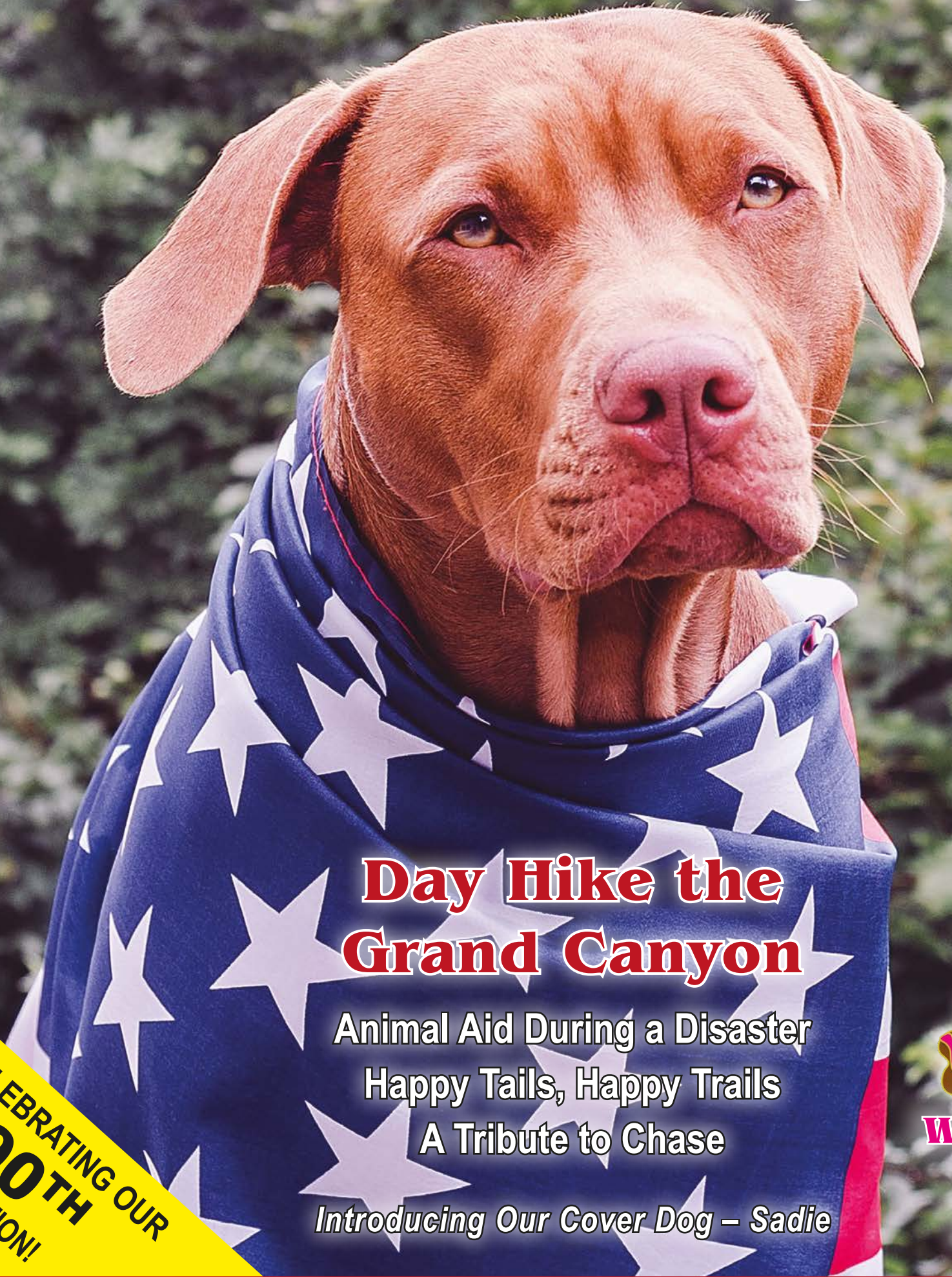


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*Please include your name, dog's name, address and phone with your entry. Entries without owners info will not be accepted.*

**Winner will receive:**

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- 2) 50 copies of Prescott Dog
- 3) A personalized social media post congratulating your dog as the winner and an electronic copy of the printed cover

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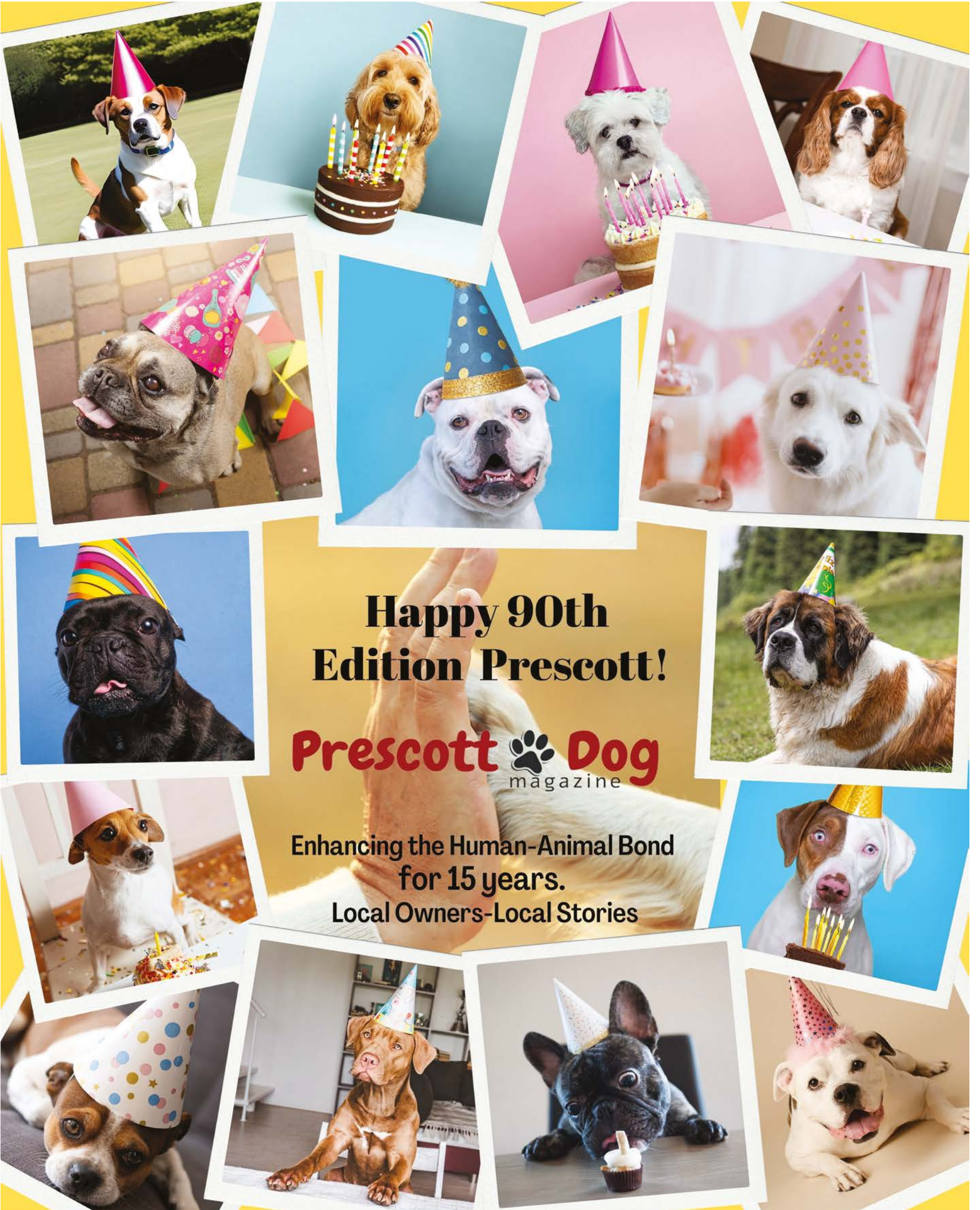
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# CALENDAR

