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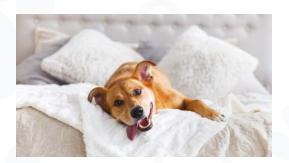
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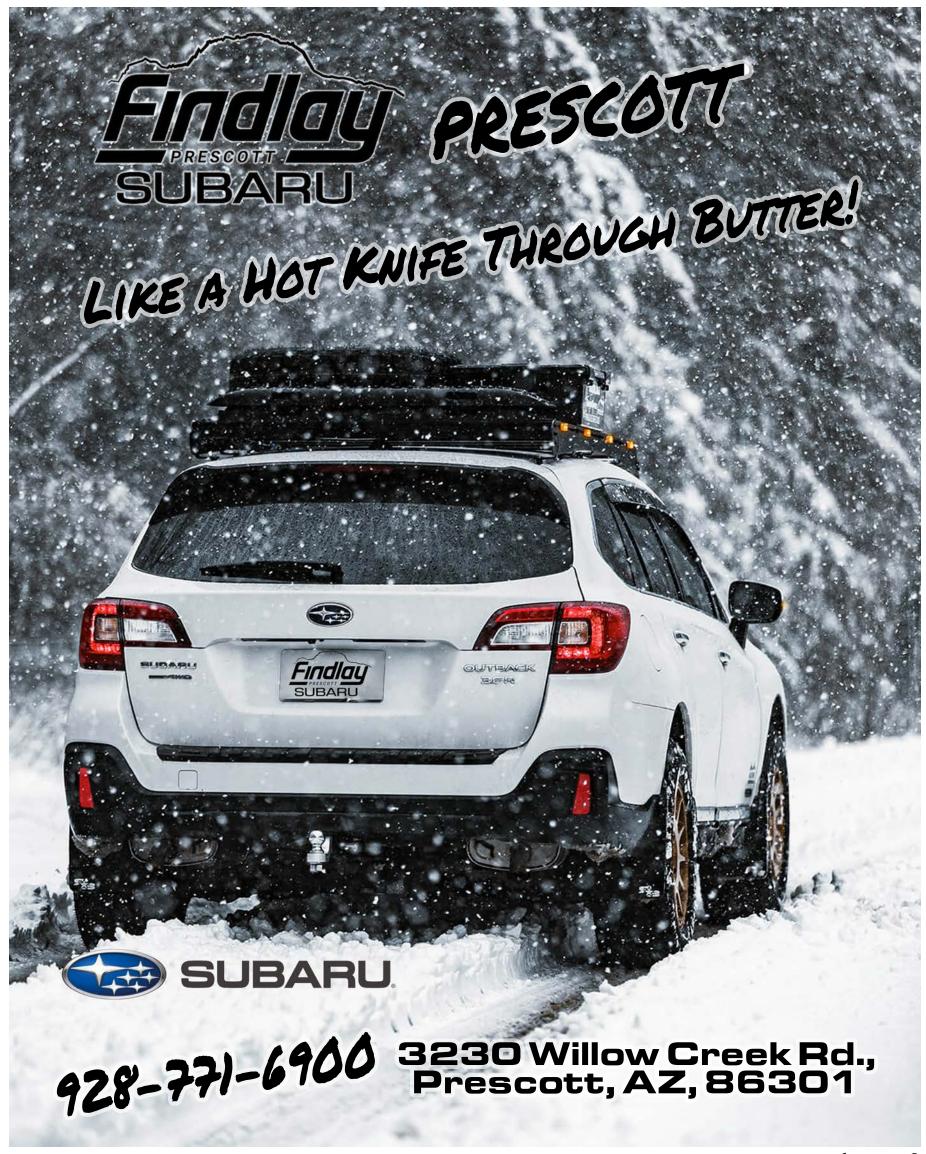


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### Ella Allie & Bailey, Our Cover Dogs

Name: Ella Bean VonSniffleZoom Calmes (aka Ella)

Hometown: Mayer/Paulden Arizona

Age: 3

Favorite brand of kibble: Diamond Naturals Lamb and Rice

Favorite people food: Starbucks Puppacinos

Favorite toy: The cats I live with have a small bird toy, and even though I have been told it belongs to them, I really like it and will carry it around with me at

Favorite outdoor activity: I love going for runs. I go for a run with my mom every morning. I also really like to spend a lot of time at the horse barn with my family. There are a lot of good smells up there.

Favorite indoor activity: I love curling up for a nap. Favorite nap spot: The ottoman in our living room.

Fitness regimen: I go running every morning with my mom and sometimes we go for walks, too. I actually live at boarding school and the students there love me. Sometimes they come and take me for walks. Recently I got to compete in a suirvivor weekend with them.

Describe your perfect canine pal: I like dogs that are pretty quiet. Bailey is my brother and he's older so he doesn't do much, but he does take me swimming in the pond sometimes.

Describe your perfect day: I am actually a rescue dog. A very nice lady found me in Kenyata, Arizona. My back leg was very badly injured from being caught in a bear trap. I couldn't walk, and it was very, very painful. The lady found Yavapai Humane Trappers, who took me into their program and got me the care I needed. Unfortunately, my leg could not be saved as it was too damaged and I had to have it removed. Prescott Animal Hospital and Yavapai Humane Trappers helped me and found me a wonderful foster mother who took me in and cared for me through my recovery.

My family found me through Yavapai Humane Trappers. My human, Peyton, was a senior at The Orme School, where my mom works and my human brother Colton goes to school. Peyton and I had a great summer. He took me in his Mustang to Starbucks a lot to get puppacinos. We also went running, and he let me sleep in his bed with him. He went to college this fall, but I can't wait for him to come home. I send him lots of photos. In the meantime, Colton, my Mom, me, and Bailey spend lots and lots of time enjoying ranch life at The Orme School, and me not having that leg NEVER slows me down!

Name: Bailey Calmes

Hometown: Born in upstate New York, but now I live in Mayer, Arizona and Paulden, Arizona.

Age: 11

Favorite brand of kibble: I'm a lab. I eat anything.

Favorite people food: Everything. I have trouble controlling my urges to eat any and all foods available to me!

Favorite toy: I like playing tug of war and have a few ropes that I play it with. Ella doesn't like this game, so I make my family play with me.

Favorite outdoor activity: Swimming! If there's water around, I will try to swim in it. It doesn't matter if it is a lake, pond, pool, or even a puddle. I will frequently get into the horse-watering tubs and swim when I am denied going to the pond. If there is a sprinkler out in the yard, I'll sit under it for hours. I love, love, love water.

Favorite indoor activity: Thinking about swimming and thinking about food.

Favorite nap spot: Under the sprinklers in the sun.

Fitness regimen: I am older now. I used to run when I was young, but I have a lot of arthritis now. Dr. Frank at Prescott Valley Animal Hospital takes great care of me. I still love going to the barn, but I have to get a ride up there because it's too far to walk. Swimming is definitely my favorite fitness thing to do.

