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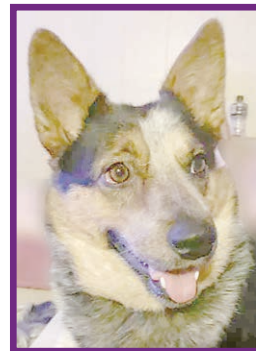
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Skye Lyons – Rescue Editor Skye has been a life-long magnet for lost creatures; those who need a helping hand, some redirection mentally and physically, and some hugs. Observing animals has always been a passion, gaining her some strange interactions 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.



Rita Thompson-Tinsley – Equine Contributor After a career in broadcast advertising and production, Rita and family moved from a ranch in Texas where she raised Nubian goats, retired show lambs, miniature donkeys, llamas and horses, to Arizona. She currently resides in Dewey with her husband, two horses and two rescue labs. Her equestrian and western writing has been featured in Arizona publications as well as an international magazine for cowgirls.

HAZEL HOWLS

Dear Rocket Red Dog Journal:

Today I noticed in the door mirror, my "ear tufts" had turned white. They used to be red. I asked Dad about it, and he pointed out that it's on my muzzle too.

At first, he told me it was because of my deep affection and devotion to Tucker, and I was just displaying the "white dog life." That made me snort and squeak/yawn nearly at the same time. He patted my head to let me know he was just kidding. Then he bent down to look at my chest below the collar. He said he was looking at the star on my chest.

Dad discovered that my once well-defined "star" had gone super nova and had exploded and thrown white star stuff all the way up to my muzzle and ears. Funny, as I don't remember any "explosion."

"Don't let that turn into a black hole, Hazel," he said, standing up.

My Auntie, who was there during this discovery, interjected that I should try for a red dwarf instead. Dad agreed. (I'll do my best, but I'm not sure how.)

Let's see...bear with me while I try to remember if anything else happened since my last entry.

Oh, yeah, I finished my course on post-modernism/humanism with Dad. I passed my one sentence thesis and earned my bachelors in Philosophy. My thesis sentence was, "Two-leggeds will go to great lengths to explain why they don't want to be happy or wag their tail."

Dad was so impressed, he let me ditch my associates degree and promoted me. I am so grateful as awhile ago I had made the mistake of letting the neighborhood dogs know (the



ones that can hear me from the backyard) that I was an Associate. Well, some coyotes overheard me and thought I worked at a big box store. Every time they saw me they asked if rabbit traps were on sale. Let me tell you, that joke was getting old.

[Hold on I gotta ask Dad if I missed anything...]

Dad said bachelors don't say "gotta". Gee whiz Dad, give a red dog a break.

He said I forgot the striped-cat adventure. Well, I didn't forget, I just thought it wasn't that big of a deal. Just another morning enforcing the fence boundaries, with one very slight hitch in the plan.

So, the night after Elle's surgery, Dad stayed with her in the living room while Tucker and I slept in the bedroom with Mom. I guess Elle needed company because she slept on the couch instead of her space-capsule-tent-thingy. Dad had fallen asleep sitting on the floor next to her with his head against the couch. That's where Tucker and I found him in the morning when we made our mad dash to the back door. Dad seemed to panic at our sudden appearance and scooped up Elle and put her up. He didn't want her to participate in what

Dad calls our "morning circus." Come to think of it, looking back now, I don't think Dad was all that awake when he let Tucker and me out. He didn't come with us. The moment we stepped out however, I saw the striped-cat on the other side of the

chain-link, and of course action had to be taken. And swiftly!

I charged with my vocal warnings at full volume. The cat wheeled around to face away from me as I reached the middle of the fence. A good sign I thought. Tucker took the fence's corner position. In mid-bark, something wet went into my eyes and mouth, nasty stuff. I tried to continue but the second time it happened I had to yell to Tucker to take over while I tried to recover from the burning in my eyes. I ran past Dad at the door, who seemed to still be half asleep. I aimed for Mom's office, but the door was closed. I bee-lined to the master bedroom to try to find some relief. That's about when all the yelling started, kind of an uh-oh moment for me and Tuck.

Still outside, Tucker stood his ground like I had asked and started stomping and barking, and about that time Dad woke up enough to realize that Tuck was being sprayed and wondering where I was. Mom had come down the hall to a full frontal assault of the "aroma" I had spread throughout the house. Mom and Dad, bless their hearts, insisted I go back outside in the pre-dawn cold, and very stubbornly, very reluctantly, I obeyed.

Dad instantly slid the door shut behind me, leaving Tucker and I out in the cold breeze while he gathered sundry items in great haste. When I saw him come outside towards us with a bucket, rubber gloves and bottles and boxes, Tucker gave a sigh that I translated as either "uh-oh" or "Hazel, I will pay you back for this some way, somehow." I prefer to believe the former.

Next, came the coldest "scrubbies" we have ever endured. Dad, knowing I had gotten the lion's share of striped-cat spray, worked on Tucker first. (Boy, did I get some dirty looks.) Then Dad came for me with the gloves and bucket. I tried to tell him he was kind of defeating his own purpose by dipping the wash rag into the same mixture he had used on Tuck, but I could tell by the look on his face he had a lot on his mind.

I could go on about rugs being dragged outside, the second and third set of the "scrubbies".... Consternation and dismay abounded. Mom gave Tucker and me a stern lecture about impulsive behavior and kept asking us if we had learned our lesson. (Avoid the rear end of black cats would be my first thought.)

Aside from the chaos though, I thought it was just another day of good boundary enforcement with a dash of discomfort. I actually found the smelly spray stuff Mom and Dad ran around the house with more offensive than what the black cat with white stripes squirted. I guess one person's "frantic adventure" is another dog's "day on the job." I wonder if I can use that on my next thesis?

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog
Bachelorette of the School of
Homespun Philosophy



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

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

MAY EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- May 4: Community Appreciation Day (FREE Day)
- May 11: Breakfast with the Animals (Clouded Leopard)
- May 12: Mother's Day (FREE Admission for Moms)
- May 18: Zoolittles
- May 18: Zoo by Moonlight
- May 25: First Responders Appreciation Day

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS SPRING CLEAN DOG WASH

May 4, 10a-3p at Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley, Prescott. \$10 Shampoo & Towel Dry; \$5 Nail Trim; \$20 Spa Treatment. All proceeds benefit animals in need. More info: (928) 776-8700.

