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HAZEL HOWLS

What!? Two-leggeds Lose Pizzas?

I was startled enough in my dream to wake up with a jolt (literally), and immediately felt compelled to wake up Dad while my dream was so vivid in detail. Wouldn't you know it, one of the few times I have a lucid and listening (and comprehending), Dad...with a flutter of eyelids, his mouth immediately engages in a recital of a vivid dream he just had.

Now, you and I both know that if I recount my dream in this column, and don't include Dad's dream, well, does the word "mopey" mean anything to you?

Dad's dream took place in an unfamiliar part of the desert southwest, where he was seated in the shade below a tree watching a man on a hill in the distance. The man, dressed in an elaborate long robe, looked over the valley and was quietly speaking to himself, but Dad couldn't make out what was being said.

If I remember the order right, the man in the robe was approached by another man, who spoke briefly while the robed man walked away to a dirt path just below Dad. This pattern repeated with different men from different times of ages past walking up the hill, speaking for a moment and replacing the former occupant on the hill.

Dad said all of them looked over the valley (that Dad couldn't see down into from his angle), and spoke softly. Some raised their arms, some did circular dances, others performed exuberant and complex rituals of movement.

Dad said the last visitor broke the pattern completely. He said a great cloud of dust grew high to his right side and came closer and closer. With a loud crunch of gravel and dirt, the dust dissipated and a blue-

gray station wagon appeared in its wake. The car looked like a spaceship compared to the covered wagon it had stopped beside.

Dad said it was a big Chrysler from the late fifties. A young girl deftly leapt out of the Chrysler's back window and onto the chrome bumper, then to the ground. She ran up the hill to the covered wagon's owner.

The man slowly walked down the hill while the girl stayed behind and motioned furiously to Dad to cross the dirt road and come up the hill to her. Dad looked to the occupants of the station-wagon for a sign of approval, but the occupants (a dad, a mom, and four young boys in the back seat), seemed engaged in a heated discussion.

Dad stood up and kind of half-trotted towards the girl, who impatiently ran part way towards him. Grabbing his arm and half dragging him upwards, she chided him for waiting so long. As soon as Dad got to the crest of the hill, the girl made a beeline back towards the car.

Dad yelled out. "What am I supposed to do?"

She was already partway through the back window and somehow made it past her brother to the side window and yelled back, "Pray for RAIN!!!"

As the sleek chrome and steel space ship sped off in a cloud, Dad turned and looked down into the valley for the first time and saw a small town built next to a dry riverbed. Dad said he then verbalized the most ineloquent, amateur, and jostled prayer of his life. The next second, there was a crack of thunder so loud it woke him right up just as I was trying wake him.



"Funny, thunder woke me up too, Dad!" I continued before he could interrupt me, "I was sitting under the bushes watching curtains of wet fog go by and staying dry in my spot below the branches, when a young girl walked out of the fog right up to me. She was barefoot, had blonde hair in a braid and was wearing a long print dress..."

"...with blue flowers," Dad said.

"Yes! And she bent down and said, 'It's going to rain, Hazel,' and then a crack of thunder woke me up."

Before I finished speaking, Dad flew through the gate and started up the hill on the other side of the fence.

I asked him where he was going, and completely missed the sarcasm in his reply; he told me someone had lost a pizza on the hill somewhere. I completely lost my mind and my ability to reason, and started to incessantly bark, "Save the crust! Don't eat the crust!"

It took Dad over an hour to calm me down and almost convince me there wasn't a pizza up there... somewhere. I hope we find it before it rains....

