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## Mary5, Our Cover Dog

**Name:** Mary5. K9M5. My Daddy has a little jeep with my name on it. I'm kinda a big deal around Prescott, you see me all over. The only place I never get to go is Costco.

**Hometown:** born in Maricopa to Fur-Mom Wynona and Fur-Dad Barne. Now living a life of luxury in Prescott with Big-Dad Bryant and Mama Meghan.

**Age:** One year, born April 2022.

**Favorite brand of kibble:** My Mama handfeeds me my kibbl. I don't know what it is, but it's yuummy!

**Favorite people food:** My Mommy sneaks me a bite of everything she has. It's yummy stuff, too. But I have to say that the Costco hot dog is my absolute favorite!

**Favorite toy:** A favorite toy is my squeaky pirate chicken toy. It squeaks and squawks, and if my big lil brother Squishy is bothering me, I just squeak my chicken and it sends Squishy running to his safe spot in the bathroom. He hates the noise.

**Favorite outdoor activity:** Along with all of my exercise and care, I love to sit in my green grassy spot and listen to the chirping birdies and watch the golfers in my back yard hit their balls. They don't know, but I bring their loose balls home every day. I can fit three in my mouth at once!

**Favorite indoor activity:** My Mommy and Daddy play with me all the time. When they need to rest, they throw my ball into the next room and I chase it. Sometimes it gets stuck under the furniture, but Mommy or Daddy



come and help me get it out. They love me, and I'm their good girl.

**Favorite nap spot:** The most favorite nap spot I have is my front living room. The sun shines in, and I have my own blankey on my own comfy couch. The best part is Mommy Meghan can watch me because I'm on camera, and she talks to me when I'm home alone. I love her.

**Fitness regimen:** Oh man, my big Daddy takes me for a morning walk with my lil big brother, Squishy, at 4:30am. It's always still dark and one day there were coyotes—a whole pack! I'm the leader of my family and I single pawly bark'ed them off and we got back home safe. My lil big brother Squishy was so proud of me, and my big Daddy Bryant gave me extra loveys and rubbies. Best day of my life!

Before my big Daddy goes to work, he takes me for the FUNNEST run, just the two of us. He gets on a one wheel and rides FAST. I get to keep up running FULL SPEED, and I LOVE it! We go about two miles every morning together.

For the afternoon, when my big Daddy gets home, he throws the flying disc, and I jump high to catch it. I jump and jump and jump. He throws it FAST. I get to chase and jump. For cool down, we go back to my house and play WATER WORKS! It's so fun and refreshing. Dad takes the hose and I gobble the water while he sprays in different directions. He really takes good fun with me. He built me a waterfall pond, and nd I love to splish splash in it. Finally, before we go to beddy-bye at night, I get to spend a few more minutes with my Dad for a last patrol of the neighborhood before it's nite-nite time.

**Describe your perfect canine pal:** My perfect K9 pal is next door to my house. His name is Champ, and it fits him paw-fectly. He is a little bigger than me and we get to play together. He chases me, I jump and dash. We have a fence between us, but our love has no boundaries.



**Describe your perfect day:** Spending the day with all my fur sisters and fur brother. Honey, Sugar, Squishy, Daddy and Mommy, that's my pack! We get in the truck and go! We go to the dog park, we get ice creams or cheeseburgers and then play and run in the sun. Sometimes, we end up in streams of water. That's the BEST!

# HAZEL HOWLS

## Best Laid Plans...Miss the Runway

Keira is in Mom's office, partially to keep Mom company, and partially to purloin a crumpled sticky note teetering on the edge of the wastebasket. I watched her from the doorway, patiently waiting for Mom to turn in the opposite direction of the object of her current desire.

Keira turned to give me the "You're blocking my getaway" look. Not wanting to interfere, and lunch being some hours away, I headed to the living room couch.

Tucker was already curled up on one end, and I followed suit at the opposite end, but I got bored after a while. I'd been hoping Keira would make her move and come racing out of the office with a wad of discarded paper in her mouth, with Mom following in hot pursuit repeating, "Release Keira, release!" Since that didn't happen (Keira probably fell asleep), I let my increasing boredom drive me into finding a way to drum up some excitement on my own. It's the least I could do, considering the circumstances.

Tucker was dozing off and on, opening his eyes slightly when he thought he heard Mom coming towards the living room. He looked so peaceful and content. I knew just what to do to get things going.

My end of the couch affords me a view out the patio doors to the backyard. I adjusted my position just to get Tucker's attention and was about to say, "Hey Tuck, it looks like there might be rabbits coming down the hill."

Before I could execute my little plan, Tuck with his eyes still closed said matter-of-factly, "Dad saw a lizard in the yard yesterday."

What? Wait? What? My brain cramped a bit at this new information. As the days got warmer, I've been carefully and thoroughly looking for my chase-about little friends to no avail.

I involuntarily popped up on my front legs to scan the backyard through the glass and ask Tuck for details like, where, when...and where's Dad now?

Tucker took his time to answer (he does that on purpose). An electric charge built up in my legs to the point that I had to jump down and race to the glass doors to scout the grounds from floor level.

"I think it was yesterday...no wait...the day before...somewhere over by the pine tree."

The painfully slow delivery of information wound me up even tighter to the point I thought I would explode.

"Where's Dad right now, Tuck?"



He raised his head to look towards the door to the garage.

"Muddy Paws!" I said out loud, not meaning to.

"Hey, No swearing. Watch your mouth, Hazel. As sheriff of the pack, I could impose a fine."

I ignored Tucker and took the risk of scratching at the door to the garage. Even though scratching at doors, like swearing, is not allowed, but this was an emergency. There might be lizards to chase by the pine tree, and I can't see over there from the patio doors.

No answer at the first pawing. On my second scratch Tuck jumped down from the couch with a, "Hey knock it off, Haze. You're gonna get us in trouble."

No answer from the garage yet, and Tuck's interference wasn't helping to calm me down.

I ran back to the glass doors to check if I had missed anything, and while I was hurriedly looking in all directions, I had the brief thought that everything that was about to happen had started with my decision to play with Tucker with a little lie. I tried to frame it in a way that I wasn't really lying about the bunnies, but overall, it was kind of a selfish thing to do. The next thought I had was that I could just calm down and get back up on the couch and wait patiently for lunch time. I almost did just that.

Almost.

I caught the slightest movement near the apple tree. All thoughts and actions were now focused into a laser sharp determination to find Dad NOW and get the muddy paws door open this instant!

With a set of sharp barks to alert all to what I perceived as an urgent matter, I turned in full rocket dog mode, only to collide into Tucker.

Taking great offense at the force of the collision, he responded with his own urgent matter barks. This triggered Keira in the other room to use Mom's leap from her office chair to grab herself a fat wad of various paper out the garbage can.

Dad, having come back into the garage from the outside, heard the commotion too, and entered the living room at about the same speed as Mom and Keira (who had deftly pulled out ahead of Mom), coming in from the opposite angle. This confused me and Tucker, and we took off in opposite directions to get out of the way.

