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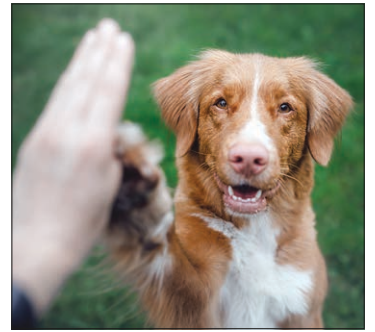
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Draco, Our Cover Dog



Name: Herro! I bes the Draco.

Age: I is 3 years old.

Hometown: I has a nice home in Prescott Valley.

Favorite Brand of Kibble: Fromm Gold Adult is what I eats.

Favorite People Food: Cheese! I likes cheese!

Favorite Toy: My Sheep! My Sheep!

Favorite Outdoor Activity: Ball! Did you say ball? BALL!! Yep! Yep! Yep! Yep!

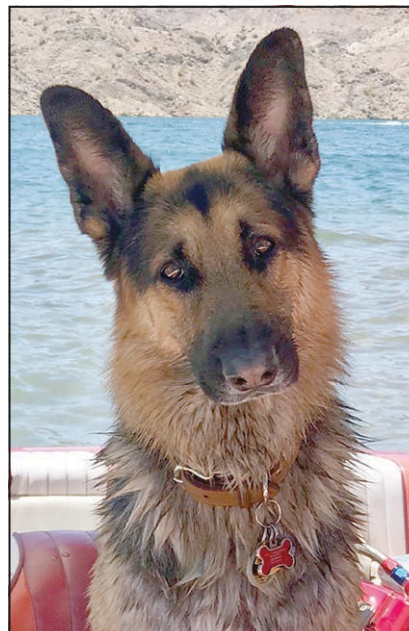
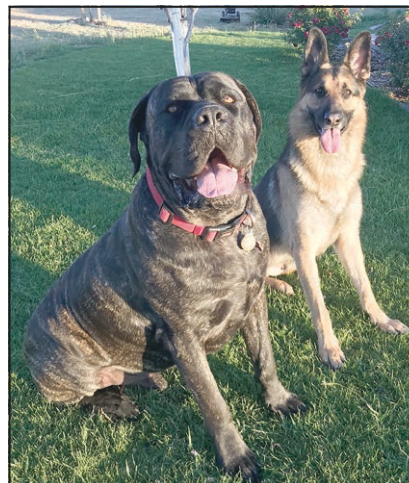
Favorite Indoor Activity: Throw sheep! Throw sheep! I fetch! I fetch! Again and again and again and again....

Favorite Nap Spot: My mom lets me naps on the couch.

Fitness Regimen: I loves to go for walks at the Courthouse, and I loves to play ball all day everyday with my dad.

Describe Your Perfect Canine Pal: Bruno is my bestest buddy. I has super-fun play time with him! We likes to chase each other all around my big yard. He is lots bigger than me. Mom says he's a Cane Corso.

Describe Your Perfect Day: Oh boy! Oh boy! Best day ever is when I gets to go to the lake! I gets to go for rides in the boat and I sits in the kayak too. I loves to swim in the water! I fetches anything you throws in the water for me. When I gets tired I likes to float on my big raft. It's my favorites fun day!



HAZEL HOWLS



It's been pointed out to me (repeatedly, that I am behind in my correspondence. So here we go....

DEAR HAZEL: I am a 5-year-old Aussie-mix rescue. My pak of hoomans are good to me, and I love my life here. Some of my jobs here are: wake the hoomans, stand at attentionz below the coffee maker, do bidness outside, return to coffee area, breakfast, then re-patrol the yard to guide all the wildlife out of my pak's area. After dinner, (kronch, kronch), I remind the pak to load the mettle box wid dirty dishes. At rest time, when dark falls, I guard the door of the our den till alarm time.

The problem I need help wid, is my pak leaders brought another rescue dog home four days ago, and my whole pak's routine is ruined. They even forgot to load the metal box till morning two nights in a row. They ignored my urging while they played with the new dog. I know you have gone through this too, so what should I do? – AUSSIE IN DISTRESS

DEAR AUSSIE IN DISTRESS: I have gone through eight –

no, nine – pak adjustments. The loss of one sibling, four foster dogs, a two-legged growing up and moving away and starting her own pack, the staggered addition of two four-legged siblings, and one extended “baby-sitting” situation.

Despite great effort on my part, I have not found a “one

size-fits-all” solution to the anxiety and jealousy that arises from a situation like the one you are in now. Rather than list my missteps, I will share what seemed to work most of the time.

First of all, patience... (yes I know), but you have to stay with your routine and do what you know to be right even though you will suffer the indignities o f being ignored for a bit as your pack members work through the newness of your recent addition.

Second, don't act out or go “cray-cray” trying to get attention, (believe me, it makes things worse). Remember, you are an example to your new charge. Eventually, if you're consistent with your routine the newcomer will participate with you.

My pack Dad has a saying about this. “Constancy of operation makes tremendous power available.” I'm not sure what all that means, but I like the way it sounds.

Last, try to remember to be adaptable, flexible to the changing dynamic of the pack. Greet it all with some wags. That

always help smooth things out.

DEAR HAZEL: I've heard that one of your nicknames is “Barky McBarks-a-Lot”. If that is true, could you help me understand what my dog (terrier named SnuggleDoodles) is going on and on about, with all his endless barking? – ALYSSA (11 YEARS OLD)

DEAR ALYSSA: I will neither confirm nor deny the rumored nickname you've mentioned. (That is a private pack matter.)

Now, as to explaining the different aspects of our vocalizations (barks), I'm afraid I could only explain it through more barking. Without an example, I'm afraid I can't even guess what he is saying. I would, however, try changing his name...that might help.

DEAR HAZEL: I am beside myself and don't know where else to turn. I am a retriever mix, adult male, with varied life experiences and am currently employed within my pack, and have been told I do a good job and that I am both handsome and regal in bearing.

Recently, the pack leader, Dad, was watching YouTube on the big screen in the living room. I don't like the images all that much as they have no scent, which makes it pretty boring most times. I was dozing off when I heard the very soft voice of a two-legged speaking with a member of her pack. There was something soothing and gentle about it, so I looked up.

All of a sudden I thought I was looking at an angel-dog. Her name is Maya Polar Bear, and

I am muzzle-over-paws in love. She is not only beautiful and floofy, she is also smart and regal like me. I am mesmerized by the way she tries different foods, and one time I so wanted to rescue her when she was trying an obstacle challenge. Oh, and don't get me started on the various costumes she tries on. My heart is aflame.

I could go on and on about her beauty and charms but this is where I need your help, because I'm too embarrassed to ask Dad. How do I get in touch with Maya? – BESIDE MYSELF

P.S. This is really important to me.

DEAR BESIDE MYSELF: Ahh, love at first sight...I had that happen to me once. Dad was passing an under-powered pick-up on I-40 one day, and I looked down from the big truck window into the cab of the pick-up we were passing and saw this handsome ruffian, an all-black rotty.

