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Abby, Our Cover Dog

Name: Abby. I'm an Old English Sheepdog. I'm also a certified therapy dog with Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Hometown: I was born in Parks, Arizona... that's near Flagstaff. I've always been a Northern Arizona girl. I have two places I call home now: one in Prescott, and one in Chandler.

Birthday: September 13, 2012. I'm celebrating my ninth birthday!

My Favorite Kibble: HF Blue Buffalo. It's a special food for my protein allergies. Bonus is, I really

Favorite People Food: After a day of pet therapy work, I get a Starbucks Pupachino. I love them...

they are my most favorite treat in the whole world. And if you ask me if I want one? I tilt my head just so sweetly. I also really like Pirates Booty. I can hear that crinkly package open from the back yard. Mom sneaks my pills in Pirates Booty. She thinks I don't know that... but really, I don't mind at all. I can't even tell, I eat the snack so fast.

Favorite Toy: Multipet makes my favorite toys. Stuffies that make sounds are the best. Lamb Chop – the one like Shari Lewis had – is one of my favorites. I love to suckle on its ears. I never tear up my toys, I just like to shake them and fetch them when they're thrown. I have one toy that giggles when I bite it. I know its name and can pick it out of the box when I'm told to go get "Silly Puppy".

My Beauty Regime: I get a bath every Monday or Tuesday. Mom does it twice a month, and twice a month I go to the groomers. I get my hair brushed every day. I always, always wear a hair bow. I have so many to choose from... they are both fashion and function for me. I also have a huge collection of costumes. Mom likes to make them for me, and I enjoy all the fuss.

Favorite Outdoor Activity: That's easy... swimming. You'd think that, with all my hair, I'd hate getting wet. But nope. I love to swim with my family and my other dog friends. Being a herding breed, I think my job at the pool is to keep everyone safe and huddled together. When someone dives underwater, I must jump in and save them. I bark a LOT at the pool, too. It's one place I get

unruly. When I'm asked if I want to swim, I give a cute head tilt.

Favorite Indoor Activity: Working is my best indoor activity. I've been a pet therapy dog for six years. I volunteer in the valley at The Mayo Clinic, Dignity Health's St. Joseph's Hospital, Sky Harbor Airport, and Arizona State University. In Prescott, I'll soon be volunteering at Northern Arizona VA Healthcare System. I love making people feel better, whether I'm in a hospital room or sitting with families in a waiting room, or at a gate area in the airport, or de-stressing students before finals. I just need to be with people, so my job is perfect for me.

Favorite Nap Spot: On the cool tile floor near my people. I don't like to be on furniture or beds.



My Canine Pals: Zoey and Indy are my "nieces". We get along very well. I'm the oldest and the Big Dog, so they let me be in charge. I have a new rescue sister, Ashley. Neither of us know we're dogs, so we are bonding well. My best swimming pal and fellow therapy dog is Arrow. We like to play and work together.

My Perfect Day: I get up early for a big kibble breakfast. Then take a trip to see friends at one of my workplaces, with a pupachino treat afterwards. Then home for an afternoon swim with my dog friends. For dinner, I'd eat out at a restaurant on a dog friendly patio, followed by a stroll on the Courthouse Square in Prescott. The day would end with me loving on my Lamp Chop in front of the TV.

Here are my social media pages, so patients can learn more about me when I work. Instagram: #abbythetherapydog and Facebook: Abby Martin the Dog

(To see more photos of me, visit PrescottDog.com)



HAZEL HOWLS

Leaving Egypt

Dad and I got into a kind of reminiscing jag during some rainy days we had recently. Dark clouds and random cool gusts created a great atmosphere for laying crosswise in the bed and sharing road stories from our past.

Tucker and Keira would nose into the room to see if pets and rubbins were involved and would eventually settle around me and Dad while we talked. After a bit, Keira would either start snoring, or ask random questions to the point that the now sleeping Tucker would spring up, annoyed, and paddle out to see what Mom was up to.

Keira would pause her questioning for the count of about three and wonder if food was somehow involved in Tucker's abrupt departure, and if maybe the office wastebasket had crinkled-paper she could run off with. Cue the Flying Golden... "Proceed to runway two, cleared for abrupt takeoff, visibility... all the way down the hallway, refreshment in the galley, lower level, have a nice flight, reddog2."

Dad and I would resume touching on various topics, but we kept returning to our early days together. An occasional cool gust of rain-scented wind would wash past us, accenting and accepting our lazing around and sharing memories.

Back when I was just a puppy co-pilot, Dad liked to ask people we met what breed of dog they thought I might be. Way back then, my ears only stood partway up and folded in the middle, with the tips pointed inward toward my eyes. Almost all of Dad's inquiries about my heritage brought out stories of a dog that they once had, and they were pretty sure I was the same breed.

If Dad had inquired only on the reservations, this would make sense, as I seem to have many, many, cousins there of similar traits. Off of the reservation, there were stories of how I looked just like (insert name) while they patted my head or rubbed my belly, declaring with certainty that I was terrier, heeler, ridgeback etc., "Just like my (insert name)."

At one of the animal shelters Dad was delivering to (while I was dutifully "barking my fool head off" out the driver's-side window in furtive reply to the barking echoing from inside the building), Dad asked the staff what breed I might be. In unison two of the staff said, "Feral". I misheard and thought they said, "Pharaoh".



I spent a long time on the way home thinking about the ramifications of having descended from the royalty of a famous ancient civilization. I was so quiet during the ride that Dad had to ask what I was thinking about.

I told him, and even made proclamations about how I really shouldn't be sneaking so much rabbit poop during our walks when he wasn't looking. Maybe I shouldn't be barking so much because it didn't comport with my regal lineage. Dad didn't say much about that except to encourage me to do what I thought best.

