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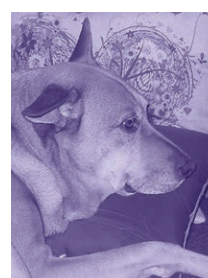
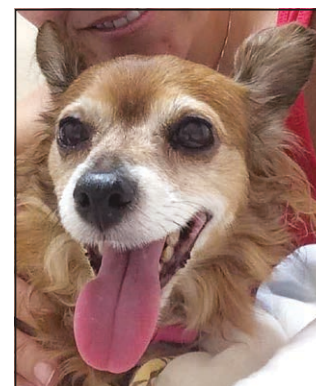
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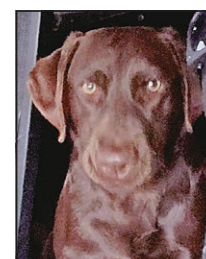
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## Our Cover Dogs: Gigi and Sweet Pea



**Name:** Ruff! **Gigi** my name is.

**Age:** Born about 8 months ago, hah hah, I was. My birthday is on Halloween every year, Mommy and Daddy say.

**Hometown:** Found me in Phoenix and brought me to Prescott they did. \*lick lick\*

**Favorite brand of kibble:** Any food that is grain-free I like. Mmm... salmon and peas, please.

**Favorite toy:** The sound of my favorite toy's squeak-squeak is.

**Favorite outdoor activity:** To fetch balls while walking at night on the golf course, I love. The dog park where I play with my friends, I really REALLY like. Yrssss....

**Favorite indoor activity:** To play fetch in the house and run around like crazy and mess up the pillows on the couch I like.

**Favorite nap spot:** ::yawn:: \*snort snort\* It best to nap on the bed where I'm not allowed I find. Ahh, so comfy!

**Describe your perfect canine pal:** Hrrmmm...up with me my perfect friend will keep – with me even when they are tired play, and run with me over and over nap with me and then play.

**Describe your perfect day:** My perfect day starts with a long stretch and big business in the outside yard. To walk the downtown square and smell every tree and then pee in the grass and roll in happiness in my pee spot I would like. Pets and treats from new humans I would get. Me to the lake where I have my doggie life-vest and we take the paddle board out in the water mommy would take. A ride on the rhino to cap the day I would love. Ruff! Ruff! ::snore snore::



**Name:** Sweet Pea

**Age:** 11 weeks old

**Hometown:** Prescott, Arizona

**Favorite brand of kibble:** Orijen Large Breed Puppy

**Favorite toy:** My mom's sneakers' shoe laces.

**Favorite outdoor activity:** I like to chase lizards and bugs.

**Favorite indoor activity:** Chasing my brothers and sisters, then taking a two-hour nap.

**Favorite nap spot:** Under my Dad's recliner, in my blanket.

**Describe your perfect canine pal:** My older brother, Ranger, lets me jump on his back and bite his ears. He also chases me around the yard and lets me win every time.

**Describe your perfect day:** I get out of my parents' bed at 6 a.m. after sleeping and snoring for nine hours. Have a big bowl of kibble, then go out and go potty. I then come in and take a nap. After that, I get up and chase my brothers around the yard again! After that, I have my second bowl of kibble and take another nap. After my nap, I lay out in the sun until my next meal and treats. After that, my parents take me on a walk. Then I drink some water and go to bed for a long nap!

Ahhh, perfect day! :)



# HAZEL HOWLS

Dear Red Rocket Dog Journal:

## Startlements

Yep, startlements! Shock, surprise, "out of the wild blue yonder" events that force a sharp breath, cause the heart to skip, the drummer to drop his sticks, the archer to miss the apple. They are often followed immediately by involuntary exclamations. Two-legged exclamations can be very interesting sometimes. I could go on and on about that, and I really want to for some reason. But, I probably shouldn't. Why am I feeling so carefree at the moment? Oh, yeah, the pirated coffee event.

Red rocket dogs, particularly those whose roots go back to the "rez," have highly developed food radar. Add a set of pointed radar ears and you've got a dog that not only can hear a chunk of granola hit the kitchen floor from thirty paces...you've got a dog that can spring into action as it's falling.

Can I actually hear it falling you ask? Not really. It's the pre-event "clunk" of two-legged clumsiness and the vocalizations that follow that gives it away. Hence, this morning's coffee event. Mmm... with cream and sugar no less.

I was sound asleep in the big bedroom, when Dad "clunked" his very full cup of coffee on the door handle of the refrigerator as he tried to put the milk back with his other hand. Like lightning I arrived to hear Dad repeating "leave it, leave it..." as he wrestled with the paper towel dispenser forgetting to set the half-cup down first. Bonus.

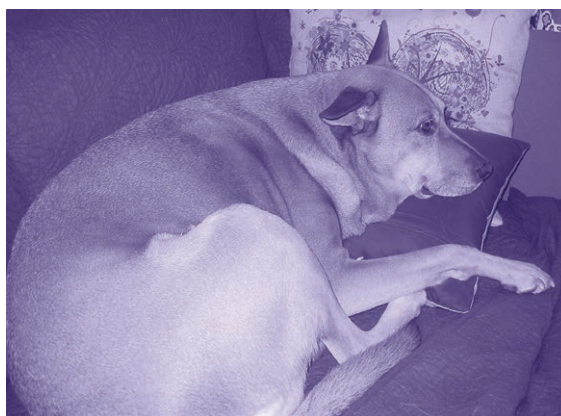
I went into action and got a fair amount of the tasty floor puddles as Dad tried to wave me off with a fat wad of paper towels in one hand and the quarter filled cup in the other. Bonus, Bonus.

Tucker and Keira were obedient and stayed back at first, but they thought Dad's waving arms were an invitation. Dad in exasperation, chased us outside. A reward for us helping him clean up I'm sure.

Of course I got the five minute lecture about "contraband foods," and of course I put my ears back and displayed big wet doe eyes as if to say, "I was only trying to help".

## Startlements Still or Singing for Your Supper

So back to my original point (other than the startlements stuff), the caffeine is kickin' in people! I feel like I'm in the big truck again with Dad "makin' time" on I-40 with the music loud enough to cover most of the "Cat" engine's roar. But I digress. Actually, digressing feels real good about now. I think I might digress all around the room. So...what were we talking about? Oh yes, startlements. Before I get back to that I have to explain about "singing for my supper."



*I think the caffeine is wearing off...*

Every once in a while, right before dinner time, Dad will try "dog speak" to see if I will join with him. He tries his best to howl. He starts with low notes, then high notes, short howls, long ones. I play dumb by putting my ears back (again with the wet eyes) and display my best "I have no earthly idea what you want" look. I feel bad sometimes because he so earnestly wants me to join in, which I do, eventually. I try to stretch Dad's efforts mainly to remember just how easily two-leggeds are trained, and how far they've come over the years. It warms the heart.

Now, the reason I told you about this is: Keira and Tucker never—and I mean never ever—join in with me. Howling, that is. Tucker will wag and whine, Keira will "sharp bark" and motion towards the kitchen to try to remind Dad what he's supposed to be doing. They just don't have the connection to the ancients that I do, so they can't sing the old songs. Of course, Dad can't either. You would be amazed at what he actually stumbles on and says sometimes through his "howling". No, I'm not going to translate, even with the caffeine.

## Back to Startlements

Yesterday morning, post breakfast and predawn backyard patrol, Tuck and I circled back to the big bed where Dad was still sleeping. In the past, the foster dogs we raised trained Mom to keep farmer's hours. Ninety minutes before dawn is about the average. Tucker and I have continued that tradition, with the help of Keira of course. Mom is all sunshine and energy when her feet hit the floor, but Dad not so much. He worked third shift for so many years, it takes a while for the big guy to go down at night, hence the delay to rise.

Tuck and I prefer to conduct our breakfast digestion in the bedroom with Dad, with both of us joining him in bed. Me with my back to Mom's pillow, Tucker at the foot facing the door. Most mornings we can get a good chest rub when Dad wakes up. Bonus.

Keira normally stays up with Mom when Tuck and I head back down the hall. Most days, around sunrise, Keira will come to the bedroom doorway and "sharp bark" to try to get Dad to get up. If he ignores her, she comes into the room, picks up one of his shoes, leaps on the bed and bangs the shoe on his head. That gets him moving.

Yesterday however it got too warm for me on the bed, so I jumped down and curled up below Dad. Tuck stayed on his corner, opposite of Dad, and we collectively drifted into the soft arms of dreamland. Sometime after that, Keira skipped her normal "alarm clock" routine and must have slipped onto Mom's open side and fully stretched out between Tucker and Dad. The original three, blissfully unaware of the arrival of the fourth. You see occasional movement among us in repose (whether we're dreaming, or adjusting position) doesn't usually wake us fully. So it wasn't all that unusual, having Keira slide into a diagonal position nose to nose with Dad, hind paws against the back of Tucker's head without us being aware.