Describe your perfect canine pal: I am super easygoing and really enjoy the company of any dogs.

Describe your perfect day: I'd be at our family cottage in the 1000 Islands area of Upstate New York. The house is on the water and there's a dock that I love to jump off of. My family gets nervous that I will swim too much and get too tired, but sometimes I just hide under the dock so they don't know I snuck back in the water!

### THE 'RED' BLACK FRIDAY

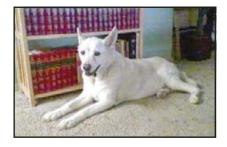
### By Cherie L. Dreves

When my daughter was in early elementary school, she was given a puppy at the park and told to "take her home and tell your mommy you found her." My daughter did as she was instructed by the two girls at the park. She was beautiful, and there was no question we were keeping her.

K.D. Bear, as she came to be known, was an awesome dog. Smart, loyal, and always by my side; we became inseparable. At the time I work in a business associated with retail. After my Black Friday experiences in prior years, and being gone all day, my first choice was to stay home and decorate the tree with my girls.

So that's what we proceeded to do Black Friday Morning. My daughter rolled out of bed, and we started decorating the tree. The sound of carols, and the smell of coffee, hot chocolate, and cinnamon pine cones wafted through the living room.

A couple of hours into the melee, the tree was looking great but my daughter wanted a few new things. Her reasoning was that "it was Bear's First Christmas," which indeed it was. She was weeks away from her first birthday.



First, remember I mentioned staying home with the girls and decorating the tree? She wanted me to take her to Garden Ridge Pottery, which wasn't far from our home. I stood there slowly nodding my head and figuring trip length, etc. and suddenly out of my mouth came "I agree. Baby, get my keys."

Off to Garden Ridge Pottery we went. Bear, being 10 months old was not really into messing with things in the house. She liked to tear up frisbee's, blocks of wood, and her stuffed toys, though my furniture, rugs, and homework were never threatened by Bear.

Maybe we took too long at Garden Ridge? Maybe the smells throughout the house finally got the best of her? Whatever it was that afternoon, it makes for a wonderfully funny memory almost 30 years later. The scene unfolds like this:

Lauren and I pull up to the house. I shut off the car and handed her the keys so we could go in the front door with our purchases. She hopped out, bounded up the walk, unlocked the door, and all I heard was "No way!" The panic moment started when she came running back to the car to exclaim "Bear's got red all over her muzzle and legs."

I hurried into the house to find the living room a tip. Our almost completed Christmas tree lying on its side, and my beautiful white shepherd with candy-apple red splotches and more than splotches covering her muzzle and her front legs.



There were even a couple of blotches on her back. The same blotches were also present all over my living room carpet. It was as if someone had dipped a Hot Wheels car in red paint and ran it across the floor.

I quickly scanned for the source of the dye. It didn't take long; it was the candy apple red hearts that we had purchased around Halloween. They would be a great alternative to breakable ornaments for Bear's first Christmas. Litle did we know they were going to be so attractive to her.

We righted the tree, cleaned Bear and the carpet, finished decorating the house and made plates of left-overs for dinner, all the while laughing about what happened. We called Bear 'Pinky' for a while, as the dye finally faded from her coat.

That was 29 years ago, my daughter has grown into a fine young woman. September marked the 17th anniversary of Bear's passing.

A lot has changed in all that time. One thing however has remained consistent. There is always one candy apple heart, near the top of our tree, in remembrance of that 'Red' Black Friday.



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### BOOK REVIEW: GRACIE, A RESCUE DOG IS A FUN READ FOR ALL AGES

### **By Heidi Dahms Foster**

If you want a quick, heartwarming read for yourself and the youngsters in your life, check out Gracie, a Rescue Dog by Marlene Baird.

Gracie, a Rescue Dog is a winsome, well-photographed book that tells the story of this little pup who was fortunate to find a loving adoptive family. Anyone who has given a rescue dog a second chance and found themselves in love will identify with this book.

Baird adopted Gracie on December 15, 2020 from the Yavapai County Humane Society in Prescott, and says the pup belongs to no organizations. "She is skilled at eating, sleeping, hiding, walking and being petted. She can lift spirits and make a person laugh. She loves other dogs, snacks, and playing. She is a smart dog who has taught her people all of her tricks. Her ancestry is unknown."

Marlene Baird is the author of four published novels: Murder Times Two, The Filigree Cross (The Salvation of Larry Broadfellow), Minnie and the Manatees, and Claire Walker. She took third place in the Lorian Hemingway International Short Story Contest, and has won several other awards. She is a member of Professional Writers of Prescott and Arizona Authors Association. She has twice taken first place in the Arizona Authors Association's annual writing contest and now serves as a judge for the contest. Marlene is a transplanted Canadian who lives in Prescott with her husband, Bob.

The purpose of Baird's engaging little book is to promote adoption of helpless animals and to thank all of those individuals who do this necessary work. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from this book will go to the Yavapai Humane Society, which makes it a great little gift or stocking stuffer with a purpose. Find it at Amazon.com for \$11.95.



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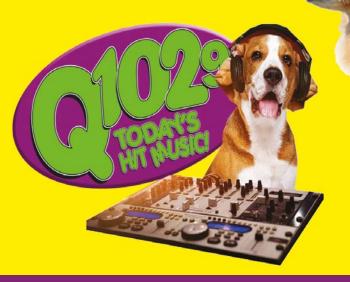
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### FACILITY DOG EDEN ON A MISSION TO COMFORT

### **Bv Heidi Dahms Foster**

When Amy Fillingim joined Prescott Police Department in 2016 as its Victim Advocate, she already had a dream for this much needed service in the community. She wanted to see another advocate on staff, and she wanted to bring a dog into the department, both within five years.

"I had seen the work the dogs had done in hospital environments and during ailing health or trauma," Amy said.

Fillingim presented a proposal to then deputy chief Amy Bonney to bring a canine on board. "When (Chief Bonney) had gone for training, she was engaged by the first law enforcement agency to bring dogs into this capacity to work with victims and first responders alike,"

That agency was the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in Ohio, and the program was started by Deputy Darrah Metz. Metz pioneered the program in her own agency and then designed training for other law enforcement agencies to participate at no cost. "She wanted them to see the value and understand what these dogs do," Fillingim said.

After that discussion, Chief Bonney returned and was adamant that the department needed a facilities dog. "There was a lot of excitement. I found that my Victim Services grant through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) would pay for these types of dogs. I wrote the proposal into the grant cycle for 2020."

Unfortunately, that's when COVID hit. No changes could be made to the current grant, and none would be made for three years. "It was disheartening," Fillingim said.