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## ONGOING ADOPTIONS & EVENTS

**AARF ANIMAL RESCUE & SANCTUARY.** Adoptions by appt. in Mayer. Info 928-925-7219 or email at aarfanimalrescue@gmail.com. See pets available for adoption at aarfrescue.org.

**CATTY SHACK – CAT ADOPTIONS.** Onsite: Tue-Sat, 10a-2p, 609 S. Granite St., Prescott. ssnsmart@yahoo.com

**CIRCLE L RANCH ADOPTIONS.** On-site by appt. Off-site info. 928-273-7005 or CircleL.org.

**DOG TRAINING GROUP CLASSES.** \$10/class with Sammi Maon. 50% donated to United Animal Friends. Level 1: Sundays 9:30a-10:30a. Level 2: Sundays 11a-12p. UAF Rescue Ranch, 2600 Heckethorn Road, Prescott. Register: www.meetup.com/UnitedAnimalFriends.

**MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE.** Onsite adoptions: By appt. 302 N Alarcon, Prescott, 928-445-5411. Offsite: PetSmart, Sat & Sun 11a-3p. Website: misskittyscathouse.com.

**UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS**  
For an up-to-date list of our dog & cat adoption sites, locations, and times, please visit: unitedanimalfriends.org/adoption-events/. To volunteer or learn more about us: unitedanimalfriends.org or 928-778-2924.

**YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY**  
• Onsite Adoptions: M, T, TH, F Noon-5:30p by appt. Sat-Sun 11:30-4:30pm by appt. 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd., Prescott, 928-445-2666  
• Lost Pet Center by appt: M, T, TH, F 12p-5:30p, and by appt. Sat-Sun 11:30a-4:30p.

**YAVAPAI HUMANE TRAPPERS.** Most Sat at Prescott Petco. Visit YavapaiHumaneTrappers.org to request mtg or complete preadoption form.

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**YAVAPAI HUMANE EQUINE CENTER.** To tour our center: 928-515-4947.

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• Walk-In Vaccination Clinic every Friday between 8a-4p. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Wellness Clinic, 2989 Centerpointe E Dr, Prescott.

## JUNE & JULY EVENTS

**HERITAGE PARK ZOO**  
• July 1,7,15: ZooLittles  
• July 3: Zoo by Moonlight  
• July 10-14,17-21,24-28: Zoo camp  
• July 8: Breakfast with Tortoise & Friends  
• July 15: Summer ZooFest  
• July 29: Sip & Paint (Adult)  
• August 1: Zoo by Moonlight  
• August 5,11,26: ZooLittles  
• August 6: Sip & Paint (Family)  
• August 12: Breakfast with Mtn. Lion  
• August 16: Wildlife in Focus  
• August 19: Wet & Wild Day  
• August 26: Evening with Clouded Leopard  
• August 30: Zoo by Moonlight

**CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK (CVEA),** 2208 Equestrian Way, Chino Valley. Info/registration for all events: cvequestrianpark.org.  
• LIBERTY HORSE TRAINING CLINIC w/Sara Chambers. Jul 15 and Aug 19, 8a-11a.

**AARF ANIMAL RESCUE OPEN HOUSE**  
Aug 12, 6639 S Country Rd, Mayer. Info: aarfrescue.org or call 928-925-7219.

**DRESSAGE CLINIC**  
Northern Az Chapter of Dressage Association clinic w/Michell Combs. Aug 12 atHN Desert Willow Farm, Prescott Valley. Info: nacofada.com.

### YOUTH TRAILS CHALLENGE PROGRAM FOR 2023

The Yavapai Trails Association has launched their Yavapai Youth Trails Challenge, a free program geared for county residents, ages 8 to 18. Area kids will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor trail activities on foot, on a mountain bike or on horseback.

The program aims to expand youth engagement in healthy outdoor activities to safely use, explore, and become future stewards of our vast network of trails.

The Youth Challenge program focuses on Leave-No-Trace principles, the practice of proper trail etiquette and preparation for outdoor trail experiences, and to foster participation in the care of our public lands.

