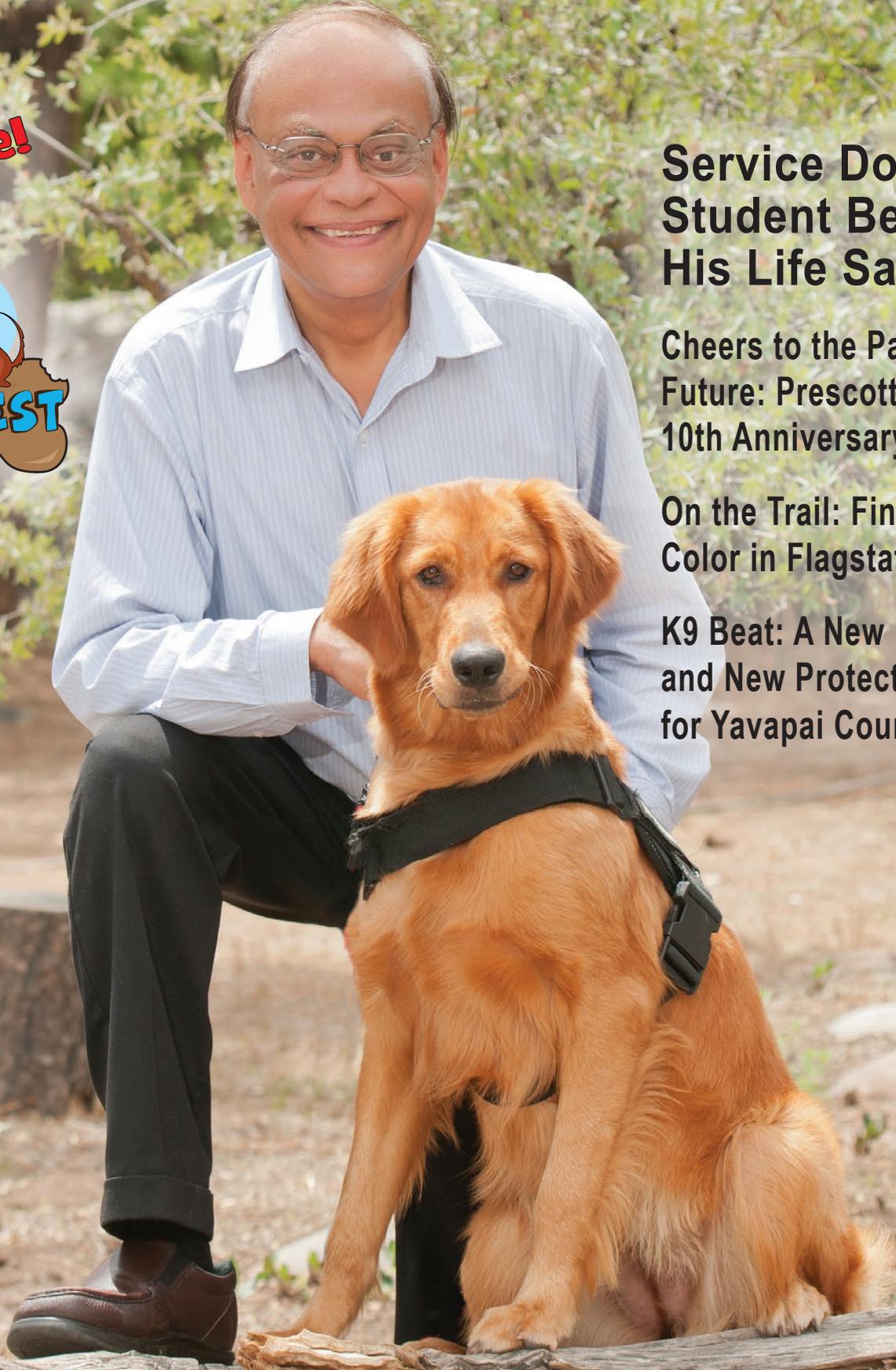


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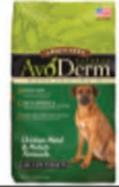
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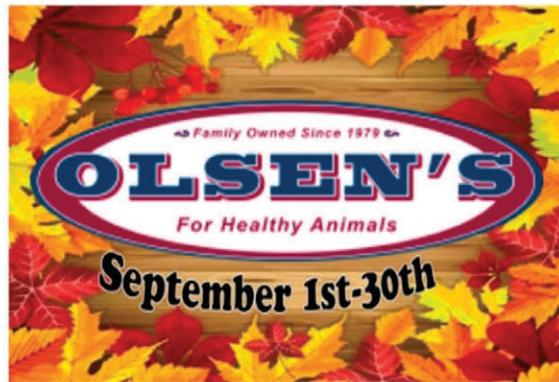
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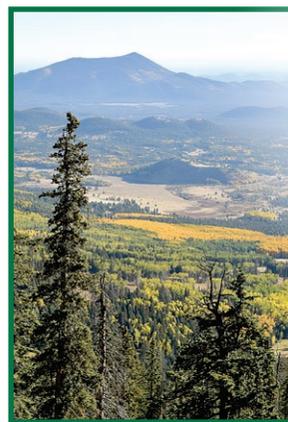


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# HAZEL HOWLS

Ah, the height of summer, my favorite season, (excluding thunder storms of course).

All my backyard charges are out and about with robust energy. My favorite 'salad' grass is thriving along the fence line, and the chance for adventure seems to be around every corner.

Tucker and I love to charge out the sliding back door just to see what wildlife we can startle and chase.

"Encroachment is cause for enforcement." Dad says that should be one of my mottoes. He says the other one should be "Vocal for no reason." I always feel there's a very good reason, but service humans don't have the heightened senses we-on-four have.

Lately Mom and Dad have been discouraging the 'charge of the fur brigade.' Mainly on account of the striped black cats that smell up the neighborhood sometimes.

As I have been told on numerous occasions the waddling cats have a spray gun in their butt that Dad says could tie up his time with multiple 'scrubbies,' (read: baths). Dad says he has an uncle that, in his youth, was known to out run skunk squirt. I don't see why I, Hazel Bazel the Rocket Dog, couldn't do the same.

So now Mom and Dad hold back on opening the door till they check to make sure there are no quail babies (read: walnuts), scorpions (at night), or striped cats. They slowly undo the latch and impede our launch with a painfully slow sliding of the door.

Tucker actually seems more put out by this than I am. As impatient as I feel about the slow-motion-egress, I enjoy anything that aggravates Tucker.

My after-breakfast, post-dawn scanning of the backyard from inside the house is my meditation time. I don't mind the wildlife interruptions. Male quail will come right up to the glass to duel with their reflection. Their walnut-sized babies peck around and watch their Dad and boast of how tough their Dad is, believing the other male doesn't stand a chance.

After the quail move on, the lizards come out. Their occasional bursts of movement always fires up the age-old predator instinct in me. I love the chase, and I think they do too. Some of them taunt me by coming within a tail's length of the glass and doing push-ups. They try to intimidate me and goad me into hitting



Hazel on Watch

my face on the glass. That only worked once. Well okay, twice.

Sometimes, Dad would open the door fast and release me if he was assured they would make it to the woodpile before I could make contact. Gosh, I loved that. Until yesterday.

There is a lizard that Dad calls Mr. Jurassic. He is dark, wide, and has a long fat tail. Yesterday Dad stepped out the door and wouldn't let either of us follow because he saw Mr. Jurassic on top of the woodpile looking down at two identical young striped lizards that were looking up at him from the ground.

Dad stayed motionless watching the scene. The three lizards just looked at each other for fifteen minutes or so, the ancient one gazing down at the twins looking up from four feet away and Dad ten feet away from them. Eventually, the "twins" took off side-by-side right past Dad's feet.

When my Dad came inside, I asked, "What was that all about?"

"I have no idea, Hazel. It almost felt like Mr. Jurassic was communicating something to the younger ones." He reached down to pat my side and left me to continue scanning.

A little bit later, Dad absentmindedly opened the door to get some tools, not knowing or seeing Mr. Jurassic was just feet away from the door.

The chase was on. This time, Mr. Jurassic didn't run for the woodpile, but took a longer route along the fenceline that gave me a chance to close in. Dad was chasing me, hollering words that I couldn't understand at the moment. (I actually thought he was shouting encouragement, like when I chase a ball.)

I then got the shock of my life—a shock as big as the time a scorpion got me on the nose.

I had closed in and was just in the process of pawing the lizard's tail when the Mr. Jurassic completely disappeared.

Under my paw was a strange wiggly, crazy-moving white thing about six inches long. I immediately disengaged and jumped back, remembering the lightning flash of pain the scorpion had sent up my nose last summer.

Dad caught up a second later and looked down at the white thing making wild 'S' shapes in the dirt.

I looked up at him to see if I was in trouble.

He said "Wow, that really is effective."

Then he reached down and grabbed that crazy thing (while it was *moving*), and threw it over wall where Frank the roadrunner parades each day. Then, of all things, Dad started laughing.

"Would you like to share what is so FLIPPING FUNNY, Dad?"

He sat down for a minute till he could stop laughing. My ears were burning the more he laughed

"Hazel, that was Mr. Jurassic's tail." More laughter.

"I broke my lizard?" I asked.

"Well, yes and no." Dad turned to face me and wiped a tear from the corner of his eye. "Some lizards have a defense and distraction mechanism to keep them from being eaten."

I stood up on all fours. "I wasn't going to eat him."

Dad smiled, "You know that, and I know that, Hazel, but Mr. Jurassic wasn't all that sure, so when you pawed at him, he dropped his tail so you would stop chasing him. His tail will grow back over time."

Dad started chuckling again as he headed to the door with me following.

"But Dad, where did the white come from?"

"That's the underside, and it has a brilliant trick. The tail flops upside down to make the perfect distraction."

Dad reached down and gave a very slight tug on my tail as I walked into the house. I jumped, not from pain but from the thought of losing my tail like Mr. Jurassic.

"Not the least bit funny, Dad!"

"Ah summer...when adventure is around every corner," He replied, walking down the hallway, his voice echoing.

"Still not funny, Dad!"

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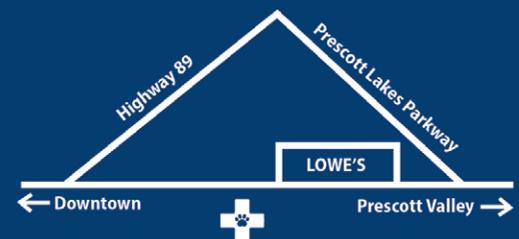
- ❖ Severe bleeding
- ❖ Difficulty breathing
- ❖ Nonstop coughing and gagging
- ❖ Pain while urinating/passing stool
- ❖ Bloating
- ❖ Eye injuries
- ❖ Toxin ingestions
- ❖ Seizures
- ❖ Allergic reactions
- ❖ Heat stress or heatstroke



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### YAVAPAI HUMANE EQUINE CENTER

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

### YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY (YHS)

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- **Walk-In Vaccine Clinic** every Friday at YHS Spay/Neuter & Wellness Clinic, 2889 Centerpointe East, Prescott. No appointment fee. First come-first serve for low cost vaccinations. More info: [yavapaihumane.org](http://yavapaihumane.org).
- **Free Feral Fixes** every 3rd Thursday at YHS Spay/Neuter and Wellness Clinic, 2889 Centerpointe East, Prescott. Call 918-771-0547 to schedule an appt.

