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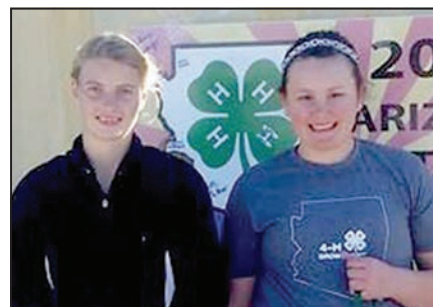
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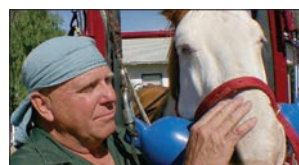
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HAZEL HOWLS

Kiera was having trouble finding her place today. Hazel was ignoring her completely. Tucker had snapped at her twice when she tried to approach him at full puppy speed. Kiera didn't take it personally, after all; if she came near him slowly and laid down in front of him, he would lower his head, toss her ear flap over with his snout and give her a thorough cleaning with his purple tongue. This reminded her of her mom, and a less complicated life. Kiera especially like the gentle face wash. How odd that the family "peace officer," who carried a such a stoic and regal bearing, could show such tenderness.

As for Elle, she relentlessly bugged Kiera all day. Dad finally intervened by taking Hazel, Elle, and a tennis ball outside to give those still inside a break.

Tucker immediately headed for the master bedroom. Kiera quietly followed. Tucker took his position to watch the hallway, while Kiera opted for the second level where the pillows were. After a weary yawn, Kiera asked Tucker if he would tell her a story. "Only if you wait till the end to ask all your questions."

Kiera thought for a second, "Can I ask just one little one now?"

Tucker adjusted his haunches and with a short snort replied, "One little one..."

Kiera pressed into the pillows a little deeper, "Where did you learn about your ancestors...I mean all I know is my mom and my siblings, but you know so much more?"

Tucker took a deep breath. "My litter mom. Being the runt of the litter, she was concerned for me. She would keep me under her muzzle, hidden in her mane when we slept. She would tell me these stories to settle me down." Kiera raised her head to ask another question but thought better of it.

With a thorough stretch Tucker began, "A long time ago in a country called England, a man purchased a puppy for very practical reasons. The day before, he had returned to his boat and found someone had stolen some tools and fuel. He owned a boat that he lived on, and he navigated various canals delivering coal to homes and businesses along those



water-ways. The puppy was a white retriever mix like myself. He was named Thaddeus.

"He grew quickly and became a proper deckhand. He love to stand on the bow to take in scents and scenery as the boat went up and down the canals.

"One spring day, when he was full grown, Thaddeus sat on the deck safe-guarding his home. A young boy appeared on the opposite bank scrambling down toward the canal calling, "Hey boy...over here...hey boy."

Thaddeus turned to greet the boy with a bark and a wag, but no one was there. Forgetting for a second he was alone, he turned to gauge his owner's disposition on the matter.

"That's when he heard the thrashing in the water and a desperate boy's cry. Thaddeus had been in the water before but had never jumped from the deck. The boy's head appeared

in the water but slipped back under. Thaddeus ran and leaped with all he had. Having retrieved tools accidentally dropped in the water, he knew to drop his muzzle and push himself under. In no time he had a mouthful of shirt-collar and was scrambling backwards onto the muddy bank with the young boy in tow.

"Thaddeus's owner arrived back to the boat and saw the commotion across the canal. Stripping off his coat and shirt, he jumped into the water to get to the boy and Thaddeus. Locals later recounted that with his red cap, white undershirt, and poor swimming skills, he rather looked like a large fishing bobber. He made it to the other side to find the boy safe and sound, but a bit chilled.

"So Kiera, that's how my great, great, grandfather became a local hero. Kiera...?"

Kiera, now on her back, all fours in the air, fast asleep dreaming of rescuing a chicken breast from the kitchen counter. Tucker settled in for a nap when he heard Dad trip over something playing ball outside.

"Good thing there isn't a canal out there...."

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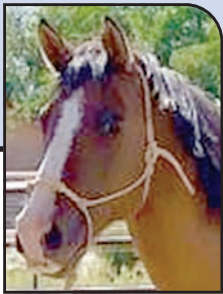
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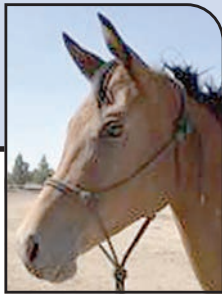
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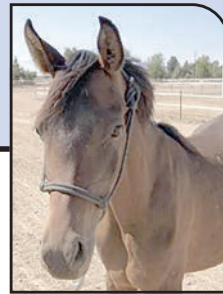
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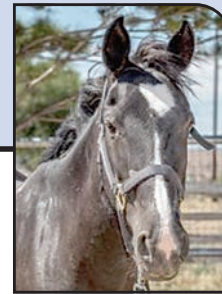
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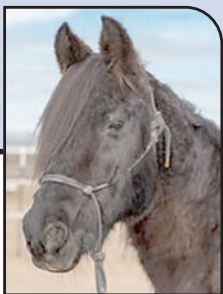
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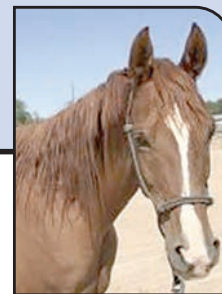
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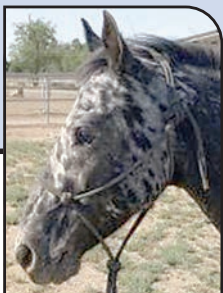
BAILEY is a flashy 17-year-old registered Paint mare. Not certain if she is broke to ride, but would make a perfect pasture buddy. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



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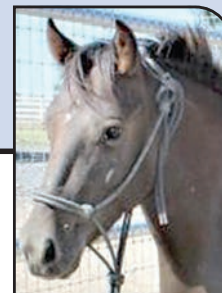
COMMANCHE is a very flashy, 11-year-old Appaloosa gelding. Picks up feet, stands to be groomed and tacked up. Broke to ride. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



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TWO YAVAPAI COUNTY 4-H TEENS EXCEL AT LOCAL AND STATE DOG COMPETITIONS

By Heidi Dahms Foster



Left to Right: Winner Addie Kennedy, Dog Trainer Jeri Holton, and Winner Ellyn Peterson

Two Yavapai County teens took the state, at least the canine part of it, by storm this past year with their accomplishments in 4-H dog sports and showmanship. A little more seasoned this year, Addie Kennedy, 17, and Ellyn Peterson, 13, are looking to again represent their club, the Lonesome Valley 4-H Wranglers.

