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Reggae, Our Cover Dog



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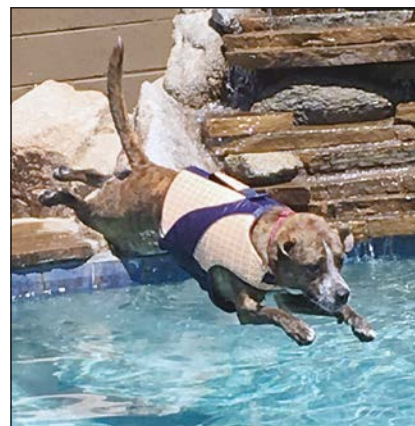
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Hometown: I'll always have Northern California surfer blood because I was born there and lived there for three years, and I've lived in Prescott, Arizona for the past three years and love it here! My humans are originally from the Midwest.

Favorite brand of kibble: I used to eat Pure Vita Bison but I've eaten raw food for five years. I eat raw chicken/turkey from Hobe Meats in Phoenix and cooked beets, broccoli, sweet potatoes and carrots. And, I love watermelon!

Favorite toy: Any ball or stick from anywhere, and anything that squeaks.

Favorite outdoor activity: Swimming!



Favorite indoor activity: Having a toy parade in the house with my humans.

Favorite nap spot: Lying outside in the hot sun in the dirt.

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Perfect day: When my human pack is nearby, my doggie girlfriend walks by our house to play, and there's a swimming hole and a hike in my future!



Me 'n my friend Gizmo, on the stick.



Me 'n my friend Page, tusslin'.

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HAZEL HOWLS



Highly Illogical

Well, Spring seems to have been shot out of a canon and hit the ground running. Buds on trees appeared early and so did my jogging partners, the lizards. Aside from the uptick in wildlife sightings, the other sure sign we're careening headlong into Summer is Mom and Dad getting into gear for Woofstock. (June 12, 10:00am-3:00pm, Prescott Valley Amphitheater at 7501 Civic Circle, Prescott Valley)

Another sign that Summer is up ahead is Dad's renewed energy in enlisting our (the four-legged pack's) help to put on short theatrical scenes when Mom isn't home. Wait, should I elaborate on this? I don't...think...it's a secret...oh well, here we go.

Yesterday it was a *Star Trek* bit. Of course, with my ears, I'm always called on to play Spock.

With my philosophical bent of nature, it's a fairly easy part to play. Tucker is usually Bones, but if the scene is in Engineering, he has to be Scotty. Tucker says he prefers the urgency of his lines when the scene is in Engineering, but I think his dry delivery and sarcastic tone makes a perfect Bones.

Now Keira (the golden princess of the pack) is Uhura. Without fail, she always overplays her "incoming message" part and won't quit barking. You'd think the whole Klingon fleet was broadcasting at us at once.

Sometimes we'll do a Shakespeare scene or a John Wayne all-hell-breaks-loose saloon scene (my personal favorite).

Saloon scenes involve toys and Dad rolling around on the floor and being punched by Tucker (mean right jab that one has). Keira likes jumping back and forth over Dad and tries to pin him down with her weight. I bark encouragement and push him across the carpet. Dad always lets us win. He plays the evil cattle baron and we're (the four-leggeds) the ragtag group that bands together "for the well-being of the town and its good citizens." I get to say that line at the end. It's awesome.

So yesterday's scene was on the bridge of the starship (living room), and Dad (of course) plays Captain Kirk. He has a strange way of delivering his lines with lots of wild hand gestures and contortions in his posture. As weird as his emphatic style of acting is, you should see him try to dance to music.

On second thought, I'll leave that alone. Tucker let that cat out of the bag in his column in the Flagstaff-Sedona Dog (FlagstaffSedonaDog.com) recently, and...let's just say that someone who shall remain nameless was a bit unhappy with that.

The scene yesterday was supposed to go something like this:

- I tell the captain that we're approaching the planet Treats & Toys, and sensors indicate no sign of life on the planet's surface.
- Dad addresses the kitchen island. (There's no one sitting there, but Dad has quite the imagination.) "Take us into orbit Mr. Suluki," he says, with his arms extended toward the TV screen where said planet would be displayed if we had a decent budget.
- Tucker cautions the captain about approaching a planet that so many dogs had visited but were never heard from again.

Tucker was looking forward to delivering his lines, but Keira lost her patience and jumped down from her station (the leather couch is the communications panel), filled her mouth with a nearby tennis ball, and declared over and over that we were being hailed.

Tucker took great umbrage to this and let Keira know she was out of line by barking quite authoritatively in sharp loud bursts.

Keira reacted by throwing herself down on the carpet and pitching a fit, rolling around in all directions.

Tucker, trying to recover from having his lines stepped on, decided to improvise.

"Captain! Captain! I believe Uhura is showing all the symptoms of having been bitten by a Spasmanian Devil."

Dad looked down at Keira's ongoing display at his feet and also decided to improvise.

"What do you recommend we do, Bones?"

Keira's rolling slowed a bit to hear what Tucker was going to say next.

"A crew member that's been bitten

by a Spasmanian Devil could infect this whole living room...ship! I'm afraid it might be too late for all of us, Captain!"

Dad extended his arms towards Keira/Uhura and with pronounced posture distortion exclaimed, "Curses...foiled again. Foiled, foiled, foiled I say!"

For a brief second, we were confused as that's Dad's line from our saloon melee. Then Dad threw himself to the floor and put on a horizontal frenzied display of Spasmanian victimhood.

Tucker and I looked at each other, then decided to join him which made Keira jump up and watch us in utter disbelief.

That's when Mom came in the front door with an armload of groceries. (Cue WTH look.) Keira ran up to Mom with the, "I'm so glad you're home Mom, everyone's being mean and scaring me!" look.

That's how Dad got a good ten-minute lecture on frightening the baby with irresponsible behavior.

Dad took it all in stride, telling Tucker and me later, "Suffering is part of learning your art."

After Dad walked away, Tucker whispered, "That sounded to me to be highly illogical."

I told Tucker, if he was going to steal my Spock lines, I could go get the tongue depressors and adhesive tape for his ears.