Until...

## Finally the Startlement

The four of us were effortlessly floating through REM sleep, with minor twitches of muzzle and limb as we dreamt, when Keira, out of the blue, let go with a glissando of a long low howl that ended on an equally long high tenor note that was so loud it echoed. Dad and I were instantly awake, alert, and confused. (Tucker slept through it dreaming that a very fast rabbit kept kicking him in the back of the head, and he was intent to rectify that situation.) Dad shot up so fast, the blankets floated back down from above him like a feather. I hadn't moved except to raise my head and look up at Dad from the floor. I didn't know Keira was his other side, so I assumed either Tucker or Dad had done that howl, but why? Out of nervousness I quoted Shakespeare (common for me in anxious moments,) ears back, eyes wide and wet. "We few, we happy few?"

Dad was looking back and forth at me and Keira on his other side, (sound asleep and still tapping the back of Tucker's head with her rear paws), he remembered the long stream of hot "doggie-food" breath that had blasted his face during the howl and figured it must have been Keira. As Dad stumbled to the bathroom, his heart still racing he answered back, "We band of brothers...." That woke Tucker, who looked at me and asked, "You guys see that rabbit"?

*Editors note: The beverage spilled was decaf, (caffeine and chocolate not being good for dogs). We at Red Dog Publishing felt it best to leave Hazel none the wiser.*

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by C.L. Dreves

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# Calendar

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  - Dog Adoptions - Petco (Hwy 69): Saturday 11a-2p; Sunday 12p-3p; Whiskers Barkery (225 W Gurley St,

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

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- Sep 1, Zoo by Moonlight, 8p-9:30p
- Sep 12, Breakfast with the Black Bear, 9a-10:30a
- Sep 19, Behind-the-Scenes Photo Tour, 9a-10:30a
- Sep 19, Sip & Paint, 4p-7p

### UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS

#### RUMMAGE SALE

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#### AUCTION/LIVE MUSIC

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Sept 20, Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. More info/online registration: [cvequestrianpark.com](http://cvequestrianpark.com)

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## OCTOBER EVENTS

### HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- Oct 1, Zoo by Moonlight, 8p-9:30p
- Oct 10, Breakfast with Wolves, 9a-10:30a

## 6TH ANNUAL PRESCOTT LONG RIDERS EVENT

Oct 3. 10-mile trail ride ending with All-Horse Parade, downtown Prescott.

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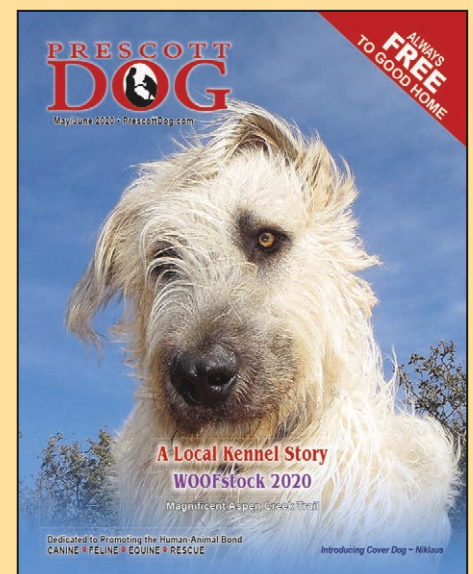
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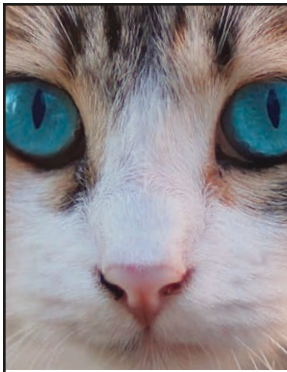


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# LOST PETS OF NORTHERN ARIZONA— REUNITING HUNDREDS OF PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

If you talk to most people who are involved in animal rescue, they'll tell you that somehow, animals just cross their paths in the most amazing ways, and at their time of most need. Melanie Underwood is one of those people. Her love of animals and ability to find those in need lead to the forming of a Facebook group that now numbers more than 20,000 members and has a network of more than 20 sub-groups.

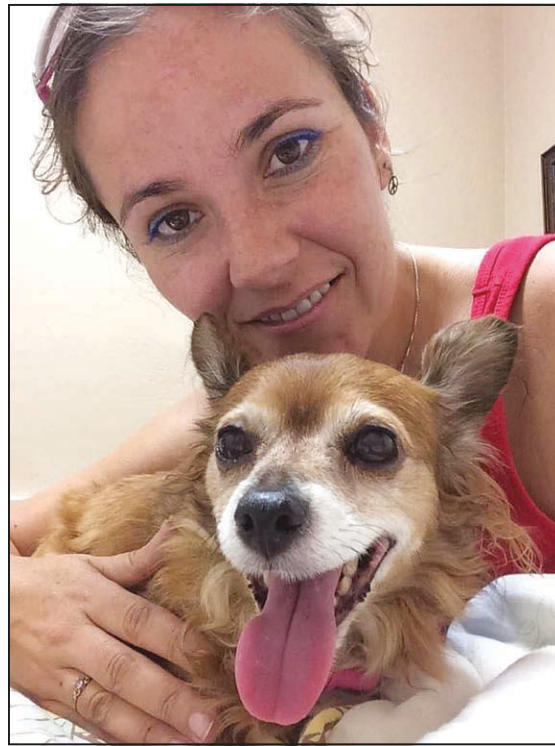
Lost Pets of Northern Arizona (LPONA) has helped return thousands of lost animals to their homes since its birth in 2015. Interestingly enough, it was a personal experience that caused Underwood to form the group. Underwood's 88-year-old grandfather had a shih-tzu poodle mix dog that got lost. Her grandfather was ill and devastated when he couldn't find his little dog "Precious." Underwood rushed home when she heard the news, and didn't find any sign of the pup. She worried that a coyote might have carried Precious off, but instead of thinking the worst, she said, she thought perhaps someone might have picked the dog up. She began to post in some Facebook groups hoping someone had seen Precious. That's when things went a little sour.

"In one of the groups, a lady really came down on me for not having Precious on a leash knowing coyotes were around. I wasn't even home when Precious got lost, and it was such a harsh response. I said 'enough' and started my own group," she said.

Underwood started helping other people who lost their dogs, with a much different attitude. "Accidents happen," she said, "and people shouldn't be made to feel worse after the fact."

During the first year, the Lost Pets site literally exploded. Underwood found herself online 12-14 hours a day. Building the group literally took a year of her life, to the point her daughter joked that her mom loved the dogs more than her.

Now, LPONA has grown to more than 20,390 members, and it's continually expanding. Its success is phenomenal, to the point that when people post lost pets on other pages, the response is often, "Have you posted on LPONA?" The Yavapai Humane Society suggests on their after hours line to post on LPONA, as do other shelters. The return rate



Melanie Underwood & Friend

for pets is literally in the thousands, and it's not just dogs. Cats, turtles, ferrets, birds and more have been happily re-united with their owners.

One example is a young Australian Shepherd, a therapy dog to a little disabled girl in Prescott Valley, who escaped after a storm blew the family's fence down. He was gone for most of a day, and when it got dark, the rain began again. One of the searchers posted on LPONA, and just hours later got the welcome call that Underwood had corralled the pup in a business parking lot. Muddy and bedraggled after his adventure, the dog was extremely happy to see his owners! Several years later, he's still an indispensable help to his little girl.

Since she started LPONA, Underwood said, she's never seen so many lost dogs, or had so many strange incidents with animals. Recently, she said, someone hit a javelina in Prescott. The driver was upset and crying, and didn't know what to do, so Underwood pulled over and called the Heritage Park Zoo, whose staff was able to determine the animal would be fine despite a cut, and so let it go. She's called about a puffy-eyed racoon in the middle of the road and helped a police officer deliver a deer that had been hit to the emergency animal hospital. She shrugs it off now. "These things always happen to me!"