WESTERN EXTRAVAGANZA SHOW (Western Dressage, Ranch Riding & Trail Competitions)

May 4. The Jackpot Ranch, 2025 W. Reservation Loop R., Camp Verde. Info: westernextravaganza.info or 928-830-9329

HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

May 11. Horsebreakers Ranch, Dewey. Info: horsebreakers.com or 928-632-5728

DRESSAGE DESPERADOS SCHOOLING SHOW

May 19, 10a-3p. Rancho Pollo del Mar, 2310 Thunder Lane, Chino Valley. Info: dressagedesperados.com or dressagedesperados@gmail.com

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

May 25-27. Little Thumb Butte Bed & Breakfast, 1250 E Morgan Ranch Rd, Paulden. Register: bethanysgait.org. Info: (928) 595-0428

NORTHERN AZ CHAPTER OF AZ DRESSAGE ASSOC. SCHOOLING SHOW

May 26. The Jackpot Ranch, 2025 W. Reservation Loop Rd., Camp Verde. Info: (951) 440-4615

JUNE EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- June 1, 5, 12, 15, 19 & 26: Zoolittles
- June 3-7 & 10-14: Summer Zoo Camp
- June 8: Breakfast with the Animals (Lemurs)
- June 17: Zoo by Moonlight
- June 17-21 & 24-28: Summer Zoo Camp
- June 22: Members Night

SPEEDSTERS GYMKHANA

June 1. Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Registration 8a. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or (928) 636-3242

WOOFSTOCK & ADOPT-A-THON

June 8, 10a-3p. Prescott Valley Civic Center Amphitheater. Info: prescottdog.com or (928) 445-4811

HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

June 8. Horsebreakers Ranch, Dewey. Info: horsebreakers.com or (928) 632-5728

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK OPEN HORSE SHOW

June 15, registration 8a. 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or (928) 636-3242

DRESSAGE DESPERADOS SCHOOLING SHOW

June 16, 10a-3p. Rancho Pollo del Mar, 2310 Thunder Lane, Chino Valley. Info: dressagedesperados.com or dressagedesperados@gmail.com

ARIZONA COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTERS COMPETITION

June 22. Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or (928) 636-3242

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK SPEEDSTERS GYMKHANA

June 29, registration at 8a. 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com or (928) 636-3242

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CATTLE DOG RESCUE HELPS FIND FOREVER HOMES

Story by Briana Lonas. Photos courtesy of Heeling Heelers Hearts.



Heeling Heelers Hearts is a unique, foster-based dog rescue specifically for the heeler breed or cattle dog. These dogs also go by the name of Australian Heeler, Blue Heeler, Queensland Heeler, or Halls Heeler.

Heeling Heelers Hearts offers foster care for these animals until they can be placed for adoption and the loving, temporary homes do much to calm the heelers as the loud, stressful environment of traditional rescue facilities often prevent the loyal and dedicated personalities of these dogs to shine. As the HHH motto says: "Our team is dedicated to rescuing and matching up these incredible dogs with their Forever Homes and healing one heeler's heart at a time!"

Tonya Hance owns and cooperates the heeler rescue, based out of the Phoenix area, and takes in cattle dogs from all over the state as well as outlying areas including North Carolina and Texas. She explained she has always owned heelers because "I admire the breed," and noted how these dogs display a high

degree of athleticism and intelligence. She got involved with a cattle dog rescue in 2008 and learned a lot from that experience. She knew one day she'd open her own rescue and now works with 10 volunteers who help with everything, including foster care.

Hance's broad network of friends and contacts help her locate cattle dogs needing rescue. She also uses social media. She explained that anyone considering adopting a heeler should become knowledgeable about the breed and understand what you're getting with a cattle dog. "If you've never owned one...it's a huge difference than, say, a boxer or other type. Heelers are free thinkers and if you don't give them direction, they will figure something out for themselves and you might not like it."



CD, Heeling Heeler's Mascot

Hance said she works to find foster homes that will fit in the life of the heeler, not the other way around. Heeler foster families don't need experience. That being said, she won't place these high-energy animals with a family that doesn't exercise. "That's not going to work. I don't want my foster homes to fail, and I don't want my foster dogs to fail."

Hance has fostered around 1,500 heelers so far, and every dog finds a home with few exceptions—one of those being the rescue's mascot CD.

Sometimes these dogs come from environments that bring out aggression in the animal, whether it's human aggressive or dog aggressive. In the case of CD, he never had an opportunity to develop trust in humans because of his past.

"CD came from a hoarding situation in Wilcox. He was one of the dominant males on that property," Hance said. About four years ago, when her team showed up with a Sheriff's deputy, there were more than 200 cattle dogs living on the property. She was able to remove 20 of those dogs with a rented U-Haul filled with crates. One of the puppies suffered from a massive flea infestation and needed a blood transfusion but pulled



BEST DOG EVER!

According to "Bark Post", a heeler can become the best dog you've ever owned! Some fun facts:

- The current oldest dog ever according to the Guinness Book of World Records is an Australian Cattle Dog who lived for 29 years and 5 days
- Like their Dalmatian relatives, Blue Heelers are often born completely white.
- Two celebrities famous for their Australian Cattle Dogs are actors Owen Wilson and Matthew McConaughey
- If you look closely, you'll find Blue Heelers in the movies "Mad Max" and "Brokeback Mountain"

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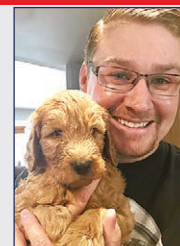
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“As we started to adopt some of those dogs and the pack got smaller, I got some isolation with CD, and I would sit with him and give him cheese and treats. Gradually, he would sit next to me.”

As time went on, CD was the only one of those Wilcox dogs left and still showed signs of some aggression. With patience and work, Hance could pet him. “It took me from September to January before I could get a collar on him. As soon as I did, we did leash work and the light bulb went on in CD’s head. Now he’s my best friend.”

Additional training turned CD around 100 degrees and Hance decided he would stay with her and become something of a role model for the other cattle dogs. He’s proof that these amazing, loyal and intelligent working dogs can become part of a forever home.

According to the HHH Website, part of the breed’s instinct is a strong prey

drive. The heeler is fascinated by squirrels, cats, and other small animals. If the Australian Cattle Dog is raised from puppyhood with other pets, including cats, he can be trusted to live peacefully with them in his home. He’s likely to consider those outside his household to be fair game.

The cattle dog is pretty tough in order to handle high temperatures, rough terrain, and long distances involved in his job on ranches—that makes him both highly tolerant of pain and intensely focused. He’ll keep working even when he’s injured. Owners must pay careful attention to this breed to make sure he stops working or competing if he gets hurt.

This breed comes in two main colors—red or blue. However, the markings and patterns covering the fur vary depending on the individual dog. They can often leave the dog looking like a mixture of the two colors. It is also common for Cattle Dogs to have a mask of



darker fur over one or both eyes.

Heeling Heelers Hearts is looking for wonderful foster homes and volunteers to help grow the rescue. It can take anywhere from 2 weeks to a year to adopt a dog, depending on the rehabilitation requirements. HHH won’t take in dogs that are human aggressive or that have killed other animals.

For anyone interested in joining this rescue, visit the Website and fill out the foster/volunteer application. All HHH dogs are spayed/neutered, chipped, and up to date on shots. The adoption fees help cover medical costs, and all dogs have worked with a trainer.

Anyone interested in adopting a cattle dog from Heeling Heelers Hearts may visit their Website at www.azblueheeler.com or call 623-226-2749. Visit the HHH Facebook or Instagram pages for photos and more information.