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog



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- May 1, Community Appreciation Day, FREE ADMISSION
- May 8, Breakfast with the Eagles
- May 22, Sip N Paint

- May 26, Zoo by Moonlight
- May 29, Evening with the Wolves
- June 5, Members & Parents Night
- June 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 28-2; Zoo Camp
- June 24, Zoo by Moonlight

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK OPEN HORSE SHOW - HIGH POINT SERIES
May 8 & June 19. Western, English, Trail, Ranch Riding. Info/registration: cvequestrianpark.com

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS WOOF DOWN LUNCH
May 22, 10a-3p., Yavapai County

Courthouse Plaza, Downtown Prescott. Contests, pet adoptions, demos, agility, live music, lots more. \$20 admission. Info: UnitedAnimalFriends.org

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June 12, 10a-3p, Prescott Valley Amphitheater. Fun for the whole family: free admission, dog adoptions, canine demos & more.

Open Horse Shows Include Horses With Heart

Chino Valley Equestrian Park is a 501(C)(3) non-profit community organization. Though the name evokes 'equestrian', it's home to a variety of events. They welcome dog shows, various clinics and the likes in a phenomenal outdoor setting, built by the sweat, dreams and passion of local volunteers, mere miles from Highway 89 in Chino Valley.



Horses with Heart Equestrian Competition Team

As the 2021 Spring season kicks into gear with promises of a healthier and more community active ambience, Chino Valley Equestrian Park is looking forward to the spring and summer seasons of their open horse show schedules. Another extraordinary addition to the agenda is the incorporation of four horse classes expressly designed for the equestrian competition students of Horses with Heart,

another non-profit organization in our community. Horses with Heart has on deck nine riders ready to take part in the competition.

Chino Valley Equestrian Park has planned three big open horse shows for 2021 on May 8, June 19 (both to include Special Olympics classes) and September 25.

You can find further information on their website at cvequestrianpark.com.



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UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

United Animal Friends Finds a Home

After finding new homes for thousands of homeless cats and dogs over the past 18 years, United Animal Friends (UAF) has finally found a home of our own. Thanks to a generous bequest from the estate of local animal lover Margaret Stidworthy, UAF has purchased a property in Prescott, on which they plan to build a shelter facility.

Since 2003, our volunteers have been fostering dogs and cats in their homes, but when an adoptable animal needs to be rescued and no foster home is available, they must be placed in boarding.

While fostering will remain our primary focus, having a shelter facility will allow us to have a more personal relationship with the dogs and cats who don't have a foster, so we can better assess and address their needs.

The 2.3 acre site includes a house and barn, with additional space for a shelter building. An on-site manager will reside in the home to provide round-the-clock care. The property is centrally located for



the convenience of UAF volunteers and potential adopters coming from anywhere in the Quad City area and is adjacent to the Peavine Trail, which will allow volunteer dog walkers to exercise pups without needing to drive them to another location.

While the bequest from Mrs. Stidworthy allowed us to purchase the property, we will need to raise the funds needed to build the shelter. Arielle Mason, a Phoenix-based architectural designer, is drafting the building plans free of charge. UAF is extremely grateful for this support, as every dollar saved on building costs can go toward helping animals in need. We will be seeking additional sponsors to help us turn those plans into reality.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting new chapter in our mission, please make a tax-deductible donation at www.unitedanimalfriends.org or by mail to P.O. Box 11133, Prescott, AZ 86304.



Well, it finally happened. Just over two years from the time we signed to purchase the building at 22448 State Route 89, Yarnell, we got our final approved inspection to open the doors.

We have way too many people to thank in this format for both the physical and financial support that made this dream come true, but if you stop by the building, you can see our Wall of Gratitude starting to take shape.

We'd like to thank the person most responsible for getting the building out of "stall" and into action: Kurt Florman. He designed and managed the project from beginning to end. We are here, in such a big part, because of him.

AARF Why Rescue is So Much More Than Just Rescuing

AARF is entering its third year, and we have many stories to tell. Something has become obvious. Yes, saving lives is important, but the lives we save often need much more than safe housing, good food, and vet care.

They can't tell us their stories, but we see the after-effects and know more is needed. Perhaps it's just sitting quietly to restore trust, lots of one-on-one time to calm fears and encourage engagement, or training to learn or unlearn behaviors.

Blueberry arrived pregnant last year, giving us eight babies a month later. She obviously had no training, but we felt she had great potential. It was decided to enroll her this year, and two volunteers offered to take her to training each week.

She did very well, and we are hoping an adopter will come along who will be dedicated to her progress and invest in her future.

We still have some details to finish. We're deciding on the front landscaping that will include memorial bricks under a shade tree and bench seating near by. Memorial bricks are \$35 and order forms are available on our website at www.peteyisplayground.org or at the Playground Building when we are open.

Our dog bath station is hooked up and available. For \$10 you can use our water and tub to bathe your pets. Bring your own towels and shampoo. We have a grooming table and blow dryer. We need to schedule the baths in advance, and as soon as we work out a way to call that in, we'll let you know.

We have a great retail space with lots of dog and cat items that you never knew you needed, and on most Saturdays we will be showcasing the cats and dogs we have for adoption.

We're trying to work out the best hours for business. For now we're open 9-2 Tuesday through Saturday, but that is subject to change. Watch for our Grand Opening in the Fall.



Kimmie and Lacie arrived extremely shy at six months old. Volunteers worked consistently with them, and eventually Kimmie's special person arrived. She spent hours getting to know her at AARF, and this adoption has been a great success.

Lacie was more reserved and had the hardest time removing her protective shell. It will take a lot of quality time spent with her. She is a beautiful girl with so much to offer the right person. We will give her as much time as needed and know that her person and time will come.

Duke arrived with his little friends. All were living in a kennel in a car when their family came upon hard times. They reached out to AARF, and his friends were all adopted. Duke is still waiting.

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THERAPY TEAM "SUNSHINE" SHINES LIGHT

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Sage Lewis has just one word to describe how she and her therapy dog Reggae met and became a team. Serendipity.

"I had been working with animals for 20 years," she said. "I had had a dog in the past, a Plott Hound (a large, brindle colored scent hound) named Java. My husband and I were living in California, and walking down the street we saw a dog that looked like Java. We crossed and talked to the owners, who then invited us to a pet fair to watch their dog participate in a dock dog competition. We decided to go."

