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Niklaus, Our Cover Dog

Name: Niklaus

Age: 4 years old

Hometown: Mayer

Favorite Brand Of Kibble: Purina Pro Plan Focus Adult Giant Breed

Favorite People Food: Chicken, especially the breast

Favorite Toy: My big gray shark. He makes crinkly and squeaky noises when I bite down on him.

Favorite Outdoor Activity: I love to flush the quails out of the brush and watch them scatter in every direction.

Favorite Indoor Activity: Taking all my toys off of the living room chair, one by one, and making lots of noise as I shake them and send each one flying!

Favorite Nap Spot: My giant orthopedic K-9 ballistic bed where I can really stretch out, lay on my back with my feet in the air against the wall, or curl up like a cat in complete comfort.

Fitness Regimen: My mom takes me out for a nice long hike in the hills every morning and afternoon, and sometimes a for a short hike in the middle of the day, too.

Describe Your Perfect Canine Pal: My little Corgi buddy, Bentley. We've been pals since I was a few months old and went in the creek together for the first time. I even share my bed with him when we have sleepovers. Bentley is little compared to me but he is mighty, and we have such a fun time heading down the trail on our hikes, exploring together with my Mom.

Describe Your Perfect Day: First thing, I very quietly walk up to my Mom while she's sleeping and give her a gentle good-morning kiss. She always wakes right up, and before I know it my breakfast is served. Then I take a nap while she goes outside to take care of her horse, and when she comes back, I wait for the words, "Get ready!"

My ears perk up and I fly down the steps and wait at attention by the back gate for her to put on my leash, and off we go. I have a lot of freedom and off-leash time to smell everything I want and climb over rocks and sniff the air. When we get back, I get a thorough going over and my coat brushed, then I like to take a nice long nap, rest up, and do it all over again.



My little Corgi buddy,
Bentley, & me



HAZEL HOWLS

Dear Red Rocket Dog Journal:

You would think that the difference in stature between two-leggeds and us four-leggeds would keep the former from getting underfoot, but these last few weeks proved differently. Mom and Dad have been home day after day with rare exception.

The usual routine of either Mom or Dad blasting out the door with armloads consisting of coffee, briefcases, bundles of mags, phones, and coats is becoming a fading memory. Don't misunderstand me, we love having them home, but us three girls can't get in a good game of pinochle any more.

I suppose it's just as well, as Kiera is more interested in chewing on one of Dad's socks (freshly stolen from the laundry basket), than throwing down a trump card. Maybe we should switch to Go Fish...if Mom and Dad ever leave the house again.

Tucker doesn't join us in our games, as he's the "sheriff", and can't be involved in "illegal" activities. He usually waits by the door, listening for our pack leader's vehicles. For some reason, he doesn't chide Kiera for her laundry thefts. He doesn't encourage it, but he doesn't stop her either.

I think secretly he'd like to imbibe in a little sock carnage, but that would tarnish his reputation. He's not much for hi-jinks or mischief. Unlike Kiera and her accomplice Elle.

Well, with Mom and Dad home all the time, that means we are

too. We're not getting out for rides or dog park visits. You would think that we'd be getting cabin fever and snapping out at each other, but Mom and Dad have worked hard to keep the house on an even keel.

Now that they're not so busy with the outside world and it's challenges, they seem to have rediscovered each other. That's kind of cool to watch, but it gets a bit sugary now and then, and we four-leggeds find something else to do. They're cooking together more (not what I meant), in the kitchen. New and exotic smells wafting through the house, a very good thing.

Warmer weather arriving over the last few weeks has the two-leggeds getting ready for the garden and all the work that it entails. That means we'll get some sweet pea pods off the vine in the days ahead. It also means the lizards will be out soon, and reckless but fruitless chasing will commence. I am so looking forward to that as I know most of you are too.

Petey, the red hummingbird, and Frank the roadrunner have already stopped by to check in with Dad. I don't know if they actually converse with Dad, but they do make noises at each other.

There's one particular raven that passes through and gurgles and clicks at Dad when he flies over. Dad calls him "Joe the Crow" to tease him, and I'm thinking old "Joe" doesn't really appreciate that. Regardless, some days Joe will land in the tall pine tree and chatter back and forth with Dad

for a bit before his friends call him back.

A few years ago he told me that his chats with wildlife began when he was young and hitchhiked around the country. From what he described, hitchhiking consisted of very long walks punctuated by short rides with strangers. Which kind of sounds kind of fun.

So, when he was walking alongside the rural roads in the northeast part of the country, he noticed red-wing blackbirds would fly ahead of him and land on a fence-post and chatter at him. As he would pass by, the bird would fly up ahead of him to another fence-post and wait for his approach.