Then, a wonderful blessing happened both to first responders and to trauma victims in the Prescott area. The Department of Public Safety reached out to Prescott PD and told them they had purchased two facilities dogs. They were paid for and in training, but DPS was unable to bring them on board in their existing program. They offered one to Prescott PD. "Our department was ecstatic," Fillingim said, and it was decided that the dog would come to Prescott.

Enter Eden, an impossibly cute, amazingly empathetic goldendoodle who has since won the hearts of every-

one she meets. "This was a tremendous gift," Fillingim said.

"It all happened so fast," she said. "Eden came to us named after fallen DPS trooper Tyler Edenhofer, who lost his life during his last day of field training in Phoenix. Normally we would ask local school kids to write an essay and then pick a name, but we of course kept Eden's the same."

Eden comes from Arizona Goldendoodles and has been specially trained from the time she was eight weeks old. "When she came to us, she was just a baby,' Fillingim said. "She's now a year and half old."



Eden

Eden lives with Fillingim and her husband. Fillingim still almost wants to pinch herself to believe she and the department can enjoy such a wonderful dog, and they are still discovering what she can do. "This is a dream come to fruition, from growing the Unit to include a second advocate and now a canine to help victims from crime victims to first responders," she said.

The engaging dark red-colored pup spent time with Yavapai County Sheriff's Officers and other first responders when YCSO Sgt. Richard Lopez was shot and killed in the line of duty on June 28 this year. Recently, Eden provided comfort to Central Yavapai Fire & Medical Authority personnel after the loss of

CAFMA Captain Zach Fields.

There is just something about a friendly dog that melts people's hearts and helps them cope. "Having Eden be here to support the community in that fashion...staff mem-

bers would see her and just break out in tears," Fillingim said.

Eden has been trained from a young puppy to detect Cortisol, the primary stress. When people experience trauma, adrenaline dumps a cocktail of hormones into the system, Fillingim said.

"Eden can detect those hormones, and her job is to render four tasks to help sedate trauma, depending on how people react. Stroking a dog trained in this capacity creates a natural response to release serotonin, which leads to clearer thinking, and the increase of a feeling of wellbeing," she said.

One way Eden will comfort is to approach and sit across a person's lap, putting her entire weight on the individual. "It's like a 48 lb.

weighted blanket for a person to cry on and hug," Fillingim said

Another comforting behavior is to lay down next to a person and place her paw on a knee or hand or lay

> across the individual's feet to offer comfort and support. The third behavior is Fillingim's favorite. Eden will literally offer a hug. Finally, Eden can minimize her height by lowering herself to the floor and crawling to a person who may be uncertain.

> Fillingim doesn't order Eden to react in a certain way. "It's all on her to sense. She doesn't always come right up and engage. Sometimes I'll give the 'go ahead' and she'll walk over and assess the situation. Occasionally if she really detects stress she'll come in and jump right in a person's lap like 'You need me, and I need to be on your lap!' It's really up the individual, if they're

not open, she can sense that as well. We don't give credit enough to these dogs, people sometimes make fun, but they are so smart. They just don't communicate the way we do.

"Research supporting how dogs are impacting (trauma and stress) is finally starting to surface. I have witnessed 240 lb. SWAT officers dressed in their gear, spooning with Eden on the floor."

Another example of Eden's empathy occurred with a detective in the department. Though she hadn't seen him in some time, Eden walked in to his office and crawled up in his lap. The detective was carrying a heavy case load at the time, and Eden knew he could use a little

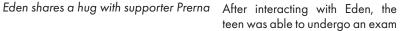
During a recent conference, where she went through intensive training, Eden entered a breakout session with Fillingim. She immediately jumped on an empty seat, approached an attendee, and crawled right across his lap. Fillingim apologized, and the man said, no, that it was quite alright. Eden stayed there during the entire presentation, somehow knowing he needed her.

Two events with Eden particularly stand out for Fillingim. The first one was an encounter with a 15-year-old sex-

> ual assault victim. Fillingim was asked to meet with the victim at the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center.

"When Eden and I walked in, the victim was sitting with her legs pulled tight to her chest, arms wrapped around her knees, and closed off. She had a look of fear and shock.

I told her I'd like to have Eden engage with her if she was willing. I got a nod. After sitting for half an hour, I excused myself for a few minutes to use the restroom. On the way back, I heard giggling. I poked my head around the corner to see the victim stroking Eden, talking, and with a bit of humor on her face."



and forensic interview. "That's a lot for any person to go through. I truly don't know if she would have gotten through it without Eden," Fillingim said.

In another incident, Fillingim was doing follow up with another victim in a significant domestic violence case who had court coming up. The victim hadn't yet met Eden. "I hadn't seen the victim for months, and as I walked out, she was smiling and talking with family. She turned around and I said, 'Hello, we'd love for you to meet Eden.' She dropped to her knees, wrapped her arms around Eden and wept for 10 minutes."

The victim hadn't cried for a while, but she felt comfortable to do so around Eden. "I typically don't tear up," Fillingim said, "but I had a few tears running on that one. It broke my heart but made me so happy, too. The power of this little doodle is so immense when people will open up and allow her in. It's a priceless, low-cost solution to the significant trauma people have gone

Even at her young age, Eden handles the stress of other people's emotions very well. Fillingim can tell when she needs a break, and sometimes asks her husband to come take the dog home for time out if needed.

(Eden, continued on next page)



Eden interacts with Chief Amy Bonney

### PRESCOTT K9s ARE FRIENDLY, FUN, AND AMAZING DETECTIVES

### Story by Heidi Dahms Foster. Photos by Amanda Hurtt.

Prescott Police Department K9s have been doing a stellar job taking drugs off the city's streets. The two-K9 unit, comprised of K9s Cooper and Benny, both yellow Labradors and single purpose narcotics dogs, is headed up by Sgt. Jack Shapiro.

Cooper has been handled by longtime K9 Officer Kyle Alltop since 2020. Prior to joining Prescott PD, Alltop spent 10 and a half years in the military, eight of them as an E-5 Staff Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force working dog program.



Benny

Alltop started his service with Prescott in 2017, and was eager to join the K9 unit, but when the first testing opportunity became available, he was just six weeks shy of the required length of service. Finally, a prior handler switched units, and Kyle tested and was hired for the job. He traveled to Washington in 2020, where he met and returned home with Cooper, then just two years old. He was purchased from Pacific Coast K9s, and paid for by a generous anonymous donor.

Officer Troy Crawford handles Benny, and is the dog's second handler. Crawford started with the Prescott PD in 2013 as a recruit, then worked in patrol and as a Field Training Officer. He also serves on the department's SWAT team. He applied in 2021 to be a K9 handler, and received his training in house and

with other area agencies such as Prescott Valley and Yavapai County Sheriff's Office.

Shapiro said both dogs are "super friendly and super hyper." Benny particularly enjoys a game of tug-of-war.

While they don't visit the Police Department offices often, as they must be ready to work, when they do show up, they're showered with attention. They're also photogenic, great ambassadors for the Prescott K9 program.

