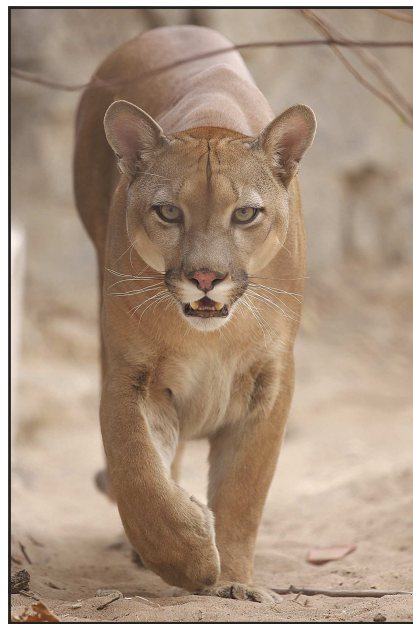
The other cat we have living nearby is the mountain lion. This cat can be found anywhere, from the east coast to the west coast, Canada to Mexico. They like forests, canyons, and mountainous desert regions, so they're found not far from here.

Urban sightings are becoming more common as housing encroaches into what was formally mountain-lion territory. It would be a rare thing to see a mountain lion in the quad-cities area, but they are in Arizona. It's wise to note that they like cat food, so storing domestic-cat nummies on the porch when mountain lions live in the area may earn you a visit from a lean, predatory dinner guest you didn't expect.

We love our *Felis domesticus* kitties, but it's wise to remember the big guys are out there, and that they need love, too. Keeping the wild areas wild is the best way to show our affection for them.



"He was so cute...until he tried to take off my fingers."  
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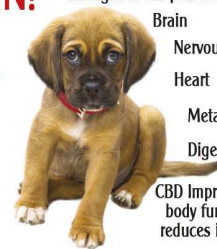


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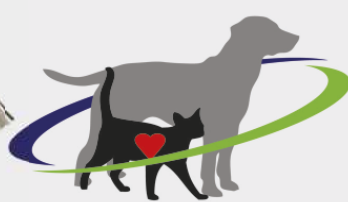
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Dear Archie,

I'm really going to miss you, Pumpkin. You shared the very best part of my life. You rode the rapids with me, boy. That tumultuous time in a human's life when they retire and relocate far away from their former home. All the trips to Arizona and living in different places until we finally settled in our beautiful home. You stuck with me, just happy to be together.

And that terrible time when you were suddenly stricken with total blindness when you were six. There were a couple of months there when I didn't know whether you would snap out of your depression, and that I would have to let you go.

But your brave spirit rallied, and you realized that you still had what every dog born wants more than anything: And that is the love from a human, your human. You quickly learned to overcome your blindness. You were able to chase rabbits out of our yard and bark at the birds and catch lizards in your mouth. One could learn a lot from their dog...

There were some people we were acquainted with that thought it cruel of me to not put you down. But those miserable souls have never experienced the love of a pet and probably for a good reason.

However, the day has come when I must surrender you back to God. I had to do the hardest thing I have ever done. I had to release your spirit from your failing dog suit. I will miss you so much, Archie. But, what I won't miss is watching you decline as each day passed; to see you stumble and bump into things, to watch you become a mere shadow of yourself. I believe you have your angel wings now. You can run and jump and see and hear and play among the angels.

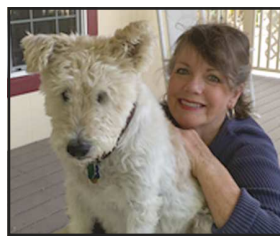


Archie

You were a good dog



Archie in the snow



Archie and Bobbie

Archie. You fulfilled your purpose. You were a wonderful companion to this old lady for 14 short years. When the time is right, I will go to the shelter and bring home an older dog who has lost his human through death or hardship. Love is one of the few things on this earth that we never run out of, no matter how much of it we give away.

I'll be seeing you in my dreams, my fuzzy-faced friend.

Love you always,  
Bobbie (Your human)

P.S. "I could have done without the pain, but then I would have missed the dance...."

## Sundance

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos courtesy of Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

Saying good-bye is never easy. But this amazing horse walked me through it.