This kept happening all over different states through farmlands and deserted county roads, and Dad thought at first it was a way they were protecting their nests by "distracting" Dad and leading him away from their nesting areas.

He said he got pretty good at imitating their vocalizations, and the conversations got longer and longer as did the number of fence-posts they traveled along.

One day a blackbird had stayed with him from one mile marker all the way down to the next one. He realized this was more than a territorial matter. Whether it was just plain curiosity on the bird's part or something more he didn't know.

He said it changed his awareness with wild animals and of course, domestic ones also. That awareness helped him working with various animals on farms,



Red-Wing Blackbird

although as much as he tried he never cracked the code with chickens and ended up with a delicate "détente."

I've never seen a red-wing blackbird, but I appreciate that they were his escorts down lonely and endless roads. I like stories where help or comfort comes from an unexpected place. I also like when the two-legged world leans toward stopping their harried lives to listen to the sounds around them.

The ones that do that seem to have a gentler approach and tend to show more patience than exasperation. It's not always easy, I know (Kiera and Elle for example), but I've seen two-leggeds heal with a touch of kindness or a gentle word.

Gosh, it seems I'm getting as sugary as Mom and Dad have been of late...I better go outside and check for lizard activity.

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog



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- May 2 Community Appreciation Day
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- May 7 Zoo by Moonlight
- May 9 Breakfast with Birds of Prey at Eagle Enclosure
- May 10 Mother's Day, Mothers Free
- May 23 First Responders Appreciation Day
- May 30 Evening with the Wolves

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- June 3,6,10,17,20,24 Zoolittles
- June 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26 Zoo Camp
- June 5 Zoo by Moonlight
- June 13 Breakfast with Lemurs
- June 21 Father's Day, Fathers Free

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FARBENHOLT KENNELS

Dewey couple had a rough start to their love story, but dogs brought them together and the rest is history

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Two people with a love of dogs have, over the span of decades, turned their passion into a legacy of helping dog owners improve their relationship with their pets.

When Farbenholt Kennels' Ray Farber was a little boy, he said, his family had German Shepherds, for awhile. "I was always interested in dogs, but as my parents had more and more kids we had fewer and fewer dogs."

It wasn't until he got out of school and entered the military that Farber was again able to pursue his love of dogs. An Air Force military policeman, he rekindled his interest in working K9s. "I wasn't a handler, but I traveled with them and watched them work, and I was curious about how the trainers motivated them to work."

After his stint in the Air Force,

Farber attended school to become a dog trainer. Serendipitously, the school he attended was one at which Jeri Holton was teaching.

Born and raised in Vermont, Holton's father raised Coonhounds and Beagles. "We had about 20 head of cattle and some sheep on our small dairy farm, and a couple of collie dogs that did the work. That's what got me interested in herding," Holton said.

She also successfully showed horses, earning top awards at the national level. But horses were prohibitively expensive, and Holton was most interested in the dogs anyway. She started showing Doberman Pinschers, and had great success in the '70s in the conformation ring and in obedience trials.

Holton finally switched breeds from Dobermans to German Shepherds, which she found to be much easier to train. "The Dobs promised me everything and gave me nothing," she said with a chuckle. "The Shepherds promised me everything and gave it to me."

She began working in Schutzhund with Argus, a shepherd she was able to import from Germany. Schutzhund is



Jeri and Ray protection work.

a German word meaning "protection dog." The sport aims to develop and evaluate the skills in dogs that make them useful and happy companions, according to the United Schutzhund Clubs of

America. With Argus, Holton earned an excellent rating in Schutzhund work, which included tracking, obedience and protection disciplines. The pair scored a 99 1/2 out of 100 in one tracking test.

By 1981, Holton was managing a 100-run kennel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She was an instructor at the school for dog trainers, accredited by the local community college, in which students learned all aspects of the training business. It was here that she and Farber met, and it was most definitely not love at first sight.

"Ray didn't like me then. I was a drill sergeant," Holton said.

Farber did become friends with Holton's late former husband, a police officer who taught him K9 obedience, protection work, narcotics detection, and tracking, all things Farber would not have

learned in the school's normal course work. Farber graduated in 1988 as a certified dog trainer.

"All of that was enlightening," he said, "but you can only do so much at school. When you leave, you learn on your own, and experience helps. I now have 30 plus years of doing training and protection work, with some narcotics work."

At some point, the assertive Holton said, she started talking with Ray instead of telling him what to do. "He decided I wasn't so bad after all."

She began to notice that the more introverted Ray was "funny and sweet and sincere, and those are all really good things."

Ray was attracted to Holton's ability to handle herself in all situations. "She has the attitude that 'I can do it.' She doesn't back down to a problem, she



Jeri and her German Shepherd Dog, Trigger.