I'm pretty sure all this wouldn't have turned into a contact sport if Mom hadn't noticed envelopes and printer paper sticking out of Keira's mouth. Mom altered her direction ever so slightly and yelled, "Keira! Stop!"

At that very moment Tucker shot through Mom's legs as she stepped forward.

On my end, I was passing behind Dad, but turned and swung my hindquarters around to see what Keira had done. My 30-lb. quarter panel met back of Dad's left knee.

Tucker's surprise passage between Mom's knees startled her and caused her to turn mid-stride. That turn sat her down firmly, but safely, onto the couch.

Dad, after impact, caught the kitchen island with his left hand, lifted his right hand in the air to steady his mug and its contents, and assumed a kind of "call to prayer" position on one knee. The one knee I accidentally took out.

Mom took a deep breath, but before she could share her current thoughts on everyone's behavior, Dad shouted, "Hallelujah, no one is bleeding...and nothing got broken." He raised his mug higher. "And bless whoever invented coffee."

Mom got up to find Keira nonplussed at all our acrobatics, busy with her personal form of shred-style origami behind the couch.

Dad got up, refilled his mug, and knowing Mom would be letting us know how we could probably improve our indoor behavior, headed for the garage.

Mom did. But before she did, Tucker came alongside and said, "Sorry about all this Haze. I was just bored. I lied. Dad didn't see any lizards."

Muddy, Muddy paws.

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- Mat 6 & 20: ZooLittles
- May 6: Evening with the Wolves
- May 13: Breakfast with the Eagle
- May 13: Sip & Paint (Adult)
- May 17: Wildlife in Focus
- May 20: After Dark at the Park (Adult)
- May 27: 1st Responders Day
- June 3,9,17: Zoolittles
- June 3: Zoo By Moonlight
- June 3: Members & Parent Night
- June 5-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30: Zoo Camp
- June 10: Breakfast with Lemur
- June 14: Wildlife in Focus
- June 17: Twilight Behind the Scenes Photo Tour
- June 24: Family Sip & Paint

CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK (CVEA), 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info/registration for all events: cvequestrianpark.org.

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  - Cowboy Challenge Competition (untimed) May 13 & Jun 10.
  - Extreme Cowboy Race (EXCA) May 14 & Jun 11.
  - Open Breed Horse Show Series w/ Multi Classes, May 20, Jun 24.
  - Driving Show Series, May 21, May 25, Jun 25.
  - Working Equitation Clinic, May 27.
- Working Equitation Schooling Show, May 28.

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May 27, 10a-2p at Olsen's for Healthy Animals, 344 AZ-89, Chino Valley

HORSES WITH HEART THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP 30th Anniversary Event Celebration. Jun 25, 1p-4p. 2705 S Hwy. 89, Chino Valley. Info: horseswithheartaz.org

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## PROTECT YOUR DOG WITH SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING

As the weather gets warmer here in Arizona, more and more dog owners are venturing outside to enjoy the great outdoors.

Keep in mind, as you're taking your dog out hiking or playing for hours in the backyard, that another creature has come out to enjoy the warmth, too: rattlesnakes.

Rattlesnakes are venomous reptiles that are fairly abundant in the Arizona landscape. Named for the distinct warning rattle they emit from the tip of their tail, rattlesnakes have a venom that is extremely potent, and their bites require immediate medical attention.

Although fatalities in humans are rare, according to LiveScience reports, this isn't the case for our furry friends.

### What is Snake Avoidance Training?

Dogs generally don't instinctively know to avoid rattlesnakes, and as such, they can easily become victims of their bites. Although the snakes do not bite unprovoked, a dog nose invading their space is enough to send the reptile into defense mode and you to an emergency animal hospital. That's why snake avoidance training is so important: it was developed as a preventive measure to help keep your dog safe from snake bites.

As the name suggests, snake avoidance training is a regimen intended to teach your dog to avoid snakes at all costs. Dogs are taught how to avoid being bitten by conditioning the pups to the sight, sound, and smell of all snakes, both harmless and life-threatening venomous species.

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# LOCAL RESCUES SEEING PROGRESS ON AMBITIOUS GOALS TO HELP ANIMALS

By Heidi Dahms Foster



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## AARF Animal Rescue

AARF Animal Rescue, located in Poland Junction, is at capacity this spring with 20 dogs. "That may not seem like a lot," said Liz Stegmeier, "but it's a lot for a small rescue." The rescue made it through the cold winter and is now seeing an increase in adoptions over last year.

A donation of 10 acres was the beginning for AARF, and Stegmeier, along with a board and dedicated volunteers and donors, has been building the property into a productive rescue for five years.

AARF consists of seven climate controlled "bunkhouses" that have indoor/outdoor runs for the dogs to go in and out as they please. Two of these bunkhouses are new, one for smaller dogs and one for the larger pups, paid for by a woman who adopted one of the rescue's dogs.

Additionally, the AARF puppy house is for pregnant mothers that come in, or moms with pups, to have a safe place to give birth and raise their pups. Since the rescue's beginning in 2018, six dogs have given birth to their litters there. All of the bunkhouses are paid for with donations and constructed by volunteers.

The rescue uses a large barn for a lot of its operations. The area contains meet and greet rooms for adoptions, office space, a washroom, and a volunteer lounge. One of the best recent developments was a large donation AARF received to install solar panels, which will help immensely to save on the more than \$1,000 per month electric bills of the past.

Play areas and a memorial garden complete the rescue's property. The memorial garden is not a burial place, but rather where people can place plaques to remember their pets, and for volunteers to walk dogs in.

Along with regular donations, AARF has a monthly 50/50 raffle on its website, which helps with expenses. Half goes to the rescue and half to the raffle winner. Rescue needs right now include sturdy toys for heavier chewers.

*Stegmeier said AARF is planning an open house in August, pending board approval. Find information about the open house, adoptable dogs, volunteer opportunities, and the fundraiser raffle on the AARF website, aarfrescue.org.*

## United Animal Friends

United Animal Friends had a great winter, said Vice President Jennifer Casey, and the group is seeing many goals accomplished on the property off Highway 89A where they've been headquartered for two years.



The UAF property originally consisted of a house, fenced acreage, a large barn, and a casita. Donors and volunteers have gotten behind the effort to upgrade and remodel. One of the biggest needs at first was someone to come in and trim dangerous limbs off the property's large old-growth trees. A donation made it possible for a tree expert to come in and make them safe again. The rescue has also planted new trees that in a few years will increase shade and comfort for the animals.

The barn stalls have been converted into indoor/outdoor runs for the dogs, and this past year, UAF added mini split heating/cooling units to keep the area comfortable. The dogs have indoor/outdoor access during the day and the barn is closed at night for safety.

The property was originally surrounded with horse fencing. Recently workers removed the interior fencing and graded the ground to create a level surface. With the perimeter fencing, UAF now has a large play and agility area for the dogs. Pavilions will be added for shade.

