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COVER DOG CONTEST

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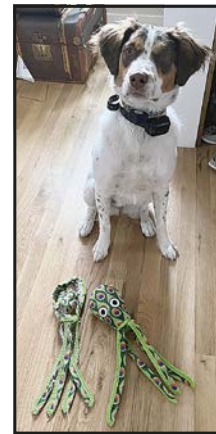
- 1) A photo shoot with A Portrait Park by J in Prescott
- 2) 50 copies of Prescott Dog
- 3) A personalized social media post congratulating your dog as the winner and an electronic copy of the printed cover

All entries are judged for the edition submitted..
You can enter for EVERY edition! One entry per dog, per edition.

Deadline Dates - 12/1, 2/1, 4/1, 6/1, 8/1, and 10/1



Ellie May, Our Cover Dog



Name: Ellie Mae
Hometown: Boise, Idaho
Age: 13 months
Favorite brand of kibble: Anything that fits in my mouth.
Favorite people food:

I'm not picky, I love everything.

Favorite toy: Tuffy toys and Bene-bones. The chicken-flavored bone is my favorite.

Favorite outdoor activity: I love to chase birds, rabbits, pretty much anything that moves. I'm a Britney-border-lab, after all.

Favorite indoor activity: Keep-away. I really enjoy keep-away from my humans. They do as well, since they love to chase me when I find a sock or a brush, anything that isn't mine.

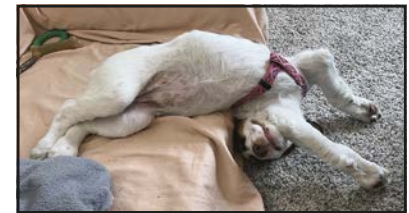
Favorite nap spot: In the back bedroom where it is quiet and comfy.

Fitness regimen: Walk, run, eat, sleep, repeat!

Describe your perfect canine pal: Paws down, my sister Abbey.

Describe your perfect day: I love to wake up at 5:15am (my humans aren't as excited). Head outside for morning duties and a short walk before breakfast. Maybe chase a rabbit or two. Nap for an hour or so, and then off again for a loooong walk or visit to the local dog park.

Back home for dinner, nap a bit and end the day with a run around my 2.5 acres. I love the water and hope to learn to kayak this summer with my humans.



HAZEL HOWLS

Plight of the Intruder

NARRATOR: Picture, if you will, a serene and quiet living room. Three languid canines stretched out at various angles, lulled to sleep by the hum of fan and its waves of cooling air. Nearly forgotten, during their intermittent adventures in dreams, was the soon return of their Pack Leaders.

On any other southwest summer day of errands, the faint sound of keys at the front door would rouse from slumber our current subjects of observation. But that would be any other day. Today they will wake to find themselves in the Sudden Plight Zone.

[A distant jingle of collar-ring-against-leash-clip enters Hazel's ever alert ears. But the dreaming brain triggered the keys-in-lock response in Hazel's legs and muscles to send her to the front door. Two companion retrievers rouse and respond in hot pursuit.]

HAZEL: Wait! No, not the front door!

[Hazel-Brain, awake now, redirects]

HAZEL: Backyard, Backyard....

[Three mostly alert, yet confused four-leggeds try a collective u-turn at high speed, now heading for the patio door and spurred into ever higher gear.]

The voices of Mom and Dad, and more jingling sounds, are now heard clearly.

At the unyielding glass of the patio door, twelve legs skid to a stop, and three pairs of eyes lock

on Mom and Dad, who didn't come through the front door this time.

Those eyes followed down from Mom's hand, and down the length of the leash in her hand to a strange, black four-legged form actively exploring THEIR backyard.]

HAZEL: No, no, no... I don't believe it.

TUCKER: Hmmm....

KEIRA: Move over Tuck! I can't see... What is THAT?!

[Hazel, having traveled extensively with Dad in the past, had met a lot of different breeds of dogs. She studied this new intruder in her backyard while absent-mindedly pawing at the back door.]

TUCKER: What do you think, Haze?

HAZEL: Well ... Maybe a Chi-Weiler ... Possibly a Dober-HuaHua ... Or it could be....

KEIRA: A Rez dog!

HAZEL: Don't be silly Keira. There's no way that....

TUCKER: Pointed ears. Long sleek body. Slightly curled up, unadorned tail. Long, thin legs. Keira might have a point.

HAZEL: No, not possible. It's black and has a mask. I don't have a mask, and furthermore....



Prudence

TUCKER: The important question would be, "Is this a visitor, a rescue, a re-home, or a foster dog?"

HAZEL: Can't be a re-home or rescue. Dad has put his foot down more than once about only three dogs and no more.

KEIRA: Mom says Dad can put his foot down all he wants, she'll just move the floor.

TUCKER: Keira, as the senior peace officer of this pack, I would strongly advise you to never tell Dad that.

KEIRA: Like he doesn't know already.

[The pack fell silent, realizing that all their questions could only be answered by the two-leggeds on

the other side of the glass. Barking and frantic pawing would now be required to remove the glass obstacle to all their inquiries.]

Dad cautiously reached for the latch, knowing that 180 pounds of wound-up canines was going to launch out into the open. As the cloud of fur and curiosity leaped into the sunlight and towards the answers to their questions, they barely heard their Mom's introduction.]

MOM: This is Prudence. Your new sister.

~Hazel Bazel Rocket Dog
(To be continued....)



TITERS FOR PETS: LEGISLATION

By Patty Coyne, Titters for Pets Coordinator

Recently, the CDC extended a ban on dog imports from 100 high-risk rabies countries. The exception is individual owner/importers that meet four requirements. The dog must be six months old; be microchipped; have a rabies vaccination; and have validation of immunization using a serum antibody titer. (This approach is not allowed in Arizona.)