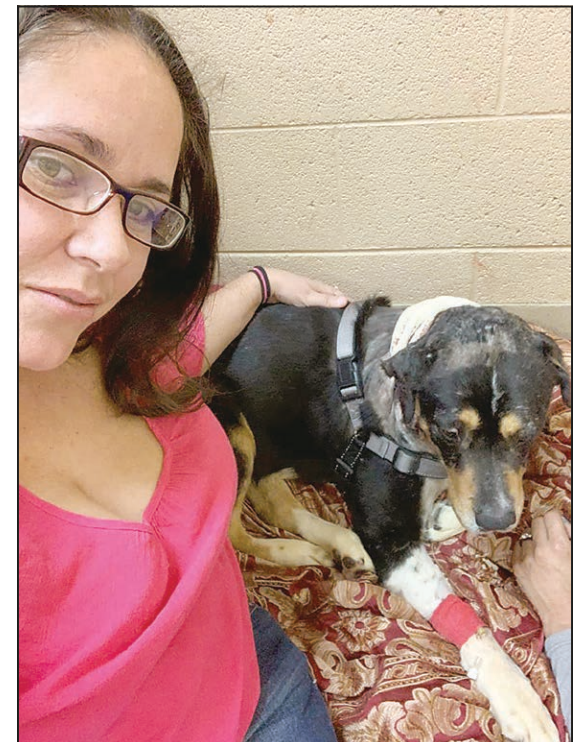
She has now added nearly 20 Facebook pages in varied Northern Arizona communities, all

that funnel back to the LPONA site and assist people to find and help pets. She also works with the Yavapai Humane Trappers group, which helps to humanely trap pets that are lost, abandoned or hurt, and are too scared to come to people. Once they are caught, the animals can be returned to their owners, or if no owners can be found, given proper care and adopted out. Other volunteers help Underwood monitor sites, search for lost animals, and much more. Community members have helped with donations for veterinary care and needed supplies.

Yavapai Humane Trappers can also assist with feral cats and kittens – they can be trapped and neutered, then released. Yavapai Humane Trappers can also be found on Facebook.

Anyone can join the LPONA site, because you never know when you'll come across a lost pet, and time is always of the essence. "You can just go on to Lost Pets of Northern Arizona and ask to join the group. The only thing I ask is that you don't try to advertise animals that you want to rehome or sell, because that will get us taken down. I have to be a stickler – lost and found pets only." It is crucial, Underwood said, when posting a lost or found dog, to put streets and cross streets on the post, so if someone is looking they know right where to go.

Underwood hopes that people will ask for help through the site. "If you hear of a lost



Melanie and an injured dog

dog, cat or other pet, please post. If you have an overpopulation of ducks, please don't release them into a pond, they won't thrive. Get in touch with us so we can help. If someone has a repeat offender of a dog that continues to escape, we will get volunteers from the group to help fix the fencing so their animals will be secure."

Microchipping is the one most valuable thing pet owners can do to ensure their pets are returned home. "Often, microchips are the

only reason a pet gets home if they are lost or stolen. It's \$15 at the Humane Society, it's totally worth it," Underwood said. "We'll do anything to save an animal, but if we come across a deceased one, we'll scan for a microchip so we can at least give the owner closure."

"Additionally, if you don't want to leave tags on your dog's collar, then just get a permanent marker and write the phone number on the collar. Sometimes people have the notion that

you never want a dog to go to the shelter, or the 'pound.' But animal shelters are there to help return lost pets to their homes," she said.

From a disappointing first experience, Melanie Underwood has found the best of social media, and thousands of pets and their families are the grateful recipients.

If you would like to help or donate to Lost Pets of Northern Arizona, email Underwood at [lostpetsofnorthernarizona@gmail.com](mailto:lostpetsofnorthernarizona@gmail.com).

## Days-Old Orphan Foal Thrives After Rescue from Middle of Highway

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Melanie Underwood, who runs the wildly successful Facebook group, Lost Pets of Northern Arizona, will tell you that she has seen it all in rescue work. But maybe she wasn't quite prepared to have a days-old foal fall into her care.

Several rescue groups do work on the Navajo reservation in Northeastern Arizona, helping to rescue and adopt dogs and cats. Residents of the reservation who also love animals often assist in the rescues. One such lady called Underwood in mid-July and told her she had stopped to pick up a tiny filly that was laying in the middle of the road. The lady meant to simply move what she thought was a deceased foal out of the way so it wouldn't be hit. But when she approached the foal, she saw its chest move.



Altaria

Putting the foal in her car, the lady called Underwood for advice. She told Underwood that her son would like to keep the foal, and so took it home. Underwood was worried.

"I told her it would need care, and milk every four hours," she said. Initially, the foal, soon named Altaria, drank so much water that she passed out. Afraid Altaria needed vet care and not sure the son could care for her, the lady called Underwood and asked her to come and get the foal. They met in Flagstaff, and Underwood drove Altaria home and straight to the Prescott Animal Hospital Equine Center, where she received fluids and an iffy prognosis.

Altaria had a rough start – she wouldn't drink the foal formula that Underwood brought home. Two days later, they were back at the veterinarian, who did a colostrum test. He determined that Altaria had

nursed enough from her mother in her first 10-14 days to have a fighting chance at surviving without being ill or immune deficient. He tube fed Altaria that day, and then Underwood went on the hunt for goat's milk. Since then, the foal has been slurping up six to eight gallons a day of the milk from a bucket, and thriving.

Finding enough goat's milk for the now healthy and rapidly growing Altaria is a challenge. One family has been donating nine gallons a week, and others have given what they can. Underwood is beginning to supplement the milk with some of the formula, to stretch the supply, but she still needs to find a reliable source. Altaria will drink the milk for another four to six months. She's also enjoying orchard grass, doesn't think much about alfalfa, and turns her little nose up at grain. She also loves her salt lick.



Underwood has never had a horse, but you wouldn't know it when you see the healthy and friendly Altaria. The foal has a mischievous streak, and isn't past a well-aimed kick with her tiny hooves if she's perturbed.

Altaria is in need of a foal halter, if anyone would like to donate one. Additionally, Underwood is seeking horse panels to enlarge her enclosure. Altaria was rescued under the umbrella of Yavapai Humane Trappers, a 501c3 organization, so any donations are tax deductible. A little advice wouldn't go amiss either. "People have offered training, and I won't turn it down!" she said.

Altaria has her own Facebook page, for those who would like to keep up with her progress – visit

Altaria, the Baby Horse of 2020. If you can help with donations or goat's milk, please email [lostpetsofnorthernarizona@gmail.com](mailto:lostpetsofnorthernarizona@gmail.com).



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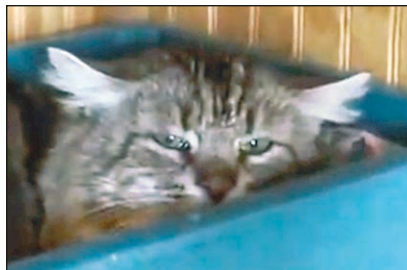
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### How the Ark Cat Sanctuary Transformed a Grumpy, Growling Cat into a Lap-loving Lovebug

The Ark Cat Sanctuary, located in Parks, AZ, is a no-kill operation dedicated to the rescue, care, and placement of cats that are in "at-risk" situations at a municipal shelter, in a home environment, or on the streets. The Ark is fortunate to have working relationships with both Coconino Humane Association and High Country Humane, which allows the Ark to branch out and rescue cats from outside our region when they are in need.

This was exactly the situation in December 2019. With local shelters handling most of the local cat intakes, we were able to respond to an Instagram tag on a post by @furdid-sadopt. A big, fluffy, 3-year-old boy cat named Roger was brought into the North Central LA City Shelter as a stray on December 11th. Roger was placed in the feral cat section of the shelter, as he was not socialized and



Grumpy Roger in his new space at the Ark.

growled and hissed at anyone who attempted to approach him. A volunteer drove Roger and two other cats in need all the way from Los Angeles to the Sanctuary in Parks, and the Ark began working on transforming Roger from a sad, grumpy sourpuss into an adoptable, loving lap cat.

The Ark was confident they could help Roger, as their executive director, Sue Marue, has a special talent for working with behaviorally challenged cats. However, it was actually one of the Ark's regular cleaners, Mary Schlanger, who made the breakthrough with Roger.

"For the first two months, nobody cleaned Roger except Sue," said Schlanger. "He would charge at you if you tried to clean his kennel. I wanted to help clean him to get experience working with a tough feral cat." With feral cats like Roger, the Ark staff use a telescoping back scratcher to reach in the kennel and

pull out his litter box and food dishes. "The entire time I cleaned his kennel, I talked to him. I told him that I simply wanted him to eat. I told him he was handsome, and that he surely had ladies missing him back on the streets of LA."

By April, Roger had stopped lunging and only hissed in the corner during his kennel cleanings. Schlanger continued to use the back scratcher with caution.

One day, after Roger took a swipe at the scratcher when it approached too closely, Schlanger decided to let him sniff it. "He bit it first, then sniffed it. I held it there for a while until he decided it wasn't a threat. Then I lifted the scratcher onto his head, just to see how he would react. He didn't react, so I scratched his head with it. His eyes immediately changed.