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### CATTY SHACK – CAT ADOPTIONS

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- Dog Adoptions – Petco (Hwy 69, Sunday 12p-3p. Whiskers Barkery (225 W Gurley St, Prescott) 1st two Saturdays of every month, 11a-2p.

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- 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

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

September 8, Breakfast With Animals: Black Bear  
September 15, Members Night  
September 22, Sip & Paint  
September 25, Zoo by Moonlight

### SANTORI RANCH

#### HIGH DESERT HORSE SHOW

September 1, 8:30a, 955 West Rd. 2 North, Chino Valley. More info: [thehighdeserthorsheshow.com](http://thehighdeserthorsheshow.com)

### CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK OPEN SHOW

September 2, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Visit [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com)

### DRESSAGE DESPARADOS SCHOOLING SHOW

September 9, Chino Valley. Info: [dressagedesparados.com](http://dressagedesparados.com)

### WESTERN DRESSAGE, RANCH RIDING & TRAIL COMPETITIONS

September 15, Western Dressage Association of Arizona presents Western Extravaganza at Santori Ranch, 955 West Rd. 2 North, Chino Valley. More info: [westernextravaganza.info](http://westernextravaganza.info) or call 928-830-9329

### DOG ADOPTION EVENT BENEFITING YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY (YHS)

September 22, 11a-2p, Earnhardt Liberty Kia, 5600 Market St, Prescott Valley. Come out & meet some of our volunteers' favorite adoptable dogs.

### BARKS 'N BEERS TO BENEFIT UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS (UAF)

September 22, 5p-8p at The Barley Hound, 234 S. Cortez Street, Prescott. Bring your pup and dine under the stars. \$20 for meat or vegetarian dinner & beer or non-alcoholic drink. 100% of raffle proceeds goes to UAF. More info: 928-237-4506.

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### WILD ROSE BUCKLE SERIES- HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

September 29-30, Big Chino Ranch, Paulden. More info: Gary, 928-595-0428

### PUPPY PATIO PARTY SPONSORED BY THE ARIZONA CHIHUAHUA RESCUE

September 29, 9a-1p at OHSO, 15681 N Hayden Rd in Scottsdale. Costume contest, raffles and prizes. Dress up the dog & come out to our meet-and-greet.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOOLOGICAL SANCTUARY

October 7, Taste of the Wild  
October 8-12, Fall Zoo Camp  
October 13, Breakfast With Animals: Gray Wolf  
October 31, Boo at the Zoo

### 12TH ANNUAL DOGTOBERFEST 2018

October 7, 10a-3p, Watson Lake Park, 3101 Watson Lake Park Road, Prescott. Free admission, parking \$5 per car; proceeds to YCSO Sheriff's Posse. More info: [www.prescottdog.com](http://www.prescottdog.com)

### ARIZONA DRIVING AND CARRIAGE SOCIETY PRESENTS ARIZONA HIGH DESERT HORSE DRIVING TRIAL / COMBINED TEST

October 13-14, The Atonna's in Paulden. More info: [arizonacarriage.org](http://arizonacarriage.org)

### SANTORI RANCH HIGH DESERT HORSE SHOW SERIES

October 20, 8:30a, 955 West Rd. 2 North, Chino Valley. More info: [thehighdeserthorsheshow.com](http://thehighdeserthorsheshow.com)

### WILD ROSE BUCKLE SERIES- HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

October 26-28, Boyd Ranch, Wickenburg. More info: Gary at 928-595-0428

### HALLOWEEN PHOTOS TO BENEFIT UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

October 26, 4p-7p. Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley Street, Downtown Prescott. \$10 for a framed 5"x7" print or a CD with multiple photos. More info: 928-776-8700.

### THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME GALA & AUCTION BENEFITING YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY

October 27. More Info: [yavapaihumane.org/gala](http://yavapaihumane.org/gala)



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# SERVICE DOG TRAINER'S STUDENT BECAME HIS LIFE SAVER

By Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy of Gary DeGeronimo, Cherie and David Dreves.



Sora, Facility Dog. April 4, 2018.

Wednesday, June 13, started off like most days for trainer Gary DeGeronimo of Gentle Hearts Service Dogs. He had scheduled to work with a service dog, and with Sora, a facility dog for Cardiac Care in Prescott Valley.

Sora is a beautiful young Golden Retriever that is just one of the dogs carrying on the legacy of Billy the Kid, the 2016 Hero Dog Sire of the Year with the National Hero Dog Breeders Association. Sora is the result of nearly 40 years of careful breeding by AKC Breeder of Merit Loni Hunt.

Gary had been to Walmart on the hot summer day with Sora to work on her public access skills. He had returned to Cardiac Care to bring the dog back to her office where she spends the days comforting patients.

"Pulling into the parking lot of the Cardiac Care facility," Gary said, "I began to feel somewhat dizzy and not in control of my actions."

He was able to park the car, slightly bumping the wall with his vehicle. The dizziness and confusion was increasing. He knew Sora was in his vehicle, but said he had no idea how he would be able to walk from the car into the office. But Sora knew.

"I grabbed Sora's collar and allowed her to guide me across the parking lot, into the office, across the waiting room full of people, and into the first exam room," Gary said. "I then was able to place myself onto an exam table as Dr. Patel and his staff attended to my situation. I have a very clear memory that Sora stayed in the room with me and occasionally put her paws up onto the exam table to check on me."

Gary said he remembers very little about that fateful day, but he was told he had several seizures. Sora stayed with him until he was transported to the Yavapai Regional Medical Center, and then air evacuated to Barrow's Neurological Institute in Phoenix. After emergency surgery, it was discovered he has glioblastoma, stage 4 brain cancer.

Sora is the second facility dog at Cardiac Care. She was preceded by a yellow lab named Misty. Dr. Nitin Patel's wife Vasu said they started bringing her to the office when they first moved to Prescott Valley, and found that patients enjoyed her calming presence. After Misty passed away at age 13, Loni, who was a patient, asked them if they'd like one of her Golden Retrievers.

"My husband wasn't ready," Vasu said, "but after two years he said yes, he wanted a puppy."

Prescott Dog Magazine publisher Cherie Dreves and her husband David were Sora's puppy raisers.

"Sora came to us at eight weeks, full of curiosity and energy," Cherie said. "Where Hazel had been the 'nanny' for Lucy and Butter, the other two puppies we've raised, it was our new rescue Tucker's turn.



Baby Sora



Sora in Training. February 11, 2018

"He loved Sora, would dote on her all of their waking hours. When she got a little bit too much puppy spunk for his liking, he would roll her over and clean her ears. She would lay there and let Tucker do that for as long as he wanted. This calmed her down and refocused her. David and I affectionately referred to this as 'brain cleaning.'

Much like Loni Hunt and Billy, Sora's grandfather, Cherie and David knew from the beginning that Sora was exceptional.



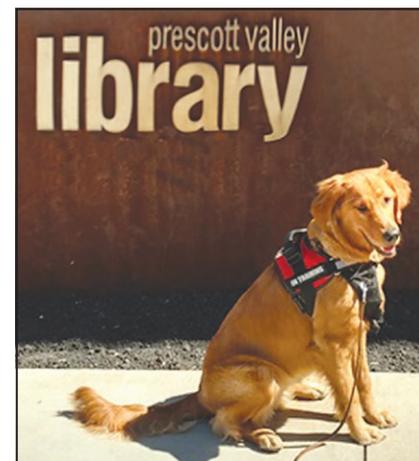
Sora in Training  
Valentine's Day, 2018

"Her four-month stay in our home took us through every stage of puppyhood - midnight potty breaks, extra sharp needle teeth, sneak attacks, and her disdain of nap time. The fix for the naptime woes was to turn on Slow TV and play the Norwegian train! These films are wonderful white noise!"

Everyone who has come into contact with Sora has nothing but praise for her, perhaps none more than Gary.

"I have been involved with canine training for more than 37 years, and I've witnessed the amazing benefit these awesome dogs can bring us. But experiencing firsthand the ability of Sora and her instinct to respond to this situation will stay with me forever," he said.

Gary is now in the fight of his life, optimistic that he can win. It's a fight he would never have been able to begin if it hadn't been for Sora's instinctual actions that protected him on June 13.



Sora in Training  
May 23, 2018

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Many of you know Gary DeGeronimo who has been a devoted, kind and gentle dog trainer for many years as well as the Therapy Dog Evaluator at Yavapai Regional Medical Center in Prescott and Flagstaff, Arizona. He also founded, Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, training Service Dogs for kids with Autism as well as others in need.

He loves this community and has given so much to it, and now, he needs our help. Gary has brain cancer and has undergone surgery to remove the tumor and is being followed up with chemotherapy and radiation.

These treatments run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and we are currently working on some fundraisers to help with his medical costs. We will be posting them here and on Facebook and in other venues to let you know where they will be.

For the moment, there has been a GoFundMe set up in Gary's name at: [www.gofundme.com/my-battle-begins](http://www.gofundme.com/my-battle-begins). Anything you can donate would be appreciated. On Facebook, search for "Gary DeGeronimo," and his personal page will come up.

We are devastated by this news and want Gary to focus on just getting better while we work to help with the costs. He is in good spirits and is grateful for all those who have reached out to him in this challenging time.

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# UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS RESCUE IS NOW A MUCH LOVED SERVICE DOG, FRIEND TO MANY

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Jeni and Kelley Reid, longtime Prescott Valley residents and business owners, have had a few dogs through the years. As each passed on of old age, it became harder to say goodbye. After losing their last dog, the couple went two and half years before they could think about opening their hearts and homes again. That's when Teddy came into the picture.

"I couldn't stand the thought of another Christmas without a dog in the house," Jeni said that summer. Kelley agreed and the two began their search for a new family member.

Both were getting older, and Jeni said she wanted a big dog, because she was afraid she'd step on a little one. As she searched pet sites, she noticed a couple of Golden Retrievers, but when she showed the photos to Kelley, he didn't react with enthusiasm.

"He had to be a part of this," Jeni said. So she kept searching, and made a list of seven or eight she saw online at pet adoption sites. One night at 10:30 p.m., a shepherd mix puppy popped up.

"My heart just melted," Jeni said. "I read a bit about him and said, 'he can't stay there.' He already had 17 likes and we knew he wouldn't be in rescue long."

"I looked, and said, 'you'd better call,'" Kelley said, urging her to phone the agency, United Animal Friends, right away, despite the late hour.

"I didn't even know if they'd answer," Jeni said, but they did, and by midnight, she had submitted the four-page application to adopt six-month-old Teddy.

By 8 a.m. Monday morning the Reids got the call that they were tentatively approved to adopt the pup, pending a home visit. The

following Friday, they brought him home for good.

"He came in, rolled over, and I scratched his belly," Kelley said. "The UAF foster said 'I guess he likes it here!'"

The foster facilitator said Teddy was partially housebroken, but the Reids said he started immediately going to the door and asking to be let out. They signed him up for training at Petco, and he was an example for the rest of the class.