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog

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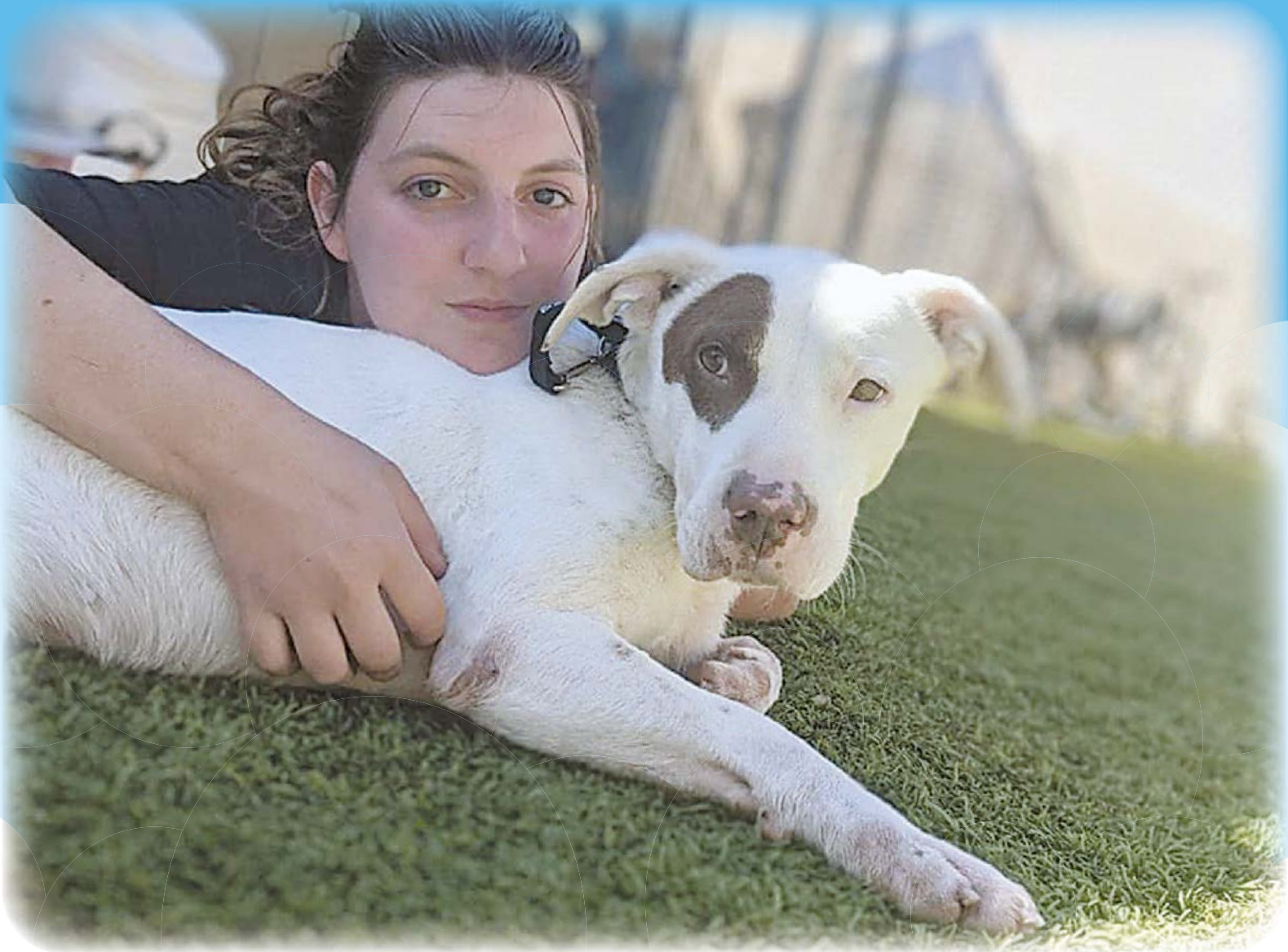


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- July 23, Zoo by Moonlight
- July 31, Sip N Paint
- August 14, Breakfast with Mountain Lion
- August 22, Zoo by Moonlight
- August 28, Evening with Clouded Leopard

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July 10, 4p. Chino Valley Equestrian Park, 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info: cvequestrianpark.com

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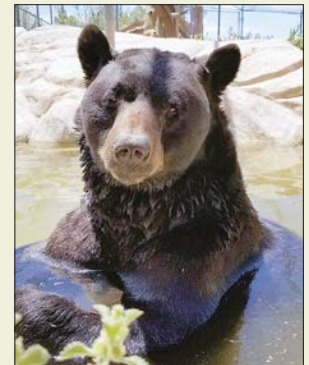
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Shash came to us in 1994 as a two-month-old cub after his mother was accidentally shot by a hunter. Zoo staff hand-raised him, and he was a member of our animal family for 27 years. We hope you remember Shash as a magnificent Black Bear that all of us learned from and delighted in.

Our thanks to Dr. Ken Skinner, the veterinary staff at Prescott Animal Hospital, and HPZS's keeper staff for their dedication and ongoing care for Shash's welfare. A memorial will be placed in front of his enclosure for visitors who want to visit in his memory.

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By Heidi Dahms Foster

AARF Animal Rescue and Sanctuary

Liz Stegmeier always had a dream to run her own dog rescue. She had plenty of experience, as she successfully managed the Circle L Ranch Animal Rescue for nine years until the division closed. She knew there was still a desperate need for more rescues in the Quad Cities area, and in 2018, AARF Animal Rescue and Sanctuary was born.

Liz and her brother Steve searched for a suitable property, and when they found 10 acres in Poland Junction, they knew they had found AARF's new home. They had raised the money to purchase the land, a former Arabian horse facility that included a beautiful barn and pastures with fencing, two wells, septic and electricity. When it came time to make the final purchase, the owner arrived and signed over the deed for the nearly half-a-million dollar property, free of charge. "It was a God thing," Steve said.

Liz had a dream of how she wanted the property to look – a Western town theme with "bunkhouses" where dogs could have climate-controlled shelter with plenty of room to run outside as well.



(Left to Right) Shanyn Sanders, Director Liz Stegmeier, and Steve Stegmeier in front of AARF barn.