HEELER CHARACTERISTICS

According to Dogster.com, cattle dogs are high-energy, clever, and active dogs. Some of their character traits include being one-person dogs because of their herder mentality. Children that grow up with a cattle dog are often herded around the yard and kept close! Heelers prove to be protective and cautious. They need a job, that’s why cattle dogs make excellent farm and ranch animals.

A firm hand can help these creatures learn not to nip or bite as long as they are happy and working with plenty of exercise.

A healthy Heeler can live as long as 15 years. Common health issues can include eye problems, hip dysplasia, and deafness.

Traits

- Sheds undercoat twice a year
- Naturally high levels of energy both physically and mentally
- Needs a regular job or activity to keep him busy, tired, and out of trouble
- Strong prey drive great for herding

Behavior

- Incredibly smart, bright minds
- Great family dog very playful and protective
- Protective of family and what they established as family territory

Emotional

- Lovingly deemed a shadow dog
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Prescott Valley—Goin' to the Dogs—WOOFstock 2019!

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What began as a spontaneous celebration of all things dog, more than a decade ago, has grown and spread throughout North America into perhaps the largest outdoor canine festival in North America – WOOFstock. Today there are dozens of WOOFstocks throughout the country.

Prescott Valley's WOOFstock is among the oldest. The name alone conjures up images of the ultimate gala for canines complete with contests, fashion shows, and educational demonstrations. Most of all it's a day in the park among your best friends.

This year, the Prescott Dog Magazine and our sponsors host the eighth annual WOOFstock and Adopt-a-Thon on Saturday, June 8 from 10am to 3pm, at the Prescott Valley Civic Center located at 7501 E. Civic Circle. Admission is free, and dozens of vendors will be on hand with a little bit of everything from grooming products to specialty treats.

The day's events will begin at 9:45am with an invocation and the blessing of the pets. The Parade of Adoptable Dogs, starting at 10am at the Civic Center Amphitheatre outdoor stage. Come watch as all available dogs will get their chance to make an impression on you during their minute of stage fame!

With all of the fun attractions, some folks may not know that WOOFstock is more than the ultimate celebration of 'All Things Dog', a good time for all dog lovers. It also has a purpose: To elevate the plight of area homeless dogs.

This event was designed to help area rescue dogs find their forever homes. Dozens of rescue organizations from around the state will be at this year's



venue with plenty of adoptable dogs. Some of these animals understand that the shelter is their last stop. Lucky for them, an event such as this could lead to a forever home.

Adopt a rescue and save two lives! The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 4 million pets lose their lives in shelters, as more people surrender their pets than adopt. By adopting a shelter dog, more space becomes available for another animal in need of a loving home.



This is their day in the park! Feel free to bring your socialized dogs to WOOFstock, but please keep them on a 4-6 foot leash, and be aware that animals unaccustomed to loud noises and other dogs may be overwhelmed by the environment. Poo poo (or doggie doo, if you prefer) bags will be available at the event, or you can bring your own from home. Please pick up after your pets and help keep the beautiful Civic Center grounds enjoyable for everyone.

Interested in lending a hand at the event, such as set-up, helping with the contests, tear-down and other jobs? WOOFstock needs volunteers! Interested persons may call Prescott Dog at (928) 445-4811 to sign up for available shifts or



to receive more information about the vendor booths, contests, or any event-related questions.

You can also visit the Prescott Dog Website at prescottdog.com for more information.

WOOFstock would not be possible without its wonderful and supportive sponsors: Prescott Dog Magazine, Little Dealer/Little Prices, Prescott Valley Pet Clinic, Findlay Subaru, Prescott Area Pet Emergency Hospital, Run-A-

Rescue' was entered by his foster mom into the competition, and he was ultimately deemed to be The Best-Looking Dog. A family of spectators followed him back to the rescue and adopted him on the spot! Be sure to watch these new contests because your future canine companion just might end up on stage!



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How to enter? While at WOOFstock, help your dog snap a selfie or two...especially if you adopt a new family member at WOOFstock. Be sure to set your cell phone or camera on high resolution before catching that special shot.

Please submit photos to info@red-dogpublishing.net. Please include your name and phone number in your email. All submissions will be judged, and many will be selected to appear in our July/August edition of Prescott Dog Magazine. Your submissions are an agreement to enter the contest and a release for publication by Prescott Dog Magazine.

All submissions need to be received by 11:59pm on June 9, 2019 to be considered. Pictures must be taken at WOOFstock to qualify. No videos, please.

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RESCUE ME!!! – Be sure to check out the newest contests that highlight area rescue dogs. All contestants will be available for adoption. These contests were developed in response to a Best-Looking Dog competition in 2017. 'Rebel the



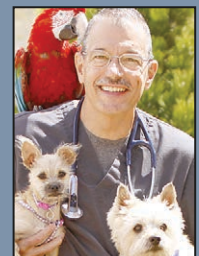
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During an adoption event at Petco, the store manager received a call from an elderly woman who needed to rehome her dog. The dog had severe diarrhea and because the owner had fallen and was having trouble getting around, she was unable to care for him.

UAF volunteer Gayle picked up the dog, took him to a clinic, and then to a foster home where he was renamed Butters. While Butters was now in good hands, Gayle couldn't stop worrying about the woman, who lived alone and had a bad wound on her leg. Gayle urged her to seek medical care, but the woman said she had no insurance and no transportation. After a call to the hospital to make sure they

would treat the woman, Gayle picked her up, drove her to the ER, and stayed with her while she was examined and admitted.

As it turned out, the woman had a blood clot and needed emergency surgery. If she hadn't gone to the hospital when she did, her situation would have gotten worse.

This story has two happy endings, fulfilling UAF's mission to provide rescue programs and services to animals and those who care for them. Gayle was able to locate an out-of-state relative who immediately drove here to be with the woman, who is now doing well in a health care facility, and Butters was adopted into a loving family.



Don't you just love a happy ending or two?

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Cat owners (and fosters!) are known to have lower blood pressure due to the calming presence cats provide. Studies also show that cat owners (and fosters!) have a

decreased risk of heart disease and lower triglycerides and cholesterol levels.

By providing a temporary foster home, you can reduce stress and anxiety, decrease your risk of stroke, lower your blood pressure, triglycerides and cholesterol, and have fun doing it! Fostering is good for your heart - not only for the physical benefits but for the emotional benefits too. Find out for yourself just how good it feels to help a kitty transition from homeless cat to cherished family pet.

United Animal Friends cats have tested negative for FeLV/FIV and are current on vaccinations. UAF is responsible for medical costs and can provide food, if needed. For more information on fostering, visit us at www.UnitedAnimalFriends.org and look under Animals / Foster or call us at 928-778-2924.



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Since we all have feline leukemia (an immune deficiency disease that we were born with), we are contagious

to other cats. This means we can't live with virus-free cats.

Currently there are seven of us that are all in the same situation, and we would love to go home in pairs. We are currently completely healthy. However, this illness does significantly reduce our life expectancy. This makes us good candidates for adoption by older folks or folks willing to give us a chance at happiness.

We are all such wonderful kitties and would dearly love to know what having a caring home feels like. We certainly have a lot of love to share and would love to share it with you in this big adventure called life.