Upcoming projects include more perimeter fencing and a solar gate to secure the, and a new roof on the barn, which has lost shingles after this past winter's high winds.

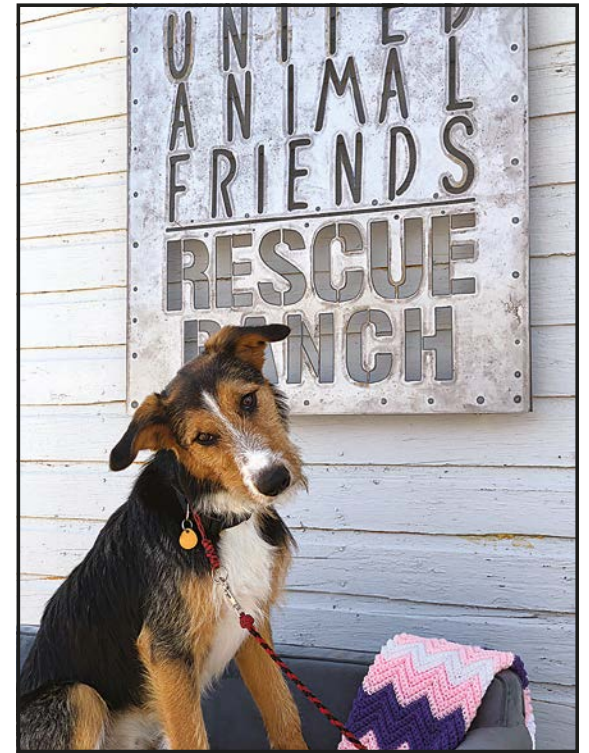
The casita, dubbed the "Cat-sita," now houses adoptable cats and includes a "catio," where cats can hang out in a contained outdoors area, watch the birds and squirrels and enjoy some sunshine.

One of the most heartbreaking things a rescue deals with is older pets whose owners have to go into assisted living or who have died and left their cat behind. UAF has begun a Save Our Seniors program, working with senior living facilities to allow residents to adopt these cats.

"We can take these cats into the Casita, but they have lived their whole lives in the same home, and they can shut down very quickly. If seniors can foster these cats, it's good for the person, giving them companionship and a purpose, and it's good for the cats," Casey said.

A used, climate controlled shed has been purchased and turned into a puppy shed, and a second shed will add more quiet space for moms and pups. Some rescues come in pregnant, or with puppies, and there's a need for them to have a safe place to give birth and raise their pups. One current dog was found on the Navajo reservation "in the middle of nowhere," Casey said.

The dog was looking for a place to have her pups, and gave birth in a tire during bitter cold.



"The people reached out to us through another rescue, and we went and picked her up," Casey said. The three pups were just a couple days old. They are now thriving and will go into foster care once they're weaned. The mother will be spayed and put up for adoption.

"Whoever gets her will be a lucky person," Casey said. "She's the nicest dog."

The house has recently undergone some weather upgrades, with new insulation and weather stripping. Full-time employee Kris lives on the property 24/7, taking care of the animals. She is joined by Jamie, a part-time employee. Casey can't say enough good about the work both women do.

UAF used to run one of the most popular events of the year, a huge rummage sale. Locations were becoming harder to find, though, and the board decided that a permanent store location might be useful.

Furr-tastic Finds at 510 S. Montezuma in Prescott was the result, and it's doing well. The store is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check out their Facebook page at Furr-Tastic Finds.

Affordable spaying and neutering is a crucial need in the Quad-Cities area. Members have been communicating this need for some time, and one of UAF's newest goals is to have a low-cost spay/neuter clinic on the property.

The rescue received the donation of a mobile spay/neuter unit on the reservation after they received a grant for a new unit to travel and help out with the spay/neuter needs there.

"This is brand new for us," Casey said. "We will need to replace some equipment they had to keep, and get surgical supplies. A couple of vets

have said they will help with it. We're looking to start with one Saturday a month."

UAF recently held a volunteer picnic which included dedicating the puppy shed and the casita after two of their members who recently passed away.

The mom and pup shed will be renamed the "Steph's Puppy Haven" after Stephanie Whetten, and the casita after Suzy Ball, who was the rescue's "cat person." The Casita will be named "Suzy's Kitty Retreat." Casey said undoubtedly tears would be shed during the event for these dedicated women.

Check out all the latest UAF adoption, donation and program news at [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org).



### Yavapai Humane Society

Yavapai Humane Society had a great 2022, adopting out 1,731 animals, including 594 cats, 1,055 dogs, 30 birds or ducks, three goats, 27 horses, five rabbits and eight potbellied pigs.

"Our Equine center has expanded!" said Lorree Walden, YHS Marketing Manager. "They saved more than 40 horses from the kill pen last year, and they are now working with them and rehabbing them. Two were pregnant and gave birth

in February. The Center is buzzing with goats, donkeys, a peacock, tortoises and potbellied pigs!"

The YHS low-cost spay/neuter clinic has been closed since Covid, and hasn't opened to the public again due to the difficulty of getting a veterinarian. However, the shelter's vaccine clinic is now open again.

"We still don't have a vet for out there, so we can't open up the spay/neuter clinic yet. But at least we can help keep the animals vaccinated with recent Parvo and Distemper outbreaks," Walden said.

The Wellness clinic started April 14 and will run every two weeks for now.

Covic also put a big dent in the YHS volunteer program. The program is starting up again, and a new Volunteer Coordinator is on board to help with that effort. In May, Walden said YHS was planning an extensive training program for volunteers so they can provide training for the dogs. That way, once they're adopted, the dogs can walk on leash, and know their boundaries.

The organization's thrift store is doing very well now after dropping off for some time.

"We dropped the prices and revamped the inside," Walden said, "We converted office space into a media room so that's where we keep books, magazines, CDs and everything compartmentalized. We also have an outside section that has paint, cleaning materials, everything."

Along with its Pet Guardian program that provides for animals if the owner passes away, the new Safety Net program cares for pets if something such as a hospital stay, needed surgery or other crisis happens that will keep the owner out of the home for up to a month.

Those who are interested can go onto the YHS site and fill out an application for either of these programs that offer peace of mind to pet owners.

"We've even had pets come in from domestic abuse cases where the owners had to go into a shelter for a time," Walden said.

YHS is working to build a Serenity House where people who must euthanize their sick or old pets can do so in a comfortable, peaceful setting.

"They don't have to go into a sterile doctor's office. It's a living room setting where the owner can be with animal and have time together," Walden said. "We're still working on funding. It's the first of its kind in Northern Arizona and we're really excited."

Upcoming events for YHS include a Pet Food Pantry drive for food donations for people who need help feeding their pets in an emergency, the June 10th Woofstock Adoption event at the Prescott Valley Civic Center, a Clear the Shelter event this summer, and the Walk for the Animals event at Dogtoberfest in the fall.