My heart skipped a beat. I even stood up in my co-pilot's seat trying to get his attention. But, as we were passing, I saw the front of the pick-up, and it was a Dodge. I'm a Ford girl. It just wouldn't have worked out, I'm afraid.

I understand your problem, but since I am not an expert on celebrities, I don't know off-paw exactly how to maneuver through their world. I would suggest, however, to set aside your pride and ask Dad. (I know it's you, Tucker. You even say Maya's name in your sleep.)

I would also suggest you don't call Dad “pack-leader” around Mom.

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog

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Hot Stuff

It's HOT outside. We want all our four-legged family members safe and healthy, so here are some precautions to take to help make that happen.

Heat can be a canine killer. As our temperatures soar into the 80's & 90's, it's important to remember that dogs are vulnerable to illnesses from hot weather like heat stroke, foot pad burns, sunburn and dehydration. We need to take extra safeguards to help our family companions stay safe like restricting outside activities and walks to earlier in the morning or later in the evening, and don't let your dog spend too much time on hot surfaces including cement and asphalt, where they run a very high risk of burnt paw pads.

Always make sure that they have access to fresh cool water, especially on walks. Heat safety with summer recreation is serious business for dogs because a dog's body temperature can rise very quickly causing serious injury. Appropriate care during the hot summer months should also include grooming them & giving them a nice shorter haircut to help prevent overheating, but never shave to the skin as they need at least one inch of hair to prevent sunburns.

As I said above, hot asphalt can burn a dog's feet! Asphalt absorbs enough heat to injure the extra thick flesh on a dog's paw. If the temperature outside is 77 degrees, the asphalt is 125 degrees. If the temperature outside is 87 degrees, the asphalt is 143 degrees! At 125 degrees, skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds. When going outside, press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt or cement for 7 seconds, if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them! Remember that a dog's body is much closer to the ground than ours is and it is more vulnerable to the heat from the ground. Temperatures at two and three feet above the ground can be 20 degrees hotter than at six feet.

Heatstroke is one of the summer's most frequent canine afflictions and one of the most lethal! Pet owners should know the signs of heatstroke and how to treat it. Symptoms might include: elevated body temperature (body temps can soar as high as 110 causing irreversible brain damage or death), vigorous panting, unsteady gait, physical depression or agitation, thick saliva or froth at the mouth, rigid posture, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, collapsing and signs of shock. Should you see any of these signs, get your dog inside immediately and wet them with cool water (do not use ice or cold water because that is very counterproductive as cooling them too fast can cause other life threatening conditions). Be sure to take them to your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Lastly, NEVER leave your dog in a hot car. Dogs die every summer as the temperature inside your car can become deadly within minutes. If the temperature outside is 80 degrees, within 10 minutes it will reach 99 degrees and within 30 minutes it will hit 114 degrees. If it's 90 degrees outside, within 10 minutes it will reach 109 degrees and within 30 minutes it will be 124 degrees. Bottom line regarding this, just don't leave your dog in a hot car, even with the windows open, it's not worth the risk!

Taking some extra steps of being careful with your four-legged best friend outside will help to make this summer one of fun and adventure for both of you.

-Loree Walden, Marketing Manager, Yavapai Humane Society

Heatstroke can be deadly.

Share this image to help pet parents learn the signs



SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE INCLUDE:

- Excessive panting
- High Fever
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Darkened Gums
- Collapse
- Weakness
- Rapid Heartbeat
- Staring/Anxious
- Drooling
- Unresponsive
- Warm/Dry Skin

If you think your pet has heatstroke,
HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE VETS OFFICE!





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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

JULY EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- July 1,8,11,15,22,25,29 Zoolittles
- July 4 Zoo by Moonlight
- July 4 Rodeo Parade
- July 6-10, 13-17, 20-24, 27-31 Zoo Camp
- July 11 Breakfast with Tortoise

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AUGUST EVENTS

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- August 3 Zoo by Moonlight
- August 5,8,12,19,22,26 Zoolittles
- August 8 Breakfast with Mountain Lion
- August 22 Wet & Wild Day
- August 29 Evening with the Clouded Leopard

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If you get excited about a book chock full of great dog information, nicely designed and peppered with useful pull-out quotes and illustrations, you'll enjoy Dog Obsessed, the Honest Kitchen's Complete Guide to a Happier, Healthier Life for the Pup You Love, by Lucy Postins with Sarah Durand.

Lucy Postins is the founder and CEO of Honest Kitchen, a company that produces all natural, human-grade whole food for pets. It stands to reason that she would include some cool food and treat recipes in this book and readers won't be disappointed! Dog Obsessed contains 45 new recipes, some using Honest Kitchen

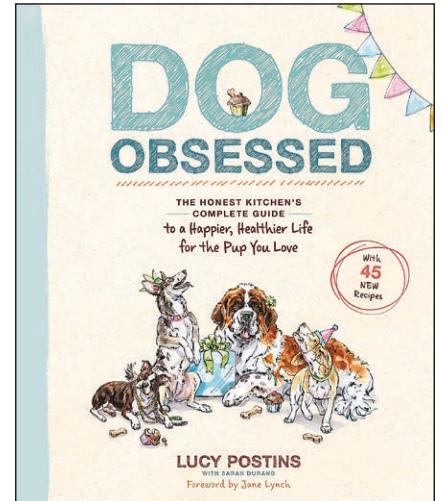
dehydrated food, and others using simple, natural ingredients that your pup is sure to love.

Dog Obsessed presents basic information on all things dog in an entertaining, easy to understand format, and then adds fun facts and easy tips on everything from which toys your puppy will like to teething, housetraining and perfect, first-time toys.

If you bring an older dog home, there's plenty of advice on helping him to become comfortable and fit in with your family.

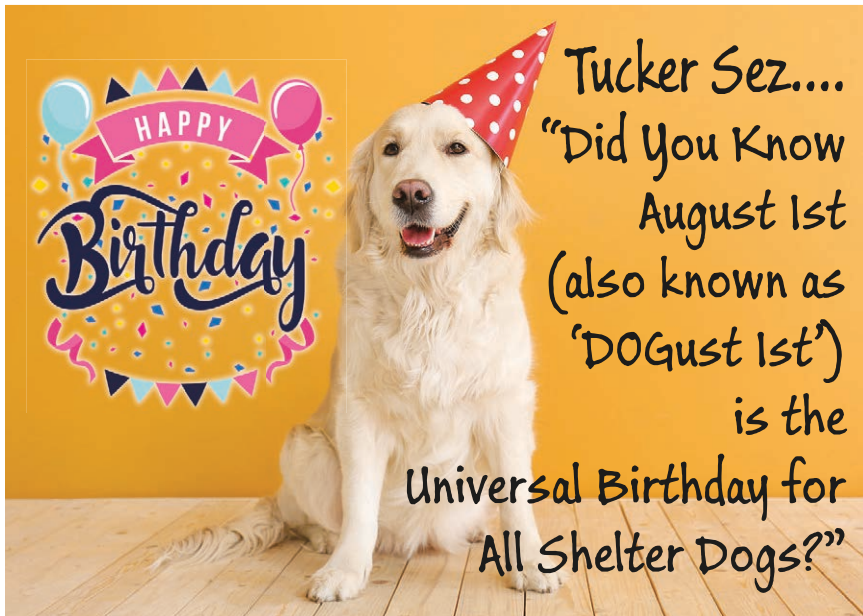
Not surprisingly, Postins adds an entire chapter on dog food to Dog Obsessed. It's information we all can use, because just like human bodies, what you put into your dog dictates their health, energy level and longevity. Learn the signs of a healthy, well-fed dog, what foods are toxic to dogs, and how to read dog food labels. Then go cook up one of those 45 recipes!