The Dewey club has helped to develop youngsters for 26 years. Mayer resident and dog trainer Molly Wisecarver and Dewey resident/trainer Jeri Holton have headed up the dog portion of the club for the past 18 years. The club focuses on dog sports and livestock, though the members also participate in everything from cake decorating to sewing, shooting to leatherwork, and cooking.

The club's livestock projects include beef, swine, dairy cow, goat, rabbit, pigeon, duck and horse, while dog projects include obedience, agility, showmanship, rally obedience and brace obedience.

After doing well at the 2018 Yavapai County EXPO Show and Sale, and the Yavapai County Fair, Addie and Ellyn had the opportunity to enter the State 4-H Dog Show in February 2019. The two would compete with much more seasoned competitors, but they both had the attitude that even if they didn't win, they could learn from their experiences.

"The State was my chance to go against tougher competition, to get out of my comfort zone," Addie said.



Addie and Ellyn and dogs at State

Jeri said she emphasizes that her 4-H students focus on doing the best they can, rather than winning. "If they do that, I'm proud," she said.

Addie and Ellyn began practicing in earnest for the State event – they met twice a week with Jeri, who worked to fine tune them on the rules and the finer points of obedience competition and agility. They also met with Molly to practice showmanship, and made time to practice together and by themselves.

Ellyn said she was nervous about the competition, but excited. Addie was prepared for a tough contest, but found it wasn't as hard as she thought because Jeri and Molly had prepared them so well.

Addie and Ellyn placed in the top four at State in all classes they entered – obedience, showmanship, agility, and rally obedience. Addie placed first in her age group in rally, showmanship and obedience, and then won Obedience High Point Overall. Jeri was beyond proud of her students. "My head was so big!" she said.

Ellyn had another personal best, which she shared with a grin. "I finally beat Addie at something!" It's all friendly competition, though, because the two share a special bond. Addie remembers babysitting Ellyn as a young child. The two prod each other to be better, while enjoying their sport and their friendship. At this point, both girls said, it's whose dog decides to "be good" that day!

Ellyn's win came in agility, where Addie placed second. It was Addie's dog's slight tick in performance that made the difference, something Addie recognizes can happen on any day. Dogs are like people, she said, they have great days and off days.

Addie's canine partner is the three-year-old Fetti, an Australian Shepherd mix that she received for her birthday. She had competed with various family dogs, but wanted to have her very own dog to train from a pup. She fell in love the moment puppy Fetti was placed in her arms. Of her State win, Addie said, "Fetti did her best obedience ever! She never took her eyes off me. She was on fire that day."

Holly, a red Australian Shepherd, now 8, is aptly named as she was a Christmas gift to Ellyn. She



Addie Kennedy and Fetti with their State Obedience Award



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Ellyn and Holly at State Show

has been Ellyn's partner in competition since she was a puppy. Ellyn has worked hard on the partnership with her best friend, and it's paying off in competition.

Ellyn is in her last year of competition as a junior, and Addie will age out of senior competition at 19. Addie already is looking toward a career doing something with animals, especially with livestock. Currently, she works as kennel help for PSR Stockdogs in Dewey, a job that allows her to be responsible for full care of a diverse group of dogs. She's soaking up all the knowledge she can – basic care, nutrition, "reading" the dogs, dog behavior, training, and basic needs of each dog.

Ellyn said she'd like to learn more about livestock in the future, and continue her work with the dogs.

Jeri and Molly's friendship was a bit of serendipity. Molly met Angela Teskey, Ellyn's mother,



Ellyn and Holly with State ribbons

who told her how wonderful 4-H was for the youngsters. Molly immediately signed up her 7-year-old daughter Mary Alice, who excelled in numerous 4-H projects until she aged out at 19, including dog, horse, goat, lamb, swine, beef, chickens, and many non-animal projects as well.

"We got sucked into 4-H and loved it, and I'm still doing it today, even though my daughter has aged out!" Molly said.

Jeri and Molly met when Molly was looking for someone involved in herding sports. Someone at Olsen's Grain told her about Jeri. They have been friends ever since. Both expressed to each other the desire to give back to their community. As dog trainers with a wide array of knowledge, they decided to start a 4-H project focused on dogs.

Jeri helps the youngsters with the basics of obedience, and has one basic requirement to begin. Each dog that enters the club's program must first complete the AKC Canine Good Citizen test. The CGC requires that a dog is well behaved around other people and dogs, and can obey basic obedience commands. This eliminates dogs that are aggressive to other dogs or people, and youngsters that are not motivated enough to earn that basic title. Once she finds a young person willing to learn, Jeri is ready to offer the wealth of experience she's gained in her lifetime career in dogs.

"It's great to see the motivation to learn and compete, to gain what it takes to succeed in life and in business," she said. "Those kids who want to excel, do."

The club is a local family affair – Jeri and Molly had Addie's sister and brother in 4-H, along with many other local kids who grew up in the area from Dewey to Mayer and Cordes Lakes. Two of those youngsters, Homer Kennedy and Megan Sims, met in 4-H and are now married, still sharing a mutual love of dogs.