Dad and I both laughed about how I tried so hard back then to live up to what I thought was my new identity. My efforts didn't last too long, as everything in my bloodline was pulling me in the other direction.

I had quite a bit of character distortion (as Dad put it), until one day Dad had enough of watching my struggle and gave me full permission to act out and howl and do my spastic "dance for dinner" while he stood there holding my bowl.

It felt soooooo good, that the first thing I wanted to do after dinner was announce to the world how free I felt. "I AM HAZEL BAZEL ROCKET DOG!"

After running back and forth and repeating my announcement of liberty caused the ignition of the neighborhood's dogs vocal replies, I lowered my head in intense concentration and scoured the backyard for tasty rabbit leavings. No such luck, so I returned to my running and barking when Mom stepped out the back door with a strident question.

"What ON EARTH is all this commotion about, Hazel?"

Mom then turned to Dad and commented on how you could really tell in these moments that I was part feral. What Mom's question hadn't managed to accomplish, the word feral did: it stopped me in my tracks.

"Dad what does feral mean?"

Dad oddly enough was giving Mom a look that she usually gives him. He frantically waved his arms in weird gestures towards Mom, and it seemed that Dad's contortions had some meaning to her.

"Hazel," Mom said, leaning down towards me. "Feral means... uh, it means that... you're uh, a mix of all the best parts of different breeds... yes, uh, that's what feral means."

"Is that better than pharaoh?

"Yes," Dad said abruptly.

"Oh, way better Hazel," Mom concurred. "It makes you very unique."

I could never describe how good that particular day was. How much it cemented our pack-bond, being unique and valued (very pawsome).

It felt good to remember that time with Dad while listening to the rain on the skylights. We both drifted off to sleep until Keira landed on our level (the bed), licked both our faces, and asked me if she was still on probation of being a philosophical intern because of asking too many questions and saying over and over again how boring everything is and why can't she chew on a stick while I'm teaching.

Being in the afterglow of a good nap and good memories, I told her she was off probation (stay tuned on that decision).

With that question answered, "reddog2" leapt into the hallway and announced to Tucker that she couldn't go on morning patrol tomorrow because she had very, very important boring things to do as an intern.

I laid there listening to the rain and decided the only thing that would make it a more perfect day would be a couple bites of pizza crust.

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog (fantastic energetic rambunctious anxious loyal feral)



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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- · Sep 11, Breakfast with Black Bear
- · Sep 18, After Dark at the Park

- · Sep 20, Zoo by Moonlight
- Sep 25, Sip N Paint
- · Oct 9, Breakfast with Wolves
- · Oct 11-15, Fall Zoo Camp
- · Oct 31, Boo at the Zoo

PAWS OUTSIDE THE PALACE Sep 22, 5p-7p. The Palace Restaurant & Saloon, 120 S Montezuma, Prescott. Bring your pup & dine on the patio. Benefits United Animal Friends. \$20 at door for buffet dinner, soft drink, tea or water. \$2 beers (Palace Red or Bud Light).

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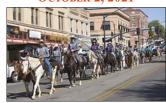
PRESCOTT LONG RIDERS TRAIL RIDE / PARADE EVENT

Oct 2. 9a. Trail ride from Granite Dells to Whiskey Row, Prescott. Registration/ info: prescottlongriders.com

DOGTOBERFEST & ADOPT-A-THON Oct 3, 10a-3p, Watson Lake Park, Prescott. Free admission, dog adoptions, canine demos, vendors, & lots more fun for the entire family. Info: PrescottDog.com

HALLOWEEN AT WHISKERS BARKERY Oct 30. 11a-5p. Whiskers Barkery, 225 W Gurley Street, Prescott. Benefits United Animal Friends. \$20 at door includes games, puzzles, gift bags. Halloween photos start 2p.

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This year's event will include vendor booths and will be newly introducing cowboy educational exhibitions in historic Downtown Prescott. As usual, a good percentage of the proceeds will go to the Prescott VA Hospital program to help homeless veterans "Who Came Home to No Home".

For more information or to sign up for the ride, visit PrescottLongRiders.com



Rescue Resources

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER TO PROTECT YOUR PET FROM DANGERS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

One of the most important things we can do as pet owners is to educate ourselves about things that can harm the animals we love so much. Knowledge can save your pet from injury or worse. Here is a list of some of the items that can cause problems for your pet, but it is not exhaustive, and it helps to stay up to date.

FOOD

Xylitol (birch sugar) – the relatively new threat: Peanut butter is an old favorite of dogs, whether it's straight out of the jar or cooked into dog treat recipes. But some of the newest peanut butters have a dirty little ingredient that can kill your dog.

Xylitol is a sugar substitute that is also found in breath mints, baked goods, cough syrup, children's and adult chewable vitamins, mouthwash, toothpaste, some nut butters, over the counter medicines, dietary supplements and sugar free desserts, including "skinny" ice cream.

When dogs eat something containing xylitol, it is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream, and may result in a rapid release of insulin and decrease in blood sugar. This can occur within 10 to 60 minutes of eating the xylitol, and left untreated, can quickly become lifethreatening.

If your dog ingests xylitol, it is important for you to bring the packaging for the product in question to the veterinarian's office so that the amount of xylitol consumed can be estimated. It's a good idea to check everything you feed your dog – don't ever take ingredients for granted.

Garlic and Onion: Garlic is more potent than onion, and both are toxic to dogs. Cooked foods with garlic or onions are more concentrated. Can cause intestinal irritation and red blood cell damage.

Macadamia nuts: Avoid Macadamia nuts and foods that have macadamia nuts in them. Just a small amount can make a dog sick.

Chocolate: Chocolate is toxic because it contains a chemical called theobromine, as well as caffeine. Dogs cannot metabolize





theobromine and caffeine as well as people can.