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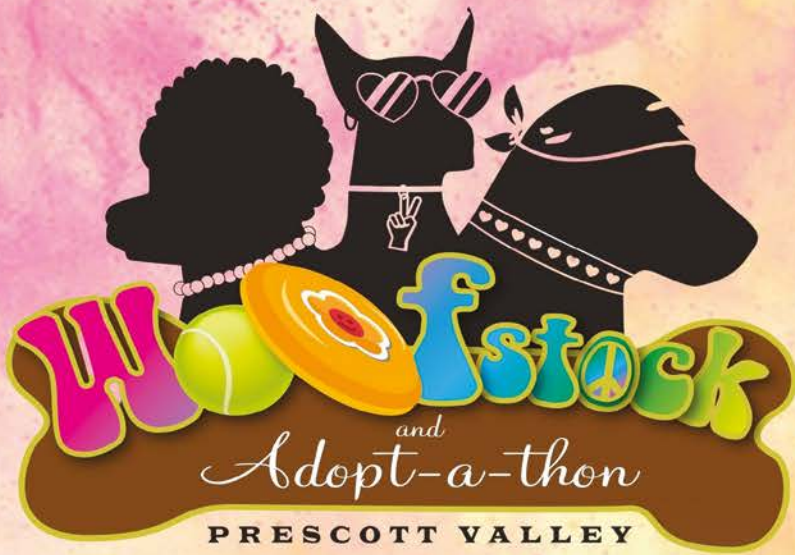


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# HOMOLOVI STATE PARK: STEEPED IN PRE-HISTORIC LORE

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz



The Tsu 'vo trail winds around Twin Buttes at Homolovi.



Wild burros are descendants of those that miners used in the 1800s.

Homolovi State Park is dedicated to the Hisat'sinom, ancestors of the Hopi people, and serves as a research center for the Hopi migration era from 1290 to 1400. The migration ended when the Puebloans settled at the Hopi Mesas north of Homolovi and the area was abandoned. But the Hopi continue to make pilgrimages to their sacred homelands to preserve their rich heritage.

Homolovi is Hopi for "Place of the Little Hills." Its 4,000 acres are mostly flat and the hills are little. It is also the traditional name for Winslow, Arizona.

And of course, you won't want to miss nearby Winslow. It seems everyone's familiar with the Eagles' hit that made the town into an icon. Naturally, we got a picture of us "standing on a cor-



A nearly 20 by 33-foot kiva used to host special ceremonies. Remnants of pottery litter the remains of Homolovi I.



ner in Winslow, Arizona," took in a couple of museums and enjoyed a local eatery.

The howling wind drove the rain through the peak of our A-frame camper and caused a waterfall in the middle of it. Fortunately, I had extra towels.

We've since erected a barrier in case the wind ever drives the rain up and under again. Not likely, but you know – the perfect storm.

The Little Colorado River runs through the park but is fenced off to protect visitors from unstable banks, quicksand, and strong current. The Hopi ancestors, the Hisat'sinom, built their village on a constructed platform to avoid the river's flooding.

But we started the week with a short hike on the Homolovi II Trail. The half-mile trail is wheelchair accessible and enters the park's largest archaeological sites that once contained an estimated 1,200 to 2,000 rooms. Impressive to imagine its history as you gaze at scattered potsherds and remains of rock and adobe walls.

We hiked the 1.2 miles of primitive Nasungvo (Place of Rest) Trail across the high prairie grasslands to the Visitor Center. As we walked the



Golden eagles have nested on the twin buttes for generations.

sandy trail, we were treated to the sight of wild burros grazing nearby.

The Center, a cool respite, incorporates a small museum of wonderful displays of Hopi history and culture. This Visitor Center is unique because among the usual state park gift offerings, a Homolovi State Park mug featuring story designs by amazing Hopi potter and park ranger, Gwen Setalla, is available.

We were fortunate that off-duty Gwen was doing a traditional – and very rare – firing outside the Center that day. She graciously allowed us to watch and ask questions. Later, we went back as she uncovered the homemade kiln to reveal her stunning pots and tiles.

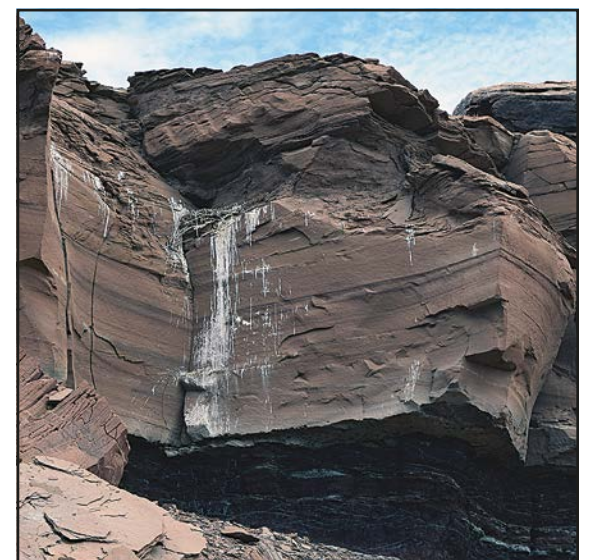
Another day, the half-mile Tsu'v (Place of the Rattlesnake) loop between the park's twin buttes was the place to observe milling stone areas and petroglyphs. Generations of golden eagles have left a towering nest on the cliff to showcase their homebuilding skills.

We also checked out the 1.5 mile Dine Trail, the high spot with a scenic view.

A not-so-ancient site is the Sunset Cemetery, where family members of 19th-century Mormon missionaries are interred. Sadly, they are exclusively babies and very young men.

The settlers tried to farm the harsh land and stayed from 1876 to 1888. The Little Colorado River eventually reclaimed the abandoned buildings.

Happy historical hiking!





### Goals Met for Prescott Valley K9's

Findlay Subaru, K9Synergy, and Amanda Cole created a fun Halloween-themed fundraiser to raise money for our Prescott Valley K9 officers. The event took place on October 1st, 2023, at Findlay Subaru. The money raised was directed toward Supporting the Thin Blue Line (TBL) organization.

TBL focuses on helping local law enforcement get the funding they otherwise might not have for items. In this case, the organization aimed to get the Prescott Valley police department ballistic vests for their canines.

These canines are put into dangerous situations as they apprehend criminals and sniff out hard drugs to protect our streets here in Prescott Valley. These vests can be lifesaving for both the dogs and the officers behind the dogs. The event had

raffles, costume contests, and police dog demos. It was a huge success; the event raised enough for one vest, which cost nearly \$3,000.

On October 2 of last year, K9Synergy joined Prescott Dog Magazine, the host of DOGtoberfest, to continue the fundraising. While at DOGtoberfest, K9Synergy did a canine demo to bring awareness to our cause.

Being invited to DOGtoberfest was a blessing: a kind family named the Kordy's offered to pay for a vest at this event. Another anonymous donor also purchased a vest after reading about the TBL event at Findlay Subaru in a Newsbreak article.

This last donation got us to our goal of four vests for the Prescott Valley Canines. Other fundraising efforts by Amanda Cole raised an additional vest before this event.