"He loved the scratches!" said Schlanger. This discovery of his love of scratches had a slight hitch: As soon as you stopped providing scratches, the crazy feral Roger returned. Nonetheless, important progress had been made, and that day Schlanger wrote on his memo board that she would pet him with her bare hands by May 13th.

"I mainly did it as a joke but I knew it would take about a month for him to come around. But good golly Miss Molly his first hand petting was on May 13th! It didn't take long after that before he was obsessed with scratches. After so much time, he finally knew we weren't there to hurt him and the process went very quickly."

After such a wonderful transformation, it was hard for Roger's caretakers to say goodbye. "It was very difficult to let such an intelligent, handsome boy go up for adoption," said Schlanger.

"I miss him," added Marue, who used to look forward to cleaning the kitten building because she could visit Roger while there. "I could handle all four of his paws without protest by the end."

Roger spent about a week at PetSmart in Flagstaff before being adopted and going to his forever home with a four-month-old Ark kitten. "We all miss Roger, but we did what we do best, and he will never live in an LA gutter again. It makes it all worth it," said Schlanger.

Roger's two road trip companions from LA, Beefy and Bernard, are still living at the Ark, being given the time and space they need to decide if they want to hang out with humans.

Beefy is currently in a fenced outdoor habitat where he is often spotted sun-



Roger began to accept love from human hands, and moved into Sue's bedroom. Now, he loves to be loved.

bathing, hanging out with the many females in the habitat, or watching the Ark workers go about their chores. Bernard recently had some dental work performed and is now living in a room with access to another protected outdoor habitat, so he can choose to spend his time where he is most comfortable.

Who knows, maybe in a few months one of these boys will be available for adoption! If they decide they'd rather be wild and free cats, they can live out their days at the Ark.



## HARLEY

MARCH 7, 1997 TO JULY 30, 2020



Karen Moseley with Harley

Harley, Yavapai County's pride of the west, has passed away, leaving behind a slew of fans and admirers accumulated throughout the years.

As a steadfast member of our equine community, Harley was a local legend in his own right, leading many Horsing Around trail adventures and serving as a beloved therapy friend to local vets as well as kids and seniors.

Harley participated in parades as well as the World's Oldest Rodeo's Grand Entry. He was a faithful mount to Karen Moseley, a precious companion who brought eminent joy to many.

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Many people have heard of Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue (YHT) and our many success stories with rescuing dogs and cats in need from the quad-city areas and near-by communities, getting them the appropriate medical attention and finding them fabulous homes. But being the only multi-faceted 501c3 rescue group in this area, there is more to our story.

The trapping side of our house searches relentlessly for lost animals, dumped animals, and animals who escaped during tragic auto accidents. Our trapping teams have earned many accolades for their hard work and have lots of success stories of their own rights too. Their work takes them to desolate areas, calls for long nights, considerable travel, and requires immense patience to track down the animals who need help. While it is hard to pick the best stories, we have selected a few recent ones to show their phenomenal persistence and creative ways of getting their target.

The call came out on November 16...a transferring military family was stopped over at a near-by motel headed to their new station assignment when a maid accidentally let out their cat Buzz, who was now in an unfamiliar wooded area where coyotes and birds of prey rule. They had no success finding their pet and had to leave for their deadline move. That is when our trapping team took over, and it was only a matter of days before he was restrained securely in a trap and picked up by a grateful family member to be reunited with the family he loved.

Another call coming from the reservation a few months ago, reporting an older dog who was emaciated, partially blind and limping, with very little time left and no ability to compete with the dog packs for the scant food leavings. Too skittish to be hand caught, another trap was set up for her capture. She was secured quickly by our talented trapping team and rushed back to Chino Valley for urgent medical care. Sunny took some time to heal from her starvation and trauma but, the happy ending includes a devoted owner whose world revolves around this dog, and



a happy pup who will never again need to worry about her next warm meal or soft bed.

Lastly, a recent mishap in Prescott Lakes Parkway area occurred when grandparents were taking care of a family dog while the family was on vacation. When Cali escaped her new setting, she was off like a shot. No coaxing and calling would bring her back. It took a lot of tries and various sightings over the next few days to track her down. She ended up in a Javelina skirmish that left her bleeding and wounded, but in the end she was finally caught. This is a good example of the "village" it takes with volunteers/neighbors placing posters, people calling in sightings, next door reports, and lots of tracking time to follow her trail. When she was finally trapped three days later, she was rushed to a local vet where the grateful owners covered the costs for a broken jaw and open wounds. She is happily recovering, and she will certainly have stories to tell her dog pals.

YHT trapping team goes far and beyond to help the companion animals who find themselves at large. While donations are gratefully accepted to cover costs, there is no charge for these services, and I think our communities can rest easier knowing there is a dedicated team willing to help if a beloved pet has gone missing or an abandoned animal needs a helping hand.

### Dusty

Tucker, now Dusty, a 15 pound chiweeny, has been in the YHTASR system for over 5 months now, and his toils have been long.

His biggest hitch, after a hard start in life, is his shy and introverted behavior...but keep reading for some fun news. He was originally part of a hoarding situation where there was not enough love and handling to go around. He was adopted to a new family at a year old but prompt-



Scrappy-Doo (L) and Dusty (R).

ly escaped, resulting in a call to YHT trapping team for help. YHT trappers went to work, undeterred by freezing temperatures, for 4 days, following leads and trails and sightings and... finally capture. When both the original owner and new owner declared a disinterest in his return, our foster-adopt team jumped in to round out the rescue.

He needed some medical attention and was neutered/vetted for starters. But sadly, he has been waiting on the adoption list for a long time since his interest in warming up to people comes long and slow. His foster mom is patient and understanding knowing his background. But then a corner was turned. When

this same foster mom, Kim, grabbed a "free puppy" a few weeks ago from a Chino Valley grocery store (huge sigh), signs of life emerged. This small playful corgie (?) mix puppy, about his size and shape, lit up Dusty's soul, and the two have not stopped playing ever since. Dusty even comes up for a few kisses following Scrappy-Doo's lead.

Who knows how the universe will unfold but it is very clear, these two need to stay together, and in that vein, what can we do but offer two for the price of one. And what a lot of joy and reward for your adoption fee. E-mail me to see if you might be a good fit for these cuties, and who knows, it could turn even more corners in life.

A further fun twist was the discovery of an injured kitty at Dusty's former home named Jersey Boy, who YHT was also asked to take. Later, upon inspecting the wounds, we found Jersey Boy, with a badly infected ear, was actually Jersey GIRL who was vetted and adopted. What a day.



AARF Animal Rescue is pleased to announce two new adoption programs:

Vets Get Pets and Golden Paws. A grant received from Sunstate Equipment will help us get these underway by covering adoption fees.

Vets Get Pets places a dog with a veteran who is looking for a friend. These are not trained service dogs, just loving companions. With this program, all adoption fees will be waived no matter the

age of the dog chosen.

Golden Paws Senior for Senior program will allow any senior (60 years or older) to adopt any senior dog (8 years or older). All adoption fees will be waived.

Our hope is to give people a chance to provide a loving home and to find the "forever friend" they may not otherwise have been able to adopt. It is a win-win for all!

As we write this, AARF has put 5 senior dogs into new homes and 1 friend to a veteran. Our goal is to have 12 adoptions under these two programs within a year, so if you know of anyone qualified and interested, ask them to contact us at 928-925-7219.

(Thank you, Sunstate Equipment, we are grateful!)

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# ADOPT -A-DOG

**AGGIE:**

A 3-month-old shepherd mix. Aggie is one striking girl! She is just a baby, but she's smart, playful, affectionate, and learns very quickly. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



**APACHE:**

A 4-year-old sable and black German Shepherd. He's a bit shy, but will be an amazing dog in the right hands. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**BAM BAM:**

A 3-month-old shepherd/pit bull mix, a sweet, gentle soul who loves to play and get cuddles. Dawn at dawnLG39@yahoo.com or Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**BRONCO:**

A 1-year-old brindle Bloodhound mix. He is a high energy hound. He is gentle and intelligent, and could use a job. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**BUSTER:**

A yellow Lab mix about 1 year old. Buster knows how to sit and down and takes treats very gently. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



**CAESAR:**

A 1-year-old pit bull mix. He's very energetic with some puppy-like behavior, but very friendly and loves people. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**CHICO:**

A 7-year-old male Chihuahua. Very sweet, loves to be picked up and held. Will be your cuddle buddy for sure! Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**COLBY:**

This engaging silly girl is a cattdog/husky mix, 3 months old. She lives happily with other dogs and cats. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**COOKIE:**

A 4-year-old male blue-tick hound. He is full of energy and enjoys being with people. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**DADDY:**

A 3-year-old cattledog/terrier mix with amazing blue eyes. He is crate trained, and walks well on leash. Karen at mountainhorsereider@gmail.com or Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**DOUG:**