Rabies regulations are managed by each state and follow the Animal Rabies Prevention and Control Compendium and Resources released by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians. The operative sentence is, "The recommendations in this compendium serve as a basis for animal rabies prevention and control programs throughout the United States and facilitate standardization of procedures among jurisdictions, thereby contributing to an effective national rabies control program."

For pet guardians who are immersed in dog events, over-vaccination is a known problem. It's also well known that the rabies vaccine has the worst safety record of all and is the only mandated veterinary vaccine.

Unfortunately, most pet owners equate vaccines with health, and while they can definitely help control disease, they are not a perfect product. Adverse reactions are often not recognized unless they are

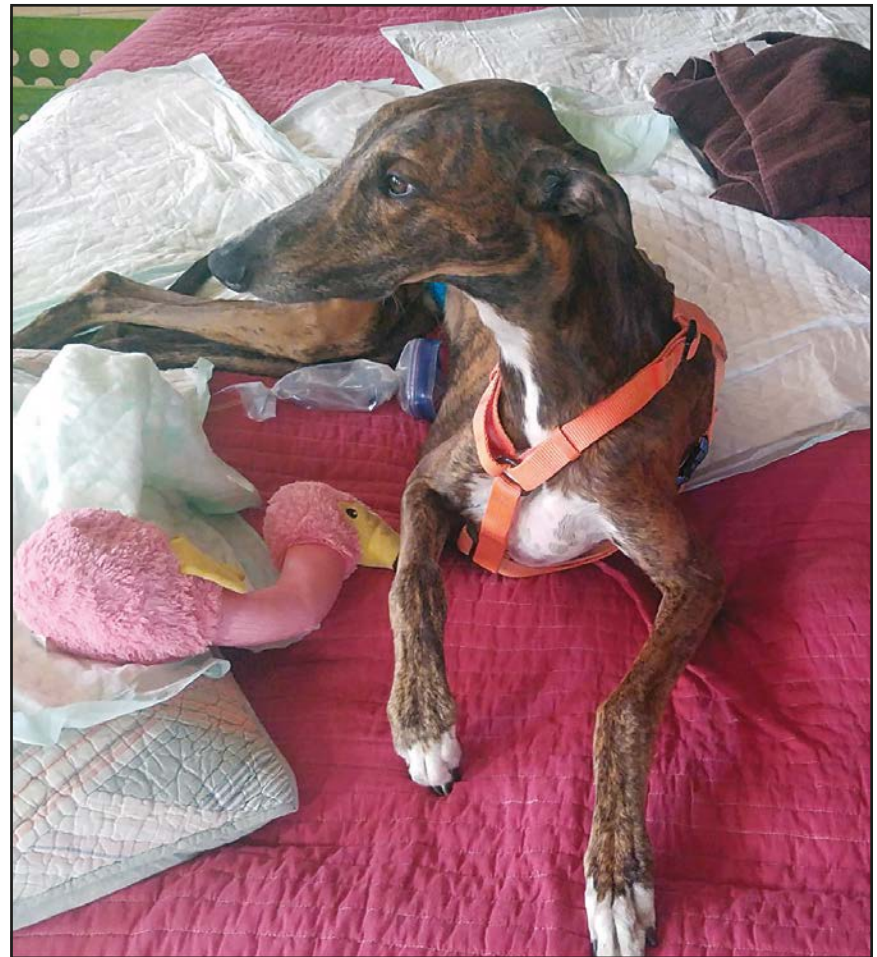
immediate, and there is no surveillance to qualify claims. The veterinary community that understands this the best are Integrative (holistic) veterinarians, or veterinarians who witness the problem and change their approach. If an animal is immunized, there is simply no benefit to repeat vaccinations.

Currently, industry pressures are creating policies that dictate pets must have up-to-date (UTD) vaccinations, or a veterinarian will not see your pet. That narrative has made its way to other dog-related services and agreements.

This is not a scientific approach to medical management or public health. In addition, if a titer is not used to verify immunity, puppies can go unprotected for parvo after their puppy shots. Additionally, there is NO guarantee that a rabies vaccination results in immunization. A rabies antibody titer would, therefore, improve public health.

The science supports allowing a titer in lieu of re-vaccination.

If you'd like more information or wish to support our effort, please sign up for email updates at tittersforpets.org. Time-sensitive calls and emails to legislators do make a difference and that is the primary reason for setting up the alert email system for a coordinated effort.



Traveler on a cushion, unable to walk. Encephalitis (MUO by necropsy) was detected in this one-year-old greyhound. He was one of three dogs in an Arizona training group to experience a fatal reaction, with symptoms starting within 24-36 hours.



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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.

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

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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- Sep 2, 23: Zoolittles
- Sep 9: Breakfast with the Bear
- Sep 9: Critter Campout for Cancer
- Sep 13: Wildlife in Focus
- Sep 16: After Dark at the Park (Adult)
- Sep 23: Sip & Paint (Adult)
- Sep 29: Zoo by moonlight
- Oct 9-13: Fall Zoo camp
- Oct 14: Breakfast with the Wolves
- Oct 21: Behind the Scenes Photo Tour
- Oct 28-29: Zoofest
- Oct 31: Boo at the Zoo

WDAAZ-RECOGNIZED CHAMP DRESSAGE SHOW

Sep 2, Judge Michell Combs. American Ranch, Williamson Valley. Info: 928-830-9329

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS REUNION PICNIC

Sep 3, 11a-1p. Bring your UAF-adopted pet to a free picnic. Animal Friends Rescue Ranch, 2600 Heckethorn Road, Prescott. Info: unitedanimalfriends.org

LASER LUCKY POKER RIDE & LUNCH

Sep 9, 8:30a-3:30p. Big Chino Ranch, Paulden. Info: bigchinoranch.com (events)

PAWS ON THE PATIO

Sep 10, 4p-7p. Benefits United Animal Friends. Bring your pup & dine on the patio at Founding Fathers Collective, 218 N Granite Street, Prescott. Info: unitedanimalfriends.org