Thanks to the money they had saved on the purchase and the donations of generous animal lovers, Steve went to work and constructed the bunkhouses – areas with heat and air conditioning, comfortable indoor areas and spacious outdoor runs.

A Puppy Palace was placed in a quiet area of the property where pregnant moms who came in could give birth without stress and raise their pups until they are ready to be adopted. "Big Sandy's Puppy Palace" is named for the favorite dog of one of the donors.



Big Sandy's Puppy Palace at AARF houses pregnant dogs and their puppies.

The property also has a Memorial Garden to which people can donate benches, plants or other items in memory of their pet. The garden features a mural and donors can provide a photo of their pet to be painted on the mural.

Another addition to the property is a large, fenced play park with an artificial turf area, a hydrant and more, donated by the family of long-time area service dog trainer and rescue supporter Gary DeGeronimo.

Liz and one of the AARF employees, Shanyn Sanders, live on the property, allowing for 24/7 care, socialization and training of the animals. Liz said Shanyn knows all of the dogs' names and works with them to help the animals overcome fear, learn social skills and become adoptable.

Volunteers are present almost all hours.

The AARF property, through constant and continuing work, is clean, orderly and attractive. The rescue is working now to finish its capacity for dogs one or two more larger bunkhouses. Some of the dogs can run together but others need some space to themselves.

Before lumber prices rose so high, AARF was able to build a bunkhouse for about \$5,000, including climate control and fencing. Now the same building is running \$6,000 to 7,000, and AARF may have to scale down the size of the houses.



AARF has a Western Town theme and each bunkhouse has climate controlled shelter and outdoor runs.

Donations come in many forms, and there are many ways for animal lovers to help the rescue finish its building project. AARF was in need of a backhoe, and when one couple found out, they gave the money to purchase one from funds left to them by family, knowing it would please their family member.

Other people donate supplies, some volunteer their time and skills and yet others donate money when they can. Gift cards for Home Depot, Lowe's, Tractor Supply and other such stores are appreciated as they can be used to purchase needed supplies and building materials.

AARF is currently seeking "Ranch Rescue Partners" to help complete the property and allow for rescue of more dogs. Any donation will be

AARF BUNKHOUSES ESTIMATED COSTS

The entire cost for the smaller 8x12 bunkhouses is about \$5,500.

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appreciated, and its use can be designated.

"Any donation of \$100 or more gives the donor a space on the picket fence at the next house, our Blacksmith Shop," said volunteer Shirley Culliney. "We will add a name or a date to honor a memory or give a tribute."

If you would like a tour of the Out of the Shelters Ranch (AARF) to see how your donation will be used, to donate, or volunteer, please call (928) 925-7219. For more information on AARF, visit aarfrescue.org

Petey's Playground

Petey's Playground in Yarnell and the surrounding remote areas serves primarily senior people and senior dogs. Kim Lytle has a heart for those who live by themselves and whose lives can be exponentially improved by loving and caring for a pet. This was especially true through the year of Covid.

Petey's Playground's mission is almost exclusively to match pets and senior people who live in the rural, remote area bordered by North Ranch, Congress and Wickenburg on the South and Skull Valley and Wilhoit on the North.

The rescue helps place senior pets with senior people, and then support the animals' special medical needs and provide a safety net if the owners need to go into the hospital, or more sadly, if they pass away. Those animals then are safe and if possible, rehomed.

Kim and volunteers have never had a central location for prospective new families to meet and greet the dogs and cats that needed homes. About two years ago, Petey's Playground was able to purchase an old restaurant building that hadn't been used for 10 years. "It was a commercial building on the main road, and it was just right," Kim said. "We said, 'let's just do it.'"

The building purchase was final in February 2019. "We were trying to figure out if we should tear it down and start over, or remodel," Kim said.

That's where Board Member Kurt Florman came in. A longtime builder, he was familiar with all aspects of construction and county building requirements. He stepped up to volunteer as project manager.

"That's when things really started to move forward," Kim said. "He took care of everything that was seemingly insurmountable to a lay person like myself."

A County building inspector deemed the building itself was structurally sound, so rescue volunteers gutted the interior down to the studs, cleaned it and got it ready to rebuild. That's when the licensed contractors came in to do plumbing, electrical and climate control.



New Petey's Playground building in Yarnell.

Kim said to save money the rescue did not move walls – she made her vision work as the building had been designed. Between some matching grants, private funds and individual donations Petey's Playground raised the \$100,000 needed for the remodel.

Because the rescue had used all of its capital funds to remodel the building, Kim knew it had to be self-sustaining the day it opened. So Petey's Playground now includes a retail operation with good, like new donations of dog bowls, crates, soft-sided carriers, dog and cat books, mugs, leashes, harnesses and collars.

"We have some nice dog beds that are like new, and some brand-new dog supplies that are nice



New self dog-bath in Petey's Playground helps to generate revenue for the rescue.

quality that we resell in town here," Kim said. "People come here for their pet needs, so they don't have to travel for them. A self dog-wash also generates some revenue."