Sage and her husband James Schattauer were living at the time in a home where they could not have animals. But when they drove into the parking lot of the pet fair, they spotted their future dog, Reggae, a boxer mix, on a leash. "We both looked at each other at the same time and said, 'Look at that face!'" Sage said.

Reggae had been born Lightning (his siblings were Rain, Thunder and Storm), then had his name changed to Mozart. The woman who was with Mozart told Sage and James that he was up for adoption, at which time they said, "Oh, we can't have a dog." And then, James said, "If we ever get another dog, we should name him Reggae."

The two attended the competition and decided to walk around the pet fair, where they again ran into Mozart. "He was bomb proof, with an arena full of people and ani-



Reggae

mals and kids. He was completely chill. We said if we ever got another dog we wanted to get one like him," Lewis said.

They exchanged phone numbers with Mozart's adopter, still knowing they were not in a place to take him.

"We had fallen in love with Mozart. We went home and said, 'why don't we look for another apartment?' My husband said, 'well, why don't we ask the landlord one more time.' By the time we got home, Mozart had been adopted. We were both happy for him and sad for us," Sage said.

But, serendipity. Mozart's adopter called three days later and said his adoptive home didn't work out because he was too much at his age for the little dogs in her house. She told the couple, "I feel like you are supposed to have him."

James took the plunge and called the landlord. He offered a security deposit, and to pay more rent. Though it was the third time the couple had asked, this time the landlord gave her consent – with the caveat of a security deposit and a \$100 a month raise in rent.

Knowing this dog was meant to be with them, Sage said, "It was totally worth it!"

On that day, Mozart became Reggae. He was seven months old when Sage and James adopted him, and he had finally found his forever home.

"We did the math and he had eight placements before he came to us. He was born in a shelter, then placed in a foster home, then an adoption agency. His first home at twelve weeks wasn't a good fit because of young children. He went back to the foster, then to the woman with the two small dogs, back to the foster, then finally to us. We feel like the Universe was holding him for us until we could be ready!"

Reggae is a true "surfer dog." When Sage and James lived in California, Reggae would run straight into the ocean, catch a wave and body surf back to shore. But another move was afoot.

Sage and James lived in the Midwest, and then in Minnesota before moving to California.

"After the wildfires took out the area near where we were living, and my mother had passed away, we wanted to be closer to my sister in Mesa, Arizona. We were done with the California fires and the prices. James said he was interested in moving to Arizona but didn't want dusty and dry. I told him I had a friend who lives in Prescott and I trusted him. I was interested in one thing: was it dog friendly?"

The move to Prescott was another amazing part of Sage and James' story.

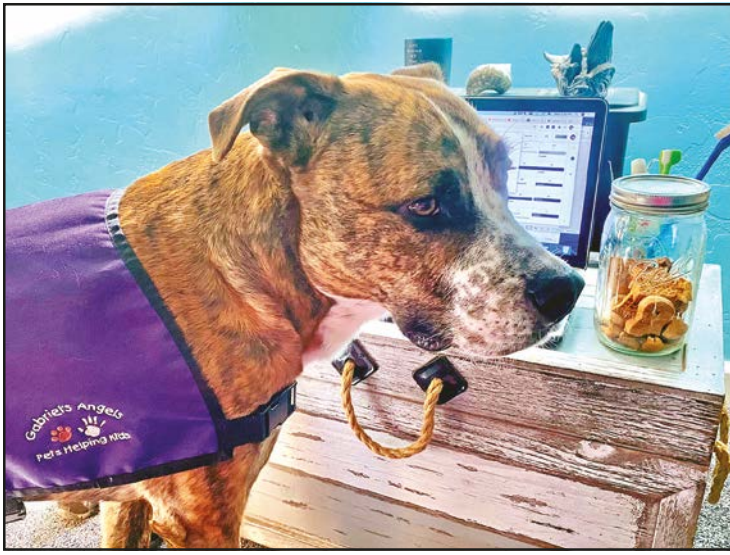
The two drove from California to Prescott, had a sandwich at the Courthouse Square, and said, "This will work. We could live here! Two hours later we found a lovely little house in the Prescott National Forest that just happened to be coming up for sale, got a post office box, cancelled our lease in California, and moved to Prescott a month later."

Sage chronicled the rest of the story in her book, *Where Angels Play*.

"While we were waiting to see if our offer on the house was accepted, I drove past the Juvenile Detention Center on the way to Watson Lake. I said, 'That's where I want to do therapy work with Reggae.'"



James, Reggae, and Sage



Reggae Zoom

Sage and Reggae made a successful team. They visited Juvenile Detention each week for nearly two years and saw some real breakthroughs with the youth before the Covid Pandemic hit. But they didn't give up. Reggae became a Zoom hit.

"Every week he comes running into my home office and sits in front of the laptop," Sage said. "The kids interact with him, tell him to do tricks, and sometimes he paws on the laptop. It's comical!"

Sage had done some weekly therapy dog work in California in a women's substance abuse center, but her heart is with the kids.

"I love naughty kids. I was a teacher for fifteen years teaching art at a rural elementary school outside of Madison, Wisconsin, and at a charter high school for at risk kids in St. Paul, Minnesota. I have an affinity for kids that are making choices that put them in situations they wish they hadn't been in. I've never been in jail other than to teach, but I have that affinity and compassion," she said.

After they had moved to Arizona, Sage found Gabriel's Angels, a Phoenix-based therapy dog organization that pairs kids and animals together. She knew the former CEO of Gabriel's Angels, and called for guidance to get Reggae involved in therapy work in Prescott.

Reggae is now certified with Gabriel's Angels through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. He is Sage's therapy partner as she works with youths in Juvenile Detention at the Yavapai County Juvenile Justice Center.

Some of these children have come from difficult homes and foster situations, and they can relate when Sage tells them that Reggae has had eight homes, and that Sage has helped Reggae move through some behavior challenges.

Sage is looking forward to being back at the facility in person. She and Reggae still will have to adhere to social distancing and other Covid precautions, but they are getting closer to normal visits.

Reggae has brightened the lives of the kids and the staff at the detention facility.

"I tell the kids Reggae's job is to make people happier. So if he puts a smile on their faces, we've done our job. It happens every time. Everyone loves Reggae! He's an awesome dog – he teaches the kids how to touch animals appropriately and recognize the signs of stress, and how to treat animals with kindness, love and respect," she said.