*For more information on YTA's Youth Trails Challenge, visit yavapai-trails.org.*



# Rescue Resources

For an expanded view of Rescue Resources, visit PrescottDog.com



<p><b>AARF ANIMAL RESCUE AND SANCTUARY</b> 6639 S. Country Road, Mayer 928-925-7219, aarfrescue.org</p>	<p><b>ARK CAT SANCTUARY</b> Parks, Arizona 928-635-5909 arkcatsanctuary.org</p>	<p><b>BETHANY'S GAIT RANCH</b> Prescott, Arizona 928-499-9442 bethanysgait.org</p>	<p><b>BLUE MOON RESCUE AND SANCTUARY</b> 1851 E Perkinsville Rd, Chino Valley 928-925-7724, bluemoonrescue.org</p>
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<p><b>MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE</b> 302 N Alarcon St, Prescott 928-445-5411 misskittyscathouse.com</p>	<p><b>NOW THAT I'M SAFE EQUINE RESCUE</b> Chino Valley, Arizona, 951-233-1318 nowthatimsafe.org Facebook: nowthatimsafeequinerescue</p>	<p><b>PETEY'S PLAYGROUND</b> Yarnell, Arizona 928-713-1375 peteysplayground.org</p>	<p><b>UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS</b> Prescott, Arizona 928-778-2924 UnitedAnimalFriends.org</p>
<p><b>VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY</b> 1520 W. Mingus Ave, Cottonwood 928-634-7387 VerdeValleyHumaneSociety.org</p>	<p><b>HUMANE SOCIETY OF WICKENBURG</b> 4000 Industrial Rd, Wickenburg 928-684-8801, wickenburghumane.com</p>	<p><b>YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY</b> Multiple locations. Please visit website for info. 928-445-2666, yavapaihumane.org</p>	<p><b>YAVAPAI HUMANE TRAPPERS ANIMAL SEARCH &amp; RESCUE</b> Prescott, Arizona YavapaiHumaneTrappers.org</p>

<p><b>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY</b></p>	<p><b>ANIMAL DISASTER SERVICES</b> Shelter for animals in the event of a disaster. PO Box 10793, Prescott • 928-642-0758 AnimalDisasterServices.com</p>	<p><b>EQUINE EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF YAVAPAI COUNTY</b> Assistance for equine owners in the event of wildfire and other emergency situations. Emergency Hotline: (833) 922-9333 • eeeyc.org</p>	<p><b>LARGE ANIMAL SHELTERS &amp; EMERGENCY READINESS (LASER)</b> Shelter for barn animals in the event of a disaster P.O. Box 12782, Prescott • 928-713-1331 Laser-shelter.org</p>
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## MISS KITTY'S ADOPTION CENTER

We are very sorry to announce the passing, on May 7, of one of our founding ladies. Without her tireless efforts, Miss Kitty's would never have existed. Rest in peace Carolyn Taylor, with all the cats and kittens you have helped over the years!

Miss Kitty's is having record adoptions. Our spay and neuter program continues to offer help to people who cannot afford to have their animals fixed. Kitten season is upon us, and

we are receiving calls to help cats with kittens.

Miss Kitty's completely relies on volunteers to care for the animals at the house, and in kitten foster. If you can help one day a week for two hours (from 7 to 10am or 4pm to 7) to feed the cats, scoop litter boxes and sweep floors, we desperately need you. Fosters are also needed for adult cats and kittens.

Please call 928-445-5411 and leave a message. Our volunteer coordinator will call you back.

From all the cats and kittens, we wish you a great summer.



All rescue animals have a story to tell, but some are more compelling when their rescue was urgent for their survival. Scrappy is one of those special dogs, and one look into his soulful eyes conveys his gratitude for his gift to a better life.

Scrappy was a stray in Gallup, and his face was grotesquely swollen and painful. A Blackhat volunteer caught him in November and took him to a vet for evaluation. It was determined that he had sustained some facial trauma and had an infected floating bone chip in his jaw making it hard for him to eat or drink.

Surgery was the only way for this boy to live pain free, so Blackhat made those arrangements right away. Susan stepped up to foster him until he was stable. Another foster—Sarah in Steamboat, Arizona—stepped up to give Scrappy a safe foster home so he could catch his breath.

Scrappy had one more good luck charm; in May, he was adopted in For

Breckinridge, Arizona—finally landing in his permanent home. He went from scrounging for food and water, then barely being able to eat and drink it, to finding a place where his food bowl is always filled with good stuff, and he can enjoy every bite.

The many reports of stray or injured animals on the Reservation are a constant reminder of the great need for help to give these deserving animals a better life. Blackhat is dedicated to helping as many as they can, but it is daunting, and the more volunteers and rescue groups that step up, the more lives that can be saved.

From December to February 2023, forty-seven new dogs and cats were taken into Blackhat foster care. Forty-four were adopted into loving homes, with eight animals transferred to partner rescues. If you'd like to be part of this rewarding effort as a volunteer or a partner rescue group—we need you!

We're in need of fosters and transporters, and we make it easy by covering the costs. If you'd like more information, or if you're looking for a great new pet, you can find it on [blackhathumanesociety.org](http://blackhathumanesociety.org). Learn how you can spark the light in an animal's eyes and warm your own heart at the same time.



### Midwestern University & Humane Society of Wickenburg Join Forces to Help the Community

In the early morning hours of April 18th, Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine along with their Mobile Clinic collaborated with The Humane Society of Wickenburg to offer the residence of Wickenburg and surrounding communities a free spay & neuter, wellness exam, and vaccination clinic for their feline and canine companions.

Backed by the generosity of Phoenix-based PetSmart Charities, the Midwestern University Mobile Clinic was designed to provide hands-on shelter medicine experience for Midwestern's students while bringing surgical services and basic medical care to animals in more rural locations and shelters.

Lead by Professor Dr. Nancy Bradley DVM, MS, DABVP-SMP and associate Professor Dr. Hillary Herendeen VMD, 8 Junior and Senior veterinary students successfully completed 22 spay and neuters. In addition, they also administered 35 sets of vaccination, including rabies, to pets in need.

The partnership between Humane Society of Wickenburg, the residents



of Wickenburg, and Midwestern University College of Veterinary Medicine proved so successful for all involved. It allowed an opportunity for those who may have otherwise not been able to get the much-needed care for their four-legged family members. Spay and neuter is not only effective in eliminating accidental and/or unwanted litters, it also drastically slashes the chance of your female getting mammary cancer, and your male developing prostatic hyperplasia and/or testicular cancer.

For the students, this event provided them a chance to get off campus, experience working in a mobile setting with animals of different personality, size, and circumstance. It simultaneously gave them exposure to shelter medicine that otherwise would only be reviewable in abstract textbook examples and classroom lectures.

