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- 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**



## Sugar, Our Cover Dog

**Name:** My name is Super Special Sugar, but my family call me Sugar.

**Hometown:** I live in beautiful Chino Valley, Arizona.

**Age:** I'm three months old and growing like a weed.

**Favorite brand of kibble:** I love me some Purina Pro plan Puppy and whatever I find on the floor.

**Favorite people food:** The chicken my Mom makes to put on my kibble.

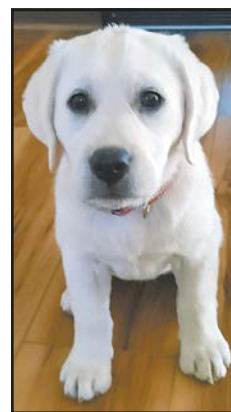
**Favorite toy:** I have a small stuffed little pony that I sleep with every night.

**Favorite outdoor activity:** I love to chase my big sister, Dixie, around the yard.

**Favorite indoor activity:** I like to investigate everything and rearrange all the rugs in the house.

**Favorite nap spot:** I like to take my mid-morning nap lying on a rug in the living room, with the warm sunshine covering me.

**Fitness regimen:** I'm an early riser. After waking the rest of the sleepy-heads, we go out and feed the horses, then have breakfast, then go for a walk



in the neighborhood, and I visit all the other dogs. Then it's play time in the grass with my big-sister Dixie, then morning nap time.

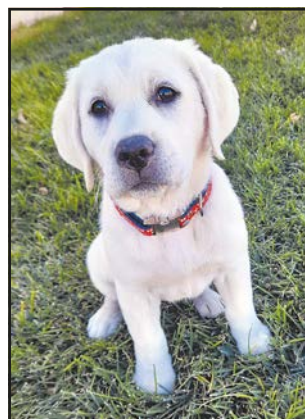
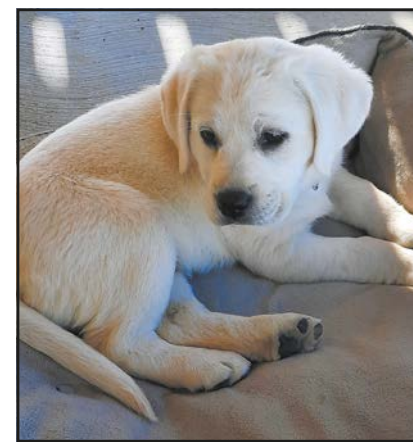
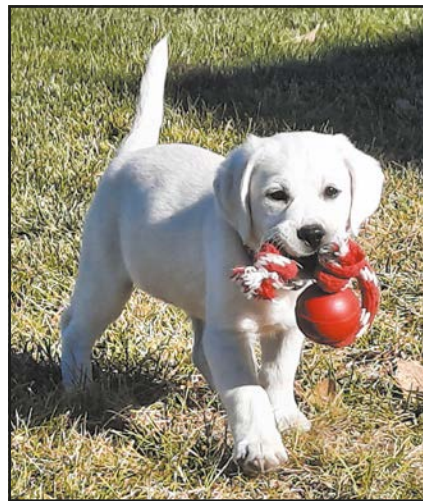
Afternoon consists of me walking my humans around via something called a leash. We feed the horses again—they eat a lot! Then it's finally time for my delicious dinner with chicken.

After dinner we play tug of war and a game called fetch, although it's more like chase. My human throws a ball, then he goes and gets it. Then it's time to get all nestled in my bed for a good night's sleep.

**Describe your perfect canine pal:** Dixie, my Aussie big sister, is my

perfect pal. She's taught me a lot, like don't chew on her ear, and don't disturb her when she's sleeping, and definitely don't go near her bowl until she is all done eating.

**Describe your perfect day:** As a pup who's as cute as I am, every day is a perfect day! Every day is an adventure! I can't wait to see what tomorrow will bring!



# Tucker's Take

## So Many Questions

A morning this brisk and pack parents deeply engaged in two-legged matters led the pack-of-four to seek warm and cozy corners to muse and nap. The overly energetic (and youngest of the pack) had tried to pry pack-dad from his work using various techniques to no avail.

Trotting to and fro about the house, while rolling a tennis ball in her mouth, Promise Prudence Pepper settled on slumping down next to Tucker with an exaggerated sigh.

PRU: Tucker, tell me the oranges story again.

TUCKER: Oranges? Is Mom eating an orange... is she sharing?

PRU: Not oranges, our oranges story... Where we came from and how we got here to our home.

TUCKER: Origins Pru, not oranges. Didn't we just do this?