"He learned his hand signals, then moved on to the intermediate class and earned his Canine Good Citizen title," Kelley said.

As Jeni began to have some health issues, Teddy's obedience teacher urged the Reids to pursue certifying Teddy as a service dog because of his instinct and good behavior.

One day, Jeni had a severe asthma attack in front of him. Teddy was clearly worried and focused on her. Then one day, he did the unthinkable.

Jeni's asthma can be triggered by strong odors of perfume or heavy cigarette smoke, among others. That day, a person who was a heavy smoker walked nearby – and Teddy snapped at him.

Jeni made it clear to Teddy that snapping was unacceptable behavior, but then it dawned on her. The dog was trying to keep away what triggered her attacks.

From that day on, Jeni said, Teddy has never snapped at anyone again. But if he senses a person or place with a heavy odor that could cause an attack, he growls and his whiskers start twitching, alerting her to move away from the source of the smell.

Teddy also carries a medical alert in his vest, and first responders know to look for allergy information. This could be lifesaving, because in the midst of an allergy or asthma attack, Jeni can't speak.

Teddy continued to show how tuned in he is to Jeni's health. One day, he kept nudging her arm. When he refused to stop, Jeni asked Kelley to look at her arm. He found a red streak,



and they immediately visited the doctor. Jeni had a severe infection that Teddy had sensed.

Because Teddy is so social, (and so are Jeni and Kelley!) they began to take him to visit nursing homes. One day, they noticed that Teddy alerted to a resident who was ill. She was aware of it, but they found it interesting that the dog was sensitive to her illness.

Another time, he alerted on a resident who did not know she was ill. They quietly explained the dog's reaction to staff on the way out of the home, and later found that Teddy had again sensed an illness.

Kelley often walked Teddy at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, and Jeni would stay in the car and watch. However, Teddy kept an eye out,

and if anyone got too close to their vehicle, he insisted on returning to the vehicle.

Kelley and Jeni, along with Teddy, now nearly eight, recently moved to Surprise. No doubt, he'll continue to care for Jeni and charm the friends he'll make in his new home. This "Christmas dog" from United Animal Friends has clearly been a gift to the Reids and many others.



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# CHEERS TO THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: PRESCOTT DOG CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR

Story by Briana Lonas. Photos courtesy of Ann Herrington and Cherie Dreves.



Anniversaries are special. They commemorate time – the beginning, the present, and the future. 'The Prescott Dog Magazine' celebrates its 10th year with this special anniversary edition and salutes its many cast members who helped shape the magazine into what it is today.

Publisher Cherie Dreves has something to say about PDM's 10th year in publication as well as what to expect for the future but first, let's take a look at how the magazine started.

## It all began...

PDM founder Ann Herrington started 'Prescott Dog' in 2008



Ann and Bernie

with the goal of helping shelter animals and at the same time, educating people about the animals' plight.

Herrington is no stranger to working in animal welfare and for nearly 20 years she has been organizing rescue adoption events designed to educate people about responsible pet ownership as well as spay and neuter programs.

In 1997, while living in Las Vegas, she decided to visit an animal shelter in search of a pet. She adopted her first rescue dog, Harley, on the spot and that decision changed the course of her life.

"I didn't know what was going on in shelters," Herrington recalled and when she realized that many animals died without ever finding homes she set out on a course to make some real change.

That change set the course for Prescott Dog Magazine that continues promoting the human-animal bond as well as being the voice for shelter animals. Herrington now publishes 'The Tucson Dog'. She also started 'The Flagstaff-Sedona Dog' as well as assisted in the creation of Phoenix Dog magazine.

Elaine Rigdin is the newest publisher of the quartet. She acquired 'The Flagstaff-Sedona Dog' earlier this year. Her desire to become involved with the magazine stemmed

from wanting to do something that helped animals. Two editions of this magazine, under Rigdin's guiding hand, have hit the shelves and it seems the F-S area is in for a treat.

Cathy Davila is the founding publisher of 'Phoenix Dog Magazine'. She recalls visiting Prescott and reading PDM for the first time. She learned about the local dog events and services from the magazine and said, "It's always been a valuable, go-to resource for the Prescott area and I wanted to bring that same resource to the Phoenix area."

Cherie Dreves current publisher of 'Prescott Dog Magazine' cherishes the relationship she has with her counterparts. "It's encouraging every day that the four of us are all out leading the same charge."

Each edition of PDM includes



Cherie & Bear



a minimum of 10 pages devoted to our rescue community. These pages highlight news and information from area rescues; wrapped in with heartwarming stories and adoption information.

"We want to recognize the people behind our area shelters and rescues, whose heroism and dedication are humbling. They shine every day in their endeavors to change lives. We could not provide this positive publication to our community without the generosity of our sponsors, many of which have been sponsors from the beginning."

## The future is bright for Prescott Dog Magazine

Cherie Dreves and her husband David acquired PDM in February 2016, the day the March/April edition went to press. "In that edition, [Herrington] recognized her wonderful Bernie, the original spokes-dog for the magazine and I was able to recognize the dog of my life –K.D. Bear.



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It was a very fitting tribute to both beloved pets and the signaling of a new era," Dreves recalled.

The new era began with a new spokes-dog Hazel, a new publisher and 5 new writers.

Since 2017, the magazine's circulation has increased to 10,000 copies per issue, which closer meets the demands of the community. PDM writers cover aspects of the canine, feline and equestrian rescue world's and more.

"We keep growing and adding new features. I am thrilled that the publication continues

to grow and evolve. It's all for the love of the dog. It's why we do what we do," stated Dreves.

It might be fair to say that Cherie Dreves' future was foreshadowed by rescuing her first dog at the age of ten. "I couldn't understand why no one loved that cute little dog."

With the acquisition of 'Prescott Dog', Dreves lives her dream daily. The 10-year milestone for the magazine brings joy to Dreves' heart. "What an incredible period."

The stewardship of PDM marries her 40-year passion for animals with a profession-

al marketing and fundraising career spanning a quarter century. She recently completed her first book, *Bear Gets Her Wings*, inspired by K. D. Bear, "The dog of my life". It's published under Red Dog Publishing and available on Amazon.

"Over the next ten years, we will continue to bring you quality content, news from area rescues, and adoptable pets that are looking for their forever homes. We will continue to be a devoted, direct voice for the rescue community as well as enhancing the human-animal bond. Everything we do, we do it for the dog."

Besides putting out the news of the canine, feline and equine rescue world, each year 'Prescott Dog Magazine' produces three adoption events; KITTYpalooza, WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest. These events are designed to raise awareness of the need for loving, deserving animals to find happy new forever homes.

Prescott Dog Magazine will celebrate its 10th anniversary at this year's Dogtoberfest on Sunday, October 7 at Watson Lake Park, Prescott. For details, visit:

[www.prescottdog.com](http://www.prescottdog.com)

## PRESCOTT DOG CONTRIBUTORS

The 'Prescott Dog Magazine' contributors research and write the stories for every issue. Our writers are excited about celebrating 10 years of Prescott Dog and look forward to many more.

**Heidi Dahms Foster** has been a long-time PDM contributor and as a lifelong dog lover "I've seen dog ownership evolve through the years. One of the best developments is that there is so much more for the average dog owner to do with their pets, regardless of whether they are purebred or mixed breed."

Foster also helps promote the partnership of area law enforcement K9s and their officers.

**Cheryl Hartz** wrote for the first PDM edition after publisher Cherie Dreves purchased the magazine and continues contributing the outdoor/trails features.

Hartz worked in the newspaper industry for many years and is known for her

outstanding sports writing as well as news and features – she also received the Arizona Game and Fish Outdoor Writer of the Year award.

**Rita Thompson-Tinsley** has been writing for PDM since 2013 and has two rescue lab mixes and horses.

Tinsley stays active in several organizations including the Chino Valley Equine Park (development and promotion) and WDAAZ (Western Dressage Association of AZ). Her equestrian and western writing has been featured in Arizona publications and international magazines.

**Briana Lonas** is the PDM Staff Writer and has been writing for the magazine since 2016. She has always lived with animals – from horses and goats to dogs and chickens. She resides with her husband in Dewey where the couple

caters to their Labrador/hound mix and three cats.

Lonas has rescued and rehabilitated most of her pets throughout the years and feels that writing for PDM honors her commitment to help enrich the lives of animals.

**Gary DeGeronimo** has enjoyed writing about K-9 service and training and has been a Canine Behavior Specialist for almost thirty years.

He is currently the founder and director of Training for Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, a non-profit charitable organization providing trained and qualified service dogs for those in need, including children with autism.

**Portrait Park by J** In 2018 Prescott Dog welcomed a partnership with Portrait Park by J. "Jay and Terilyn's creativity has resulted in some beautiful covers," Dreves said.

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## Josiah's House

Josiah was rescued in 2016 from the euthanasia list at a high-kill shelter. Knowing we had rehabilitated other pups who were in the same situation—extremely fearful and scheduled to die due to no fault of their own—we gladly took on this beautiful boy.

Our hope and deepest desire was to help Josiah overcome his fear, learn to trust again, and start to live a life free from his past. Well, Josiah had other plans.

He has become our nanny-dog at No Longer Astray (NLA); he loves all dogs and has assisted many pups transition into rescue life. He welcomes them into his kennel, shares his food, bed, and



toys gladly. But for Josiah dogs are his friend, people are not. While we will never know his past, we do know that Josiah had a less-than-perfect home and most likely an abusive one... somewhere.

After two years at NLA, Josiah is still extremely fearful of other people. He has bonded with our director after years of patient and gentle handling, but he has not moved forward through most of his fears and will likely live out the rest of his life at the rescue. He is the sweetest boy and deserves to live in a home environment where he can feel safe.

We will give him that. He will have his own couch to sleep on, room to move around and play with the other rescue pups, and it will give us the opportunity to work on our relationship in a quiet and safe place.

Josiah doesn't have a mean bone in his body, but he will cringe when you touch him, pancake when he is unsure or startled, and shake if

you enter his kennel — especially if you have forgotten to take off your sunglasses or move too quickly around him. And never raise your voice; he is terrified of that, even if it's just in fun.

Please help NLA help this precious pup have a beautiful, safe home to call his own? He deserves it!

We have a very gracious local builder who is willing to donate his time to build Josiah's house. The approximate cost (including a perimeter fence), is \$3,000. This will include a large grass area for when he wants to lay outside or has a friend over to play.

Josiah's house will also have heat and cooling for the hot summers and cold winters. He has helped many



new pups in NLA and will continue to do that in his new home. Knowing how fearful Josiah is, it's amazing to see him calm a new, scared arrival. He seems to know he's needed.

NLA specializes in severe fear issues, and we hope to build several more houses like Josiah's in the future to continue to help those who are passed by and eventually end up on euthanasia lists because they aren't considered adoptable. We have had other dogs like Josiah move through their fears—dogs who are now living in wonderful homes. All of these dogs deserve a chance.

You can make a donation to No Longer Astray via PayPal, GoFundMe, or through the mail. Cash donations are also accepted.