CHINO VALLEY COWBOY CHALLENGES, EXCA RACES & CLINICS

Info: cvequestrianpark.org
Sep 15-17, Chino Valley Equestrian Park
Oct 14-15, Chino Valley Equestrian Park

NACADA DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW

Sep 16, Judge Michell Combs. American Ranch, Williamson Valley. Info: nacofada.com

WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

Sep 22-24, Northern AZ Riding Stables (NARS). Info: bethanysgait.org (Wild Rose)

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HAVE A HEART BARREL RACE & POLES
Sep 30, Olsen's Arena in Chino Valley. Info: horseswithheartaz.org

DOGTOBERFEST & ADOPT-A-THON EVENT

Oct 1, 10a-3p, Watson Lake Park, Prescott. Dog adoptions, vendors, concessions, contests. Free admission; \$5 parking w/ net proceeds supporting the YCSO Jeep Posse. Info: prescottdog.com

HIGH DESERT ROUGHRIDERS RIDE & ALL-HORSE PARADE

Oct. 7 from Granite Dells Peavine Trail to Whiskey Row. Proceeds benefit local veterans. Info: highdesertroughriders.com

HIKE FOR HOUNDS

Oct 15, 10a-1pm. Hike a mile on the Peavine Trail & return to ranch for picnic lunch, shopping & local organizations info. United Animal Friends Rescue Ranch, 2600 Heckethorn Road, Prescott. Details & registration: unitedanimalfriends.org/hike-for-hounds

WDAAZ WORKING EQ CLINIC

Oct. 20-22, Amy Star. Oak Meadows Ranch, Prescott. Info: 928-830-9329

WILD ROSE HORSE OBSTACLE CONTESTS

Oct 27-29. Boyd Ranch, Wickenburg. Info: bethanysgait.org (Wild Rose)



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HAPPY TAILS, HAPPY TRAILS: RIBBONS OF SINGLE-TRACK AND TALL GREEN GRASSES

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

Southwest Colorado. Finally out of any possible deserts for a couple of weeks and into the high country, into John Denver lyrics.

The tall mama Ponderosas shade out the late June sunbeams. A steady southern breeze whirls through the pine-tops. Betty (aka Dr. Sausage) and Mickey (aka Dr. Wiggles) dream lazily of squirrelin', ice cream, and hamburgers. The occasional woof or tail wag puffs up mini Hiroshimas of dusty high-desert dirt.

I lay back in the sidecar, enjoying a cheesy romance novel, with moto boots drying in new sweat rings in the sun. Socks and pants can about stand up on their own by now.

We rest after 1.5 months and 2,800 miles on the road (or to be more precise, off-road), camping and hammering miles in our moto-sidecar. Today me and these two gems of doggies rest.

We left Prescott at the start of May and have been lucky to have no mechanicals, but the weld busted on the sidecar yesterday. This means we have the entire weekend to relax here in the trees, waiting for the gas-station welder to come back to work on Monday morning.

Lucky for us, we're camped at USFS trails. Almost every night on this trip have been camped at USFS or BLM trails out in the backcountry. Starting each day with a new single-track trail, a good leggie stretch, and a load up into the sidecar!

Trails become these little veins into adventure and wonder and beauty and awe. They are the lifeblood of our dog pack, and we seek them out every place we go.

Trail time together bonds us like no other, teaching the pups and me to be a true wild pack. To keep an eye out for each other, to warn of danger. To joyfully roll in the grossest of rotting deer carcasses (I opt out of this one). To watch crocodile in clear, sun-sparkling, high Alpine waters on the toastiest of days.

To fly effortlessly forth down the single-track trail. To be free to roam and explore. To sniff new butts around every bend in the trail. To learn to be independent and healthy in wonder. To set boundaries, test limits, and to ALWAYS go full beasto into the beautiful unknown of mama nature.

Trail time as a pack is healing for all of us. Betty and Mickey, both ex-street dogs, had to learn how to be a pack in nature together. How to work together. How to leave old traumas behind and remember (or try for the first time) how to play!

They light up on a new trail, sensing the new explores to come. Knowing the drudgery of same-walk-every-day is not happening, they go turbo into the burned switchbacks and scrub. They know new trails; it feeds their souls, as it does mine. They always dream bigger the nights after we venture new trails, imaginations and hearts full and happy.



Taking a cold stream break in the Colorado highlands.

A few quick welds Monday morning have us back on the backroads. The winding goodness of Colorado mountain roads is the honeypot of moto touring. We are unquestionably exhausted but still not ready to head back home, not with all the mountains on the horizon!



Our summer home.

We moto forward into fields of late-June spring greens, fresh cool grasses, and budding neon-green fingertips of the pines. How many shades of green? They say the Inuit have hundreds of words for snow. I reckon we'd need a whole 48-count box or more of crayons for these greens.

We see beavers and bear tracks and fish. We smell Spring in the sweet vanilla of Ponderosa skin. In the Dorito goodness of napping puppy paws flopping in my face.

We venture into unknown wildness and wilderness, getting our showers from icy mountain streams and our grass rolling just about everywhere we stop here in the highlands. The doggies don't miss a patch, whether groomed green grasses nestled in amongst the old mining towns, or the wild spring stems waving at us in the valley winds.

As soon as we park the Ural, the pups find the fresh cool greens and plot their somersaults: nose down first, shoulder drop, and into full flop and back wriggle goodness, wiggle butts a go-go, smiles on! I lay down and roll with them, soaking in the new perspective, wondering where the puffy white clouds go next....

We revel in the 10,000-foot camping and trails, cool breezes and snowy patches mashed full of adventuring puppy pawprints. We ride and hike and nap and dream.

We camp alongside overflowing Spring melt-off rivers and brave the blasting current to reach the trails across. Micks is seemingly impervious to the frigid temps and slick stones beneath our feets. Betts looks up wide-eyed for a suitcase carry across, which of course I happily oblige.