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Blackhat is one of the few rescues on the Rez that actually fosters animals through to adoption, but we will also try to transport animals to other supporting shelters and rescues through our outreach efforts. Blackhat is credited with adopting out over 200 dogs and cats every year, offering medical support for injured animals and spay-neuter services through grant providers like Best Friends.



Rusty & her puppies

Blackhat actively spreads the word about upcoming clinics on the reservation to help curb the overwhelming number of puppies. We also rescue weaned pups for fostering to change their future and try to catch skittish moms for spaying, to stop the cycle.

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niture, but small furniture (such as chairs, lamps, and end tables) and kitchen countertop appliances will find a welcome spot at Furr-Tastic Finds.

Donations are accepted at the location's back entrance during regular store hours. And while you're there with your donations, don't forget to come inside and do a bit of spring shopping! All items are clean and ready for a new home—just like the adoptable pets at UAF. Furr-Tastic Finds Rescue Resale helps fund the many ways United Animal Friends supports animals in our community and beyond, and your help is a crucial part of our endeavors!

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*(Rescue Tales continued on page 25)*

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# TRAIL SISTERS OF PRESCOTT: A SISTERHOOD OF OUTDOORS LOVERS, WHERE DOGS ARE WELCOME!

By Heidi Dahms Foster

When avid hiker Danielle Ott started a group of outdoors-loving women who began hiking in the Prescott area in March 2021, she probably had no idea how large the organization, or their friendships, would become.

Trail sisters of Prescott has grown into a family of friends who love the outdoors. Many of them hike with their dogs, and if they don't bring a dog, those who have dogs are more than willing to share them. The dogs, of course, are more than willing to soak up the love from anyone who can spare an ear scratch or kind word.

Four of the women sat down in April to share their Trail Sisters experiences, their dog stories, and why they enjoy this group so much.

Pilar Hemry, while owned by a little dog named Gizmo, doesn't bring her to hike. But she loves the dogs and knows each by name. Pilar approves membership requests and helps with social media posts. She's an enthusiastic motivator for the Trail Sisters.

A group of admins runs the organization, and sets up hikes, which are geared for all levels of experience and physical abilities. Everyone is invited, however, and encouraged to set up and coordinate their own hikes.

Maureen Wild hikes with Daisy, her aussie, husky, terrier mix. This energetic talker loves to lead the pack. Daisy is eager to greet everyone, and as soon as she and Maureen arrive at the latest hiking venue, Daisy begins her husky howl.

"She lets everyone know it's time to get on the trail," Maureen said. "If we're behind in the pack she'll weave back and forth until we're in front. But if we're ahead, she'll stop to make sure the pack is there."

Daisy came from United Animal Friends, adopted after Maureen fell in love with her photo online. Among her listed talents was that she loved to yodel.

"She does yodel when she is totally excited," Maureen said. "When she sees friends, she sings her 'heart song!' She's an 'only child' but she loves it, and when she sees other dogs she loves them, too. She gets all the attention, but she also loves her time with friends."

Julie Snyder's hiking partner is Gavin, a yellow Labrador. Gavin is the boyfriend of the pack. He's known for his expressive eyes with his built-in eyeliner.



Pilar Hemry with Trail Sisters

Julie said Gavin generally runs "sweep," making sure no one is left behind. He's pretty mellow, until he sees water! Recently during a hike at Granite Gardens, he meandered to the end of the trail, and then turned into a puppy complete with zoomies when he saw a creek.

Gavin goes on 95 percent of the hikes with Julie, and if she leaves without him, she has some explaining to do when she returns!

Gavin was a rescue who originally was in service dog training. He was a bit

too skittish, however, so was up for adoption. The trainer approached Julie because she knew Julie was looking for a dog.

Gavin was uncomfortable around men, and Julie wasn't sure he'd fit in with her husband and son. Happily, it all worked out, and Julie said Trail Sisters came along at just the right time to help Gavin gain confidence around all kinds of people and other dogs. He is now relaxed on the trails (and excited about water!) and a "total pack animal," Julie said.

Debbie Campbell hikes with Scarlett O'Heeler, a queensland heeler rescue.

Scarlett is known for her enthusiastic hugs, complete with slurpy kisses and a furiously wiggling butt. She came from a cattle dog rescue. Cattle dogs are known for their energy and prey drive, so Debbie wasn't sure how she would fit in with her other dog, a 27-lb. heeler with disabilities.

"Who knows what she had been through before we got her," Debbie said, "I needed her not to barrel into our disabled dog. But Scarlett was very respectful of her."

When the hiking backpack comes out, Scarlett is in, 100 percent! All the dogs know when a hike is afoot.

"Gavin doesn't get excited if I'm going to Walmart (just when we're going hiking)," Julie said.



Julie Snyder and Gavin

Maureen said. "Everyone had my back."

Each of the hikers is aware that wildlife can be an issue on the trails. All the dogs are on leash, and some have had rattlesnake-aversion training.

One of those is the always out-front Daisy.

Wildlife is one of the attractions of the hikes. Hikers have seen pelicans, bald eagles, and many other birds, along with other wild critters on the trails. They always enjoy, and always respect, the wildlife.

Pilar, along with other social media savvy members, enjoys posting photos of the hikes. It's a great way to share their experiences with those who are not able to be on every hike.



Debbie Campbell and Scarlett

Some of the most distant hikes have included Sedona and Williams, Cave Creek, and the Wood Chute Wilderness. Some fun challenges might include hiking 365 miles in a year or participating in 100 hikes.

Outdoors people by nature, the Trail Sisters of Prescott also engage in other sports that get them outside, such as kayaking and even disc golf.

Whatever their hiking choices, and dog owners or simply dog lovers, the Trail Sisters of Prescott have enjoyed making true friendships by just having the courage to show up on a hike for the first time where they don't know anyone.

Those who do will find plenty of friendly women, and friendly dogs who are eager to get to know them and share some great outdoor experiences.

Find more information and/or join them on Facebook at [trailsistersofprescott](https://www.facebook.com/trailsistersofprescott). For the gentlemen: [trailbrothersofprescottaz](https://www.facebook.com/trailbrothersofprescottaz). For Moms & families: [trailmamasprescott](https://www.facebook.com/trailmamasprescott).



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# HOMETOWN HEROES AND HORSES

Story by Rita Thompson-Tinsley. Photos by Horses with Heart.

The National Snaffle Bit Association (NSBA) Foundation presented their 2nd annual Heroes on Horses at Westworld in Scottsdale on March 7-8. Proudly in attendance were our veteran representatives from locally operated Horses with Heart therapeutic horsemanship, along with many of their truly dedicated and hardworking volunteers.

With the familiar sound of Alan Jackson performing the national anthem, a passion-filled plethora of American flags were held by volunteers. The Parade of Heroes led the way through the Westworld Equine Chronicle Arena, celebrating and honoring our nation's finest veterans.