The kids help Sage lead Reggae around the pods, and play with him with toys from his own bin. They even brush Reggae's teeth – something that mastering gives them confidence. They hug and touch him, which he loves. Some of the kids have told Sage that it's the only physical contact they've had in months.

Sage has had many touching experiences with Reggae and the kids. She and Reggae worked with one fifteen-year-old teen who needed to be in his own pod because of his aggressive behavior. She and Reggae worked one-on-one with the teen for six months.

"This particular young man had an incredible ability to be kind and gentle, and I never saw an aggressive or reactive action. He



Reggae and Sage Lewis

was so gentle and respectful with Reggae. He was also a natural as a dog trainer and taught Reggae his best trick – to relax until he falls over!"

The young man has since been released and while she doesn't know where he is, Sage won't forget the impact he had on her. She's hopeful he will someday work with animals.

Over time, the security guards and detention officers would wait for Reggae and Sage, and then immediately greet Reggae.

"He has softened everyone up, and made a difference in the lives of the kids and the staff. That's his job because he's a loving dog and loves greeting people. He's good at saying hello, he leans in and people always hug him. I tell people he's a boxer/marshmallow mix."

"Reggae is one of those 'squishy' dogs," Sage said. "I love what I do. I love going into the facility with him. I'm really grateful to everyone who loves Reggae."

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WHEN ALL-BREED AND BREED-SPECIFIC RESCUES COLLABORATE, THE ANIMALS WIN

By Sarah Layton Wallace

There are far more dogs that need rescuing and/or rehoming than any one organization can possibly take in and rehome. Budgets are one constraint with the high cost of the veterinary care that almost every dog coming into rescue needs. And although the numbers of dogs in need seems endless, the kennel space in shelters is limited, and the number of available fosters is chronically too few to meet the demand.

The irony is that while humane trapping organizations, all-breed rescues, and shelters often are faced with an overwhelming number of dogs that need rescue and rehoming, breed-specific rescues sometimes have the opposite challenge: the huge number of people that want to adopt their specific breed outnumber the dogs of that breed that they have available for adoption.

Collaboration within the rescue community can help to address both challenges. By transferring some dogs to breed-specific rescues, the humane trapping organizations, all-breed rescues, and shelters free up space and resources in their own organizations so that they can take in and adopt out more dogs for which a breed-specific rescue is not a possibility. The breed-specific rescue is able to satisfy another of their approved adopters before that adopter gives up on adopting a rescue dog and instead buys from a breeder.

The benefits to animals that need rescue and/or rehoming are huge and impactful:

Dogs transferred to breed-specific organizations benefit from the breed expertise of the volunteers, fosters, veterinarians, trainers, and adopters that serve the dogs that come into that breed-specific rescue.

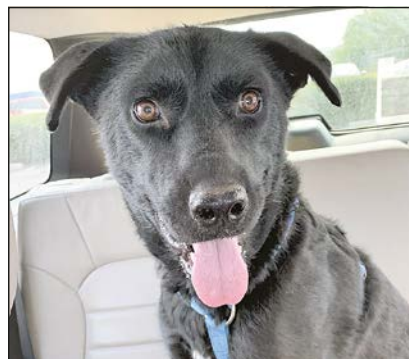
Space and resources of all-breed rescues and shelters are freed up to rescue and adopt out the many thousands of dogs that are not candidates for intake to a breed-specific rescue.

When the huge number of interested adopters of specific breeds are able to adopt from a breed-specific rescue, they give a home to a rescue dog instead of creating additional demand for purebred puppies from breeders.

HARTT's partnership with Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue (DLRR) is a good example of this kind of collaboration. Cheryl Naumann, President and Founder of HARTT, explains it this way: "HARTT's focus is on the field rescue and humane trapping of shy, injured, and at-risk animals—we rely on our rescue partners to assist us with placing the animals we rescue, if their owners are not located.

"We are thrilled to partner with Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue! Their professionalism, commitment to proper care, and their adoption screening processes, allow our HARTT Labrador 'alumni' to find the very best, forever home."

Recently black Lab mix Norville, who was trapped by HARTT and transferred to DLRR, was placed in a very special, loving forever home where his rare contagious condition cannot be transmitted to another animal.



Norville

Hendrix, who was also trapped by HARTT and found to have severely burned paws, was transferred to DLRR where he received much needed veterinary care and healing. Hendrix is now available for adoption through DLRR.

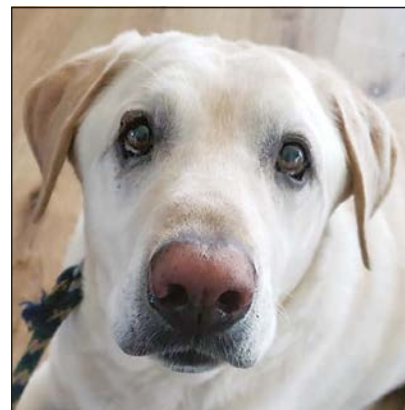
Yavapai Humane Society also has a transfer partnership with Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue (DLRR). Stray Anna, a black

Lab mix that needed extensive dental work, and blind chocolate Lab Wesley, an owner surrender who also had dwarfism, were two dogs that benefited from this relationship last year.



Wesley

This year 10-year-old yellow Lab Banner was surrendered to YHS when his large size and the stairs in the family home became a danger to his owner.



Banner

YHS transferred Banner to DLRR where he was placed into a family foster home; a kennel at YHS that would have been filled with Banner was then open to house another displaced pet. Banner has found his forever home with DLRR adopter Tim.

Yavapai Humane Society Ex-

ecutive Director Rich McClish said this about why YHS transfers some dogs to DLRR: "The Yavapai Humane Society works with DLRR because we trust them to do what is right on behalf of the dogs that we transfer to them. DLRR is an organization of volunteers that are professional, reliable, and that truly care about what they do. We also appreciate the proactive communication that we receive from DLRR when it comes to the progress and final status of the dogs that are transferred to them. It is an honor to work with DLRR, and it's an organization that leverages every donor dollar towards the dogs under their care."

When the people in all-breed and breed-specific rescue organizations collaborate, all rescue animals win.