Please contact Susan Smart, Director of Catty Shack, at 928-778-6951 to if you are interested in helping us learn what it truly means to have a home of our own.



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'WHO IS RESCUING WHOM?'

by Andrea

On Valentine's Day 2019, I saw a picture

of a beautiful Shepherd that needed an immediate foster. Animals have always been my refuge, with their sweet and simple unconditional love and devotion. I contacted Toby at AARF, his rescue organization, and the very next day I had this giant German Shepherd to foster with the sweetest and smartest disposition. We noticed immediately that his hind legs were displaced. I had a sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach knowing he would need medical treatment. This 14-month-old German

Shepherd had been dropped at a shelter at a young age, then adopted, and then reluctantly given up for adoption once again before he came to us.

"We are only fostering him," was my mantra to my kids and boyfriend "so don't get too attached. He has needs that are beyond what I'm able to handle right now."

You see, last September, my 16-year-old son unexpectedly passed into heaven from a seizure. The grieving process is excruciating; I miss my son Koa and the way he loved me and others with his beautiful and pure soul. It's way too easy to get buried every day by the heartbreak, and I have 2 teenage girls to raise who also miss their brother.

"This dog is only temporary, but we will make sure he goes to the perfect

home." Then, oops, we all fell in love. There was no way around it.

A vet visit and x-rays confirmed his hip issues, and there was no way I was abandoning this young sweet baby with his entire life ahead of him. He needed help and a family to show him the unconditional love he shows others, so we made it official; I adopted Zain, knowing we would have others by our sides to help with his medical journey. Here we are, bravely committing to getting Zain the help he needs, and through his journey I feel a twinge of purpose and a healing beginning to surface.

Much help will be needed. The FHO (femoral head ostectomy) surgeries will be performed at Prescott Animal Hospital and cost about \$4,500. If you would like to help, please send



donations to AARF Animal Rescue, 6639 S. Country Rd., Mayer, AZ 86333. You may also donate on PayPal through our website aarfanimalrescue.org. Please specify it is "for ZAIN".

We have seen how our animal-caring community responds to needs such as this and we can't say enough thank you's! Zain will have a full and active life with a family that adores him!



Louie is a Boston Terrier. He came into Arizona Boston Terrier Rescue at the end of January. He is a loveable guy, but in need of help. He has

elbow dysplasia. In a normal elbow the two main bones meet at the elbow forming a joint. Louie's two bones don't meet but cross over; one is twisted on top of the other. They were deemed inoperable.

We have explored PT (physical therapy), but the results of that were about the same as surgery. He was moved to a cart for mobility, but his first cart was too big, and Louie was unable to turn it himself.

His back legs are normal, and he doesn't have neurological issues.

PT is out for now until his muscles develop more, so maybe when he is a year old.

He will become adoptable after he is neutered sometime this summer. He is an absolute charmer who doesn't let his disabilities get him down. He plays and goes to our dog park and romps around.

Through growth his legs and front paws have straightened out, and he can walk on them, but he will always be locked at the elbows. Currently we are exploring other simpler carts that Louie can maneuver himself.

Our goal is to keep him out of pain and find him a forever home where he will be loved and appreciated for the goofy, affectionate guy he is. For more information on Louie, please call Callie Monte at 609-532-6192



NOAH'S THRIFT STORE IS CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

On Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., we're having an Open House and Adoptathon. We'll have adoptable animals and representatives from the different

agencies that we help support, so this is your chance to learn about different rescue groups in the area, and to give an animal a new forever home.

We'll also have hot dogs, soft drinks, and four drawings during the day. The first 50 people will get a 50% discount coupon good on June 22 in either of NOAH's Thrift stores. We're located at 603 S. Granite Street (corner of Walker and South Granite off of Montezuma) in Prescott. Come and visit with us. You'll love it!



Yavapai Humane Society

Rucca is a beautiful white-haired pit bull mix that has been at Yavapai Humane for a few months. She is a very special girl as she is deaf, but she doesn't let that stop her from being very sweet and affectionate to all who walk by her kennel and give her some love.

Rucca is smart and knows "sit" in sign language, and she can easily pick up other commands and words if worked with. Rucca knew that her human had to be extra special and be willing to have patience and compassion to work with her special need.

One day, Rucca enjoyed a visit from a couple that had no dogs of their own. Rucca liked them a lot, and she missed them when they left. Then the same couple came back to visit with her again! She sure hoped that maybe, just maybe, they would be her special humans (she never thought of the possibility of having two)! And then Rucca's hopes came true! The couple came back to visit Rucca yet again, and this time they took her home!

Rucca is so joyful and grateful that this couple is now her new family, willing to work with her and give her lots of love and companionship. She's super-excited to be a part of their family and go on many outdoor adventures!



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PRESCOTT VALLEY ANIMAL CONTROL OUTSOURCES DOG LICENSING PROCESS, ADDS HELPFUL INFORMATION ONLINE

By Heidi Dahms-Foster

This past summer, the Prescott Valley Town Council approved changes to penalties and fines relating to animal codes, licensing fees, and outsourcing the management of dog licensing. These changes are now in effect.

New regulations move animal control violation penalties for a first offense to a civil violation. If an owner repeats the violation within a 12-month period, they could be subject to a criminal violation for the repeat offense. Other animal offenses such as animal cruelty, in which the first violation is criminal, carry a stiffer penalty for a second offense within a 12-month period.

The Town will continue to offer 1-Year, 2-Year, and 3-Year dog licenses, with a small increase in altered dog licenses of \$2 per license year. Fees for unaltered dogs already are close to the average cost for the area, so the rise in cost is only \$1 per license year. Late fee penalty is \$10. The Town will no longer offer a replacement or transfer licenses.

Licenses will now expire within 1, 2, or 3 years from date of purchase, depending on the license duration purchased and the expiration of rabies vaccinations.

Prescott Valley Animal Control still oversees the licensing of dogs. However, an outside company, PetData, now issues the dog licenses, reminders to re-license, late fees, and



more. Dog owners will be able to obtain their dog licenses by mail, phone, or online (www.petdata.com/prescottvalley).

The increase in the dog license fees will help offset the cost of the licensing company's services. It is important to note that dog licenses will no longer be available at local veterinarians or the humane society.

Through the online licensing, dog owners can now make donations to the Prescott Valley Police Foundation. All donations go towards purchasing non-budgeted safety equipment. Find information on dog license prices and requirements at <http://www.pvaz.net/323/Licensing-Your-Pet/>.

Prescott Valley residents who have lost a pet or who need assistance dealing with barking dogs or other animal issues can now find more help on the Town of Prescott Valley's website.

The lost pet page at <http://pvaz.net/881/Lost-Pet> offers a link to notify Animal Control that your pet is missing and links to several

other local missing pet sites that you can post on. The page also contains a list of actions you can take to help find your missing dog or cat. An additional link gives information on how to license your dog, a requirement in Prescott Valley, that can help officers or someone who finds your dog return it home.