An adorable 1-year-old chi/doxie mix, between 15 to 20 pounds. He is very friendly with people. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



**JAKE:**

A 2-month-old male cattledog-husky mix, who lives happily with other dogs and cats. Loves to explore and chase his dog buddies. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**JENNA:**

Terrier mix puppy, 9 weeks old. She takes everything in stride, A typical healthy, happy, tenacious terrier that loves exploring. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



**KRAMER:**

A 4-year-old male Shih Tsu mix. He's a sweet dog, loves to be around people, but is not for children. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



**LEON:**

A 5-month-old yellow lab/cattledog mix. Very much a puppy and very active. Good with other dogs and will be good children. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



**LILITH:**

A female Australian Shepherd/American Staffordshire cross. She is loyal, smart, and eager-to-please. A very special girl. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



# ADOPT -A-DOG

**LILO:** A 3-month-old female German Shepherd cross. She is very smart and curious, loves people and learning. She also love water. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



**LOLA:** A female 4-month-old lab mix. She learns quickly, is paper trained, and will happily join in any game she can. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**LOLA:** A sweet mix of unknown breeds. She's about 3 years old. Her tail never stops wagging. Loves everyone. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



**LUKE:** A 3-month-old cattledog/husky mix. Very sweet and happy, always looking for adventures. Living with dogs and cats now. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



**MOL-LY-MOO:** A 5-year-old female Rottweiler. She is very intelligent and will be protective of her people and household. She is affectionate and loyal. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**NINJA:** A 2-year-old black-and-tan hound/Husky mix. He may need a little bit to warm up, then he's very playful and affectionate. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**RANGO:** A 1-year-old black Chihuahua. A sweet boy, but a bit nervous at times until he knows you. Affectionate and a cuddler. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**SAMMI:** A 2-year-old female Doberman cross. She is extremely smart and very energetic. She is loving and affectionate. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



**SHIRLEY:** A brindle Chihuahua/Pug mix, approximately 3 years old and 12 to 15 pounds. She is very friendly with people. United Animal Friends uafdogs20@gmail.com



**STIX:** A 9-year-old Italian Greyhound/Chihuahua mix, very sweet. He is blind and needs a special needs-experienced family. Good with other dogs. Petey's Playground 928-713-1375



**TEDDY:** A 13-year-old Pekingese. Very friendly with people. Very healthy. Loves to walk on leash. Petey's Playground 928-713-1375



**TURNER:** An 11-year-old Chihuahua, in great health and is a real cuddler. Gets along well with other dogs, but loves people best. Petey's Playground 928-713-1375



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# ADOPT -A-CAT



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Catty Shack 928-778-6951



## ANABELLA:

A tiny 2-year-old tortoiseshell female. A lovely, feminine little girl, just the right size for cuddles, and very affectionate.

Yavapai Humane Society  
928-445-2666



## GARNET:

An elegant classic calico lady, 10 years young. She is small, affectionate, and would love a lap of her own again.

Yavapai Humane Society  
928-445-2666



## MISS

**KITTY:** A beautiful long-haired golden tabby with big green-gold eyes and the most extravagant whiskers! Affectionate and misses having a family. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



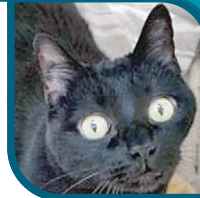
## SALEM:

An amazing house panther! A 1-year-old male, all black with copper eyes. He is intelligent, kind, and lonely. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



## JETT:

A petite black short-haired lady with peridot-green eyes! She is very sweet and loves cuddles and laps for sitting. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



## JAVA:

A dainty 2-year-old tortoiseshell lady with huge golden eyes. She is a bit shy, but does love people. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



## PIPER:

A beautiful female kitten, classic brown tabby with swirly stripes. She loves to be held, and has a loud purr. Miss Kitty's Cat House/Glenna 951-523-0050



## MOLLY:

A 4-year-old Tuxedo female, declawed (all four). MOLLY likes to cuddle and loves a lap. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



## CUTIE-PIE:

A beautiful 3-year-old Calico that came in with her sister Reese. She's quite friendly and just loves to play, play, play!! Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



## REESE:

A striking 3-year-old Calico that came in with her sister Cutie-Pie. She is sweet and funny and loving. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



## MELODY:

A 2-year-old light silver classic tabby. She is beautiful, sweet, quiet, and very loving. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



## ANNIE:

A medium-hair Diluted calico. Very friendly lap cat, affectionate, and likes to talk. Goes wild with fresh catnip. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411 or Glenna 951-523-0050



## PETEEY:

A male orange Classic tabby with handsome swirls. He is comical, loving, and a great face licker. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411 or Glenna 951-523-0050



## DOLLY:

A 2-year-old brown ticked tabby, part Abyssinian, looks quite exotic. She loves brushing and pets, very cuddly and affectionate. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411





# ADOPT -A-CAT

**CODY:**

A 1-year-old long-haired grey and white fellow. Very sweet, very funny, loves people. Miss Kitty's Cat House 928-445-5411



**JOJO:**

A beautiful long-haired male with an amazing fluffy ringed tail. About 4 years old. Loves to play and cuddle. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**MANGO:**

A beautiful 4-year-old orange and white lady with a most unique face. She's very adventurous, loves people, being petted, and playing. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**SAM:**

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**ROXY:**

A lovely brown tabby lady with stunning green eyes, 1 year old. She is quiet and gentle and very good company. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**SONIA:**

A beautiful golden tabby lady with the most intense green eyes. She is calm and confident and a great companion. Very affectionate. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



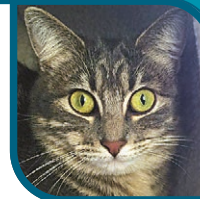
**TESS:**

A 4-year-old classic tuxedo female. Very interested in everything, but not much of a lap cat. Loves to play with people. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



**GHOST:**

A dark brown classic tabby with the most amazing green eyes. A bit shy, not a fan of cuddles, but likes pets and playtime. Catty Shack 928-778-6951



## Adopt a Horse from Yavapai Humane Society

**CINCH:**

A big, handsome 20-year-old bay thoroughbred. Loves attention, has excellent manners. Some lameness issues, easily managed with Equioxx (horse Motrin). Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**BULLSEYE:**

A 20-year-old off-the-track bay Thoroughbred. His Jockey Club name is American Bull, raced 64 times. Level-headed and easy to handle, very kind. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



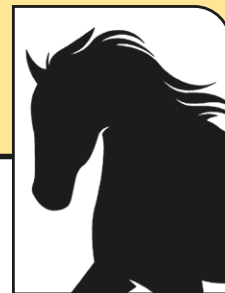
**GUCCI:**

A 9-year-old chestnut Arabian/Saddlebred gelding. He is broke to ride, however will need an experienced rider/handler. With work, will be an amazing show horse. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**LATTE:**

A 17 year-old red dun Appendix mare. Well trained. Used to go on trails, and the family's kids would sometimes ride her. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**BEAU:**

A 12-year-old chestnut grade Quarter-horse. that is about 12-years-old. Beau is extremely sweet, but not broken to ride. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**BEN AND JERRY:**

Beautiful Haflinger geldings trained to pull a cart together. We would like for Ben and Jerry to get adopted together because they have been together all their lives. With some work Jerry would also most likely make a great riding horse. He does not seem to have much training under saddle, but learns quickly. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



**REMY:**

A bay 4-year-old 16.3h off-the-track Thoroughbred, last race January 2020. Will need to be restarted under saddle. Very willing, loves attention. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666





## STILL TIME TO COMPLETE 2020'S PRESCOTT CIRCLE TRAIL CHALLENGE

### Javelina Trail No. 332

Text and Photographs by Cheryl Hartz

As the weather finally starts to cool down, the urge to hit the trail hits us once again. Area trails beckon us to emerge from our air-conditioned dens where we've quarantined this summer during an extended dry period with extreme temperatures and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

For a plethora of trails nearby, you might want to tackle the 2020 Prescott Circle Challenge. This 54-mile non-motorized trail, completed in 2014 for horseback riders, hikers, backpackers, and mountain bikers, is divided into 11 segments you can finish at your own pace, four miles or so at a time.

As the challenge name indicates, you'll be circling Prescott through the City, Prescott National Forest, Yavapai County, and State lands. Sites and sights include several lakes – Watson, Willow, and Goldwater – and through Granite Dells, along with sweeping views of Thumb Butte, the Bradshaw Mountains, and Granite Mountain.

The high desert terrain varies between grasslands, forest, and chaparral. Elevation range is from 5,140 to just under 7,000 feet. The circle even offers three campsites along the way.