Sarah Layton Wallace is the Strategic Communications Coordinator for Desert Labrador Retriever Rescue and coordinates DLRR's operations in Arizona communities North of Phoenix. She also has volunteered at Humane Societies as a dogwalker. Although she loves rescue dogs of all breeds, Sarah has a special spot in her heart for Labrador Retrievers which she parents, fosters and rehomes.



(AARF continued from page 9)

You're a friend once he knows you, but first meetings do not go well. He needs to become more comfortable with change.

Three young girls arrived in February through networking efforts of Tuba City and Coconino HS. All were from unsocialized packs on the Navajo Nation. They needed time to decompress

and learn that volunteers were only there to spend time with them with no agenda and no pressure, so they would learn to trust. Each had her own timetable, but soon they were enjoying walks and approaching for treats and some petting. Progress continues moving toward real homes.

If volunteering to help our dogs sounds good, please call AARF at 928-925-7219.



One of Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue's (YHT) biggest projects was 2.5 weeks in the making.

It all started innocently enough when a young corgi-mix dog went to a foster-to-adopt in Prescott Valley from the Verde Valley Humane Society. Ladybug found a way out and was gone before the new foster-adopter knew what happened. YHT was contacted to help with the search and started plastering the area with flyers to alert people and solicit sightings.

A week and a half went by with no reports until the first call that said she had crossed Highway 69 and made it into town and managed to elude watchful animal control, YHT and helpers. She amazingly survived numerous highway crossings over the next few weeks. Many well wishers were watching, and people were cautioned not to chase, but to call with sightings, as she was flighty, scared and in survival mode at that point. This brought daily sightings but still no capture. Well-meaning people trying to help ended up pushing her back on the run.

Until March 20, Ladybug stayed in the Granville area, resting sporadically up against warmer brick walls. Dog food and water were placed in traps and open areas to keep her sustained.

Things really started happening when a solid call came in from a man on a Polaris off-road vehicle who steered Ladybug back into town. Volunteer Monica Forsythe then sighted the dog resting along a block wall. Feeding stations were put into place, and she was observed eating from them. More traps were set up, but she moved away from the area.

The following day, YHT volunteers and a jogger observed her back in the same area, so it was time to move in. YHT set up the Missy trap while others watched with binoculars and stayed in radio contact. After an hour of being cautious, Ladybug stepped into the trap and was finally safe. What a relief!

She was taken to Prescott Animal Hospital for evaluation and decompression, and everyone celebrated the safe capture of dear Ladybug. She was then returned to Verde Valley Humane Society

per their request.

YHT is called on a number of calls where a new dog has escaped, and we'd like to remind dog adopters that double leashes, halters, and secure yards make for a safe transition until a new pup knows he is loved and cared for. And Ladybug's statement? "Thank you, everyone, for not giving up on me!"

On our foster-adopt side of the house, it has been equally busy. On March 18, we got the call from our Kayenta team that a small black and white dog had been run over by a car he was resting beside. He was yelping in pain and needed to get to a vet fast.

Due to conflicting schedules and bad weather, it was the next morning before he could be rushed to our support vet Canyon Vet Hospital for evaluation. He was declared a mess, but they got him on pain meds, bandaged, and stabilized for the trip to Prescott Animal Hospital where Dr. Skinner was preparing for surgery.

Little did we know it would be a long, tedious three-hour surgery but magic was made. Herbie, as the waiting foster named him, had his toes pinned on one foot, a plate on his tib-fib long bones on his other leg, pins put in to his luxating pelvis, was neutered, and had a residual stuck baby tooth pulled. Amazingly, no limb removal was needed on the little guy!



He went home with a skilled nurse-foster, Judy Beery, to work the second stage of magic, healing up. Within a day, he came back to life where snuggling and kisses were his favorite things to do, along with finally eating enthusiastically.

He has just blossomed and what a thrill to see a beautiful young dog go from agonizing pain to (soon) jumping with joy. He must know he cheated death on that one because he is such a grateful and happy dude, and he already has a permanent adopter waiting in the wings for his final vet clearance in a few weeks.

Thank you, Dr. Ken Skinner, for being there for us and Herbie and special thanks to the YHT team of transporters and fosters who make so much possible for these cuties!



Yavapai Humane Society

It's Hot Out There

As our temperatures soar higher, pet owners should take extra precautions to help their four-legged family members stay cool. Balancing outdoor recreation with heat safety is serious business for dogs.

When the temperature outside is 77 degrees, the pavement is 125 degrees. At 86 degrees the temperature of the pavement is 135 degrees. Hot asphalt can burn a dog's feet within minutes. Never walk your dog on a surface you could not walk on barefoot. To test if it's too hot, place the back of your hand on the ground and hold it there for 7 seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them.

Remember that a dog's body is much closer to the ground than yours, which makes them more vulnerable to the heat emanating from the road. Try to walk your dogs earlier in the morning or later in the evening when it is a little cooler, and always try to stay in the shade. In addition, if possible, carry water with you in case they (or you) get too hot.

Heatstroke is one of the most common and frequent canine afflictions and one of the most lethal! For the safety of your pets, it's important to learn the symptoms and signs of heatstroke and how to treat it.

Symptoms might include: vigorous panting, unsteady walking, physical depression or agitation, thick saliva or froth at the mouth, rigid posture, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, collapsing, and signs of shock.

Certain dogs are more prone to heatstroke, and extra precaution should be taken if they are darker colored, have thicker fur, are overweight, older, or dogs with flatter faces and shorter noses.

If your dog shows any signs of heatstroke, get them inside immediately and get them in a bathtub to hose down with cool water, or soak a towel with cool water and cover them. It's important to call your vet and let them know that you suspect your dog having heatstroke and find out if they want you to bring it in.

Lastly, NEVER leave your dog in a hot car. Dogs die every summer as the temperature inside your car can become deadly within minutes. If the temperature outside is 80 degrees, within 10 minutes it will reach 99 degrees and within 30 minutes it will hit 114 degrees. If it's 90 degrees outside, within 10 minutes it will reach 109 degrees and within 30 minutes it will be 124 degrees. Bottom line regarding this, just don't leave your dog in a hot car, even with the windows open, it's not worth the risk!

Taking some extra steps by being careful with your four-legged best friend outside will help make this summer one of fun and adventure for both of you.