Our high-elevation trail adventures with 70-degree days and 30-degree nights make it harder and harder to think

of rolling south through the broiling Ute and Navajo lands to make it back home to Prescott. Couldn't we just stay here forever amongst these ribbons of single-track and tall green grasses?

But the quickly fading moto tire tread and the July black flies had different plans for us. Alas, it was time to head home. And so we suit up for the last time in our cooling vests. I douse the pups and their cooling bed in fresh mountain-stream water. We thank the mountains and promise to return soon.

We roll our longest day of the trip to make it back across the Navajo Rez's burning desert. Radiant heat mirages across the impossibly straight single lanes with 110-degree blacktop temps lulling me into submission.

We pray for a cloud and a gas station before we reach empty.

Sunscreen on the pup nosers and a constant water spray down on their evaporative vests keep Betts and Micks nice and cool in spite of the convection bake we were riding across.

Gratitude doesn't begin to describe seeing the monsoons looming above Prescott. Deep-dark purples and low, thick clouds are dropping our salvation just miles ahead. We roll into the walls of rain, embracing the chill and reveling in the awkward splashing inside my "waterproof" boots.

We skirt the lightening and take in the last moments of our trip, pulling over for one last sniff-and-pee stop along a newly formed monsoon river just outside of Prescott. Soon we'd all be sprinting to our bed, relieved to be home safe, grateful for the memory foam and freezer full of Ben n' Jerry's.

But for right now, we sit next to these temporarily raging waters, sunset amber beaming on the doggies monsoon-muggy panting mugs. Nostalgia for our adventure already brims over inside me. I cry, from a combination of exhaustion, relief, awe, disbelief.

I've ridden countless backcountry motorcycle trips solo, and after getting to do this Epic with the pups instead of without them, I can't imagine it any other way. Our pack will never be the same. We will forever be comfortable eating ice cream off the same spoon. Using each other as pillows. Unquestioningly listening to each other's intuition. Holding a mutual understanding of exactly when to go full beasto down a new trail after giving each other that particularly wiley look.

Endless ribbons of single-track and tall green grasses, a true Wild West adventure to fill our hearts and dreams with possibilities. Endless ribbons of single-track and tall green grasses....

Until next time, happy tails and happy trails!

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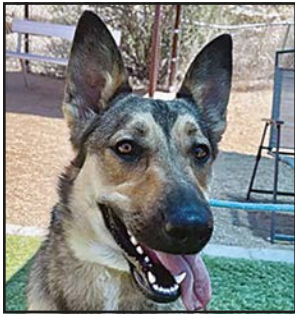
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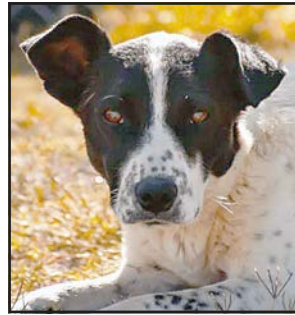
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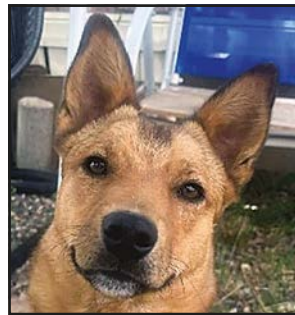
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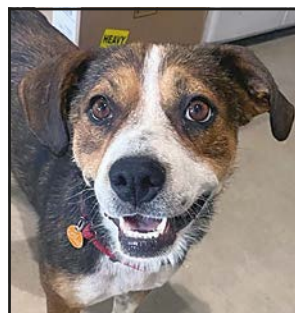
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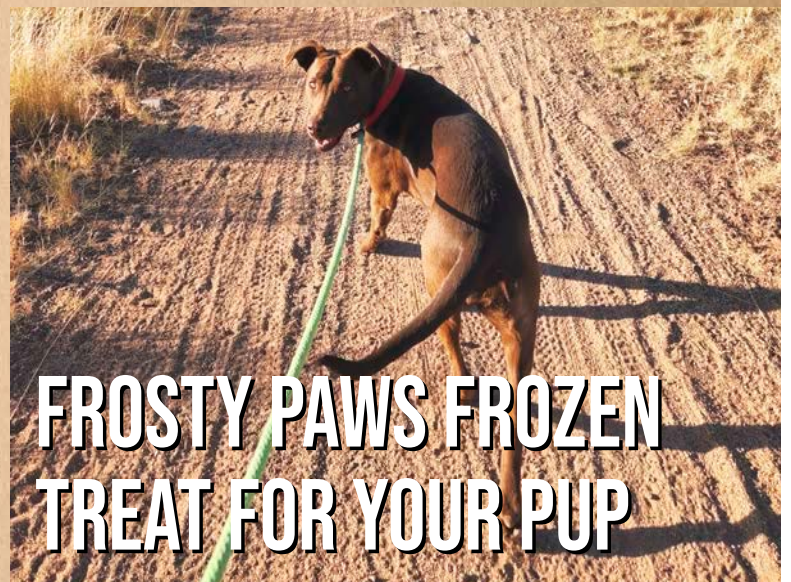
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Barbara and Pam are bottle feeding three one-week-old kittens whose mother left them on a porch and then disappeared. These babies are at the Resource Center most days and then taken home at night so they can be closely supervised. If you've never seen kittens that young with their eyes and ears still closed and being bottle fed, it's worth the trip to see and watch their progress.

We're very grateful for the huge response we had to our plea for kitten food and litter. For now, we're in good shape to take care of our kitten population. When we run low again, we will certainly let you know.

We also have two very cool adult cats who have been waiting a really long time for a home of their own. Sam and Amber are both very social cats to people and good with other cats. We'd love to see them in a home of their own before the end of the summer. Please visit our website at peteysplayground.org or petfinder.com for more information about Sam and Amber.

We also have three adult dogs in foster homes taking applications for homes of their own. Millie is an eight-year-old very sweet, smaller boxer mix. Pogo is a seven-year-old Chihuahua who is great with other dogs and very sweet to people. We have two other Chihuahuas and a Pomeranian coming in the next week.