Denny biting.

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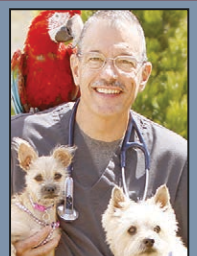
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can handle most everyone that comes along." Oh, and he did mention that "She's beautiful."

The two became an item in 1993, and found they were floundering with former relationships. Farber's parents lived part time in the Prescott Valley area, so they decided to take a chance and come to Arizona to see what it was like. His father had driven through Prescott and Prescott Valley on a previous trip and loved the weather. They bought property and with Farber's sister and brother-in-law, made a life in Prescott Valley.

"We moved here in 1994," Farber said. "The first year we lived in one of my dad's duplexes with two shepherds and paid rent. But even then we had a vision of what we wanted to create in a kennel and training area. We found this property in Dewey and we've been here ever since."

The two didn't have things easy during their start in Prescott Valley. "We both worked two jobs." Farber soon found the security management job he still holds, and Holton was able to devote her time to building the couple's dog training business.

Today, the couple raises and trains German Shepherds (for 42 years) and Belgian Malinois (for 18), fosters and rescues a variety of dogs, and focuses on obedience training for the general public. Holton works full time at the kennel and Farber continues to hold his full-time job and train on the side. She is an AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluator and a temperament

evaluator, aiming for a stable, well-rounded, happy dog that can function in public places.

Holton usually trains in private lessons, with the occasional group class. Any puppies the kennel produces receive lifetime free obedience classes. She draws on her years of experience in successful dog show and trial competitions, and as a former veterinary tech for large and small animals.

Holton and Farber are adamant that training is crucial for a successful bond between owner and dog. "I think dog training is important with every dog, whether it's a perfect dog to start or the worst dog on the planet. Usually dog problems are caused by people. But the work should be fun for the dog and the handler. Problems are not fun, but you can get over them, that can be accomplished," Holton said.

Farber said most dogs end up in shelters because they don't listen, or there is a miscommunication between owner and dog. "They're doing something bad, and the owner gives up, because they can't deal with it." That's why, Holton said, two to three times per year they offer free hours of obedience. "You come out, and we discuss the problem, and help get you going in the right direction."

She said the couples' training is all about positive motivation, which means different things for different dogs, whether it's food, a special toy, or simply praise from the owner.

"A dog won't work well if you're just forcing it," Holton



Lonesome Valley Wranglers 4-H Club. Winners of Arizona 4-H State Dog Show, February 8, 2020 in Tucson, Arizona. Left to right: Addie Kennedy and Fetti; Ellyn Peterson and Holly Mae; Jeri Holton—20-year Volunteer 4-H Dog Leader, Trainer Extraordinaire; Lilia Johnson and Belle; Patricia Disert and Morgan.

said. "That's not fun for the handler, the dog, or the trainer. If you can find something the dog will work for, before you know it the dog is working for pleasure, and that makes everyone happy. Then you're on the same page going forward. Everything we do in the beginning is done on leash, so the dogs learn that you are a team, and there is a team leader."

One of Holton's proudest accomplishments is her 20 years of being a 4-H leader in the area. In partnership with Molly Wisecarver of Mayer, she has seen a couple generations of kids excel in dog sports.

Early this year, four of her 4-H members won the top four championships at the Arizona 4-H State Dog Show. Ellyn Peterson, 13, of Dewey, won the Rally Obedience Championship with a score of 99 of 100, Patricia Disert, 11, of Prescott, won the Obedience Championship, Addie Kennedy, 17, of Dewey was the Showmanship Champion and Lilia Johnson, 18, of Dewey, in her last year of 4-H competition, won the Agility Championship. All are part of the Lonesome Valley Wranglers 4-H club.

"I'm so proud of my 20 years a 4-H leader, and so proud of what these 4-H kids have done. They are motivated and I'm so excited they have done so well," Holton said.

Currently, Holton and Farber are happy to welcome owners and their dogs to work on problem behaviors and help them develop a closer bond with their dog. "If people can understand why their dog is doing certain things, and adjust the harmony between the dog and owner, the dog is more likely to stay in that home." Holton said.

One of the things both Holton and Farber enjoy is the many rescue dogs they've taken in over the years. "We've had three or four dachshunds, one that bit someone in every state," she said with a laugh, "and a hound that wouldn't stay in a fence. We've also fostered for Yavapai Humane Trappers."

The biting Dachshund and the escapee hound have a permanent home with the couple, and both are doing fine. A few rescue cats have also joined the menagerie over the years.

With Holton's 42 years of experience in dogs, and Farber's 30-plus, the couple is well-equipped to help local dog owners learn how to solve problems and forge a harmonious relationship with their pets.

