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Skye Lyons – Rescue Editor Skye has been a life-long magnet for lost creatures; those who need a helping hand, some redirection mentally and physically, and some hugs. Observing animals has always been a passion, gaining her some strange interactions and conversations with anything and everything, from a cat asking her to be a midwife to owls perching on the hood of her car. Every creature has a story, and she loves finding out what it might be.



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HAZEL HOWLS

L. E. Nor Rigg Bear, leaps to the spine of the couch and taunts with the ball she just stole;

This never gets old...

Hazel starts barking, mom stops the chaos as L. E. is placed on the ground;

End of that round...

"All the bitey puppies, where do they all come from?"

All the bitey puppies, where do they all belong?"

Tucker was trying to remember the second verse to the song he heard Dad sing to L. E. Bear during her last bath. "Bath" is known as "scrubbies" in four-legged talk. Try as he might, he couldn't remember the words to his favorite verse. Tucker liked that one best because it had his name in it, and it was filled with a lot of exhilaration and high-powered dog fun. In fact, it was so exciting he would stop listening to the words and start wagging and spinning at the very picture of it.

Reluctantly, he rose up and headed down the hall to ask Hazel if she remembered.

Asking Hazel a question usually went one of two ways. Either she would begin pontificating at length trying to imitate Dad's "wordiness," or she would answer with a nonsensical response just to be snarky.

As Tucker approached the doorway to Dad's studio, he sighed and just laid down. He wasn't going to get an answer any time soon. Hazel and Dad were engaged with some project, and it had their full attention. Even though Tucker had rank and felt that his main job was to keep order in the household, he understood that good leadership required knowing when to wait patiently.

Hazel was up in Dad's lap in the big plush chair, and they were both staring at a laptop on the roll-away table.

"Do you have to be up here Hazel?" Dad asked.

"I want to make sure the spell-checkmate is turned on, and



Hazel and Tucker

I like to watch your fingers...they move like small wounded, confused prey."

Dad shifted his weight a bit, shaking his head. "Just start dictating, Hazel. I'm not sure I even want to do this."

In her most serious manner, Hazel began like this;

Dear Congressman,

It has come to my attention as of late, that a serious crime against all that is good is being perpetrated across this great country of ours. The details of this particular form of lawlessness are almost too evil to be spoken aloud, yet I will persevere in relating them to you in the hope that action will be taken swiftly, and those responsible will meet justice so severe as to prohibit such scandalous events from repeating in the generations to follow.

There is no doubt, sir, that you have heard of a semi-food substance known as the dill pickle. Although I myself find this particular item heinous in taste and aroma, I will allow that some find themselves under its power and cannot resist ingesting them. However, horrible as that seems to sensible people, (and dogs of course), I understand it is a victimless crime and should be allowed to be available for those who cannot help themselves.

My objection, and I shudder to say this, sir, is there are reprobate citizens of this fair country who are conspiring to manufacture and sell to the unsuspecting public dill pickles whose appearance is purposely disguised and bottled. Yes,

it's true sir, chopped into tiny little bits to hide their true origins.

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Now that you are aware of this dire situation, I believe you and your colleagues will move quickly to pass legislation to protect the unsuspecting public.

Thank you,
Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog"

Tucker couldn't resist a muffled snort that in two-legged language could be interpreted as '...give me a break!' To his mind, you work your way around any unpleasantness, not whine and write letters.

Dad and Hazel sensed Tucker's restlessness coming from the doorway and looked around the lap-top. Hazel looked back at Dad.

"Was that OK, Dad? Do you think they'll understand?"

Dad looked away from Hazel to keep from chuckling and to grab the pre-addressed envelope and the letter off the printer.

"You did fine, Hazel."

She watched Dad fold and put the letter in the envelope. Hazel sniffed at the envelope.

"Hey, where's the return address label, Dad?"

Dad looked at Tucker while answering, pleading with Tucker with his eyes not to give him away.

"Well, Hazel, I've heard that the letter will get there quicker with-

out the extra weight."

Tucker broke away from Dad's gaze so as not to snort again. Hazel stood up in Dad's lap, wagging.

"That's awesome, Dad. You're so smart. Thanks for your help on this!"

A bit of red shame washed over Dad's face for a moment.

"No problem Hazel, you did most of the work."

Hazel jumped down as Tucker and Dad stood up and stretched. Heading down the hallway Tucker whispered his question to Hazel.

Elle, having been sound asleep on the red couch in Mom's office, suddenly woke and realized the grownup dogs were on the move, and she needed to be there.

Leaping four puppy lengths across the office carpet, she came careening around the corner and plowed into Hazel's side as Tucker was waiting for an answer to his question. Moments like this are hard to describe as there are so many moving parts.

Dad herded the chaos of paws, fur, and dander towards the back door in the hopes that everyone could burn off their energy outside.

Dad had overheard Tucker's question and while the four-leggeds were trying to vie for first position at the sliding door, he scooped up the squeaky tug of war toy and Hazel's oversize tennis ball, hiding them behind his back. Hazel and Elle went in different directions to wee. Tucker threw himself down on the ground, thoroughly out of patience, and sour. One simple question, and he still didn't have an answer.

Dad brought the toys into view.

"Hey Tuck...why sing a song, when you can live it?" Toys flew in opposite directions, and the sound of fun expressed itself in that corner of the neighborhood.

The verse was remembered. And on that late winter breezy day, somehow it felt like spring.



L. E. Bear and Tucker



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- Lost Pet Center - Hrs: Mon-Sat 11a-6p; Sun 12p-4pm

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Mar 11-15: Spring Zoo Camp, 8:30a-3p. More Info: <https://tinyurl.com/springzoo>

WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS (Benefits Boyd Ranch & Bethany's Gait)

March 15-17, Wickenburg. Info: Gary 928-595-0428

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK SPEEDSTERS GYMKHANA #1

March 23, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: 928-636-3242 or cvequestrianpark.com

APRIL EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

Apr 6: Behind-the-Scenes Photo Tour.

Apr 13 - Breakfast With the Animals: Tiger

Apr 20: Earth Day Celebration

Apr 21: Easter EGGstravaganza

EASTER PHOTOS (Benefits United Animal Friends)

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April 13, Horsebreakers Ranch, Dewey. Info: 928-632-5728 or horsebreakers.com

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April 21, Chino Valley Equestrian Park. Registration 9a. Info: 928-636-3242 or cvequestrianpark.com

WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS (Benefits Bethany's Gait)

Apr 26-28, Patterson Ranch in Star Valley. Info: Gary 928-595-0428

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK SPEEDSTERS GYMKHANA #2

April 27, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or 928-636-3242

MAY EVENTS

SPRING CLEAN DOG WASH

(Benefits United Animal Friends) May 4, 10a-3p, Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley St, Prescott. \$10 shampoo & towel dry; \$5 nail trim; \$20 Spa Treatment. Info: 928-776-8700

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AFTER 7 MONTHS IN A WINSLOW SHELTER, ENERGETIC WEBBER FINDS A FOREVER HOME WITH PRESCOTT VALLEY COUPLE

By Heidi Dahms Foster

When Tedi Falco met Webber, a big labrador mix, at the Winslow, Arizona Animal Control shelter in September 2018, she knew she had to act quickly.