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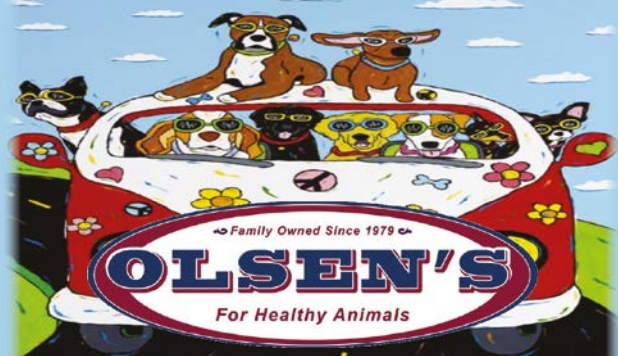
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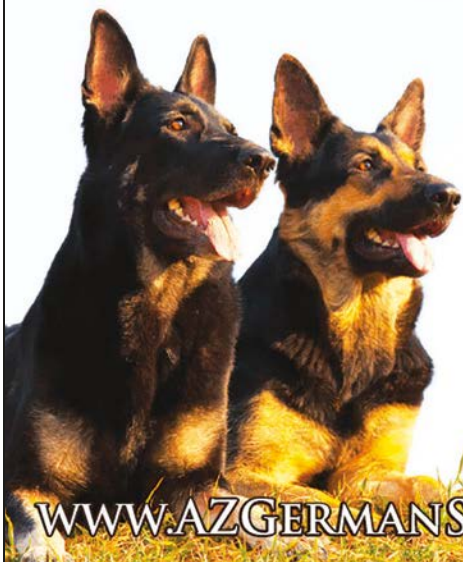
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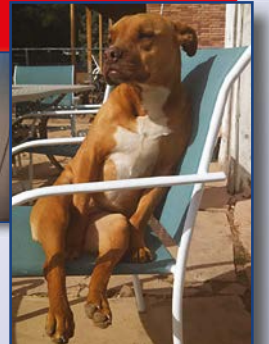


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Go Back in Time on Lyman Lake State Park Petroglyph Trail

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

Damming the Little Colorado River created Lyman Lake, and the second and third highest mountains in Arizona – Mount Baldy and Escudilla Mountain – feed the 1,500-acre reservoir with their snowmelt each spring.

Near the White Mountains in northeastern Arizona between St. Johns and Springerville, the 1,200-acre Lyman Lake State Park is ideal for spring, summer and fall hiking, swimming, boating and fishing. Established with just 160 acres in December, 1960, it is Arizona's first recreational State Park.

The lake is one of the few in the state with no boat size restrictions. The west end is marked off and restricted as a no wake area, so anglers are unbothered while they try to catch channel catfish, largemouth bass and walleye. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy their activities on the rest of the lake. It was too chilly to swim when we camped at the park in September, but our inflatable kayak floated its maiden voyage.

At an elevation of 6,000 feet, summer temperatures are cooler than you might expect from the Arizona desert, with highs in the 80s and 90s. Slather on your sunblock!

Three trails provide moderate hiking opportunities. For sweeping views only, the 2-mile long Buffalo Trail – named for a herd of bison that once lived at the park's front entrance – and the mile-long Pointe Trail above the group use area, are fun. Both



Most of the park's trails involve moderate climbing.



include steps, but Buffalo has more steep inclines while Pointe is more moderate.

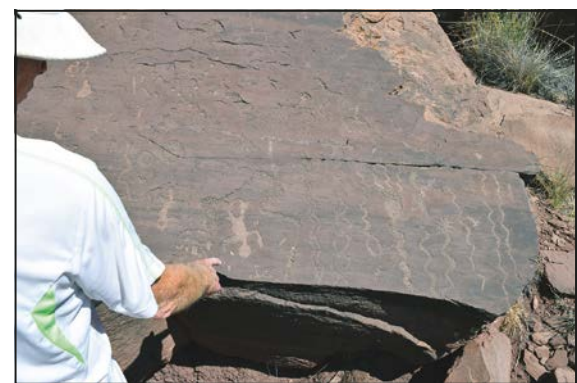
For your journey back in time, you won't want to miss the short Petroglyph Trail. It's only 1/4 mile in length and considered a mild climb, but does involve stairs.

It connects to loop trails for about another 1.5 miles of hiking around the hilltop and its sides, so you can enjoy 360-degree views of the lake and surrounding area. Several panels of petroglyphs, or rock art, were chiseled into the boulders by Hopi ancestors leaving a travel record. It is estimated that the earliest panels could date back to AD 300.

After wearing yourself out hiking, swimming and boating, grab an ice cream treat at the park store to cool down.



A park sign (L) shows weathered petroglyphs (R) clearly.



More petroglyphs.

Waterfowl and shorebirds abound at the lake, along with songbirds. Land mammals include the ubiquitous cottontails and jackrabbits, deer, coyotes, raccoons, skunks and bobcats. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest isn't all that far away and shortly before our visit last year, a young black bear seeking new territory wandered down and had to be relocated.

Lyman Lake State Park is a wonderful experience for the whole family, and we spoke with some family groups who return year after year.

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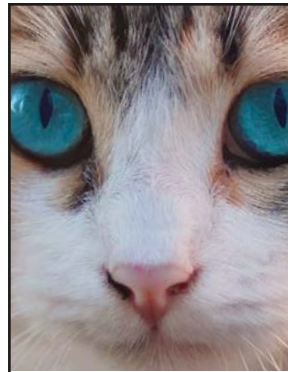


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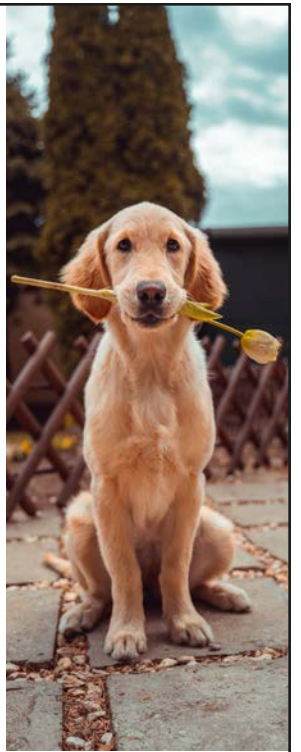
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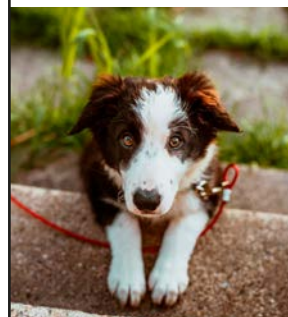


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PAINTING WITH YOUR DOG

Here is a super-fun, easy project that anyone can do with their dog. It makes a great project to do on those rainy or boring days.