The updated Nuisance Animal/Barking Dog page at <http://pvaz.net/860/Nuisance-Animal-Barking-Dog> contains suggestions on dealing with nuisance barking dogs in your neighborhood, including a link to Animal Control's Nuisance Barking Hotline and an online Barking Dog Notification form.

The hotline provides citizens with a 24/7 messaging

system to report nuisance animal problems or concerns during Animal Control Officer (ACO) off-duty hours. The online Barking Dog Notification form provides residents with a convenient way to notify Animal Control of a barking dog issue. Animal Control officers regularly check the hotline and the online notification when they return to work and respond to any messages left during their off hours.

For Animal Control information or concerns, please call 928-772-5190.

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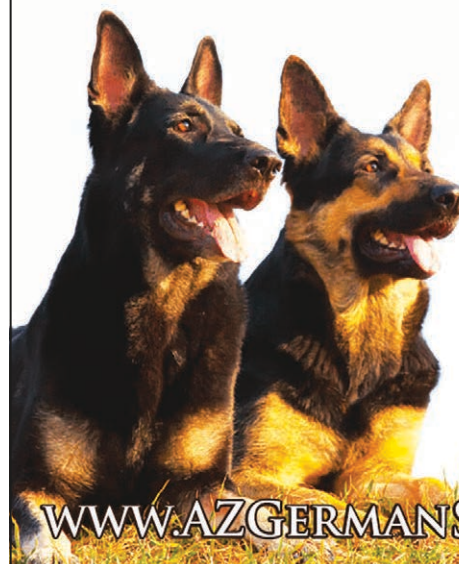
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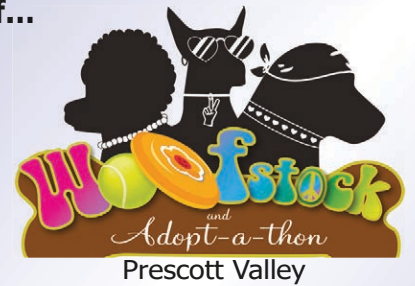


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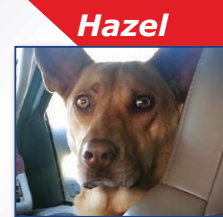


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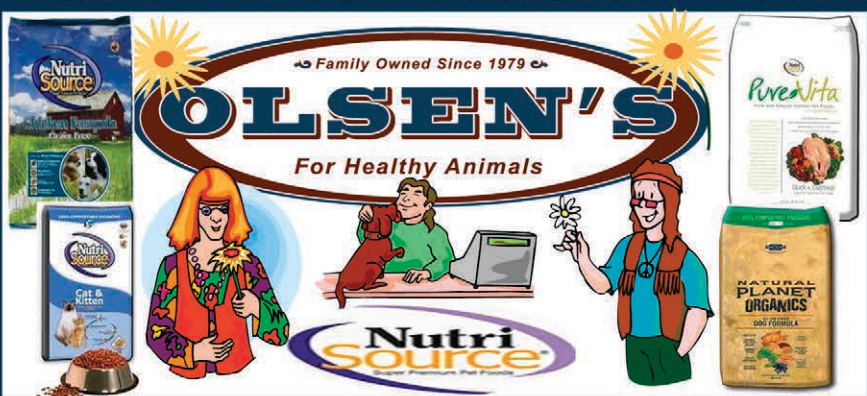
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Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

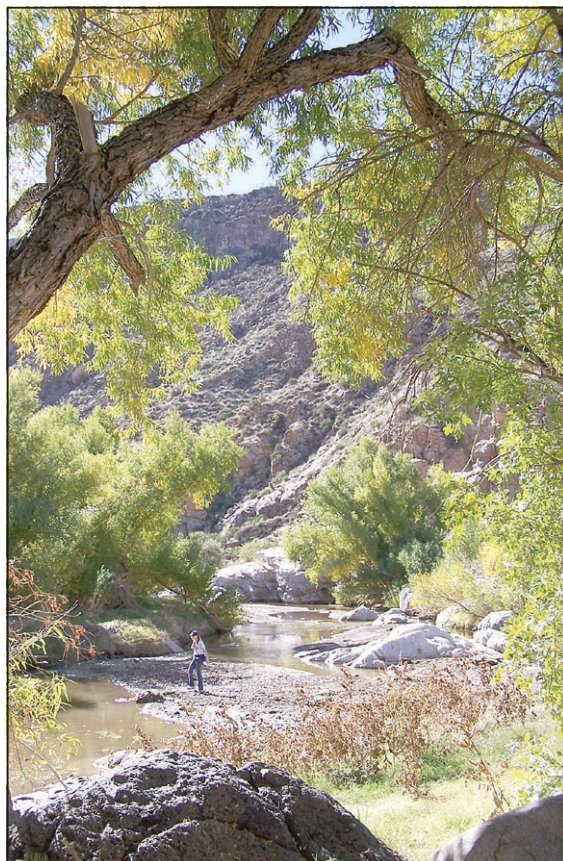
Driving through the typically arid brown Arizona desert on Interstate 17 between Phoenix and Cordes Junction, never would you expect what you discover when you take the Badger Springs Exit (No. 256).

But park and hike a short distance (about three-fourths of a mile), and a sparkling gem known as the Agua Fria National Monument reveals its treasures. Here, in a narrow deep canyon, the Agua Fria River cuts through nearly 71,000 acres of surprising riparian forest, serene desert, prehistoric sites, and petroglyph-covered boulders. Elevation ranges from 2,150 feet at the base of Agua Fria Canyon to 4,600 feet in its northern hills.

President Bill Clinton designated the national monument in 2000, making it one of Arizona's newer public lands. It contains more than 450 sites that indicate its mesas and riverbanks once were home to ancient and organized societies.

From the parking area, walk down the road about a half-mile from a sign and trail register to the Badger Springs Wash sign. You will see a large modern outhouse. Pick up a complimentary map (return it when you're finished) at the next trail register station and follow the wash to the river, about a 20-minute walk.

At this point, upstream to your left you only have to look up immediately to see the Badger Springs petroglyphs, with easily recognizable depictions of humans, deer, and elk scratched into cliff boulders. Choose downstream for a greener riparian experience. Either way, plan to boulder-hop or



The author's niece seeks shade crossing the Agua Fria River.

wade through the water. By June, temperatures can soar to 100 degrees, so the water could provide a refreshing interlude to your hike.

In addition to its diverse terrain, and flora such as willow and cottonwood trees, towering saguaro, and stubby barrel cacti, the monument contains a wide variety of fauna. Coyotes, bobcats, javelina, pronghorn, mule deer, and many small mammals such as jackrabbits are inhabitants.

The first time I hiked alone into the Agua Fria Monument on the Badger Springs Wash Trail, I stopped short at the river's edge. Across its not-so-wide-or-deep expanse I spied two small dark brown furry round rumps. My heart pounded as I immediately thought, "bear cubs!" and nervously scanned for



a protective mother black bear ready to charge across the agua. But reacting quickly to my presence, and whirling to escape into the trees, the mammals revealed themselves as javelina. Now, javelina can be dangerous, but not so much as an angry mama bear. It would be rare to find a bear in the monument, but not outside the realm of possibility. Arizona's wild spaces are just that – wild. And, of course, users always must be mindful of rattlesnakes in the desert.