Cooked bones and fat trimmings: Cooked bones can easily splinter and cause your dog to choke, and cause cuts in intestines. Fat trimmed from meat, both cooked and uncooked, can cause pancreatitis in dogs.

Avocados: Avocados have a toxin called persin and can cause vomiting or diarrhea in dogs.

Coffee, Tea and Other Caffeine: Caffeine in drinks or food can be deadly to dogs.

Grapes and Raisins: Grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in dogs.

Alcohol: Alcohol has the same effect on a dog's liver and brain that it has on people. But it takes a lot less to hurt a dog, and the smaller the dog, the more dangerous it is.

Poison control resources: No matter how careful you are, your dog might find and swallow something they shouldn't. Keep the number of your local vet, the closest emergency clinic, and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center - (888) 426-4435. If you think your dog has eaten something toxic, call for emergency help right away.

EQUIPMENT AND TOYS

Flexi-leads: Those leads that allow your dog to venture far outside the traditional six-foot length of a dog leash are great if properly used. But they have become dangerous in the hands of people who do not use them properly.

Dog owners who allow their dogs to run to the end of the flexi lead and greet (or worse, act aggressively) toward other dogs can cause havoc and injury. Dogs can fight, become entangled, trip their owners, and worse.

If you use a flexi lead, respect other dogs and owners, and their space. Additionally, pay close attention, because if your dog takes off toward another dog or to chase a cat or rabbit, it can trip you up or cause a nasty rope burn.

Rope Tug Toys: Rope toys can fray, and threads get caught in your dog's teeth, or

worse, be ingested and result in serious internal injury. Discard your rope toys as soon as they begin to fray.



Rawhide chews and chips: Rawhide is a common chew, but it can be extremely dangerous for dogs. Rawhide is processed and full of chemical ingredients. It is a choking hazard, and after ingestion can block your dog's intestines.

Pig ears also can cause intestinal upset or choking. Opt for safer chews and always supervise your dog while chewing.

Dog toys and treats made outside the USA: These toys and chews can contain toxic substances that can harm your dog. Research healthy ingredients, and buy from reputable US companies.

Cow hooves: Be wary of cow hooves – they can cause tooth and jaw damage if you have an aggressive chewer.

Food bags: This includes any bag that your dog might be tempted to get into because it has or had food in it.

Many dogs have died from suffocation when they tried to eat chips or other foods (think chips, bread, cereal, dog treats and dog food) from a bag. While trying to reach the food, dogs will suck out all of the air and then cannot get the bag off of their head.

Make sure that you never leave food bags out, and when you are finished, tear the bag open before disposal.

MEDICATIONS

Medications can be particularly dangerous to your pet.

Acetaminephen and aspirin: These should ONLY be used under a veterinarian's treatment plan.

CBD: There are many beneficial CBD products that can help your dog with pain and anxiety. These products do not contain THC, the ingredient associated with marijuana's high feeling or psychoactive effects. Products with THC can be extremely toxic to your pets.

Make sure that all medications are properly stored where your dog cannot get to them. Be careful not to drop medications or leave them out

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INSECTICIDES AND GARDEN PRODUCTS

Pets can suffer greatly from exposure to toxic insecticides, household and garden products. Some of the most hazardous products include:

Flea control chemicals: While flea control is a worry for most pet owners, even "natural" products can be harmful to your pet, and some breeds of dogs are sensitive to some flea control chemicals.

Do your research, talk with your vet, and try some alternatives that are safer for your pet, such as indoor plug in flea traps, and diatomaceous earth, which will kill fleas and other insects such as ants, roaches, other home invading insects.

Diatomaceous earth is also a great slug and snail killer. Be sure to follow directions, as the dust can be harmful if inhaled.

Lawn fertilizers and garden chemicals: Some lawn fertilizers contain herbicides, which can be toxic to dogs.

Dogs love to roll, run, and play in grass, or eat it, and that makes them more vulnerable to any chemicals. There are some organic fertilizers and weed killers available - if you have dogs, do your research. In your garden, watch out for non-organic slug and snail killers, fly baits, and regular garden insecticides.



Try using fly and mosquito traps, and natural pest and slug control.

De-icing salts and antifreeze: In the garage and around the house in winter, use non-toxic de-icing salts. Always avoid antifreeze - it is extremely dangerous to animals, even if they lick a small amount off the ground. Watch for coolant leaks in your parking areas.

Household chemicals: Cleaning products can put your pets at risk. Always read directions and keep these products safely stored.

Use as little as possible, or use alternatives such as vinegar or non-toxic cleaners.

Be careful of mothballs – ingestion of just a few can be fatal to a dog or cat.



Rodent poison and mole/gopher killers: Rodent poisons contain warfarin, which causes internal bleeding. It will literally kill your pet, and even eating a rodent that has died from warfarin can harm your dog. Make sure to keep it securely away from your pet.

Mushrooms and toads: When we get a lot of rain, mushrooms can grow in your yard. Look out for them and uproot them, as they can be toxic if your dog ingests them.

Toads also come around more often when it's damp, and dogs often cannot resist as they are living, jumping things! They can be toxic, and it's best to keep your dog away from them.

AWAY FROM HOME

Travel: Watch any lost pet site and you can find people desperately searching for their beloved pets after a car accident, when the animal, terrified, ran away from the scene.

If you stop fast or have an accident, your loose dog can become a projectile, injuring themselves or you. Always use a secured dog crate, or at the least, a pet seat restraint.

Don't let your dog ride in the front seat - an air bag deployment can kill them. If your dog rides with its head out the window, bugs, wind or other items can injure eyes.

Never let your dog ride in the bed of a pickup – one fast stop or worse, an accident, can send your pet flying to its death.