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## Yavapai Humane Society

### From Hurt to Home—Bella's Story

When sweet Bella, a seven-year-old Rottweiler, was found wandering in the desert 60 miles from Kingman, Arizona, she was in awful shape. She was suffering from a serious, life-threatening head wound and several lacerations on her body and legs. Alone and in pain, she had been fighting for her life for almost two weeks in the desert's extreme summer heat.

Thankfully, she was found by a good Samaritan who contacted the authorities, and Bella was brought to Yavapai Humane Society (YHS). The knowledgeable and compassionate clinic team at YHS quickly assessed Bella's wounds. They weren't sure what caused the

injuries, which included a head wound so severe part of her skull was visible, but speculated they were likely from fighting off a wild animal such as a coyote. Bella clearly needed surgery as soon as possible, and so the YHS clinic team went into action.

When Bella came out of surgery she was treated her to minimize her pain and help her recover from malnutrition, which weeks wandering in the desert had caused. Bella's sweet personality made it clear to the YHS team she had a loving home with people who missed her. During her recovery she gave YHS team members lots of gentle kisses and tail wags. Maybe it was her way of thanking them for caring for her.

News of Bella's injuries and rescue quickly spread. Thanks to the Facebook rescue community, Bella's story was shared over 1,500 times. Many reached out to Yavapai Humane Society asking for updates and offering to donate.

Early one morning, three days after Bella's surgery, an elderly couple came into the YHS lobby with tears in their eyes. They told staff their dog had been missing for 15 days, and they feared the worst until they read Bella's story on Facebook. They said her name was Ebony, and they wanted nothing more than to take her home and give her loving care as she continues to heal.

YHS team members took the sweet, distraught couple to see Ebony and confirm it was their missing dog. As soon as Ebony spotted her parents, excitement was evident in the tail wags and kisses she gave them. YHS staff members were overcome with emotion and tears as they watched the exciting reunion.

Ebony is a survivor, and, thanks to caring compas-

sionate animal lovers, the team at Yavapai Humane Society was able to care for her and return her home. Since her tearful reunion, Ebony has slept safely and comfortably in her own bed with thoughts of wandering hurt in the desert far from her mind.

If you would like to donate to help animals like Ebony you can visit www.yavapaihumane.org/star. The Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program provides funds to care for animals with critical medical needs that would provide them with a better quality of life.

Yavapai Humane Society is committed to finding the best possible outcome for the animals in their care, and has an excellent medical team with the experience to treat and heal sick and injured animals.



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UAF has taken in three kittens with Tarsal Hyporeflexia, which means they have no tendons or ligaments in their hind legs. This causes their legs to atrophy and form a twisty corkscrew. Karley, Angus, and Fergus were given names meaning strength.

Three veterinarians weighed in on their cases and recommended not to amputate at this time. The kittens move like baby seals, with their backends swishing back and forth. As adults, they will walk in a handstand fashion with their backends in the air and their legs atrophied to point where they will no longer be in the way, which is why the vets wanted to watch and wait.

Karley is already walking ten to twelve steps at a time on her front paws. Angus may need amputation at some point, as his deformities are such that he has trouble cleaning his nooks and crannies, and he has a bald spot on his knee that may develop a wound from scooting along.



Living up to their strong names, these kittens play hard, crawl up on furniture and cat trees, and love chasing laser lights. They are special-needs cats only because they move differently and have to learn how to do things differently — like scratching their ears with their front paws. Since they can't jump, they need their front claws to

not be trimmed, so they can pull themselves up onto furniture. They need homes that will help them embrace their deficits, not pamper them because of their deficits. Could yours be your home?

**MAMA MIA!**

When Rosie and Lacey came to UAF, we suspected that Rosie might be pregnant, but to the untrained eye Lacey looked like nothing but skin and bones. One of our volunteers had

a feeling about her though, and it turned out that Lacey was even further along than Rosie.

Both dogs went to a foster home to get healthy before the big day, and Lacey was feeling better by the time she delivered her pups in early June. Things were a bit more difficult for little Rosie, as judging by the size

of her belly, the pups' daddy must have been as large as she is petite. The poor girl looked about to burst.

On the last Friday in June, all signs indicated that labor was imminent. Saturday came and went, and still no puppies. On Sunday afternoon, Rosie was struggling. Her foster mom took her to the vet, where labor was induced and she was sent home. Sunday evening, still unable to deliver and in considerable discomfort, Rosie was taken to the pet emergency hospital where an emergency C-Section was performed. It turned out that Rosie really was too small for those puppies, because the first one had gotten stuck in her birth canal.

The bill for Rosie's care ran into the thousands, but the surgery saved her life and the lives of her pups. If you would like to help with the cost, please mark your tax-deductible donation for Veterinary Services—UAF Dogs. Any amount is appreciated.



**Unconditional Love: Special-Needs Adoptions**

In the quest to find perfect pets, some extraordinary dogs are rejected. "Special needs" dogs may have permanent but manageable medical conditions or injuries. With adjustments, they can become cherished family members worthy of unconditional love.

Rescue A Golden of Arizona (RAGofAZ) is committed to rescuing Golden Retrievers regardless of age, illness or injury. Here are two success stories:

At age seven, Leo was rescued from a shelter with muscle atrophy in his rear legs and severe osteoarthritis in his hips. He painfully walked at a slow and gingerly pace with his feet turned inward.

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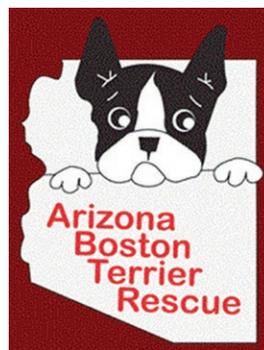
His adopters adore him — and the feeling is mutual.

Brinkley was found at a gas station. He became blind probably from an untreated infection acquired shortly after birth. That didn't stop a Prescott family from falling in love and accepting him.

Brinkley's Golden sister, Katie, is his guide dog, trainer, companion, and playmate. Brinkley is housebroken and "learning the ropes" from Katie.

All dogs won't have as good an outcome as Leo or Brinkley, but every dog deserves a second chance. A dog that is not "perfect" may be perfect for you.

To help RAGofAZ continue its "special" mission, please consider donating at: [www.golden-retriever.org](http://www.golden-retriever.org).

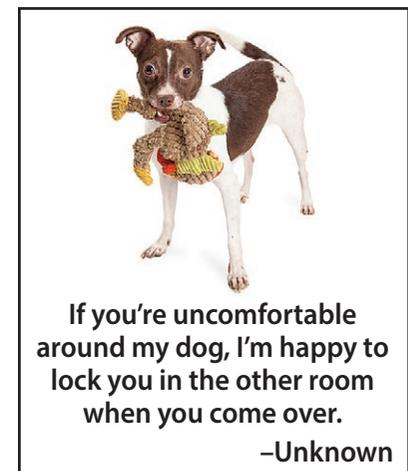


Arizona Boston Terrier Rescue currently has about 12 Boston Terriers available for adoption. Most of these Bostons are seniors ranging from 8-11, including a bonded pair of female Bostons.

We're having a tough time rehoming our seniors whose ages range from 9-11, who are very affectionate and still have lots of love to give. We also have two young blind dogs in rescue. One is Winnie, who came to us without one eye; her other eye had to be removed because of painful glaucoma. The other is Conan, who might be a candidate for Juvenile Cataract surgery. We're always looking for people who

have a soft spot for the seniors, so if there are any in the Prescott area, we have some dogs for you!

Arizona Boston Terrier Rescue (formerly Valley of the Sun Boston Terrier Rescue) has been actively rescuing needy Boston Terriers since 1975. The purpose and main function of Arizona Boston Terrier Rescue (AZBTR) is to promote humane treatment through rescue, rehabilitation, education and the re-homing of neglected, abandoned and unwanted Boston Terriers. [www.azbtrescue.org](http://www.azbtrescue.org)



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## CHINO VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Chino Valley Animal Shelter (CVAS) has had an incredible start this year. We've focused on upgrading our small shelter, and in June B&M Painting donated supplies and their time to paint the interior of the shelter. We are so happy with the new look.

On top of that, Tri-City Earthworks came out and revamped the play yards. We put in artificial turf and new rock. It looks amazing, and the dogs love the turf. The exterior was painted next. On top of all that, we received a grant and were able to purchase and install new kennel gates!

We're planning an open house so the public can stop in and see all

the new changes. This will happen sometime later this year.

At the end of June, CVAS became over capacity. To help, Chino Valley Animal Partners – a local nonprofit in Chino Valley – offered to sponsor adoptions from June 22 to July 15! Sixteen dogs and twelve cats found new homes for a total of 28 adoptions! We are so thankful for the help and so happy so many pets found new homes.

This year has just been amazing and very busy. We can't thank our volunteers enough for all the hard work they do, from cleaning, to walking dogs, to promoting us on social media. The staff of Adoption Specialist and Animal Control Officers love what they do and will continue helping the animals in their care and the community. Please watch our Facebook page for new updates.



"Big Hearts for Little Dogs" is our motto. We're Arizona Chihuahua Rescue (AZCR), and shelters from all over the state reach out to us. They know that we place our little dogs in loving foster homes, provide medical and dental care, work on potty training skills, feed nourishing meals, work on behavioral problems as we are able, and give our Chihuahuas lots of hugs and laps to sit on.

We carefully match our dogs with the right families. If for some reason things don't work out, we'll take back the dog and re-home him. We pride ourselves on the quality of our work and the skills we use to give our dogs the best care possible.

Cato's story is one of our successes. Someone found this little guy in an alley bleeding and screaming in pain. His injured leg required immediate care, and a good Samaritan rushed him to animal control, who in turn contacted us. One of our volunteers transported Cato to a veterinary clinic where he was evaluated and treated. After two surgeries his leg didn't heal, so the vet had to amputate it.

Cato, the three-legged Chi, has never allowed his physical disability to interfere with his happiness or his abilities to run and play like only a Chihootie can. He tried out for the part of Bruiser in the Arizona Broadway Theater

production of Legally Blonde. The theater knew talent when they saw it and gave Cato the leading role.

On the night of his performance, husband and wife, Susi and Roger, were sitting in the audience unable to take their eyes off this little dog. After the show ended, they met Cato and fell in love with his spirited personality. When they took him home to meet their other furry kid, they knew Cato would be the perfect match. They adopted him and changed his name to Buddy. Today, Buddy is healthy, lovable, as cute as a button and can outrun his four-legged sister, Micki Girl. Susi and Roger credit AZCR for our work in rescuing, fostering and thoroughly preparing Buddy for his forever home.

There is an overpopulation of Chihuahuas in Arizona. Many of them are abused, run the streets in fear, are starving, injured, or ill. We want to save them and find them homes free from fear and starvation. Our volunteers are dedicated to this end. We are a group of women and men who work closely together, love what we do, and feel overjoyed when we see one of our fosters adopted and living the best life possible.

Unfortunately, there are more Chihuahuas in need than there are fosters available. To save more dogs, we need more volunteers. If you can't foster, we have other jobs for you. We hope you'll want to help rescue Chihuahuas with us. It's not always easy, but it is rewarding, fun, and a way to meet new people and discover the world of our little dogs.

We're waiting to give you more information about volunteering, fostering, and adopting. Visit us on Facebook at Arizona Chihuahua Rescue.