Webber had been at the Winslow shelter for longer than any other dog when Tedi began volunteering to help the animals there find rescue placements. Tedi was concerned that although he was perfectly behaved and a favorite at the shelter, Webber seemed to have lost his appetite and maybe a bit of hope for his future.

"When I first met Webber, I noticed he was both handsome and well behaved. He spent daylight hours at the shelter in an outdoor area with six or seven other dogs, and it was easy to see that he was very good with all the other dogs. I could also tell from talking to the shelter staff that Webber was a favorite among many, and it was easy to see why. He was friendly and nicely mannered, happy to have a

pat and a kind word, but not overbearing in his need for attention.

"Once I realized that Webber had been at the shelter for about seven months, I was even more amazed by what a good dog he was! In my experience, many dogs would have gone 'stir crazy' or completely lost hope after only a few weeks. Clearly, Webber was a hidden gem of a dog at a remote shelter. If he had been at any animal shelter or rescue group with regular visitors, he would have been snapped up by an adopter," Tedi said.

Ironically, though, it was challenging to get Webber into a rescue group, Tedi added.

"I was reaching out to animal rescue groups all over Arizona to take in the many Winslow shelter dogs, and, unfortunately, I had just one poor quality photo of Webber to show. No one was jumping at the chance to rescue a brown blur in a grainy photo. I was on the verge of going back to the shelter for a photo shoot with Webber, but instead I turned to my old rescue friend Toby Frost with AARF. Toby (AARF director and foster coordinator) has been very active in animal rescue in Prescott for the 20 years that I've known her. She has one of the best hearts of all the



Bonnie & Webber

people I know in rescue."

"Toby put on her thinking cap, made some contacts, and in under 24 hours AARF made the offer to foster Webber with Bonnie Winn," Tedi said. "Then the only thing I had left to do was set up Webber's road trip from Winslow with volunteer driver Alan Metzger and Bonnie's daughter, Cindy Lamont, who met Alan at highways 169 and 69. Then Cindy took Webber the rest the way to Bonnie's home."

Webber met his new foster mom Bonnie on September 26, 2018.

Bonnie's daughter Cindy reported to Tedi after Webber's first night of freedom in his foster home. "He slept out on the back porch, and my mom stayed with him on a folding bed. At some point, he shoved his way into her sleeping bag to spoon (and stay warm).



Bonnie, Webber and Cindy

It was 50 degrees up here in the pines this morning. She said he's good—scared of everything that moves right now. Saw his first deer yesterday. He's eating every few hours right now as he's quite thin. He's very much a people dog. He was sleeping on her foot last night."

After that night, Webber progressed quickly, Bonnie said. He came into the house, and seemed to look to her two older dogs to learn the ropes. He became less fearful and seemed to be determined to make good use of Bonnie's big fenced yard, running off all his pent-up energy.

Because he was fearful of many things, Bonnie speculated about his past. "He wouldn't come in the house. He was afraid of loud noises or quick movements, like maybe someone had thrown things at him. He had been living out by a lumberyard with people feeding him. Sometimes we don't know what happens to these dogs before we get them."



Webber. Courtesy
Bonny's daughter, Cindy

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After a couple days, bribed with treats, Webber began following her other dogs inside. Her dogs were older, so they weren't into Webber's puppy shenanigans, but everyone got along. After three weeks, Webber was ready to meet his potential forever family, Chuck and Rosanna Matthews, who live on two acres in the Prescott Valley area. Already, it was going to be hard for Bonnie to let him go.



Webber.

Courtesy Portrait Park by J

"Sometimes you take care of fosters for just a few days, but you fall in love. I was worried, but I felt really good about his new family," she said. She needn't have worried. After Webber was placed with the Matthews, they texted before Christmas and asked if Bonnie and Cindy would like to visit.

"We went out and saw where he lives, and how he loves everything out there. That's why we foster," Bonnie said. She'll do it again, and again. "I fostered in Yuma before I moved up here with four dogs. I lost two to old age, so I got back into fostering. I have the time and place for it – everything here is built and made for the dogs. I love fostering, and when it turns out so well it's really inspiring."

Chuck and Rosanna Matthews brought Webber home in October 2018, where he became a companion to their other adoptee, a lab named Frannie. They decided to keep Webber's name because they felt he had been through enough in his short life.

"We had adopted Frannie in January 2018, when she was a young pup, three to four months old. We had a much older dog, and we hoped Frannie would bolster him, but he wanted nothing to do with her," Rosanna said. "When we lost him to old age in July we talked about getting another dog as a companion for Frannie."

The Matthews didn't want a pup that was too old or young, but rather one that would bond with Frannie and provide her with a playmate. They checked local shelters and pet sites, but nothing stood out until Rosanna saw an advertisement from AARF featuring Webber. "He looked like he might be a good fit. He was the right age and needed a good home. I said, 'let's inquire!'"

Along with their pet sitter, Kathy Wait, who is a certified behaviorist they trusted to help them make a right decision, the Matthews went to meet Webber.

"We took Frannie with us, and while at first they were

a bit hesitant and growled at each other once or twice, within 10 minutes they were running around the yard like they had known each other all of their lives. Bonnie seemed to trust us as pet parents, and we brought Webber home. He has been a wonderful dog!"

Webber doesn't bark, Rosanna said. "He's like a stealth dog! You don't know he's there. He's learning commands – we were away and Kathy worked on his sit and taking cookies gently – the basics. When we took him to the vet for a well pet visit, he did very well in the car. He seems to have adjusted well."

Rosanna said she and Chuck worried that although Webber received good care in the Winslow shelter, he might have issues with anxiety from being there so long. But the opposite is true. "He's so mellow. He's the greatest dog as far as coming from that kind of environment. Frannie is very good with him, and now Webber doesn't like to be separated from her."

Even the couple's cat tolerates Webber, and now all of the animals are trusted in the house by themselves. "We took a great leap of faith three weeks ago and left them alone in the house for a couple hours," Rosanna said.

All was good, and Webber has taken his life of ease seriously, enjoying the couch and the Matthews' bed when he can convince them he needs to be in the bedroom. It seems he can convince them

of just about anything.

"He's a sweet dog with the most expressive, brownish-gold eyes, like he's looking through a window into your soul and telling you something. He'll come jump up on the couch and put his head on your lap, wanting to be petted," Rosanna said.

When the Matthews invited Bonnie and Cindy over to visit Webber around Christmastime, they were a bit worried that he might be sad and want to leave with them again. They needn't have worried, because Webber is permanently home.

"He was so excited to see them, but when they left, he was the same old Webber," Rosanna said.

These days, Webber works off his energy keeping his big rope tug away from Frannie. "They run like idiots," Rosanna said.

Recently, Rosanna and Chuck bought new couches. For a few days, there were four couches in the house, and naturally, Webber and Frannie thought all of them were for the dogs. Fortunately, the two canines let the humans move the old furniture out.