Other chapters of Dog Obsessed



delve in-depth into dog health, advice on finding and keeping a good veterinarian, the emotions of dogs, travel, exercise and play, and games and gatherings with your pet.

Dog Obsessed is not only a great refresher for the long-time dog owner, it would be a super gift for someone with a new pup, or for the other dog lovers in your life. You can find Dog Obsessed on the Honest Kitchen website at thehonestkitchen.com or at Amazon.com.



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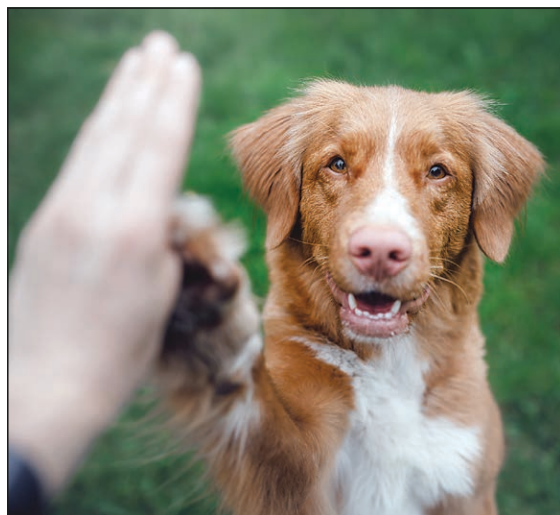
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By Heidi Dahms Foster

It's no secret that our dogs are a much-loved part of our families, and we want to do all we can to keep them safe. It's possible to safeguard your dog, if you take a little time to learn the possible dangers and hazards, and do what you can to reduce or eliminate them.



Training

Training is crucial! Every pup should know a few key commands. These are the basics, and any good local dog trainer can teach them to you and your dog. You can also find many good training sites online that will give you the information you need to safeguard your pet.

- **Come.** This command should be taught as soon as your new pet arrives in your home. You can teach a pup to come for a toy or treat, and build on that behavior. A more reluctant dog can learn starting with a leash, and graduating to a long line, also offering treats or toys. Don't call your dog to scold it! Always make coming to you fun. A solid recall can save your dog's life if it starts to dash into the street, after another dog or anywhere else it is unsafe to go.
- **Stay.** Another lifesaving command. Start with a short duration and build the time. If your dog moves, gently place him back in the same place and be sure to reward the successes.
- **Sit and Down.** Necessary for a well-behaved dog, and useful in social situations. You can lure your pet into either position with a treat or toy, and praise or reward the action. Then add the stay. You can also teach your dog a "place" command, to go to his bed or area you want him to stay for a time.
- **Leave it.** This might also save your dog's life or keep him from becoming ill. Excellent for any situation that might cause your dog harm. Put your dog on a leash. When he shows interest in something that is off limits,

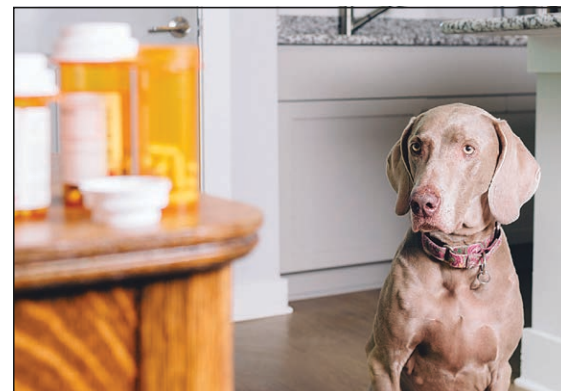
distract him and say, "leave it!" Consistency is key, until he will back off anything you ask him to not touch.

- **Off.** Nothing is more irritating than a dog that will not stop jumping on you or guests. When your dog jumps, gently push him off, and say "off." Again, consistency. If you do not want a jumper, you must commit that jumping is never acceptable.
- **Wait.** Useful if your dog is one of those who pushes his way out the door or leaps out of the car before you are ready. It's good manners and another possible lifesaver. Put your dog on a leash, tell him to wait, and ask him to sit and stay while you open the door of the house or car. Release him with the command "OK."
- **Crate training:** Not everyone loves dogs, and if you have guests in your home, or even health providers or delivery people, you need to have a way to confine your dog. Every dog should be crate-trained. Dogs are den animals, and a properly trained dog will see the crate as a safe place. Even if you don't agree with confining your dog to a crate for any amount of time, crate training is invaluable for the following reasons:
 1. Dogs can eat and rest without being disturbed by children or other dogs in the household.
 2. Dogs can be safely confined if you have guests.
 3. You can quickly confine your dog if you need to evacuate in an emergency.
 4. Your dog can safely travel to the vet, and will be comfortable if he needs to stay in the vet hospital for a time.
 5. You can travel safely with your dog. We hear every year about people whose dogs are lost for days, weeks or even permanently after a car accident in which they escaped. At the least, an unconfined dog in your car is a projectile if you stop quickly or have an accident.

Household Dangers

Dogs, and especially puppies, will chew most anything, including harmful items. One good way to teach your pup to leave things he shouldn't chew is to fill a box or basket with safe toys.

Every time your pup grabs something they shouldn't, redirect to a safe toy from the basket, with lots of praise. It won't take long for him



to associate the basket as a place to find an allowed toy when he has the desire to chew and play.

- **Pay attention to what your dog can eat or chew:** Cover trash cans or keep them inside a cabinet that latches. Dogs love to surf trash cans, and can have problems with spoiled food, bones, plastic and chip bags, and chemicals. Especially pay attention to chip or other bags that have had food in them. When trying to get the food out, dogs suck all the air out, and many have suffocated because they can't get the bag off their head. Get into a habit of ripping open every empty food bag and discarding it immediately. Never leave empty or partially filled food bags where your dog can get them. Many diet snacks and even some popular peanut butter brands contain xylitol, which is poison to dogs.
- **Watch collars and tags.** Remove the collar and tags when your dog is home or in a crate, or playing with other dogs. Dogs love to lay on cooling vents in particular, and license or identity tags can catch in these and cause choking. While chewing, dogs can get caught in their playmate's collar, causing possible suffocation as they try to get free.
- **Keep toilet lids closed.** Cleaners can be toxic to your dog.
- **Move or cover electrical cords and outlets** so pets don't chew on them.
- **Pick up potential choking and poison hazards.** What household items are toxic to your dog? Makeup, lotions, medications (put those bottles of aspirin and Tylenol out of reach!), certain houseplants, laundry supplies, tools and sharp items, rat poisons and insecticides, string and floss, batteries, cleaners, chemicals, toys and games with small pieces, food and wrappers.
- **Research your houseplants.** Some houseplants are highly poisonous to pets. Keep your plants out of reach of your dog, and teach them that plants are off limits. Some poisonous plants include: Lilies,

Marijuana, Sago Palm, Tulip/Narcissus Bulbs, Azalea/Rhododendron, Oleander, Castor Bean, Cyclamen, Kalanchoe, Yew, Amaryllis, Autumn Crocus, Chrysanthemum, English Ivy, Peace Lily, Pothos, and Schefflera, to name a few.