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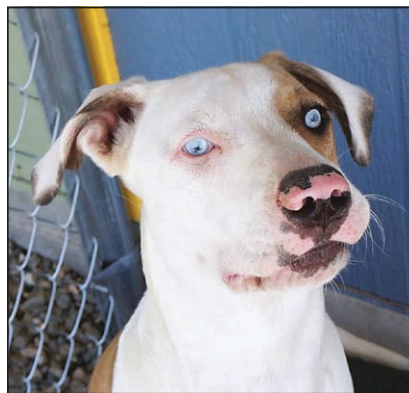
IT'S TIME TO SHARE TWO HAPPY TAILS

Jasmine

In February, AARF received a call from some ladies who had found a stray dog on Hwy 89 in Ash Fork. They had stopped at a pull-off when they saw her run across the highway, so they opened the door, and she jumped right in. They said they tried calling other rescues, but no one would accept her. We said yes.

When they arrived, this sweet pretty girl came out, and it was immediately obvious she had puppies, somewhere. The ladies had no information, but we were very worried her babies were out there without their mom, so we drove back to Ash For. None of the locals recognized her.

We then took her across the highway to let her search the area to see if we could find any puppies. We walked up and down the mountain for about a mile or so, searching every tree, tunnel, and path, but nothing turned up. We then drove around to some houses on the back roads, but none was her home, either. So we decided return home and post her on the lost



Jasmine

dogs websites, hoping her owner would see her and contact us. But no one called, so she became part of our family.

We named her Jasmine and put her in her own house and yard. We started her on good food as she was very thin, gave her shots, and gave her time to let her milk dry up. She soon started to put on weight and became a volunteer favorite.

Once she was healthy, she was spayed, microchipped, and ready for adoption.

Jasmine loved everyone from the beginning, and it was mutual. She even got a play buddy once she was healed from her spay.

It didn't take long until a family came out to meet her and, of course, fell in love with her. Jasmine now has her forever family and will never have to worry about being abandoned again.

Thank you to the ladies who took the time and cared enough to give her a chance!

Meet Brooke (A Very Special Girl)

Brooke is deaf. Her life has evolved since being rescued from a home at the age of six weeks, where she was crated and muzzled for most of her puppy time. An AARF foster took her and worked to teach her communication with American Sign Language (hand signals), but mostly let her enjoy life.

Brooke was later brought to AARF at the age of four months as her foster had an increase in work hours and was unable to give Brooke the dedicated time

required to continue her puppy education. She was adopted shortly after arriving at AARF, but unfortunate health issues developed with the adopter and she was returned.

As much as we adore this girl, we know this is not where she should be.

Her foster loves her very much. She is Brooke's sponsor and often comes out to AARF to spend quality time with her. The foster has continued Brooke's refresher work, engaging her in proper obedience and challenging her with new obstacles to build confidence and tap into her exceptional skills. But most important, it's for fun and play time.

Brooke is high energy, strong, and extremely smart. Yes, her deafness presents the need for a different way of training, but her capacity to scent out items is amazing. She is a Catahoula/lab mix, about sixteen months old.

Engaging Brooke in activities that encourage bonding, social time, check-ins, positive reinforcement, and togetherness are what she seeks in her human. Brooke is an excellent hiker and adores her walks with her special someone.

Deaf Dogs Rock is an amazing website with lots of informative resources. As they say, Brooke is a dog first, a breed second, and deaf third. Yes, she needs to be taught a different way, but the basics are the same.



Brooke cuddling

Are you the patient someone who can spend quality time with Brooke? Do you like the challenge and reward of seeing progress happen, knowing you are responsible? Happy times will follow.

We are hoping that patient someone (who can spend the required quality time with Brooke to continue her amazing communication skill set) will be inspired by Brooke's story. They will want to help make her the dog we all know she is and wants to be. Brooke's situation presents a wonderful opportunity to learn together.

Brooke loves people and most dogs that are able to match her energy level and play drive, but she would really appreciate a lot of one-on-one time to bond and blossom. She's a beautiful strong girl who just needs her chance!

To learn more or, better yet, to come meet Brooke, please call AARF at 928-925-7219.