Two couches, and the two big hearts belonging to Chuck and Rosanna, are clearly enough for one big, lucky rescue, Webber, and his partner in crime, Frannie.

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Is Your Dog A BARKING NUISANCE?

By Briana Lonas

Whiskey loves to bark. It's in her blood. After all, she's part hound and proud of it. Every morning around 4 A.M. this girl likes to get in a few laps during tinkle time and bark at the rabbits on the other side of the fence. Sometimes she'll just stand in the yard and howl with the coyotes long before the sun breaks over the hills and before most folks have had their breakfast and coffee.

One day, an animal control officer dropped by the house to have a chat with her owner. Seems Whiskey's call of the wild didn't quite jive with the other humans living in the neighborhood.

As it happens, Whiskey's owners aren't alone. Many responsible dog owners have listened to the yips and howls of their pets and wondered, 'Do the neighbors hear this?'

What exactly happens when you've been given a written complaint about your barking dog? Sgt. Deb Dean with Yavapai County Animal Control explained that initially staff will speak to the dog owner and discuss the barking.

"We always provide something in writing and attempt to contact the dog owner so we can help resolve the issue at the lowest level," she explained.

"We try to look at it as a customer service. A lot of times an owner may not be aware of their dogs' barking, and they just don't hear it the

same way the neighbors might hear it. Or, an owner might be at work during the day and unaware of any problem."

Dean mentioned some of the recommended methods to help control excessive barking such as crating your dog inside the home while you work.

For dogs that must remain outside during the day, "We suggest going out and reprimanding or using your voice as a training tool. Those are important things. A lot of times, dogs run the fence line with other dogs, so they run back and forth and bark. That happens pretty frequently," Dean said.

Owners can install certain types of fencing to prevent their animals from seeing through to the other side. However, sometimes renters and landlords would rather not spend the money. That's when the pet owner should be more conscientious about excessive barking.

"Our rule of thumb for excessive animal noise is if a dog barks 8 to 10 minutes of consecutive barking or intermittent barking that would equal a half hour within a three-hour period. Our bottom line is to resolve at the lowest



level because we do know that all dogs bark."

If the barking continues, next steps would in-

clude a petition request from those involved in the neighborhood with three signatures from different households along with a bark log. Better yet, Dean said, a recording of the barking dog that is time and date stamped. "We find that the recordings are really the best because it's irrefutable.

"We don't really have to issue that many citations, and most of the time a situation won't advance up to that point requiring the evidence," she said and added that most dog owners want to cooperate.

In a case where an owner might not be willing to comply the animal control officer may issue a class 2 criminal citation for animal noise – after all evidence has been offered regarding the ongoing problem.

The case then goes through the court process. "Those who have signed the petition or taken the evidence, they will be called to testify, and the dog owner also goes to court. Sometimes they go to court on pretrial date, plead guilty and pay a fine."

One count for animal noise could cost between \$130 and \$150 dollars. Usually, Dean explained, once a pet owner has been fined, the issues stop at that point because the fines really add up and can get expensive.

Dog owners might ask, what about my rights? Especially in cases their dog isn't barking. "A lot of folks who have received complaints have game cams that show it's without a doubt not their dog barking." Dean added that it's not uncommon to find that a neighbor may have given an incorrect address since sound carries.

"I'm always willing to talk to any dog owner or anyone with questions regarding barking or dog at large problems and I'm always happy to visit with someone."

Yavapai County Animal Control presides over the unincorporated areas of the county. Cities and town jurisdictions utilize their own protocols.

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SPRING CLEANING FOR PETS

By Briana Lonas

Spring is finally approaching and for most of us this season means giving the household a deep cleaning – but don't forget about the pets! Dogs and cats need their beds washed and maybe it's a good time to think about scouring all pet dishes, litter boxes, and even those pet collars!

Pet Bedding

Pet bedding accumulates dust and dander, so if possible remove the fabric cover of your animal's bed and toss it in the washing machine. Consider adding a few drops of lavender oil to the rinse cycle. Just remember, oils may be harmful for your pets, so don't apply these directly to their coat or bedding. Always use mild detergents and feel free to add a little vinegar to the rinse cycle to help neutralize odors.

Collar Cleaning

Pet collars can get grimy with time, but it's easy to clean these items. Simply fill a bowl or sink with sudsy dog shampoo and hot water. Let your dog's collar soak for about 15 minutes. Use a soft cloth or toothbrush to scrub away stubborn dirt. Rinse the collar under running water and hang to dry.

Litter Boxes

Litter box cleaning is never fun, but it's helpful to deep clean at least every three months. After dumping all the litter, take the boxes outside and either hose off or pour very hot water into each box. Add some baking soda and

mild detergent. Next get to scrubbing, and be sure to wear gloves. Rinse the boxes well, and a good next step is to add a half cup of vinegar to each box and add more hot water. Let soak for a spell, then rinse thoroughly to remove all traces of vinegar. Once the boxes are completely dry, fill with fresh litter. A sanitized box goes a long way in stretching the life of your kitty litter in between cleanings.

For the area where litter boxes are placed, sweep and then clean the area with mild soap. It's a matter of preference to use litter box liners – some folks like them and some don't. Try them and see if they make clean-up easier. Litter mats can be helpful, too, in catching loose litter before it gets tracked throughout your house. It's important to note that some cats might start using these mats as another area to defecate or urinate so be prepared!

For those urine sprays and dribbles that can't be seen by your eye, walk around your home when it's dark

and shine a blacklight on the walls, corners, and other areas where pets may travel. Urine stains will glow beneath the ultraviolet light and provide a visual on where to start scrubbing.

Hair Removal

To remove pet hair from furniture, drapes, or other fabric-covered items, use rubber gloves. Slightly dampen a glove on your hand and sweep the fabric with it. According to Chewy.com, grooming gloves work well in capturing fine hairs trapped within your cushions and pillows. A damp cloth also will help collect hair as well as swiping a stiff bristle brush against your upholstery and bedding.

Dog Toys

Wash dog toys to keep them free of germs. Many manufacturers make machine-washable plush toys, so read the labels and toss those plushies into the machine using mild detergent. Air dry the plush toys. Rubber and chew toys can be washed with mild dish soap and a good, hot rinse. If your dog or cat has a

basket full of toys, simply toss them into a full tub of soapy, hot water and let them soak awhile before scrubbing and rinsing.

Pet Dishes

Automatic watering dishes should be deep cleaned also, and sometimes these containers grow mildew so a few drops of bleach may help eliminate the germs. Wash all bowls and plates in the sink or dishwasher. For hard water rings, add vinegar to the sink and allow the dishes to soak. If necessary, gently rub the hard water rings with a scouring pad after soaking.

Large Animals

The same spring cleaning tips may be used for the large four-legged pets in your life. Horse and other livestock feeders should be rinsed clean and water troughs scraped and scrubbed until all mildew and residue has been removed. Tack can be brushed, oiled, or cleaned depending on the material and manufacturer's instructions. Grooming brushes can be tossed in a large bucket full of hot, sudsy water to remove old hair and dirt. Saddle blankets should be aired out and brushed to remove stickers, hay, and other odd bits of debris. Spring is a great time to remove expired or contaminated equine ointments and stock up on wormers, wraps, fly control items, first-aid, and grooming materials. Clippers and other grooming tools should be wiped clean.