As a preview to fall, we have some great events coming up. On October 18, Wyatt Earp will give us a performance on the Life of Wyatt Earp at the Congress Depot Wild West Saloon, located at 27200 AZ-89 in Congress. Trivia is scheduled for November 1st at the same venue.

We won't have a sit-down fish dinner this year, but will have the fresh frozen fish available for purchase by the pound, so you can host your own smaller fish dinners in your own homes for friends and family. Details of what will be available will be published closer to the October fishing trip.



The Journey of Journey & Pebbles

Many may be familiar with Phoenix Animal Care Coalition (PACC911), an organization in the valley with over 140 animal welfare partners under their umbrella. Their main purpose is to bring animals in need to the attention of all their partners for help.

AARF saw a plea in February for a mom and pup in Mexico needing help, so we reached out. Surviving on the streets must have been so hard for her and her pup wouldn't have lasted much longer.

When they arrived at AARF the puppy, Pebbles, was very underweight, and we soon discovered that mom, Journey (her new name), was deaf! After weeks of care in Liz's house and play bouts with her dog mentor Roman, Pebbles was ready to be ad-



Up and over

Playtime

opted. She is now living a full life of camping, four-wheeling and fun!

Journey is a very special girl, so smart and quick to learn. She is a volunteer favorite (one in particular) and loves to have her photo taken! We want to find a loving, patient home for her so her training can continue. Patience, consistency and frequency are important for this to be successful.

She has already learned several signals. Because she cannot hear, playtime can be hard since if she plays too rough and the other dog yelps, she is unaware. She would love to have her own person dedicated just to her special needs. There is much to know about training a deaf dog and places to learn. It's not difficult,

and the rewards are well worth the effort. The bonding that takes place is amazing.

Jo an, Journey's special volunteer says, "She is such a great dog, walks so good on a leash, loves to play in water, actually loves to play with toys

and can chase, throw, run, jump in pool, entertaining herself with a ball or other toy. I talk to her all the time even though she can't hear. When we first got her, she would not look me in the eye, would turn her back to me but now she is very loving and looks in my eyes and gives kisses."

Our hope is to find someone interested, have them come out to AARF and spend time getting to know Journey, her cute and playful ways and personality. If you want to truly bond with a dog and know the wonderful feeling of success, Journey is here to help!

If you might be that person, please reach out to us at 928-925-7219 and come meet Journey!



One of the things that's so awesome about working at Yavapai Humane Society is our staff! When we say, "Caring for animals isn't just what we do, it's who we are", we mean it! Every single one of our amazing team treats each and every animal we care for as if it were their own, and they often share stories with us about some of them, so we can share them with you. Here's what Kaelyn Mitchell, one of our Cat Staff, shared with us recently.

Figaro, Piglet, Pumba, Tiana, Timon & Nemo were a group of abandoned kittens brought to Yavapai Humane Society by Prescott Animal Control. Their story was almost cliché—they were found without their mother in a cardboard box in the middle of one



Kaelyn Mitchell

of the biggest rainstorms of the season. They were brought to the shelter to be cared for, fed, and mostly dried and warmed up. These little guys were hungry, had a big appetite and were very ready to chow down!

The litter was split even with three boys and three girls. At first, all they wanted to do was eat and sleep. These little kittens were very small, most of them being less than a pound during their first intake exam, and just barely a month old. They were perfectly content with snuggling up in their warm bed with each other and staying super close.

As they got older and grew, we saw these little fighters transform from tiny tots to wild, bouncy, and bubbly babies ready for new forever families! Their kennel was completely covered

in toys, and they would play with just about anything they could get their wild little paws on.

Once they were vaccinated and spayed or neutered by our clinic staff, these little ones ended up all making the trip to our Cat Adoption Center at PetSmart to find a home.

None were there for more than a couple of days. One by one, each one of these little cuties got swooped up into loving arms. Some went to be the first kitten of families, some went to join families who already had cats, and Pumba and Piglet actually got to go to their new home together! All six have found loving homes that are just the right fit for them as they grow

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Saving Our Seniors

Hi! My name is Smokey, and I'm a 10-year-old cat. Most of my life I lived with my mom and dad, my brother Rusty, and a couple of dogs. We were a very loving family, and I was sooooo happy.

One day, my mom got really sick and my dad just couldn't take care of us anymore, so we came to live at United Animal Friends.

It was very different living at the shelter, and even though everyone was very nice to us, we were very sad. We missed the big bed we used to sleep on and our toys, but most of all we missed our family.

After a very long time, my brother Rusty got adopted by a new family. He was so excited, and I was happy for him, but now I was all alone without my brother.

One day, a very nice lady named Shelley came to United Animal Friends asking about fostering through their Saving Our Seniors Program. She liked me immediately! She saw my picture on the website (I don't know what that is, but my picture is on it). She said she could tell I was very special, and she knew I was a sweet boy. So, she brought me home to live in her house with other fur kids.



Smokey

Joy after rescue

It was strange to be in a home again after such a long time at the shelter. I didn't know what to think about all the new sounds and smells, not to mention the other kids. I wasn't sure if they would like me, or if I would like them!

I still hide under the bed when I feel insecure, but Shelley is very kind and patient and is giving me all the time I need to feel comfortable and safe. I'm so glad Shelley found me. I feel loved again!

A note from United Animal Friends (UAF): The Saving Our Seniors (SOS) Program is designed to place older pets, who have a hard time adjusting to shelter life, with fosters who will enjoy the companionship of a pet without the associated costs.

UAF provides medical care as well as food, litter, and all other supplies needed to properly care for the pet. The foster parent provides love and a safe place for the cat or dog to live until they are adopted.

Our wonderful foster Shelley Lowell had this to share about SOS: "I want to emphasize that this program, though it was created with the intention of giving senior pets a second chance for love, turned out to be so much more. It's also a program for senior humans! They get unconditional love and joy while giving a senior pets a loving, safe home. It's a win-win program for all the Seniors!"