19. Phone number, clinic name, address of your veterinarian as well as local veterinary emergency clinics.

Make sure to check your pack every few months to make sure nothing has expired or needs to be replaced. Learn how to use the items in your kit, and keep it in a safe place.



First Aid Kit

Keep a first aid kit on hand and know how to do basic first aid for your dog. The ASPCApro online suggests these items in your kit:

1. Absorbent gauze pads
2. Adhesive tape
3. Benadryl for snake or bug bites (learn how to properly use this).
4. Cotton balls or swabs
5. Fresh 3% hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting (always check with veterinarian or animal poison control expert before giving to your pet)
6. Ice pack
7. Disposable gloves
8. Scissors with blunt end
9. Tweezers
10. OTC antibiotic ointment
11. Oral syringe or turkey baster
12. Liquid dishwashing detergent (for bathing)
13. Towels
14. Small flashlight
15. Alcohol wipes
16. Styptic powder
17. Saline eye solution
18. Artificial tear gel

In the Yard

Pay attention to what's in your landscape!

- **Dogs can be allergic to grass or weeds.** Pay particular attention to foxtails, which are barbed seeds that make their way into your dog's ears, nose, mouth and feet, causing infection or other serious problems.
- **Watch out for lawn chemicals, weed killers, bug sprays, and fertilizers.** Take the time to find out if they are safe for your pet, or if your pet should be kept out of the area for a time after use.
- **Check your fence.** Is it tall enough, strong enough and in good repair? Do you have adequate shelter and cool, plentiful water if your dog spends time outside?
- **Be careful of landscape materials.** Some mulches in particular, such as cocoa bean, are highly poisonous to dogs. Make sure you research if you'll be using it around your dog.
- **Insects and critters.** Be aware of bees, snakes, spiders, insects and other critters that are common to your area, and watch for them. Have a plan if your dog is bitten or stung.
- **Barbecues and picnics:** Be aware if you are barbecuing or eating outside. Many popular foods we enjoy might be toxic or



Helpful Resources

PET SAFETY AT HOME

www.security.org/resources/keeping-pets-safe/

GENERAL SAFETY AND RESCUE INFORMATION

www.aspcapro.org

FOOD SAFETY AND A WEALTH OF TRAINING INFORMATION

www.akc.org/expert-advice/nutrition/hazardous-cookout-food/

PET POISON HOTLINE

www.akcreunite.org/pph/#247

dangerous to your dog. Cooked bones can cause choking. Garlic, onions, and chocolate are toxic to dogs. Deli meats such as hot dogs can contain high amounts of nitrates that are unhealthy for your dog, and salty snacks in large amounts can also cause problems. Greasy leftovers can cause pancreatitis.

If you think your pet has gotten into something potentially toxic, call your veterinarian right away. When it happens outside of office hours or any time, day or night, weekends, and holidays, you can call AKC Reunite's Pet Poison Helpline at 800-252-7894 for help.

Be sure to start a relationship with a knowledgeable trainer or dog person you trust. What you learn from them can help make your life with your dog easier and safer.



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Knowledge & Vigilance Will Keep Your Beloved Dog Safe at Home



When the coronavirus hit our neighbors in the northern part of the State extra hard - YHT, a local all-volunteer 501c3 animal rescue group could not turn their backs.

Stepping up, we collected over 4,000 pounds of dog and cat food through our generous volunteers and were aided by discounts provided by Tractor Supply in Prescott and Prescott Valley, and a kind truck offer from Penske Truck Rental in PV plus additional food donations from Olsen's Grain.

Our team safely delivered food up to Kayenta Saturday where people and dogs are struggling. Since the restaurants are closed on the Navajo Reservation, the community dogs that have relied on fast-food "sharing" from tourists have limited access to food. Water is nearly non-existent, and puppy season is producing many struggling moms and babies.

One YHT volunteer, Marsha, made over 100 protective masks to donate, and other partnering groups that included High Country Humane in Flagstaff and Yavapai Humane Society in Prescott shared the support for 14 stray dogs and puppies that were brought back at the request of the Navajo Nation Rescue Network. This is community giving in action and at its best.

More trips are being planned and more donations are needed to help

support these hard-hit communities. Donations to YHT are tax deductible and can be made to Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue, PO Box 12184, Prescott 86304 or PayPal link at paypal.me/YHTASR.

We will also be in need of more fosters and donations for medical costs as additional trips are planned to help provide relief for the dogs who are in poor condition and puppies who are not thriving.

Making a difference to animals locally and Statewide is part of YHT's mission, and we welcome more community supporters to provide relief to animal suffering during these difficult times.

Humane Trapping Assistance

Yavapai Humane Trappers-Animal Search and Rescue is uniquely positioned with both a search and

rescue program (skilled trappers) for owner assists, injured dogs and strays, and a foster arm for companion animals that have no owner and need a home.

We have the equipment to do technical humane trapping across northern Arizona, and we have up to 30 experienced foster homes able to receive homeless dogs and cats for vetting and adoption. Our committed followers have also generously donated food and medical resources on a limited basis to owners who need help.

We are a registered 501c3 allowing for tax deductible contributions and we welcome volunteers who can help with trapping, fostering, transporting, marketing, and fundraising efforts.

Our general email is yavitrappers@gmail.com.

More dogs run away on July 4th than any other day of the year.

Avoiding fireworks can be difficult.

In addition to community events, neighbors might have their own noise makers.

Here are 6 ideas to create a calm, safe home for your dog during the 4th of July festivities:



On Leash.

Keep your dog on a leash when in or out of the home to prevent bolting from unexpected noises or flashes of light.



Pet ID.

Be sure your dog is wearing a visible up-to-date ID tag on the collar. Carry a current photo of your dog with you.



Exercise.

Take a long walk, play hard, and make sure your dog's bladder and bowels are empty before festivities begin.



Safe Space.

Keep your dog in a crate or small room during festivities. Make sure favorite toys and foods are available. Swaddle with an anxiety wrap if needed.



Mask Noises.

Play soft, gentle music in the room where your dog is staying. Close doors, windows, and shades to dampen loud noise and bright lights.



Stay Calm.

Spray the room or crate pillow as needed with a calming mist. Scolding only confuses a dog and reinforces fearful behavior.

Best wishes for a safe, calm 4th of July!

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

We hope that you are all staying well, both physically and emotionally, during these difficult times. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have discovered what we already know - that having a pet can be a great comfort.

Whether it's a soft purr or the wag of a tail, pets can help us live in the moment and take a rest from dwelling on the troubles of the world.