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# DOGTOBERFEST 2018! CALLING ALL DOGS AND THEIR PET PARENTS!

It's Time for the 12th Annual DOGtoberfest on Sunday October 7th, 10am-3pm at Watson Lake Park in Prescott!



## Bark for a Cure

Two Bark for a Cure walks are planned as part of DOGtoberfest. The cost is \$15 to register your dog and yourself, and for every additional dog it's \$10. The doggie participants get to wear a special bandana.

If an owner raises \$100 or more, they receive a T-shirt. Bark for Life walks are scheduled to take place at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. The scenic surroundings of Watson Lake Park provide the perfect environment for the walk. Proceeds from the walk go to the American Cancer Society.

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## RESCUE ME CONTESTS!!!

Be sure to check out the newest contests at DOGtoberfest listed on this page. These contests highlight area rescue dogs, and all contestants will be available for adoption.

These contests were developed in response to last year's Best-Looking Dog competition. 'Rebel the Rescue' was entered by his foster mom into the competition. He was ultimately deemed to be The Best-Looking Dog. A family of spectators followed him back to the rescue and adopted him on the spot!

Be sure to watch these new contests because your future canine companion just might end up on stage!

## DOGtoberfest Annual Contests Calling All Dogs!!!

It's your time to show off your dog's talent, trick or beauty.

Register your dog at the contest tent by the stage, \$10 per entry; trophies and prizes awarded to the top three places in each contest. Dog race winners will receive a trophy and a prize.

With all of the new attractions, some folks may not know that DOGtoberfest is more than the ultimate celebration of 'All Things Dog' and a good time for all dog lovers – it also has a purpose: To elevate the plight of area homeless dogs. This event was designed to help area rescue dogs find their forever homes.

At press time 22 rescue organizations from around the state have committed to attend this year's event with dozens of adoptable dogs. Some of these animals understand that the shelter is their last stop. Luckily for them, an event such as DOGtoberfest could lead to their forever home.

Adoptions are at the heart of DOGtoberfest. Consider a rescue and save two lives! The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 4 million pets lose their lives in shelters each year, as more people surrender their pets than adopt. By adopting a shelter dog, more space becomes available for another animal in need of a loving home.

This is their day in the park! Feel free to bring your socialized dogs to DOGtoberfest, but please keep them on a standard 6-foot leash and be aware that animals unaccustomed to loud noises and other dogs may be overwhelmed by the environment.

Poo Poo (or doggie doo, if you prefer) bags will be available at the event, or you can bring your own from home. Please pick up after your pets and help keep the beautiful Watson Lake Park grounds enjoyable for everyone.

Visit the 12th annual DOGtoberfest and Adopt-a-Thon at the scenic Watson Lake Park on Sunday, October 7th from 10am to 3pm, located at 3101 Watson Lake Park Rd. in Prescott, Arizona.



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- **The Pet/Owner Look-A-Like Contest** 11:00am
- **The Best Costume Contest** 12:30pm
- **The Best Trick or Talent Contest** 1:30pm
- **The Best-Looking Dog Contest** 2:30pm
- **The Dog Races** – Enter at the contest booth, races take place in the Demo Arena. 3:00pm



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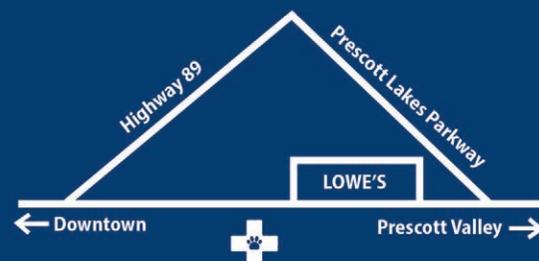
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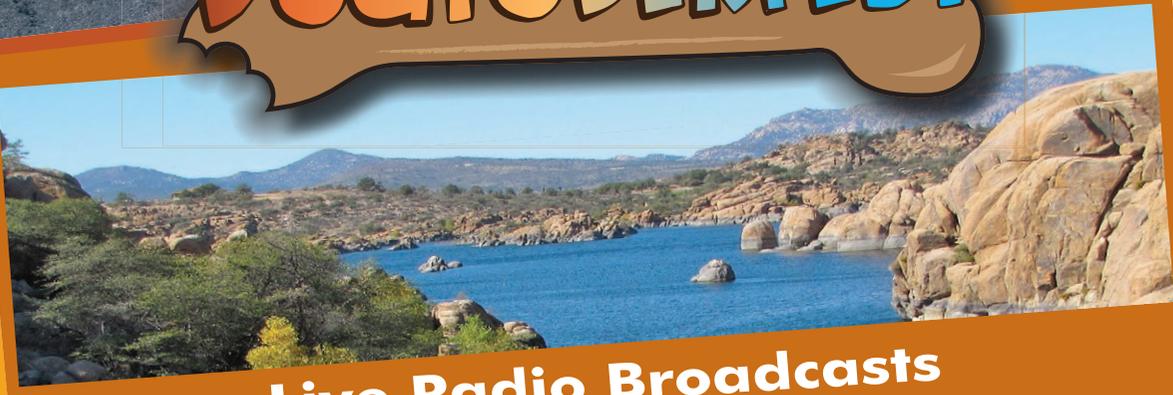


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MAIN STAGE		DEMO SCHEDULE	
9:45a	Invocation & Blessing of the Pets	10:00	Phoenix Area Disc Dogs
10:00a	Parade of Adoptable Dogs	10:30	Farbenholt Dog Training
11:00a	Pet/Owner Look Alike Contest	11:30	Chino Valley Canine Training Club
11:30a	<b>Rescue Me – Best Trick or Talent</b>	NOON	Free Canine Training Class
NOON	Parade Of Adoptable Dogs	1:00	Phoenix Area Disc Dogs
12:30	Best Costume Contest	1:30	Farbenholt Dog Training
1:00	<b>Rescue Me – Best-Looking Dog</b>	2:30	Chino Valley Canine Training Club
1:30	Best Trick Or Talent	3:00	Dog Races
2:30	Best-Looking Dog		
3:00	Dog Races – Demo Area		



For more information and pre-entry form for contests, go to [PrescottDog.com](http://PrescottDog.com). Contest & demo times subject to change.



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**SHELDON:** Shelton is a 6-year-old shepherd mix. He has proven to be very loveable and quiet, but sometimes a bit shy. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 x7.



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**DARCI:** Darci is a medium-sized boxer mix, a beautiful brindle and white in color. She is 11 months old. Yavapai Humane Society (928) 445-2666



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# LIBERTY MUTUAL OFFERS PET INSURANCE AND SO MUCH MORE

Story and photo by Briana Lonas

Adam England can talk about insurance packages all day. It's what he does. He's good at it. Without hesitation, he can even break down how a five-year annuity investment can pay out like a retirement benefit without worry from variable fluctuations in the market.

But there's something else people may not know.

"We have an awesome little dog policy, we can include that," England said and explained that about ten years ago with his own insurance plan, he noticed that his company offered a pet addendum as part of his group benefit. That was the first time he became aware that pet insurance could be an option for those seeking more protection.

England started with Liberty Mutual Insurance three years ago, and for about \$13 a month on his personal policy his dog is covered up to \$10,000 for an accident-related injury.

The pet insurance plan Liberty Mutual offers has different tiers for spay, neuter, teeth cleaning, preventative, and cancer care and is currently available for cats and dogs only. There would be a 10 percent discount for any additional dog or cat covered under the policy, he explained and added that his Golden/Doodle mix Oliver is covered under an accident plan.

It's a happy coincidence that England's business

offers the pet coverage policies because he's a self-professed dog lover and takes his pet everywhere he goes.

"Oliver didn't start out very good with people," he laughed, and said that he would walk around the square to help socialize his dog. That's where he first picked up a copy of the Prescott Dog Magazine. Since then, he's advertised in the magazine and attends many of the events listed within the publication.

"It's nice being able to go to Dogtoberfest or Kitypalooza, it's great to be able to take Oliver. It's that common ground for everybody," he said, referring to how dog-friendly Prescott is because of all the local establishments that cater to the animal community. England is proud to work for a company that takes into consideration the needs of pet owners.

England is a fifth-generation Arizona native, grew up in the Prescott area and graduated from Bradshaw Mountain High School.

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Story by Briana Lonas. Photo courtesy of Ann Ferens.

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Ferens graduated from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and has practiced in Michigan, California, and Arizona. She has experience in clinic, racetrack, and shelter medicine and began

making house calls as a way of blending her family life with a busy practice.

"I always loved animals, and I decided when I was 7 years old that I would become a veterinarian." She comes from a medical family and helping animals was a natural fit.

One of her favorite success stories is when she treated a senior Labrador Retriever.

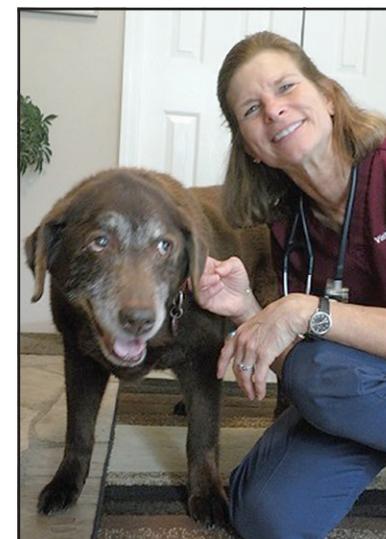
"The owners thought they would have to euthanize him; he could barely get around," Ferens said.

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# LEFF-T'S STEAKHOUSE & GRILL SERVES UP HOMETOWN COMFORT...AND DOGS ARE WELCOME, TOO!

Story and photos by Briana Lonas

As soon as you walk into Leff-T's Steakhouse and Grill, the tasteful, Western décor sets the mood for a casual dining experience a notch above the competition.

Raven has owned the restaurant for ten years and started the place with her husband. "I've been in the restaurant business my entire life, other than short breaks," she said.

"We stress our customer service. We do extensive training for our people compared to other eateries. We always have a manager on duty. Everyone should feel at home," she said.

If that weren't enough, the outdoor patio is dog-friendly.

"I love the dogs. We were the first restaurant legally allowed to have dogs on our patio in the county."

The staff abides by strict rules that include cleaning up the patio after lunch and dinner.

'Prescott Dog Magazine' appreciates Leff-T's Steakhouse's support of Woofstock and Dogtoberfest.

The menu features high-quality steaks aged from 21 to 28 days, and 95 percent of the menu items are made from scratch.

Main courses may include a salad and homemade bread with butter and apple butter. The menu includes sandwiches, appetizers, soups, fajitas, pasta, seafood, burgers and lighter entrees.

Comments from the restaurant website mention that it's not only a favorite place for the Dewey locals, it's a destination for many folks in the quad-cities area.

People rave about the full bar, fajitas and the healthy portions that almost always require a doggie bag. Patrons

love the service and rave to their friends that it's the place to go for a surprisingly delicious menu where great care is taken to ensure flavor and eye appeal.

A recent visit by this writer confirms that Leff-T's delivers the right mix of friendly and efficient customer service. The outside of the building houses several other businesses and don't worry if the place appears packed – it usually is but the wait is typically minimal and bar seating is available until a table is ready. The wait is worth every minute and the food will not disappoint.