The benefits of 4-H are myriad, Jeri said. The youths learn to get along with other people of all ages, and to accept success and failure with a good attitude. They learn etiquette, such as thanking judges and writing letters to those who help them or purchase their projects. It's preparation for life, she added.

Molly agrees that 4-H teaches important life skills. "4-H in general I think holds them accountable for their projects. They have record books, and no matter the project, they track their expenses and goals. It's like running a little business. We talk about their goals through the year and at the end of the year. It prepares them for the future, shows them how to start a mini business and what to expect," she said.

There's another future aspect for this dog lover. "Without the kids, dogs are a dying sport. They learn about showmanship, grooming, respect for animals, care and feeding, animal parts, and patience. All of these can lead to a number of careers. Mostly for me, it's seeing kids happy and treating animals with respect and patience," she said.

Another benefit, Molly said, is the unique friendships the young people forge in 4-H. The parents are not supposed to help their kids with 4-H projects. The other kids help, and that's an amazing thing. They rely on each other for information and friendship and expertise, and it brings the kids together on a different level.

Ellyn said 4-H has taught her that winning is great, but losing teaches her how to improve. "We 'learn by doing,'" she said. That's the club motto. Addie agreed, "The worst you can do is lose, but at least you tried!"

In 2020, the girls will be joined at State by another club member, Lilia Johnson, with her shepherd. The three are sure to make some great accomplishments.

After next year's State 4-H dog show on February 8 in Tucson, the girls will prepare for the annual Yavapai County Expo at the Prescott Rodeo grounds from April 22-25, 2020. They'll be ready with their dogs, but also with the amazing number of other projects they're involved in.

Young people who would like to be involved in 4-H dog sports can contact Jeri Holton at 928-632-7557 or email farbenholt@bullerinet-networks.net; Angela Teskey Peterson at 928-925-7472 or email angelateskey@aol.com; Molly Wisecarver at 928- 499-9263 or visit Lonesome Valley 4-H Wranglers on Facebook.



Lonesome Valley 4-H Wranglers also work together on community service along with their individual projects. Here, they serve Thanksgiving dinner this year at the Mayer Senior Center

LAW ENFORCEMENT K9s OFFER A DIFFERENT KIND OF RETIREMENT CHALLENGE

By Heidi Dahms Foster

The law enforcement K9s' public persona is one of highly trained individuals that can detect just about any stash of drugs no matter how well concealed, and strike fear into the criminal that dares to flee from officers. But what happens when it's time for these high-drive dogs to retire?

K9s represent a select number of breeds that are bred for their "off the charts" energy and drive, which makes them perfect patrol and narcotics dogs, but less perfect pets. Generally, Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherds and German Shepherds fit the bill, with a smattering of Labrador Retrievers, which make outstanding narcotics detection dogs.

In law enforcement today, agencies generally look for especially social dogs that enjoy interacting with the public. The secret in their ability to be social and kind and still fearlessly apprehend a criminal lies in their play drive – patrol, apprehension and narcotics detection is all a big game to these dogs. They do their job and they get their reward, usually a favorite toy, with which they are obsessed!

The K9s are always alert and ready for a game. They are so over the top energetic that it's hard to imagine them settling down enough to fit into an average family's home. But at about age eight or nine, the demands of the job – climbing walls, jumping in and out of patrol cars, rummaging through vehicles, clearing buildings and apprehending the bad guys – begin to take a toll on their bodies.

When retired, the K9s still possess a heart for the job, and most retire with their handlers, both because of the strong bond officers have with the dogs, and because the officers are experienced in making sure the dogs navigate the transition into retirement.

Prescott Valley Police K9 Officer Paul Hines is a certified NPCA (National Police Canine Association) trainer whose first K9, Joey, was the Prescott Valley department's second ever dog. A Belgian Malinois, Joey retired in January 2011, and lived for five more years at



Two Prescott Valley retired K9s: Matt Williams and Turco; Peyton Hines and Kio

home with the Hines family. Joey started working for the PVPD in 2004. According to Prescott Valley Police records, throughout his career, Joey located 1,300 pounds of marijuana, 26 pounds of methamphetamine, 10 pounds of cocaine and 50 grams of heroin with a combined street value of more than \$1.7 million. He assisted in the seizure of 683 vehicles involved in criminal activity and more than 1,000 arrests. He had several criminal apprehensions to his credit, including catching a felon in 2010 in Chino Valley for the Yavapai County Sheriff's

Office.

Paul and Joey were a capable team of drug recognition experts, and became a part of callouts for PVPD's Special Response Team, PANT, and many neighboring agencies, as well as visiting schools and community events to educate the public on the role of the Police K-9 team. It's no wonder Paul holds his first K9 up as the gold standard.

As Joey reached eight and nine years old, he began to slow down. In a police situation, that could have jeopardized his safety and that of his handler. That's when the tough decision to retire the dog came about.

Joey and Paul, along with Paul's wife and sons and a host of admirers, attended a retirement ceremony on Jan. 27, 2011. During the ceremony, Paul paid \$1 to the town to officially purchase Joey and take responsibility for his care.

Usually, patrol dogs do not live in the house, Paul said. They have comfortable kennels and shelter either in a garage or outside. They go with their handlers every day, and they know when they get out, they are on the job. "Their whole life has to be about work," Paul said. "But as the years went by, and Joey began to slow down, I began looking toward his retirement."

After he was retired, Joey would not be going with Paul every day to work. So he had to

transition to a different life. Paul purchased a mesh bed, and taught Joey to stay there during short times in the house. As he got used to being in the house, Joey learned to relax and enjoy being a house



Kio and Paul Hines

dog. It wasn't easy, Paul said. "When I'd get ready to leave the house, Joey would freak out like 'I'm supposed to be going with you!' You don't turn that off. He'd bark and bark and bark. He was my retirement learning curve."