The rescue is now working on building a storage shed outside to free up room inside. They have a source for donated lumber, but there is a need paneling and siding for the outside.

Petey's Playground is now completely open from Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pets up for adoption are often on site for the day. For more information on Petey's Playground and how to donate or volunteer, visit Petey'sPlayground.org

United Animal Friends

United Animal Friends has functioned in the Quad Cities area since 2003. UAF has found loving homes for more than 6,000 cats and dogs, helped spay or neuter more than 20,000, distributed more than 400,000 pounds of food to clients who otherwise couldn't afford to feed their pets, and paid for emergency veterinary services for more than 1,000 community pets. All of this has been done through fostering or boarding and adoption events. The rescue has never had a central place to call home, until now.

UAF has looked for a property for years, said Vice President Jennifer Casey. "We had a lot of near misses," she said, "some we almost committed to, but they were not quite right."

Casey and UAF President Joellyn Nusbaum had looked at a property off Highway 89A, and were close to a purchase, but they decided they were not quite ready. But every time they drove



(Left to Right) UAF Vice President Jennifer Casey, & President Joellyn Nusbaum in front of UAF van.

by, the two said, "We should have bought here." However, when the time was right, the property directly next door came open, and it turned out to be the perfect new home for UAF.

The property is 2.3 acres, and contains a house, a barn, a casita, good fencing, and a lawn with shade trees. It is centrally located to volunteers in Chino Valley, Prescott Valley, Prescott, Dewey and Mayer. "Everyone can come here easily," Jennifer said.



UAF held their first event, a volunteer picnic, this past spring to celebrate their new property.

While UAF did have some money set aside to purchase a property, a generous donor had passed away and left enough money to complete the purchase, which was finalized in December 2020. The news brought Jennifer to tears, she said.

UAF volunteers are also beyond excited. A spacious kitchen, storage, fireplace, and full enclosed back porch complete the house. Another donor has already funded a professional hydraulic grooming tub. The back yard is already enclosed with no climb horse fence.

A donor paid for a tree professional to come out and trim out some dangerous branches, and a contractor framed up the openings and installed new rolling doors in the barn at a large discount. UAF plans to have someone living on the property soon, which will enable some fostering and help with events.

The property is starting to come together, and now UAF is planning a capital campaign to build a state-of-the-art shelter. They have an architect who will design the project free of cost. The biggest need right now is monetary donations to get the shelter started. After that, UAF could use some volunteers to help maintain the property – planting trees, weeding, lawn care for the small lawn, and some concrete work to ready areas of the barn for pet fosters and meet-and-greets.

UAF plans to remain mostly foster-based, but having a shelter will enable them to save more animals and to respond in emergency situations. The property allows for fundraising, training, fostering, adopting and many other events. "Having a central space has already made a huge difference," Joellyn said. "We've never had this before!"

UAF has a number of programs that are making a difference in pets' lives, including spay/neuter certificates, emergency pet food bank, and a medical program for crisis needs. The feral cat program will assist in altering cats in the colony so they don't continue to reproduce, and adopting out the kittens.

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Area Rescues' Ambitious Visions Under Construction

Here is a sad story with a very happy ending for dear little 6-week old Zoey. It shows the team effort within Yavapai Humane Trappers that makes our group so effective.



It started with our trapping team looking for a feral mama and her babies, that a homeowner called in, sighted under their home. One baby had a mouse trap clamped down on her left front leg so the search was time critical to get them located and captured.

Heath Clouse and Katrina Karr, part of the YHT feral cat trappers, took the lead and met at their home. Heath dragged his gear into the crawlspace about 20 yards to a cinder block wall where there was an access hole that mom cat was seen going in and out of. They set a live trap with tuna as bait and a wireless camera, and before they had even left the area, Heath got the call that momma had been trapped. He grabbed mom cat and headed to Chino Valley Animal Hospital who kindly performed an emergency spay.

Heath then met with YHT Monica Forsyth and headed back out to the property to drop off momma cat so she could continue to watch after her babies, and they could try to find the injured baby.

They sat with momma cat in the crate for about an hour and as they were waiting, Heath had a hunch to check the cinder block wall which was hollow all the way down. That's when he heard a very, very faint meow from the wall. He crawled over, stuck his hand down a cinder block cell, and BINGO, it was mousetrap-baby.



though the trapping team observed the area for several more days.

PAH performed the surgery the next day, and she spent another night under observation as she had been through so much for a 6-week-old traumatized kitten.

YHT's foster-adopt team then stepped in to get her into a foster home, but in this case, it was an easy sell. The first nice change was Zoey's fear of humans was rapidly melting away. The second lucky thing was meeting Carol Holum at PAH who was to become her foster while she healed.