PRU: For a pack sheriff, you sure have a rusty memory. That was a year ago—my first Christmas here, remember? C'mon Tuck, please?

TUCKER: If you stop making mouth noises with that ball and be still for a minute.

The now very wet tennis ball was promptly ejected across the floor, and Pru curled into her tight circle with her muzzle near Tuck's, eyes wide and bright, anxious for Tuck to start. With a sigh of resignation, Tuck began.

"Dad was on the Navajo reservation with his big truck, delivering sundries to a senior center, he was busy trying to unload his truck. He had to keep stopping the lift-gate to keep from crushing a tiny puppy running in circles underneath the truck.

"He jumped down in frustration and asked one of the Navajo men helping unload, 'Who's dog is that?' just as Hazel made another pass around the truck.

"The Navajo man deftly scooped her up, handed her to Dad, and said, 'Yours.'

"Dad checked her over, realized she was starving, and not long for this world without help. Not having anything with him in the truck but a package of peanut butter crackers, he shared them with her on the way home.

"Hazel's near-starvation in her early life is why we give her grace at mealtime. Every meal to her is worthy of celebration and excitement. So Pru, try not



Tucker

to snipe at Hazel when she dances and barks before every meal."

"As for me, my first home had a grown son who loved me and spent time with me, but one day he packed his car, said goodbye to his mom and dad, and drove away. His parents really didn't know what to do with me, so they tethered me to the porch and for what seemed like an eternity, I lived outside waiting for my friend's return. He never came back.

"Eventually, I was taken for a car ride to Yavapai Humane Society. They were good to me there, but I became sad inside knowing my friend would never find me there.

"One day, there was a commotion outside my pen. My caretaker opened the gate and walked me outside to a man and woman. I wasn't too keen on the man at first, but there was

something about the woman. I felt her heart. I wanted to hear her voice more and look up into her eyes.

I promptly placed myself in front of her and sat looking up at her. Heart met heart, and for the first time in a long time, hope flowed like warm oil through my veins. The car ride I will always remember is the one that brought me to my new home, with my new Mom driving."

Tucker took a deep breath and looked at Pru, who was still wide-eyed, devouring every word, and waiting patiently—for once—for her story.

"Keira was another family's girl and was destined to bear and raise Golden Retriever puppies for other families. Mom visited that family with her friend, who also raised Golden Retrievers. Mom saw

Keira and the room she lived in, and when Mom left to drive home, she couldn't stop thinking about that beautiful red Golden girl.

"Her friend turned to Mom and asked, 'Do you want that girl? Let's go back and get her.' So they turned around and Mom's friend cut a check and redeemed her for Mom.

"I was ever so grateful, as we here at home had raised a few Golden Retrievers for service dogs, and I missed them quite a bit. Keira was as much a gift to me as she was to Mom.

"You my dear Prudence, had a difficult and dangerous start, like Hazel. Your Mom gave birth to you in the wild and was hurt crossing the path of cars. Hurt so badly, she gave up her spirit. With your agility and speed, you kept your litter-mates in a group while dashing back and forth to try to stop a car to get help. Your efforts

paid off when sensible and caring hearts stopped to help.

"Having no understanding of the two-legged world, you didn't have a grip on how to behave on your first try with a two-legged family. That Mom got our Mom's phone number and asked to help re-home you because you had become too much to handle.

"Dad and Mom came to pick you up with the intention of finding you another home after Dad worked

with you. But we both know Dad has a heart for troubled pups. Even though Dad had sworn three four-leggeds and no more ever, you won his heart quickly—especially when you curled up against his chest and put your ear to his chest to fall asleep to the beating of his heart.

"We were pretty jealous at first about you and your conduct with Dad. Then we saw the untamed wildness fade and a true pack-sister appear. Of all our stories, you are probably the most miraculous of all."

PRU: I love those stories Tuck. It's a great start to the Christmas season. We should do this every year.

TUCK: Now can you leave me alone so I can catch a nap? It's what keeps me young to deal with your hijinks.

PRU: I'm not sure that's working for you. Just sayin'.



Hazel



Pru



Keira



## CALENDAR

Events are subject to change.  
Please contact the event sponsor to confirm date and details.

### 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.net.

**BLACKHAT HUMANE SOCIETY.** Shows adoptable dogs at Prescott Petco, 1:30p Saturdays. More info: blackhathumanesociety.org or 928-899-3942.

**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: 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 EQUINE CENTER.** Tour our center: 928-515-4947.

**YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY (YHS)**

- Onsite Adoptions: M, T, TH, F Noon-5:30p by appt. Sat-Sun 11:30a-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.
- 50% OFF: 1st Sat every month at YHS Thrift Store, 1601 Iron

Springs Road, Prescott. Open Mon-Sat, 9a-5p.