NSBA Foundation Director Lynn Campbell is passionate about her role with Heroes on Horses and has worked to coordinate the program in several other cities. As part of the NSBA Equestrians with Disabilities division, this program is a catalyst for recognition and gratitude to our military service men and women who ride and compete.

The Sun City Circuit NSBA Heroes on Horses is supported by the Bob and Ingrid Miller family of Mesa, who has graciously donated funds for a three-year commitment.

Although this was the first venture into competing on horseback for a few of our Heroes, they all did well and had a great time. The riders were coached by trainer



Horses With Heart Volunteers in The Parade of Heroes

Kim McElroy who shared her skills and knowledge without hesitation and Therapeutic

Riding Instructor Pam Berry trained also. It was, however, very challenging for them to find practice days when the weather would cooperate.

Of the veterans participating in the event, four equestrians represented Horses with Heart on horseback in the Western Pleasure competition: Kris Vollrath, Jackie Boyd, Pete Sanders, and Ron Bowen.

Horses with Heart was abundantly represented by volunteers who marched, held flags, and assisted in equestrian needs.

**Marching Veterans:** Jim Radley, Bill Arsenault, Margaret Killian, Sandy Meadowcroft, Frank Rochon.

**Flag Bearers:** Marcia Gagnon, Sherry Hoover, Bonnie Moreau, Kris Dockum, Lisa Lucidi, Trudy Chapman-Radley, Mary Smith, Jan Grise, Chelsea Barth, Anna Boyd.



Rider Kris Vollrath on mare Frankie



Rider Jackie Boyd on Appaloosa Gladys



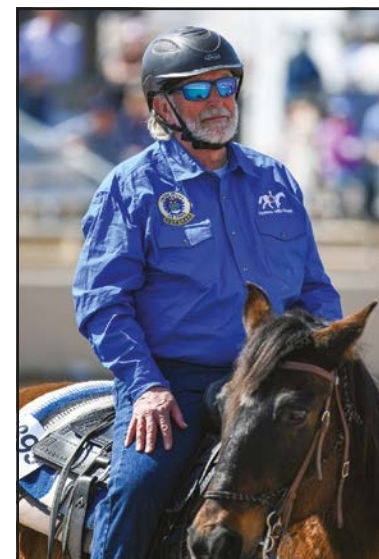
Kim McElroy training the riders



Rider Pete Sanders on the Morgan Swifty



Our Horses with Heart Hometown Team



Rider Ron Bowen aboard his horse Tango

**Arena Assistance:** Pam Berry, Horses with Heart Director Angelique LeVell.

**Horse Care Crew:** Marcia Gagnon, Bonnie Moreau, Lisa Lucidi, Pam Berry, Angelique LeVell, Kris Dockum, Sherry Hoover, Anna Boyd

**Cheering Section:** Heidi Harvey, Jill Underwood, Lynn Valenti, Teresa Rochon.

A final thought and appropriately delivered words by NSBA Foundation Director Lynn Campbell, summing up the Heroes on Horses: "What makes this event so inspiring is not necessarily the competition, it's the comradery."

Salute.



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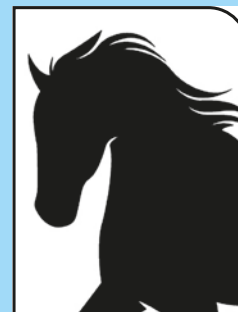
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# YOU AND YOUR VETERINARIAN: A CARING TEAM FOR YOUR PET

By Dr. Cynde Gardner, DVM, BCH

Why does a celebration of life have to occur after death?

I read an article this morning that really gave me pause.

In Quebec, Canada, a lovely veterinarian committed suicide recently. The article talked about the long, hard, stressful hours she spent taking care of the local horses. The demands on her because of the shortage of veterinarians in her area. How she gave so much of herself so that the animals could be cared for, and the owners didn't have to worry that their pets wouldn't receive the care they needed.

She gave and gave until there was no more of her left to give.

Something that really struck me was how many people stepped up after her passing to say what an impact she had on them, their animals, and the community. They praised her for her dedication, hard work, caring and compassion. They spoke about how wonderful she was.

They were left in shock. Surprised that she, of all people, would feel so lost that she would take her own life. They said how much she would be missed.

The article was a beautiful tribute to a caring, compassionate person.

But the tribute came after she was gone. How many of those people who said they would miss her told her she was appreciated while she was alive and giving her all for them and their animals?

How many told her she was valued and an important part of their lives?

Far more demanded care for their pets on their own terms without consideration for her and her personal life, because it was her "job?"

How many complained about the bill after the care was given, without consideration of what it cost her in schooling, continuing education, personal expertise, time, energy, supplies, overhead costs, etc. that she provided for them without complaint?

How many asked her if there was any way they could make things easier for her? To support her as she continually gave everything she had?

Why wasn't she celebrated during her life instead of waiting until she

was gone? What if she had been told how much she meant to her clients during her life? Would she still be alive to serve them?

Veterinarians are perfectly imperfect human beings with feelings, families, foibles, emotions, and lives of their own. Yet, they are treated like machines who must be perfect in every way, always. And they are expected to provide their services at no or low-cost, or they are accused of not caring for animals and being money-grabbers.

Veterinarians and their support staff deserve to make a reasonable living.

Veterinarians are all-too-frequently attacked for every imperfection, real or imagined. Often, when the public or client doesn't understand the full the situation involving their pet, they assume the veterinarian must have been wrong.

When the client doesn't follow the directions given by their veterinarian and the pet fails to improve, somehow it becomes the veterinarian's fault.

When you look at the whole picture of the veterinarian's life, it really isn't surprising that the suicide rate in veterinarians is significantly higher than that of the general public. The suicide rate in veterinarians is, in fact, one of the highest of any profession.

Bullying of veterinarians is all too common. People are quick to share what they perceive as imperfections, yet very reluctant to take a moment to share the good they have experienced from their veterinarian or support staff.

It will take a concerted effort from the public to reverse this trend. We are losing too many veterinarians to suicide or to them simply leaving the field they are passionate about and have spent their lives training for.

Take a moment to thank your veterinarian and their staff for providing their expertise and caring for your precious pets. Let them know they are appreciated. If you don't understand something about your pet's treatment, talk with them about it rather than attacking their integrity.

Let's all step up to reverse the trend of veterinarian and staff attrition by showing them the respect you would

like to receive for your own work. Appreciate what they give and that they truly are giving their best to you.

We will all benefit from this by having veterinary care more readily available, happier veterinarians and staff to serve you, less exhaustion, and better overall care for your pets.

Dr. Cynde Gardner is a retired veterinarian who now practices hypnotherapy and life coaching. She is on a mission to transform the lives of veterinarians and other professionals, helping them move their life From Frazzled to Dazzled™.

She focuses on nurturing positive change and helping professionals decrease stress while increasing career and life satisfaction.

International best-selling author of the number one and Pinecone Award-winning book When Good Enough Is Perfect – A Veterinarian's Guide to Change, Acceptance, and Letting Go, Dr. Gardner has been a featured expert on CBS and NBC.