Both Crawford and Alltop regularly attend

training in K9 first aid, legal issues and other scenarios unique to their service. Their patrol is generally within the City and assisting other agencies as needed in the county.

The K9s are new enough to narcotics that they were not trained on the odor of marijuana, so legalization has not been a problem for the department. Occasionally, the teams will assist Yavapai County Sheriff's deputies in drug interdiction patrols on Interstate 17.

"That's not our jurisdiction," Shapiro said, "but we'll go and play with them sometimes. Most of our work with local agencies, local drug busts, and callouts during traffic stops (when there is suspicion of drugs in a vehicle).



Cooper

Officers are trained to observe behaviors that may indicate drugs. Shapiro said those can be as simple people driving by an officer and studiously looking in the other, which is quite common. "It's natural avoidance," he said.

During a traffic stop, the driver or passengers sometimes cannot keep their stories straight.

"We just ask questions, and one person says one thing and the other says another,' Shapiro said. "But we cannot just stop a vehicle for no reason. There has to be a violation to make the stop,

then we look for other behaviors as well. We'll have some reasonable suspicion before we run the dog."

Shapiro said officers are finding more of the deadly drug Fentanyl now than ever before, and officers see several overdoses each week. Administering Narcan to combat the drug can often save someone's life, if officers can get there quickly enough.

Benny and Cooper are expert at locating Fentanyl. They are imprinted on the odor during training, and rewarded each time they indicate the drug. It's all a big game to the playful K9s, but serious to officers.

Just a few of the K9s' busts this year show the two K9 teams' skill in taking a large amount of Fentanyl pills and other drugs off the streets, and shutting down some dealers, undoubtedly saving an unknown number of lives.

(Read the rest of the story on PrescottDog.com)



Troy Crawford (L) & Kyle Alltop (R) with supporters.

### (Eden, continued)

"I can tell you when we went to a recent conference for three days, the first day she had dinner plates for eyes. The last day she was like, 'I got this, this is what I do for a living.' But every night she was wiped."

When the team helped after Sgt. Lopez lost his life, Eden slept for much of three days afterward. "She was exhausted after taking on those emotions," Fillingim said.

Once she's home and her collar and vest come off, Eden become a 1 ½ year old puppy again. Fillingim and her husband have a 100 lb. Labradoodle and an 80 lb. Labrador, and Eden loves to romp with both. "She gets to be a dog, and for me that's one of my favorite parts," Fillingim said. "That's her release, and it helps her keep her sanity."

Eden has become a quite popular presence around the community in Prescott, who often greet her on the street.

This immensely comforting, warm ball of fur and the priceless service she offers is solely supported by community donations. While she was a gift at the start, Eden will need all the things every dog needs veterinary care, food, treats, toys, and grooming. The community has rallied to meet that need. Olsen's Grain has pledged dog food for Eden's lifetime, and other events have raised the money needed to sustain her in all ways.

Fillingim is understandably proud of Eden's contribution to the trauma victims, first responders and the greater community. "I am so proud of her. She is blessing the community, and I'm so grateful for the support of the department in bringing her on in this capacity."

Donations are always welcome for Eden's needs. Donors may write a check or bring cash to the Prescott Police Department, always with a note that the donation is for Eden. Find more information at prescottpolice.org or prescottpolicefoundation.org.



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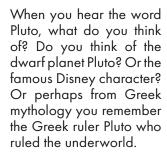
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### THE PLUTO PROJECT **OF SEDONA**

By Kim Spangler, Volunteer for The Humane Society of Sedona



For me, from now going forward, when I hear the word Pluto, I will be reminded of the shelter dog Pluto from The Humane Society of Sedona.

met Pluto on Tuesday September 27 on my volunteer shift. As the typical

shift goes, I took a few dogs on walks that day to get them out of their kennels and to get exercise. One dog happened to be named Pluto.

Pluto was a sweet brown dog who loved her walk. She stopped to smell the grass and the flowers we passed by. She looked back at me over her shoulder as if to say, wow - isn't this fun? On our walk we came upon a Pink Jeep and Pluto sniffed it and then gave me a look as if to say 'wouldn't this be fun to ride around in'.

After returning Pluto to her kennel I saw the hiking backpack in the shelter, and inquired about how to sign up to take a dog on a hike. I was told to text on a cool morning and they would let me know if a dog was available to hike.

Two days later I woke up to a beautiful cool morning and thought of taking a shelter dog on a hike. I remembered Pluto and what a great walker she was. I texted the shelter and yes Pluto was available that day.

I picked up Pluto and off we went to Chimney Rock Trail - one of the most scenic and easy trails in west Sedona. This trail is known for its views and it is good for dogs as the trail is relatively smooth. You can see Thunder Mountain to the

northeast. It was a lovely morning.

The hike with Pluto was everything I hoped for and expected. She was happy and enjoying every step. Pluto walked right by me, wagging her tail, and sniffing the scents. She would lift her head up occasionally to look at me and seemed to be saying thank you for taking me out.

At the halfway point we stopped for a snack. I put down a water bowl and some treats for Pluto and she



took me up on both offers. I had a trail bar. We watched a blue butterfly land on a branch near us. It was serene. Pluto nuzzled up against me. All was right with the world.

After our break we headed back down the trail to the parking lot. This is where things went awry. Poor Pluto did not want to get back in my car.

> Two women in the next car saw this and offered to help, which was nice except it spooked Pluto when they walked up behind her. At that moment Pluto jerked with enough force to free herself from her collar. She made a u-turn and headed back up the trail we had just hiked.

> Pluto then started what became a six-day odyssey around Chimney Rock and Thunder Mountain and west Sedona.

> After Pluto ran off, a wonderful group of humans

arrived to help including Sandy, Kirk, Philippa, Peggy, Megan, Antonio, Carolyn, John, Leann and others. Everyone pitched in and a plan was formulated. Lost Dog flyers were made. Walks began around the neighboring areas. Posts were put up on social media.

As this "Pluto Project" began in earnest an old saying jumped to mind... "fortune favors the brave", which comes from a Latin proverb that means those who take risks often reap great rewards. Those who are courageous are often the most successful. We are encouraged to take chances in life in order to get what we want. In this case we all wanted to find Pluto. But looking for a reddish-brown dog in a reddish-brown landscape was not going to be easy. We needed to be brave.

The Pluto Posse was dedicated, disciplined, and determined, showing up every day, every hour. Hikers and bikers joined in the search. People who had seen Pluto were calling and texting. Pluto went viral on social media with people reposting her sweet face and those soulful brown

As each day passed, hope remained our friend

and our beacon. We were told Pluto had good survival skills being that she initially hailed from Native American lands up north. Rains came on day 5 so we knew she could drink water from the puddles.

Then suddenly lots of sightings! Pluto on Harmony! Pluto on Moonglow! Pluto at the Peace Park! Pluto on Hozoni! Pluto on Sunshine! Residents and visitors kept letting us know that Pluto was on the move!