If you're staying at home more than usual, there's no better time to add a cat or dog to your family. You'll

be saving a pet's life and improving your own at the same time. To see our adoptable pets, visit our website at www.UnitedAnimalFriends.org.

Another thing the pandemic can teach us is how to personally relate to the plight of pets in need. If you've been feeling caged in and deprived of your freedom, not knowing when this will end, imagine how it feels to be a cat or dog living in a shelter.

If you feel like your quality of life is at the mercy of forces you have no control over, you may understand what it feels like to be a hungry pet not knowing when the next meal might come, or a sick or injured pet waiting for medical care.

Due to pandemic restrictions, we

have had to cancel many events, including Woof Down Lunch, which is our second-largest fundraiser each year. And while the income that supports our many programs is down, the need for our help is up.

Cancelling fundraising events and adoption events was necessary, but the way we see it, cancelling our life-saving programs is not an option.

Programs like UAF's Community Pet Food Bank are needed more than ever, and our dedicated volunteers have found ways to continue providing food for hungry pets, like doorstep delivery and drive-through service at our monthly distributions.

It's likely that we will see an increase in need for our Emergency Medical

Program as families with reduced incomes seek assistance with critical veterinary care for their pets. Boarding costs for our adoptable pets are up, as we try to get as many as possible out of crowded shelters.

While we may not be able to control the lifestyle changes brought about by the pandemic, we can make better lives for pets in need. You may not be able to take the vacation of your dreams this year, but you can make the dreams of a cat or dog come true by fostering, adopting, or donating.

Please join us in our efforts to make the world a better place for cats and dogs. In doing so, you'll be making your world better too.



Ronald

Ronald's previous owner had a tragic accident trying to save some puppies from a fire. Luckily Ronald and his buddy Rose were outside and unharmed. They were taken to a shelter by the court. AARF was notified of a few dogs they wanted to see if we could help; Ronald and Rose were included, and we said yes!

And, a "Happy Tail"

Ronald is a 6-year-old black lab mix, and the sweetest boy with a very gentle soul who loves everyone. We noticed he was squinting out of one eye, so he was off to the vet to be checked.

We discovered he was blind in that eye from a previous injury. Surgery was suggested so he would not have problems later. But, before his surgery date, a nice couple came to meet him with their sweet dog Maddie who needed a friend. Of course, they fell in love.

For everything this boy went through in his young life, he certainly turned out to be a very



forgiving dog.

Happy Tails to our boy Ronald. He has truly found his forever home.

What Ronald's Family Says About Him

Our female dog, Maddie, and our female cat, Millie, were missing their big buddy, Bernie, so we decided it was time to find a new family member. Bernie left a big hole in our hearts.

Larry began searching the internet for a new dog, which led us to Pet Finder, and they led us to a selection of local pet rescues and pet photos.

AARF had a picture of Ronald, a black Labrador Retriever mix, so we decided to meet him. My husband knows if I meet an animal, I'm bringing them home!



Ronald was not neutered, blind in one eye due to trauma, and we later discovered he had been shot, with the shattered metal still in his body. The metal remains embedded in his muscle but his eye was removed, he was neutered, and chipped.

Ronald's happy tail is wagging again. He never complains or carries on. He and Maddie run and play, and he is still trying to entice the cat to RUN!

He gives us so much love every day despite his past six years of questionable history. He has a fantastic attitude, and we are lucky to have found him!

WOOFstock 2020 or, shall we say, WINDTAILS!

It was indeed a blustery day with lots of unwanted "foxtail" visitors but, all in all, always a good day to be among friends from our animal community.

Thanks to Cherie and her team for persevering to give us this



showcase.

Although AARF did not have any adoptions, being able to socialize our dogs and give them exposure to both people and other dogs beyond our property is always a benefit.

Remember, WE LOVE VISITORS, so call AARF to schedule a tour or to meet our dogs (shown on Petfinder) at (928) 925-7219.



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ADOPT -A-DOG

BIG MAMA (Left) & TODD (Right):

Big Mama is a shepherd mix, and Todd is a Sharp-Pei mix. Both are 6 years old. Sadly, their owner passed away. They are well-behaved and very affectionate. They need a home together as they are very bonded to each other. Chino Valley Animal Shelter 928-636-4223 ext #7



JASMINE (Left) AND GUNNER (Right):

Gunner is a 10-year-old German Shepherd. He is very sweet and very smart. Jasmine is a 12-year-old white lab. She is sweet and loves her people. Since they are bonded with each other we'd like them to go to a home together. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



RYDER:

A 4-year-old female pit bull mix. She is beautiful, sweet, eager to play, and loves people. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



BRIAN: A 4-year-old sable and black Ridgeback mix. Very affectionate, loves people. He knows many commands and is very smart. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



MAX: A handsome 4-year-old Boxer. He is affectionate, energetic, and very smart. He loves to learn! Needs someone who understands the breed. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



ANGUS: An affectionate 4-year-old American Staffordshire terrier who loves playing with people. He's smart and already knows commands. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



RIVER: A 6-year-old shepherd mix. River is a bit nervous here, but she is gentle and affectionate once she knows you. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



CHRIS: A 2-year-old Boxer mix. He is smart and energetic, a classic Boxer! He'd love a high energy person who knows the breed. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



TYSON: A 4-year-old Pit Bull who is "a lot of dog". He is sweet and smart, but he's going to need training and a confident handler. Humane Society 928-445-2666



DEACON: A 2-year-old white Pit Bull mix, he is smart and curious. He may have some hearing issues, but handles it well. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



HOPE: A beautiful white Pit Bull female. She's a bit shy right now, but very affectionate and gentle once she warms up. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



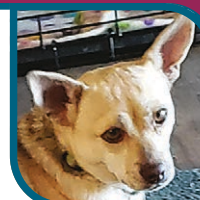
CARSON: The cutest Shepherd cross puppy. He is paper trained, sweet, and playful. Loves following his caregivers around for company. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



LOLA: A black lab cross orphan. Good with other dogs, and her favorite pal is a baby foster kitten. She learns quickly, is paper trained. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



DAISY MAE: A 16-lb. Chihuahua cross. She gets along well with other dogs and cats and has a great happy personality. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



ADOPT -A-DOG

LITTLE

RITZ: A shepherd/cattle dog mix, born mid-April.