A "rock star" at work, Paul said acclimating Joey to retirement was a hard thing for him.

Paul had an easier transition with his next dog, a black German Shepherd named Kio. "I started the transition earlier with Kio, so it made his retirement super simple."

Joey passed away at the ripe old age of 14. Kio, at 12, has mostly lost his eyesight, but he still gets around well and is the undisputed owner of all the dog beds (four in the house and two in the yard, Paul asserts). He made an appearance recently at the retirement



Turco retires at Prescott Valley council



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ceremony for another Prescott Valley K9, German Shepherd Turco.

In early December, the Prescott Valley Police Department retired Turco with his former handler and PV Officer Matt Williams. Williams was Turco's second handler. Officer Luke Williams originally handled the dog before moving on to work as an officer with another agency. After three years Matt transitioned to other duties in the Prescott Valley Department, and Turco filled in the gap as Paul trained and certified a new pup, Belgian Malinois Groot.

During his time handling Turco, Matt furthered the dog's training in tracking, article searches and improved his obedience, narcotics and patrol work. Notable achievements in Turco's career include locating quantities of marijuana, methamphetamines, cocaine, and heroin, along with hundreds of pieces of drug paraphernalia. But he especially excelled at tracking.

Turco assisted with apprehending two subjects who had stolen a vehicle and assaulted officers. He tracked the two suspects for about two miles before pushing them out and into assisting officers.

After a delayed alarm for a break-in at a business in Prescott Valley, Turco searched the building and then tracked and located a cash drawer that had been stolen from the property. He was able to locate the drawer 12 hours after the business was broken into.

Turco found a 12-year-old autistic child who had run away from his care home at 10 p.m. in December. The child was wearing only jeans and a t-shirt. Turco located the child in a timely manner, enabling officers to get him to safety. Turco also located and apprehended a domestic violence suspect who had assaulted his girlfriend and fled prior to officers' arrival.

Additionally, Turco assisted the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office in the arrest of a man who was acting violent toward his family and others and also had a warrant for his arrest. The man was in front of a residence and yelling and screaming at his family. When the deputy first made contact the man was still aggressive until Turco started barking. The man quickly complied and stopped his aggression. He was taken into custody without incident.

Paul commended Matt for the time and effort he had put into Turco's training. After retiring Turco in April 2019 from the Town of Prescott Valley, Paul gave the dog to Matt and his family.

Matt said Turco's transition into retirement took some time, and he's still "not quite there." The biggest challenge, Matt said, was when he put on his uniform to go to work and Turco did not understand why he wasn't going along.

"The biggest help was that I didn't have a patrol car at the house like I did when I was a K9 officer. When Turco was working, we had a specific routine, so I had to break that. As he came in the house, he would slowly wind down, but he would try to go back to his kennel in the garage, where he lived while he was working. He now has a new routine – he eats

in the kitchen, and he either sleeps in a kennel with shelter in the back yard, or in the house when the weather is bad," Matt said.

Matt said Turco is still not even close to a couch potato. "He's big and strong and really fast. In the house, he's like a bull in a china closet. The hardest thing was that while he was working, everything was a game. So when he'd come in the house, he thought 'Oh, great, there's dad, I'm playing!' We have him in, in small increments, and give him a bone or chew to help settle him down. When he's busy, then he's relaxed."

Matt's wife found a used couch and placed it on their patio, and that's now Turco's bed. It appears he'll be a retirement challenge for some time to come. "He invades personal space," Matt said.

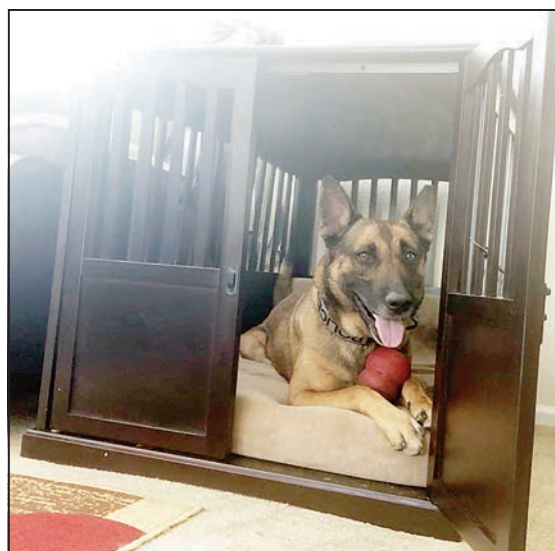


K9 Ike in retirement

Chino Valley K9 Officer Dave McNally handled K9 Ike, the Prescott Valley Police Department's third K9, until Ike's retirement after an outstanding career. Ike retired about the same time as Paul's Joey. "Ike took about three weeks to become an indoor house dog. We actually put dog boots on his back feet, because it kept him from slipping on the tile." Much loved Ike passed away at age 10-1/2.

Dave recently retired K9 Gus, a longtime favorite at Chino Valley Police Department. Gus, said Dave, gets along great with the family's Rhodesian Ridgeback, but can't stand Dave's new K9 partner Lisko. "I think he's jealous," Dave said. "I bought Gus a nice indoor kennel, which I think he's starting to enjoy. He hated being inside, but after six months, he's finally starting to chill out with us!"

All of the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office dogs are single purpose narcotics dogs, which makes the agency's training philosophy a little different



Gus at 9 relaxing in his kennel



*Remembered—
Ike's badge collar and paw print*

than that of area police departments. The dogs are allowed to live in their handlers' homes, even while working. Sgt. Jarrod Winfrey handled and retired K9 Tjando at age 10. Tjando passed away in 2018 at age 13 1/2. Used to living

in the house, Tjando's transition to retirement was uneventful, Jarrod said.