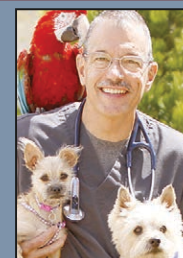
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We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our community over the last few months. Donations to make our dream possible have poured in, and our new surgical/adoption rig is ready to go!

Knowing that so many people saw the need for this new vehicle and the impact it will provide for our community has made us realize we (HSCAZ) are truly lucky to be doing the work we do and serving

the beautiful Rim Country.

We are proud to serve 900 square miles of Central Arizona and to help the lost, homeless and abandoned animals that share

our journey. We are also proud to help many low-income families by providing spay/neuter and vaccinations for their beloved pets and helping with food to keep pets in their homes.

We are incredibly thankful to every single donor that made this dream a reality. Thank you to everyone who shared our journey on social media, our board of directors, our caring, hard-working staff and volunteers, and all those who have adopted, dropped off blankets

and supplies, or shopped at our Resale Store at 510 W. Main Street in Payson. A special thank you to our anonymous donors who have provided us with the ability to save even more lives in 2019. We could not be more thankful!

HSCAZ looks forward to many statewide adoption events this summer while our adoptable dogs and cats keep cool in their climate controlled mobile adoption vehicle. We hope to join all the other fabulous rescues and shelters at events throughout the state.

Come say hello, and we would be happy to give you a tour of our new mobile unit and introduce you to our adoptable dogs and cats.

For more information, please visit www.humanesocietycentralaz.org or follow us on Facebook (Humane Society of Central Arizona).



Almost one year has passed since the vision of AARF Animal Rescue was brought to life. So much has happened, but much more needs to happen. If you are creative, have skills for building or repairing, love to work with your hands, outdoors, or with animals we would love to talk to you!

A number of successful fosters and adoptions have already passed through our doors and gates to happy homes. From strays found on the streets, from too-full shelters, to owner-surrenders, they want us to tell their stories, but space is limited so please check our website's "Happy Tails."

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adopted. We want to do more! Our mission is "saving one by one until there are none," but we need more fosters and volunteers.

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AARF will continue to grow, and if you would like to be a part of this amazing rescue to help us save many lives, call 928-925-7219.



Animal Disaster Services is always looking for dedicated volunteers. ADS is comprised of community volunteers working under the direction of Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management and covers all of Yavapai County.

When an evacuation is called within Yavapai County, ADS sets up and maintains a shelter for the pets of the evacuees 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the duration of the evacuation. There is no cost to the pet owners.

Volunteer duties and expectations include training, regular meeting attendance, participation in community events, help with the emergency shelter set-up and tear-down, shelter and supply cleaning, dog walking, calming, and playtime for the animals,



feeding, intake and maintenance paperwork, overnight duty shifts, and any other needs as they occur.

The regular meetings are held once per month and offer training and relative updates.

If you are interested in becoming an Animal Disaster Services volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Bob Salazar at 928-925-7989 or via e-mail at AnimalDisasterServices@outlook.com.

As ADS is under the direction of Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management, all individuals who wish to volunteer must complete the required county's background check and volunteer orientation.

We look forward to meeting you. The animals and their humans appreciate your service.

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UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS—MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE ANIMAL COMMUNITY

When we look back at our history, we are amazed and gratified at the growth we have achieved since our grassroots beginning in 2003.

We started with just a few volunteers who wanted to help homeless pets find forever families. Before long, we understood that the reason there were so many homeless pets was because there were so many unaltered cats and dogs creating even more unaltered cats and dogs.

We then started our Low-Income Spay/Neuter Certificate Program, which has since helped spay or neuter several thousand pets.

Next, we became aware of the alarming number of unaltered feral cats in our community, which led to creation of the Community Cat Program (formerly Trap/Neuter/Return). This program currently spays and neuters more feral cats than the combined total of owned cats and dogs altered through the Spay/Neuter Certificate Program.

After a few years, we discovered that a number of pet owners in our community could not afford to feed their pets a quality, consistent diet. And we realized that those were the very same people who could not afford to spay or neuter their pets. Hence, the Community Pet Food Bank was established to provide free food to low-income families, with the requirement that all pets in the home be spayed or neutered with assistance from the Spay/Neuter Certificate Program.

We are now feeding an average

of 196 dogs and 408 cats each month, and last year we distributed close to 36,000 pounds of food! The need for this program is so great that we have opened a second distribution location to serve the Prescott Valley area.

Our Emergency Medical Program started small, when we were asked to help a few pets who needed urgent veterinary care that their owners could not afford. Recently, the need for our help has skyrocketed. Last year alone, we assisted with the cost of critical medical care for 316 community pets. That means 316 beneficiaries who are extremely thankful for this assistance, as it can mean the difference between having to give up a pet and being able to keep it in their loving family.

While we remain devoted to our initial purpose of helping pets find forever homes, after 15 years of

growth we are thankful to have the ability to help animals in so many additional ways. In fact, in 2018 we spent more than \$117,000 helping community animals while spending \$68,000 on the 404 cats and dogs we rescued.

Amidst all this growth and change, there are a few things that remain the same.

We are an all-volunteer nonprofit organization committed to our mission of providing programs and services to animals and those who care for them. So if you choose to donate to United Animal Friends, you'll know that your support is directly supporting animals, as it should be.

For more information about United Animal Friends, our programs, and our adoptable pets, please visit UnitedAnimalFriends.org or follow us on Facebook.



UPDATE ON THERAPY MINI HORSES

Bay Lee and Pearl are at it again, only this time older and wiser. The girls are turning three, and adulthood never looked so good.

Bay Lee and Pearl have grown tremendously since their first time stepping hoof in a senior home. From their first elevator ride to their first staircase, they've hit several milestones. Perhaps one of their biggest achievements has been bringing smiles to those everywhere, and they continue to do just that.

This year, the girls are planning to visit even more senior homes

and bring even more smiles. 2019 has a lot to offer Bay Lee and Pearl. They are American Miniature Horse Association certified and are continuing their training to be the best they can be.

Don't be fooled: just because they are working hard doesn't mean they don't have time for fun. Pearl still has her diva attitude, and Bay Lee spends her free time frolicking in the pastures. A fun fact about the girls? They love getting dirty. Whether you see them together in their pen or comforting people in a senior home, you can't help but smile. They bring much joy to the lives of everyone, and this is just the beginning.

In addition to senior home visits, we want to visit cancer patients in 2019. If you would like a visit from Bay Lee and Pearl call Dave at 480-440-0643. We're sure they'll make you smile.



Catty Shack Rescue

Community Cats at The Catty Shack had a stellar rescue year in 2018.

We had 150 adoptions with 20 still in foster care and 40+ available for adoption. We also addressed the issues folks have with ferals, strays, and kitties who can't go into homes.

We could never do this work without the support of the public, volunteers, and fosterers. Foster caregivers are golden in the rescue business, and we are always looking for more.