Finally on the afternoon of



Tuesday October 4th, Pluto was spotted heading east from Chimney Rock. East was great as that is where Kirk had placed the trap that Sandy had baited with Vienna Sausage and Roasted Chicken. Sandy had also scented the area with fish sauce, liquid smoke, and minced hot dogs! What dog could resist all that?!?

The story has a happy ending. Plucky Pluto entered the crate to feast and the door closed behind her. I saw this on my phone which I had activated from the camera that was placed near the crate. Once we saw her inside, we drove up Rhapsody Road, walked up the hill, and there she was! She wagged her tail as if to say hello and I am back! Pluto said she wanted to beat the amount of activities that Ferris Bueller did on his days off. Well, she did!

A short time later a van came to pick up Pluto and return her to The Humane Society. The staff was elated to see her. Pluto was given food, water, and vet care. She was in overall good shape considering she had spent six days in the wild.

Now all Pluto needs to complete her remarkable journey is a person, a family, a furever home. Pluto is a sweet girl who deserves her own happy ending. Can you provide her with love, and walkies, and treats, and belly rubs? If you can, please contact The Humane Society of Sedona. Pluto is 5 years old, spayed, microchipped, vaccinated, and full of joy.

PS From Pluto: My journey of ten thousand steps began with a single step. Now you take a step toward me.





# UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS SON A RESCUE MISSION OF

### **JASMINE**

No animal rescue begins and ends with just one person. And if there is any United Animal Friends mission that showcases the power of partnership, that honor belongs to Jasmine.

Pregnant and homeless in Burnside, Arizona, Jasmine was found by a local rescue group, RezDawg Rescue, Inc., after a terrifying run-in with a porcupine. The encounter left Jasmine with painful quills embedded in her face, the trauma of which sent her into early labor.



RezDawg volunteers recognized the urgency of Jasmine's situation and immediately began frantic efforts to transport her to the closest town for medical attention. Those efforts paid off, and after raising the funds needed to cover her emergency labor, the group turned their attention to finding a safe place for Jasmine and her two prematurely born pups to recover.

United Animal Friends was at the top of RezDawg Rescue's list. After our own hectic efforts to secure a foster, United Animal Friends next faced the challenge of bringing Jasmine and her pups from Gallup, New Mexico to Prescott. Time was of the essence, and in this case, it came from the skies.

UAF volunteer and pilot Randy responded to the call, waiting on standby before flying his private plane to Gallup to retrieve the small family. Fresh off the flight with Randy, Jasmine and her pups were transported

directly into foster care, where they now rest, healing together.

Their UAF foster mom reports that the "sweet, gentle, and cooperative" Jasmine "is eating like a horse" after her amazing rescue.

Jasmine's dramatic journey is certainly unique, but it shares the theme of partnership that characterizes so many United Animal Friends rescue missions. And the most important partner for United Animal Friends? You, our community. Just as Jasmine relied on our networking, we rely on your support. Thank you for ensuring we can answer the call of animals in need.



### **BARKLEY**

We lost sweet Barkley this past month. He was as beautiful as a dog could be, heart and soul.

We rescued him off the highway eleven years ago. He was running with a pack of small dogs, bringing up the rear with his tongue hanging almost to the ground and limping all the way. He appeared to be an old dog at the time.



It was a few days before Christmas, and I was determined to get him off the streets before I left for the holidays. I jumped in the truck with a bowl of food and began the pursuit. It took me eight tries, and on my last shot he finally stopped and came to me. He leaned against me and collapsed in my lap.

As it turns out, he was only a year and a half old. With some good food and supplements, he tuned in to one of the most beautiful dogs ever. He was a Dudley yellow lab with a freckled nose and stunning yellow eyes. He was also the most gentle soul there ever was. He never met a person, or another dog that he didn't like.

He was the official Dogtree Pines greeter. When we brought a new dog into the rescue, Barkley was always the first to meet and judge the temperament of the new dog.

Barkley served as a support dog for his Dad, a veteran, and rarely left his side (unless with was to swim or play ball - his two favorite things). When going through chemotherapy, Barkley slept at the foot of my bed, watching over me day after day.

Barkley loved the beach

He left us too soon! It wasn't his time yet, and it came without notice. wanted to share Barkley with the rest of the world. We miss him every day!



### **MY LITTLE "T"**

By Miriam Drake

For 18.5 years, I enjoyed the company of Tipper, my "pound puppy" rescue extraordinaire. This black and white mixed breed was a Valentines Day gift to me from my husband.

She was highly intelligent (too intelligent); not cuddly (though she enjoyed the kisses, adult conversation, baby talk, and stroking she regularly received from me); she showed great discernment and judgement in warning, not hurting, the thieving neighbor chihuahua "Zak"; she loved riding in the car every chance I could give



her; she had ESP; and was, as far as I could tell, part Akita, Pit Bull, and Border Collie.

She was a sight hound with piercing, inscrutable eyes. She looked and behaved as an alpha yet would flip over in submission if she saw a Doberman or Rottweiler approaching in the distance.

When the retired 3-Star Army General turned carpenter/fixit man was sprawled out on the kitchen floor fixing the plumbing under the sink, Tip was right beside him, her head under the sink observing the work! This 6'5" commander was afraid of her!

I realized after a while that she was protecting me. I never realized this because she never barked. She used body language and facial expressions to get a message across to strangers. I had no idea. No one bothered us.

Again, she was not an affectionate lap dog, but she did care. We weathered many storms together: the loss of my husband; several household moves; the loss of my mother, father, and brother within a 3 month time period; and the loss of my business during the dot com crash. She stood by me, a true friend. I loved

When the pain tolerant Tipper started showing signs of slowing down due to growing hip dysplasia, I found a veterinarian who practiced acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine, which gave relief.

I believe she understood me when I told her that I would not put her down until she gave me a signal that she was ready. That signal came one morning when she was 18.5 years old. It was a terribly sad day for me. We both faced it bravely and with dignity. Privately afterward, I cried. She was a great dog.



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Our condolences to Priscilla on the passing of Machaca - September 2022.

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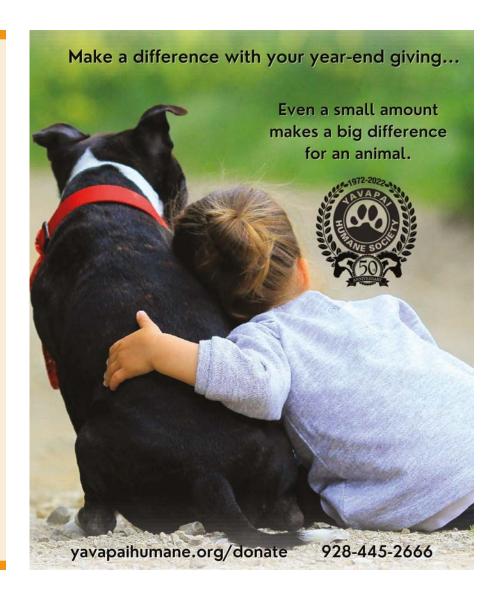
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### HEARTS FOR THE HERD: ANIMAL REZ-Q MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



REZ-Q founder Glenda Davis with vet tech volunteer Thurman Lynch. Photo by Horse Plus Humane Society.