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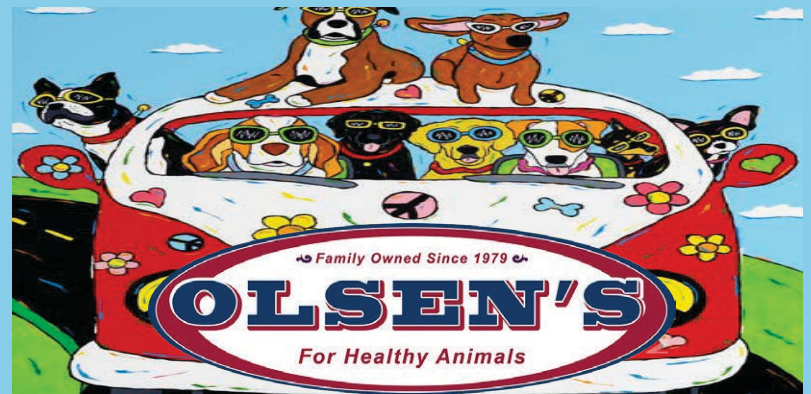
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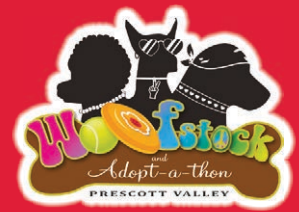
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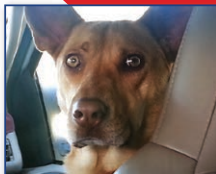
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BIG MAMA (Left) & TODD (Right):

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.

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DIXIE (Left) & HARLEY (Right):

These are 3-year-old sisters, cattle dog crosses. They are energetic and affectionate, loves walks/hikes and playing with their family. They're good with kids, and come crate and doggy door trained. The sisters are closely bonded, and they must go together.

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MICAH (Left) & RUBY (Right):

Micah is a shepherd mix, and Ruby is a Chihuahua mix. Both are seniors who have been together all of their lives and are closely bonded to each other. Both are in very good health, but need a new home and someone to love them again.

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BIG JOAN:

Big Joan is... big, and a beautiful 4-year-old merle Great Dane. Like most Danes she is gentle, quiet, and very affectionate. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



BRUTUS:

A small fawn Chihuahua/Pug cross, Brutus is a charming gentleman looking for love and a lap for cuddles. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



CODY:

A 10-year-old female Pit Bull mix with a lot of spunk. She is good on a leash, playful but laid back.

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CRICKET:

This pretty, perky girl is a Cattle Dog mix. She is 3 years old, has a calm personality, and loves people.

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DRAGON:

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DUSTY:

A 2-year-old Chihuahua, he is shy but loving. Once he knows you, he is affectionate and loves to cuddle. Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue dawnlg39@yahoo.com



EMMA:

A beautiful fawn young Chihuahua. She is looking for a lap and a couch to hang out on. Housebroken, good with dogs and kids. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bulerinetworks.net



GEORGIE:

A 6-year-old German Shepherd cross with the classic black and tan coloring, Georgie-girl is affectionate, loyal, and super smart! Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



KOBE: Mom is a Chihuahua mix, but dad is unknown. Kobe is bright, inquisitive, and full of energy. Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue dawnlg39@yahoo.com



KYLEE: A silver-blue 8-year-old American Staffordshire terrier mix, Kylee is super-sweet, laid back, and very friendly. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



BIZZY & JASMINE

One Lucky Pup

Bizzy's foster mom, Marjorie, noticed that Bizzy seemed to be breathing fast, even at rest, so she mentioned it to Dr. Smith when she took the pup to be spayed. He did a chest x-ray to see what was going on, and that's when Bizzy's spay appointment quickly turned into major surgery.



Bizzy

they did because, at one point. Dr. Sherlock had to perform heart massage when Bizzy's oxygen level and blood pressure dropped, and her heart stopped beating.

Thankfully, she pulled through. After the successful surgery, a chest tube was inserted to help re-expand her lungs, and she spent a few days in recovery at

the clinic.

During this saga, Marjorie's brother and sister-in-law became interested in adopting Bizzy. They visited her at the clinic the day after her surgery and fell in love. After recovering at Marjorie's for a few weeks, Bizzy headed to her new home in Gilbert, where she is now more than a foster to her foster mom—she's family.

Although Bizzy's medical needs were a surprise, she is worth every

Her diaphragm was torn, her intestines were wrapped around her diaphragm, and her liver was also somehow involved in that mashup of organs. There is no way to tell whether the damage was congenital or the result of being hit by a car, but it's clear that Bizzy had been living like this for quite some time, and the only outward sign was her rapid breathing.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Sherlock teamed up on the surgery, and it's a good thing

penny we spent to give her a quality life. If you'd like to help more dogs like Bizzy, please donate to the UAF Dog Program.

Fuzzy Numbers

You know that contest where you try to guess the number of jellybeans in a jar? Well, can you count the number of cats packed into this crate?



Lots o' Cats

Before we go any further, let us assure you that the cats arrived this way. We wouldn't cram twelve cats in a cramped, filthy crate like this.

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We agreed to take half, which is eight, right? Right. The transport driver decided to keep two, but instead of getting six, or even the eight we expected, we ended up with the remaining fourteen.