Carol already had two cats, but she knew a little black kitty was in her future, so Zoey moved in with her family. First Zoey lived in a large crate to limit her movements, but in no time she was out exploring and bouncing around, meeting her soon-to-be new cat siblings, and learning the fun of cuddling with her new mom. And the rest is history.

What a great story for YHT trapping and foster-adopt teams, the awesome veterinary support, and the love of a few humans for a little black kitty who went from feral and almost fatally injured to happily cuddled as a forever house cat. Yeah Zoey, so glad we could all be there for you.



Team Sunshine: Touching Hearts

Like many of us, when the pandemic began, things changed. At our house, our dog, Reggae, lost his job and his purpose when Covid restrictions hit. Or so we thought.

For the past two years, Reggae and I (aka: Team Sunshine) have been going to the Juvenile Justice Center to bring more smiles to the hearts and faces in Detention. But with the pandemic, we had to either let go of sharing our hearts at JDC or get creative.

I reached out to the Justice Center and asked if we could volunteer through Zoom, so for the past year, Reggae and I got out my laptop and sat face to face with kids in Detention every week. In time, the kids learned how to lead Reggae through his tricks via Zoom – getting him to “speak” and “relax” through the airwaves we’ve all become so familiar with this past 1-1/2 years. And Reggae learned to come running into the office when I said, “It’s time for JDC!” and sat directly in front of the screen to interact with the kids.

Not only did Reggae participate as a therapy dog on Zoom this past year, he’s also participated in every other Zoom event that has come through our household including music concerts, a magic show, numerous classes, family reunions and funerals.

In mid-May, Reggae and I finally got clearance to have our first in person visit back to the Juvenile Detention Center. As Reggae got suited up in his purple “Gabriel’s Angels: Pets Helping Kids” vest, and heard the car keys jingle, I said to him, “We get to go to JDC!” Off to the car he ran - ready to return to his work outside the home.

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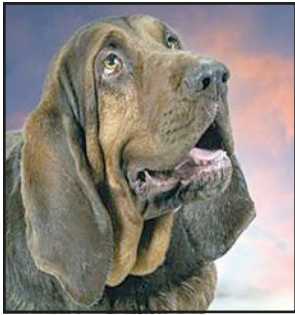
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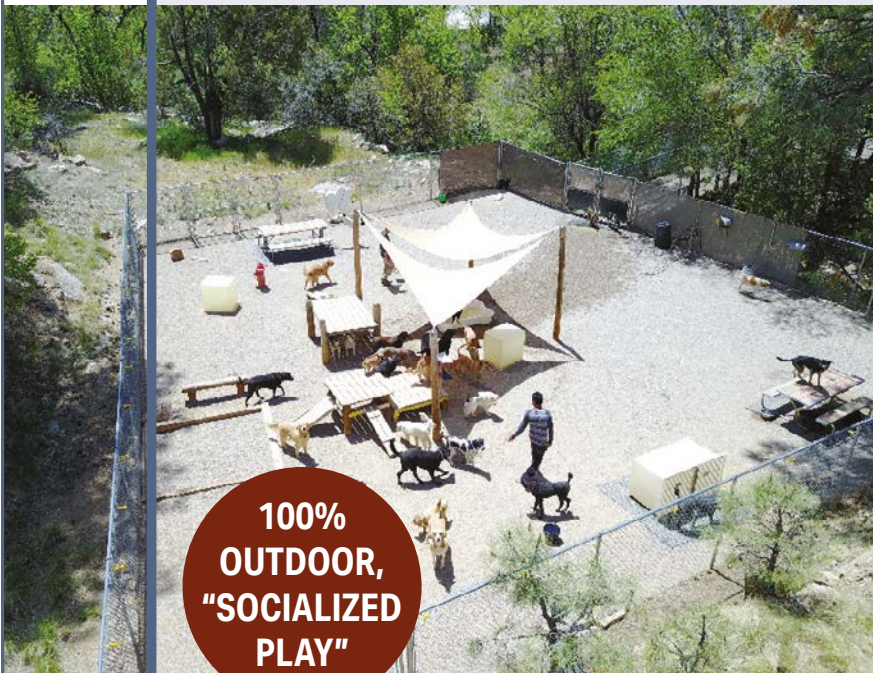
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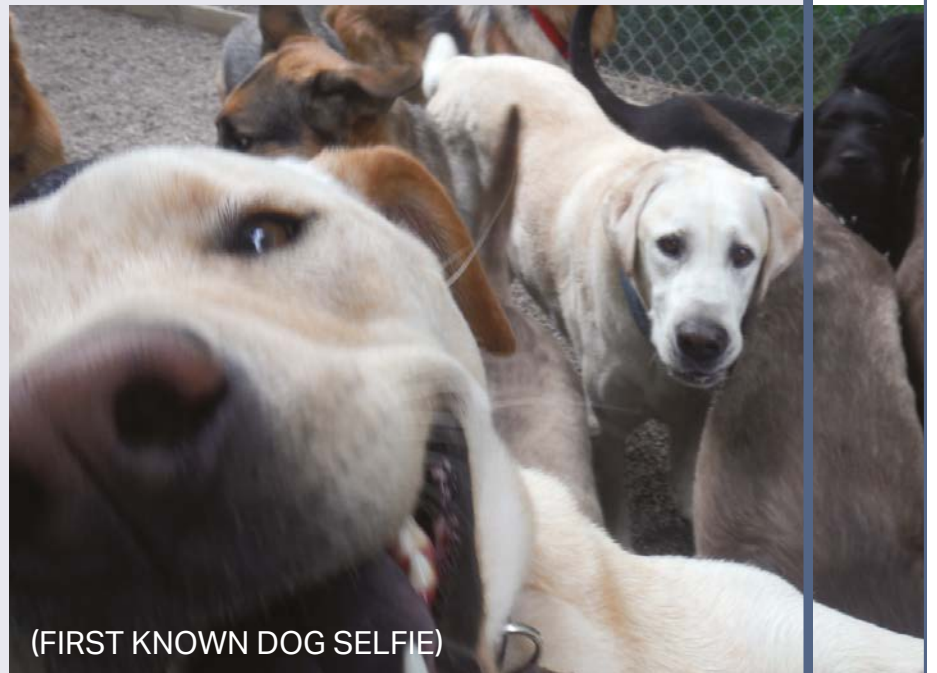
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KENDRICK TRAIL SHOWS MOUNTAIN'S RESILIENCE