Jarrold this year retired Gemma, a Belgian Malinois that he got at age 10 weeks, and trained exclusively. He patrolled with Gemma for six years, when a knee defect caused her to begin to have trouble with the rigors of the job. After successful surgery she gets around fine, but cannot return to patrol. Gemma had an amazing record as a narcotics dog, credited in her career with detecting 1,177 lbs. of marijuana, 80 lbs. of cocaine, 61 lbs. of meth, 14 lbs. of fentanyl, 8.7 lbs. of heroin and 79 lbs. of hashish. Gemma won the 2016 National Police Canine Association Detection Case of the Year after locating 15 lbs. of cocaine and heroin during a traffic stop in Yavapai County.

Gemma is Jarrod's last K9 as he recently transferred to PANT as a supervisor.

Prescott Police K9 Officer Kayla Reynolds recently said, "There's no k9 handler who wouldn't give their life for their dog. I'm with (Labrador K9 Benny) more than my family. There is a special bond, a connection. Our bond has been tested in a way that it never was with a pet. He was meant for this (law enforcement), and so was I. We are destined to be together."

With that kind of devotion between handlers and K9s, it's no wonder officers are eager to take the time and effort to make sure their K9 partners retire and live out the rest of their lives in dignity and comfort.



Dave McNally's Gus and Rogue are good buddies

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One donation of hundreds of NASCAR cars and memorabilia

was so large that we dedicated an entire room to it. After the regular sale days, we wanted the remaining NASCAR items to be used where they would make others happy, so they were donated to the local Marine Corps Reserves' Toys for Tots program and the Prescott Police Department's Shop with a Cop program.

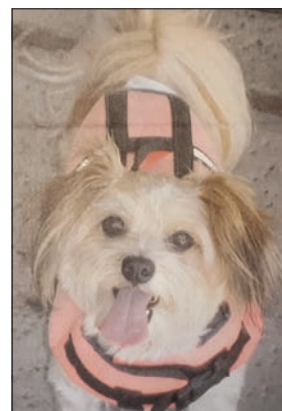
At the end of the sale, the other unsold items were shared with other local nonprofit groups to help their community programs, including Coalition for Compassion and Justice, Disabled American Vets, Pioneer Home Foundation, N.O.A.H. Thrift Store, Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, Bradshaw Mountain Wildlife, and Baptist Ministries. And finally, we reopened our doors to the public to help themselves to anything remaining for free.

The United Animal Friends annual rummage sale helps so many animals have a better life, and this time it helped less fortunate children have a better Christmas too. Thank you all for your generous support!

Prescott Police Officers Answered Our Prayers

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, Officer Creager and Officer Novak from the Prescott Police Department answered our call immediately – and our prayers.

We explained to the officers that we'd done everything we could to free Harley our 13-years-young Bichon/Papillion, who was trapped under our electric recliner with his tail wrapped around the drive shaft. The officers unassembled the whole mechanism and freed our baby Harley.



An emergency call to the veterinarian revealed that the top of Harley's tail was cut, and his vertebra was smushed. Because of the loving care and great work the officers and veterinarian did, Harley is home recovering.

Great job, guys! You will always be in our hearts and in our prayers. The police officers, firemen, and all who serve us deserve more recognition. We thank you, and Harley thanks you! May God bless all the officers of Prescott.

*Trish and Dave Newhard
Prescott, Arizona*

Dog Shopping in the Adoption Aisles

After a proper amount of time since our elder dog passed, I began looking for adoptable dogs in our area. Initially consulting Prescott Dog, I discovered a host of great dog rescues. I seemed to gravitate toward United Animal Friends where their practice of fostering rescues in individual volunteer homes was a quality I highly admired. These dogs get individual attention and sometimes additional training before landing a forever home.

United Animal Friends offers a Meet & Greet, where the pet is brought to your home to ensure an appropriate fit and to make sure it will get along nicely with your current pet family. They also examine your "set up" for proper safety.

I went to their website, and it didn't take me long to find a candidate, actually several. Due to travels, I wasn't able to adopt right away, and my selections were happily homed by the time I was home.

Finally there was a new posting of a 3-year-old pup that was



perfect for me and my family. We absolutely adore Saki Su, who is a spectacular mix of Great Pyr/Aussie/Collie. She exudes so much love for us and is fitting right into our lives. She and our elder lab Tahoe became fast friends, and we discovered that the new younger pup brings new life into our home as well as the life of our senior who now sleeps a little less.

Here's wishing you scampering success as you shop to adopt!

Rita Thompson-Tinsley



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We are volunteer-based, and there is always a need. We try to



encourage monthly donations, no matter how small, as these constant dollars provide security in many ways. Come out to visit and tour for a view to help you understand who we are and why everyone can help.

In this New Year, we plan to continue evolving but we will need more help and support. This last amazing donation for our Mom and Puppy Palace came at a very important point when we were asked to take in a mom and her seven-week-old babies. Once completed a very talented artist and volunteer, Christine Larson, felt they needed to be honored as our first residents and painted a terrific replica of Oreo and her kids.

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Azul Gets Her Forever Home

January is a time for new beginnings and February is a time for celebrating love. Our senior dogs need a new beginning and are willing to give you unconditional love, so it's the perfect time to come find your new forever friend at Yavapai Humane Society.

People often overlook senior dogs, thinking that they don't have much time left or won't be active. Sometimes, that may be the case but why not adopt that dog and let them live out their life knowing love and happiness?

Most of the senior dogs here are still full of life and love... They like to go for walks, play, go for car rides and sit and watch TV with you... and no matter what, they will love you unconditionally.

Just like Azul... she is a 13 year old beautiful American Pit Bull, Terrier/Mastiff mix who is now in her new forever home. Her previous owners had her since she was a



puppy, but unfortunately there were circumstances that they couldn't keep her and they did the right thing and brought Azul to Yavapai Humane Society so that we could find her a home.