Our mission is to rescue street kitties who are abandoned,



dumped, or too little to fend for themselves.

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One day, when Hercules was getting ready for a day of walks, food, and play time, a family

came to Yavapai Humane Society because their dog Buddy, was searching for his forever friend. When Hercules and Buddy met, it was love at first sniff. In each other they found more than a friend, they found a brother. After a 5-month stint in Yavapai Humane Society, February 1st, 2019 marked the first day of Hercules' new life, and he is now with the best family he could ever imagine!

MISS KITTY THE SWEET

Miss Kitty was a special case here at Yavapai Humane Society. You see, Miss Kitty was placed in the Pet Guardianship program, a program that is here to help pet owners gain peace of mind that once they are gone or are no longer able to take care of their animals, YHS will be their

animals' safe haven until they find their forever home.



Miss Kitty

Miss Kitty was sad to leave her owner but knew this was her owner taking care of her one last time. So, she became brave and promised to give all her love to the next human that was meant to be with her.

Miss Kitty is sweet, gentle, and loving. She has tremendous hope and because of that, her forever human found her quickly. They are now living happily ever after where she has a new chance to be a miracle in someone else's life!

If you are worthy of its affection, a cat will be your friend, but never your slave.

~Theophile Gautier



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Petey's Playground Annual Treasure Sale is on Friday and Saturday March 1st and 2nd, 2019. It will be held at the Muleshoe Animal Clinic located at 19225 Hwy 89 in Peeples Valley from 9am to 4pm each day.

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Vaccinations, then returned to their colony location. Kittens are kept at Muleshoe Clinic for adoption.

The selection of items for sale are always quite impressive, and there is something for everyone! If you have gently used items to donate

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Come on out for a day of fun and treasure hunting! See you there!

CAT COLONY UPDATE

Petey's Playground will have approximately 17 cats for adoption in February. We have been alerted to two colonies in the area and are now planning for the trapping, neutering, and vaccination of these cats.

Their ages vary. Some will be appropriate for pets and some for barn cats. If we determine some to be barn cats, they will need to be picked up in Yarnell or Peeples Valley.

For all cats we ask that our protocol be followed for relocation in order for you to have a successful adoption. We will discuss this with you at the time of your interest in the cats. Please call Kim at 928-713-1375 or Kathy at 928-237-8659 for further information.

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tance of the feeling behind the name of this gala, and so can your pets.

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ATTACKS NEARLY DERAILED MANDY BURTON'S GUIDE DOG FROM CRUCIAL SERVICE

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos courtesy Mandy Burton.

Mandy Burton is a sight impaired woman who moved to Prescott, and then Prescott Valley, a year and a half ago from California. She never expected to encounter the difficulties that nearly caused her to lose her certified guide dog, and her mobility.

Burton's dog is a Czech Shepherd that she got from the Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind in Phoenix. Nezzie is her third dog of the animals that have made it possible for her to safely leave her home and function for the past 27 years. Her two previous dogs came from Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael, California. One, Hyatt, is now 12 and retired with Burton and her husband Ed.

When she first moved to Prescott, Burton said, her dog was attacked numerous times by other dogs inside public buildings. They were counterfeit service dogs or uncontrolled pets. When she moved to a Prescott Valley subdivision, she and Nezzie were attacked eight times in one week. When she tried to walk Nezzie outside, she was accosted by loose dogs or dogs whose owners had them on flexi leads, which made them essentially out of control. Other people allowed their dogs to approach Burton and

Nezzie, stating that their pets "just wanted to say hi."

The attacks were disconcerting particularly because Burton doesn't see them coming. A dog comes out of nowhere and suddenly her dog that is responsible for taking care of her is in a fight.

"The larger dogs are frightening because there is no noise. They come out of nowhere. I hear the little ones coming and I can ask the owner to get their dog back or try to get past as quickly as possible," she said.

The problem got so bad that the highly trained Nezzie began to be more concerned about protecting Burton than guiding her. Finally, the Eye Dog Foundation had to send trainers up twice a month to work with the team and help Nezzie over the anxiety caused by the attacks.

Guide dogs and other working dogs are trained to do a specific job for a specific person. They are not to be



Mandy Burton & her guide dog, Nezzie

approached by other people or dogs. People also should not pet a guide dog - it distracts them from what they are to be doing. Additionally, Burton said, people should not talk to a guide or working dog. "You can talk to me, but please, you should act like my dog doesn't exist."

When Burton tried to explain to people why they should not let their dogs approach, some

argued with her, and some got angry. Others whose dogs attacked hers grabbed their animals and quickly left the scene.

The assaults on Burton and Nezzie went on for eight months before Burton knew she had to take action. "It got progressively worse. I felt like I couldn't get out. I was scared to leave my house," she said. She didn't know what to do. "Under normal circumstances, if my dog is attacked, I'm supposed to let her defend herself, to just let go. But that's not a normal reaction. I did a lot of screaming."

Because the attacks and Nezzie's reactions became so critical, it was possible that the dog could no longer do her job, which would be devastating to Burton.

"My dog is responsible for getting me from point to point without my tripping, running into something, or getting hit. She takes me around displays, people, and any obstacle in our path. If I tell her to find the line she'll take me to the nearest checkout line. If I tell her to find a door, she'll find an exit. If I ask her to find a box, she'll look for an elevator. She knows curbs, and stops at all corners," Burton said.

Nezzie is a breed of dog that has the ability to be taught "intelligent disobedience," meaning that if Burton asks her to step into the street and a truck is coming, or a similar situation, she won't do it. "She knows better than to put the team in a harmful situation. These dogs have literally kept me alive for 27 years," Burton said. "Nezzie is the only means of any sort of independence for me."

Finally desperate and faced with the possibility of a dog that could no longer work, Burton called Prescott

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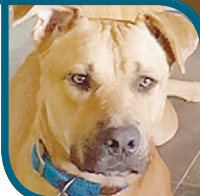
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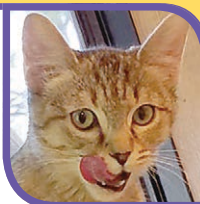
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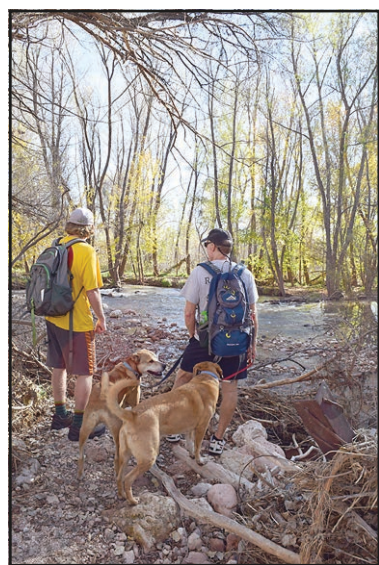


FIND ARIZONA'S WET AND WILD SIDE ON THE VERDE RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

Don't be deterred by the moniker Dead Horse Ranch State Park. Its name was decreed by history. The Ireys family saw a dead horse near the acreage while seeking ranch property in 1950. When decision time came, the kids told their dad that their favorite property was the place with the dead horse, so they named their new ranch after it. A condition of the Arizona State Parks' purchase of the property in 1973 was they keep the name. Dead Horse Ranch State Park held its grand opening in 1977.