The Yavapai Trails Association and Russ Lyon Sotheby's partnered up to offer certificates of completion, bumper stickers, or a patch when you eventually close your circle challenge. It doesn't have to be this year! Plus, your name will be added to the permanent list of your fellow fulfillers.

A good place to start is the 3.6-mile Javelina Trail No. 332, elevation 6,025 feet. Parking off Iron Springs Road is adequate. If you start from the other end, just past Thumb Butte, parking is poor.

From the Iron Springs end, the trail begins on a road and narrows into a proper trail through the trees. It's an easy hike or bike ride, but the trail itself contains some sandy and loose gravels spots so you have to pay attention, especially on a bike. It also alternates between sunny and shady,

so an excursion in the area's mild fall temperatures is ideal.

Side trails with names such as Vista, West Side Story, Sidekick, and Waterline adjoin the Javelina Trail.

Should you wear a mask? On your own or in groups of two or three people you're around normally, you shouldn't need a face covering in the Great Outdoors. If you plan to congregate (close proximity) with others for any length of time, indoors or out, protect everyone – yourself included – by covering your nose and mouth. This is simple science, not a political statement.

As always, observe the common courtesy trail rules, take plenty of water and snacks, and use sunblock.

For more information and maps, visit [Yavapai-trails.org](http://Yavapai-trails.org), or [fs.usda.gov](http://fs.usda.gov) and specify Javelina Trail #332 in the Prescott National Forest.

Good luck on the challenge and happy Autumn!



A plethora of options exist to explore.



Javelina Trail boasts geologic interest as well as sweeping views.

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## UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

Despite all the challenges COVID-19 has posed to rescue organizations and their volunteers, United Animal Friends has continued to fulfill our mission: To provide rescue programs and services to animals and those who care for them. We continue to take in unwanted animals and find forever homes for them at virtually the same rate as we did last year (176 for January through July of 2020 vs. 175 for the same period in 2019).

As UAF's mission states, we do a lot more than rescue and adopt dogs and cats, though. We finance and run several community programs to benefit low-income Yavapai County residents and their pets. Two of these programs—the Community Pet Food Bank and the Emergency Medical Program—are increasingly expensive for UAF as a result of COVID-19.

Our Community Pet Food Bank distributes cat and dog food and treats, as well as pet beds and toys when available. It has proved to be so vital to families in need that in 2018, we added a Prescott Valley distribution site to the existing one in Prescott. As the chart accompanying this article shows, demand for this food has risen

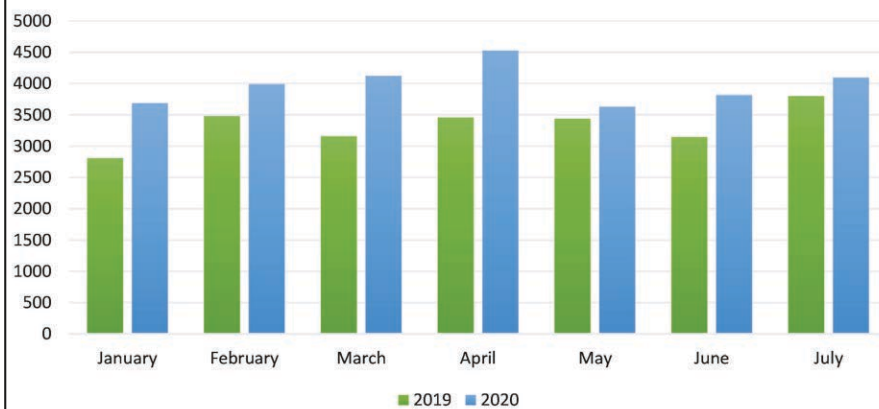
this year. In addition, our primary pet food donor has shifted their efforts to supporting the urgent need in the Navajo Nation. We think that's a wonderful place for the food to go, but it means that we have had to buy the thousands of pounds that we once received as a donation. Needless to say, this puts a strain on our budget.

In Yavapai County, UAF's Emergency Medical Program provides low-income county residents with financial assistance for emergency medical services for their companion animals. Last year, we spent \$70,000 helping 289 animals. We budgeted this same amount this year and had already spent 57% of it by the end of June. As more and more people are economically affected by COVID-19 and thus qualify for assistance, the demand for this program's services will increase.

United Animal Friends is an all-volunteer organization that is committed to continuing these programs during good times and bad. Your donation to help us do so will be greatly appreciated by not only UAF, but also our community. For more information about United Animal Friends, our programs and our adoptable pets, please visit [UnitedAnimalFriends.org](http://UnitedAnimalFriends.org) or follow us on Facebook.

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### United Animal Friends' Community Pet Food Bank Pounds of Pet Food Distributed



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Portion of proceeds benefits VA Hospital.  
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#### HORSEBREAKERS RANCH RIDING BUCKLE SERIES

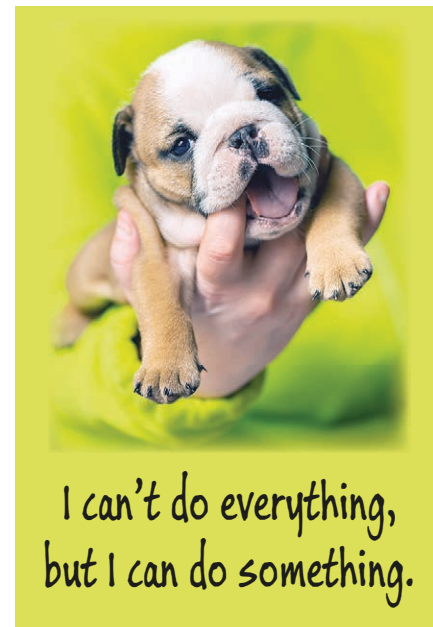
Oct 10, 8:30a, Horsebreakers Ranch,  
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#### WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

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# HOW TO SUPPORT SENSITIVE ANIMALS IN TIMES OF STRESS

By Ginny Jablonski

For the past six years I have supported animals and their owners through animal communication, primarily focusing on animals who have experienced trauma and are exhibiting signs of stress. In nearly every case I have been able to identify the cause of aberrant behaviors by identifying stressors in the household or prior experiences which greatly impact the animal's emotional and often physical state.

At the best of times we humans can experience anxiety and stress on any give day. But in these extraordinary times of uncertainty many of us are experiencing higher levels of emotional stress and creating more fear, anxiety, and negative emotions in our environment than normal. As a result, animals who are very sensitive to outside energetic influences, their home environment, or even the emotional state of their owners may begin to demonstrate odd changes in their behavior.

Rupert Sheldrake PhD, in his book *Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home*, demonstrated that more than 50% of dogs studied exhibited behaviors clearly indicating that they were preparing for their owner to return home. His book demonstrated that animals have access to information throughout the quantum field and often exhibit similar telepathic abilities, or extrasensory perception (ESP), as humans do. ESP is a term a term coined by Dr. J. B. Rhine, a psychologist from Duke University, after studying humans with remarkable abilities.

The HeartMath Institute has also conducted research confirming that electromagnetic information such as emotions can be communicated between living beings which can cause an affect in another living system, such as heart-brain interactions between sleeping couples or a mother and her child. The institute has also found that heart-rhythm synchronization can occur in interactions between people and their pets.

Their research has demonstrated that patterns of heart activity resulting from various emotional states have distinct effects on our cognitive and emotional function during times of stress, and the same holds true for animals. Erratic signals traveling from the heart to the brain inhibit higher cognitive functions, limiting our ability to think clearly, remember, learn,



reason, and make effective decisions. This helps explain why we may often act impulsively and unwise-ly when we're under stress, and why animals may exhibit and/or mirror our emotional states as well.

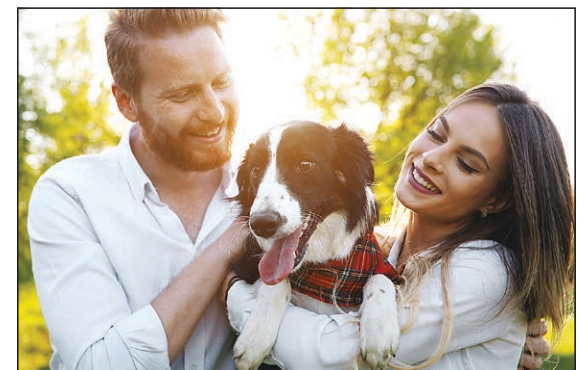
Conversely, according to HeartMath, when the heart's pattern is stable, or coherent, during positive emotional states we experience the opposite effect; it supports cognitive function and reinforces positive feelings and emotional stability. Therefore, by sustaining a state of calm, or heart rhythm coherence, and by promoting positive emotions, it not only benefits the entire body, but also profoundly affects how we think, feel, and behave.