He is a happy boy who enjoys other dogs, cats, and lots of lap time. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



KAI: A beautiful 8-month-old cattle dog cross with striking blue eyes that will melt your heart. She is happy and curious. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



HARLEY:

She's a cattle dog mix, 3 years old and 35 lbs. Very energetic and affectionate. Would like to be adopted with her sister Dixie. United Animal Friends loveuaf33@gmail.com



DIXIE: She's a cattle dog mix, 3 years old and 35 lbs. Very energetic and affectionate. Would like to be adopted with her sister Harley. United Animal Friends loveuaf33@gmail.com



QUINN:

An 8-week-old shepherd/lab mix. She's happy, loves to play, is independent, but enjoys being cuddled. She is a smart and fun little girl. Yavapai Humane Trappers dawnLG39@yahoo.com



KYLIE: A 5-month old cattle dog mix. She is affectionate and loves attention. Leash and crate trained. Yavapai Humane Trappers/Karen at 928-308-6560



DUSTY:

A 2-year-old Chihuahua. He is a shy and loving dog. He is an intelligent, sweet boy who would be a wonderful companion. Yavapai Humane Trappers yavitrappers@gmail.com



TRAPPER:

A fuzzy shepherd mix puppy. He's a silly fun-loving baby who thrives on human attention. Learning house training and basic commands. Yavapai Humane Trappers. Toby at 4lvdch@bullerinetWORKS.net



HAWKEYE:

A fuzzy shepherd mix puppy, born 4-1-20. A silly fun-loving baby who thrives on human attention. Learning house training and basic commands. Yavapai Humane Trappers. Toby at 4lvdch@bullerinetWORKS.net



DADDY: A cattle dog mix, Daddy is 3 years old, 40 pounds, crate trained, and walks well on leash. Yavapai Humane Trappers. Karen at mountain-horserider@gmail.com



GEORGIE:

He's as smart as he is cute! He walks very well on leash, loves to cuddle and will follow you everywhere! Yavapai Humane Trappers dawnlg39@yahoo.com



SMOKIE:

This is a true gentleman. He is a Shih Tzu mix, 11 years young. He is housebroken and is spry and active. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetWORKS.net



MICAH:

A shepherd mix senior. He loves short walks, treats, and lots of love. This guy needs a soft place to lay his head. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



PEPPER JACK: A sweet 2-year-old male. We don't know what his breed mix is, but he's cute. He loves long walks, people, and food! AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



CHARLOTTE:

A female 6-month-old cattle dog mix with the cutest spotted ears. She is learning to walk on a leash and use a doggie door. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



BRUNO:

A 10-year-old male lab who is neutered, up to date on shots, and microchipped. He is gentle, affectionate, and very loving. AARF 928-925-7219



ADOPT -A-CAT

DUTCHESS: A beautiful brown tabby lady with golden eyes. She is 1 year old, extremely friendly and even likes friendly dogs. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetWORKS.net



SMOKIE: He is a smoke kitten: black coat on the outside with a silvery gray undercoat. He is handsome, charming, and loves to play! Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetWORKS.net



FRED: Big ol' Fred is complete love bug! Handsome crème shorthair. He does fine with cat friendly dogs and other cats. Yavapai Humane Trappers/Dawn at dawnlg39@yahoo.com



MISSY: A lovely 4-year-old tortoiseshell lady. She is quite affectionate, friendly even with strangers, and rolls over for belly rubs. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



WHISPER: A 4-year-old gray longhaired lady, quite beautiful. She is affectionate and warms up quickly, asking for attention and giving head butts. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



KLAUS: A 3-year-old big guy, orange and white longhair. He is the sweetest boy, a lap kitty with big purrs. Loves everyone. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



GEORGE: A most regal senior flame-point Siamese male with beautiful blue eyes. He's very sweet, loves laps and toys. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



CODY: A handsome 1-year-old gray and white tabby longhair male. He's sweet, gentle, and very glad to have been rescued. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



RAFAEL: A 3-month-old charmer. He's a black tuxedo cat with a goatee! He's funny, playful, and looking for a best friend. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



SADIE: A gorgeous Russian Blue mix, Sadie is a 6-year-old silver-gray lady who is clever, affectionate, and fun to have around. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



GOLDIE: A handsome mature fellow, Goldie is an 11-year-old orange male. He's affectionate and looking for someone special to love. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



PURRCY: A 3-year-old orange tabby male. Purrcy is a quiet gentleman looking for his own lap and many, many toys! Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



JOEY: A 2-year-old tuxedo male who is a world class wand toy acrobat. He's fun, curious, affectionate, and soooo handsome! Catty Shack 928-778-6951



SEÑOR BLANCO: A delightful, handsome all white longhair with beautiful golden eyes. He is extremely friendly, loves to head butt and be petted. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



LILY: An elegant longhaired house panther, black with amazing copper eyes. She loves pets and lap sitting, and always wants to be close. Catty Shack / Elizabeth at 928-848-9509



JEMMA: A lovely 2-year-old intensely colored tortoiseshell lady with big green eyes. She is very affectionate and loves belly rubs! Catty Shack 928-778-6951

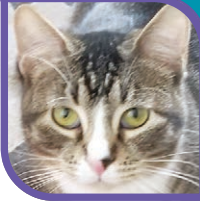


ADOPT -A-CAT



THISTLE:

A 2-year-old lady with an unusual coat color called ticked tabby. She is beautiful and sweet, with unforgettable peridot green eyes. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



PANDA:

A handsome 2-year-old gray long-haired tuxedo cat. He is a sweetheart who loves pets, head scratches, and gentle conversation. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



MADISON

THE FAIR: A lovely 1-year-old tortoise-shell female, exotic in appearance and loving in spirit. Loves pets, cuddles, and toys! Catty Shack 928-778-6951



SAM:

A young orange tabby male with white trim, a handsome fellow who loves to play, loves people, and loves cuddles. Catty Shack / Tara 520-349-3232 or 928-778-6951



ZINNIA:

A lovely long-haired tuxedo lady with the most magnificent white whiskers! She is sweet, funny, curious, and affectionate. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



ATHENA:

A beautiful Maine Coon mix about 4 years old. She's a sweet, lovely tabby with white trim and the laid back Maine Coon personality. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



HOMER:

A good-looking young tabby male. He's not only handsome, but also clever and very affectionate. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



PRINCE:

A handsome dark prince of Persian background with a thick, fluffy coat. He's friendly, loves to play and interact. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



Adopt a Horse from Yavapai Humane Society



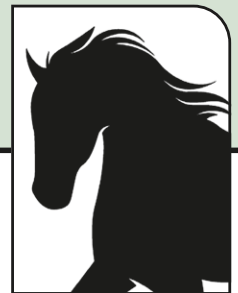
PHARAOH: A sweet and calm 20-year-old Arab/QH gelding. He halts, leads, loads, saddles, and rides well. He would be good for a beginner. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



BEAU: A 12-year-old chestnut Quarter-horse. Beau is extremely sweet and lazy but can be hard to catch sometimes. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



CINCH: A big and handsome bay Thoroughbred gelding who loves attention. He is easy to catch, stands for the farrier, loads, and ties well. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



BULLSEYE: A large 18-year-old bay off-the-track registered Thoroughbred gelding. He is quiet with good manners and trained to ride. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



GUCCI: A flashy chestnut 9-year-old Arabian/Saddlebred gelding. Gucci will make a great show horse, but he does bite and will need an experienced trainer. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



BEN AND JERRY: Two beautiful Haflinger geldings. Jerry is 15 years old, and Ben is 12, and trained to drive as a team. Both are very sweet and affectionate. We would like for Ben and Jerry to get adopted together because they have been together for almost their entire lives. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



ARLO: A handsome buckskin 18-month-old QH/mustang gelding. He's 14 hands, but will be big. He's smart with a lovely disposition, but still a baby. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



WAGGIN TAILS FROM WOOFstock and Adopt-a-thon 2020

Photos by Sol Noor and Heidi Dahms-Foster



To All,
My deepest gratitude to all for coming together to celebrate "All Things Dog", during the 9th Annual WOOFstock and adopt-a-thon. Thank you for braving the incredible winds and the cavalcade of foxtails, rolling like tiny tumbleweeds across the green.