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz



Even devastated by fire, the mountain is beautiful.

Arizona sites devastated by wildfires are widespread and vast. Yet, Mother Nature continually heals herself through a progression of changing vegetation patterns. Kendrick Mountain near Flagstaff illustrates this natural progression after being devastated by not one, but two major fires this century.

Lightning caused both fires, which without the staffed fire lookout in place since early 1900, could have been even worse.

In the 6,664-acre Kendrick Mountain Wilderness, designated in 1964, the 10,418-foot elevation Kendrick Peak lies in the San Francisco mountain volcanic field on the Coconino Plateau of the Kaibab National Forest. The Wilderness also extends into the Coconino National Forest.

The Pumpkin Fire started May 24, 2000, and burned 14,760 acres, ravaging the majority of the wilderness over two weeks. It was contained by June 9, but continued to burn within containment lines until finally extinguished by monsoons in late August. Firefighters were able to save the lookout tower and historic 1912 lookout cabin.

The Boundary Fire burned 17,788 acres from June 1 to July 3 in 2017. Extreme drought conditions, high temperatures and strong winds contributed to both blazes.

These fires caused closure of the mountain's three maintained trails encompassing 14 miles and leading to the top of Kendrick Mountain, where the fire lookout tower stands.

Kendrick Mountain Trail No.22 is 9.2 miles roundtrip. It boasts one of the highest vistas in the state, with views of the Grand Canyon, Oak Creek Canyon and Bill Williams Mountain.

Bull Basin Trail No. 40 is a 9-mile roundtrip. Old Kendrick Lookout Cabin, built in the 1900s and on the National Register of Historic Places, is along this trail.

Pumpkin Trail No. 39 is 9.6 miles roundtrip and passes an old shepherd cabin. Using the Connector Trail, you can link up with Bull Basin for an 11-mile hike.

The three trails are open now but fire caused the volcanic soil to become unstable, so severe erosion occurred on trails and the steepest slopes. All trails are rated challenging because of elevation gains and the wildfire of erosion and falling dead trees.

Ponderosa pines to mixed conifers still dot the area, and wildflowers pop up in unexpected



The mountain is recovering after fires opened up many sections.



Flowers nestle in the shelter of a burned log.

spots – to the eye's delight. A wide variety of birds, reptiles and mammals live in the rather harsh conditions.

The mountain continues to recover. Forest aging is called succession, as the plants modify their environment. The most severely burned sections become populated with early seral species. Grasses and shrubs establish first in open areas and enrich the soil as they die and fertilize the ground.

Eventually, young coniferous and deciduous trees again can move in. Once shade returns, shade tolerant species can establish. The forests, aspen and mountain meadows will recover with the passage of decades.

A designated wilderness, this area and its trails are closed to motorize vehicles and bicycles. With the posted lookout's permission, visitors usually are welcome to climb the tower when it is open during the summer.

Because there is a 6-mile stretch of dirt road to the trailheads on FR 245 after turning off Highway 180, 4-wheel drive vehicles may be required at times. Usually passenger vehicles suffice.

As of early June, fire danger was very high and Stage 1 restrictions were in effect, meaning no campfires or charcoal, and no smoking outside of vehicles. Unless Arizona's monsoons return, Stage 2 or even 3 (closure) could be implemented. Check online or with the Flagstaff Ranger District, (928) 526-0866.