Looking ahead to 2023, HSW and Midwestern University CVM will continue to join forces and offer these services and more to our community. As dates for upcoming clinics are confirmed, information will be posted to HSW website and on all their social media platforms.



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## A Note About Our Cover Dog



### Meet Sadie!

Sadie is an All-American girl! Our representative for all of the canines, felines, and equines we have covered over the past 89 editions.

For those that found their fur-ever homes through the magazine; or our events WOOFstock or DOGtoberfest.

We couldn't be more honored to have played a role and look forward to continuing to highlight rescue animals and those who care for them.

Our focus when each animal comes to us creates many messages:



- Let them thrive (body)
- Let them learn (mind)
- Let them love (heart)
- Let them leave a legacy in our hearts (spirit)

Since each animal is different with different backgrounds and challenges, the messages have different levels of importance. These change over time. Our goal is to have a well-balanced, well-socialized pet ready for you and your own lifestyle.

### This Year has Been Tough for Everyone in Rescue

Far too many are available and in need and far too few are looking for that companion. Also, far too many rehoming requests for pets because of changing lifestyles, particularly medical and living arrangements as well as commitments.

### Please have a Plan for Your Pet

A trust (with specific instructions), a Pet Trust, reach out to groups for any programs they have for rehoming. Please don't rely on family, friends or neighbors. They



### Fostering

We implore each of you reading this to please consider adopting from a rescue or shelter, but with the absolute intention of keeping this family member with you for their life. If you cannot, can you foster?

Fostering is becoming the absolute best solution to making sure the focus is on that animal to give them the best start or restart. It is very rewarding and if you become one of the Foster Fail/Success stories, even better! Just reach out to any rescue or shelter to learn how.

### Mark August 12 on Your Calendar: AARF Open House

Come learn about us. If you have spare time and want to volunteer with us, call 928-925-7219. We have lots of pups to focus on. Come meet Dewey!

may be willing now, but their circumstances can also change. The least change, the better, for your pet. Keep your microchip info current along with an alternate contact.



Thanks to the consistent support and generosity of our community, United Animal Friends (UAF) has accomplished incredible achievements throughout the years. From creating the UAF Rescue Ranch—our private animal adoption center—to starting our retail venture, Furr-tastic Finds Rescue Resale, our successes keep us committed to doing ever more. Now we're ready to expand our efforts once again with the UAF Snip N' Go Clinic—a low-cost spay and neuter clinic for Yavapai County!

While UAF has helped pay for the spay and neuter of community pets for the last twenty years, we now have an opportunity to open our own clinic. Thanks to donations from the Arizona Community Foundation of Yavapai County, Prescott Area Women Who Care, and extremely generous supporter, Clemene Alascano, we were recently able to purchase a trailer and part of the necessary equipment. So now our dream is close to reality.

We are eager to build on the momentum for this project and secure our remaining needs, which include additional medical supplies and a concrete pad for the unit. That's where you come in! Your donations help us keep our existing programs up and running, so we are hoping for an increase in support to complete the spay and neuter clinic project.

We've made it easy to contribute, too! Hop online to our Facebook page or donate directly at [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org). As always, all amounts are greatly appreciated. There is truly no more impactful way to decrease the homeless animal population. Please consider donating today to be a part of this momentous milestone—one that promises to serve our community and increase our rescue efforts like never before.

### How Eden Benefits the Residents of Prescott



The Prescott Police Department is proud to introduce you to Eden, our first fulltime facility and emotional support K9—the first of her kind in all of Yavapai County.

Eden was a gift from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) and her first day of service was January 31, 2022. She's named after DPS Trooper Tyler Edenhofer who was killed in the line of duty on July 25, 2018, in Avondale, Arizona.



Eden, Facility K9 at the Prescott Police Station.

Eden is assigned to the department's Victim Services Unit and is handled by Senior Victim Advocate, Amy Fillingim. Eden works with victims of crime and those who have experienced trauma. She has been specifically trained to detect physical and chemical changes in a victim recovering from a traumatic event

by recognizing an increase of cortisol immittance, which spikes when humans are stressed. Eden will perform one of four tasks until the victim's levels reduce to a normal range. She also works with the City of Prescott's first responders, staff, and volunteers.

Eden has earned her AKC Canine Good Citizen, AKC Community K9, AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen, Al-

liance of Therapy Dogs, and IACP PAL certificates all before the age of two! She is also registered with the AKC Canine Partners Program.

Eden primarily focuses on working with the youth of our city who have been a victim of a crime.

For a child, being in a courtroom can be a very scary thing; it can bring on a lot of stress that children don't necessarily know how to manage. It can be traumatic when a child has to testify, to a bunch of strangers, about the crime they were a victim to. It can also be painful and feel embarrassing when a child takes the stand against their abuser or the suspect. Eden's role is to help ease their feelings, while providing support in situations where the child is usually alone during a court proceeding.

Eden's main goal is to reduce a child's fears by being close and using her training when the child's cortisol levels rise. It's been shown that children feel calmer and more confident in these situations. In return, we can more effectively obtain justice.

All programs and training associated with Eden are made possible by the generous donations and support from our community. Eden's Instagram is @prescottpoliceeden; please follow to see the work Eden does in our community. If you'd like to donate, please visit [seam.ly/fAhgAALk](http://seam.ly/fAhgAALk). Eden thanks you for your support.



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Just when you were patting yourself on the back for keeping all the balls in the air, a big wind comes up and changes everything. It's the nature of the work, and nothing new. However, shifting priorities required us to postpone Trivia to the fall so we could address the needs of the animals we were being asked to help.



We are super stoked about our new partnership with Marcia and Hector at the Congress Depot, and look forward to the fall event. Wyatt Earp will also be returning for one of his signature performances on October 18. A profile of Wyatt Earp's life will also be presented in a two-act play at the Congress Depot. Stay tuned for details.

It's hard to miss the fabulous assortment of plants our volunteer, Jay Bowman, has painstakingly grown from seeds in the greenhouses next to the Resource Center building. We're very grateful to Jay for his generosity and skill in growing these plants. In the next few weeks, many of the flowers will

start blooming. The color will be breathtaking, and yours to take home to spruce up your own yards. All proceeds from the sale of the plants goes to Petey's Playground and the care of the animals. The plants will be available for sale all summer long.