Please visit us at UnitedAnimalFriends.org/sos to learn more about the program.

Save the Mommas

A sentiment that most can agree on is that animal moms are not all that different from human moms. They devote themselves to caring for their young, doing whatever they can to protect their little ones and ensure their safety. That's why UAF is doing

everything we can to save a special group of dog moms who are desperately in need of our help, and we're asking for your support in our efforts.

We're working closely with the Navajo Nation Animal Shelter in Fort Defiance, Arizona, which is regularly overwhelmed with abandoned momma dogs and their new litters. They simply don't have the resources needed to manage the influx on their own.

The puppies who arrive at the shelter are more easily adopted or placed with other rescues but, sadly, the momma dogs do not always have the same luck. That's precisely where we hope to make a difference. With support in the form of more fosters and donations, we have the chance to make a truly positive, lasting impact for the community and its dogs!

Having more fosters means we can save more of these wonderful, well-mannered momma dogs. If you have ever considered fostering, please know that there is truly no better time.

If you can't foster but still want to help, please consider donating to this important cause via our website: UnitedAnimalFriends.org.

Together, we can prove that we recognize the lives of these mommas are important and that they too deserve a happily ever after!

(YHS continued)

into adults who will be just as rowdy as they were as the little babies we cared for.

All of us on the Cat Staff were so lucky to be able to help these little ones who had a rough start to life, and see them flourish into bright and adventurous babies who were so full of curiosity for the world and the excitement to explore it. It was so rewarding to



watch them grow—even if sometimes it felt like we'd blink, and they'd double in size! The whole Disney theme-named group definitely stole our hearts, and we were so happy to see them steal the hearts of the lovely people who took them home. They will be so, so loved!

Yavapai Humane Society is here for our community! We're here for the animals and yes, it's



true, caring for animals isn't just what we do, it's who we are!

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HERON LAKE IS STARGAZERS' DELIGHT

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

At more than 7,000 feet of elevation and far from the light pollution of any large city, Heron Lake State Park is a stargazers' dream. In northern New Mexico, this park is well worth the day-long drive from the Prescott area.

This also is a cautionary tale about trusting your vehicle's navigator. Ours directed us to State Route 64 through the corner of Arizona into New Mexico. It seemed fine until suddenly, without warning, the "state highway" became a dirt track through the Jicarilla Apache Nation Reservation.

We lost our trailer's spare tire somewhere along this rough rutted road and came out on a narrow winding two-lane. The confused truck navigator kept instructing us to turn onto private driveways. A very kind lady stopped next to us as we tried to figure out where we were. She had us follow her to Heron Lake State Park. Turns out we were within a few miles.

Also turns out this happens to a lot of travelers. We got a free map at the wonderful Visitor Center in Chama and chartered our route home the old-fashioned way.

But back to the park....

We set up in the dark and were snug in our camper enjoying a quick backpacking meal when the rain began.

A rough start, but the rest of that September week was wonderful, as our daughter and son-



Lady Daphne cools off despite mud.



Kayakers had to traverse deep mud to launch on Heron Lake.



An elk trail leads hikers to Heron Lake.

in-law met us with a rented RV large enough to accommodate their Swiss Mountain dog and greyhound. Both canines are excellent voyagers and hikers.

We set out to explore the campground and bush-whack down to the lake, which was extremely low due to ongoing drought. A social path—or maybe an elk route—led us through a profusion of purple and yellow flowers. Mud rimmed the lake for dozens of yards, but that didn't stop Lady Daphne Greyhound. She trotted her dainty feet right over it and sank down in the muddy water to cool off.

The park has a nature trail and several unnamed paths throughout the campgrounds. Salmon Run trail is 5 miles one way of moderate difficulty through the pines and sage brush above the lake's edge. The 2.4-mile East Meadow trail starts at the visitor center and gently traverses open meadows to an overlook. The Rio Chama



Spots of purple and yellow dot the park in September.



Atlas likes to explore anything new.

trail along the Rio Chama River was closed and remains so this year for construction.

Our shared meals were special as we dined at the picnic table between our two campsites, hidden in a tree "cave" of juniper among the towering Ponderosa pines.

The temperature dropped quickly after sunset, so we bundled up, tipped back in our anti-gravity chairs, covered with blankets, and studied the inky firmament.

The stars blazed in bright relief, seemingly covering every square inch of the heavens. I was in awe. Never had I seen anything like it. Frequent orbiting satellites and shooting stars added to the evening entertainment.



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Area K9 teams continue to do a stellar job as patrol and drug interception partners for local law enforcement.

Prescott Valley Police Department

The Prescott Valley K9 team currently consists of Sgt. Keven O'Hagan and Cowboy, a Malinois; Officer Cameron Kinsey and Chewy, Officer Justin Ellison and Kato, and Officer Tanner Presson with the department's new K9, shepherd/Malinois mix "Odin."

Officer Ellison has been in the process of becoming a National Police Canine Association certified trainer. With the help of a certified officer from the Phoenix area, Officer Ellison along with Officer Presson and K9 Odin were both able to finish their certifications together. All Prescott Valley K9 training can now be done in house. Prior K9 officer teams had to attend a 14-week academy out of town, which is expensive for the department and hard on the officers' families, said Sgt. O'Hagan.

Odin is now a dual-certified patrol/narcotics dog, and Sgt. O'Hagan said the team is working very well together. The department purchased Odin from High Drive K9 in South Carolina, the same vendor as O'Hagan's Cowboy. Odin was purchased for the department by an anonymous donor who has generously provided 16 dogs for law enforcement agencies in Yavapai County.

Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Yavapai County K9s are most involved in drug interdiction on major interstates in Northern Arizona. The Department currently consists of Officer Travis Hartman with shepherd Haddie, Gilbert Wakefield with Malinois Skye, Officer Nate Camacho with Malinois Loki, the newest K9, and Jail Facilities dogs Max and Jett, handled by Officers Garrett Russell and Sgt. Cameron Leuschner.