No matter how little time you expect to be gone, never leave your pet in the car on a warm day - the temperature rises quickly and if you are delayed, your dog can suffer a painful death. A cracked window is never enough!

Snakes and insects: In areas where venomous snakes are prevalent, it's a good idea to get snake aversion training for your dog.

Even rattlesnake vaccine will only buy time. If you are out on a trail, you can lose your pet before you can reach help.

In Arizona, it's not uncommon to have the occasional rattlesnake near your home.

Essential Oils: There are many essential oils that are safe and beneficial for dogs, but you must do your research. These are highly condensed oils and can cause serious problems if misused.

Cats are also highly susceptible to these oils so if you have cats, use extreme caution.

Dog Parks: Many people and their pets enjoy dog parks. However, take extra care when accessing your local dog park.

Dogs can carry sickness, so make sure your pet is fully vaccinated before going to the dog

If you have a small dog, let them play only in the area designated for small dogs. Even a friendly large dog can cause serious injury or even kill a smaller dog.

If you notice an aggressive dog at the dog park, no matter the size, don't take a chance, remove your dog.

If you have a dog that doesn't play well with others, realize that the dog park is not the place to exercise him.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of hazards. We don't have to live in fear to keep our pets safe, but we must use common sense and take thought to protect them.

MORE INFORMATION

Most Dangerous Household Items for Dogs: https://tinyurl.com/ydmxcc6h

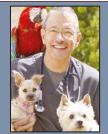
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Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue (YHT) had another busy month with too many lost, stray or injured animals. We are grateful for all our supporters and adopters who help ensure positive outcomes for many dogs and cats needing our help. Our latest trapping story stands out as one of the most challenging, but happyending, projects we have taken on, and it involves our evasive Tork.

On July 6th, YHT received ! a help request from Terri Stasiuk regarding a dog recently adopted by her daughter Melissa, that was able to escape from her yard. Tork was a rescue from New River where he had lived on the streets in Yuma for over a year before he was hit by a car and sustained a leg injury that finally allowed Yuma

Animal Control to corral him in a yard.

YHT trapper, Robin, immediately went out to the area and started posting flyers along with a family friend, but there were no sightings for the first two days. Then, while YHT was out searching the area, he was observed running down the very street from which he originated.

There were several cars already trying to follow him which made him further flighty and scared. He took off running, and YHT followed from a distance while he ran into a fenced yard. YHT was so excited thinking we had him contained only to learn there was a back gate that was open into a wilderness area that could take him in various directions. Evasive Tork, we learned, knew that gate was there as he headed right for it, so it was a familiar point of travel for him.

YHT started looking around that area and learned it backed up to another area that he had been seen in, but no calls had come in unfortunately. YHT decided to close the backyard gate and set a trap. The neighboring residents were informed that a trap was being set and to just ignore him if they saw him. The very next day sightings were coming in, and he was in the area of the trap. We then received a call that he was next to the trap but was unfortunately chased off by people thinking they could hand capture him - oh nooooo!!!! We left the trap there but nothing for two more

Monsoons started rolling in, and it got cooler which was good because we knew Tork would have water puddles to drink, but where was our boy? We then received a call from a lady who saw him at the VA cemetery. For all of

> you who know Prescott, this was way across town and, as we always do, YHT got flyers up in those areas as well. Then we received sighting from a gentleman that had seen flyers in his original escape area and was certain he saw him downtown while he was at Sprouts - he described Tork to a T. All we could think was... is he really

traveling like this? We had to conclude that he was.

We had him at Watson Lake for a day and night, back over on Iron Springs, back over on Montezuma, and 250 flyers later, literally all of Prescott. He was in constant motion, and we were exhausted trying to keep up with this

We reached out to the Animal Control officer who originally caught him in Yuma and learned he did the same thing there - back and forth from one end of the city to the other. The officer was sorry to learn of Tork's escapades, but glad he was not in Yuma.

Tork finally made it back to his original familiar starting point, and now YHT knew his path of travel. Our big break came when he showed up in back of a house where we had been in constant communication with good Samaritans Bruce and his wife.

(Please go to PrescottDog.com to read the rest of Tork's story.)



Animal Disaster Services (ADS) was founded in 1999; it was the idea of the then head of Emergency

Management, Nick Angelillo. He was an animal lover and concerned about pets during fires, so he took his idea out to the community looking for help.

We are now a privately funded non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We have three response locations in Prescott, Camp Verde, and Black Canyon City, and are able to respond to any fire in Yavapai County. We have approximately 30 active volunteers who are trained and experienced. Recently our volunteers were trained and certified in Pet First Aid and CPR in order to make sure we are well equipped to handle any situation that may arise in an already chaotic

We are deployed by Yavapai County Emergency Management to shelter pets during an evacuation, either due to fire, flood, or any other disaster or emergency.

condition.

ADS sets up a temporary shelter, usually next to American Red Cross during evacuations. We like to be near the Pet Parents, so they are assured their loved pets are well taken care of and they are able to visit, walk their dogs. Our Volunteers are there to feed, give medication (if needed), play with the cats, and let them out to get some exercise in a dedicated room just for them.

In 2019 the president and board of directors changed. Becky Salazar, former president had been working tireless since 2008 and decided to retire. Lynn Passfield, a volunteer since 2017 saw the value and need of ADS and agreed to become president. The current Officers and Board of Directors are all dedicated volunteers who love animals and want to help in case families need to be evacuated from their homes. Many of our volunteers have at one



Volunteer and cat.

time been evacuated and not known what to do with their animals; so, we all have a heart and understanding for families who are displaced.