Raptors such as bald eagles, along with road-runners and more songbirds than you can count, take advantage of this paradise, as well. The river contains four quiet species of native fish, including the Gila mountain sucker, Gila chub, and speckled and longfin dace, and plenty of noisy frogs.

Unless you pack a water filter, take your own water... and snacks, naturally. The Agua Fria National Monument is open for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, camping, fishing, and hunting. From the Bloody Basin Road Exit 256, an unimproved road, most of which requires 4-wheel drive, leads to Perry Mesa and Pueblo La Plata, where ruins of prehistoric rock-walled buildings are evident.

For more information, call the Bureau of Land Management or visit www.blm.gov/visit/agua-fria.

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Prehistoric petroglyphs stand out in a plethora of places in the Agua Fria National Monument.



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DOGS AROUND THE WORLD: BHUTAN

By Ed Wisneski

There was no warning or explanation for the ear plugs on the tray of room amenities at Druk Hotel in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. As soon as I attempted to sleep, their purpose yelped through my window loud and clear—a veritable canine version of the Broadway play *Cats* with a chorus of barks and growls.

Street dogs, I learned, are as ubiquitous as colorful prayer flags in this remote, devout Buddhist kingdom of 823,804 in the eastern Himalayas, wedged between China (Tibet) and India.

During the day Bhutan's strays are couch potatoes. They create obstacle courses on sidewalks, dozing in alleys, markets, schools, monasteries, tourist sites...even in median strips, unconcerned about cars whizzing by. But at night they roam the streets with their packs, staking out fiefdoms, wooing and fighting over fertile females.

Nevertheless, dogs and humans co-exist peacefully in Bhutan. Buddhists believe all animals are entitled to as much respect (and sleep) as humans. They don't kill animals for food. (However, they are allowed to eat meat, most of it imported from India.) Mistreating dogs can bring bad karma. Also, a dog could be your deceased relative, reborn as a mutt, according to some Buddhist beliefs.

Life for Bhutanese dogs is far from nirvana, especially for the estimated 50,000 homeless ones. Most are reasonably well-socialized community dogs, hanging out in specific areas where they know good-karma-seeking Buddhists will feed them and behind hotels and restaurants with delectable scraps in garbage bins. Very few appear emaciated, despite the challenges of finding their next meals.

Approximately one-fifth of urban households in Thimphu and Paro (the site of Bhutan's only international airport) own dogs. The most popular breeds are Pomeranian, Lhasa Apso, and Tibetan mastiffs. Close to 40



Sleeping dogs in a row

percent own dogs in rural farming areas.

Ownership of dogs in Bhutan differs dramatically from America's coddling canine members of their families. Many Bhutanese don't keep pets in their homes or contain them in yards, but they do regularly feed them. Too many don't sterilize or vaccinate their dogs. The pups of litters become gifts to friends. Changing that pet-ownership culture is a tall task.

During a week in Bhutan last November, I didn't see one dog with a collar or a leash. Some had distinctive triangular notches in their left ears. They identify dogs that have been sterilized and vaccinated against rabies through a partnership between the Royal Government of Bhutan and Humane Society International (HSI) that began in 2009.

Besides overpopulation of dogs, another impetus for the government seeking help from HSI was the growing importance of tourism to the economy. The country was closed to outsiders until 1974, when 287 foreigners

were allowed access. That grew to 254,704 in 2017, with 172,251 from India, followed by 10,536 from neighboring Bangladesh, and 9,220 from the United States.

A survey conducted by La Trobe University in Australia asked 98 tourists who had visited Bhutan for their impressions of the free-roaming dogs. The top 10 were: barking (95), everywhere (92), roam at night (68), loud (67), stray (65), non-aggressive (59), sleep all day (47), have fleas or flies (45), oblivious to cars (27), and cute (19). Their biggest complaints were howling hounds keeping them awake at night.

HSI introduced the humane, sustainable program called Catch-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release (CNVR). Stray dogs are captured, mostly with nets, sterilized, vaccinated against rabies, and later released the same day where they were caught.

That required a lot of dog catchers and veterinarians for a country the size of Switzerland. Initially, 90 percent of HSI's veterinarians came from India. Today, thanks to HSI's extensive training, CNVR operates with 100 percent Bhutanese staff under the auspices of the Community Animal Birth Control Program, which collaborates with the Department of Livestock to enable each district veterinary hospital to run its own dog management program.

In 2015, when HSI handed over the program to the Bhutan government, 64,252 dogs had been neutered and vaccinated. A 2018 report from the



Stray dogs oblivious to cars



Sterilized dog with notch on ear (Courtesy of Kathy Milani, HSI)

Bhutan Ministry of Agriculture and Forests estimated that 86,000 dogs have undergone sterilization and anti-rabies vaccination, 60 to 80 percent of the total canine population in the country.

"If we simply look at the spay/neuter aspect, this program is unparalleled not only for HSI but for anyone else in terms of countrywide acceptance and high coverage," says Rahul Sehgal, HSI's Senior Director-Companion Animals and Engagement. "Currently, we are involved in active dog population management programs in Mauritius, India, and Philippines."

The quandary for HSI and the Bhutanese government has been the increase in dog populations despite the booming rates of sterilization and vaccination. In its private and street dog survey, HSI found much lower sterilization rates among privately-owned dogs (39.7%) than female street dogs (70%). Since its introduction, CNVR has focused only on street dogs. Compounding the problem, a large number of privately-owned dogs (sometimes up to two-thirds) are allowed to roam with street dogs, introducing an influx of unsterilized, tantalizing temptations.

If the government can expand its sterilization and vaccination programs to include more privately-owned pets and if it can successfully facilitate and encourage more responsible dog ownership and dog-friendly communities, perhaps some day the Druk Hotel will be able get rid of all those ear plugs.



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FOUR NEW PRESCOTT VALLEY K9s NOW CERTIFIED AND EXCELLING ON THE STREETS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Prescott Valley Police Department's four new K9s, the most the program has ever had, presented an immediate challenge when they arrived in the community. All four came at the same time, all four needed to be certified, and one went to a new K9 officer. Four officers met the challenge, and now the teams are certified and making great progress against crime.

The Department was able to welcome the four new K9s thanks to a generous donation from community members. The donation came right on time, as PVPD recently retired three K9s – Jake, Turco, and Toyo – all who are now living comfortably with K9 officers.

Because Hines, an NPCA (National Police Canine Association) trainer, has family connections with the Netherlands, he was able to travel in 2018 to Rotterdam, South Holland, to personally choose and purchase three K9s. While there, he also happened on a 6-month-old Belgian Malinois pup that immediately impressed him with its intelligence and drive. After calls home to gain approval from the donors and PVPD command staff for the purchase, Groot joined the other three new K9s traveling home to Arizona.

Hines selected the dogs with an eye to each of PVPD's K9 officers' abilities and experience. The handlers didn't know until the dogs arrived in Arizona which one they would get.