Azul was here at the shelter for 2 months getting depressed and overlooked because of it, until an Angel named Lois saw her and fell in love. Azul is now happy as can be in her new home and got to spend her first Christmas with her new forever family.

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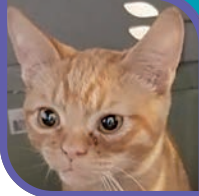
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TAKE A WINTER HIKE UPHILL IN THE SNOW: YEAGER CANYON TRAILS No. 28 & No. 533

Story and Photos by Cheryl Hartz



Since my last article, one of my premier hiking buddies crossed the rainbow bridge. Duke and his

brother, Jack, were strays we adopted from the humane society nine years ago, when they were about 10 months old. Duke was the calmer sibling, but he always followed Jack on forays to look out for him, and frequently snuggled up to his flightier brother.

Jack has adjusted to being an "only dog," but occasionally shows signs of awareness that his brother is gone. We miss Duke greatly and pour the extra love out on Jack now.

Duke, never again must you be constrained by a leash. Enjoy your eternal romp. You've earned it.

One of the hikes Duke loved was on the west slope of Mingus Mountain in the Prescott National Forest. Yeager Canyon Trail No. 28 is listed as a difficult level hike on the PNF page of the National Forest Service website. That's because of a 1,400-foot elevation change over 2.4 miles – a rigorous climb.

But along with the aerobic benefit of the hike is the bonus of incredible views of the Prescott Valley and Dewey-Humboldt areas as well as the Bradshaw Mountains.

Trail No. 28 connects with Yeager Cabin Trail No. 111 and Little Yeager Canyon Trail No. 533 for a round trip loop, and you can start from the top of Mingus when Forest Road 104 isn't closed for the winter. For our purposes, the west trailhead, at an elevation of 6,000 feet, is off State Route 89A, just within the PNF boundary.

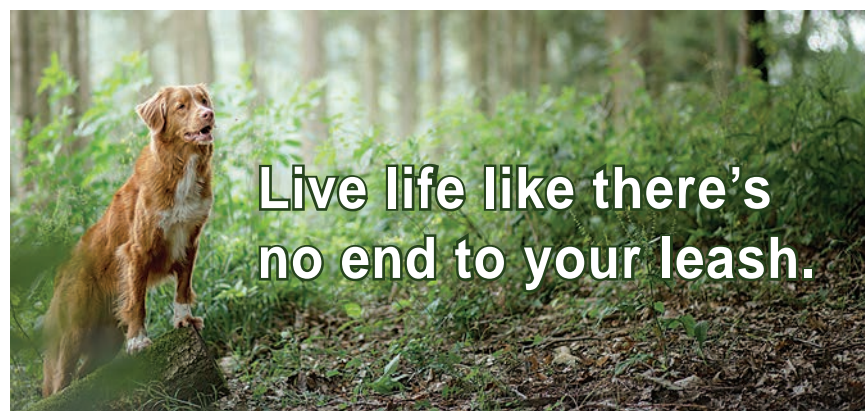
Flora is heavy on deciduous hardwoods – mainly oak – as the trail parallels the highway, with much undergrowth of manzanita and a variety of spiky vegetation such as the century plant and prickly pear cactus. Depending upon recent temperatures, you could encounter snow on the lower portions of the trail. As you ascend to 7,400 feet, ponderosa pine and alligator juniper become more prevalent. And you will need your snow boots.

Although the area is home to many small bird and reptile species, they aren't out in the cold weather. If



you're lucky, you might catch a glimpse of a large mammal – a javelina, coyote, mountain lion, mule deer, perhaps even a black bear. The west trailhead begins on the south side of State Route 89A about 1.8 miles east of the double power lines, just past a lengthy guard rail. On the south side of the road, park at the extended turn-out. If that's full, a large parking area exists a few feet farther on the opposite side of the road. Walk downhill on a road blocked by boulders, with the trail sign next to them, across a cattle guard, and you'll see two trail signs: No. 28 to the left and No. 533 to the right. The latter does not parallel the highway, but it is popular with mountain bikers who have, on occasion at the lower levels, developed "jumps" that can make the trail treacherous. It becomes steep and heads up its mountain faster than No. 28, which starts out more level before a long climb towards Mingus.

Wear layers and take plenty of water and snacks. No man-made amenities are available. Happy winter hiking!



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MILITARY K9 HANDLER SHARES HER STORY

By Sue Tone

To train as a U.S. Air Force airman is a demanding experience. Being one of the few females working in the K9 program is even more challenging. And serving in the Middle East can be a heartbreaking endeavor.

Tech. Sgt. Jessie Keller, U.S. Air Force, planned to go to college after high school graduation and then find work with animals. Instead, she entered the Air Force with a goal of working in the K9 program.

Keller served 13 years on active duty before going into the Reserves, where she is today. She has been deployed seven times – five times to Iraq and two times to Afghanistan.

Entering Military Service

Keller found challenges along the way – being female in a traditionally male field had its struggles.

“There wasn’t a lot of females to talk to, and I was kind of an outcast. So immediately coming into any kind of unit with all men, they kind of looked at me as a weakness. I had to prove myself, and I had to really dig deep for them to understand I was there to be a good teammate,” she said. “At the same time, they put me through challenges that really shaped my strength as a female, and I was accepted as one of their brothers. So I wouldn’t take any of that away.”

Knowing that it would take five years to get into the K9 program, Keller explored other jobs within the Air Force such as field radio telephone operator, driver, and shooting the big “fun guns,” the 240 Bravos.

Working with animals is probably the most rewarding job a person can have, she said. Being a dog handler in the military has been the best career and the most dearest to her heart.