Without many of the normal event activities taking place this year, our main mission of the event was accomplished. Applications were taken and adoptions were conducted. Always a victory!

We saw some amazing things during the event, truly heartwarming scenes. Expectant families picking new canine members, reunions of prior adoptees, old friends and quite moments that could surely restore faith in the human capacity to love.

Some very special people that I would like to thank – these guys are responsible for making it happen before, during and after the event.

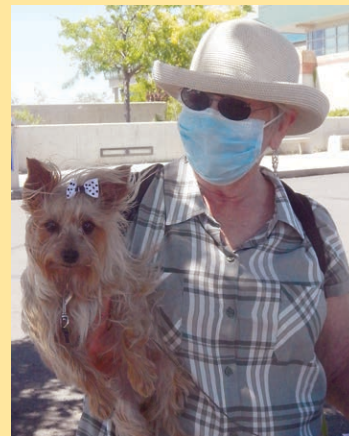
- My husband David for his support before, during and after.
- The beyond awesome volunteer team of Marita, D.J., Vicki, Debra, Marie, Heidi and Jan.

- To John for coming to help David with equipment setup.
- Prescott Dog Editor Heidi Dahms Foster and Sol Noor of Findlay Subaru for documenting the event through their lenses.
- The Town of Prescott Valley staff members; Cindy, Fatima, Jason and Jeremy.
- And our special thanks to the sponsors. Findlay Subaru, Prescott Animal Hospital, Farbenholt Dog Training and Olsen's for Healthy Pets. Y'all are fabulous.
- The list of people involved in each one of our events is long. All of these people willingly give of their time and talents for the same reason – For the Love of the Dog.

Again, I can't thank you enough.

~Cherie L Dreves
WOOFstock Coordinator, Publisher
Prescott Dog Magazine
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P.S. Dogtoberfest will be held at Watson Lake Park in Prescott, on Sunday October 4th 2020.



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!



Many Thanks to Our Sponsors!





Gaddes Tr No. 110

SUMMER SHADE ABOUNDS ON GADDES CANYON TRAIL

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

On Mingus Mountain in the Prescott National Forest, the Gaddes Canyon Trail is downhill all the way. Or it's uphill all the way, depending upon which trailhead you access. Either way, you'll hike both up and down round trip, so it's good exercise with sweeping views, shade on the side whenever you want it, and a feeling of isolation from the world.

If you want to start out easy, the Mingus Mountain campground trailhead off Forest Road 104 is for you. This is the most popular with campers and day hikers. It really is not downhill (yet), but a gentle climb from the canyon bottom before it follows an old road to the flat area on top, according to the Forest Service website. We didn't try it, but hiked from the opposite end, where we were camped.

The other trailhead begins at Forest Road 413, also known as Allen Springs Road, between several dry camping sites. This option will give you a one-mile aerobic hike up a rocky trail with a few rather steep areas. Switchbacks are seldom. Shade is plentiful.

Relish a rest on the flat top. Partake in a picnic or snack, and enjoy the views all the way to the Bradshaw Mountains, Prescott Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt from an elevation of nearly 7,700 feet. Scout around and find evidence of deer and



Dog walk.



Look closely for the "dog's head profile" in the rocky outcrop at a switchback on the Gaddes Canyon trail.



Keep a sharp eye out for colorful flowers in unlikely places.

Take plenty of water for yourself and your intrepid canine. We used to make our two rescue brothers carry their own liquid refreshment in their saddlebag-type backpacks. But we have only 10-year-old Jack now. Although he is strong, healthy, and used to walking a couple of miles a day, he is starting to show his years, so we try not to cause him undue stress. OK, I admit – I baby him more. Whichever start you choose, you will experience a canopy of primarily ponderosa pine forest with oak and walnut trees inter-

persed. Different varieties of cactus bloom with bright red or yellow flowers. Wildflowers spring up in the most unlikely places – the middle of a rocky trail or from a boulder.



Trail No. 110, with a difficulty level rated moderate, is for hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bicyclists. The latter two categories should not use the trail when it's wet. Know when to yield the trail: horses take priority, then hikers. Bikers yield to everyone.

As of June 1, all Arizona forests were under Stage 2 fire restrictions. That means no smoking, shooting, wood or charcoal fires. The Forest Service implemented the burn ban on April 21, earlier than normal, to "reduce human caused wildfire during global pandemic." Generally, restrictions are not lifted until the monsoons are well underway, typically later in July.



Also as of June 1, no set date for reopening campgrounds or services at day-use sites was available. The Forest Service anticipated "a phased reopening at some point in June," according to the website. For updated information, visit: fs.usda.gov/main/Prescott/home
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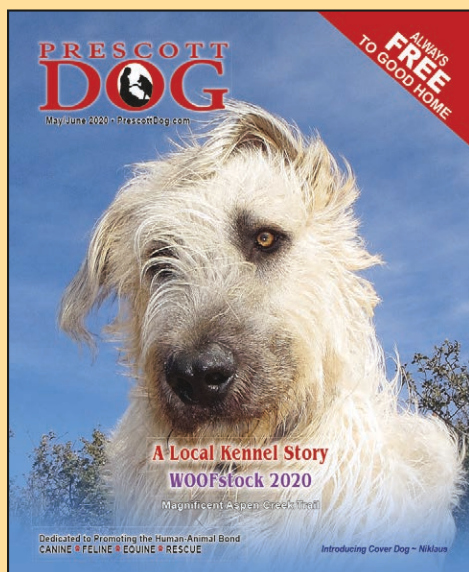
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EXPERIENCED K9 OFFICER KEVEN O'HAGAN TAKES HELM OF PRESCOTT VALLEY'S UNIT

By Heidi Dahms Foster

The Prescott Valley Police Department has a new leader at the helm of its K9 unit. In July, Sergeant Keven O'Hagan takes over the reins of the talented four-team unit, which currently has been under the direction of Lieutenant James Gregory. Gregory will remain as the unit's lieutenant, and O'Hagan will serve under him.

The change will allow O'Hagan to focus entirely on the unit and on the continued training and service of the four young dogs and their handlers.

O'Hagan began his law enforcement career in 2003 as a dispatcher for the Northern Arizona University Police Department in Flagstaff. In 2005 he attended the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy for NAU Police, graduating in 2006. He was born and raised in Prescott and is a graduate of Mayer High School, where he met his wife of 18

years. Following their desire to move back home and raise their three children in their hometown community, O'Hagan started with the Prescott Valley Police Department in 2007.

In 2008 he was assigned to the K9 unit where he spent three years with K9 partner Bojar (Bogar), a trained bomb detection dog. O'Hagan remembers working with two of Prescott Valley's first K9s, the legendary Joey, handled by Officer Paul Hines, and Ike, handled by now Chino Valley K9 Officer Dave McNally.