Some evacuations we have been deployed to, these are just the big fires, of course we have responded to many smaller ones as well:

- Lane 2 fire, Crown King, 2008
- Gladiator fire, Crown King,
- Doce fire, Williamson Valley,
- Yarnell Hill fire, Yarnell, exactly 1 week after the Doce fire
- Black Canyon City flood, 2010
- Black Canyon City flood, 2014
- Yarnell fire, Yarnell again, 2016
- Cordes Lakes fire, Cordes Lakes, 2016
- There was a Black Canyon City fire somewhere around this time also.
- Goodwin fire, Mayer, 2017

We have grown tremendously in all this time. We have gone from a small group of community volunteers to a well-trained organization contributing a needed service. We are always looking for dedicated volunteers and sponsors. We cannot do this without the community's help.

If you would like more information, please visit our website animaldisasterservices.com, feel free to contact Lynn Passfield at (928) 499-8857. Our mailing address is: 6101 N Rim Dr., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314. We would love to hear from you.

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MILES: A 4-year-old male blackand-white Chihuahua mix. Miles is a sweet little gentleman, a bit shy for the first few minutes, but he's a very affectionate lapdog. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



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IVY: This a special little soul, part dachshund, poodle, and chihuahua. She is sweet, playful, very smart, and loves people. Well-behaved, just wants to love and be loved. Yavapai Humane Trappers 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



BETTY BOOP: A 6-month-old Labrador retriever mix. She is an absolute love bug! Betty would love to be your one and only dog. This petite girl is gorgeous in person and will steal your heart.

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DUSTY: A 4-year-old red Chihua-hua/French bulldog mix. She is a very friendly girl who loves people, loves to play with her ball, and take walks with her person.

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QUIGLEY: A male cattle dog mix about 3 months old. He is a super sweet boy who greets visitors at the door with a butt wiggling tail wag. Loves belly rubs and playing tag. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



TUCKER: A big, handsome male German Shepherd mix. He is 7 years old. He is smart, attentive, loyal, and a bit on the high energy side. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666



MELINDA: A cute 3-year-old, Pug/ Chihuahua mix. She is sweet, cuddly, and affectionate, and wants to be close to her person. Loves to play, go for walks, and hang out on the couch. United Animal Friends doxiemama4@gmail.com



BROWNIE: A 10-week-old Australian Shepherd/Border Collie mix. She is a perfect mixture of soft spirit and spicy playfulness. She is very smart, enjoys the company of other dogs and is very affectionate. uafdogs@gmail.com



MONTY: A 6 pound, 5-month-old bundle of fun. He is wire haired terrier (terror) and chihuahua mix who is full of energy and needs an active family to keep up with him.

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RANGER: A male cattle dog mix about 3 months old. He is a super sweet boy who greets visitors at the door with a butt wiggling tail wag. Loves belly rubs and playing tag. 4lvdch@bullerinetworks.net



BEAR: A 7-month-old black Pomsky, (Pomeranian and Husky mix). Bear was left behind when his family moved away. He is smart, affectionate, active, and very funny company. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219



DELTA DAWN: A spunky, smart, 1-1/2 year old shepherd mix who started out as a Rez dog. She is a medium-sized female who loves being outside, going on long hikes and chasing her ball. AARF Animal Rescue 928-925-7219

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Those who cherish animals know that there is no life too little to save. As supporters and friends of the United Animal Friends (UAF) mission, we know you agree. That is why we want to tell you about 63 such lives, recently saved and yet still in need of support.

Spring is an especially busy time for rescues like UAF, but this particular kitten season baby boom took us by surprise! It began with a group of five pregnant cats, which quickly became five mommas and twenty kittens. Soon, an additional group of nearly thirty orphans were in our care, though sadly a few of these dear souls did not survive, despite our best efforts.

Add to that group two older kittens to join the mix, and then another twelve rescued from a hoarding situation in Seligman. But we weren't done yet! One more precious life came our way when local animal control found a kitten in a sewer, huddled close to its deceased mother. And thus, UAF's kitten fever was sparked!

Your ongoing support is truly crucial to UAF, as it enables us to respond to more situations and participate in bigger rescue missions, just like this year's kitten season! Any and all donations will help us treat, house, feed, and ultimately adopt out these darling kitties, along with the many additional animals we currently sup-

Please consider giving what you can! Donations can be accepted through our website, UnitedAnimalFriends. org. Together, let's continue showing the world that all animal lives are worth saving, no matter how small.



You may have read articles about our Big Sandy's Puppy Palace and the number of moms and pups that have called it home since August 2019.

Counting back, there have been 12 moms and many puppies. They have come to us from shelters or strays found in their community, or owner surrenders. Our last mom, Amber, had her six babies with us in June. She was immediately spoken for by one of our volunteers (read her story in our last e-Newsletter).

Amber is now with her new family. Her babies have learned manners,



what doggie doors and harnesses are for (thank you volunteers!) and are ready for new adventures.

On August 10, a new family arrived. Beautiful Rosie, with her eightmonth-old pups. All our moms have been unbelievably sweet, kind and nurturing. We feel so blessed to be able to give each of them their chance for full and wonderful lives.

If you're looking for a special friend or just want to come tour our rescue, please call 928-925-7219 and come meet our residents. We love visitors and seeing AARF in person is the best way to experience what we know is a special place! Also stop by and say hello to us at Dogtoberfest!



Her Name is Shelby

A beautiful four-month-old

Australian Shepherd mix was seen being thrown from a moving car onto the road. Unfortunately, she couldn't run fast enough to escape an oncoming car which struck her and ran over both of her back legs.

She was taken to an animal control facility in Gallup, New Mexico, where they quickly realized they didn't have the capacity to help this poor girl. This is where Yavapai Humane Society and our New Hope Program came into the picture. The facility contacted us and explained the situation with this beautiful girl known as Shelby, and asked us if we could help by taking her and giving her the medical care that she needed. Otherwise, she would have to be put to sleep.