“It’s a job that many people can’t understand unless you’ve had a dog actually save your life,” she said.

All About the Dogs

A lot of people look at dogs as cute, cuddly things that greet its owner at the door, Keller continued.

“My dog wasn’t a dog,” she said about her military work dog or MWD. “We really don’t like to use that term or the word animal. We say it’s our partner. These four-legged partners were there to save us. They went in day in and day out when we were exhausted as humans. But the dogs will go in. They were so excited for life



This image of Sgt. Jessie Keller and her military working dog, Chrach, will transform into a short 2.5-minute video by using a free app from Live Portrait downloaded to a smart device. Point the smart device at the portrait and watch Sgt. Keller “come to life” and talk about her experiences as a military combat K9 handler. For more images and videos of veterans, visit visionofvets.org. Photo courtesy Bruce Roscoe, Vision of Vets.

and to work, all for a toy, really, and for the interaction between their handler. They just wanted to play.”

While deployed, Keller worked on missions “outside the wire” where she was typically the only female. In the midst of terrorist activity, everything going on was “very tricky.” She learned to recognize when something was wrong in her environment by watching the way her K9 looked or reacted.

“No matter what type of training you had, no matter how many skills you had, it was kind of the luck of the draw. Are you going to step on a pressure plate that had an explosive attached to it?” This is what Keller lived with during her deployments.

MWD Chrach

One mission took her and MWD Chrach (pronounced “crash”) into an area where a four-person unit had been blown up. She and Chrach were sent in to help find the bodies and also search for the people

responsible for the deaths.

“I worked with this team numerous times, and it was heartbreaking for this camp. It was probably one of the most heart-wrenching times I’ve ever been out with combat. As soon as we landed I saw my team just standing there waiting. They were so excited to see the dog. I don’t know if it was because they were excited the dog was there or if it was because of what we were going to do and that we were there to try to help them out,” she said.

Ultimately, they found the bodies, and some weapons and bomb-making materials that day. “We paid our respect, we feel, to the team we lost,” Keller said. “And working with that team and having Chrach greet them right away was probably one of my most memorable moments.”

The K9 partners often have more than one handler who all work together and gain knowledge from each other.

Chrach received many awards, among them the Bronze Star and a Combat Action medal. He also earned the 12th Annual Animal Hero Award, “a huge deal,” Keller acknowledged. She has a Joint Service Award with him as well as a Combat Action medal.

One of Chrach’s biggest accomplishments was when he was assigned with Special Forces and went out on combat patrols. He located about five IEDs – improvised explosive devices – that weighed out to be about 170

pounds, Keller said.

“This dog not only saved a good friend of ours, he also saved the teams behind him and the teams behind that. He found explosives that were ready to detonate if they were to step by. If the team did not have the dog, they would have died,” she said.

Keller worked with another MWD partner, Oscar, who was badly injured by an explosion. Although Oscar performed his duty immediately after the device went off, he was soon retired. Keller credits both Oscar and Chrach for saving her life.

Honoring Their Partners

“You go out every day, and you’re worried you might step on something. No matter how good the dog is or how good your team is, you could have been chosen that day where you set that device off. That was probably the hardest part,” she said. “Sometimes it’s just the luck of the draw. So every day I knew that I might not come home. That makes you think a little differently, and you take things a little bit lighter in life.”

Chrach retired and lived with former Air Force airman Kyle Alltop; he died June 30, 2018. When K9 partners retire or pass away, their handlers and fellow comrades give them a full ceremony as they would a human soldier.

“They mean so much to us that they’re not animals, that they’re soldiers, and that we try to give them as much of a full retirement as a human would. We will do everything, from the flag folding, we come in our dress blues – it is an official ceremony where we have protocol. We have base commanders come in,” Keller said. “We make sure we pay the respects to them that they gave to us for all their service.”

Keller currently is going through firefighter training in the Air Force Reserves. This might develop into search-and-rescue work, she said.

“I really like having a partner with four legs. There’s just something about it.”



Terrie Frankel, former USO performer as one of the Doublemint Twins, left, presented Sgt. Jessie Keller with a framed image of her portrait during an assembly in May 2018 at Glassford Hill Middle School in Prescott Valley. From left are Frankel; U.S. Air Force Sgt. Kyle Quigg with his military working dog, Tessa; Lisa Pasalich; U.S. Air Force Sgt. Jessie Keller; Vision of Vets founder Bruce Roscoe with Chrach; and Prescott Police Officer Kyle Alltop. Quigg and Keller were K9 handlers who both worked with Chrach. Chrach lived with Alltop after retiring from military work. Photo courtesy Vision of Vets.



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BOOK REVIEW: WHOLE DOG JOURNAL OFFERS INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR DOG LOVERS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

If you have a dog, it's a good bet you are always looking for ways to help your pet stay healthy, happy, and free of behavior problems. You might not have time to read a library of books on all things dog, but there is one excellent publication that offers shorter but meaty reads on a number of canine subjects.

Whole Dog Journal is a longtime magazine publication that for years has offered the latest in-depth news on everything from training and behavior to pet food and health care. Great writing and photos offer practical instruction on basic training – sit, stay, down, walking on a leash, proper behavior around people and other dogs, and the one thing that can literally save your dog's life, a fail-safe recall on command.

Whole Dog Journal doesn't stop there. It examines in-depth such varied subjects as the best dog toys for every kind of dog, the right

dog beds, teaching your dog to relax around bees, children, and dogs, and effective habits for dog owners, to name just a few.

The magazine also delves in depth into subjects that deeply concern dog owners, such as the burgeoning problem of cancer in our dogs, offering information and the latest treatment options. That alone makes the magazine worthwhile, but the thing that makes Whole Dog Journal immensely valuable is its information on feeding, and its annual lists of excellent wet and dry dog foods.