All were soaked in urine and feces, and none were spayed or neutered. Miraculously, only one was pregnant.

It took three volunteers over five hours to bathe the cats, take vitals, determine sex and age, deworm, and administer vaccines. They're all friendly and will be ready for adoption once they are spayed or neutered—with the exception of the expectant mother, who will remain in foster until her kittens are weaned and she is spayed.



LADY: A short-haired, 8-year-old Chihuahua mix. She wants so badly to have her own family again and someone to cuddle her. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



LINUS: Full of puppy antics, loves other dogs & the 7yo twins helping raise him. Learning house rules & sleeps well in his crate. Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue dawnlg39@yahoo.com



MARTY: A 3-year-old shepherd mix, with maybe a little pointer. He likes people and other dogs, and walks well on a leash. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



MAX: A big Boxer mix, 4 years old. Max is affectionate, playful, smart, and would love a family of his own again. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



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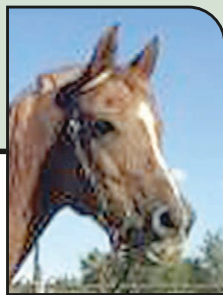


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Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

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Nearly the first mile of the hike is part of the Prescott Circle Trail, until it meets with Trail No. 9415, where the Circle Trail heads northeast. Trail No. 48 continues southwest. It also will intersect with East Copper Spring Trail No. 260.

No restrooms or water are available at the trailhead or along the trail, so plan accordingly.

To get to the Aspen Creek No. 48 trailhead from downtown Prescott (about 20 minutes),

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PRESCOTT VALLEY POLICE MOURN PASSING OF ACCOMPLISHED RETIRED K9 TURCO



By Heidi Dahms Foster
Photos courtesy Prescott Valley Police Department

The Prescott Valley Police Department lost one of its most accomplished K9s on March 27. Retired K9 Turco peacefully passed away at age 10 at the home of his handler, Officer Matt Williams.

PVPD retired Turco, a German Shepherd, with Officer Williams in December 2019. Williams was Turco's second handler. Officer Luke Williams originally handled the dog before moving on to work as an officer with another agency. Matt Williams handled Turco for three years, then transitioned to other duties in the Department. The experienced Turco then filled in as Officer Paul Hines trained and certified



his new pup, Belgian Malinois Groot.

Officer Williams said on March 27, Turco came inside to eat his evening meal. Williams offered him a treat of a bit of steak, and then spent time with his daughter. When he next looked over, Turco had lay down and quietly passed.

"It could have been anything," Williams said, noting that 10 is the age expectancy of most German Shepherds, particularly K9s because patrol work is physically tough on them. "I do know he passed very peacefully, and that's one thing that gives me a little bit of solace and comfort.

"It's been rough on all of us. We've spent time as a family reminiscing about the good and funny things Turco did. He did a lot of good."

During his time handling Turco, Matt furthered the dog's training in tracking, article searches, and to improve 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 toward officers.

After a delayed alarm for a break-in at a business in Prescott Valley, Turco searched the building and



Officer Matt Williams & Turco 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.

In what Matt called one of his favorite memories, Turco found a 12-year-old autistic child who had run away from his care home at 10 p.m. in freezing December weather. 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 violent toward his family and others and who also had a warrant out for his arrest. The man was in front of a residence,

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.

Williams thanked High Desert Pet Cremation's Paula Poitras for her care of Turco. His ashes are now home with the Williams family, in a memory box. "She did an amazing job on the box. I couldn't have asked for anything better," Williams said. "It has his name and badge number on it."

Turco's passing leaves a big gap in the Williams family, and particularly Officer Williams himself.

"I go through moments, good moments and bad moments," he said. "There are a lot of emotions. K9s really are different than any other type of dog. I spent more time with him than with my family when we were partners. It's a very special bond, more than a normal family dog, especially when he had my back for years. He gave me a sense of safety on the job."



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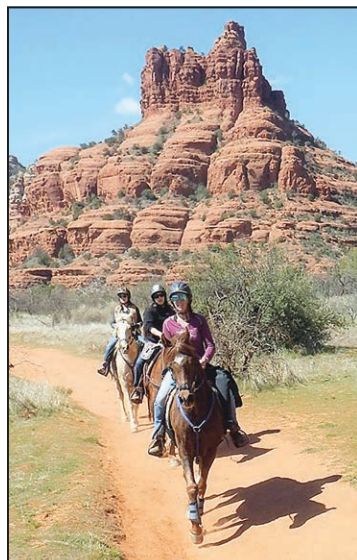
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HAPPIER TRAILS

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



Christina McCarty, Kaela Wilford and Shannon Marcos at Big Loop Trail in Sedona circling Courthouse Butte and the Bell Tower.

