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# HAZEL HOWLS

Dear Rocket Red Dog Journal:

## The Lecture

Well, leave it to me to try to ask a couple simple questions and end up getting "the lecture" from Tucker.

I've always wondered how some dogs break their ears so that they always lay down instead of standing straight up for maximum "hear-ability". I thought Elle would be the best one to ask since she came to us with bent ears when she was a little puppy, and she might remember more clearly than the "advanced in age" Tucker.

So...I'm laying on the couch and Elle is below me on the carpet, working some loose threads on the bottom of the couch. Between her chew, chew, pull, pull, and flailing her front paws all the way under the couch, I asked her if she broke her ears herself, or if someone else did. Was it an accident? Did it hurt?

While I was waiting for an answer (Elle had nabbed some threads and was busy chewing them like bubble gum), Tucker stood up and walked toward me.

"Oh boy." I thought, "I'm in for it now."

As if on cue, Tucker and Elle decided to both talk at the same time – Elle in a half-mumbled whisper (with her muzzle under the couch), and Tucker in his best, "I'm the sheriff 'round these parts" authoritative voice.

The authoritative voice declared that retrievers' ears were not broken. "In fact, they are very advantageous for working dogs, but maybe 'couch hogs' are too ignorant to appreciate that fact...and why are you asking such questions of a puppy...putting such ideas in her young mind...and I'm not that much older than you..." Blah, blah, blah.

The other voice, "Mmmnnph, chewchew, Why...curly tail...mmmmphmm...drags across your back...chewchew, would drive me crazy to...chewchew...have that tail."

When Tucker finished (Elle being busy with new threads), he walked away. I closed my eyes. Wished I was in my limo...just riding.

## Total Disc Confusion

We found out recently that Dad used to play Disc Golf on the other side of the Mississippi before he returned to the southwest. So he bought some discs at A Greener World Disc Golf store and made some new friends there (they love the four-footed too). Then Mom bought some practice baskets for the backyard.



**The Three Muzzleteers**  
L-R: Hazel, Tucker, & Elle

So, usually whenever Dad throws something, we're supposed to get it and play "keep-away" or "tug-and-chew." Let's just say that, this time, there were a lot of shouts of, "No, No... Leave It, LEAVE IT!"

Mom had to buy one just for us, made of fabric with rubber corners. We like it, but we still get confused. Often.

I must state here, I really don't see why Dad was so picky about us chewing up his "drivers", as he seems to be chewing them up pretty good on the course.

## The Barking Vitamins

Dad tried some new vitamins recently. This created a mystery sound in the house that Tucker and I figured out the first day of hearing it. Elle, apparently, not so much.

Sometimes when Dad got up to walk out of the room, we would hear this faint barking. Like three or four times.

Elle was very intrigued, and would look everywhere for the source.

Dad thought he was coming down with something, so he took more vitamins – the new ones. This immediately increased Elle's confusion. She just could not figure out where that barking was coming from.

On a particularly hot day, Dad came in from working outside for a shower. Elle quietly followed.

Did I mention that now that she's grown more, Elle carries with her a broad, very black, very "morning-moist" retriever nose?

As Dad was jumping around to pull off his sock...there was a bark. Faint, but still a bark.

Elle said she stepped forward to pursue it, but instead nailed Dad in the thigh during his return to the ground. Sock in hand.

The cold and surprising contact on Dad's thigh helped drive his head into the leading edge of the half-opened closet door. A very loud and short vocalization echoed out of the bathroom right as he landed back on the rug.

Tuck and I raced off the bed to see if Elle was going to get a lecture. As we skidded in, we found Elle in her sit position, looking confused.

"Hey guys, I tried to solve the mystery, and Tucker? I must report I still don't know if small animals are involved. Target was not identified or acquired."

I expected Tucker to say something like, "At ease", but I was snorting from trying not to laugh. I guess Tuck was too, since he said nothing.

Elle's tail swept back and forth across the shower mat in the hopes that there would be some form of praise. Dad, holding his head in one hand and his sock in the other, used the latter to roust us all out of the bathroom.

Elle was disappointed, but remained hopeful. Tuck and I resumed our previous positions.

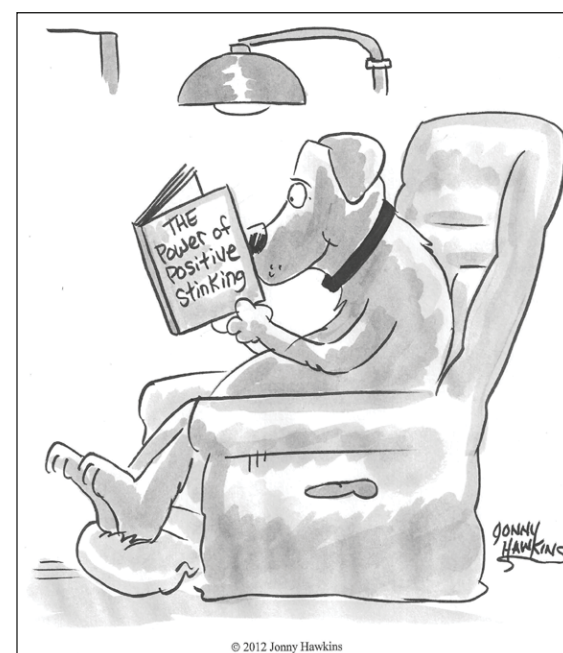
## Encore

When Dad came out, he went straight for his work boots (be still my heart). Then for his wallet. Then...Truck keys. Then...(oh my gosh)...OUR HARNESSSES!

Limo time...I gotta go now!

*Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog*

P.S. Don't forget to have a great summer, with lots of wagging. Also, pick your vitamins carefully.



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 • Cat Adoptions - Petco (Hwy 69, Prescott), Daily 9a-10:30a & 4p-5:30p.

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

### YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY

- Onsite Adoptions - Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4p, 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott, (928) 445-2666
- Offsite Adoptions - Petsmart Mon-Sat 2p-4pm; Sun 11a - 2pm. Petco Fri & Sat 11a - 2p
- Lost Pet Center - Hrs: Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4pm

## JULY EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOO

July 6,10,17,20,24,31 - Zoolittles  
 July 8-12 & 15-19 - Summer Zoo Camp  
 July 13 - Breakfast with the Animals: Tortoise  
 July 16 - Zoo by Moonlight

### HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

July 13, Horsebreakers Ranch, Dewey. Info: [horsebreakers.com](http://horsebreakers.com) or (928) 632-5728

### CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK SPEEDSTERS GYMKHANA

July 13, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Registration 8a. Info: [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com) or (928) 636-3242

### ARIZONA COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTERS COMPETITION - CVEP OUTLAWS SHOOT #2

July 22, Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com) or (928) 636-3242

## AUGUST EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOO

Aug 3,7,14,17,21,28 - Zoolittles  
 Aug 10 - Breakfast with the Animals: Mountain Lion  
 Aug 15 - Zoo by Moonlight  
 Aug 24 - Wet & Wild Water

### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS WOOF DOWN LUNCH

Aug 3, 1a-3p, Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza, Downtown Prescott. Picnic lunch, pet food samples, live music, contests, agility, demos, vendors, exhibitors, adoptable pets. See our full page ad on page 9, or call (928) 778-2924 for more info.