Salads are served cold and fresh with a hint of cilantro and thin slices of jicama. The bread is indeed made fresh on the premises. The filet mignon is outstanding, what else can you say when the meat nearly melts in your mouth?

The center cut ribeye steak is perfectly marbled and the menu includes "add-ons" for your steak such as bleu or garlic butter and grilled onions, mushrooms or peppers.

The sandwich selections include a Reuben, meat loaf and barbecued pulled



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Please note that Leff-T's does not take reservations

pork. If you feel lucky and have room for dessert, try the hot fudge brownie sundae or the old-fashioned bread pudding. The other menu items are equally tasty.

A few TV sets adorn the bar section of the eatery. They blend in nicely with the low-key ambience. No matter where you sit, there are plenty of quaint items on the walls to look at.

Leff-T's offers a comfortable vibe a few paces back from the hustle and bustle of the outside world.



## BARKING BACK AGAINST CANCER BARK FOR LIFE EVENT BECOMES PART OF DOGTOBERFEST LINE-UP

Story by Briana Lonas. Photo courtesy of Kristi Jones.



Kristi Jones is no stranger to fighting causes close to her heart. The closest is her involvement with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event for more than a decade. She got involved after her close friend lost her battle with cancer. Since then, Jones has watched friends and family members lose their battles to the disease. Which has galvanized her resolve to continue the fight.

One of many sanctioned ACS events is Bark for Life – a non-competitive walk event for dogs

and their owners to raise funds and awareness for the ACS's fight against cancer. ACS realizes what our canine companions do for our healing.

"A lot of communities have standalone Bark events. In our area, because we have events like WOOFstock and DOGtoberfest that are so established, I really didn't want to create another event, but I wanted to have a Bark event here." Last year, Bark for Life was held in conjunction with WOOFstock.

Jones and publisher Cherie Dreves have worked closely on several projects over the years.

"Our relationship provided the solution. When Kristi approached me about including Bark at one of our events, how could I resist? Pets make all the difference in our lives, this is another way of honoring that bond." Dreves commented. "We're very blessed

to be part of DOGtoberfest," Jones said.

It costs \$15 to register your dog and yourself and for every additional dog it's \$10. The doggie participants get to wear a special bandana. This year's event will also offer cardboard dog paws whereby people may write the names of their dogs and honor those gentle spirits human or companion who've lost their battle.

If an owner raises \$100, they receive a T-shirt. Bark for Life walks are scheduled to take place at 10:30AM and 1:30PM. The scenic surroundings of Watson Lake Park provide the perfect environment, Jones stated.

Participants may enjoy a fun-filled day before or after their walk including demonstrations, contests and games.

Jones said the Bark for Life helps celebrate the qualities that canine companions provide while at the

same time letting your dog bark back against cancer.

"I love the whole concept of the collaboration and the event benefits the American Cancer Society." Jones will participate with her dog, a Labrador/mix rescue. If you'd like to join her, and bark back against cancer – visit:

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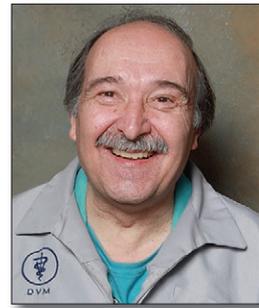
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## ON THE TRAIL: FIND FANTASTIC FALL COLOR IN FLAGSTAFF

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

Kachina Peaks Wilderness and the surrounding area in the Coconino National Forest outside of Flagstaff offer the premier fall color experience in Arizona, for my money. Or, more accurately, for free.

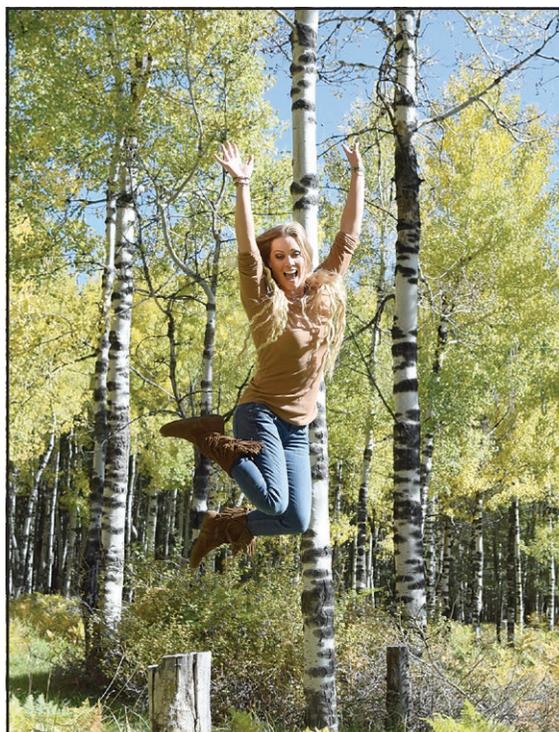
This part of northern Arizona presents so many options. You can pack a picnic and bushwhack into Hart Prairie, or get on the Hart Prairie Loop – a hiking/biking trail, that is just outside the Kachina Peaks Wilderness where bicycles are not permitted.

Humphreys Trail #151 (on, where else? Mount Humphreys) is more than five miles one way, rocky and steep. This can be done as a day hike, but would be a long day and you'd need to start early, especially when summer's over and daylight disappears much sooner.

My husband actually experienced altitude sickness (the only time in his life) on Trail 151 decades ago when we were new to Arizona. He suffered a severe headache, but kept going to the top anyway – not the recommended course for altitude sickness. Dormant volcano Mount Humphreys peaks at 12,643

feet, more than 7,000 feet higher than nearly mile-high Prescott Valley, where we live. At 10,000 feet, the atmosphere is only half that at sea level. This can make breathing difficult, as well, even for those in good shape.

Reduced air pressure and



Cool, colorful autumn days make hikers leap for joy.

lower oxygen levels at high altitude cause the sickness. The only remedy is to hike back down, which is no fun with pounding head and heaving stomach. To help prevent altitude sickness, make sure you're hydrated at the start of the hike, drink water along the way, and take it slow. Eat foods high in carbohydrates. Definitely avoid alcohol and tobacco before and during the hike.

But, back to the trail. Get up Mount Humphreys – the highest in Arizona – any way you can. The view is unparalleled from the San Francisco Peaks, which includes the three mountains surrounding Mount Humphreys. (That trio also is higher than any others in the state.) In National Forest Service parlance, these are the volcanic highlands. From the sum-

mit, you can see all the way to the north rim of the Grand Canyon, 80 miles away.

When it isn't ski season, the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort offers rides on one lift up to an elevation of 11,500 feet. I didn't feel it was cheating last fall to give my aging, aching feet a break and ride slowly up the mountain to view the green and gold panorama of Ponderosa pines interspersed with massive groves of aspen. Near the treeline only bent and twisted bristlecone pines survive.

The view is just as breathtaking in winter, blanketed with snow. But you'll need to wear skis to access the lift then!

From Lockett Meadow campground, the Inner Basin Trail is yet another option for your fall color viewing pleasure. You can hike or bike here, but horses are not permitted in the campground or the Inner Basin.

Large elk herds, eagles, ospreys, black bears, coyotes, pronghorns, mountain lions, and porcupines claim territories in northern Arizona's high country. Some people swear re-introduced and endangered Mexican gray wolf packs have taken up residence in and around Flagstaff from the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, but don't believe it. Social media can be a dangerous tool providing sensational scare tactics from those who wish to further their own agendas. It's not science. The reality is: wolves that wander from the A-S Blue Range are recaptured and relocated.

Keep in mind that snow can happen anytime of the year at high elevations, and temperatures drop rapidly in the late afternoon and early evening, as the sun sets.

To get to Hart Prairie, or the Snow Bowl, you'll take State Route 180 out of Flagstaff. For Lockett Meadow, take State Route 89. To see a map of the area, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/SnowBowlArea>

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# K9 BEAT: A NEW DOG ON BOARD, AND NEW PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR YAVAPAI COUNTY K9 UNIT

By Heidi Dahms Foster



**Maximus, a Dutch Shepherd narcotics dog, has joined YCSO K9 Unit. Courtesy YCSO.**

What didn't work out for the Avondale Police Department has turned into a gift for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.

Avondale recently offered Maximus, a Dutch Shepherd, to YCSO for a reduced price after the dog refused to bite during patrol duties.

While Avondale needs dual narcotics/patrol dogs, YCSO dogs are single purpose narcotics detection animals, and Maximus just happens to be highly trained and successful at finding drugs.

YCSO K9 Deputy Jarrod Winfrey is excited about the dog, and the fact that Maximus would rather not bite doesn't bother him a bit. "Our dogs are lovers, not fighters," he said. "Maximus is right up our alley."

Experienced K9 Deputy John Bounds, who currently handles Cyrus, a Belgian Malinois, will now partner with Maximus. Cyrus will retire with Bounds, taking on the important duties of "couch potato" in the Bounds household.



**Deputy John Bounds, shown here with Cyrus, will handle YCSO's new K9 Maximus. Courtesy Chris Kissling Photography.**

The Yavapai County K9 Unit currently consists of Bounds and Cyrus; Winfrey and Gemma; Trevor Hearl and Vader; and Stephen Warburton and Viper. The department is looking for another dog as well, as Viper, who is an aggressive worker that doesn't fit YCSO's needs, will go to the Ar-

izona Department of Corrections, which uses dual purpose patrol/narcotics dogs.

"The Department of Corrections gives us the academy training for our K9s and their handlers, and this is a way for us to pay them back," Winfrey said. "Viper is a trained patrol dog that they can put right into service. We want super social dogs, and Viper is not."

Winfrey said he hopes to find another Dutch Shepherd like Maximus for the YCSO. He feels the breed is, if not more intelligent than the Malinois, better at thinking.

"My first dog was a Dutch Shepherd. From my experience they are maybe not as physically fast, but they are thinkers. You see them work to the source of odor, and work out the problem," he said.

The Dutch Shepherds are hard to come by, he said, nearly becoming extinct after World War II. Winfrey is glad to have another one in the department, and one that can go right to work.

"Maximus is a made dog. He and Officer Bounds will have a bonding period, then will be certified as a team, and go to work."

He appreciates Avondale's help in obtaining the dog. "It's nice when departments help each other out."

Maximus, according to Winfrey, is a "big lover." That means the public will no doubt be meeting him at many of YCSO's community events in the future.

## YCSO K9 Deputy Steven Warburton receives Congressional recognition

Congressman Paul Gosar recently honored YCSO K9 Deputy Steven Warburton with the Congressional Law Enforcement Recognition Award."

Deputy Warburton started training dogs with his family, who volunteered with search and rescue dogs, Winfrey said, "So when he came into our unit, he had all that knowledge and helped us out, because he'd been running dogs all his life. He's a SWAT team member and in the best physical shape of anyone in our department. He's just an all-around awesome guy."

Winfrey noted one incident in which deputies received a report of a man who had thrown someone from a vehicle. While deputies pursued the suspect's vehicle, Warburton quickly interviewed the victim and determined

that the suspect was armed. He relayed the information to pursuing deputies right away.

Because Warburton obtained and passed on the information so quickly, officers were aware of the danger they might encounter with the suspect. "We had advance knowledge because of how fast he was able to think. He really does a good job," Winfrey said.