The dog food debate has exploded in the past couple of decades, and that's a good thing. Dog food has improved, and so has the health of our pets. But navigating the possibilities and making sure our pets are getting the best foods can be overwhelming. Do we feed raw, dried, canned, cooked, or dehydrated? If we buy prepared

food, which brands are the best, and which ones should we avoid?

Whole Dog Journal does not accept advertising, and has strict criteria to create its list of the healthiest wet and dry foods. Since 1998, Whole Dog Journal has published an annual review and rating of dry and wet dog foods.

The lists include what ingredients should be in your dog's food, what ingredients to avoid, cost, and consideration of special needs such as activity level, growth, age, environment, illness, reproduction, altered dogs, and more. The list is new each year, so newer companies that are working to craft the best dog foods are included.

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EQUINE MAINTENANCE FROM HEAD TO HOOF

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



Rich Fisher of Fisher Equine Dentistry

Your finest ride doesn't come with a check engine light. It's up to us to know when maintenance is due and to make sure that the head mechanic comes with the right set of tools and the right kind of know-how.

Straight for the horse's mouth: A must do every year is an appointment with an equine dental specialist for your good riding buddy. According to Rich Fisher of Fisher Equine Dental, "More than 5 out of 10 domesticated horses have teeth problems which interfere with riding, training, behavior, feeding, comfort, or health." (That's a mouthful!) The clues range from obvious to subtle to none. The practice of regular dentals assures early recognition and correction of developing problems.

Dr. Fisher travels with a portable stall. A speculum holds the horse's mouth open allowing access to the teeth while attached, a simple boat bumper sufficing as a comfortable chin rest for the patient.

Fisher explains, "Horse teeth continually erupt toward the grinding surface. Unless that growth is removed by constant grazing on harsh habitat, the teeth will develop uneven areas and sharp edges."

Dr. Fisher presented to me a photo of the skull of an adult free range wild mustang from the harsh Colorado Plateau and contrasted it with a skull photo of an adult domesticated horse. The differences are dramatically distinct. The free range horse has superb teeth, no uneven or sharp areas. Yet the domesticated horse shows obvious malocclusions (hooks, ramps, waves) due to his diet of domesticat-

ed feeds.

Fisher and other dental specialists use a variety of tools to correct uneven areas and sharp edges. This meticulous process highly improves the efficiency of feeding creates better comfort for the horse as well as adding longevity to the horse's life. It is crucial for a healthier happier horse and a responsible, more confident rider. Something to smile about.



Also valuable and precious are a horse's feet and legs. In fact, the entire body of a horse is affected if he is not well balanced. A good farrier is essential to your list of specialists. Fortunately, we have a good share of men and women who are skilled regular and barefoot specialists in our area.

Dean Owen has been a professional farrier for 30 years throughout Arizona. In addition to shoeing, he spends an amount of time in the Air National Guard Reserve after being in the US Air Force. Dean's philosophy is straightforward. "You have to have an open mind when you're working on a horse." In order to be effective, he claims, "You have to look through that horse, through the distortion and imperfections and past relying on the over-used everyday angle guide". You may shoe a cow horse differently than you would shoe a dressage horse. A barrel horse needs to turn, stop, run. Roping horses use other kinds of movements.

Hooves grow differently. There are many elements to consider, and an experienced farrier can evaluate their needs accordingly. "Sometimes you are shoe-

ing for soundness. Sometimes you are shoeing for performance," says Owen. But with integrity built on his passion for the horse, Dean assures that he would walk away from any job if it meant harm to a horse.

During time working for acclaimed horse author Monty Roberts, Jared

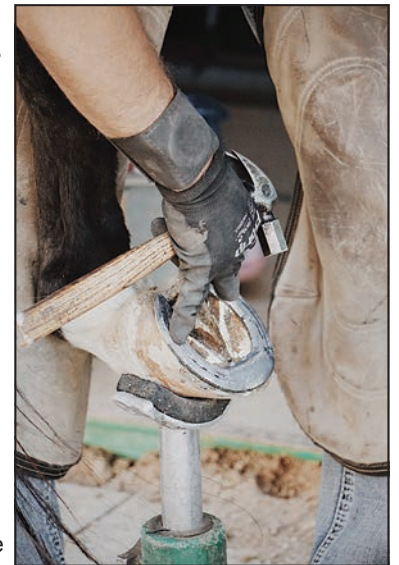


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Huhta has ridden 4000+ horses in 17 countries. Some of the best farriers I know have become this way because they truly understand the way a horse is supposed to move. They get the big picture, and it translates to the shape of the horse hoof. Jared is Certified Farrier Practitioner, Level 3. He enjoys working with nice horses and especially the people who take good care of them.

"It is generally obvious when you get to someone's barn if the horse is cared for properly and has good body condition," states Huhta. "Appropriate trimming/shoeing can prevent problems such as navicular syndrome, for example," he stresses. Jared sometimes works in conjunction with veterinarians on cases to ensure effectiveness for the horse.

I got his take on the use of horse boots, especially in endurance or heavy trail riding. He explained "We're adding something to the outside of the foot, changing their stride because of weight and other factors," Jared explains. "The boots are adding sometimes unfavorable leverage, and during high activity you don't want the horse's foot to twist while it's in the boot."

It's a good idea to let your farrier assess your horse's boot fit. Huhta is in favor of some brands, though he doesn't recommend them for high mileage endurance. He suggests some Renegades, EasyCare Fury Heart, and some clients do well in Scoot Boots. When asked about regular farrier visits, Jared notes that every horse is unique, and he doesn't necessarily believe in the standard 6-week rule.

If you expect your horse to take care of YOUR SEAT. You'd better be sure to take care of HIS FEET. It will beHOOVE you both. Happy Horse!



Left: Skull of free-range horse. Right: Skull of domestic horse with malocclusions.

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