Officer Caleb Cozens, an experienced PANT (Partners Against Narcotic Trafficking) and patrol officer who previously handled narcotics Labrador Toyo, is now



Officer Caleb Cozens with Chewy

partnered with Chewy. Chewy has excelled on interdiction patrols and in the community. He has excellent tracking and article search skills. Hines said Chewy has shown outstanding bite work and "phenomenal" building/area search skills. His admiration for the dog is obvious. "I have no complaint with that dog," he said. The social Chewy, he added, reminds him of his first K9, Joey.

K9 Kion, partnered with Officer Layton Cooper, who previously handled K9 Jake, has an amazing gift for

tracking, Hines said. The dog is easy going and social, and a bit smaller than his teammates. Kion has done well in his first months on patrol, with several drug arrests and assistance on Yavapai County Sheriff's Office details.

Hines was excited to pair Kato, the youngest and "rawest" of the new dogs, with new K9 Officer Justin Ellison. When he put the two together, Hines said "In two years, that will be a team hard to beat." Several months later, Kato and Ellison are ahead of the game, and proud to have a 52-lb. meth bust under their belt. "Kato loves Ellison, and he just wants to please," Hines said.



K9 Groot is growing and ready to work at 1 year old

K9 Groot, the puppy of the pack, doesn't look much like a puppy now. He's growing into a powerful K9 crime fighting machine with a mind of his own.

"He has real tenacity," Hines said. "When he wants something he's hard to stop." Hines said Groot is the hardest dog he's ever had, because he is absolutely fearless

and unwavering, no matter what is thrown at him. A bonus is that Groot is "super social" great with kids and other animals. For his age, Groot's bite work is outstanding, Hines said.

All of the K9s have now been fully certified in narcotics and patrol. The four-dog division now allows Prescott Valley to have a K9 unit available seven days a week, 16 hours each day. All of the dogs and their handlers are on standby if needed. By May, Hines said, the K9s will be coordinated with the SWAT team, although this process takes time. Currently the dogs can work perimeters of a scene, but with full training will be able to enter a building on command ahead of the SWAT team and locate a person, such as in a barricade incident.

Prescott Valley's K9s work drug interdiction details on major interstates such as I-17 and I-40, with great success as evidenced by several recent large drug busts. But Hines said he is

more drawn to working with the dogs in the local community to take drugs and habitual criminals off the streets. "Then, the crime associated with those people also goes away," he said. The PVPD



Young K9 Groot "apprehends" Officer Caleb Cozens



Officer Paul Hines talks to teens at PV Youth Police Academy

invites everyone to its "K9 Kaper," an event to introduce Chewy, Kion, Kato and Groot to the public. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 at Little Dealer Little Prices, 2757 N Truwood Dr. in Prescott Valley. Free to the public, the event will feature demonstrations of narcotics detection and apprehension skills, photos with the dogs and their handlers, and take home "baseball cards" with photos and bios of the K9s. Please watch the Prescott Valley Police Facebook page for more information on this event, or call the PVPD at 928-772-9261.



PVPD's four new K9s, from left: Officer Layton Cooper and Kion; Officer Paul Hines and Groot; Officer Justin Ellison and Kato; and Officer Caleb Cozens and Chewy, will be introduced to the public at a May 22 event in Prescott Valley. (Courtesy Chris Kissling)

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By Heidi Dahms Foster

Who doesn't love those great photos of dogs on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or other social media sites? An outstanding dog photo has the ability to bring out a plethora of emotions, from a big belly laugh to a genuine tear or two.

Perhaps you just like to look at great dog photos, or you love to have a big colorful book or two on the coffee table for visitors. Either way, Amazon and other book outlets make it easy to feed your dog (and cat) addiction! If you don't want a huge pile of books, you can feed your habit on Kindle. The app for your desktop or laptop will allow you to view great photos in full size. If you want to become a collector (can you hoard enough pet books?) you can order the hard copies from book sellers. Here is an assortment of interesting pet photo books you might enjoy!

Confession time. How many of us have given our dogs peanut butter and then sputtered in laughter as they attempt to

consume it? Greg Murray got the bright idea of photographing these antics, and the result is hilarious. The catalyst for his book *Peanut Butter Dogs*, was one of his first rescues, a Mastiff named Bailey. Today, he says, a large canvas print of Bailey's peanut butter photo greets guests to his home. She was the first of 150 dogs he photographed for the book. *Peanut Butter Dogs* is pretty funny. Buy it on Kindle at Amazon for \$9.59 or hardcover for \$11.96.

Seth Casteel's *Underwater Dogs* began during a lifestyle photo shoot in 2010. "I was working with a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Buster in a backyard in Orange, California," he said. "The photo shoot was meant to be 'on land.' SPLASH! It wasn't long before Buster went headfirst into the pool, emerging as a totally different-looking dog. And then SPLASH again. The on-land photo shoot was now officially an 'in the pool' shoot. I was snapping away, but I quickly realized that these weren't the shots I needed.

Buster was actually submerging during his pool rampage as he pursued a small tennis ball that he would knock in on his own. I thought, 'Hmm, what does he look like under the water?'"

Casteel left and returned with a point-and-shoot underwater camera, and the results birthed an entire series of truly delightful photo books that are simply great fun to look at. After *Underwater Dogs* came *Underwater Puppies*, with an exponentially higher cuteness factor.

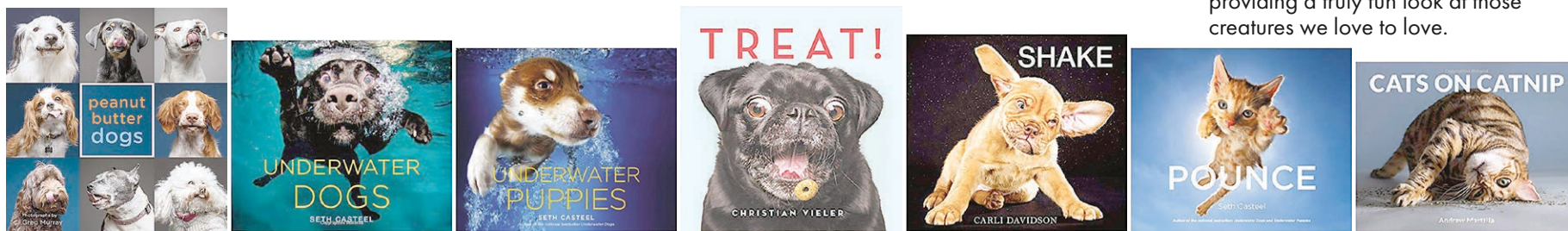
Find *Underwater Dogs* on Kindle for \$12.99 and in hardcover for \$13.66. Paperback versions and calendars of these wonderful photos are also available.

You can imagine all sorts of off shoots of these enjoyable photo books that capture the antics of the pets that keep us laughing every day. Try *Shake* by Carli Davidson, a compilation of crazy ears, crossed eyes, flying drool and out of shape body parts that will have you giggling throughout. *Treat* by Christian

Vieler is another take on the amusing photos that come from tossed treats and dogs' hilarious efforts to spot and catch them mid-air.