On October 30th of 2002, in Cypress, Texas, I bought my very first horse. With unattainable papers, he was estimated to be age 13. I was 40 something and ecstatic to be getting this well mannered, proficiently trained palomino quarter horse who was said to be kin to the esteemed Hollywood Gold. Maybe. Didn't matter. He was GOLD to me.

"Hollywood" became "Sundance" at my barn, and I began riding him immediately. I was somewhat apprehensive because of recent experiences with a night "mare", but rapidly realized that Sundance was going to be a great partner under saddle. He was willing and able. I was...novice, very. He was patient, kind and gracious as I learned the ropes, but he held out for the correct cues and eventually taught me precision and confidence.

Sundance didn't have the smoothest trot, but he had what is referred to as a "rocking horse lope". And he was tenderly push-button to operate. I never had to use spurs. A slight nudge, cluck or kiss is all it took to move him.

Sundance and I did every-

thing together. After moving to Arizona, we rode just about every trail around Williamson Valley. We became members of The Wild Women of the West and rode in parades throughout Arizona for over 5 years. I portrayed Annie Oakley and he carried me proudly from Tombstone to Cave Creek, Prescott and Williams, even the Fiesta Bowl.

After parades, we tried our luck at local horse shows and competitions. We especially liked Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race events. Sundance was a "shoo-in" doing trail obstacles because he was such a willing partner. He would attempt just about any obstacle that I asked him to do, no matter how scary.

After the second year of competitions I noticed that Sundance was having difficulty with certain leg work. After a vet examination and X-Ray, it was discovered that he suffered from arthritis and bone spurs. Eventually, Sundance became unrideable. Although I found another horse to compete with, I yearned to ride my wonderful palomino who had carried me throughout the years. Who I could trust and count on no matter what. Sundance never spooked or acted up. He was the best-mannered horse I have ever known. I put many a young niece or nephew on his back, and children from our church, not to mention the family cat. He was as gentle and well-mannered as can be.

Fast forward to 2018. Many owners might have "put down" Sundance years ago because of his crippling arthritis. But a wise person once told me how to know when it was time to put a horse down. She said that the horse would tell me when it was time.

So the morning I went to feed in the corral, and Sundance was laying down flat and not moving (or roaring like a lion as he usually does for meals), I called out to him and he finally wiggled just a bit.

He was able to get up later that morning. I offered him food and water and he

would have none of either. He began circling the corral like he was on a treadmill. He would occasionally walk up to where I was standing and place his head on my belly. He was telling me that it was time for him to go. Dr. Dickinson and Marijo, her tech, arrived late afternoon. They were so compassionate and respectful to us both. Dickinson told me to take my time saying good-bye after administering the sedation to Sundance. I explained that we had already expressed our good-byes throughout the day. I just wanted him to be at peace. He deserved that. So, off he went without any complications. He made it easy for me to say good-bye because he convinced me that it was indeed time.

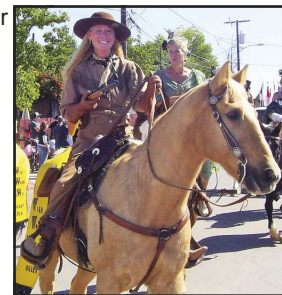
Another reason that parting has been less stressful is that a part of Sundance had already been missing. He's been unrideable for a long time now. So, I've been missing that whole package. Just sitting in the saddle and his gentle rocking horse lope. I know that he has been missing that too and am so happy that somewhere now he is flying high and running without hurt or hindrance. Isn't that what we all want?

So, saying good-bye wasn't all that bad. Lingered memories of my days with my dear sweet horse are difficult. I am so thankful that God found me the perfect horse to learn the ropes and to enjoy adventures without inhibitions, fear or difficulty. I will always remember Sundance as one of the few true class acts. The stuff legends are made of.