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# No More Just Hanging Out in the Back Yard!

Story and photos by Heidi Dahms Foster

One of the best developments of the past three or so decades is the ever-increasing number of organized activities you can do with your dog. Many of those activities are available locally or within a reasonable drive from the Quad Cities area.

Best of all, you can find fulfilling activities that fit both you and your dog's activity level, physical abilities, and aptitudes. Most organized dog sport events welcome both purebred and mixed breed competitors. Whatever activity you choose, you can enjoy being out, getting exercise, meeting new people, and enhancing your relationship with your pet.

Most activities in the Quad City area are facilitated by clubs, whether generic or single breed registries. Some may require a tracking number to compete, which can be obtained for a small one-time fee. Some of the clubs offer training and practices. It's a great time to try something new, so check out some of these opportunities available in our area.

**Agility:** Agility is essentially a timed obstacle course for you and your dog that becomes more complicated as levels advance. While you may have



Dog sports build relationships

seen some spectacular runs on television during national competitions and said, "I can't do that!" Agility is obtainable for all levels. While it certainly is a physical sport for both handler and dog, handlers can adjust. Physically challenged handlers have learned to direct their dogs from a scooter, or with minimal movement. This requires training the dog to take direction from a distance, and many do it phenomenally well.

Adjustments in time and obstacles are also made for more senior dogs and handlers. Whether your challenge is to simply make it through a course within the time limit, or to compete at the highest levels, it's all great fun, and a great run is a thing of beauty.

**Obedience:** Long a staple of trainers who want to enjoy a little competition, obedience is still a great test of your handler/dog relationship. Obedience is a stepping stone to so many other sports, because control of your dog is crucial not only for success and safety in daily life, but even more so in activities where your dog will be off leash and often in unfamiliar areas. Obedience titles can be earned at the levels from the beginning Companion Dog to the upper levels of Utility, where a dog must perform scent work and directed work away from the handler.

**Rally Obedience:** While some encourage the sport of Rally Obedience

as a precursor to Obedience, this wildly popular sport is a wonderful challenge in itself. In traditional obedience trials, the dog/handler team completes a standard course on the judge's direction, with the only interaction between dog and handler the initial command at the beginning of each exercise. In Rally, each trial is made up of a timed course of signs. The team is given a signal to begin, and the handler/dog completes the course on their own. In all but the most advanced levels, the handler may talk to the dog and use hand signals to help things along. The courses offer fun interaction with your dog and a great sense of accomplishment at mastering the varying courses and the dog/handler relationship needed to complete the Rally levels.

**Barn Hunt:** Barn Hunt is another dog sport that is becoming ever more popular. In Barn Hunt, dogs of all breeds hunt rats (protected in strong, aerated PVC tubes) in a maze of straw bales. The dog must find

the hidden rats, indicate the find, and the handler must "call" the find. The real challenge is that every dog indicates a find differently and handlers must learn to read that individual dog. In each level, the dog must also complete a tunnel and a "climb" on one or more bales. Like most dog sports, there are a number of levels, with added rats and course challenges. Barn hunt rats are most often pampered pets of the sport enthusiasts,

and rules for their care, handling and protection are strict. While Barn Hunt is not currently available in the Quad City area, other clubs are functioning in the state.



Rally obedience is a course of signs



Agility tunnel

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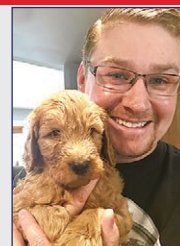
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# GROWING ARRAY OF DOG SPORTS OFFER RELATIONSHIP AND FUN FOR CANINES AND THEIR HANDLERS

Two relatively new dog sports include Scent Work and Trick Dog, both American Kennel Club events that are open to mixed breed dogs with a tracking number as well.

AKC asserts that dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than humans. In Scent Work, neither the dog nor the handler knows where the "target," the odor, is hidden. The handler must trust the dog to find the scent and indicate the find. This is a lesson in reading your dog, because the handler has to indicate to the judge when the dog has found the scent. Some dogs have clear indications when they've found their scent, but others can be really subtle in their communication, and it's up to the handler to know the signs.

Most dogs know a few tricks, but if you want to take it a step further AKC offers five levels of trick titles that you can earn with your talented pooch. Teaching tricks is a great way to build a relationship with your dog and boost his confidence at the same time. To earn a Novice title, the dog must perform 10 skills from the Novice list. If a dog has a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate or title on record at AKC, it can do 5 Novice tricks (CGC + 5) to earn the Novice title. Dogs must perform additional tricks under an approved evaluator for each of the next titles – Intermediate, Advanced, Trick Dog Performer, and Trick Dog Elite, which also requires props and a "story."

One of the most fun and fast growing summer sports is dock diving, which is becoming more popular nationwide. Dogs can earn titles through North America Diving Dogs or through AKC. Nearly any



Advanced obedience, carrying a dumbbell over a jump

dog can compete as long as it loves water, swims well, and enjoys retrieving.

The sports listed here are a sampling, because more sports are becoming available all the time. While the Quad Cities have an abundance of top performing dogs, both purebred and mixed breed, most clubs want to know you're serious about the sport you choose. The best way to find a sport and an introduction into more advanced clubs and competition is to participate

in basic classes. Following are some of the places to take basic classes with an eye to finding out more about dog sports and competition.

## Chino Valley Canine Training Club

Chino Valley Canine Training Club offers Basic and Rally Obedience, along with Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog classes and certifications. Occasional trials and other activities. The club works to educate people about good health and training practices. Meetings are third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Chino Valley Senior Center next to Memory Park. For more information visit the website at [www.cvctc.com/](http://www.cvctc.com/)

## Farbenholt

Farbenholt in Dewey offers basic through advanced obedience, both for home and competition. Canine Good Citizen training, testing and certification. Hikes and other fun dog activities. Experienced 4H leader. For more information visit:

[www.azgermanshepherds.com/training-programs.html](http://www.azgermanshepherds.com/training-programs.html)

## Painted Seven Ranch (PSR)

PSR offers a variety of classes including Basic and Rally Obedience, Basic Agility, and specialty classes for puppies and adults. Obedience, Rally, and Stock Dog Trials. For more information email [psrmegan@aol.com](mailto:psrmegan@aol.com) or text to 928-533-5611.

## Prescott Arizona Kennel Club

The Prescott Arizona Kennel Club has been conducting all breed championship conformation shows in the tri city area since 1987, and numerous years of obedience and agility. On September 20-22, 2019, PAKC will offer two All Breed shows and two days of Rally and Obedience (mixed breeds can compete in obedience trials) along with single breed specialties at the Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley. The shows usually host numerous activities to introduce people to dog events, so it's a good place to learn about local activities and meet dog people. The club also offers conformation classes for those who have purebred dogs and would like to learn how to show. For more information visit:

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We at Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters want to thank you so very much for the great opportunity to join WOOFstock. It was a good day for us to reach out to the community.