The needs of several animals we've taken in recently have required our attention. We have a momma cat and her five kittens that our cat people are caring for at the Resource Center. Mom is coming around, and the kittens will be well socialized when they're ready for adoption in a few weeks.

We also took in two super friendly dogs that are great companions, but have medical needs that need monitoring. Brenda is forever-fostering Lucy—a thirteen-year-old owner-surrender chihuahua that we discovered has an inoperable bladder tumor. Brenda will keep this pup happy and as healthy as we can for as long as we can. We also have an eight-year-old poodle (probably older than that) that needs close supervision due to a medical condition. We're looking for a big-hearted family to take her in and provide the love and care she requires.

Please see [peteysplayground.org](http://peteysplayground.org) for more information.



July is National Lost Pet Prevention Month, and a great time to remind you of a few ways to keep your pets safe and at home!

Yavapai Humane Society's Lost & Found Department can be a very busy place. Depending on the season, or if there is a holiday or weather situations, we can take in anywhere from five to ten lost animals per day. Since the beginning of the year, we've been able to reunite over 250 animals with their families!

The National Humane Society states that a family pet is lost every two seconds in North America. With statistics like that, it's incredibly important to take steps to make sure our pets stay safe. Step one is to make sure your pet is microchipped and, most importantly, that all the information is current!

Microchipping is a simple, painless procedure in which your pet is injected with a chip that is approximately the size of a grain of rice. If your pet gets lost and they are found, the microchip can easily be scanned. The information contained in the microchip will allow you and your pet to be reunited. But the information on that microchip must be up to date with your current data.

An interesting bit of information is that the microchip is really a proof of ownership for that animal. When you acquire a new animal, it is imperative that you contact the microchip company and give them your information. The chip is unique to your pet. It contains information about them, and you!

We had an interesting case where a dog came in as a stray; our scan revealed it had a microchip. When we called the owner listed through the microchip, we learned he had not owned the dog in over ten years and didn't even live in the state anymore. However, because the microchip was registered to him, he was still considered the legal owner of the dog.

There is a happy ending for the dog, as he was reunited with the person who has had him for the last ten years. We immediately assisted the owner in updating the information with the microchip company. He can now feel confident knowing that should his dog get out again, the owner can be contacted and reunited with his pet.

We can't stress this enough: the chip is only as good as the registration. If your registration isn't submitted and then kept current, it's useless. Make sure that chip is registered to you, with your phone numbers. If you move or change your phone numbers, you must update that information.

All animals adopted through Yavapai Humane Society are microchipped, and your information will be attached to the microchip in your pet.

Yavapai Humane Society provides microchipping to the public during our bi-weekly Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic, which is held at 2989 Centerpointe E. Drive in Prescott. The clinic dates are July 7 and 21, and August 4 and 18. No appointment is needed.

For more information on our Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic, give us a call at 928-445-2666.

### Final Journey

My name is Ginger and I spent the last four years of my life (Jan 5, 2012 to June 2, 2023) with people who loved me, and I loved them. But June 2, 2023 is the day of my death here on Earth, and it's a good thing. It's said that dogs always go to heaven, so I can look forward to meeting my brothers and sisters again, and await the arrival of my human friends at the Rainbow Bridge.



Ginger

the front yard where I had enjoyed rolling on my back, but this time I just lay down and watched the freedom of nature. Thoughts came and went, and somehow I felt content having been loved so much, and having been able to return that love to the people in this home, as well as the love of the other dog and cats with whom I had made tight friends.

So here we are: June 2, 2023. The trip to the veterinary office was not as enjoyable as it used to be.

Guess why.

I entered the clinic on somewhat wobbly legs, but was greeted by a number of my dearest friend expressing their love for me. I sprawled out on the cool floor and let it wash over me. Someone brought me water, and I enjoyed love, hugs and kisses from my friends. Julia, who always greeted me with her bright smile. Amanda, who had loved, cared and fostered me for years. Kim, who had inspected my current home to assure everyone that I'd do well there. And, of course, Dr. Kate. Who, with her gentle hands and voice, assured me that I would be fine and was in good hands.

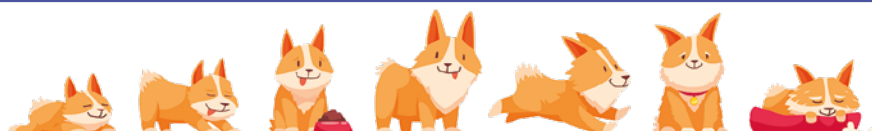
She did a thorough exam of my body and confirmed, unfortunately, that tumors had spread throughout and medical intervention would be extremely complicated and not really save my life.

I'll leave the rest to your imagination. My pain eased away, and bright lights flashed before my eyes. My final journey had begun.

It all began in early March 2023 when a small growth on my right flank became visible and started to grow. I had surgery the middle of March, and a subsequent biopsy confirmed, "Left lateral thorax: mastocytoma, grade 2, high variant." Not a good result.

The surgery was done perfectly by our beloved veterinarian, Dr. Kate, at Muleshoe Animal Clinic in Yarnell, Arizona. After awhile, my scars disappeared and all looked normal—until the latter part of May. Dr. Kate had warned of possible future negative developments, and here they came. Several lumps appeared at the surgery site, my right leg swelled and became difficult to walk on because a tumor was blocking blood flow to my leg. At the end of May, I could no longer eat.

Somehow, I knew what was coming. My life was ending, and my body was being ravaged. I felt it everywhere, and wanted to spend more time outdoors than inside the home where I had been loved so much. Several times, I settled on my favorite spot in





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by C.L. Dreves

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# TAKE A DAY HIKE IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

A surprising fact about Arizonans is that many—especially those born and raised here—never have visited the Grand Canyon. Astounding, right, when one considers it places on the planet as one of the Seven Natural Wonders?

It also features one of the most endangered species in the world, with the steady reintroduction of California Condors. Without a doubt, the Grand Canyon is a premier choice for day hikers and backpackers alike.

Backpacking is for another article. This one focuses on day trips in Grand Canyon National Park. I've lost track of the number of times we've driven the two hours to treat out-of-state visitors to the Grand Canyon. Ironically, we haven't taken people there in July and August, partly because of the crowds but mostly because people visit us when their own harsh weather causes cabin fever.