Our New Hope Team quickly went to get her and bring her back, where she was evaluated by our veterinarian, Dr. Leo Egar, who discovered both of her back legs were broken in half and completely shattered. Dr. Egar, who has extensive experience in orthopedic surgery, performed her surgery which lasted three-and-a-half hours. He warned that due to the nature of her injuries, her recovery would be long, and she might not ever completely heal.



Shortly after surgery, she was paired with a very special foster family who worked with her for months, teaching her how to walk again with a back sling. Once she was doing better, her fosters brought her back to us for a medical evaluation. She exceeded our wildest hopes of recovery by not only being able to walk normally but also run, jump, and play. Everyone here fell in love with her, and the sweet disposition she had despite all she had been through. It was determined she could be made available for adoption, and she was adopted into her forever home the very next day, where she is now thriving and truly living the best life she deserves!

I'm sharing Shelby's story with you because your donations help Yavapai Humane Society come to the aid of more animals like her. So many animals come to us each year, many of them sick or injured as Shelby was and in desperate need of tender loving care. The love we give is free and comes from the heart. But the shelter, the nourishing food, the veterinary care, and daily supplies cost us money. Your support helps to ensure that we can continue our work on behalf of homeless and helpless animals, and we thank you!!





Team Sunshine: Touching Hearts

We're back in a rhythm at our house - a rhythm that feels more normal yet newer in some ways. After a year doing our therapy work on Zoom, Reggae and I have enjoyed being in person and in dog at the Juvenile Justice Center as a therapy team. And there has been an adjustment.

You might think that taking a break and then just going back would be familiar, but we've had to ease into things. Although I spent a lot of time over the past year and half working with Reggae's social needs during a pandemic, he's been out of work so he had to remember how to do his

It's not always an easy job to bring smiles to faces, because not everyone wants to smile or remembers how to smile. With Team Sunshine, if we've made one kid smile, or one detention officer, or one security guard, or one custodian, parent or teen smile we've done our job.

Reggae has had to readjust to walking really well on a leash again, meeting new people in a group setting, and even things like being okay with the sound of the loud steel doors at detention. To help with the adjustment, we have worked at home around noise sensitivity using the Tellington TTouch (www.TTouch. com) work. I also take him to a few local stores on a regular basis so he can remember how to walk well on a leash and say hello to people.

Something we may not have thought much about during this past year and a half is how the animals have adjusted to us humans being home more, people wearing masks and then there's the uncertainty, fear and agitation that has bubbled up along the way globally.

We are absolutely elated to be back at Juvenile Detention - helping kids remember how to smile, how to relax, how to be kind, how to brush Reggae's teeth, how to build confidence and how to speak up.

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OREO: There is no information available at this time on Oreo, but if you call Catty Shack they can tell you everything there is to know about this cutie.

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TONTO NATURAL BRIDGE IS A WONDER WORTH SEEING

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

Sandstone or limestone comprise most natural bridges around the globe. But Arizona is home to what just might be the world's largest travertine bridge, with a thickness of 60 feet and a height of 183 feet. It has a tunnel width of 150 feet and tunnel length of 393 feet. This wonder, complete with waterfall, is at Tonto Natural Bridge State Park near Pine and about 10 miles north of Payson on State Route 87.

The scientific explanation of Tonto Natural Bridge is that an ancient lava flow eroded, was covered by sea water and then by another lava flow, which eroded again to form Pine Creek Canyon. Rainfall created limestone aquifers under the rock that carried dissolved limestone and calcium carbonate to form a travertine dam. Pine Creek wore away the dam to create the bridge.

Paved paths along the top of the park – elevation 4,530 feet – boast four viewpoints with views of Arizona's Rim Country. Dogs are allowed on these paths, but not on the four hiking trails.

Hiking shoes are recommended for the trails, which, although under a half-mile each, are steep and strenuous. Carry water and pack out trash. There aren't trash cans on trails. Don't take glass containers in, either.

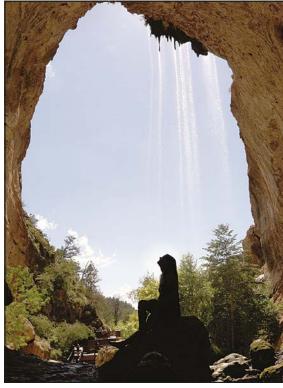
Two trails offer approximately a one-hour hike each. Pine Creek Trail, about 0.5 miles long, leads to Pine Creek natural area. Anna Mae Trail is about 500 feet in length and leads to Pine Creek Trail and the Natural Bridge. As of July monsoons, both trails were closed because of flooding. Check availability in the fall.

Waterfall Trail is about 300 feet long and ends at waterfall cave. Navigating the wet and uneven steps will take you 15-20 minutes. You might need more time to marvel at the moss-covered rocks and lush vegetation unusual to the surrounding desert terrain.

Gowan Trail, 2,200 feet long, goes down to an observation deck in the creek bottom. Its



Trail to Tonto Natural Bridge

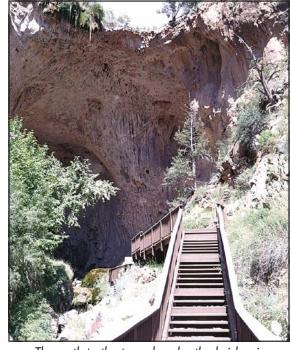


Sarah under bridge.

trail is steep and rough. Allow at least one hour. The inviting pool at the bottom is not open for swimming, but people do wade in to cool off.