DontLeaveMe.org had an exceptional time, the weather was perfect for us Phoenicians. WOOFstock was a gold-star event. The folks attending the event were amazing. As usual, the staff and leadership for this event were great; set-up and take down was actually effortless thanks to the support team. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of a great time.



AARF had a fabulously busy day at WOOFstock the event this year with three terrier mixes and nine puppies who, of course, got all of the attention!

Our two six-month-old terrier pups got the wonderful gift of a new family! Home-check was done, and they all left together!

There was lots of interest in all the puppies, who were so tired by the end of the day! We are still sorting through applications but believe, because of the interest at WOOFstock, many pups will soon be part of someone's family. A huge thank you to all of the people involved in making this annual event happen.



Thanks to our photographers!  
Heidi Dahms Foster  
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# Yavapai Humane Society

## HAPPY TALES

### Wolverine

Wolverine came to us a short time ago, a 1-year-old black and tan shepherd mix. He was a stray and was a bit shy around people and was new to walking on a leash. But after our behavior team worked with him, he began to warm up and show his true colors and he was cleared to be ready for adoption.

One day, a young woman came in with her dog Ivy who was an Australian Shepherd/Chattugua mix; they had just lost their big

brother companion dog, Bronco, to a tumor. They were looking to heal their family and possibly help another heal from their wounds.

When Wolverine and Ivy met, they were inseparable and they knew right then, that he was going to be a part of their family! Now just as Bronco helped Ivy come out of her shell, she hopes to help Wolverine do the same.

### Salsa

Salsa is a beautiful 8-year-old mustang mare hailing from New Mexico where she picked up the survival habit of not trusting humans. So naturally, when she



arrived at Yavapai Humane Society's Equine Center, she was afraid.

With the right people helping her at YHA, her trust was restored and deepened as she learned how good humans could be to her. She could be herself and let her true personality shine!

Salsa loved showing her handler that she knew how to lead and was comfortable with the familiar weight of a saddle. She also loved eating carrots and learning new things – all she needed was her special person.

One day a woman named Sharon came and met Salsa and knew instantly that Salsa was her horse! Sharon and Salsa are very happy that they found each other and get to begin their journey together.

### Abby

Abby is a 13-year-old sweet black domestic shorthair cat who has been here since February. Everyone who took care of her enjoyed her company and loved the cute meow she would let out when she was really happy.



One day, a man and his two young daughters came to Yavapai Humane Society in search of a cat to add to their family. As soon as they saw Abby, they knew she was theirs, and their search was over!

Abby is very affectionate with her new family and loudly shows it through her long purrs!



## She Picked Me Sophia & 2005 to 2019

In the summer of 2007, I decided I had to have a yellow lab and began my search at the Humane Society. As I wandered from cage to cage, observing a variety of dogs, I passed a big white dog who jumped against the cage wall as if to get as close to me as possible. Her eye contact was unbreakable. "Pick me", she was saying each time I passed. She was not the classic yellow lab. She was very big and willowy.

Days later, realizing this was the dog I wanted. I went back to see her and was told she had kennel cough and was not eligible for adoption for another 7-10 days. I was crushed, but determined to get this 2-year old lab mix.

When she arrived, it became apparent she had never been inside a house and was reluctant to enter. The next surprise was leaving her in the house with our other lab while we went on a horse back ride. Upon returning, both dogs were outside, window blinds unhinged, door lock scratched open, plenty of damage. Now we know what separation anxiety looks like.

Sophia absolutely loved human contact as well as ranch living. She was athletic and determined. She could leap over 5' fences to be with us or the horses. As a result of these ploys, she received TPLO knee surgery at 4. From then on, I removed boundaries, opened gates and she was free to be anywhere. But, by my side was her most favorite place.

Unfortunately, athletic dogs' bodies tend to fall apart in later years, although her intense spirit never wavered. I will miss Sophia's presence terribly, but her endearing spirit will be remembered and will be with me always.

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### NORTHERN AZ CHAPTER OF AZ DRESSAGE ASSOC - SCHOOLING SHOW

Aug 4, Jackpot Ranch, Camp Verde. Judge Cynthia Ganem (USEF WD Judge "R"). Info: nacada.org or Kirsten Kuzmanic at (951) 440-4615

### HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

Aug 10, Horsebreakers Ranch, Dewey. Info: horsebreakers.com or (928) 632-5728

### ARIZONA COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTERS COMPETITION - CVEP OUTLAWS SHOOT #3

Aug 17, Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or (928) 636-3242

### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC

Aug 24, 11:30a - 2:30p, Willow Creek Ramada, Prescott. Bring your UAF adopted dog or photos of your UAF adopted cat and have a picnic on us! See our Rescue News article or call (928) 778-2924 for more info.



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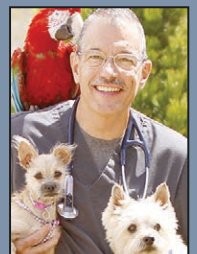
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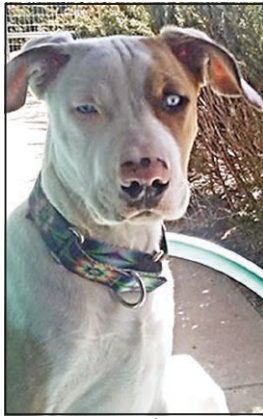
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Brooke

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We are located on 10 acres with property to maintain, dogs to walk and take to adoptions, fosters to care for, ongoing repairs and improvements. Well,

you get the picture. We need animal people!

What are your strengths, your passions? New ideas to support our mission are important. We cannot look the other way; our animals depend on us for their care, safety, and love, and we take that seriously. We have

received over 80 dogs to date, finding new homes for nearly all.

We have had many success stories over this year to reflect on, such as Brooke, who is deaf. This girl arrived and was placed in foster to learn to play and trust in a quiet place.

When ready, she came to us where her special person saw her. He did research about deafness, how to keep her safe and active. They met for two hours and Brooke went home!

Work on her signing continues and she will be trained as a companion animal because her new owner has PTSD. He is also a musician but isn't worried about his playing as his new friend couldn't care less!



Brooke after a hike

Would you like to join our team? Contact Liz at 928-925-7219. Be a foster? Contact Toby at 4lvdc@bullerinetworks.net. Visitors are welcome by appointment; call (928) 925-7219 for more information.

For those who saw Zain's story in the last issue of "Prescott Dog Magazine", he had his first surgery on May 31st. Follow his recovery on our website at: [aarfanimalrescue.org](http://aarfanimalrescue.org).

## UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION



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UAF pays all veterinary expenses and can pair you with a mentor to help with any questions. So, if you'd like to add a little furry fun



to your life without a long-term commitment, try fostering! It's like having a part-time pet with benefits that last a lifetime. For more information, give us a call at 928-778-2924 or visit our website at [www.unitedanimalfriends.org](http://www.unitedanimalfriends.org)

### United Animal Friends Annual Reunion Picnic

At United Animal Friends, the dogs and cats we rescue are like family to us, so every year we host a UAF Reunion Picnic where we get to see our former charges and chat with their forever families. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, August 24th from 11:30 to 2:30 at the Willow Creek Ramada near the Prescott Dog Park. If you've adopted from us, you're invited to bring your UAF dog or photos of your UAF cat so we can spend the

afternoon catching up. And bring your appetite too, because we'll be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and a cornucopia of side dishes and desserts.

The Reunion Picnic is a high point of the year for all of us, especially our foster parents, who love to see how happy our former foster pets are in their forever homes. Donations are appreciated but not necessary, because this is our way of saying thank you for making a UAF pet a part of your family... and that makes you a part of the UAF family!

One of our picnic traditions is to take a group photo of our volunteers and adopters, and each year the photo gets a little wider in order to fit everyone in. We hope to see you in it this year!



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**ODIN** is a handsome 4-year-old American bull terrier mix

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**LOTUS** is a Cattle Dog mix who is around 1 year old. She is a really special dog with a great personality! United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**LILY BELLE** is an adorable 10 yr old Shih Tzu. She loves a good lap and walks. She is housebroken. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**MATILDA** is a sweet Chihuahua mix puppy, 5 months old. Matilda is energetic, cuddly, affectionate, playful, sweet, smart and so adorable! United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**MR. WIGGINS** is an adorable Terrier mix, about 1 year old and weighing approx. 15lb. He loves people and is exceptionally sweet and cuddly. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**JOJO** is a Cattle Dog mix, 1 year old, very sweet and friendly. She has an adorable little under bite! United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**LILLY** is a Cattle Dog mix, 4 years old. She LOVES people, is full of energy, and would be a great hiking partner. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**RAMSEY** is a 10yo male chihuahua. He loves to be on your lap, would be ok to be an only dog. AARF 928-925-7219



**DEXTER** is a lab/pit mix approx. 6mo. He's great with other dogs. AARF 928-925-7219



**PUNKY** is a 4 years Dachshund/Pointer mix. She's low to the ground and about the size of a Dachshund. Good with other dogs. AARF 928-925-7219



**COCO** is a rat terrier about 4 years old. Coco came with her buddy Pancho. They love walks and just be your best friend. AARF 928-925-7219



**PANCHO** is a minpin/rat terrier mix about 4 years old. Pancho came with his buddy Coco. They love walks and with you. AARF 928-925-7219



**PARKER** is a Mastiff cross who is crate trained and learning house rules. Bottle fed from 5 days old, he loves people and hugs. AARF 928-925-7219



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**PIXIE** is a lovely long-haired brown tabby female with amazing golden eyes. She is affectionate and funny.



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**DIXIE** is a fancy tortoiseshell female with bright coloring and bright golden eyes as well as white trim on her toes.



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**GRACIE** is a pretty orange-and-white senior lady who is mellow and most affectionate. Loves sitting on laps and purring. Very vocal, too.



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**TAMPA** is a sweet black-and-white tuxedo lady with classy white whiskers and a medium length coat. She is sweet and affectionate.



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**CRACKLE** is a small but handsome grey tabby male with white trim. His eyes are sparkling green. He is very loving.



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**GILBERT** is a young and handsome brown tabby with bright green eyes. He is funny and playful.



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**AUTUMN** is a sweet 1-year-old golden tabby female with unusual coloring. She is gentle and affectionate.



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**SARAH** is a 6-year-old dark-colored tortoiseshell lady. Sweet and calm, she loves to give head butts, cuddles, and loud purrs.



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**SOLARA** is a beautiful female orange tabby, 2 years old. She is a bit shy, but she loves being petted and cuddled.



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**BOULDER** is a 2-year-old Tuxedo male with striking white eyebrows and whiskers. He is very sweet, affectionate, and quite the talker.



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**OWLIE** is a 4-year-old dark female tabby. She is extremely friendly and affectionate and loves to roll over for belly rubs.



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**RONNIE** is a 4-year-old dark tabby female with the most beautiful face. She is quite sweet, affectionate, and playful.



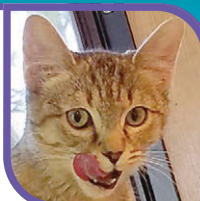
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**ONYX** is a 7-year-old pure black short hair male. He is very calm and sweet, quite the gentleman cat.



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**NADIA** is a beautiful golden tabby lady. Despite her petite size she likes to eat! She gets crazy chasing her tail.



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**BUCK-WHEAT** is a very striking long-haired cream fellow, approximately a year old. Very affectionate.



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**STELLA** is approximately 2 years old, a cute and sweet little orange tabby girl. Female gingers are unusual; they are usually males. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**DANDELION** is a good-looking grey tabby fellow, approximately 1 year old, and very sweet. He has a medium-length coat with a great fluffy tail. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**SHADOW** is a beautiful silver-blue short-haired female approximately 2 years old. Gentle, affectionate, and also polydactyl; she has extra toes all around! Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**SANDY** is a lovely black-and-white tuxedo female longhair, approximately 6 years old. She is gentle and affectionate. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**COSMIC** is a lovely dilute tortoiseshell female approximately 2 years old. She has lovely green eyes to complement the gold in her coat. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



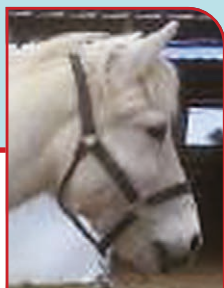
**MITTENS** is a shiny black male with – you guessed it – white mittens! A senior fellow, gentle, kind, and lonely. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**WILLOW** is a young cat, 2 years old, and a beautiful snowy white with green eyes. Elegant, affectionate. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



## Adopt a Horse from Yavapai Humane Society



**Fjalli** (Icelandic for mountain) is a 13.3h 22-year-old Icelandic gelding. He is broke to ride. Good mount for any level of rider. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



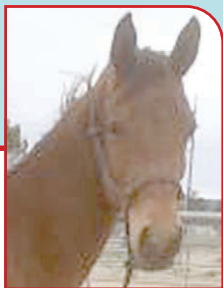
**Bailey** is a bay pinto Quarter horse mare. She is 17 years old, very flashy and very sweet. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



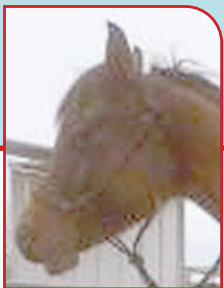
**Happy** is a pretty, 15-year-old registered Thoroughbred mare. She leads, picks up all 4 feet, stands to be groomed and is broke to ride. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Kennedy** is a sweet, 3-year-old mustang filly. Easy to catch, very in your pocket, green broke but is off to a great start. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Belmont** is a sweet 2-year-old Arabian gelding. Easy to catch, leads, picks up feet, will be an awesome horse with time and training. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Spartan** is an in-your-pocket 2-year-old Arabian gelding. He is easy to catch, leads, picks up feet, learning for grooming. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Gucci** is a 9-year-old Arabian/Saddlebred gelding. Stands, ties, easy to catch and tack up. Broke to ride, but needs an experienced rider/handler. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Percy** is a 20-year-old black gelding. He is an Arabian/Saddlebred cross and very handsome. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**Babe** is a gorgeous 22-year-old registered quarter horse mare. Easy to catch & loves to be groomed. Potentially a great therapy horse & companion. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



# ANIMAL LOVER HEALS WITH VISION AND COMPASSION

By Briana Lonas



Ginny Jablonski has proven that suffering from chronic pain need not be a life sentence. This local resident overcame her illness and used it to turn her life towards healing, and helping people and animals overcome disease, PTSD, and other debilitating conditions.