Glenda Davis is founder of Rez-Q, a non-profit organization she developed to provide affordable animal wellness services directly into Native American communities. According to Davis, "Given the opportunity to use our affordable cost animal services, we believe that Native Nations and our animal kingdoms will flourish and sustain one another."

The team of veterinarians on board were dental specialist Rich Fisher, Mark Anderson (formerly of PAH), Laura Waitt Wolker, Victoria Olsen-Mikitowicz (Dr. Miki), and James Foley. This animal care crew included certified/registered equine dental technician Veronica Jones, vet students from both Midwestern University and UC Davis, professional farrier Prunell Charley, and hoof trimmer Jack Pitts along with proficient volunteers from Glenda's Rez-Q organization. These amazingly dedicated professionals came

together like a well oiled machine, with the humility and passion of a volunteer spirit.

The agenda of the Equine Service and Education Trip featured low cost equine dentistry, vaccinations, and hoof care to the residents of the Navajo and Hopi nations. Castrations

Dental specialist Dr. Fisher with an audience.

were completely paid for by a generous grant received from Horse Plus Humane Society of Tennessee. The event was advertised prominently so that all services could be scheduled by appointment

Just what did this heartfelt mission mean to the native people and their animals receiving care? One Navajo resident responded, "It's the only way people can afford it because of the costs and gas prices. It's good for the Navajo tribe." Another resident who was bringing in his stud colt for castration explains, "It helps with the

cost and with us not having to travel so far. The nearest vet is about two hours away. It means a lot."

> Native American pre-vet student Hailey Cohoe shared first hand, "Out here the horses are in-breeding....The studs are really over populating the herds. There's no water. There's no vegetation, so there's nothing to eat. They're starving."

> Regarding the educational efforts, Rez-Q founder Glenda stresses the importance of the teaching component with students. According to Dr. Anderson, "The students get the opportunity to geld 10-12 colts before they ever get out of vet school. We look for programs like this to help

mentor veterinary students."

Rey Archuleta MWV student trimming hooves.

Students rotated. They acted as floaters. Sometimes one was administering anesthesia on a horse for surgery, while another was learning to trim hooves or assist an equine dental specialist learning to operate the specialized equipment. The students all agreed that they are learning

a lot. At the end of the day, they gathered around and discussed the day's happenings to share procedures and experiences.

"I enjoy helping the Nation," Navajo states Anderson, "but I also enjoy empowering vet students to be better vets. For me, it's pretty satisfying to just.... pay it forward."



Mare brought in for vaccinations. Her baby is along for the ride.

Another Navajo resident emphasized, "A lot of horses on our grassland are really depleting a lot of our good grass, all our natural resources. Castration is a really good population control."

"We get horses in here that you literally can't handle," explains Dr. Waitt. "And then we castrate them so they can become good equine citizens and actually do their jobs." Waitt continues, "Decreasing the population by castration of stallions and maintaining the quality of the horses is absolutely vital to safety and to horse health. We can't just let nature do its

thing. Nobody wants to see a horse starve to death over a rough winter."

They all agree that the horses mean so much to these tribes. Glenda expresses that the Navajo consider the horses as the communication between the earth and the sky. "It's just a positive thing, and they are beautiful creatures."

"I think volunteering for the Navajo Nations is one of the richest parts of my life," confides Dr. Rich Fisher. "I treasure these moments more and more....Life is so short and fragile. Trying to make a path of beauty means a lot to me."



UC Davis vet tech Emma Orth administering anesthesia.



### YHS Equine Center: Compassion Lives Here

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Rescued horse photos by Veronica Jones.

What do you say when 21 horses come knocking at your barn door? If you are the folks at Yavapai Humane Society Equine Center, you open your hearts, and you open the

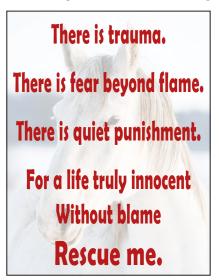
is precisely what happened in late August when an equine rescue operation, Desert Springs Equestrian Center, brought to the YHS facility in Chino Valley, 21 equines that had been purchased from auction sites in Texas and Louisiana. The

delivery consisted of geldings, mares, mares with foals, mares in foal, a donkey and 2 smaller donkeys/burros. The spokesperson for Desert Springs Equestrian Center says that they have pulled 271 equines from slaughter thus far.

Some of the animals were in need of care. Most of the animals were clearly scared, skeptical and apprehensive. (Kill pens are not always a friendly place.) All of the animals are safe now and in good hands. Vet care including vaccinations, tetanus shots and deworming was provided before delivery by Desert Springs professionals. The head of this mission is relentlessly determined to save every animal in serious peril.

At the YHS Equine Center, I was given the grand tour by supervisor Veronica Jones, a hardworking, knowledgeable equestrian who proves well capable of managing this herd of variety with multiple challenges. YHS houses a total of 34 equines, which includes the horses who have come to the facility locally.





Jones knows all of them by name and personalities as well. She introduced me to Joey and George, two very handsome paint geldings sharing the same play paddock. Shango is an older gelding who boasts a rich history of trail riding, which he would prefer to continue. Then there is the big beautiful gray dapple percheron, Annie Oakley, and small donkeys Jack & Jill.

One of Veronica's favorite mares is Mariposa, American-

Spanish for butterfly. "This gal came with the group of rescues. She was suffering from multiple abscesses on her rear leg and was in so much pain but allowed me to treat the area while in agony, without fighting back," Veronica details.

There are three sets of mares, each with a foal. Mom Tuesday came complete with baby Wednesday (their names). Patches came with baby Hunter, and no daycare would be complete without mom Marble (named for her unique color pattern) and baby Cruella (Ella) named for the gray streak in her little tail. Of course these sets would not be separated until the babies are weaned, but who could resist adopting them together?

We can't forget the big Belgian draft in all her majesty. The mare Miranda is certainly a sight to behold.

Who would ever imagine that one would find such beauty and charm, such promise and hope under our own county roof? Yavapai Humane Society Equine Center in Chino Valley is an





adoption-focused program for horses possibly in need of rehabilitation. They began their mission in 2016, and have built and maintained a fortress of love for the ones who need it most: the abandoned, the discarded, the vulnerable.

Equine adoptions from YHS come with medical and training records, vaccinations, hoof and dental work, and dewormings. Some horses may also come with Pedigree. Prior to adoption, the horses have undergone ethical training to learn basic behaviors on the ground and, if applicable, while being ridden. YHS's goal is to ensure a good match between each horse and their new owner and home.