Usually, we will take them a short way down and back up the South Kaibab Trail. They will experience the trail's steepness and the canyon's depth along with its spectacular vistas. Then we drive back to the Grand Canyon Village where they're ready to mosey along the rim's flat sidewalk past (or into) restrooms, shops, and restaurants.



From there, if anyone still feels like tackling the climb down and back, we can access the Bright Angel Trail and hike down to a short tunnel, which is a good turnaround point.

One time at the tunnel, I saw tears streaming down my silent hiking companion's face. This brave woman was deathly afraid of heights, but stoically went along so as not to spoil it for her family. We immediately turned around and took her where she could enjoy the canyon.

As another friend put it, "I never considered that hiking into a big hole in the ground would expose me to such great heights."

The park offers free shuttle service to other breathtaking sites. Check these out on the National Park Service website.

Be forewarned. None of the trails are easy, but rather, steep, narrow, and rocky with tremendous drops off the edges. The Grand Canyon can be a dangerous place if you do not pay attention. But it's worth it!

Safe summer hiking!



The Hartzes take a break on the South Kaibab Trail.



Hikers start down the South Kaibab Trail on a day hike.



Stellar jays scoop up peanuts at the 10X campground near the Grand Canyon.

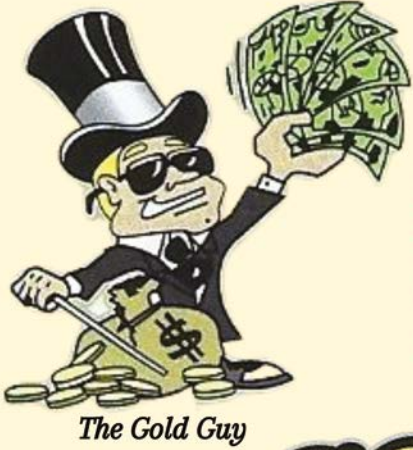


A California Condor, one of the world's most endangered species, soars above the Grand Canyon.

## Summer Safety Tips

No matter the length of your summer day hike, always include:

1. Up to a gallon of water to drink. In addition, to restore electrolytes a bottle of a "sports" drink is a good idea.
2. I like to drape a wet bandana around my neck and mop my face with that occasionally. Some folks prefer a spray bottle to spritz themselves.
3. A hat.
4. Sunglasses.
5. Bottle of sunblock.
6. Snacks, both salty and sweet. Protein, like nuts and jerky, too. Take enough so you can help someone else in trouble along the way.
7. First-aid kit.
8. Rain jacket and sweatshirt. Arizona's monsoons pop up without warning June through September, often with 20-degree temperature drops.
9. Sturdy shoes. Not sandals or flipflops.
10. Cell Phone. You won't have reception, but it functions as a locator to rescuers, and also as a flashlight if you misjudge your time and are out after dark.



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# ADS AND LASER PROVIDE AID DURING DISASTERS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Two local animal disaster groups have worked together to give peace of mind to animal lovers who find themselves displaced by disasters. With annual monsoons and fire season approaching, the services these groups provide are crucial. If people know their livestock and smaller pets can be safe, they will be more likely themselves to evacuate to safety if a disaster warrants.



Both LASER and ADS visit local events to spread the word about their services.

Animal Disaster Services (ADS) was founded in 1999 to provide shelter to animals evacuated due to fires and flooding within Yavapai County. Since its creation, ADS has responded to all major events, under the direction of Yavapai County Emergency Management, providing shelter to a variety of pets and small companion animals including, most recently, a bearded dragon.

Large Animal Shelters & Emergency Readiness (LASER), founded in 2019, is a local organization of volunteers working with the Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management to provide shelter for barn animals during evacuations and to provide information for emergency preparedness. This group serves households, families, and individuals in Yavapai County by sheltering equines, goats, sheep, pigs, poultry, llamas, alpacas, emus, and rabbits during an emergency.



LASER provides for all kinds of farm animals in a disaster.

Many people remember the heartrending scenes during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when people were not allowed to take their animals with them when they were evacuated. Animals died in homes where families thought they'd be able to return to care for them, drowned while tied on porches or left inside homes, or were lost as they had to be turned loose. Some people died because they would not evacuate without their pets.

The disaster marked a shift in the way emergency responders and agencies looked at animals during



The Goodwin Fire was a significant disaster that required all hands on deck for LASER and ADS.

such emergencies. Yavapai County is one of those agencies that now has extensive assistance for animals in such an emergency.

While hurricanes are not a threat here, wildfires are, and the seven times LASER has been activated have been for local wildfires. The County placed them on standby for an additional six times.

In April 2017, the Goodwin Fire that started near Walker exploded in just a few days to more than 28,000 acres, roaring toward Mayer and all the small ranches and horse properties along the way. Volunteers cared for horses and livestock at the Coors Event Center at the old Yavapai County Fairgrounds on Highway 89A. Animal Disaster Services set up at Bradshaw Mountain High School, where they cared for large number of dogs, cats and other small pets.

During the Crooks Fire in April 2022 in the mountains just south of Prescott, LASER volunteers staffed their shelter around the clock for two weeks, caring for horses, goats, turkeys, ducks, chickens, and a rooster. Those are just two of the wildfires that required the services of animal disaster specialists and volunteers, and by taking care of peoples' animals, these volunteers save human lives by making it easier for them make the difficult decision to evacuate.

ADS is a completely mobile organization, with four supply trailers located within Yavapai County. The organization has predetermined locations where an emergency shelter can be set up to accommodate a variety of pets and small companion animals. Shelter services are provided 24 hours per day, every day, throughout the duration of the evacuations. All services are provided free of charge to the pet owner and include all general care.

ADS volunteers keep busy throughout the year, participating in community events and residential



Look for ADS's booth at local events.

presentations to provide education regarding emergency preparedness for all animals and bringing awareness to the services available, when evacuated.

At the first notice of an incident that could threaten human life and/or property in areas where there are barn animals, the Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM), alerts LASER. Immediately, LASER sends a "heads-up" text message to all LASER shelter volunteers, asking for their availability for scheduling over the next few days. The large animal shelter is set up by LASER's Quick Response Team, ready to open to Yavapai County residents once an evacuation GO order is issued by the Sheriff or at the direction of YCOEM.