She started out working in a stressful career as an executive protection agent for a family in Saudi Arabia seven days a week, 14 to 16 hours a day.

"My immune system became depressed," she explained. Then Jablonski was diagnosed with Lyme disease caused from a tick bite she received years earlier from a camping trip in southern California. In addition, she began suffering from degenerative disc and joint disease along with rheumatoid arthritis.

After years of suffering, and at the advice of her doctors she began taking opioid-based medications to manage the intense pain. Needless to say, her quality of life diminished. At the time she thought these medications were the best choice to help manage her disease.

Several years into her drug therapy, and after becoming bed-ridden, Jablonski nearly died. That experience changed her forever. She admitted to feeling a new determination to change her condition and her life.

"I absolutely believe the human body can overcome anything, but when it's stressed with trapped emotions or unresolved trauma that's when the introduction of chemicals is more likely to manifest into some type of disease," she explained.

Jablonski dedicated her life to researching and learning about alternative healing modalities and she realized her gift of healing. "I hear and see energies trapped in the nervous system," she said.

"Many times people and animals hold unresolved emotional trauma – anger, frustration, feelings of inadequacy to name a few...many of these things cause disease." What Jablonski does is help her animal or human client release these feelings and aid the body towards healing.

One of her many success stories is Bruce, a bull terrier who hated cats to the point of near murder! After a session with Jablonski, Bruce is able to visit his owner's mother's home without chasing her cats. Another session with a horse revealed that the animal feared jumping because of undiagnosed bone pain. The owner was able to use this information and help her horse with the proper medical care.

Jablonski is especially sensitive to the energy of horses as she's owned them for many years. She holds certificates in equine and canine Shiatsu massage therapy, which



targets the hundreds of acupressure points within the body to activate and clear proper energy flow. She also can help equine vets as she's able to sense the animal's nervous system and help follow the pain to the affected area that needs attention.

"If there are animals with unexplained pain that a veterinarian can't figure out, I can help locate the trapped energy in the body, especially with a horse," she said.

She also helps animal owners overcome aberrant behaviors and illness and be a calming, guiding presence if it's an animal's time to transition out of this life.

Jablonski these days spends much of her time traveling across the country and parts of the world working with traumatized animals removed from kill pens, rescues, and sanctuaries.

She also shares her stories and knowledge that includes speaking at chiropractic conventions as she promotes her type of healing as a means of addressing chronic pain – as opposed to muscle relaxers and narcotics.

She spoke at the 2018 Arizona Chiropractic Convention as well as the one in California as a closing key note speaker, and she hosts holistic healing workshops across the country.

For more information, visit [ginnyjhablonski.com](http://ginnyjhablonski.com) or call 909-708-6175.

## MORE ABOUT GINNY

- Ginny Jablonski does healing work with people and animals and enjoys sharing her experiences with the public. She does not need to be in the same physical location as the animal or human subject, and energy healing consultations can be made via telephone.
- According to her website, many undesired behaviors can be addressed through animal communication and energy healing depending on the specific circumstances. Keep in mind, however, some behaviors are breed specific and can't be altered. Jablonski asks that owners research their animal's breed-specific traits before setting up a consultation to ensure that your expectations won't conflict with your pet's natural instincts and genetic traits.
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- Animal Communication can improve the relationship between owner and animal by providing insights into atypical behavior due to stress, misunderstanding, unknown injury, or illness.
- Some examples of issues that can be addressed by communicating with an animal are: Change of ownership, relocation, bringing a new animal into the household, end-of-life decisions, behavior issues that are not breed-specific traits, prior trauma, especially with rescued animals, and change of diet.



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Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

The mighty Bismarck battleship wouldn't fit on Bismarck Lake, but the small body does provide refreshment for wildlife in the Coconino National Forest near Flagstaff. It's an important water source, but can be dry for months. That hasn't happened this year, with our unusually wet winter and spring.

To get there, take State Route 180 and turn on Forest Road 151, also called Hart Prairie Road, about three miles past the Snowbowl turnoff. Soon after mile marker 6 on FR 151, turn right onto FR 627.

We camped in a large meadow not far from the intersection and walked a half-mile or so down the dirt road to a parking lot at the trailhead for Bismarck Lake. It's only about a mile to the lake from there, and an easy, gradual uphill hike through the forest, starting at elevation 8,500 feet.

The lake sits in a large meadow with awe-inspiring views of the San Francisco Peaks, including Humphreys Peak, Arizona's highest mountain. This is elk country, and although we didn't spy any on our latest trip, we did watch several mule deer feeding at the edge of the meadow where we camped. Coyotes treated us to a concert every day. Bears remained quiet and elusive.

The Bismarck Lake Trail splits off near the San Francisco Peaks Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. For future reference, this is a 36-mile-long passage. That's a small portion of an ambitious project stretching 800 miles from Mexico to Utah. For more information on the Arizona National Scenic Trail, visit: [www.aztrail.org](http://www.aztrail.org)

I don't mean to sound like an advertisement for this page's longtime sponsor, Little Dealer, Little

Prices, but I must give credit where credit is due. We tried out our new pop-up A-frame camper for the first time in May near the Bismarck Lake Trail.

A former "purist," I never expected to want to camp in anything but a tent. But my Social Security-collecting body hinted otherwise. My husband and I decided to take full advantage of this summer, monsoons or no monsoons. The camper is small compared to most recreational vehicles, but it certainly exceeds our needs. Even with limited floor space, our two dogs readily curled up inside, quickly claiming it for their own.

And boy, was I happy to have heat on the trailer's maiden camp-out! Temperatures dipped below freezing, and we saw new snow on Humphreys Peak. The occasional light rain showers and extremely high winds – gusting to nearly 50 miles per hour – didn't bother us inside our cozy shelter. I slept soundly without listening to the noisy



Camping near a meadow allowed for an incredible view of Humphreys Peak.



A section of this aspen splintered off when high winds knocked the tree over.

flapping of a tent accordioning in and out. (I have not-so-fond memories of a long blustery night deep in the Grand Canyon when I was certain the tent would launch to the Rim with all my family inside.)

The wind steadily increased during the three days we spent there and showed its power in a spectacular manner. We heard

and saw a large aspen tree crash to the forest floor on the walk back from Bismarck. The healthy aspen had started to leaf out, but its root system just couldn't withstand those gale-force winds.