Knowing that our animals can sometimes absorb or even reflect the energies and emotions in us and our homes, we are able to understand why they might become distant, reactive, or desire to be closer to us than normal. This is even more prevalent in rescued or previously traumatized animals. Just as a human being who has experienced stress or trauma can be easily triggered or overreact, so can our companion animals.

There are many ways we can support our animals during these times. It is imperative that animals receive an appropriate amount of stimulation, enrichment activities, and get adequate amounts of exercise as recommended by your veterinarian. Encouraging them to spend time outside enjoying the sunshine and walking on the earth provides them with the opportunity to ground and release any pent-up energies that may be affecting them adversely. Many animal behaviorists and psychologist talk about the tremendous benefits of exercise for animals, and this applies equally to us humans as well.

Since our animals often mirror our own level of anxiety or fear we may choose to spend time each day doing activities that we find enjoyable and can uplift us, as well as the energy level in our homes. Doing creative things such as listening to music, dancing, walking, yoga, tai chi, qi gong, or engaging in a hobby that we are passionate about can mitigate our stress and reduce the emotional energies in our homes.

It can also be helpful to sit calmly with your animal and breathe slowly and deeply into your lungs, not the shallow breaths we usually take when we are stressed that keep us operating from our sympathetic nervous system. As you are breathing gently drop your awareness into your heart center and send love to your animal. You may also wish to stroke your animal with a firm, but gentle pressure from head to tail multiple times. This can often help you both shift your awareness to a lighter and more peaceful state of mind and bring you into heart coherence as discussed above.



## READING RECOMMENDATIONS

If you resonate with this information, here are a few books suggestions you might enjoy reading:

*Love, Miracles, and Healing* by Allen Schoen DVM and Pam Proctor

*Dogs That Know When Their Owners Are Coming Home* by Rupert Sheldrake

*Kinship With All Life* by J. Allen Boone

*Communicating With Animals: The Spiritual Connection* by Arthur Myers

*A Language Older Than Words* by Derrick Jensen



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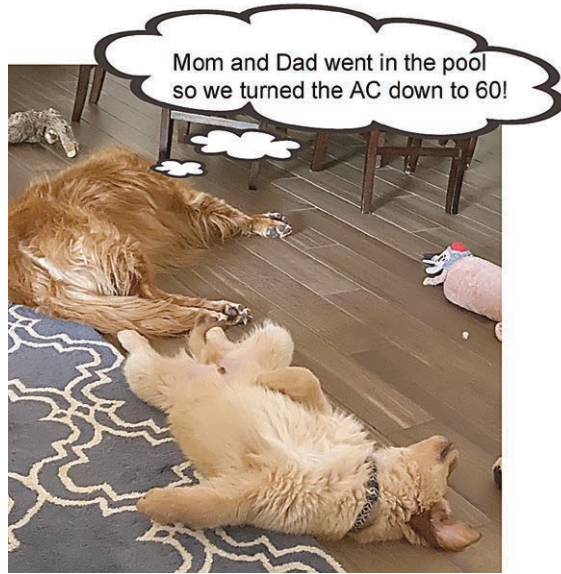


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We know this seems like a long hot boring summer without much going on. However, here at Rescue A Golden of Arizona (RAGofAZ), we are faced with a new challenge: finding ways to raise funds digitally to ensure that the Golden Retrievers we rescue can receive urgently needed medical care.

We thought why not do some "fun-raising" by sharing photos of our fabulous four-legged friends doing the one thing they love the most in summer – swimming! Here's how:

- Beginning on August 5, 2020 you can submit a photo of your favorite dog swimming ... in a pool, at a beach, in a bathtub, or just lying in bed thinking about swimming ... for a donation of \$25.00 or more.
- When you submit your photo (via an online application on our website) please add a short "thought" that we will place in a thought bubble like the one you see here.



- If you can't think of a thought bubble, don't worry, we'll make up one for you, or you can choose to not include one.
- We will feature your photo in our weekly e-blasts and on our website until the unofficial end of summer on September 7th; plus, your doggo will be spotlighted on our RAGofAZ Facebook and Instagram pages for an entire day so you can tell all your friends that Fido is "trending" on social media!

You may submit your photo at gold-en-retriever.org from August 5 through

August 22, and we will begin displaying them on our social media and website on August 10. We will continue to feature our special swimmers individually on Facebook and Instagram until every dog has had his or her day in the sun. Any dog you love (or have ever loved) is eligible, Golden or other, executing a precision dive or cheering from a chaise lounge. What a great way to remember a Bridge dog.

We can't wait to see your favorite pups doing the RAGofAZ "dog paddle!" Thank you for supporting us during this difficult time, and please stay safe.



Our volunteers continue to make great progress on the Resource Center in downtown Yarnell. We have the exterior almost complete, and the inside electric and much of the HVAC is almost done also. We still cannot anticipate a grand opening date because we are funding as we go, but a year end celebration or first

of 2021 would not be unrealistic. We are grateful to Arizona Community Foundation Yavapai County and Arizona Cardinals Charities, and the 100s of hours that our skilled volunteers have contributed to this project so far.



Although we have pushed back our Trivia Event due to the pandemic, we think we now have come up with a format that keeps everyone safe and allows people to be as creative as they participate. Trivia will be on a DVD that you can get by emailing Donna at donnaerwinscott@gmail.com, calling Muleshoe Animal Clinic at 928-427-3855 or Kim at 928-713-1375. Cost of the ticket is \$15.00 per person. Take the quiz by yourself or have a team take it together either by zoom or in someone's house. Door prizes will be awarded randomly. For more details visit our website www.peteyisplayground.org. Our second fundraiser, the Annual Elegant Fish dinner will be as delicious as usual but will likely be in "take out" format. It is scheduled for November 8th. More details will be available as we get closer.



Animal Communication can improve the relationship between owner and animal by providing insights into behavior due to stress, misunderstanding, unknown injury or illness. Some examples of issues that can be addressed by communicating with an animal are:

- Change of ownership
- Relocation
- Adding a new animal into the household
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# NEW COUNTY "JAIL DOG" BRIGHTENS LIVES OF OFFICERS AND PRISONERS ALIKE; SUCCESSFUL K9 LISKO MARKS HIS SECOND BIRTHDAY AT CHINO VALLEY PD

By Heidi Dahms Foster

The Yavapai County Jail in Camp Verde has a gentle new face around the place, unless, of course, you're hiding illegal drugs.

This past March, the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office was able to bring K9 Jet, a female chocolate lab, onto the force.

"The jail has been looking to get a K9 program in place for some time to help combat the smuggling of drugs into the jail, to search cells for drugs, and to help screen people coming in to make sure they are not bringing drugs in," said Eric Lopez, YCSO K9 Sergeant.

The two-year-old Jet, "a real sweetheart," according to Lopez, has turned out to be a "pretty good dog." From Waddell Kennels in Arizona, Jet is trained for narcotics detection, and as part of her training, she can detect the deadly drug Fentanyl.

Because of Covid-19, Jet's training progress has been a bit slower, but she's coming along with in-house training, and should be ready to certify in early September, Lopez said. She goes to the jail each day with her handler, Eric Medina, so when she's certified she'll be able to go right to work.

Jet has been assigned full time to the jail with Medina. Lopez said her presence alone has already been a deterrent to drug activity. The team meets with the other YCSO K9s several times a week to train.



Eric Medina and Jet

Jet is an extremely social dog, Lopez said. "We don't have to worry about accidental bites or anything negative," he said. "She's a very loving dog, not aggressive, but still with tons of energy."

One of the best effects of Jet being in the jail is her ability to be a bit of a bridge between prisoners and detention officers. "It's a common interest, just in general, people love dogs and want to talk about them. Just because they are in jail, doesn't mean they don't want to talk about their dog," Lopez said.

While she'll be a deterrent to drug activity in the Yavapai County Jail, it's sure bet that Jet also will bring a lot of joy to many of the staff and the people she'll meet every day.

## K9 Lisko Celebrates Two-Year Birthday at Chino PD

Chino Valley Police Officer Dave McNally has been running solo with his two-year-old K9 Lisko since the department's other K9 Jax retired this past year with his handler Tiffany Farmer, who has since moved on to another department.

Lisko came on board at Chino Valley as a 10-month-old puppy, so McNally had a long road to help him grow up and learn his job. He was a huge and extremely energetic bundle of Belgian Malinois. McNally said then he may top out at 90 lbs., and it looks like he's headed that way.

"He was a little younger

than I would have liked when got him, but it was just the availability. He is such a smart dog, really sharp and obviously high energy. He works so hard, and he was certified in narcotics detection before he was a year old," McNally said.

Since then, Lisko has been re-certified in both patrol and narcotics, and aced both tests. He's grown into a big, handsome dog that has done a good job for the Chino Department.