The road to acquire the property as a state park was a long one, initiated in 1967. The park was not dedicated until 1991. Reading between the lines of its history on the website, it appears to me that the state expected a bargain, originally offering less than half of the asking price. Even after completing a low-ball appraisal that was ultimately redone to nearly three times the original appraisal, state officials offered an insultingly low price for the 160 acres. So another wonder is that we now enjoy this gem today as a state park.

A couple of paid activities are planned for September.



The path to the tunnel under the bridge is steep and rigorous.



Lookout points highlight majestic Pine Creek Canyon.

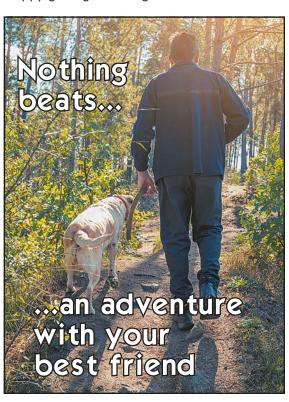
The weekend of September 11-12: Family Campout is for those with little or no camping experience. Learn to set up a tent, cook outside and more. \$90 for a family of 4. No children under 5 or pets. No RVs. Register at www. azstateparks.com/family-camp.

Sept. 18, 4-7 p.m.: Taste at the Bridge fundraiser supports the park. Wine tasting, beer, food, live music and live auction. \$50 per guest.

Park hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last entry is 4 p.m., which is also when trails close.

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Try these popular dog sports!

Story by Heidi Dahms Foster

Today, those who enjoy activities with their dog have an ever-increasing number of activities to choose from. Many of those are available locally or within a reasonable drive from the Quad Cities area.

Dog activities have several beneficial side effects: training and competing translates to quality time spent with your dog, which improves your bond; and participation in dog activities keeps your and your dog active, thus healthier.

You can find fulfilling activities that fit both you and your dog's activity level, physical abilities and aptitudes. Most organized dog sport events welcome both

purebred and mixed breed competitors, and many can be adapted to physical disabilities. Whatever activity you choose, you can enjoy being out, getting exercise, meeting new people, and enhancing your relationship with your pet.

Most activities in the Quad City area are facilitated by clubs, whether generic or single breed registries. Some may require a tracking number to compete, which can be obtained for a small one-time fee. Some of the clubs offer training and practices. It's a great time to try something new, so check out some of these opportunities available in our area.

Agility: Agility is essentially a timed obstacle course for you and your dog, that becomes more



Donna and K-aus rally. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster.



Cyrus the Belgian Malinois, owned by Lauren Passmore, doing air retrieve. Photo by Bethany Howell.

Whether your challenge is to simply make it through a course within the time limit, or to compete at the highest levels, it's all

within the time limit, or to compete at the highest levels, it's all great fun, and a great run is a thing of beauty.

Obedience: Long a staple of trainers who want to enjoy a

Obedience: Long a staple of trainers who want to enjoy a little competition, obedience is still a great test of your handler/dog relationship. Obedience is a stepping stone to so many other sports, because control of your dog is crucial not only for success and safety in daily life, but even more so in activities where your dog will be off leash, and often in unfamiliar areas. Obedience titles can be earned at the levels from the beginning Companion Dog to the upper levels of Utility, where a

dog must perform scent work and directed work away from the handler.

Rally Obedience: This wildly popular sport is a wonderful challenge for dogs and owners. In traditional obedience trials, the dog/handler team completes a standard course at the judge's direction, with the only interaction between dog and handler the initial command at the beginning of each exercise. In Rally Obedience, each trial is made up of a timed course of signs. The team is given a signal to begin, and the handler/dog completes the course on their own. In all but the most advanced levels, the handler may talk to the dog and use hand signals to help things along. The courses offer fun interaction with your dog and a great sense of accomplishment at mastering the

varying courses and the dog/handler relationship needed to complete the Rally levels.

Dock Diving: This sport is becoming more popular throughout the U.S. In dock diving, your dog waits on a 40-foot dock. You throw his toy, and on command he runs, leaps off the dock and into a specialized pool, and retrieves his toy. The goal is to have the longest jump, and like most dog sports, there are beginner through advanced classes. As your dog advances, there are other classes such as air retrieve, where your dog must jump and retrieve or remove a bumper above the dock. For more information about this relatively new sport, search dock diving on AKC.org or visit NorthAmerica DivingDogs.com.

Barn Hunt: Barn Hunt is another dog sport that is becoming ever more popular. In Barn Hunt, dogs of all breeds hunt rats (protected in strong, aerated PVC tubes) in a maze of straw bales. The dog must find the hidden rats, indicate the find, and the handler must "call" the find. The real challenge is

that every dog indicates a find differently and handlers must learn to read that individual dog. In each level, the dog must also complete a tunnel and a "climb" on one or more bales. Like most dog sports, there are a number of levels, with added rats and course challenges. Barn hunt rats are most often pampered pets of the sport enthusiasts and rules for their care, handling and protection are strict. While Barn Hunt is not currently available in the Quad City area, there is a working club in Casa Grande. Visit them at CasaGrandeBarn-



Dalmation barn hunt. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster.

Hunt.com or BarnHunt.com.

Two relatively new dog sports include **Scent Work** and **Trick Dog**, both American Kennel Club events that are open to mixed breed dogs with a tracking number as well.

AKC asserts that dogs have a sense of smell that's between 10,000 and 100,000 times more acute than humans. In Scent Work, neither the dog nor the handler knows where the "target," the odor, is hidden. The handler must trust the dog to find the scent and indicate the find.

(Please go to PrescottDog.com for the rest of the story, and contact info on local dog sports & competitions.)