I picked up a section that splintered off and easily found where it belonged on the trunk, just like a puzzle piece. I kept the piece to remind me to pay attention in the forest, because one never knows what dangers lurk. And that it's worth the risk.

Our son and daughter-in-law bought their small camper from Little Dealer as a primary residence for a year's sabbatical, and camped with us. We took turns having meals and visiting inside our homes-away-from-home. Despite the harsh weather, we had a blast.

In May, the area was sparsely used, which I'm sure is a different story in summer as the high country provides cool relief for outdoor seekers.

Naturalist John Muir didn't like the word hiking. He said people should saunter in the mountains, our holy land. The word stems from the Middle Ages when pilgrims would reply, "a la sainte terre," (to the Holy Land) when asked their destination, and became known as sainte-terres, or saunterers.

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# JON KATZ'S DOG BOOKS WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH, CRY, THINK, AND WANT TO VISIT BEDLAM FARM

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Once you delve into one of Jon Katz's books, you'll find yourself hooked. Congratulations, because you've just opened up a treasure trove of laughter, tears, contemplation, and empathy from an outstanding writer who can make you feel it all.

Katz was a journalist and author who found, as he was turning 50, that he was losing touch with everything he once held dear. His wife, who was engrossed in her own career, was distant. His daughter was getting ready for college, and he found himself stagnant and yet at loose ends.

As the cliché asserts, he was undergoing a mid-life crisis. "When my daughter was young, I left my media career behind to become a writer working at home and helping to care for her. This was an enormous change, and a beginning. But it was also an end.

"I stopped moving around the country. I stopped taking on and

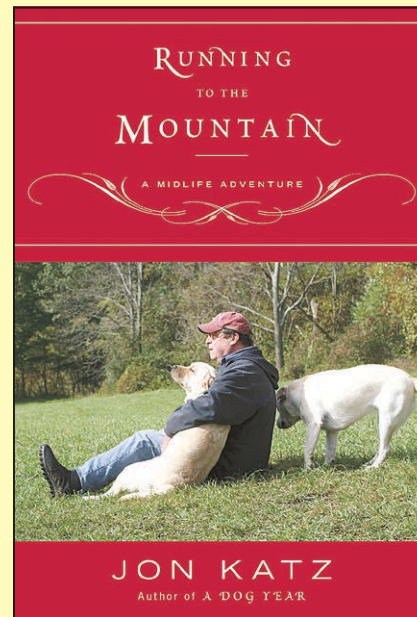
learning new jobs, experiencing new places. I met few new people.

"Every day, year after year, I walked my dogs around my block, three or sometimes four times a day. Now and then I varied the route, but over time each variation became so familiar it hardly mattered."

So it was with the rest of Katz's life at the time. Fascinated with the writings of Trappist Monk Thomas Merton, he was inspired to buy a cabin in a remote area of upstate New York, and move there with just the two Labradors. There, he delved deeply into Merton, and his new life.

Where he once was steeped in books, movies, or pizza takeout, Katz now finds himself faced with the vagaries of a small community where everyone knows everyone and every happening, no matter how small, is a neighborhood curiosity.

He writes eloquently and with humor, drawing the reader in as he describes his fears as he faces every



aspect of this new life, and his joys of conquering each one.

For animal lovers, Katz's books are a delight as he richly describes his growing relationships, first with his two labs, and later with the ongoing assortment of dogs, donkeys and more that find him as the years go

by. As you continue to enjoy the books Katz crafts, you'll find yourself sometimes rethinking the way you've thought about all animals, dogs in particular.

Not only are Katz's books all great stories, they also are a great education, in the best, most readable sense. As his rich story has unfolded, Katz became a photographer and somewhat of an activist in several areas.

He has written many of his animals' stories from beginning to end, including the truly difficult ones that will offer insight into what it is to deeply love a dog. He knows accomplishment, and he intimately knows grief. He also knows how to share those feelings.

Find a complete chronological list of Jon Katz's books online here: [www.bookseriesinorder.com/jon-katz/](http://www.bookseriesinorder.com/jon-katz/) Purchase his books on Amazon.com and find out more on his blog at [bedlamfarm.com](http://bedlamfarm.com).

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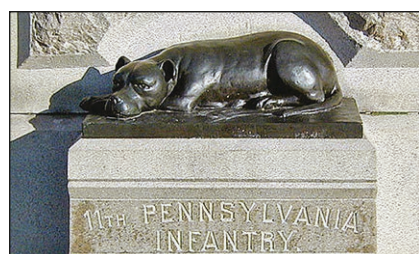
# WAR DOGS – A SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND

By Ed Wisneski



They have saved thousands of lives. Movies have been made about them. Monuments built to honor them. Presidents have met them. They are the war dogs: extraordinary heroes, best friends of soldiers since the birth of our nation.

## SALLIE, Civil War



An American Staffordshire Terrier named Sallie lies at the base of the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry monument on the Gettysburg battlefield. She became separated from her regiment when they retreated to Cemetery Hill. They found her three days later still guarding her wounded and dead companions. When Sallie was killed at the Battle of Hatcher's Run, soldiers put down their arms and buried her on the spot.

## SERGEANT STUBBY – World War I



There are no war dogs in Arlington National Cemetery, but Sergeant Stubby - the most decorated World War I canine hero - isn't far away. The Smithsonian Museum has displayed his preserved body wrapped in a blanket adorned with his medals.

Stubby was the first dog to receive a rank in the U.S. Armed Forces. He met presidents Wilson, Harding, and Coolidge. When he died in 1926, *The New York Times* printed a half-page obituary. Last year, an animated movie was released - *Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero*.

The improbable rise to fame for the Boston terrier-mix began in 1917 at

Yale, where Private J. Robert Conroy found him while training with the 102nd Infantry, 26th Yankee Division. Stubby learned bugle calls, drills, and a heart-warming salute. After Conroy smuggled him aboard the SS Minnesota when the division shipped out to France, the commanding officer allowed Stubby to stay when he saluted him.

It quickly became apparent that Stubby would be much more than a mascot. Twice-wounded, he participated in 17 battles on the Western Front, warning soldiers of incoming shells, gas attacks, and finding wounded soldiers in "No Man's Land," the dangerous battlefield separating opposing trenches. He even caught a German spy and pinned him to the ground.

## SMOKY, World War II



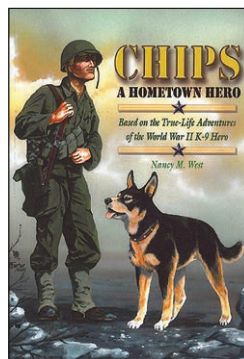
A monument in Lakewood, Ohio, honors the diminutive hero of World War II, a four-pound, seven-inch tall Yorkshire Terrier named Smoky. It sits where she was buried in a World War II .30 caliber ammo box in 1957 by her owner, former GI Bill Wynne. He took a photo of Smoky sitting in his helmet that was published in *Yank* magazine in 1944 after a soldier found him in an abandoned foxhole in New Guinea. It made her famous.