The 423-acre park at an elevation of 3,300 feet showcases the reason its location in Cottonwood got that name: native Fremont cottonwood trees. In fact, the park's ADA-accessible Canopy Trail along the Verde River is one-quarter mile through one of the last remaining large stands in Arizona. The twisted and exposed roots of the gigantic cottonwoods provide wonderful benches on which to rest and contemplate nature's beauty. A sign there requests that users refrain from applying fragrance, insect repellants, and also from smoking, as it is specially designed to



Jack lets the author know he has found the Verde River.

accommodate those who are "mobility challenged" and/or "chemically sensitive."

In the River Day Use Area of the park, the Verde River Greenway Trail is a short portion of its namesake, the 35-mile Verde River Greenway, an

Arizona State Parks' project meant to conserve a lush riparian area along the Verde River from Tuzigoot Bridge to Beasley Flats.

The Canopy Trail is an offshoot of the Greenway Trail, and its cottonwoods provide nesting areas in one of the richest birding corridors in the United States, with feeders at the turnaround. Spring is the perfect time to spot the maximum number of bird species, of which 180 are listed officially by the Park, with as many as 240 having been identified, according to the National Audubon Society. This includes everything from some of the largest raptors down to the tiniest hummingbird. Park boundaries are within the Tavasci Marsh Important Birding Area. "Birdy Verde" – the Verde Valley Birding and Nature Festival – has its headquarters at the park in April.

The Dead Horse Trail system itself is more than 20 miles of non-motorized shared-use trails which extends into the Coconino National Forest. Among the numerous trails, loops and connectors is the 15-mile long Lime Kiln Trail which links Dead Horse with Red Rock State Park in Sedona. Most of the trails are open to hiking, biking, and horseback riding, but some prohibit equestrians and some are not conducive to biking. Get a map online or pick one up at the Visitor Center.

The 180-mile long Verde River is one of the desert's last free-flowing rivers, and its surrounding riparian area sustains a large wildlife population. Coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, mule and white-tail deer, gray fox, jackrabbits, river otters, and beavers are among the mammals that inhabit the park. You'll certainly see evidence of beaver activity among the gnawed and downed trees along the Canopy Trail, and you're likely to find deer and raccoon tracks in the riverbank mud. Watch out for javelina and skunks!

The Verde River feeds the park's three cattail-lined lagoons via Hickey Ditch – one of the oldest water rights acquisitions in Northern Arizona. The



With Mingus Mountain as a dramatic backdrop, a fisherman takes advantage of a shade tree as a day hiker passes by on the lagoon trail.

lagoons harbor a variety of sportfish, including largemouth bass, rainbow trout, channel catfish, bluegill, sunfish, and crappie. Arizona Game and Fish stocks the ponds on a regular basis. The Verde River also is a good source for rainbows. Don't forget your fishing license! But if you do, skirting the lagoons makes for an easy and pleasant hike, with plenty of shady spots where you might catch a few winks of "sleep that knits up the ravell'd sleeve of care... great nature's second course." (William Shakespeare, Macbeth).

The park also offers an Orienteering Course to practice map and compass navigation. Simply pick up a master map at the kiosk outside the Center. Two loops, one for beginners and one for more advanced folks, are included and will take you off-trail.

Dead Horse Ranch State Park is open 365 days a year. Day use is from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., with some seasonal changes. If you opt to camp, the park boasts more than 100 campsites with great amenities for RVers or tent campers, along with eight log cabins for rent. It fills up fast in the summer and fall, so plan ahead.

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by Heidi Dahms Foster



Haddie

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Department has a "Mountie" on the force.

YCSO decided recently that K9 Viper, while a successful drug interdiction dog, did not enjoy interacting with the public, an important part of the YCSO K9 program in which children and adults can talk to and pet the animals. The department offered Viper to the Arizona Department of Corrections, where he is a good fit with an experienced handler there.

Deputy Steven Warburton, one of YCSO's K9 trainers and Viper's handler, was then in need of another dog. That's when Haddie came on the scene.

Haddie is a German Shepherd that was bred and trained by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or RCMP. When Canada recently legalized marijuana, the RCMP had to shut down its K9 program and start with all new dogs.

Warburton said Haddie is only four years old, a high drive working dog that is too young to retire. "Instead of retiring and being someone's pain in the butt, the RCMP sold her to us at a discount so she could continue to do police work. Police dogs are not the greatest pets. They get into everything, they are very high drive, and they need to work. It would have been a bit of torture for Haddie to not meet her mental and physical needs."

The purchase was made possible by a generous private donation to the YCSO K9 program.

Haddie came to YCSO fully trained in detecting marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and

methamphetamines. "That was a super bonus for us," Warburton said. "We got her in November, worked out a few quirks, and she certified a month later with 100 percent, no errors."

The icing on the cake is that Haddie is extremely social. She loves all people and will be excellent at interacting with the public at YCSO functions. She's also an extremely happy dog. "She's a big bundle of joy," Warburton said. "She wants play all the time. It doesn't matter if she sees a newborn baby or a 90-year-old person, the worst thing she could do is push them over if they're not ready for it. She's always jumping or spinning circles – she spends more time in the air than on the ground."

Warburton said Haddie is an uncomplicated dog that loves to be at home or at work, and also "loves to chew anything she can get her teeth on."

Haddie's favorite toy is a rubber ball on a rope, which Warburton certifies she'll do anything to earn. The toy is her reward for a job well done, and she has certainly earned it in the short time she's been on the YCSO force.



Haddie with 18 pounds of meth she detected

Haddie doesn't do patrol work. All of the YCSO K9s are strictly narcotics detection dogs, and the department works closely with the Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking, (PANT). Because the deputies are looking to stop drug trafficking on the interstates, Warburton said handlers spend a lot of time training.

"We focus really hard on narcotic interdiction. It's tougher, and odors are harder to detect because they are well packaged and hidden in vehicles," Warburton said.

For such an active, happy dog, Haddie has a quiet "alert," her indication that she has detected drug odors. She sits, and then she stares, and stares. That's what she did in January, just two weeks into the New Year.

On January 14, during an exterior search of a vehicle near Cordes Junction, Haddie alerted to the odor of drugs within the vehicle, after which a search turned up a pound of methamphetamines, with a street value of about \$11,000.

On February 12, Haddie upped her game considerably when at 1:30 a.m. in the morning, she detected 18 pounds of methamphetamines in another vehicle!

Deputy Warburton's description of Haddie as a stellar drug detection dog sounds right on the mark, and if her first couple of months on the job is any indication, it looks like this big, happy German Shepherd is just getting started.