Sometimes, because they like to appear to have some dignity, cats are even funnier than dogs. Seth Casteel again doesn't disappoint as he brings his photography skills to the feline crowd with *Pounce*. *Pounce* is a compilation of Casteel's wonderful photos of cats propelling themselves through the air, paws outstretched and intent on their landing.

It's hard to resist a book of photos of cats on catnip. Prefacing his book of the same name, photographer Andrew Marttila says, "Most of us would agree that cats are agile, regal creatures, but if you believe that cats are nothing but grace and sophistication, then you've probably never seen a cat on catnip." *Cats on Catnip* offers the kind of photos you would expect from offering a few snorts of the herb to felines, providing a truly fun look at those creatures we love to love.



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RESCUERS OF THE WILD

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

As testament to their undeniable passion for and commitment to animals, Dean and Prayeri Harrison created an animal world, custom designed to meet each animal's individual needs and thriving styles. It's called Out of Africa and is located on 104 acres in Camp Verde, home to extraordinary exotic animals big and small. Although the Harrisons feature exotic animals from the far reaches of the jungle world, they do not hesitate to take in local rescues in need of help, often arriving in the worst of perilous circumstances.

Meeting with Ashton Powell, Public Relations Director of Out of Africa (and daughter-in-law of the Harrisons) Ashton shared some very traumatic, heart-wrenching, and sometimes whimsical stories of rescue. A lion cub was found near death in, of all places, a hotel room in Arizona where he was abandoned. "He was flea-ridden, malnourished and dehydrated," explains Powell. Through great care given by the Harrisons and their staff, the cub was brought to good health and wellness.

Workers cleaning out a drainage ditch in Phoenix noticed movement in the mud. They discovered a river otter and contacted Arizona Game and Fish Department. Having built a good relationship with this government agency, Out of Africa has become one of the "go to places" for wild animals needing help. The young otter was flea-ridden and sickly, but the Harrisons managed to rehabilitate Totter the Otter with the help of a specialized otter rehabber's help.



Totter the otter.
(Courtesy Kathleen Reeder)

They actually had to teach this orphaned otter how to swim, a task reserved for the mother otter. Totter is now 2 years old and happily resides at the park.

Two black bears were transported to Out of Africa from the Mogollon rim after their mom was accidentally shot by a hunter, who stayed with the cubs while help arrived. Mogie and Blue are siblings and now thrive in park environments.



Out of Africa bear cubs Mogie and Blue.
(Courtesy Out of Africa Wildlife Park)

At Out of Africa, 40% of their animals are rescues from circumstance or rehoming. For instance, the park acquired their African Crested Porcupine Morris when the original owners were moving to a state that didn't allow porcupines as pets.

Heritage Park Zoological Sanctuary is a 501 3C non-profit wildlife sanctuary. Most of the exhibits are rescues or displaced animals. They also help and treat animals brought to them by Game and Fish or individuals who have discovered a wild animal in dire need.

This can be just about ANY animal explained Marketing & Events Coordinator Ron Brashear. "We received an injured chipmunk, attended to its needs and released it the next day into the wild," says Brashear.



Chipmunk rehab at Heritage Park Zoo.
(Courtesy Rachel Paper)

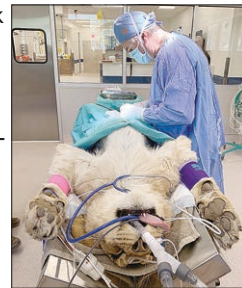
Somebody ran over a stick that turned out to be a huge albino Burmese python. After its needed repair, Amarillo can now be visited on-site.

This facility rescues approximately 200 animals each year, and that number is growing. The 10-acre park features bobcats, mountain lions, lynx, bears,

and 3 types of deer. They boast two rare Clouded Leopards, Suree and Malee, as part of their conservation program due to the threat of their extinction. Heritage Park Zoo also has a Tarantula Grotto and state-of-the-art Reptile House.

With serious focus on saving and restoring the injured wildlife, you might wonder about the medical care required. Both Heritage Park Zoo and Out of Africa enlist the healing hands of Dr. Kenneth Skinner, a local veterinarian from Prescott Animal Hospital. Dr. Skinner travels to these two operations, among others, and sometimes has the animal transported to the PAH facility to perform surgery. When a bobcat from Out of Africa was bitten twice by a rattlesnake, it was treated at the facility where Skinner works. When a bear was suffering a broken tooth, it was Dr. Skinner that applied the dental crown.

A lot of his work includes routine spaying and neutering the animals. Whether a wildebeest is caught in a fence, or a lion is suffering from pyometra, Dr. Skinner is on the way. "Veterinarians are trained to treat all animals, and work on all kinds of species," reports Skinner.



Lioness in surgery with Dr. Skinner.
(Courtesy Gayle Skinner)

But, how do you know when an animal is sick and needs help? At both animal facilities, the keepers have such good relationships with their animals that they know when there's a problem. When asked what it's like to treat a bear, Dr. Skinner explains, "We dart most of the exotics using a dart rifle before getting into the cage. Once they're sedated, we can start them on anesthesia." What is the tiniest patient that Dr. Skinner has treated in the wildlife kingdom? "A Madagascar Hissing Cockroach at the Grotto at Heritage Park Zoo," he answers. Apparently, the poor dear was suffering from mites.

There are several veterinarians that take care of the wounded wild animals

at Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center, one of the leading sanctuaries and rehab facilities in the southwest. Their operation includes volunteer dispatch teams that respond to emergencies, an on-site medical care center and educational services.

This story began with one orphaned animal, Don Coyote. It seems a local farmer accidentally ran over a den of newborn coyote pups with his tractor, leaving a single survivor. The farmer sought help for the orphan, but there was nowhere to go. As fate would have it, the farmer was able to connect with the able heart and hands of Linda Searles, who had enough incentive and simple resources to make a difference in this young coyote's life. The need for a wildlife rehabilitation center was realized. And over the next few years, the ultimate vision and unparalleled passion bore the rendering of what was to be Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center in Scottsdale.



Leonardo the jaguar/leopard mix rescued from roadside zoo. After abdominal exploratory surgery, he is fine and residing happily at Southwest Wildlife. (Courtesy Rich Fisher)

The facility is situated over 10 acres that have been transformed into what they refer to as "a shady oasis for wild animals in need". As enclosures were being built, trees were being planted for cool shade during warmer temperatures. Eventually, Don Coyote was joined by countless other injured, orphaned, and displaced members of the wildlife family. Most of the animals are successfully rehabilitated and released back into the wild, while others remain at the Nature Center and Sanctuary. Don Coyote lived more than 18 years at Southwest Wildlife and served as an ambassador teaching thousands of visitors about the importance of wild animals. Another howling success in the world of wildlife.

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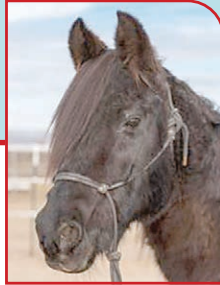




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