Max was previously a narcotics dog for YCSO, age and the constant physical activity on the interstate, jumping in and out of patrol vehicles, was hard on him. The jail needed another dog, so he transitioned to that facility.

Loki is the agency's newest K9, joining in February 2023. Loki made his first bust on June 20, detecting more than two pounds of cocaine, 1,000 Adderall pills, and a handgun.

Sgt. Ethan Stover said the department helped out with the recent Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association training and demo in Prescott Valley by running a training scenario dealing with seizure of large amounts of narcotics.

"We ran the scenario for all units to go through during the week," Stover said. "A lot of the units don't work the highways. It's a very different game working city streets and small personal use of drugs than there is working loads going across the state or the country. We didn't participate in the ALECA demo because it's not as exciting for



From left: Sgt. Ethan Stover, Deputy Nate Camacho, Deputy Travis Hartman, Volunteer Don Trusty, and K9 Loki. Photo courtesy YCSO.

people to see. Our dogs are not dual purpose, they just sniff around a vehicle and sit (if they smell drugs)," Stover said with a chuckle. Their work may not be exciting to watch, but the amounts of narcotics they take off the interstates is mind-boggling.

In July, the YCSO K9 unit accepted two awards at the Arizona High Intensity Trafficking Area 2023 Conference in Flagstaff. The first was for Outstanding Interdiction Effort of the Year for the Unit for their work in intercepting dangerous narcotics on area interstates. Sergeants Cody Kruse and Ethan Stover, Deputies Nate Camacho and Travis Hartman and Volunteer Don Trusty accepted the award. In calendar year 2022, the Unit seized more than 206 lbs. of fentanyl, more than 162 lbs. of methamphetamine, more than 25 lbs. of cocaine, more than 932 lbs. of marijuana, more than five lbs. of psilocybin and 1,418 psilocybin edibles.

Deputy Travis Hartman received the Outstanding Criminal Interdicator of the Year for his work with K-9 Haddie. For the year 2022, Deputy Hartman confiscated 544,000 fentanyl pills, nearly 38 lbs. of Methamphetamine and 297 lbs. of marijuana. In one 2022 seizure on I-17 near Cordes Lakes in Yavapai County, Deputy Hartman, through a roadside interview and seeing clues of criminal behavior, was able to locate 100,000 fentanyl pills located in a vehicle.

This year, one of the largest finds for YCSO K9s happened in March, when K9 Haddie alerted to 92,000 fentanyl pills in a vehicle near Camp Verde.

ALECA Stages Annual Trainings, Popular Demo

The Arizona Law Enforcement Canine Association, hosted by Prescott Valley Police Department, completed four days of intensive training in mid-July, culminating in its popular public demonstration at Findlay Toyota Center in Prescott Valley.

Beginning on July 17, 75 teams from all over the state arrived in Prescott Valley to test for certifi-

cation, gain experience, and attend seminars. Prescott Valley K9 Sgt. Keven O'Hagan said this year's focus was tactical leadership and tracking. Teams also received training on trauma first aid for the dogs, among other subjects.

The July 18 demo included introductions of local K9 teams from Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Prescott, and Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, as well as other statewide agencies. Teams demonstrated narrated obedience and realistic scenarios showing the K9 teams' skills in fighting crime. Popular parts of the event were a scenario in which a K9 detected and alerted to a "bomb," a rough and tough game of "musical chairs," with the winner being the last decoy standing, and a demo of K9s showing off their apprehension skills when released by their handlers.

The ALECA training and demo are made possible free of charge to member law enforcement agencies partly by the sale of merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, dog toys and other products at the event, and by donations from supporters.

ALECA also invites the public to attend the Desert Dog Police K9 Trials and Public Safety Expo scheduled for October 21-22, 2023 at WestWorld in Scottsdale. More than 70 K9 teams will show off what it takes to be a canine in active duty during the two-day competition.

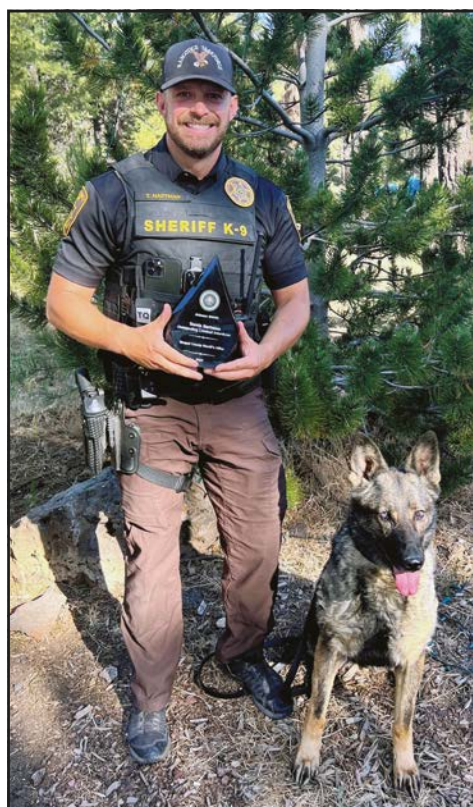
Teams are tested in real-life scenarios including Handler Protection, Apprehensions, Narcotic and Explosives Detection, Tactical Obedience and Agility.

The family-friendly event will include more than 150 vendors for food, discovering the latest in public safety tactics including interactive displays and demonstrations from SWAT, aviation teams, discovering the most recent advances in public safety vehicles and much more.