## Upgrades enhance safety of YCSO K9s

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has upgraded its K9 vehicles with new heat alarms that through a cell phone app alert officers to the temperatures in the vehicle. The old sensors would set off an alarm when the heat in the vehicle became dangerous, which K9 Deputy Jarrod Winfrey said could be "too late." The new app allows the deputies to see real time temperatures in the vehicle at all times, before they reach the danger level.

If the temperatures begin to elevate, the app sends a message to the deputy's radio, cell phone, and to dispatch, which can send someone right away if the deputy cannot quickly reach the vehicle.

Law enforcement K9s can get hurt on the job, and Dr. Wayne Svoboda of Hayden Road Animal Hospital in Scottsdale, who specializes in treating the unique needs of law enforcement K9s in Arizona, has created a top of the line first aid kit and emergency manual for K9 handlers. YCSO K9 deputies now carry these kits in their vehicles.

Deputy Winfrey's Gemma recently ingested a puff of cocaine when she tore a bag during a training exercise. Because Winfrey had the kit and instructions, he was able to treat her properly and she is fine.



**Congressman Paul Gosar honors Deputy Steven Warburton with recognition award. Courtesy Chris Kissling Photography.**

Most importantly, Winfrey said, the kits can buy time if the K9s are injured in the field. Deputies cover a vast area in Yavapai County, and at any time could be more than an hour away from a veterinary hospital. The kits are stocked with medications and first aid supplies, along with instructions, to treat such injuries as a chest wound, drug ingestion, or even a field tracheotomy if needed to save a K9's life.

Hopefully the deputies will never need the kits, but they provide another way to insure the safety of these animals that are valued not only for the work they do, but for the bond they have with their handlers.



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# MAKING HORSE SENSE: TRAVELING WITH YOUR HORSE

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

The only thing better than planning an amazing vacation with your horse is to actually experience the adventure.

Within the equestrian world there are a handful of reasons to trailer out with your horse. It may be a vacation to see the country and experience new trails. It could be to attend a horse event or competition where you want to participate. Whatever the reason for your journey here are some ways that you can prepare yourself and your horse.

Horse trainer and NRHA World Champion Ben Balow has logged a few miles in his day. "It was nothing to transport 20 horses to the big shows in Burbank, Las Vegas, or Oklahoma City," claims Balow.



Trainer and NRHA World Champion Ben Balow. Courtesy Waltenberry, Inc.

His rule of thumb was to drive 11 to 12 hours, offering water every 4-6 hours. He had established favorite places to stay that would accommodate the horses and crews.

Ben shared his packing list which turned out to be a very full and extensive 2 1/2 pages. It includes pre-loading procedures, loading supplies from water buckets to a can of Fix a Flat, splint boots, bell boots, show pads, and work pads.

There are essentials for the Medicine Box including Bute, Banamine, syringes and needles, bandages, leg wrap, and a topical ointment such as Furizone. Certifications are especially important when you travel over state lines, or entering a show facility. Each horse must have particular papers, health and Coggins certifications, for example.

You can imagine the list for the Groom Box. Everything from rubber curries and assorted

brushes to shampoos, conditioners, fly spray, and clippers. Then there's the miscellaneous chairs and ice chest, leather hole punch, ice boots, and the all-important duct tape. These days Ben's rate of travel has slowed down significantly, but he continues to compete and coach non-pros from his Skull Valley, Arizona ranch, with his truly unparalleled winning style.

Karen Moseley is known around town and trail as an expert orchestrator of fabulous rides. She and husband Mark did a month-long venture through a multitude of national parks, hailing our American flag along the way. Their journey started at the Petrified Forest, then on to Canyon De Chelly in Arizona.



Karen Moseley at Bighorn National Forest

Mark and Karen camped in the West Fork Dolores River in southern Colorado, rode the Gobbler Trail and Fish Creek Trail, where they fished the river for dinners. On they went to Telluride and camped on the north rim of the Black Canyon of Gunnison National Park where they rode Dead Horse Trail. In between there was Rocky Mountain National Park, a stay at the Hot Springs County Fairgrounds in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Bighorn National Forest.

They entered the awe-inspiring Yellowstone National Park from the northeast and rode their horses on a nature trail near Yellowstone Lake. The Moseleys experienced the Grand Tetons Target Lake Trail and spent a night at the Jackson Hole Wyoming fairgrounds. When they returned to Yellowstone they rode on the Blacktail Trail to a suspension bridge, which they crossed on horseback, and were later chased by bison. They consider this trail the biggest adrenaline rush of their vacation.

Heading south towards Monument Valley, they stopped on the road where Forrest Gump pedaled his bike in the movie. Karen insisted on riding her horse down the same road. They ended their monumental trip by trailering to the Grand Canyon National Park, where they rode

the horses along the rim.

Not all of us may have the time and ability to do a huge excursion like Karen and Mark, but note their planning of accommodations. They camped at many of the national parks they went to see and utilized local county fairgrounds taking in a rodeo or two.



Dry Camping at Emmanuel Pines Camp

There are also campgrounds and horse motels that make short travel enjoyable. Karen recently booked a group camping weekend at Emmanuel Pines Camp in Prescott. The riders dry camped and experienced beautiful trail rides. The campground offered 6-covered stalls, a larger uncovered pen, and a large pasture.

Marlowe and Luke Woelfl enjoy camping at Groom Creek up in the pines. They, like others, bring portable panels to accommodate their horses when not riding. Marlowe recommends when you pack to include extra cinches, bridles and pads, plus horse boots in case someone



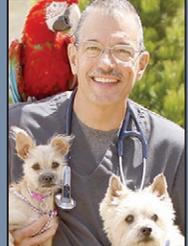
Mark Moseley riding Spence Springs Trail



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Luke Woelfl relaxing at Groom Creek

loses a shoe or boot. She finds it vital to bring water from home and to add free granulated salt to grain or a salt block to aid in hydration.

Loose and netted hay is known to help keep their gut motility.

For information regarding horse travel adventures, below are some references you might want to check out.

Happy Horsing Around!

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## EQUESTRIAN NEWS

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

### The Prescott Regulators Long Riders 4th Annual 10-Mile Trail Ride & Parade

Celebrating the National Day of the Cowboy on Saturday, July 28th, 94 trail riders were saddled up early and ready to roll. The annual event, originated by The Prescott Regulators and Their Shady Ladies, coincided with the famous Shoot Out on Whiskey Row, a long celebrated Prescott attraction.

The Long Riders ride began at the Granite Dells Trail Head, meandering south on the Granite Dells Peavine Trail, passing through Yavapai tribal land, then entering Downtown Prescott with the aid of a police escort. After a brief recess to take a break and water horses, the Long Riders formed into a parade line carrying flags and commenced riding down Whiskey Row past the Prescott Regulators Shoot Out area among the screaming and cheering crowd of onlookers.



Long Riders 2018.  
Courtesy of WLR Photography.

Long Riders organizers included 4 trail bosses: Liv Nilsen, Brian Besser, Mike Tickle and Darrin Gray. And, the event was 25+ strong in generous sponsors. Definitely something to trot about.

### Chino Valley Equestrian Park Proud to Report Plenty of Progress

According to Chino Valley Equestrian Association Secretary Jean McFadzen, Chino Valley Equestrian Park has something to "ride" home about. In the last 12 months, the community run park at 2208 Equestrian Way in Chino Valley, has managed to tremendously improve the principle arena's footing by adding over 300 tons of arena mix sand. "Deep and fluffy," is how McFadzen describes the new luxurious footing. In addition, the park has invested in a TR3 dragging apparatus for the purpose of grooming both arenas effectively, plus a water trailer with regulation water-fill station to be on the grounds.

The park offers Open Riding for members on Thursdays and Saturdays and has held eight super horse events and shows during the last year. The schedule for fall 2018 features an Open Horse Show on September 2nd which will include an adventurous obstacle trail course. There will be a Fall Gymkhana Buckle Series and the year-end Open House to celebrate a year of great accomplishments from a great community.

For more information on Chino Valley Equestrian Park and their activities, visit: [www.cvequestrianpark.com](http://www.cvequestrianpark.com)

*A note of gratitude to our Prescott community and their four legged friends,*

We, the team of Prescott Animal Hospital, would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all our clients for their kindness, enthusiasm and positivity during the construction of our new hospital. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to continue to provide Prescott with the standard of care we believe you all deserve in a new setting. We had outgrown our current location years ago but wanted to take the time to really get this right for the needs of the area. Our clients, each one of you, are what makes us one in a million community. We cherish our long term clients and all the new faces we see in and around the community.

We also would like to thank **Peterson Physical Therapy<sup>2</sup>** and their patients for their patience! Having such a wonderful and understanding neighbor as Peterson Physical Therapy<sup>2</sup> to share a driveway with, has been appreciated. *Big Lots, Lindo Mexico and Prescott Modern Dentistry and Orthodontics* has allowed us to use their parking. Truly this is what our small town is about and what sets Prescott and the surrounding area apart from other towns.

The next couple of months will continue to be a time of adjustment. Having more exam rooms and adding three more doctors and several more team members to our PAH family, will keep us all on our toes. Check out our website and Facebook pages for updates and to meet our growing team. We are anxious for them to meet you all and see what makes our clients, our friends, stand out from everywhere else!

Our virtual tour will be available soon and intend is to have a grand opening event our facility this fall.



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# BILLY THE KID LEAVES LEGACY OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE DOGS

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos by Loni Hunt and Heidi Dahms Foster.

The service dog world lost a much-loved member in July. Golden Retriever Billy the Kid has left behind a far-reaching legacy, not only in his offspring, but most importantly in the life of his breeder, owner and best friend, Loni Hunt.

Billy's loss is particularly hard for Loni. Not only has he been her special friend since the day he was born, but he later became her service dog, helping her to function with Parkinson's Disease.

Billy has a stellar record as a sire of physically and mentally healthy service dogs. He was named the 2016 Hero Dog Sire of the Year with the National Hero Dog Breeders Association, an American Kennel Club program formed to provide education, regulation and coordination for service dogs.

Just seven years old, Billy lost his life after a virus he contracted at a health event in Phoenix affected his heart.

"Two years ago," Loni said, "I took Billy to a health fair. He apparently contracted some kind of virus. He began to show hair loss and was droopy. I took him to the vet, and everything seemed OK, but he had a dysrhythmia in his heart. We took him to a canine cardiologist, who found Billy had developed myocarditis from the infection."

The cardiologist told Loni he did not think Billy would survive for three months. But with great care and medications, he lived for two more years. Grateful for the added time, Loni said his loss still was heart wrenching during a time when she is battling cancer.

"It was not a good time to have to say good-



bye to my baby," she said.

The two were exceptionally close. Long-time dog trainer and behaviorist Gary DeGeronimo of Gentle Hearts Service Dogs, who has trained and placed many of Loni's specially bred service dogs, remembers the bond between the two.

"Billy and Loni had a special connection,

and as we began a training program for Billy that special connection grew stronger and stronger," Gary said. "I would place four or five dogs, including Billy, on one side of a store aisle and have the handlers walk to the other side while their dogs stayed until called. Billy found it extremely difficult to stay and allow Loni to walk across the room. And that was fine as Loni had perfect control of Billy at all times.