"It was the Joey/Ike show," O'Hagan said with a laugh, of the two talented and well-known K9s. Bogar, a Czech Shepherd, was eventually sold to Oregon, because there was not a big need for a bomb dog in the Quad Cities area. Bogar did detect a pipe bomb in a vehicle in Prescott Valley, and was used to help search the event center at ASU prior to a visit from then president Barack Obama. He also was used as a patrol dog.

O'Hagan left the K9 unit in 2012 and was assigned to the SWAT team. A year later, in 2013, he was promoted to Corporal. As an eight-year firearms instructor, he has also served as the department's Range Master. In July 2016, O'Hagan was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

During his time at PVPD, O'Hagan has been a part of several large incidents, but the most rewarding experiences, he said, have been the community programs that he has had the pleasure to be a part of, including



Shop with a Cop, National Night Out (every year); setting up Block Watches and meeting with Block Watch leaders.

He developed a relationship with Habitat for Humanity that allowed him and several members of the Department the opportunity to help build four different homes in Prescott Valley for underprivileged families.

In April 2017, O'Hagan was awarded the police star for bravery in an incident where he and two other officers entered a home in which the family had been attacked with a hatchet by another family member.

O'Hagan is proud and excited about the future of Prescott Valley's K9s and their handlers on the team he previously led before patrol, SWAT, and range responsibilities made it necessary to give up K9 for a time.

In 2018, the Prescott Valley Police Department welcomed four new Belgian Malinois K9s, thanks to a generous donation from community members. The donation came right on time, as the department had retired three K9s – Jake, Turco and Toyo. Turco retired with former PVPD K9 officer Matt Williams and has since passed away. Jake is retired with Officer Layton Cooper, and Toyo is retired with Officer Caleb Cozens. Cooper and Cozens are still with the K9 unit, and handle Kion and Chewy, respectively.

The other two newer K9s are teamed with Officer Justin Ellison (Kato) and Officer Paul Hines (Groot). Three of the dogs were just two years old and had only basic training when Hines traveled to the Netherlands in 2018 to bring them home. Hines' dog Groot was six months old, and not in the plans until Hines met him in the Netherlands and was struck by the dog's talent and drive.

All four dogs are now certified in both narcotics and patrol, and O'Hagan's goal is to see them certified at the highest level available.

"I want to make sure the training is the best they can get, that way we're offering the best service we can to the community," he said.

The team will focus on its own four members for the initial six months after O'Hagan takes over, he said, but then he hopes to expand into different training and exposures to varied experiences with other agencies.

"Hopefully we can try some outside training, and maybe the Desert Dog K9 Trials next year," he said. "It's easy to say I think we have the best K9 unit you could ask for, the best dogs, with incredible handlers, that have still not reached their full potential."

Officer Caleb Cozens' Chewy showed his mettle this summer when he apprehended an individual who had led officers on a high speed chase from Prescott to Prescott Valley and back again, trying to run down an officer and traveling the wrong way on busy streets. He left his vehicle at a Prescott mall, where Chewy was deployed to stop him. Thankfully, neither officers, the public, or dog were injured in the incident that put all of them in great danger.

"Chewy is about as 'Joey' as it gets," O'Hagan said of PVPD's former K9. Joey was known for his highly social demeanor, but when it came to work, he was "all business."

Officer Justin Ellison and Kato are on the same shift with Cozens, and the teams work and train together. They are both challenging each other with new skills, such as tracking.



Kion, with Officer Layton Cooper, is doing great with narcotics detection, and Paul Hines and Groot as a team have "unlimited potential," O'Hagan said.

The four teams offer narcotics detection and protection to their officers seven days a week in Prescott Valley, and are on call to assist other agencies as needed.

O'Hagan and the PVPD K9 team continue to thank those who have generously donated to support non-budgeted needs. Community members gave a large donation to purchase the current four K9s, and the Yavapai Community Foundation provides annual grants for training and more. Olsen's Grain continues to supply dog food, and individual community members are always generous to donate.

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EQUINE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF YAVAPAI COUNTY

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

If you are at all familiar with the Yavapai County equestrian community, then you will not be surprised that when faced with peril and the demand of putting together an emergency evacuation program, they will come to the table (and the stable) with all the right plans and resources.



EEE, as it is called, has a mission, and that mission is to provide the best possible outcomes for large animals affected by disaster in Yavapai County.

The organization is a 501(c)3 tax exempt entity and enlists an all-volunteer crew dedicated to assist equine owners in the event of wildfire and other emergencies. Furthermore, they serve as a Community Organization Active in Disasters (COAD) which is a FEMA designation.

The volunteers operate at the direction of Yavapai County Emergency Management which allows them to obtain permissions from the county's Sheriff's Office Incident Command to transport large animals out of evacuated areas. What does all this mean?

EEE has designed strategies and processes, adopted practices from existing large animal evacuation groups that deem effective in order to provide efficient help for the Yavapai County equestrian community. But this takes vital reciprocal steps and responsibility from the horse community in return.

It is important that horse owners make themselves familiar

with EEE and their procedures so that the organization is better able to do their job in an emergency. Equine Emergency Evacuation provides owner awareness programs as well as incident preparation and planning resources.

In emergency situations, EEE has over 25 designated staging areas situated around Yavapai County that can be used as a base of operations near the site of the Incident Command (a management system designed to enable effective, efficient incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications within an organizational structure).

In the case of smaller incidents, it is a somewhat different setup. Dispatchers are assigned to receive calls on the EEE Emergency Hotline. Henceforth, as a virtual team, they direct evacuation vehicles to the specified locations where needed.

Many times, the animal's owner has a pre-planned location for their animal to be deliv-



ered, a method highly recommended.

What can you do as a responsible equestrian to be fully prepared?

You may be surprised to know that many horse owners do not have a horse trailer to evacuate their animals. As an all-volunteer program, EEE has limited operational capabilities. You should NOT rely on them or the county for evacuation.

The Equine Emergency Evacuation website, eeeyc.org, has an ideal Check List for you to follow BEFORE an emergency occurs.

Equine Emergency Evacuation List

1. Sign up for the Sheriff's "Ready, Set, Go" advisory system.
2. Review the "Disaster Planning Guidelines" and "Disaster Planning Worksheet".
3. Review the Check Lists for you, your family and you animals.
4. If you have a trailer, you can make arrangements

with a friend to take animals to their place.

5. Practice loading your animals.
6. If you don't have a trailer or you have more animals than trailer space, talk to a neighbor or friend who can help you.

7. Form a Neighborhood Group to assist one another.
8. Know in advance what you are going to do with your animals and yourself.
9. In wildfire season, have your trailer ready to be hooked up and keep truck fueled.
10. Give yourself plenty of time. It takes substantial time to load your animals and be ready to depart. Wildfires can move very fast.
11. Keep the EEE Emergency Hotline phone number handy (833-922-9333).
12. Do not call the EEE Emergency Hotline for non-evacuation situations.

The objective of EEE is to provide flexible and responsive evacuations as the circumstance dictates. Your familiarity with their procedures and operations coupled with your knowledge of a current emergency, will prove invaluable for the greater safety of you and your animals. And you know we all love a happy ending.

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