The facility has trainer Carl on staff to help where needed. But more help is always needed, especially now. Good volunteers would be so beneficial to the needs of these new mouths to feed, simply to clean stalls and check and fill water troughs.

In addition to the rescue horses, YHS also has goats, pigs, ducks, doves and an alpaca named Johnny Bravo. Life on the farm is a lot of work. Just ask Veronica Jones.



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### SUNSET TRAIL DELIVERS SPECTACULAR SUNSETS

### Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

The Colorado River through the Grand Canyon is inaccessible to most people. But at the western border of Arizona, it offers plenty of easy opportunity for aquatic play, watching ducks and coots diving for dinner, or simply enjoying a spectacular sunset over the water.

Such is the case at Lake Havasu State Park. The State Parks Board recognized the potential in

1957 and acquired the campground concession in 1965. The purchase and reconstruction of London Bridge—yes, it really is the famous old bridge from England—truly put Lake Havasu City on the map in 1969. The town and campground are popular spots for "snow birds" because of mild winter temperatures.

The 928-acre park is ideal for year-round recreation, both for campers and day-use folks. Campsites right next to white sand beaches, boat ramps, and nature trails make getting into or onto the water so easy. We enjoy taking out our kayaks—it's a short paddle to London Bridge—or just



A peaceful place for our morning coffee.





Impoundment on the Colorado River with California on the other side.





Taking a daytime stroll on the Sunset Trail.



Learn about native flora and fauna in the interpretive garden.

floating around in a life jacket after a heated hike.

The Mohave Sunset Trail meanders through the desert for 1.75 miles, with frequent sightings of the mighty Colorado River. To learn about the park's diverse animal and plant life, walk the Arroyo-Camino Interpretive Garden pathways, under abundant shade. Shade isn't so import-

ant in November and December, when average highs are 74 and 65, respectively, while lows are 50 and 43. Even into January and February, averages are 65 and 71, lows 43 and 47. You'll see cottontail bunnies, lizards, and a wide variety of birds.

Fishing is another attraction, with larger than average largemouthed, smallmouthed, and striped bass (up to 30 pounds), as well as catfish, from the lake. To us, Lake Havasu is simply a wide spot in the river, but don't tell anyone! It's called a "19,000-acre impoundment on the Colorado River...loaded with fish" on the Arizona State Parks website. Fishing tournaments are frequent, because "fish condos" and natural habitat improvements allow for a thriving food chain.

A marathon and races of shorter lengths took place on the state park grounds one Saturday in early November, when we were camped there. Runners of all ages were fun to visit with after their races.

All in all, the Lake Havasu area serves up an enjoyable outdoor experience.

Happy winter hiking!









# Resources & Separation Anx

### TIME, RESOURCES AND SEPARATION ANXIETY: THE DILEMMA OF PANDEMIC PUPS

### **By Heidi Dahms Foster**

As the Covid Pandemic wanes, more and more people have returned to the office or are modifying their remote work schedules. People are adjusting to the change, but in some cases, their dogs are another

People who were forced to avoid contact with others during the Pandemic found themselves staying away from entertainment venues and restaurants, and even working from home. That left a lot of time to interact and build a relationship with the family pet. But it also took away the socialization that the normal pup would experience with their families.

TheBark.com states that while dogs adopted during the Pandemic were in the critical formative weeks of early life, particularly during 2020, their behavior and socialization was affected to varying degrees by the lack of normal contact and experiences during the long months of quarantine isolation.

"We have been seeing a lot more dogs coming in with a lack of exposure, and many that lacked this exposure during the critical stage of puppyhood," said Owner/ Trainer Donna Cox of Prescott Valley Dog Squad.

These dogs can be more skittish and nervous outside of the home or with visitors in the home. Dogs underexposed to environments during Covid may also show fear reactivity or aggression such as barking or lunging while on leash."

Because they were rarely left alone during the Pandemic, these dogs can experience a high level of separation anxiety. They show distress when apart from their families. Many Pandemic pups did not visit the vet often, which adds to the anxiety when they need healthcare.

Rescues and shelters such as the Yavapai Humane Society are experiencing higher than normal numbers of pet surrenders. Whether that is from people abandoning the animals they adopted during the Pandemic is not certain, said Loree Walden, Marketing Manager at Yavapai Humane Society.

'We are seeing a big increase in animals coming into the shelter," she said. "We really have no way of tracking if these were animals adopted during the Pandemic. There are so many reasons given. Some reasons are 'not enough time,' or 'didn't get along with other animals in the house.' Unfortunately, there is also a lot of 'moving, can't take with' and 'cannot afford."

Walden said another reason for pet surrenders is the difficulty of accessing affordable veterinarian care. "There is a nationwide shortage on veterinarians, and there are so many clinics across the country which are facing the same problems and having to close."



Yavapai Humane has a low-cost spay/neuter clinic that remains closed for lack of a veterinarian.

Pet food and supplies have also seen a big increase in cost, and some people are sadly having to surrender pets because they cannot afford to feed and care for them. There are resources to help.

"We do have a Community Pet Food Pantry where we can assist those in need with food for their pets," Walden said.

Area rescues will also help those in need of food and supplies, rather than see them surrender their pet. Some local pet stores keep a box for patrons to donate food for pets in need. Donate if you can, or call if you're in need.

You can help your anxious pup, whether the anxiety is caused by Pandemic isolation or another reason. It will take some consistent work, but a more relaxed and healthier dog is worth the effort. Your plan should include the following.

### **Proper Crate Training**

Dogs are den animals, and a comfortable, sturdy crate can solve a lot of problems, both with anxiety and behavior.

Crate training can keep your safe in the car, keep him calm and safe after an injury or surgery, give him a guiet place to rest when you have visitors, and provide a safe place if you have to evacuate during an emergency.

Take some time to properly introduce your dog to a crate. You can start by feeding him there, and letting him have his treats and chews during short times inside.

Chewy.com has a detailed tutorial to assist with crate training at tinyurl.com/2khw4hs9.

### **Exercise and Mental Stimulation**

Your dog needs a reasonable amount of exercise each day to help him relax when you are gone or busy. Try a daily walk, or a variety of fetch games with his favorite ball or toy.

Mental stimulation is equally important. Trick training

is a great place to start and a fun way to interact with your dog. There are many online resources and books for simple tricks to teach your dog. Most are simple and just a few minutes a day will yield big results.

### **Calming Routines**

One of the tricks you can teach your dog is "place" (relaxing in a specified place), or "settle" (lie down, sit or stay quietly). Be sure to reward as appropriate. As much as you can, keep your dog to a regular routine of feeding, exercise and bedtime.

### Come and Go Without Fanfare

Give your dog a special treat or chew when you leave, and leave quietly. Pick up the treat when you return, so he knows it's just for when you are gone.