"With one dog, we haven't been participating in the big interdiction details on the interstates, but he's made several arrests here on the meth and low-level street deals," McNally said. "He's doing really well with patrol. He's had yard-to-yard searches after home invasion suspects, and we've used him to clear commercial buildings when the alarms have gone off."

While Lisko's drug finds are not the interstate "cartel sized loads," that doesn't bother McNally. "I remember Lisko's first find. It was a gram and a half of meth. The same day the county got a 15 lb. headline grabber, and I thought, no one is going to hear about Lisko's find. But we're all on the same team, we're just playing different positions."

McNally said the department has been finding the need for another dog after Jax retired, and soon, a new Belgian Malinois will join the force. Chino Valley has purchased the dog from a Northern Arizona kennel, and is in the process of testing for the K9's new handler.

Prescott Dog will feature the new team in an upcoming issue. Read the full story of Lisko in the July/August 2019 issue at [www.prescottdog.com](http://www.prescottdog.com).



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## BOOK REVIEW: BRING JADE HOME, BY MICHELLE CAFFREY

The story of a dog's 44-day odyssey in Yellowstone National Park

By Heidi Dahms Foster

On July 23, 2015, David Sowers and his girlfriend Laura Gillice were visiting Yellowstone National Park with their two Australian Shepherds – the 15-month-old Jade, and the younger Laila, 10 months. Ready to leave for the day, the two loaded the dogs into their kennel crates into Sowers' SUV. Laila's crate was a wire kennel, and Jade's a plastic airline crate.

On their way back to their hotel, with Laura driving, they approached a blind curve. A small car in front of them suddenly swerved, and in a few seconds, a big white pickup truck smashed into their front passenger side at full speed. Both were seriously injured, and as people stopped to help, including park rangers and a medical doctor, who worked to stabilize them and get help, Laura's worry turned to the dogs. Were they injured as well?

Both dogs appeared OK, and rangers told the two that they would care for the animals until David and Laura could return for them after treatment



for their injuries. As David was airlifted from the scene, and Laura taken by ambulance, rangers opened the back of the SUV to get the dogs out. Laila was fine, though her crate was a jumble of bent wire.

Jade was also fine, but when the ranger tried to open her crate, it literally fell into pieces. Jade shot out

and, in an instant, disappeared into the park. What followed was a 44-day odyssey of searching, sacrifice, tears, joy, and the efforts of hundreds of people that finally culminated in a heartwarming reunion that will surely have dog loving readers sobbing.

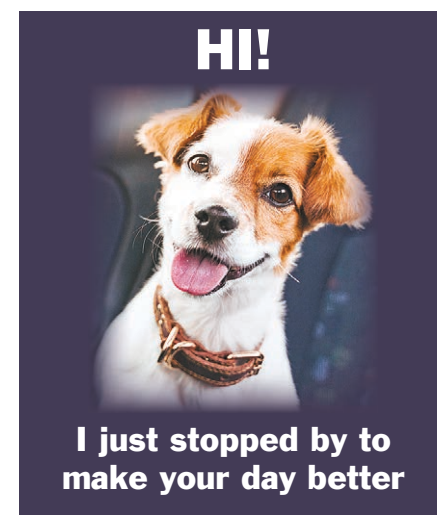
The odds of a dog surviving in Yellowstone, where wolves, coyotes and grizzly bears abound, among myriad other wildlife, are nearly zero. For one to survive for 44 days unscathed is a bit miraculous. Bring Jade Home by Michelle Caffrey is a wonderful read, well-written, and captivating for anyone who has searched for a lost dog, or who simply love dogs. Woven through the story are tidbits on what made the search for Jade successful, heartwarming accounts of complete strangers who helped search for Jade, and a little history on the dog-loving lives of Sowers and Gillice.

A bonus for those who want to dig into the story a little deeper after reading Bring Jade Home is the children's version, Jade - Lost in Yellowstone, a

website, bringjadehome.com, and a Facebook page, Bring Jade Home.

The Facebook page is a wonderful look at Jade's entire journey, with current videos of David and Jade, newspaper articles, and the complete history of her journey.

Find *Bring Jade Home* and *Jade - Lost in Yellowstone* on Amazon in hardcover, softcover and Kindle editions. Visit Bring Jade Home on Facebook, and the website at bringjadehome.com.



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# BEHOLD THE MIGHTY MINIS!

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

It's a matter of fact that great things come in small packages. Standing a whopping 34" to 38" at withers, though they are miniature in stature, the miniature horse proves giant in character.

Making their appearance as far back as the 1600s, miniature horses were developed in Europe and commonly served as pets of nobility. Fast forward to today where the miniature equine does it all. They compete in multi-level sports such as pleasure driving, dressage, maneuvering obstacle courses, and in-hand competitions. They serve as companion animals and service animals. They have become paramount in the world of therapeutics, rendering comfort and relief to individuals so phenomenally that even their owners are totally blown away.



Magnificent Minis on parade at Los Fuentes. Photo courtesy Rob Whan.

Twelve years ago, Elaine Taute's 2-year old granddaughter Abby was horse smitten, though pint-size. So, Elaine decided to shop in the pint-size category. She found miniature horse Sparky who came complete with a cart which he expertly pulls. The sellers even threw in driving lessons for Elaine who caught on quickly.

According to Elaine, "Minis are very willing and very smart. They are so affectionate that owning one is like having a pet, more so than a regular sized horse." She and Sparky over the years have done many parades and local competitions that include driving and in-hand.



Rob Whan showcasing the athleticism of Bobbi Sox. Photo courtesy Michelle Whan.



Elaine Taute driving Sparky in Chino Valley Parade. Photo courtesy Karen Moseley.

Miniature horses tend to express a spirituality. Sparky is certified as a therapy animal and takes his job quite seriously. "He is amazing with the handicapped, especially the most severe," says Taute. Conditions such as cerebral palsy can cause a person to move erratically, arms or limbs flailing. These are elements that would normally terrify or spook a horse. But Taute explains that Sparky seems to recognize these symptoms and actually targets that person with amazing affection. "It's like he senses their condition and passionately desires to be with them" she claims.

Paulden residents Michelle and Rob Whan have been active in miniature horse organizations and events for around a decade. They are members of Saguaro State Shetland Pony & Miniature Horse Club. They do parades and activities including Pleasure Driving, Driving Obstacles, In Hand Obstacles, Driving Reining (there is such a thing), and Jumping.

Michelle has also been involved in drill team. They have 4 miniature horses: geldings Orion and Bobbi Sox, mares Paisley and Tessa, and miniature donkey Milo, who also pulls a cart. Their miniatures are involved with the Horses with Heart (Therapeutic Riding Center) Marvelous Mini program which offers therapeutic animal support to local schools, senior centers, and special needs groups. Michelle points out how sensitive her mares in particular are to those with special needs.

Mary Smith is President of the Board of Directors with Horses with Heart Therapeutic Riding Center



Pre-Parade. Michelle with cowgirls Tessa & Paisley. Photo courtesy Rob Whan.

in Chino Valley. She has been coordinator of their therapeutic Marvelous Mini program for 10 years. Their most recent event was an organized Fourth of July parade exclusively for the residents at Los Fuentes Resort Village (nursing home) which they did in conjunction with Yavapai Humane Society. It was a big hit.

A second endeavor that Mary Smith has been organizing for her Marvelous Minis is referred to as Just Say WHOA® to Bullying, a program that was developed in St. Petersburg, Florida, which focuses on bringing to light the detrimental damages that happen as the result of bullying. According to their mission statement, their approach focuses on bullying prevention by helping children to recognize and respect the differences in one another. They hope to build a foundation of understanding, promoting a positive social environment, fostering kindness and good citizenship. This innovative program is the first to teach bullying prevention using animal-assisted activities with miniature therapy horses. Mary Smith has great hopes that they will have a successful campaign here in Yavapai County once the Covid restrictions are untethered.



Paisley at her therapeutic best at Magnificent Minis event. Photo courtesy Michelle Whan.

There is a pretty large miniature horse owner population here in the quad cities. A really good source for miniature horse and donkey shopping is rescue groups such as Now That I'm Safe Rescue in Chino Valley. The miniature horse or donkey is also a great companion for your resident horse. They tend to be very calming and are easy keepers. They also make it ultra-easy on your equine grocery list. AND they come in almost every color and pattern.

For more information, there are two registries in the US for miniature horses. The American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA) and the American Miniature Horse Registry (AMHR). Or, better yet, check with your local clubs.

When asked "What has having these miniature creatures added to your lives?" Michelle Whan immediately responded, "Each day they bring us so much joy with their fun and quirky personalities."



# Scenes From The Dog Park

Photos by Gary Gromer





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