Lisa Bird, Media Relations and Communication Coordinator for ADS, shared some of the ways the two organizations partner together, which creates a seamless source of help and comfort to pet and livestock owners during emergencies.



Volunteers take in a horse at the Prescott Valley LASER evacuation center.

"For A.D.S.," Bird said, "It is easy to share information regarding our organization along with the services provided by LASER when speaking with animal owners. We always want to ensure animal owners are aware services are available for all animals, big and small, during evacuations."

"LASER has a great image of how the American Red Cross, LASER, and A.D.S. are connected in sheltering all evacuees. Often families will use the services of all three organizations during an evacuation."

"They say it takes a village to raise a child. During an evacuation, it takes a village of volunteers from all three organizations to provide calm, safe, and secure environments for each family member affected by the crisis. This includes the furry, scaly, hairy, big, and small family members."

"The high level of communication, information sharing, and support for the specific services each organization provides help facilitate those services."

"In sharing our messages of preparedness and awareness, ADS and LASER provide joint presentations to local organizations and residential communities. ADS and LASER also participate in many of the same community events. If we are not at the same location or event, each organization has brochures for the other, available to attendees."

There is no cost to the public for LASER or ADS services, but essential operational expenses are incurred. Community support helps LASER and ADS to function. Donations for both organizations are much appreciated, are tax deductible, and can be made through LASER's website at laser-shelter.org and the ADS website at animaldisasterservices.com. Both organizations also have Facebook pages.

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# CONNECT WITH YOUR HORSE, AT LIBERTY

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



Meg Goodyear and Honeybun taking a break. Photo by H.B.

What in the pasture world could be more ideal than a life of freedom? Imagine a lifestyle of work and play absolutely untethered, free of encumbrance and constraints. That's what your horse will experience with Liberty training. And you, the handler, will experience the pure joy of the connection and partnership you're developing minus the hindrance of halters and ropes.

Don Jessop of Mastery Horsemanship details three different types of Liberty training. The most common method he discusses is 'Round Pen Liberty/Foundation Liberty'. This method is designed to teach a horse how to move freely in every gait and to transition smoothly as they change directions. You are working with your horse in a 'driving away' fashion, pushing him away from you using your training stick.

Jessop's second style of training he calls 'Natural Liberty Training,' leaving a rope and halter on your horse while performing complex maneuvers. Eventually, you will toss the rope over your horse's back testing their skill without using the rope. The next step would be to remove the halter and test the horse again. Soon you would be expected to work with your horse minus the aid of any tool support.



Holly Miller Chisholm and Romeo in perfect sync. Photo by Patti Morabito.

Dan's third method of training he calls 'purest liberty' which is all about connection. He explains, "Your horse must learn, and value being connected to you above all other things." This style of his training never uses ropes for guidance.

"The skills required to encourage that simple task and discourage anything else requires finesse. Push too hard and you get a resentful, fearful horse. Push too little and you get nowhere. The balance is beautiful and worthy of pursuit," states the trainer.

Local instructor and equine enthusiast Sara Chambers describes the Liberty training process. "It is very empowering to have a horse (a large prey animal) want to be with you (a large predator) especially when he is free to make his own choices."

Key elements that she stresses for introducing your horse to Liberty are safety (survival needs), comfort (physical needs), and play (social needs). When you begin your Liberty sessions, you will want to convey to your horse and continually assure your horse that he is safe, so that he will be confident with you and comfortable with his environment.

There are many dynamics used in practicing Liberty, and one of the most vital is The Release. A common philosophy in natural horsemanship is that it is the pressure that motivates your horse, while it is the release that teaches your horse.

The Release is the part of the exercise when you pause, release all pressure, and allow the horse to rest. Liberty exercises may include executing a set pattern in an area with your horse or working with challenging obstacles.

What makes the Liberty teachings of Chambers so fascinating is her adept knowledge of equine neurology, psychology, and behavior ascertained from her studies of horses in the natural herd, in nature's environment. Her scientific research and studies bring her students a more realistic view of why their horse reacts and responds in certain ways, encouraging the student to approach their horse using more suitable methods. According to Sara, "Horses are hypervigilant about reading you."



Instructor Sara Chambers and Jewel playing and learning. Photo by Dan Tambo.

Renowned horseman Jack Brainard says, "The greatest tool of an accomplished horseman is the power of observation. When you show your horse that you are aware of his awareness, you become more horse-like because the herd relies on its members' awareness of each other and the environment to function and survive. When you notice even the smallest or most subtle expressions of your horse, it tells him that you are with him in the present moment and worthy of his cooperation."



Barb Reinke and Dragon, bonding. Photo by Rita Thompson-Tinsley.

Sara Chamber's student Meg Goodyear shares, "I decided to participate in Liberty classes to learn how to clearly communicate with and build a solid partnership with my mule Honeybun. I love the give and take of the Liberty process, especially when cues and body language are really in sync. We have truly improved our

mutual trust and respect. It does not always flow perfectly, but I sure do enjoy her shenanigans, however naughty."

In the world of horses, at the barn, in the arena or in the wild, you must agree there is no better ambition to achieve than liberty and freedom for all.



Kim McKnight and Sunny, one step at a time. Photo by Sara Chambers.



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# HAPPY TAILS, HAPPY TRAILS: BURGERS AND WORMS!

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

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“One for you...” Betty’s sleek silver terrier ears at full attention, pink tongue lolling out before she wolfs down the crispy fry. “And one for you...” Mickey’s gentle-giant, sloppy boxer/pit lips swallow my hand along with the fry. “And one for me!”

I sit on the sidecar step and sink my teeth into the pack’s favorite local beef burger from Wil’s Grill in Flagstaff—our final stop before heading north on our two-month backcountry motorcycle side-car trip across the West, visiting no-kill animal shelters along the way! Our trip began at 5pm last night—doggies harnessed and goggled, quadruple checks on Darlin (the 2018 Ural from Prescott’s own Kalaber Creations!). Throttle on and glimpses of Prescott are blotted out by the fiery Spring sunset in the side mirror as we roll ahead into the delicious sniffers, curves, and vistas of Mingus Mountain.