One of the best habits you can have is to come and go quietly. Give your dog its treat, and avoid prolonged goodbyes. When you return, come into the house and ignore your pet for the first few minutes to avoid a lot of emotion.

### While You're Gone

If your dog is considerably anxious while you're gone, or you're worried about thunderstorms, consider giving over-the-counter natural calming supplements. There are many good brands on the market at Amazon or Chewy.com.

Cox has some suggestions to gently socialize your anxious pup.

"The best thing you can do is get your dog out and about," she said. "Go somewhere isolated without a lot of people or dogs. Get your dog out of the car and play with them, do some training, and make it fun. If your dog likes to tug, bring a tug with you, and play tug to engage them and keep them from being distracted, nervous, or reactive.

"Does your dog love food? Great! Bring the best stuff you have and use it. Then go home. It's that simple.

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### CELEBRATION OF LIFE: WHO RESCUED WHO?

### **Bv Loree Walden**

For as long as I can remember, my brother and his wife have had dogs. They've always adopted the ones who were overlooked either for medical issues, age, or just needing too

There was Tonshu and Shasta who were German Shepherds who needed extra care and attention. There was Sally, who's owner fell upon hard times and had to rehome her dogs. Sally was an Irish Wolfhound who was 6 years old and spayed, and thus nobody wanted her... until Loren & Erica met her!

There was Gandalf whose owner was a friend. Gandalf was not neglected or not wanted... he had an FCE (stroke in the spine) at four months of age & was paralyzed in the back legs. His owner got him up & walking again, then Loren & Erica brought him home at 6 months of age because they had the means and the facilities near their home where he could get the help he needed.

He went to various rehabs daily - physical therapy w/PT vets, hydrotherapy, & canine massage. He always walked with a limp but was the biggest love bug! Sadly, Gandalf crossed the Rainbow Bridge about two weeks before his fifth birthday.

Winnie was their first puppy and you'll read more about her and their story below.

### Destiny and The Dog with No Name

Our oven arrived at 3:17. It was to be delivered between 11:00 and 2:00. Erica was in the house crying. There has been a lot of that from both of us. Our 2-year Irish Wolfhound, Eowyn, "Winnie" died on the operating table the day before with complications from anesthesia and a compromised heart.

Winnie was our first puppy. We have had several rescue dogs over the last 27 years - all loved, and by choice we often brought home the "projects" or dogs that may get passed over. We have the experience, time, and means to help these dogs. But this time we desired a puppy that would be with us for many years.

Raising a puppy presents its own challenges, but she developed into a dream come true. The dog who ran out to the field to play with us and her four-legged friends with abandoned joy. She only knew joy in her short life. Her death left our legs with no lift and our hearts empty and aching.

The night of Winnie's death, as we consoled each other, we decided to foster a dog. Our house is not a home without sharing it with a canine companion. We know every day there are animals that need a home, and often only one day can make a life and death difference. Besides, "What would we talk about if we did not have an animal with us?" an inside joke that helped break the sorrow if only for a mo-

The appliance installer sported a gray tattoo of a dog on his arm, and another tattoo on his shaved head of a dog snuggled over his ear and onto his temple.

I told him that our dog died yesterday and that I could barely keep it together. He looked at me and said that he understood, nodding to the tattoo on his arm. He was sorry for our loss and in soft tones we shared stories of dogs in our lives - averting each other's eyes as we spoke.

When he learned that our dog was an Irish Wolfhound, he said that at one time he lived next door to a breeder who had "too many dogs" and some were Irish Wolfhounds. He contacted her to see if she had any available.

We learned she had one, a 9-month-old who was paid for, but the people who wanted him kept postponing the pickup and eventually disappeared. The breeder said we could have him if we wanted him, and she would be glad of it as he was going to be destroyed. We made the drive there the very next day.

Perhaps you have watched videos of puppy mill situations. This pup had been out in a cow pen for months, was infested with fleas, scabs, a deep open untreated wound on his chin, hematoma on both ears, emaciated, skittish, filthy, and frightened.

"What's his name?" I asked.

"Name? Well, he ain't got one, but he is a

We knew we had to get him out of there.

It took cautious and practiced patience to get a leash on him and out of the kennel where they had "corralled him with a rope". It took time to get him to move a few feet towards our vehicle without bucking and straining at the

We took it slowly and carefully, not knowing the dog. Not wanting to put any of us in danger or to set further trauma upon him.

It was on this twenty-foot journey to the car that he stopped and refused to move-mind you, even a malnourished nine-month-old Irish Wolfhound is a formidable being.

After several frustrating minutes I cautiously knelt down near him and tearfully in a choked voice whispered aloud "Winnie, I need your help. I think you brought us here to help this guy, and I don't think we can do this without your help."

A moment later this pup lifted his head a bit and moved tentatively towards my wife and the car. With a little more coaxing he stepped in and curled tightly upon the bed not to move for the two-hour drive to his new home.

Liam now has a name, love, a quiet home, veterinary care, nutrition, and is learning about his new family routines. After three weeks he lets us gently touch him and takes food from our hands.

We are reminded that transformations take time, and we are going to give him all the time he needs. He is a challenge, he is a joy, and he is a gift from Winnie to help us all heal.

Thank you for letting us share our story. We encourage you to look past some of the challenges that come with some dogs, and to look into your heart and realize what you can do for that dog, and more importantly what that dog may do for you.

No animal should have to go through what Liam did. To not even have a name? To never have been inside a home? To never have had a bed of his own? To have only known pain and suffering? To not know what it's like to be loved and taken care of?

Sadly, we all know it happens every day, and as much as we wish we could, we can't save them all.

But we can be their voice. We can share their stories and hope that someone will hear them and help. We can advocate to stop these puppy mills and breeders who treat their animals like a commodity instead of a living being.

The old adage of, "If you see something, say something" can be a lifesaving decision for an animal. (By the way, this puppy mill has been reported.)

Our message is that all dogs deserve a home of their own, and to be loved and taken care of. Luckily, my brother and sister-in-law are able to provide this to the dogs who have come into their lives for one reason or another.

Was it because Loren and Erica needed them, or they needed Loren and Erica? I think it's a little of both, and it's why I say... with every adoption/rescue I see, "Who rescued who?"



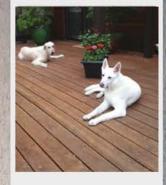
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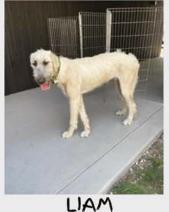


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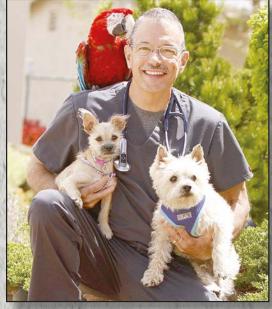
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