Roy and Dale could never expect more spectacular, let alone happier, trails than these situated in the mountainous, creek- and canyon-adorned landscapes of the Prescott National Forest and others. I, and many of my fellow trail riding compadres, have found ample adventure and amazing views in this playground for the equestrian spirit.

Living adjacent to Granite Mountain I enjoyed many trail rides from both Williamson Valley Trailhead as well as from the Cayuse Trailhead within the Granite Basin Recreational Area. I have always been impressed by and appreciative of the well-created trails and the continued maintenance of both trails and trailhead areas. I have since fallen in love with the Verde River ride in Paulden, and Salida Gulch and Smith Ravine, both in Lynx Lake area, Groom Creek up from Senator Highway, Almosta Trail, Thumb Butte, and the Peavine Trail.

Then there's the Prescott Circle Trail, a 54-mile, non-motorized trail, twenty-five years in the making. This network of trails offers hikers, backpackers, horse riders, and mountain bicyclists a route that crosses Prescott National Forest, City of Prescott, Yavapai County, and state lands. The trail skirts Watson, Willow, and Goldwater Lakes, cuts through Granite Dells, and offers close-up views of Granite Mountain and Thumb Butte.

Who's Riding?

There are a number of trail riding groups whose members are knowledgeable and familiar with area trails and navigation. There is Horsing Around, Starfish Riders, and more that you can access and join on Facebook. They post ride schedules and pertinent equestrian information that is extremely helpful.

The Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona (BCHCA) is a non-for-profit organization dedicated to keeping trails open for all users, educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices, and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

Jason Williams is Trails & Wilderness Coordinator for the mega-miles of the Prescott National Forest. He plans and implements trail projects including hiring crews, laying out trail, making sure everything is ready for breaking ground, and working with the volunteers and everyone involved to get the project done. Projects are getting done. New projects are being created. And, all the way, Jason exudes nothing but enthusiasm about the volunteers, "It's ALL about volunteers."

There are four classifications of users which our trails are designed for: hikers, bikers (mountain bikes), horse riders, and motorized vehicles. Trails expert Jason Williams stresses the importance of sharing.

The Prescott National Forest designates trails for specific users. So, if you are a horse rider not comfortable riding in the vicinity of motorized vehicles, for instance, you can find specific trails for horse riders or perhaps horse riders and hikers. Whatever combination suits you, in the Prescott National Forest there is a trail for everyone. The best scenario, however, is to learn to share the trails without inhibitions.

What to Pack

1. Map of the area. (Know where you're going. Have a plan. Stay on the trail.)
2. Extra food and water and a jacket.
3. Cell phone (GPS).
4. A sharp knife.
5. A loud whistle.
6. First aid kit for you.
7. First aid kit for your horse.
8. Hide your key at your truck. Don't put it on your horse or in your jacket because things happen).

What to Pack Out

The Center for Outdoor Ethics has a program called Leave No Trace. Of the 7 Principles, #3 refers to the proper disposal of waste. Please visit their website at Int.org for complete information and be a responsible trail partner in this endeavor.



Karen Moseley riding Magnum at Mint Wash close to Trail 308.



Karen Ford Martinez riding Summer, ponying Sendero at Peavine Trail in the Granite Dells.

Safety Tips

1. Know your animal. Be aware of how your horse responds and watch for sudden changes such as ear positioning, head movement, and body tightening.
2. Trees DO fall in the forest (according to Jason). Be aware of nature and environment.
3. Always check your saddle and tack before riding; recheck it along the way.

Remember, folks, that safety is key in every aspect of trail usage. I hope you'll do your part by making every trail ride a memorable adventure without ever making headaches and headlines.

Many Happy Trails, my friends!

IN CASE OF WILDFIRE: CHECK-OFF LIST FOR HORSE OWNERS



Photo courtesy Dr. Rich Fisher

Remember, from now thru the months ahead conditions are prime for Arizona wildfires. Please take heed and remember these key elements to practice for an emergency evacuation.

1. Make sure your horse is capable of loading into a trailer.
2. Get your horses/livestock/pets evacuated before it's mandatory. (Example: During the Goodwin Fire, I had a two-horse trailer, but owned three horses. It took me two trips to get them moved.)
3. Not everybody owns a horse trailer. Think ahead. Organize. Help your neighbor.
4. Keep a hard copy of important names and phone numbers in case you lose your phone or electronic communications.