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

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

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- Jan 3-4 WildLights



### Laser Receives Governor's Award

In early December, Governor Katie Hobbs presented LASER with the 2024 Governor's Volunteer Award for Disaster Services, and several LASER volunteers made a trip to the State Capitol in Phoenix. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family recognizes individuals and groups who have dedicated their hearts, hands and minds to help strengthen communities and solve persistent problems within Arizona.

The award for Disaster Response is given to individuals, groups, businesses, or organizations that help to prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from disasters and/or emergencies in the community.

Accepting the award, LASER Vice President Abby Harbicht said, "Our dedicated LASER volunteers have made

this possible. We could not provide this service without the support of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, the Office of Emergency Management, and our grantors and community donors. We are grateful for the recognition."



Mika was found collapsed in a couple's backyard during a severe heat spell. They think she may have been abandoned after a neighbor passed away. They gave her water, then food, and Mika responded to their care. She soon showed her affectionate personality, sleeping with them and cuddling on their laps. They loved Mika and  
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## Rescue Resources

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



<b>AARF ANIMAL RESCUE</b> 6639 S. Country Rd., Mayer aarfanimalrescue@gmail.com 928-925-7219, aarfrescue.net	<b>COCONINO HUMANE ASSOCIATION</b> 3501 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff 928-526-1076, coconinohumane.org	<b>HUMANE SOCIETY OF WICKENBURG</b> 4000 Industrial Rd, Wickenburg 928-684-8801 wickenburghumane.com	<b>SAVING PAWS RESCUE SHEPHERDS &amp; MALINOIS</b> Glendale, 480-737-6089 savingpawsrescueaz.org
<b>ARIZONA BORDER COLLIE RESCUE</b> Tempe, 480-422-5366 azbcr.org	<b>DESERT LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE</b> Glendale, 480-899-5227 dlraz.org	<b>LITTLE ORPHAN ANIMALS</b> Mayer, 678-206-7505 orphananimals@aol.com	<b>TUBA CITY HUMANE SOCIETY</b> 928-793-2364, tubacityhumanesociety.org
<b>ARK CAT SANCTUARY</b> Parks, 928-635-5909 arkcatsanctuary.org	<b>DOGTREE PINES SENIOR DOG SANCTUARY</b> 1525 S Dogtree Lane, Prescott olddogs@dogtreepines.com 667-364-8733, dogtreepines.com	<b>MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE</b> 928-445-5411 misskittyscathouse.org	<b>UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS</b> Prescott, 928-778-2924 unitedanimalfriends.org
<b>BLACKHAT HUMANE SOCIETY</b> Native American Reservation Animals 928-899-3942 blackhathumane@gmail.com	<b>FREEDOM FRENCHIE RESCUE</b> Mesa, (630) 345-0493 freedomfrenchie.org	<b>PEOPLE FOR PAWS AZ RESCUE</b> peopleforpawsaz.org Info@peopleforpawsaz.org	<b>VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY</b> 1520 W. Mingus Ave, Cottonwood 928-634-7387 VerdeValleyHumaneSociety.org
<b>BLUE MOON RESCUE &amp; SANCTUARY</b> 1851 E Perkinsville Rd, Chino Valley 928-925-7724, bluemoonrescue.org	<b>HEELING HEELERS HEARTS</b> Surprise, 623-226-2749 azblueheeler.com	<b>PETEY'S PLAYGROUND</b> 22448 State Highway 89, Yarnell peteysplayground@gmail.com 928-713-1375, peteysplayground.org	<b>YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY</b> 1625 Sundog Ranch Rd, Prescott 928-445-2666 yavapaihumane.org
<b>CHINO VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER</b> 1904 Voss Drive, Chino Valley cvas@chinoaz.net, 928-636-4223 x7 chinoaz.net/164/Dog-Adoption	<b>HIGH COUNTRY HUMANE</b> 11665 N, US-89, Flagstaff 928-526-0742 highcountryhumane.org	<b>RED ROSE INSPIRATION FOR ANIMALS</b> Thriftique: 31 Bell Rock Plaza, Sedona info@redroseinspiration.org 928-282-5278, redroseinspiration.org	<b>YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY EQUINE CENTER</b> (928) 515-4947, Chino Valley yavapaihumane.org
<b>CIRCLE L RANCH ANIMAL RESCUE &amp; SANCTUARY</b> Daytime 928-925-1926, Prescott Valley	<b>HUMANE SOCIETY OF SEDONA</b> 2115 Shelby Dr 928-282-4679 humanesocietyofsedona.org	<b>RESCUE A GOLDEN OF ARIZONA</b> Phoenix, 602-404-9663 golden-retriever.org	<b>YAVAPAI HUMANE TRAPPERS ANIMAL RESCUE</b> Chino Valley yavapaihumanetrappers.org



## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

**ANIMAL DISASTER SERVICES**  
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AnimalDisasterServices.com

**LASER**  
Large animal shelters & emergency readiness.  
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**BUDDY BOY:** A 2-year-old blue merle & white hound/Australian Cattle dog mix. Charming w/a friendly, sweet personality. His affectionate & eagerness to connect make him a charming companion. Yavapai Humane Society at 928-445-2666



**CHABLIS:** A 6-month-old male Labrador/Rottweiler mix. He is very smart, affectionate, and willing to learn. He is house trained. He is good with other dogs, cats, and kids. AARF 928-925-7219



**ECHO:** A 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix with a wild coat. For more information, please contact the Yavapai Humane Society. 928-445-2666



**BART:** A 5-year-old black male mixed breed who definitely has Dachshund in him. He is very sweet and is learning commands readily. He is just the perfect size. He likes other dogs. Petey's Playground 928-671-8084



**GUY:** A handsome 1-year-old male Shepherd mix, 38 pounds. He is extremely loving and gets along well with other dogs. He is very smart and will be easy to train. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**PENELOPE:** A black female Chweenie/American Bully mix. She is small, but she is mighty. She is affectionate, brave, and very smart. She loves to snuggle and is good with other dogs. Yavapai Humane Trappers at YHTrescue@gmail.com



**MCFLY:** A young male retriever mix. He is a gentle, loving boy who came from a reservation. He is a little fearful in new places, so he will need time to settle in. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



**MOOSE:** A 2-year-old male long coat Chihuahua mix. For more information, please contact the Yavapai Humane Society. 928-445-2666



**CODY:** A 3-month-old German Shepherd mix. He loves playing and is super smart, learning commands quickly. He is good with other dogs and is gentle with cats. Yavapai Humane Trappers 928-713-6789



**PUDDLES:** A 2-year-old male Border Collie Mix. For further information, please contact the Yavapai Humane Society. 928-445-2666



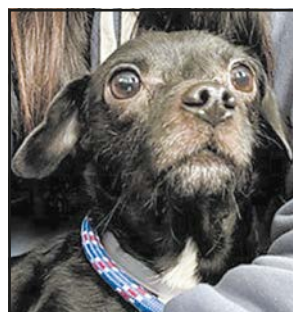
**ABBY:** A charming 6-month-old German Shepherd/Rez dog mix. She is very sweet and loves to snuggle. She is super smart and easy to train. She is good with other dogs and crate trained. Yavapai Humane Trappers 928-713-6789



**FRECKLES:** A 3-year-old black and white female hound mix. For further information, please contact the Yavapai Humane Society. 928-445-2666



**PEPPER:** A 2-year-old black female poodle/Shih Tzu mix. She is a bit shy at first but warms up quickly. She is good with other dogs. AARF 928-925-7219



**ZAMBONI:** A 1-year-old female black short coat Chihuahua mix. For more information, please contact the Yavapai Humane Society. 928-445-266



ADOPT to ADOPT



Augie



Spike



Oso



Rottie



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wanted to keep her, but the wife turned out to be allergic. Sadly, they had to surrender her to UAF.

Another couple soon met Mika and fell in love with her. The wife suffers from seizures which are more frequent when she is nervous or upset, and they were looking for a cat who could help her stay calm. As renters, they submitted a request for permission to have Mika as an Emotional Support Animal (ESA), including a letter from their doctor validating the need. They were originally declined but persisted until they finally received approval by having the rental agent speak directly with the doctor.

Mika quickly settled into her new home. Her adopters say that she's very loving and sleeps with them almost every night. When her new mom had a seizure, Mika immediately came to her and laid up against her the whole time to make sure she was okay.

On her own initiative, Mika has transformed herself from an Emotional Support Animal to help prevent seizures into Service Animal helping during an event. And thanks to a caring couple and UAF, she has been transformed from being an abandoned cat left to die, into a beloved family pet helping to improve her owners' lives.

*A loving pet can transform your world too. Please visit us at [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org) to see our other adoptable cats and dogs, or to donate to our rescue programs.*

### The Amazing Story of Gus

The most rewarding aspect of running a senior-dog sanctuary is giving a voiceless, innocent dog a second chance at a loving home. Such is the story of Gus, an 11-year-old male German Shepherd who we learned was just hours away from being euthanized at a high-kill shelter in Southern California.