She is a sought-after speaker, having spoken at the American Veterinary Medical Association and American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association conferences, hypnosis conferences, leadership groups, and at the Business Expert Forum at the Harvard Faculty Club.



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### Hot Stuff

It's starting to get HOT outside. We want all our four-legged family members safe and healthy, so here are some precautions to take to help make that happen.

Heat can be a canine killer. As our temperatures soar into the 80s and 90s, it's important to remember that dogs are vulnerable hot-weather illnesses like heat stroke, footpad burns, sunburn, and dehydration. We need to take extra safeguards to help our family companions stay safe, like restricting outside activities and walks to earlier in the morning or later in the evening, and not letting our dogs spend too much time on hot surfaces—including cement and asphalt—where they run a very high risk of burnt paw pads.

Always make sure they have access to fresh cool water, especially on walks. Heat safety with summer recreation is serious business for dogs because a dog's body temperature can rise very quickly causing serious injury. Appropriate care during the hot summer months should

also include grooming and giving them a shorter haircut to help prevent overheating—but never shave to the skin as they need at least one inch of hair to prevent sunburns.

As mentioned above, hot asphalt can burn a dog's feet! Asphalt absorbs enough heat to injure the extra-thick flesh on a dog's paw. If the temperature outside is 77 degrees, the asphalt is 125 degrees. If the temperature outside is 87 degrees, the asphalt is 143 degrees. At 125 degrees, skin destruction can occur in one minute.

When you go outside, press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt or cement for seven seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them! Remember that a dog's body is much closer to the ground than ours, and they are more vulnerable to heat from the ground. Temperatures at two and three feet above the ground can be twenty degrees hotter than at six feet.

Heatstroke is one of the summer's most frequent canine afflictions and one of the most lethal! As a pet owner, you need to know the signs of heatstroke and how to treat it. Symptoms might include elevated body temperature (body temps can soar as high as 110 causing irreversible brain

damage or death), vigorous panting, unsteady gait, physical depression or agitation, thick saliva or froth at the mouth, rigid posture, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, collapsing, and signs of shock.

Should you see any of these signs, get your dog inside immediately and wet them with cool water. Don't use ice or cold water because it's counterproductive, as cooling them too fast can cause other life threatening conditions. Be sure to take them to your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Lastly, NEVER leave your dog in a hot car. Dogs die every summer because the temperature inside a car can become deadly within minutes.

If the temperature outside is 80 degrees, within 10 minutes it will reach 99 degrees. Within 30 minutes, it will hit 114 degrees. If it's 90 degrees outside, within 10 minutes it will reach 109 degrees, and within 30 minutes it will be 124 degrees. The bottom line is... just don't leave your dog in a hot car. Even with the windows open, it's not worth the risk!

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



### Fairwell, My Friends and Family

Yesterday, I was lovingly released from my failing body while in the arms of my Mom, Cindy, who lived with me and loved me at the amazing senior sanctuary where I spent my final months.

My passing came just two days after my former foster Mom, Sarah, came to visit; I knew she loved me too and that it would be okay for me to conclude my time here soon.

And although yesterday I transitioned from my earthly body, I plan to reside firmly in your hearts and memories, where I hope I will continue to make a positive impact in your lives by my example and the example of those who cared for me.



Fairwell, my friends and family. My rescue journey is complete, but the journey of many other animals continues or is just beginning; they need the support, dedication and love you showed me, as do those who volunteer in rescue day in and day out.

Please be inspired by how my life was transformed at the moment some good Samaritans found me wandering in a park, and Katrina with Yavapai Humane Trappers stepped up to take me into rescue and get the vet care that I needed.

Be inspired by the fosters that offered to make their home mine, teach me what it means to be a loved family dog, and helped me on my weight loss plan through healthy meals

Be inspired by the leaders and volunteers at Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary where I found companionship, love, and expert care among more than a dozen others close to my age and condition

Be inspired by those who donated as they were able to support these rescues in their critical work. And know that you are loved and appreciated for joining me on my rescue journey as well as the journeys of other animals that find themselves lost, homeless or unwanted.

Take good care, my friends and family. I am with you.

~Yours forever, Emma (aka Emma-Bear)



### How Do You Create Happiness?

May means celebrating Mother's Day and AARF has been blessed to safe harbor seventeen moms since our Puppy Palace was built in 2019. They brought with them or birthed with us 124 puppies to date (some litters came to us without a mom). Each came with their own story but life began here. Past lives, past moms and now, someone's special friend, making us all happy!

Rescue can be incredibly satisfying and the miracle of nurturing, socializing and finding wonderful homes is the ultimate goal. As hard as it often is to let go, we have been blessed to share them with folks who will love them as we did. Our regret is not being able to meet some of the moms and offer spay assistance. It's important to spay and neuter your pets because, as adorable as puppies are, there are far too many to guarantee protection in loving, forever homes.

The following story often happens in and through rescue, but not all turn out as wonderful. Thankfully, this kind person is also a volunteer with AARF and Liz (our founder) served as midwife! Many thanks to them for the creation of this double Happy Tails story. (Thank you, Sandy).

- See a dog to be given away on Craigslist
- Go get that dog (Genny) right away – feeling Happy!
- Fall totally in love with new dog
- Vet Visit - find out new dog is pregnant!
- Alter plans
- Call Liz at AARF for help!
- Liz acts as midwife for nervous owner
- New mom has one healthy, perfect puppy
- Fall newly in love with mom and her puppy
- Realize puppies are cute, but lots of work!
- Foster puppy through AARF Animal Rescue
- Enter lady who also falls in love with puppy



Little Rusty under Mom



Rusty and Mom

- Lady adopts puppy (Rusty) and...
- Everyone involved is SO HAPPY!

If you would like to volunteer with AARF and create your own happy place, please call 928-925-7219 and come out for a visit. Come to our booth and say hello at WOOFstock on June 10, and meet some of our residents!

# HAPPY TAILS, HAPPY TRAILS: A DOGGIE SIDECAR MOTORCYCLE ADVENTURE!

By Solana Kline—A lifelong dog-rescue advocate and avid motorcycle adventure rider.



There's a freedom and deep joy we see and feel in our dogs— a presence, a passion for each little sniffer, seemingly boundless energy and the intelligence to take naps as often as possible and to NEVER pass up a delicious snackie. They are gurus to life (except when they eat impossibly disgusting things). Their spirits are wild and their hearts kind. Our own wild spirits and kind hearts are set on fire when we adventure with our pups, when we see them at full speed and agility, connecting with our own need to be free wild animals, longing for the adventures and sniffers ahead on the trail!

The wild and free doggie spirit is what brought me and my dog pack here: somewhere in Flaming Gorge, I am soaked to the bone from the last six hours in forty-degree, driving Utah rain, outrunning the blizzard coming in from Idaho. There's a sunhole in the storm so I pull us over at a little creek—the purple sky and peeking sun exploding the burnt orange cliffsides above.