Haddie & Deputy Steven Warburton

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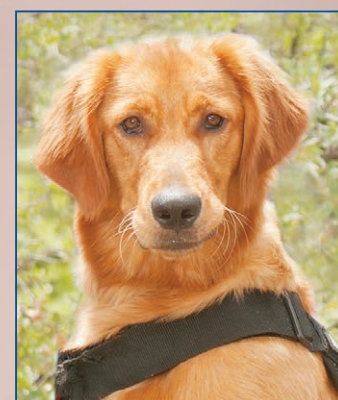
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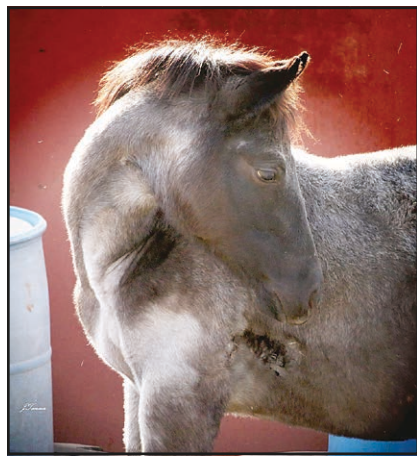
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MAKING HORSE SENSE: SAVING MISS MOON

by Rita Thompson-Tinsley



The indestructible Miss Moon. Courtesy Tanner Photography.

While the birds of the air need their wings to fly, so the horses of this world need their feet. A wise Hungarian farrier told me, "no feet, no horse." Do not begin to tell that to Miss Moon or her rescuer Katie Longfellow.

Moon was born on June 14th in the summer of 2018. She was diagnosed with a contracted tendon that was promptly treated. After a period of time wearing medical boots on both front feet, and after much rain Moon was discovered to have a nasty compression sore which became infected. As the condition of her foot worsened, and after exhausting every reasonable method and remedy recommended, Moon's owner decided that the only humane thing to do was to euthanize her.

Katie Longfellow is a veterinary technician for Jim Bleak, DVM, at Central Arizona Equine. Based in Camp Verde, this team goes all over the Verde Valley and surrounding areas. Katie was away at a barrel racing event when she got a call from Dr. Bleak regarding the news about Moon, whose fate was looking pretty dismal. Without hesitation Katie Longfellow intervened.

Katie acquired the young blue roan filly, now referred to as MISS Moon, at 10-1/2 weeks old. She and Dr. Bleak "just felt like there was more that could be done," states the doctor. So, they began attacking Miss Moon's foot infection aggressively, but to no resolve.

The results were again discouraging. Two weeks later Katie had Moon's foot X-rayed, which revealed the bone in her foot to be totally degraded. It was at this point that Longfellow made the serious decision to have Miss Moon's foot amputated. She had a plan. Knowing the community's small animal veterinarian who makes prosthetics for dogs, she wondered why couldn't one be made especially for Miss Moon?

On October 5th, little Miss Moon was carried into the small animal vet facility and placed upon a surgical table designed for a dog. After nearly two hours of surgery, with Katie pacing the floors nearby, Miss Moon's right foot was amputated. Dr. Bleak, the vet that Katie has worked with for over a decade, was the surgeon, assisted by Dr. Jerry Oler, who has experience creating prosthetics for animals.

During Miss Moon's road to recovery, Katie relied on two special techniques to heal the stump. Bio Electro-Magnetic Energy Regulation (BEMER), a state of the art procedure which offers physical vascular therapy, and Manuka honey, one of the purest forms of honey, was topically applied to the amputated area during every bandage change. The combination of these two remedies proved to be dynamic in the prompt healing of Miss Moon's stump in a matter of only 18 days.

Miss Moon, by the way, will do anything for Katie, so tending to her leg hasn't been a problem. "She lays down nicely for me," says Katie, "and is quite a trooper."



Katie examining Miss Moon's first prosthetic. Courtesy Tanner Photography.



Miss Moon meets another young amputee who also lost her right foot.

The first prosthetic was delivered to Longfellow on December 11th. The material was like pvc, molded to fit and squishy on the inside for comfort. After the prosthetic was attached, Miss Moon was able to get around and be quite mobile for a period of time. Unfortunately, it soon appeared the prosthetic was too tight. Eventually Miss Moon's leg began to swell, and there was discomfort. There needed to be another solution for Miss Moon's unique situation.

Then came the discovery of animal orthotist Derrick Campana, AKA "Prosthetic Geru for Animals". At Animal Ortho Care in Sterling, Virginia, Campana creates braces and artificial limbs to increase mobility for animals and drastically improve their lives. He ships out kits all over the world to help veterinarians and pet owners cast molds of their patients or pets. The casting kits are returned to Campana's office so he can craft a personalized orthotic or prosthetic out of special thermoplastic material. While the majority of Campana's work focuses on treating dogs and cats, his work roster has included gazelles, sheep, goats, llamas, a ram in Spain, and elephants in Thailand. Surely with this kind of resume there is definite hope and help for Miss Moon.

A mold of Miss Moon's leg was sent to Animal Ortho Care, and Katie is excitedly awaiting the arrival of her new prosthetic to be delivered at any time. Meanwhile, she wears a makeshift prosthetic sports medical boot with a bent metal piece attached.

Since Miss Moon's needs have become increasingly costly, Longfellow now has a Go Fund Me account for the filly and is planning an annual fund raiser. "She's been my life since August, and my life revolves around Moon," says Katie. She wants to remind people "It's not the end if you lose a part of you." Katie hopes that Miss Moon can serve as an inspiration to others, perhaps veterans or participants at local outreaches such as Horses with Heart.

There have been several setbacks with Moon's condition including a bout with epiphysitis, a generalized bone disease usually effecting young, growing horses, characterized by enlargement of the growth plates. Dr. Bleak has been a tremendous support for Katie and Miss Moon and expresses that "Katie has been on top of things the whole time."

UPDATE: The new prosthetic from Animal Ortho Care has arrived. There is a little concern about the fit and comfort for Miss Moon, but they are all working as a team to access the situation and revamp if need be.

Recently I spotted a post on Facebook from Katie Longfellow stating, "This girl and I got this! We have our ups and downs but pretty soon she will be showing me what life is all about! Well she already has. She has taught me more in the short time I've been with her than other horses I've been with for years."

For Katie Longfellow, this isn't just a step out in faith. This is a mission. A mission for the Moon.



Miss Moon in motion. Nothing can keep her down. Courtesy Tanner Photography.

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PET PARTNERS OF PRESCOTT BRINGS SMILES, EASES ANXIETIES

By Robin Layton



Ed Fielding, Laure Zaffuto and Bailey at a Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters event.

Bailey relaxes, his brown curly hair blowing in the wind, while his best friend and handler Laure Zaffuto shares a success tale of his most recent job.

"Bailey was given a special shout-out over the intercom at Taylor Hicks Elementary," said Laure.

Bailey, a 2-year-old Standard Poodle who is a therapy dog with Pet Partners of Prescott, is a

calming classroom influence while working with special education students at Taylor Hicks and the social worker at Taylor Hicks and Granite Mountain schools.

One young student said when she is angry, "Bailey really calms me down."

Reactions like that are at the heart of Pet Partners. "We want to make people happy," said Laure.

The local community partner of the national nonprofit Pet Partners is an all-volunteer group who work in volunteer teams -- one handler/one animal -- providing animal-assisted interactions.