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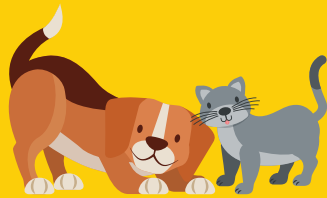
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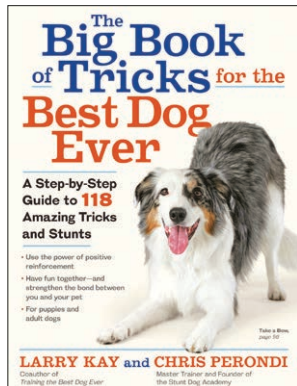
BOOK REVIEWS: COME OUT OF QUARANTINE WITH AN IMPRESSIVE PORTFOLIO OF DOG TRICKS AND A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DOG!

By Heidi Dahms Foster

While so many of us are physically distancing to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus, some have turned to learning new skills or taking online classes. Why not bring your family dog into the mix? The benefits of spending more time with your pet and learning tricks are so numerous – a better relationship with your pet, better focus, fun with the entire family, emotional wellbeing for you and your dog, enjoyable activity, relief of boredom (for both of you!) and some mental calisthenics – the list goes on and on. It's hard to describe the benefits of spending quality time with your dog.

Here are some books that you can purchase through Amazon either on Kindle or in hard or softcover, to get you started on the fun of trick training. Whether it's to impress the neighbors or earn Trick Dog titles (you

can do that through the American Kennel Club, even if your dog is a mixed breed!), the fun is endless.



The Big Book of Tricks for the Best Dog Ever: A Step-By-Step Guide to 118 Amazing Tricks and Stunts, by Larry Kay and Chris Perondi

If this is the only book you buy, rest assured it's got enough tricks to last you through any quarantine! Fully

illustrated, this book is full of photos that show you step-by-step how to teach your dog, are you ready, 118 skills and tricks! You can start at the beginner level and work your way up to the most amazing stunts, including those used in movies.

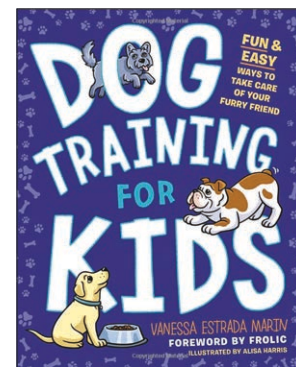
Pocket Guide to Dog Tricks by Kyra Sundance
One of the most prolific and successful trick dog

trainers, Kyra Sundance has written many trick books. Grab this Pocket Guide and learn 101 new tricks to start you and your dog on an amazing journey of fun and relationship. This book includes photos and step-by-step instructions.

If this particular book doesn't strike your trick training fancy, check out the list of others she has written.

Dog Training for Kids by Vanessa Estrada Marin

Remember when your child begged you for a puppy, and swore they'd take care of it—feeding, housetraining, grooming and walking? How did that work out for you? Vanessa Estrada Marin, the director of a dog-training program for kids, can motivate your child to truly care for and have



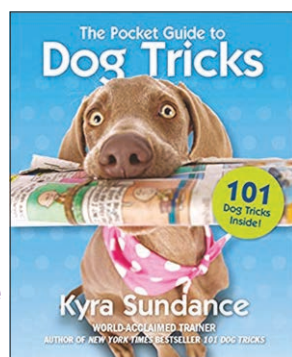
a relationship with the family pet.

Now that kids are out of school for the foreseeable future, this book is full of some really fun and useful learning.

Dog Training for Kids offers necessary basic training lessons such as stopping barking, potty

and house training, obedience, leash training, and crate training. Children will learn how to teach common commands such as sit, stay, and heel, and fun tricks such as roll over, speak, and high five. Games include obstacle courses, Frisbee and tunnel. Social skills to help your children and your dog navigate the veterinarian, car rides and a walk through the neighborhood are also included in this easy training manual.

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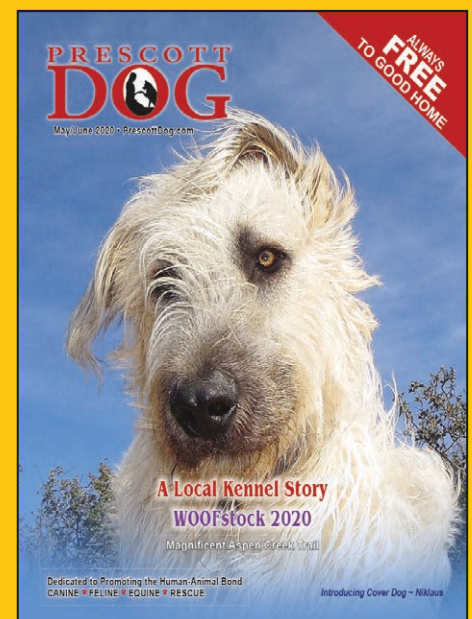
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