I dismount Darlin, the 2018 Ural offroad motorcycle-sidecar rig, peel off the way too large, recent (and godsent) purchase of the bright yellow boat captain's slicker, and make it over to the sidecar (also called sidehack). Unsnapping the waterproof tonneau cover, the first black nose pokes out: Betty, the terrier terror (aka Dr. Sausage, Falkor, Little Baby Mountain Goat); followed by a bigger black nose: Mickey, the pitty/boxer loverboy (aka. Dr. Wiggles, Señor Lioness, Wiggu-Beef)—my doggie comrades.

They are bone dry and groggy, lulled to sleep by the pitter-patters of rain on their sidecar roof, the warmth of their sardine-sleeping situation, and the hot-water bottle sandwiched between them. This was old hat for them by now after almost three weeks on the road. They yawn and sit up, assess if the weather is to their liking enough to get out and sniff around. They agree it is



and hop out, start down the trail, looking for fish off the bridge and galloping around the fresh tall grasses.

But the black clouds amassing behind the mountains are our cue to hit the road, and fast. The pups sense it too—the way the air's energy shifts when lightning is coming—the ominous and regenerative processes of high elevation Spring-time. Snow and lightning ahead, and we have no choice but to move through it. It's in these moments where one reflects on the life choices that brought them to this moment and why I'm not instead in a sun-filled chaise lounge reading Edward Abbey and sipping hot coffee, with the pups sound asleep in pillowy goodness. This was not the first or last time I would contemplate this along this adventure....

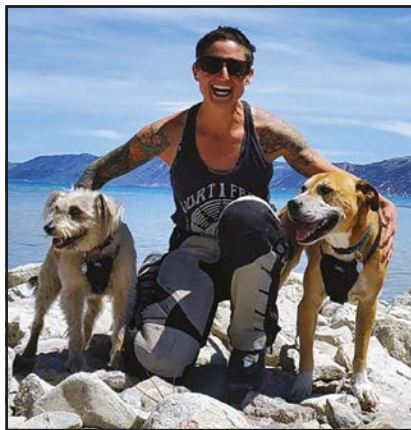
"Load up!" I shout through the wind.

Mickey lofts up into the sidecar first, then Betts follows—their self-organized protocol since the start of the trip. As I tuck them back in under the tonneau, I'm overwhelmed with amazement and gratitude, knowing all that brought us here and how far these pups and me have come to be on this incredible adventure.

Every time I see them in the hack together I can't help but smile, they are incredible. I'd dreamt of this trip my entire life—ever since seeing Harrison Ford and Sean Connery on the big screen outrunning Nazis on a BMW sidecar-rig back in the '80s. But with a sidecar filled with pups grinning ear to ear and donning dog goggles. And here we are, living the dream, literally.

A few years ago I made a deal with the dogs: as soon as I (or more appropriately, we—they earned their honorary doctorates for putting up with me for five years as a crazed PhD student) finished the PhD, we were venturing on our own moto-sidecar, exploring the backcountry of the West from Arizona through Utah, into Idaho and Wyoming, and back home through Colorado. We would be on dirt roads and camping, exploring new trails the whole way, and—most importantly—visiting local no-kill doggie rescues along the route to raise funds and awareness!

I found our first sidecar rig in 2021 just outside of Skull Valley, Arizona. This led us to the kind



folks at Kalaber Creations, the Ural dealer in Prescott, Arizona who helped me learn some Ural mechanic skills and get a newer fuel-injected Ural that would be more reliable for the high altitudes of this trip. And boy, are we grateful for this new rig and our sure and fast exit right about now!

In the sidecar, I pull Betty's crocheted ear cover/gator up to her eyebrows. Looking into her golden lemur eyes brings me back to the first day I saw her at her foster home in Oregon on a Christmas tree farm seven years ago—her terrier mustache growling at me from under a pine tree. She was an ex-street dog from Sacramento, nabbed by the puppy police right after having a litter in the streets and rescued from the gas chamber of Sacramento high-kill shelters by the angels of Oregon Friends of Shelter Animals (ofosa.org).

I move over to Micks and tuck the sleeping bag back in around him best I can, his heavy gentle head not protesting the cozy pillow laid under it. I hold his head in my hands for a minute, amazed at how different this boy is since we freed him from his two-year stint at the Nevada Humane Society in Reno (nevadahumanesociety.org). An ex-junkyard and

fighting dog, he went from fearing and attacking other dogs to snuggling and playing with them in just a couple of years.

The healing powers of love and nature-time together as a pack are absolutely undeniable. So here we all are, together, midway into our two month backcountry motorcycle sidecar adventure.

Just over this snow-packed mountain is Vernal, Utah, where our second of two hotel-stays of the trip awaits: hot showers, hot chocolate, crisp white linen, a king-sized bed, all you can eat cereal, and HGTV!

I breathe deep, smile, and pat the tonneau cover. As I swing my leg over Darlin, the weeks passed and the weeks to come on the road flash through my brain—adventures of a lifetime, pup-centered adventures of a lifetime....

Until next time, happy trails and happy tails!

~Solana, Dr. Sausage, & Dr. Wiggles



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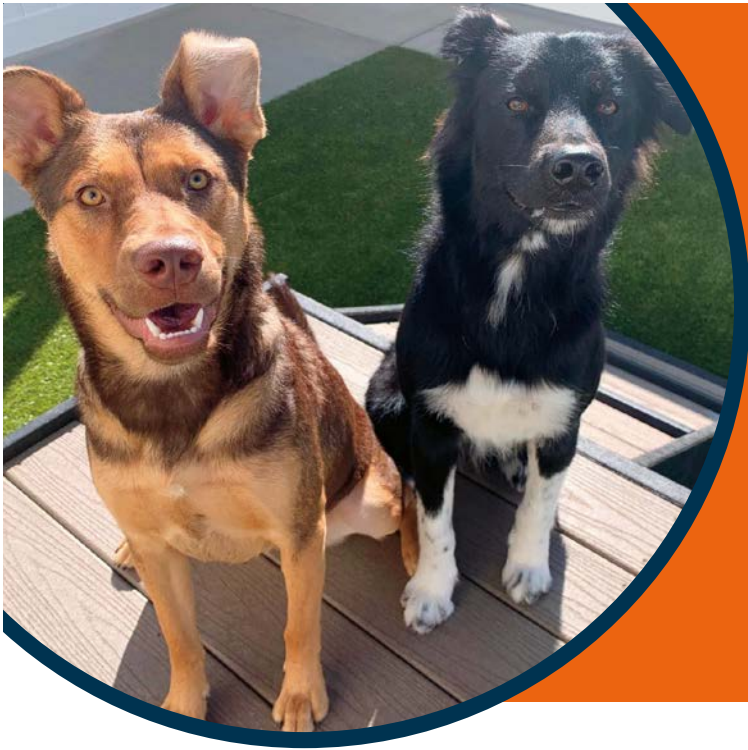
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