Laure and Lana Fielding co-founded Pet Partners of Prescott in 2018. Lana shared they'd like to grow the number of volunteer teams to help more people.

Lana's partner, Tama, is a 2-year-old lab who volunteers with her at Abia Judd Elementary and Yavapai Regional Medical Center's West Campus. Another member of the group



Lana Fielding with her dog Tama and Aviation Day visitor Carla.

is Debbie Zdanowicz and her pet partner 6-year-old Irish Setter Megan. They participate in the Read with Me program at



Therapy dog Megan volunteers at Lincoln Elementary.

Lincoln Elementary and also volunteer at YRMC.

"Megan just loves the children," said Debbie. "I've seen a definite improvement in student reading skills and self confidence."

Megan's presence at the school allows kids to read aloud in a non-judgmental environment. She doesn't correct their pronunciation, and she is a great listener. The one-to-one interaction gives a reader more confidence.



Little Sister Maddy bonds with therapy dog Tama at Aviation Day.

In addition to Read With Me, the teams also join in the Walk With Me program for seniors.

"The human-animal bond is so important," said Laure. "Not only are we helping children and seniors, we show people the day-to-day care of pets."

The group recently attended Aviation Day at the Prescott Regional Airport, an event hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University flight program students for the children of Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Little Brothers and Sisters petted the dogs, asked their names and gave them many hugs. Little Sister Maddy was enthralled with Tama, "he's so soft, and he loves me!"

All Pet Partners handlers complete training prior to registration and have access to continuing education opportunities.



The Pet Partners recently attended Aviation Day with Yavapai Big Brothers Big Sisters.

After completing the handler training and passing a 22-part evaluation, members take their pets to visit people

at assisted-living facilities, schools, shelters, hospitals, hospices, libraries, and more.

There are certain skills that make a dog a good therapy animal: Sitting and lying down on cue, coming when called, being calm, and being non-reactive to other animals are a few. Therapy animals should also enjoy going to new places, meeting people, and being petted.

To be an effective member of a team, the handlers must also have people skills and be able to anticipate their partner's responses, behavior and positions.

For pet owners who are interested in Pet Partners, information on the program is available at petpartners.org and: www.facebook.com/groups/PP.Prescott.

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Little Sister Jubilee meets Tucker, a therapy dog with Pet Partners of Prescott. Geri White is Tucker's handler.

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Source: Pet Partners of Prescott brochure

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Valley Animal Control for help, and Supervisor Evelyn Whittaker and Burton's homeowner's association went to work to educate those in her subdivision. Thankfully, it worked. Burton and Nezzie have been able to walk safely for some time, at least close to home.

While things have improved for Burton and Nezzie, their experience highlights the problems that people with working dogs crucial to their health and well-being face from a public that is increasingly without control over their own pets.

Rob Torrance, Director of Training at the Eye Dog Foundation for the Blind in Phoenix, said while he feels Nezzie can still function as Burton's guide dog and continue service, some dogs never recover. "I've had dogs that tangled once and couldn't work anymore."

The problem, said both Torrance and Evelyn Whittaker, is that authorities' hands are truly tied when dealing with "service dogs," even ones that clearly are not certified nor performing a service, and the issue is getting worse. Arizona has passed a law that has penalties for misrepresenting a dog as a service animal, but it still is difficult for anyone who tries to ascertain whether such a dog is legitimate.

"There are so many 'service dogs' out there and many of them really are not

certified properly. They are not trained. Their behavior is not good, and the owner is not educated. You can't ask someone for certification. You can only ask if it's a service dog and what service it provides," Torrance said.

Another challenge is "emotional support dogs," which truly can mean anything. "The laws are trying to split that now. Some stores will allow only service dogs, not emotional support dogs," Torrance added.

And making things worse are pet owners who have no consideration or education on what is appropriate around working dogs.

"A lot of people like to have their dog on a long leash or flexi lead, and they feel it's ok for them to approach another dog, because their dog 'wants to say hello.' Usually they don't realize that their dog is distracting the working dog, or interrupting travel.

"The working dog is trying to get somewhere, and people take offense," Torrance said. "People let their dogs approach another dog, and



they don't know how that dog will react. Even a guide dog will pick up wrong signs from another dog, because deep down they are still a dog."

Whittaker said fake service dogs are "one hundred percent a problem. The main complaint is people taking them into dining establishments and grocery stores, putting them into carts and on the laps of diners. Sometimes these dogs are attacking other dogs."

She said many times people will call Animal Control, but the bottom line is that business establishments are well within their rights by law to ask any person with a disruptive dog to leave.

"We had an issue with a man who had a dog in the hospital," she said. "He stated it was a service dog. When a nurse approached, the dog bit the nurse. A legitimate service dog would not do that."

"A real service dog" Whittaker said, "is concentrating on its handler, is well behaved, must have four paws on the floor, not in a stroller, carried, or in a cart. It is there to provide a service."

Whittaker and Torrance have some tips for dog owners. First among them is to not pass off an animal that is not certified as a legitimate service dog. To do so is a disservice and causes no end of problems for people who depend on their dogs to assist them in the most basic day-to-day functions.

"We need to think of service dogs as working animals that have a job to do and can't be disrupted," Whittaker said. "Even though they are highly trained, they are instinctual and can be sidetracked from their job helping the human they're with. Never approach a service dog, and educate your children that there are boundaries – don't approach and don't shriek around service dogs."

Additionally, pet owners should never allow their dog to approach any other dog, without first asking if it's ok. This one consideration would solve many problems, because no one knows how any kind of dog will react when approached by another animal.

Burton believes that education will go a long way to solve the problem. Torrance continues to work with her to help Nezzie focus once again on guiding and not guarding. He's hopeful.

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

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

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

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

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Visiting Vet House Calls for Pets
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VET - EMERGENCY

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

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Delia McDonald, DMV, Tammy Pauletto,
DMV, and Roxanne Batt, DMV
919 12th Place, Suite #6, Prescott
(928) 445-7499, harmonyvetcare.com

IMPORTANT PET CONTACT NUMBERS

Animal Disaster Services

Shelter for animals in the event of a disaster
(928) 925-7990

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(928) 636-4223 x7
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Prescott - 711 Elrod, (928) 445-1664
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TractorSupply.com
Prescott - 3301 Willow Creek Rd
(928) 778-0942
Prescott Valley - 8740 E Eastridge Dr
(928) 772-5579,

Warren's Hay - N - More
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(928) 636-1303

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

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Prescott Animal Hospital & Equine Ctr
2611 Avenger Rd, Prescott
(928) 776-7669, prescottvets.com

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Motel 6 - RV
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(928) 777-0770

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(928) 445-1636
258 Lee Blvd., Prescott
(928) 515-2446

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(928) 460-3349

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Adam.England@LibertyMutual.com

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(928) 771-0811

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(928) 541-0077

Home Depot
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(928) 771-8467

Prescott - 1941 E. Hwy 69
(928) 777-2400

Lowe's
2300 E. St. Route 69, Prescott
(928) 541-8640

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(928) 708-0545

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8933 Florentine Rd, Prescott Valley
(928) 632-5638

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(928) 776-4653

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Prestige Security Doors.com

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