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WHEN RESCUES BECOME THE RESCUERS IN YAVAPAI COUNTY, RESCUED DOGS ARE NOW HELPING TO RESCUE LOST PEOPLE

By Heidi Dahms Foster

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office has recently reorganized its Search Dog Unit, bringing it into compliance with State and National training and certification. "The Sheriff's Office wanted to get the dog unit to a place where we take the right steps from beginning to end, from training and testing statewide and nationally to doing searches," said Patricia Richardson, who is the public relations volunteer for the group as well as a "flanker," the person who accompanies and assists a handler and dog team.

The unit is part of the larger Yavapai County Search and Rescue Team that includes Backcountry, Quad, 4x4, Fire Observers and a Southern Unit. The Search Dog Unit currently has 11 canine members, most of them rescue dogs of all different breeds. The team includes a Border Collie mix, two Lab mixes, a German Shepherd, two Coonhounds; a German Shepherd Chow mix, an Australian Shepherd mix and the Richardsons' Belgian Malinois, Scout. As each dog joins the team, they find their niche in one of the search categories.

Patty said being a part of this team is one of the most exciting things she has ever done, other than raising her children. "It's fulfilling, and I'm learning a lot. I used to get lost in a paper bag, and now I'll never get lost again!"

The YCSRT dog team trains three times a week – one time with just the human members drilling on compass, and GPS, what Patty calls "not getting lost skills." The other two days are spent with the dogs both on weekdays and weekends to accommodate members who work.

The K9 unit has three types of dogs, she said. Trailing dogs are trained to follow a specific human scent, which may or may not approximate the path the person took. A trained trailing dog can follow the steps of someone who passed by several days earlier, discriminate between it and another's trail. An air scent dog takes the odor from the air to find a person. They don't need a "last seen" starting point, an article to work from or a scent trail, and time is not an issue and human remains detection dogs scent people who are deceased. They can locate entire bodies (including those buried or submerged), decomposed bodies, body fragments (including blood, tissues, hair, and bones), or skeletal remains.

Each dog/handler team has a "flanker," another person who goes out with the team for safety. The flanker helps navigate, use the radio and watches to see what's ahead as the handler watches the dog. The flanker is also another set of eyes on the dog to help watch for the body and demeanor



Handler Blair Burtan with his air scent dog.



The SDU Team from L-R: Jim Harrison, Tammi Harrison, Mark Richardson, Patty Richardson, Ann Schmidt, Mary Kay Peters, Janelle Hinesley, Corinne Harmon, Heather Lum, Blair Burtan and Kathy Blanco.

changes that signal an alert. Patty said the team always needs more flankers, people who may want to volunteer but don't have a dog.

The YCSRT teams assists with more than 95 searches per year, everything from people with dementia who become lost, to hikers who find themselves lost or injured. The K9 team works with all of the other units, depending on what the search requires.

When the Sheriff's Office receives a lost person call, a Sheriff's deputy in charge will evaluate to see what resources are needed. If it is something that cannot be handled by personnel on duty, then search and rescue units are called in, depending on the situation.

"Maybe it's just someone broke down on a trail, and YCSO can just send the Quad or 4x4 Unit, said Mark Richardson. "If it's a lost person, it's all hands on deck, and all the units are called out and assigned a place to search, depending on what type of terrain it is. Everyone has a job."

Incident Command assigns each unit an area to search, he said. "We take our dogs to the area, and we may send the trailing dogs from the last known location of the person. If someone says they saw the lost person in an area, we may send the air scent dogs. We do a grid search of the area, divided into zones that are 40 to 60 acres. Each zone is given to a dog team and we search that area. If there is a person in that area, our dogs will find them," he said. "It may not be the lost person, but our dogs will tell us, maybe it's another hiker, then we'll move on."

If the team is searching for what the Sheriff thinks may be a deceased person, such as a cold case search, the human remains dogs will be sent in to find the body. These dogs have such a refined sense of smell that they can detect a buried person, or a body in water, because gases rise to the surface. In these cases, a dog may scent a body from a boat, and then divers are sent in.

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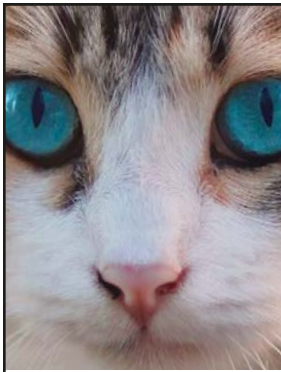
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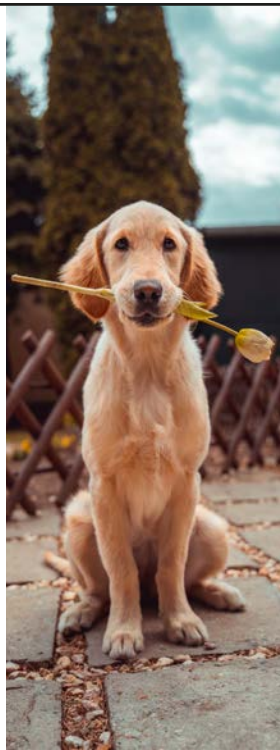
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REHAB FOR THE RESCUED SPIRIT: NEW HOPE FOR THE MISUNDERSTOOD HORSE

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

Gone are the days of harsh training methods and bullying problem horses into submission. Today's trainers will tell you that true horsemanship is not cruel, it's clever and it's crafty and it's humane.