There are a few things you will need. Often, you already have the needed items in your home. What do you need?

- **Cling plastic wrap**
- **Kid-safe/pet-safe acrylic paint** (pick as many colors as you like. The more colors the better)
- **100% Creamy Peanut Butter** (xylitol is toxic to dogs, so make sure that the peanut butter is 100% peanuts, that's it)
- **A canvas board or a nice wood board** (almost anything can be used just make sure it will not break)

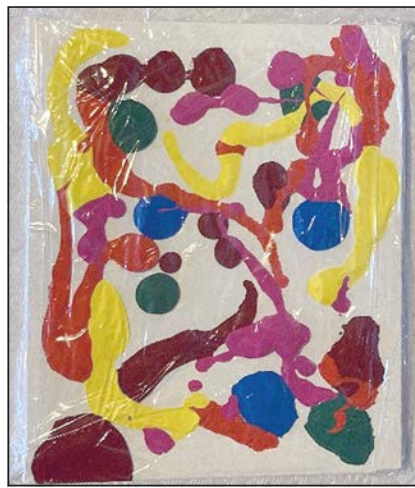
TIP: Just about everything on this list can be picked up at your local dollar store.

Let's get started! Get some paper towels or something you don't mind paint on. Place your canvas on top, and grab your paint and dab, drop, dribble your acrylic paint all over the canvas.



Make sure you add a fair amount, if you don't it will leave the white canvas showing through. If you would like that effect, then by all means try it. There is no right way with this project.

Next, grab your cling wrap, take two pieces, and cover your board: one the length of your canvas, and one



the width. Make sure it covers the whole canvas. You don't want any part of the canvas left open, it needs to be sealed in the cling wrap.

Open your peanut butter and drain the oil off the top. Too much oil can give dogs bathroom issues, so it's best to remove it.

Smear the peanut butter all over the canvas, making sure to get close to the ends. You don't need a whole lot of peanut butter. For this small canvas, I used two full tablespoons.

Here comes the fun part!

Get your dog and place the canvas on the floor, allowing them to lick all the smeared peanut butter off of the cling wrap. Normally, it only takes a



few minutes for the dogs to lick all the peanut butter off.

Once your dog has finished licking off the peanut butter, pick up the canvas and slowly and carefully remove the cling wrap. This can get



messy, so remove the cling wrap in an area where you can wipe up the paint.

Throw away the cling wrap and look at the art your dog made. Place the canvas in an area where it can dry for the rest of the day. Normally it takes a few hours on a warm day. It will dry faster in the sun.

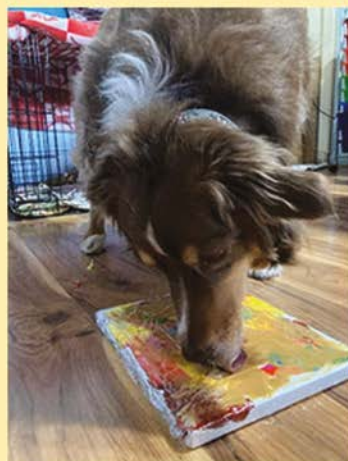


The finished project after it's dried.

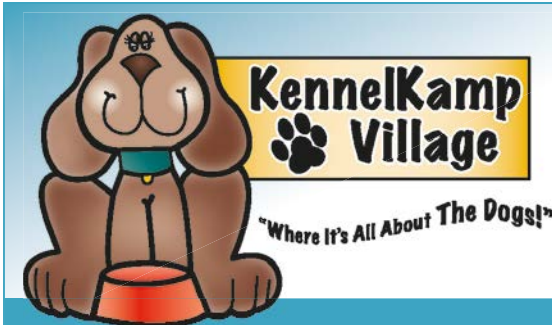
You can even do this on wood name boards (also found at the dollar store). Add your dog's name to the project, or paint some pawprints, or leave it blank. Then admire the art your dog made.



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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF EXPERT SADDLE MAKER SKEETER HUGHES

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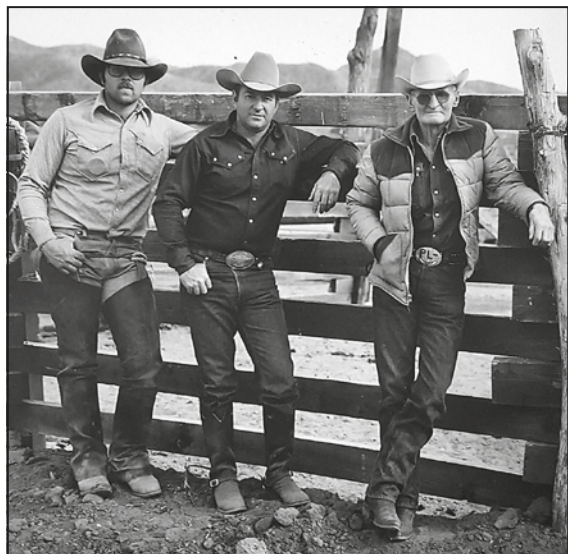
Roots run deep in every limb of the unrelenting Hughes family tree. Born November 19, 1939, in Winslow, Arizona as William Lee Hughes, he was soon dubbed 'Skeeter,' a name that has stuck with him over the ages.

At the onset of World War II, Skeeter's dad along with many neighboring cowboys were drafted into the military. Skeeter's dad was not eligible because of missing fingers, so as others went off to war the senior William Patton 'Mack' Hughes was asked to participate in the War Effort of managing cattle on Arizona Navajo and Hopi reservations.

As a stockman for the San Carlos Tribe's cattle herd for 30 years, Mack was well-respected, and Skeeter learned from that integrity and hard work, taught through many long hours moving cattle, breaking colts, doing every job no matter how big or small.

According to Skeeter, his dad, a man of few words, had a couple of important philosophies, one being, "You had better not let the sun catch you in bed." Thus, they were up at 4 am, and the day was not over until the last task was completed.