I’d never considered hamburgers to be a safe space before, but they became our saving grace along this journey, showing up just when we needed them—hot, cheesy, greasy goodness filling our bellies, rekindling our adventure sparks and warming our hearts and souls. And this one in Flagstaff was our trip’s bottle-of-champagne-christening. Tomorrow morning, we’d head into the great wide open, into the unknown, into adventure and courage and exhaustion, new trails and happy tails, the biggest heart smiles ever known, and some very interestingly configured tent snuggles in the wilderness!

Early season 100 degrees and driving winds challenged our route from Flag to Kanab, Utah and the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary there ([bestfriends.org/sanctuary](http://bestfriends.org/sanctuary)). The heatwave bore down, swallowed us up in the Southern Utah desert, miles, and piles of foot-deep, blowing sand on the serpentine dirt crossing from Kanab to Escalante—sheer drop-offs and off-camber descents had my full attention. Pups, meanwhile, sniffing carefree, heads up, evaporative cooling vests wet and working!

We push through and finally Utah highlands peak onto our horizon—where the snow is still melting and



the grasses are sprouting. I point and cheer, jubilant and relieved. “Into the mountains, Beast Brigade!”

We lose the sun behind Loa, Utah—gateway to the mountains—into the tails of Utah Winter, exchanging sweat for shivers. As we make the final turn into Loa, a double-decker fish bus painted psychedelic comes into view, and a weathered wooden sign telling us how far Kona, Hawaii is, that-ta-way, and how far Dublin, Ireland is thatta-other-way. We had arrived



at the Double-Decker Drive-In, or it had found us. Either way, Betts pokes her face out through the tonneau breather hole, wiffs the broiling meat, and the hounds lazily meander around the lawn, keeping a side-eye on the drive-in window.

Orders up! Fresh-cut fries and a double-decker burger—sizzling dripping cheese and tomato innards, the perfect ratio of mustard to pickle to bun to local beef! We round-robin chomp it down and git the heck outta Dodge before our potential tent spots are swallowed by darkness.

On moto trips, it’s always the little things that make the trip—the quirky bits of the backcountry, like an old phone booth up a deserted two-rut road, or the lonely, full-sized, white kitchen refrigerator on the side of the road North of Loa, its hand-markered sign reading: “Worms.” No houses in sight, nowhere to park to acquire advertised worms. One helluva long extension cord I’d reckon.



We pass the worms, and glory awaits us as we set up camp at a trailhead to the Great Western Trail North of Loa—a thing of offroad atlas lore until now!

The sage, crisp air follows us up through the mountain spines of central Utah, cold biting deep, but I smile knowing the pups are in a toasty snug sidecar nest full of down and hot water bottle, and the chugging Ural engine. I, on the other hand, have every single bit of gear on and am still a human icicle. Only thirty degrees for the last three hours this morning; snow drifts and icy lakes and sweeping single lanes. Micks is intrigued and braves his head out the tonneau—hand-crocheted gator and puffy coat, lips flapping.

Last turn into Coalville, Utah, and like an oasis mirage there she is: KJ’s Catch n’ Snack, Scofield, Utah, where Mud Creek births the Scofield Reservoir. Seems like there’d be some worm fridges round here. Instead, the greatest backcountry score of all backcountry scores.

I unfurl the tonneau at the gas pump for the pups to sunbathe. Frozen, I hobble into KJ’s, hands held out, tractor beaming into an unknown radiating heat source on the back counter.

Two fishermen at the table laugh in understanding and shout, “Hey Nancy, get her a burger!”

Nancy hands me a dish with two raw patties and all the buns n’ fixins. My defrosting brain doesn’t comprehend. The fishermen point at my newfound blasting hand heater. “It’s a do-it-yourself burger broiler! Throw those patties and bun in there.”

I look closer. There’s one slower broiler conveyor for the burgers, and one faster conveyor for the buns, timed to absolute perfection so they all drop at the exact same time! I smash the steaming double cheese together and am filled with pure joy, an unshakable grin wrapped across my face as I run out to show the pups our spoils!

Sitting on the sidecar step, Betts and Micks drooling over each shoulder, I hand out bites and have this overwhelming feeling that this is what life is supposed to be—sharing sizzling meat with our comrades, smiling in the sunshine, accepting the kindness of strangers, feeling the cold on our wet nosers, taking in every new sniffer as if it were our last, and deeply being present with those we love in this world.

Ahead, another five hours in the 35 daytime degrees (with a promise of below-zero overnight temps) and an executive decision carries us happily to our first of two hotel stays of the two-month trip. Dreaming doggie woofs and tail thumps on our luxurious king-size white linen; they’ll sleep good tonight.

Reviewing our route before bed, tracing the cartoon lines of the atlas, but what lies ahead could never fit in those pages. Wyoming tomorrow, and on to Idaho to the most incredible no-kill shelter: Animals Need Help of Bear Lake ([anhbearlake.org](http://anhbearlake.org)). I fall asleep with pitty Micks wedged in behind my legs, and a Bettis ball in my face on the pillow, knowing this right here is the true burger and worm fridges of life!

Until next time, happy tails and happy trails!  
~Solana, Dr. Sausage, and Dr. Wiggles







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# A TRIBUTE TO CHASE: THE LAST CHAPTER IN MEMORY OF SIR CHASE, CD, RI, NJP, NAP, THDA

By Jan Tomlinson



Chase was supposed to be a show dog, but he decided that wasn't his mission in life. So, he chose me to help him accomplish that mission.

He decided, as a team, we would help lots of people and dogs, and bring joy and happiness to the world. We ran agility, did obedience, scent work, and most importantly, therapy dog visits to many places.

He helped kids read, made sick people feel better, and brought smiles to the faces of many. He helped me teach my students and their dogs by showing them how to do it.

We created the Chase Project that donated over 200 stuffed Chase Jr.s to the hospital, assisted living facilities, health care providers, and Meals on Wheels. These little dogs brought comfort to many people. And now, there is a Chase Fund to help even more people.

Chase was my constant companion, my soulmate. A small boy with a huge heart.

That big heart developed problems way too soon and finally gave out. It had done its job, so now it is time for someone else to take the reins.

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Rest well, my friend, and thanks to all of you readers out there who enjoyed reading Chase's Corner. I hope it brought some laughs and smiles to you.

In Chase's memory,  
Jan



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