What started in youth as 'horse crazy' developed into an astute skill in horsemanship for Peg Millett. At 15, she started as a 'stable bum' doing odd jobs, and worked her way up to riding horses. In 1970, Millett rode for trainers including Marvin Roberts, father of the famous Monty Roberts, putting solid foundations on each horse and learning the value of horsemanship. She rode horses in Europe and ran a stable in Norway.

Peg's expanding knowledge with horses, her ability to read them, and her time as a diligent and determined Pat Parelli Natural Horsemanship student has led her to the role she has acquired working with troubled horses. Her current project, Bree, is an Arabian/Quarter Horse that came from a dressage barn.



Peg Millett with Bree (L) and the late Indigo (R).
Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

This mare needed help, but it wasn't completely clear just how much help until her physical condition was revealed. Three-year-old Bree had a broken rib, her sacrum was out as well as were her atlas and axis vertebrae. Bree had become a fighter during her brutal training and was in enormous pain. Peg didn't ride Bree again until she was 4. "Bree is strong minded and quick thinking," says Peg, "so you have to stay a step ahead."

Now Millett is working on Bree's biomechanics. Her focus is on the art of getting the horse to 'carry you'; moving on its hind quarters with collection. "With Bree, however, there is an aversion to collection due to her past training," says Millett.

Smokey came as a true mustang from the Western Shoshone Tribal Territory confiscations. Rescued from a kill pen, he was just a foal and diagnosed with a second bout of strangles. He had five previous owners be-



Smokey (2nd from front) sad and sickly before adoption.

fore Darlene Hayes acquired him at the age of four. She did most of his training, but because of his weak and gangly condition, she decided not to push him too hard.

This horse was so quiet that initially Darlene contemplated whether he may have mental issues. But, now that he truly has "a life and existence," as Darlene puts it, he's becoming more and more confident.

Early on, Smokey had issues with cinching, becoming unglued. He was panic stricken and claustrophobic. Then, at three months under saddle, Darlene rode Smokey through the Verde River trail. "He just did anything I asked of him," she reports. "He still has so much growing ahead mentally, but he's starting to come into his own powerful body and quick mind."



Darlene and Smokey in Eventing competition.
Photo courtesy Rosenheim Photography.

Darlene and Smokey have developed a bonding relationship and are working on an extraordinary partnership as they participated in an eventing competition in May. "I love him so much", says Darlene, "and I hope he can show others that the story of the Ugly Duckling is not fiction."

Katie McAlister has been training horses before it was her profession. Growing up in Missouri, she not only rode, but found herself working with her friend's horses. She rode



Katie McAlister and a super-relaxed Harley.
Photo courtesy Katie McAlister.

on the equestrian team at her university, and worked at dude ranches and guest ranches. Then Katie took residence in Wheatland, Wyoming, where she managed a 25,000 acre ranch. Her plate was full wrangling horses, doctoring and training, fixing fences, and maintaining pastures.

Now, at Granite Mountain Stables in Prescott, McAlister manages the operations and trains both horses and riders. Personally, her super love is working with project horses, and she finds this task to be the most rewarding.

Her current project is Harley, a Quarter horse off of an Indian reservation. The biggest challenge was how reactive he got. "If I picked up contact, he would rear. If I had no contact, he would spiral and run away until he was bolting uncontrollably." She continues, "He was reacting explosively to cues."

Harley's super talented in the arena, but there's a lot of anxiety that surrounds that. A big help was for Katie to have him do things that wouldn't make him anxious, lessening the anxiety and giving him things to think about.

Katie claims that communication is the big factor that's usually missing, not the lack of the horse's athletic ability. "Horses tend to whisper a lot before they shout," says McAlister. "They may brace in their hind quarters or in their neck. Or maybe they don't respond quickly. If you miss the signs, things may snowball into a bigger problem," she warns.

According to Katie McAlister, "This all takes time and patience. However, it doesn't take a lot of time if you have the timing and the feel to do it right. Things can change drastically. So, it's not a matter of putting a ton of time into training. It's a matter of commitment to learning to do things right and consistently. It doesn't take that much time to change a troubled horse's mind."



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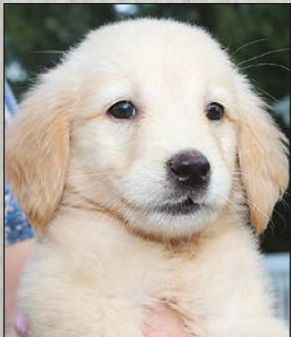
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