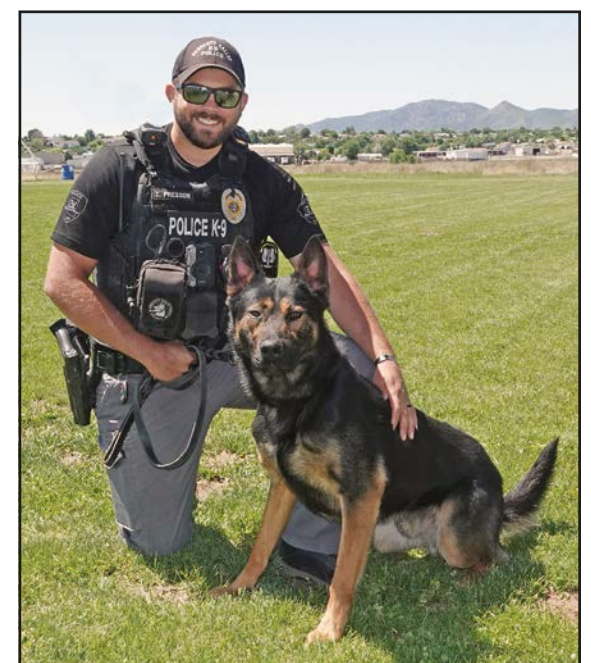
Find out more about this fall event at: alecapolicek9.com.

To watch a video of the 2023 ALECA demonstration, visit [Facebook.com/PVPDK9](https://www.facebook.com/PVPDK9)

Watch future issues of Prescott Dog for more updates on local K9 Units.



Deputy Travis Hartman with K9 Haddie. Photo courtesy YCSO.



PVPD Officer Tanner Presson and Odin. Photo Heidi Dahms Foster.

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WHEN DRAMA MEETS TRAUMA: A STUDY ON GRAVITY, CENTRIFUGAL FORCE, AND ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley

Horseback riding ranks top among several sports when it comes to serious injuries. According to horse riding accident statistics in 2023, horseback riding is more dangerous than skiing and motorcycling and is the leading cause of sports-related traumatic brain injuries. Although head and neck injuries are the most common result of horse riding accidents, equestrians can suffer other inflictions, physically and emotionally.

Diane Judge has been a part of rodeos in Tucson, Prescott, and Flagstaff administratively, as well as riding in the World's Oldest Rodeo Grand Entry.

During the summer of 2021, as horses lined up preparing to enter the rodeo arena, Judge took her place mounted on her paint horse, Blue Eyes.

Moments before the start, a rider struggling with his horse joined the lineup. As he continued to grapple with his horse, it swiftly turned, clipped Diane's leg, and went flying into Blue Eyes. Diane's horse bolted out of the lineup as she continued to ride, maneuvering him in ways to calm his spirit.

When a beverage cart appeared, blocking the alley way, her panicked horse made a 90-degree turn propelling Diane into the back of the flatbed cart. Judge dusted herself off and remarkably completed the Grand Entry with a properly composed Blue Eyes.

Weeks later, after suffering relentless pain, Diane was diagnosed with a dislocated shoulder, multiple bone bruising, and soft-tissue damage.

It would be two years before Judge would recover enough to ride again. But though her body had been healing, her fears began mounting.

After so much pain, the thought of falling again was unbearable. But Diane got back in the saddle and continues to enjoy smaller rides with a tighter circle of friends.

Horse trainer Josh Reynolds has been working with horses for years. He has started young horses and works with all sorts of breeds and situations. He uses proven methods from trainers such as Clinton Anderson.

Last May, Josh was working with a mare who showed a lack of confidence. He started slowly with lots of ground work, as safety is paramount in his training business. Eventually, Josh advanced to working her in the saddle.



Photo by Tanner Photography

He was riding the mare from a busy road when something startled the horse. She began bucking, and Josh counted three bucks before he executed an unavoidable aerial flip and landed on his back. The horse marched home solo as Josh struggled to get off the ground.

Josh suffered a fractured L1 and L2 and could only rest in a recliner for weeks. He isn't hesitant about returning to working horses. However, Josh expresses apprehension about working with that particular mare.

Summer 2011, Susan Shuford joined friends on a horse camping expedition in New Mexico's Gila National Forest. On day one, not more than twenty yards from camp, the riding group approached a narrow stream surrounded by overgrown willows. Su-



Diane Judge and Blue Eyes, Grand Entry 2021. Photo by Karen Moseley.



Horse trainer and local theatre actor Josh Reynolds riding Hannah as Fabio. Photo by Lucy Salvador.

san's three-year-old palomino, Bo, had not yet experienced creek crossings. When the horse in front refused to go, Susan forged around that horse knowing that her super-chilled gelding would be willing to adhere to her cues. When Bo refused to cross and whirled away in the opposite direction, Susan spent time working Bo, having him do exercises that would bring his focus back to her.

Susan rode Bo back to the crossing. When Bo again refused, she spurred him to go forward. Bo exploded into rodeo-sized bucks, eight of which she rode out until being propelled over Bo's head where, she declares, "I went down like a lawn dart," and plummeted to earth headfirst.

Due to the remote location, her companions couldn't phone for help. When a nearby resident drove by, they offered to drive Susan's friend Stan to their home where they had a satellite phone. A helicopter life-flighted Susan to a trauma center in Tucson.

Still in a coma, she was diagnosed with a traumatic level three brain injury, three brain bleeds, and multiple broken ribs. The neurosurgeon told Susan's husband Mike that she would never ride again and might never walk. Thirteen hours later she awakened. After years of therapy, she became functional.

Her trusty farrier, Rex, took horse Bo to his place. Every Sunday, Mike took Susan to visit Bo.

Close to a year and a half later, Susan had Rex lift her onto Bo's back. Rex then guided Bo and her around like a child's pony ride. In 2013, Shuford was slowly able to saddle and ride. In 2015, she attended her first horse event after the accident.



Susan Shuford crossing water on horse Bo. Photo by Silver Buckle Photography.

"I'm not the same rider physically as I was, but I am the same rider intensely," said Susan, determined and driven.

Susan still contends with hearing loss, double vision, and balance issues, but doesn't want to miss a moment, an experience, a sunset, or a sunrise.



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