Wynne purchased Smoky for two Australian pounds (equal to \$6.44 then) from a GI who needed money to return to his poker game. With Wynne's 5th Air Force, 26th Photo Recon Squadron, Smoky flew 12 air/sea rescue and photo reconnaissance missions and earned eight battle stars.

Smoky also became the first recorded therapy dog, according to an *Animal Planet* investigation. Dr. Charles Mayo - of the famed Mayo Clinic - was the hospital commanding officer who permitted Smoky to make rounds comforting wounded soldiers. He even let her sleep with Wynne in his hospital bed.

## CHIPS – World War II

A German Shepherd/Collie/Husky mix named Chips was the most decorated of the World War II war dogs, who saved as many as 15,000 lives. After the Pearl Harbor bombing, the



Dogs for Defense initiative was created to encourage Americans to offer their pets for training as military sentries. The Wren family volunteered Chips.

He served in Europe and North Africa. In Sicily, with his handler pinned down by machine gun fire, Chips charged the gunners and forced them to surrender. Later he helped take 10 Italian prisoners. Chips became the only animal ever awarded the Silver Star for bravery in combat, the Distinguished Service Cross (the Army's second-highest award), and a Purple Heart.

The Army, however, revoked those honors due to a policy preventing official commendation of animals. His owner told reporters that Chips would probably like a pound of hamburger more than a medal, anyway.

## NEMO - Vietnam



"I've heard it said that without our military dogs, there would be 10,000 additional names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall," wrote Richard Cunningham, a sentry dog handler in the war, in the *New York Times*. "I, for one, think that's an understatement."

In 2017, the 22-foot long black granite Vietnam K9 Memorial Wall was unveiled in South Lyon, Michigan. At the ceremony, former dog handlers searched among the 4,234 names for their companions.

A German Shepard named Nemo protected his wounded handler Robert Thorneburg despite being shot in the nose and eye. Thorneburg was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star; Nemo, a rare return to America.

About 2,700 of the remaining war dogs were left with the South Vietnamese Army. A shocking 1,600 were euthanized because the military classified them as "surplus equipment." In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed Robby's Law - named after a dog left behind - requiring all military working dogs suitable for adoption be made available following their service.

## CAIRO – Operation Neptune Spear



When Navy Seal Team 6 rappelled from two BlackHawk helicopters to Osama bin Laden's hiding place in Pakistan, a Belgian Malinois named Cairo landed with them. He was wearing a \$30,000 tactical body armor vest with a collapsible video arm, two-way audio, and high-definition camera.

He secured the perimeter of the compound and guarded against any intruders. Initially Cairo was the only member of the team identified by name. A public hero, he was named *Time Magazine's* 2011 Animal of the Year.

## "PROTECTING THOSE WHO PROTECTED US"

There are no VA hospitals for military working dogs. No psychiatrists to help them recover from PTSD after sniffing out improvised explosive devices and searching for bad guys with AK-47s.

"Most people don't know that when a military working dog or police K-9 retires from service (usually after 8-10 years of service), they're no longer funded by the agencies they served," says Jason Johnson, the founder of Project K-9 Hero that provides up to \$3,000 per year for food and medical needs of retired MWDs. Most of them have been adopted by their handlers with limited resources from their military salaries.

Project K-9's motto - "Protecting Those Who Protected Us" - has struck a nerve with the public. Johnson - a veteran of 125 missions with MWDs in Afghanistan and Iraq - raised \$50,000 in 2016 when he started the program with his retirement benefits. In 2019, he expects that figure to grow to \$2 million. Johnson's dream is to create a healing home for retired MWDs near Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"Some of these dogs have a hard time adjusting just like a soldier would," says Johnson, who trained MWDs at the Yuma ATF Proving Grounds to adjust them to temperatures similar to those they will face in the Middle East. "I just want them to relax in the country without loud noises and commands. They'll have a big break area they can chase a ball around, jump into a pool...things that normal dogs do."



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# NEW CHINO VALLEY K9 LSKO HAS A NAME TO LIVE UP TO

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Area law enforcement K9 units are often in transition, because while the dogs are specially bred and highly trained for their jobs, it's a hard one on their bodies. The career life of a police K9 is about eight to nine years, barring injury. The dogs are athletic, and added to a super-sized play drive and intense personality, it's near impossible to stop them from doing everything at full throttle. That's what is needed in a police situation where a dog may have to save his handler's life, or pursue and apprehend a criminal over obstacles such as fences or walls, or through buildings. In a life and death situation, there is no room for hesitation.

This past year, Prescott Valley's K9 unit retired and replaced four dogs, thanks to a generous community donor. (The dogs either retire in their officer's homes, or with another K9 handler.) The same donor recently purchased a new dog for Chino Valley, as nine-year-old Belgian Malinois Gus, handled by Officer Dave McNally, is nearing retirement. McNally's new partner, Belgian Malinois Lisko, came from the same kennel in the Netherlands as one of Prescott Valley's new dogs. He will join Jax, handled by Chino Valley Officer Tiffany Farmer.

Lisko is McNally's fourth K9. He partnered with Ike in 2007 at the Prescott Valley Police Department, and after Ike's retirement worked with K9 Jake. He became Gus's handler when he moved to the Chino Valley Police Department in 2016.

Lisko is large for a Malinois, and McNally thinks he may top out at 90 lbs. Most Malinois weigh 50-70 lbs. At 10 months old, Lisko weighed in at 66 lbs. during a recent vet check. "I think he must weigh 70 now," McNally said.

Lisko has a big personality to go along with his large stature, and he's outstandingly social and affectionate. "He's extremely playful, and powerful to no end," McNally said. "When he looks at you, he has super intelligent, intense eyes. The breeder has an autistic daughter, so socialization was big for her. He gives kisses, and he's super sweet, but when he gets into training, the



Dave McNally and Lisko

power and intensity is all there. He already uses his nose and senses well. He's going to be a force to contend with."

Lisko also has a bit of a mischievous side. "If I let him out and Gus is kenneled, he'll grab a toy and run up and spit it at Gus. He has that little wild side."

Lisko's name actually means "fox" in Slovenian, with the meaning of "cunning like a fox," McNally said. His name has much more meaning than that, however. McNally's mother was born in 1938 in Slovenia. In 1942, her family had to flee in a midnight getaway to escape communists that wanted to kill them when her older brother declined to join the party. Before they escaped, they had a beloved dog named Lisko who was exceptionally smart. They had to leave Lisko behind, but he was never forgotten, and McNally told one of his aunts years ago that if he ever got a chance to name a K9, he would name it Lisko.