It was not only Skeeter's dad that was to be a great influence in his life. Stella Cox Hughes, his mother, was an amazing example of rugged western life ingenuity. Legend says that Stella could feed 100 hungry people as easily as she could a small dinner party.



Three generations of ranch workers. (L-R) Son Bill Hughes, Skeeter, dad Mack Hughes. Photo by the late Stella Hughes.



Cowgirl Hall of Fame honoree and mom Stella Cox Hughes. Western Fiction Photo from *The Cowgirl Hall of Fame*, Fort Worth, Texas. Western Writers of America and was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museum in Fort Worth, Texas in 1988.

According to a local newspaper writeup after her passing, Stella, a former trick rider and rodeo performer, could also rope, drive a team of horses or mules, and could even ride Roman style, in her younger days.

Every nuance of western heritage ran deep in the Hughes family household, and Skeeter has become a product of such wonderful tradition and utmost integrity, along with his sister Joyce.

After finishing college, Skeeter worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior. It was after retiring in 1982 that Skeeter met international saddle maker Jesse Smith at a leather show. Becoming intrigued with leather working, Hughes inquired about becoming a student of this worldly craftsman so he could further his skills in making fine tack and saddlery.

The class, a one-on-one in Colorado, was a two-month venture in which Skeeter gained the knowledge and direction to get his new business started. Now after close to four decades, through Stitching Post Leather Co., Skeeter has created handcrafted saddles for a vast following of cowboys nationally.

He crafts bridles, chaps, and tapaderos by first creating the patterns that prove effective and ideal. His saddle and leather works are the hallmark of a proud method that honors quality. To visitors in his shop in Dewey, Skeeter always points out the extra steps taken that truly separate his work from merchandise on a store shelf.

Along with Stella's culinary skills, she was an adept writer, authoring many columns and articles including a regular stint for Western Horseman magazine called Bacon and Beans. She received a coveted Spur Award for Best and mom Stella Cox Hughes. Western Fiction Photo from *The Cowgirl Hall of Fame*, Fort Worth, Texas. Western Writers of America and was inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame Museum in Fort Worth, Texas in 1988.



Skeeter showcasing a newly made saddle. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

He also repairs saddles and leather works impeccably for many local equestrians, including an occasional dressage saddle now and then – something you'd find unusual in a western leather shop.

Skeeter and wife Patti, ever creative in her own right, have traveled over the years to events and festivals to showcase their goods. They find great comradery with a number of other highly noted leather and saddlery makers.

Having the drive to become extraordinary and successful is a great accomplishment, but to have the abilities, knowledge, experience AND to share these techniques with others is truly a



Bryan Rhone at work. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

gift – a selfless one. That's exactly what Skeeter Hughes has done over the years.

Bryan Rhone came to Skeeter for horse boarding 25 years ago. From time to time, Bryan would have issues with his leather horse tack that required mending.

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By Heidi Dahms Foster

It's no surprise that spending quality time with your dog will strengthen your relationship. The activity doesn't really matter – if you and your dog are more sports minded, the options are many – agility, flyball, obedience, hiking, and running are just a few. If your time, space and physical agility are a bit limited, or if you just want something fun to do with your dog at any time, trick training might be just what you are looking for!

One of the best books to get you started is 101 Dog Tricks by Kyra Sundance, the renowned trainer and founder of Do More With Your Dog, a trick training and titling program that has become so popular that the American Kennel Club recognizes its outline for the AKC's new Trick Dog certifications.

101 Dog Tricks is a well laid out, step-by-step guide to teaching your dog a repertoire of tricks that will not only give you many enjoyable times together, but also amaze your friends and family. Most dogs seem to bask in the applause and compliments they get after performing their new tricks.

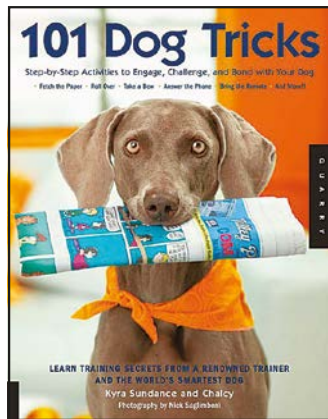
Kyra Sundance characterizes each trick as "easy," "intermediate," "advanced," or "expert." Each is accompanied by a short, clear explanation, and a series of photos that outlines step-by-step how to teach it. Very helpful is the included "troubleshooting" element that will assist if you and your dog get stumped.

Kyra uses positive training methods that emphasize reward, relationship, working with your dog, and communication. So with some patience and a sense of humor, you and your dog can shine.

You don't have to do a lot of reading to get started with 101 Tricks. You can thumb through and pick any trick to start, although an "easy" one might be best to begin. In just a few minutes a day, you and your best friend can have the joy and sense of pride in working and learning together.

You can find 101 Dog tricks online at Amazon.com, either in Kindle or paperback. I recommend the paperback copy so you can have it nearby as you work with your dog when you have a few minutes available.

To better suit your dogs' age and abilities, you can also try Sundance's 51 Puppy Tricks, or 10-minute Dog Training Games. Whichever you choose, you'll open up a whole new world of fun with your dog!



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Skeeter urged Bryan to learn to fix his own tack. Now after years of mentoring, Bryan has discovered not only a helpful skill, but a craft that he truly enjoys sharing with others.

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Fifteen-year-old Wyatt became fascinated with the art of leather working and comes to Skeeter's shop every Friday to work on a saddle and other tack under Skeeter's tutelage. According to Skeeter, Wyatt is impressively gifted, as is Bryan, using meticulous methods to imprint the leather.



Another student, Cecelia – a single mom who has her hands full with a job – insists on taking the time to learn this great art of working with leather. She makes beautiful book binders with exquisite designs.

Paying it forward with his education and experience, Skeeter ensures his legacy through the leathercrafting students he selflessly mentors. Yet, at 81, you will still find the master leather craftsman, tool in hand, putting the final touches on another project.

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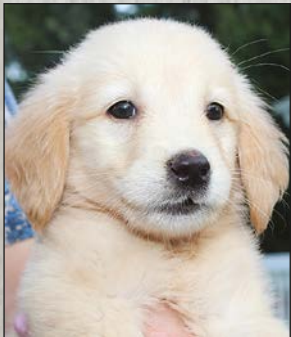
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