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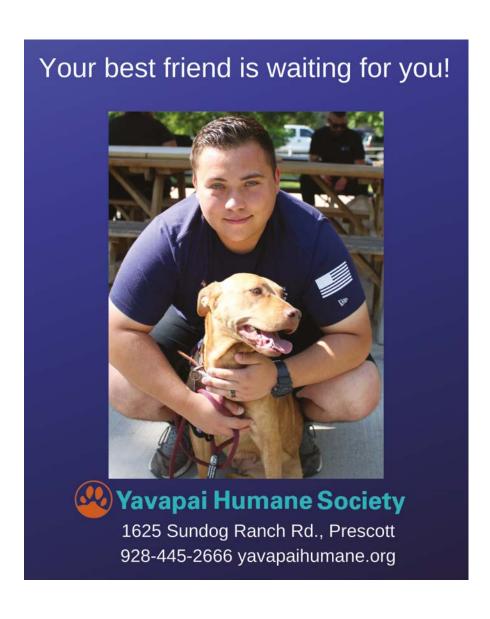








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BACK-COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CENTRAL ARIZONA

Lending a Hand to our Beautiful Land

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos courtesy of Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona.

After orchestrating an exceptional surprise party for his wife Rene, the members of Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona (BCHCAZ) were so impressed that they voted in Craig Ferdig as their next president. The bigger surprise was that Craig wasn't present during the election. He was out of town that day. But it's a pretty sure thing that the right decision had been made, for Craig Ferdig has a way of making a lot of work seem like a lot of fun for a lot of volunteers.



BCHCAZ President Craig Ferdig, making himself heard. (Please don't try this at home.)

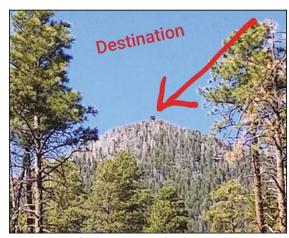
Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona (BCHCAZ) is a not-for-profit (501c3) organization designed to improve and maintain wilderness trails in the Prescott National Forest, their primary partner. They also work with the Coconino, Kaibab and Tonto National Forests, along with the National Park Service of the Grand Canyon and Wupatki National Monument.

Though the BCHCAZ is dedicated to keeping trails open for all trail users, they intently strive to educate horse riders in the Leave-No-Trace practices of the Seven Principles:

- 1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
- 2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
- 3. Dispose of Waste Properly
- 4. Leave What You Find
- 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
- 6. Respect Wildlife
- 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

BCHCAZ has approximately 85 members, all equestrians, but due to Covid, there were not a lot of scheduled work days in 2020. Jason Williams, Trails & Wilderness Coordinator of the Prescott National Forest, plans and implements trail projects and works closely with BCHCAZ as their liaison. According to Jason, there was not a set policy for working during the Covid crisis, but they chose to make strides in safety and took extra efforts to make work environments, though outdoors, as sanitary as possible.

Since April, 2021, the work crews have been increasing their activity and presence in wilderness tasks, but as Jason points out, "Due to the circumstance of a two-year drought, there has been little growth in brush and foliage."



Kendrick Mountain lookout tower.

He further acknowledges that due to the active monsoon output, we will be seeing major growth very soon, and then the work begins. Jason considers the Back Country Horsemen as his "go to" when he needs someone to go real remote in the wilderness for trail maintenance or repair.

Unlike the name suggests, members of BCHCAZ generally do not show up for service in the saddle. Work crews may possibly have a pack mule with supplies, but these volunteers actually hike in, sometimes for miles, to their destined trail location. Then they work. Then they hike back. All in a day's work. Work crews are not allowed chainsaws, but equipment may include saws and clippers.



Packing BCHCAZ mule to carry a trail gate post.



Heading up to Kendrick Mountain's watch tower to replenish supplies.



Trail workers dressed right and bringing in tools and equipment.

Due to the Covid period, President Ferdig attended to some of the trail needs solo, and other workers have done the same. But now the volunteers will be coming back to meet the needs of the many hikers, bikers and horse riders who enjoy every step, pedal, and stride they take in these extraordinary trails that have become an amazing adventure.

In the spring, they restocked Kendrick Mountain lookout tower in the Coconino National Forest with 800 lbs. of water for the fire season. The crew worked diligently to climb the 10,000 foot elevation. They also created a trail head at Almosta Ranch Road in cooperation with the neighborhood in Williamson Valley. The Stringfield trail is to be completed this year. BCHCAZ is also doing work in Sedona with the Red Rock District. "There are dangerous locations on some of the trails," reports Ferdig, "so we will be installing warning signs and such."

If you think this group is all work and no play.... wrong! BCHCAZ schedules at least one social ride a month for fun. Their fundraisers are not just resourceful for their needs, but valuable and important events to experience.

This year, they put on a two-day Ned Leigh clinic focusing on Horsemanship Communications. They offered two Self-Defense on Horseback clinics instructed by Horse Lords. Annual events include their Little Thumb Butte Ride that was in June, the Groom Creek Camp Weekend, and their biggest annual fundraiser, the Bumble Bee Ranch Weekend Ride taking place November 4-7, a great way to have fun and contribute to a wonderful cause all at the same time.

BCHCAZ teams up with Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance and Yavapai Trails Association on trail renovation projects. Their up and coming All-User Trail Work Days is scheduled for Groom Creek Loop Trail #307 on September 17 & 18, 24 & 25. This project offers our trail user community the opportunity to pitch in and help to clean up the trails that we love so much.

For more information on how you can help or to participate in the upcoming trail project, visit yavapai.trails@gmail.com.







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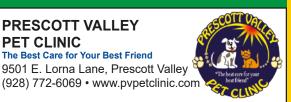
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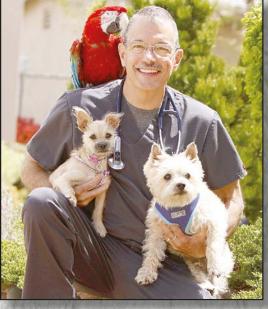
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