Lisko will be Chino Valley's first dual-purpose dog – he will perform patrol duties as well as narcotics detection. While some of his work will include narcotics interdiction

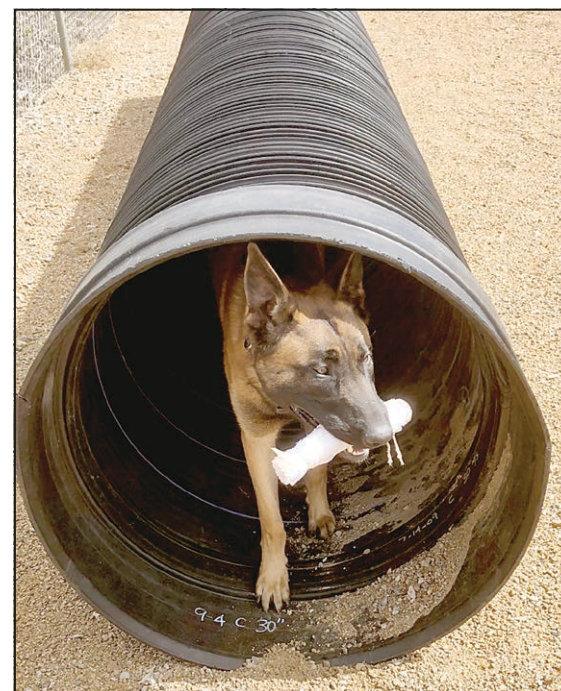
details on major interstates such as I40 and I17, Chino's two K9s spend most of their time in the community.

"When you're searching for small amounts of narcotics, and then looking for the large amounts (on the interstates), the training and how you operate the dog are different," McNally said.

Currently, McNally is taking Lisko to work a couple of times a week to acclimate him to the patrol truck and spend time bonding with him. Because the dog is still so young, there is not yet a big focus on obedience. "He's still got a lot of puppy in him, a lot of play. The main thing is to get him up on narcotics detection, and maintain his apprehension training so he can be certified this summer. We'll be working on the patrol skills later."

Lisko also received some early exposure to tracking in the Netherlands, so McNally will build on that.

If you meet Officer McNally and Lisko in public, you'll most definitely receive an enthusiastic, affectionate greeting from this giant, friendly K9. But don't underestimate him. If you're a criminal or hiding drugs, your greeting will be enthusiastic, but not the affectionate kind.



Lisko takes time for games at dog park

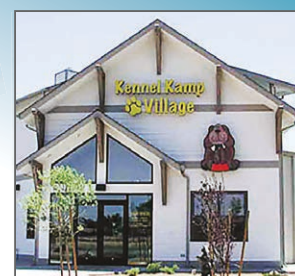


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# SAFETY UNDER SADDLE

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



Back Country Horsemen members Robert Smith and Elizabeth Loper.

With powerful legs and a willing heart, our horses take us from mile to mile, over tough terrain and in a variety of conditions. In turn, it's important that we take optimum care of our horses, in and out of the saddle. From pleasure to endurance riding, the trails and activities are endless in Arizona. Many of our horses plow through without missing a beat. It's vitally important that we pack and prepare for the unexpected and avoid catastrophies.

## Snakes

Jason Williams, Trails & Wilderness Coordinator for the Prescott National Forest recommends in any event, know the area, plan ahead, and prepare.

Jason insists that snakes on or off the trail generally have no interest in us. However in a rare incidence, avid trail rider Elizabeth Loper recounts a trail where her group encountered a rattlesnake that was angered by the previous bicycler ahead of them. "Normally trail riders will try and ride a safe distance around a snake or wait for it to cross over, but this angry snake wouldn't move", explains Loper.

They were at a narrow passage with T posts on one side and a drop off on the other. So, the riders succumbed to changing routes. Jason Williams stresses, "Be willing to make changes. Know the conditions of the area. Snakes are more active during high humidity and at dusk and dawn. During high temperatures, they will be hiding, under a rock or under bushes."

According to Karina Cox, DVM, of Prescott Animal Hospital Equine Center, "Seeing a snake bite in horses is pretty rare". They see approximately 2-3 cases a year at her clinic, and the bites are generally on the leg. Dr. Cox points out, "On the trail, it's usually the second or third horse in line that gets bit. It's almost never the first horse". She stresses for the first rider to be particularly vigilant.



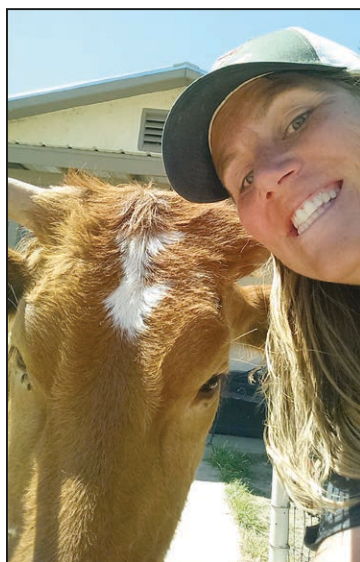
Avid endurance rider Karina Cox, DVM, with horse, Chip. Photo courtesy AZ Cowgirl Photography.

the veterinarian get to you. They can at least treat your horse's wound or ailment so that it can make it back to the trailer.

It's helpful to pack Bute or Banamine, CoFlex bandage, a rag for absorption, and something to use as a tourniquet. You can improvise with your belt, clothing, sanitary napkins. Be creative, but be effective.

## Environmental Hazards

Technically, quicksand forms in saturated loose sand when the sand is suddenly agitated. Per Wikipedia, when water can't escape, it creates a liquefied soil that loses strength and cannot support weight. Unlike



Kelly Powell Ranch Manager of Bumble Bee Ranch with her cow D.O.G. Photo courtesy Kelly Powell.

## Horse Injuries

In the case of serious leg injuries, hemorrhages, tying up or colic, you will need to find a way to connect with professional veterinary help.

Most of our trails are single track or dirt paths that don't allow you to get a trailer to your wounded or suffering animal. Your best bet is to call and have



Cypress is a tolerant example of emergency bandaging

into quicksand. If you do, in his panic, he will try to utilize YOU to get out". She recommends staying in the saddle and holding onto your saddle horn (if you have one). Your horse can lunge its way out, step by step.

Kelly knows quicksand. It is prevalent in her area, and she is savvy about how to avoid it. She suggests riding through the center of creek beds, not on the edges where quicksand would likely be. And only cross where ATVs and cows have crossed. Your absolute best bet to stay clear of quicksand is to wait for the area to dry completely out after heavy rains.

In the event of a flash flood, stay out of washes and ride up to higher ground. If it's a short-lived storm, it will soon drain. But it's important to remember that even if it's not raining in your area, you can still be effected if it's raining north of you. Be aware of weather forecasts. Make sure to have a weather app that will alert you with emergency conditions.

## Bees

Africanized bees have made their hive-homes all around Arizona. Your job is NOT to ride into bee territories and to depart quickly when you do.

Have an advance plan in case your group rides into a swarm of bees. A good plan is to scatter and ride out in different directions to about 100 yards. Bees will generally not follow you past their territory. Stay away from their hives. Carry Benadryl or an Epi Pen in case of severe stings.

"Horses can have an anaphylactic reaction if stung by hundreds of bees, and that's an emergency. Get that horse to vet care ASAP," says Dr. Karina Cox.

Along the trail, there will always be challenges. For the love of our sport and the love of our animals, let's remember to take our leadership role seriously and to heart.

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