"Billy always had a watchful eye on Loni and no matter what event they attended together, wandering away was not an option. Many times

during training or just walking in a store, Loni would drop Billy's leash and without missing a step Billy would pick it up and either hand it to Loni or walk next to her with the leash in his mouth."

Raising Billy was not all fun and games, however. The young dog was famous as a "counter surfing" thief. This quality was how he received his name "Billy the Kid."

"He stole everything," Loni said. "If I had a cleaning rag in my back pocket, he would sneak up behind me

and take off running through the house. He would steal everything he could get his mouth around – a whole ham at Easter, an angel food cake – anything I left out

to cool. My husband had to build a special cabinet for those things. We called it the 'Billy safe.' When there was something in there, he would sit and stare at it."

When Gary first met Billy, he knew he faced a challenge.

"In my first encounter with Billy, I felt that I met the true definition of a diamond in the rough," he said. "Although he was an extremely handsome young Golden Retriever, his behavior could only be described, at times, as nuclear. He was big and strong, and it was obvious that he needed an intervention. But it didn't take long to realize that Billy definitely had what it took to be an awesome service dog for Loni, and that this was the beginning of an even stronger relationship between them."

"I didn't think Billy would make a service dog," Loni said. "But when he turned a year and a half old, he settled down, and within three months had completed all the qualifications that normally take a year, and was certified. He was totally a natural. I could talk to that dog like I was talking to you, and he knew what I needed. If my blood sugar dropped, he would lay his head on my chest and whine. If my heart rate went too high, he would absolutely demand I sit down, or he'd take my arm and drag me through the house to the counter where my medication was. No one taught him that."

Of all the dogs Loni, an AKC Breeder of Merit, has bred and raised, she said Billy was the standout.

"Billy is just different," she said in an interview last year. "I can't put my finger on it. From the very moment he was born, he was attached to me."

Billy's legacy shines through in his puppies, most evident in a recent ironic turn of events. Loni has bred pups for several years for Gary DeGeron-



imo. One fateful day this past June, a Billy granddaughter in training saved Gary's life. (You can read that story on page 10.)

Loni would no doubt say Gary's story is why she puts all of the love, time, study, work, and money into her breeding program. The difference the dogs make is worth the effort.

"He has not produced a dud as far as health, intelligence, and well-adjusted temperament," she said. "I found early on that the love of a dog, any dog, can just work wonders, especially with children, elderly people, and people who have gone through trauma. When the doctors can't do any more, the dogs can."

Billy worked some wonders in his life, and now his pups and grandpups are working some wonders of their own, with his same gentle nature and personality. His son is now Loni's husband's service dog, and another related dog, Misty, is training to be Loni's new service dog.

Recently, Loni said, she had an episode with her heart, and Billy's son climbed into her lap and laid his head on her chest. "I don't know what was worse, my heart or my crying, he looked so much like Billy," she said. "(Billy's

loss) will always be hard. There is no way around it when you have a dog that special. People need to know that he wasn't just another service dog.

"There are a lot of service dogs out there both real and fake, but Billy the Kid was something very, very special."



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Adoption Coordinator  
Minpinmom@hotmail.com

**PIT BULL**

Pittie Me Rescue  
Gilbert, pittiemerescue.org  
pittiemerescue@gmail.com

**POODLE**

Arizona Poodle Rescue  
(602) 325-1585,  
arizonapoodlerescue.org

**PUG**

Arizona Pug Adoption and  
Rescue Network (APARN)  
(480) 964-3126, aparn.org

**PUGGLE**

Arizona Puggle Rescue, Inc.  
Tucson (520) 250-2034, azpuggle.org

**SAINT BERNARD**

Arizona Saint Bernard Rescue  
(480) 951-8495, saintrescue.org/arizona.  
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**SAMOYED**

AZ Samoyed Rescue  
azsammyrescue@yahoo.com

**SCHNAUZER (GIANT)**

Valley of the Sun Giant  
Schnauzer Rescue  
Mesa (602) 212-6775  
vsgiantschnauzerrescue.org

**SHAR PEI**

Pei People Shar Pei Rescue, Inc.  
Lake Forest, CA  
(AZ) Kim (520) 730-5183 or  
Trish (480) 390-2208  
peipeople.com

**SHETLAND SHEEPDOG (SHELTIE)**

Arizona Sheltie Rescue Inc., Gilbert  
(480) 507-7996, azsheltierescue.com

**SIBERIAN HUSKY**

Arizona Siberian Husky Rescue  
& Adoption, Inc., Scottsdale, ashra.org

Paw It Forward-AZ, Husky Rescue  
(480) 498-1155 or 288-1914  
pawitforwardaz.weebly.com  
pawitforwardrescueaz@gmail.com

**SMALL BREED DOGS**

Mini Mighty Mutts (480) 304-5654  
minimightymutts.com

**WEIMARANER**

AZ Weimaraner Rescue  
arizonaweimaranerrescue.com

**WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER**

Westie Rescue of Arizona  
(480) 488-5711, sundustaz.com

**YORKSHIRE TERRIER**

Yorkshire Terrier Rescue  
yorkiefriendsrescue.com

**Pet Services (Cont'd)**

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

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

**PET FOOD/SUPPLIES**

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

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

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

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

**PET MEDICATIONS**

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

**PETSITTING**

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

Fur-Ever Happy Pet Sitting & Dog Walking  
(928) 351-1330, fureverhappypetservices.com

**TRAINING**

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

Granite Mountain Grooming & Training  
(928) 848-7232 or gmgtdog@gmail.com

Pawsitively Awesome Dog Training  
(928) 710-8188,  
awesomcanines@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**

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

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

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

**Prescott Valley**

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

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

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

**HOUSE CALLS**

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

**VET - EMERGENCY**

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

**VET - HOLISTIC**

Harmony Holistic Veterinary Care  
Delia McDonald, DMV, Tammy Pauletto,  
DMV, and Roxanne Batt, DMV  
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(928) 445-7499 harmonyvetcare.com

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**EQUINE SERVICES****SUPPLIES**

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(928) 717-5408, calranch.com

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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

## 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

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

### 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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Premier Pet Hospital (928) 460-4211  
3322 N Glassford Hill Rd, Prescott Valley  
premierpethospital.com

## PET-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS

### HOTELS/MOTELS

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

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

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

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

### REAL ESTATE

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

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

### RESTAURANTS

Barley Hound (928) 237-4506  
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Cupper's  
226 S. Cortez St., Prescott  
(928) 445-1636  
258 Lee Blvd., Prescott  
(928) 515-2446

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

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

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

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

### AUTOMOTIVE / RV

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

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

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

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Holly Lorette  
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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

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www.myhealthetc.com  
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### 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 (928) 541-8640  
2300 E. St. Route 69, Prescott

N.O.A.H. Thrift Store (928) 708-0545  
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Oma's Haven Resale Store  
8933 Florentine Rd, Prescott Valley  
(928) 632-5638

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

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

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

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

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

## LOCAL DOG PARKS

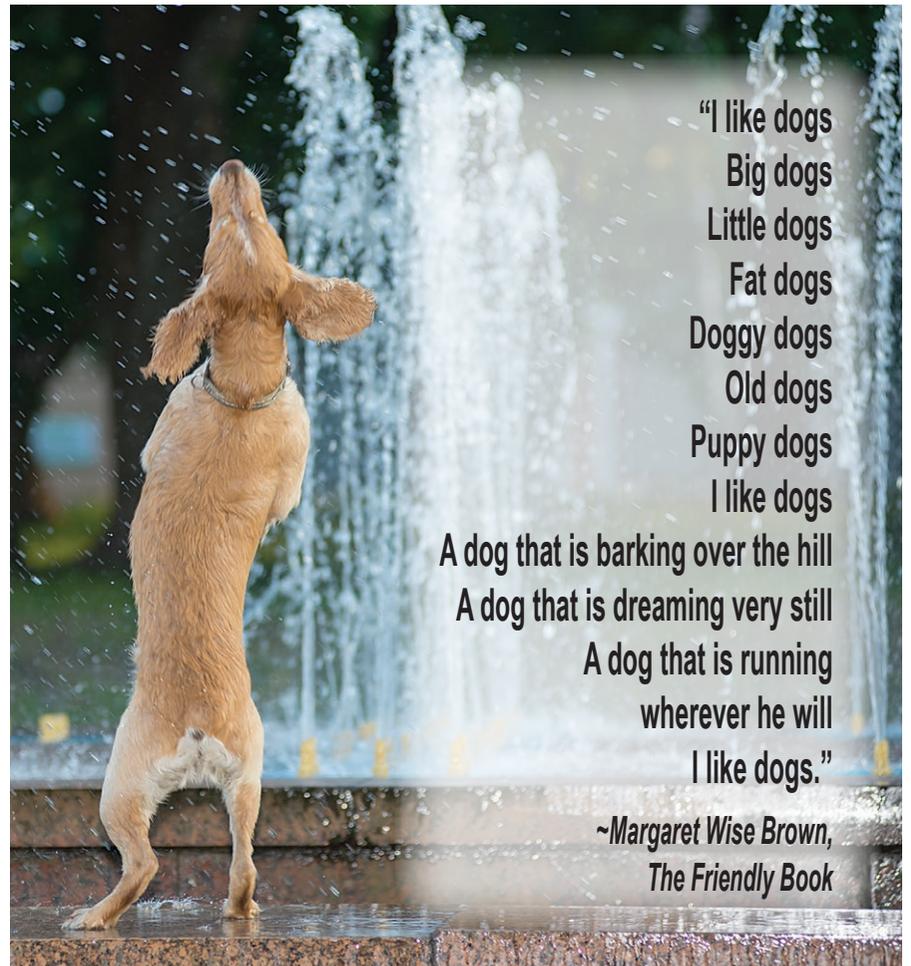
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PV Parks and Rec (928) 772-5180



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Doggy dogs  
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I like dogs

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## Our Other Services Include...

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- Dental Cleaning
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- End of Life

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

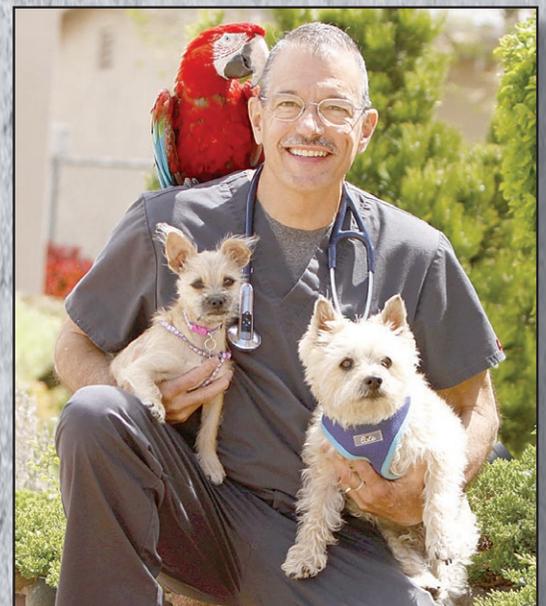
Our hospital also provides a variety of more extensive services for your

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.

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