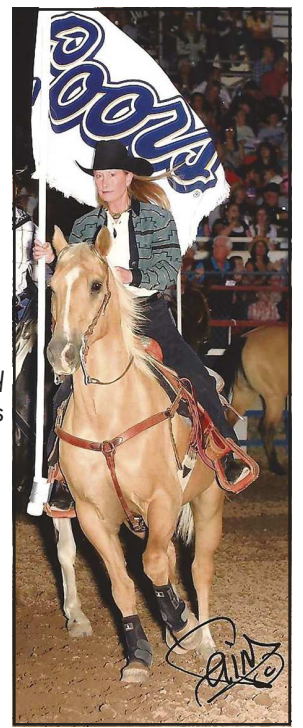
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Yorkshire Terrier Rescue  
yorkiefriendsrescue.com

Run-a-Muk Dog Day Care Center  
1205 White Spar Rd, Prescott  
(928) 771-9252, run-a-muk.com

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

## DO-IT-YOURSELF DOG WASH

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Prescott Valley, (928) 775-5558  
azpethq.com

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## GROOMERS

Belinda's Pet Grooming  
8098 E. Valley Road, Suite 4  
Prescott Valley (928) 237-3068

Bella's Suds & Cuts Grooming  
655 Brannen Ave C., Prescott  
(928) 707-2309

Blue Quail VIP Pet Services  
1201 Iron Springs Rd, Ste 10, Prescott  
928-778-1944, bluequailvippetservices.com

Jade's Dog Grooming  
1101 Old Chisholm Trail #G, Dewey  
(928) 899-1027

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

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Prescott Valley, (928) 775-5558  
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Yvonne's Pet Grooming  
8600 E. Valley Rd., Prescott Valley  
(928) 772-7095

## PET FOOD/SUPPLIES

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

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

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

Warrens's Hay - N - More  
2295 South Highway 89, Chino Valley  
(928) 636-1303, warrenshaynmore.com

Whiskers Barkery  
225 West Gurley St., Prescott  
(928) 776-8700

## PET MEDICATIONS

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

## PETSITTING

Auntie Pam's Pet Sitting, (480) 466-5022

Four Paws Dog Resort  
928-237-1063, PrescottDogBoarding.com

Petsitting Plus  
Karen Sable Goldstein, (928) 308-6560

## TRAINING

CritterTouch - Tellington TTouch™ Method  
Mary E. Cannon  
(858) 361-8038, www.crittertouch.com

Farbenholt Dog Training  
Dewey (928) 632-7557,  
azgermanshepherds.com

Pawsitively Awesome Dog Training  
(928) 710-8188,  
awesomecanines@gmail.com

## VETERINARIANS

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

Circle L Animal Hospital  
845 AZ-89, (928) 536-4421  
circlelanimalhospital.com

## Dewey

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

## Prescott

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

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

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

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

## 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

### HOUSE CALLS

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

### VET - EMERGENCY

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

### VET - HOLISTIC

Harmony Holistic Veterinary Care  
Delia McDonald, DMV 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  
800 E. Valley Road, Prescott Valley  
(928) 925-4130

### LOCAL DOG PARKS

Prescott  
Willow Creek Beneful Dream Dog Park  
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## EQUINE SERVICES

### SHOPPING

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

### TRAINING

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

### VETERINARIANS

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

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(928) 445-7499, harmonyvetcare.com

## PET-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS

### HOTELS/MOTELS

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

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

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

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

### REAL ESTATE

Wendy Roudy Bush, Associate Broker  
Garden Brook Realty (928) 713-5136

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

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

### RESTAURANTS

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

Copper'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

Kensington's Restaurant  
220 W. Goodwin ST., #1  
Old Firehouse Plaza  
Prescott, (928) 776-0477

kensingtonsrestaurant.com

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

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

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

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

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

### 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

Seeing Hands Therapeutic Massage  
Kevin Rusco, Massage Therapist,  
AZ License #MT22788, (928) 301-4309

TriAlpha7 - My Health Etc.  
Organic Hemp CBD Products  
1515 W. Thumb Butte Rd., Prescott  
www.myhealthetc.com  
(928) 776-0944 or 1-844-779-2200

### SHOPPING

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

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

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

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Prescott Valley 928-445-4650

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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

Yavapai Humane Society Thrift Store  
1601 Iron Springs Rd, Prescott  
(928) 445-5668

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## Our Other Services include...

- Annual Exams
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- In-House Diagnostics Laboratory
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- 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.



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