Gus had been found in a garbage pile, homeless and scavenging for food. He was in terrible shape. His skin was bright red due to allergies, his hind-end was completely bald, and his chest and front legs nearly so. In addition, his ears were completely bald and infected from flystrikes, an unimaginable and painful condition.

When we saw Gus' photos, we noticed the unmistakable glimmer of hope in the old dog's eyes. We immediately put out a plea to volunteers to

transport Gus to Dogtree Pines. Shortly thereafter, Gus arrived.

Gus' first intro to Dogtree Pines was a nice warm bath, with multiple gentle scrubbings.

Next was a trip to the vet for a thorough exam, where our vet discovered that Gus's ears had been so chronically infected, they were calcified and closed up. The vet could barely inspect the inside of his ears, even with an otoscope made for a kitten. Gus was treated for his severe allergies and skin condition, receiving antibiotics and other medications.

Soon after, with nutritious food and a loving home, Gus began settling in at Dogtree Pines. He slept for several days until he was finally rested and ready to face the world. He then began his stay in quarantine—standard practice when a dog comes to us from a shelter.

When Gus ventured out into the sanctuary yard for the first time to meet the pack, we held our breath for we weren't sure how he'd react to other dogs. Our fears proved unfounded as we watched his curious and easy interaction with his fellow Dogtree Pines mates—the twenty-plus, large-breed dogs we care for, many from similar circumstances.

Gradually, Gus' hair began growing back, and even his ears saw dramatic improvement. He began transforming into what we imagine was the massive, beautiful dog of his youth.

When he arrived at Dogtree Pines in July 2024, he weighed just 82 pounds. Gus now weighs 105 pounds and still can't get enough to eat. We suspect that he may continue to face ear infections, so he'll continue to receive ongoing bi-monthly medical maintenance.

Gus is the biggest dog we have and also the biggest sweetheart—105 pounds of pure love. He loves his extra-large sized bed and always has a toy or a tennis ball in his mouth. He goes on walks with our wonderful volunteers and enjoys exploring in the forest, but honestly, we believe he doesn't really care if he ever goes on a walk again.

Gus walked for so long, homeless on the streets, all he wants is the safety and comfort of a loving home and his bed alongside his pack.

*We are so grateful to have the opportunity to love and care for Gus. It's a happy ending, which all began from the glimmer of hope in an old dog's eyes. Please visit us at [dogtreepines.com](http://dogtreepines.com) to learn how you can help. Thank you.*

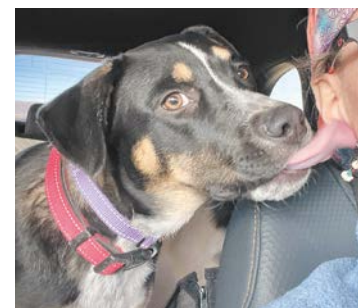


All good rescues experience dilemmas when we pull homeless dogs and cats with unknown histories. Some have injuries or congenital problems that require enhanced care. These special-needs animals are as deserving as the others, and when medical care can give them an improved quality of life, it's our responsibility to make that happen.



Lately Blackhat (BH) has been hit with a number of medical challenges from stray dogs, including a pup who's getting a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) surgery this week, one who has a bone spur dislocating her knee cap, and a pup with a severely damaged eye.

Another pup, Yama, is a striking female Australian shepherd pup. She was found along with seven other siblings and her Mama. They were in a hole Mama-dog dug into the earth to keep her babies safe. Born at the end of June, they were all alive but needed to get out of that risky environment. Thankfully, a BH foster in Burnside stepped up to take them all, including Mama.



Yama was walking oddly on her back-end, but she never let that stop her from staying active and engaging with her siblings.

As most of her brothers and sisters got adopted into new homes, she waited patiently for her turn. But her limp became a concern, and she was looked over as an adoption candidate.

BH knew it was time to try and find answers to her limp. A vet in Flagstaff—Continental Animal Wellness Center—suspected hip dysplasia and suggested we consult a specialist to consider the options. In early October, a great volunteer took Yama (then 3.5 months old) to a specialist in Scottsdale where it was confirmed she had a congenital hip issue on both back legs.

The specialist suggested keeping her on pain management until she was at least six months of age. Yama may eventually need FHO surgery: the femoral head of the hip is removed and the muscles and ligaments take over the work for the ball-and-socket movement. This surgery is done routinely and is usually successful. So now she needs

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to wait another few months to see how she progresses. She's currently doing well on her pain management.

Yama is a sweet and gentle dog, and she deserves her chance to shine. Her name in Japanese means mountain—a symbol for stability, strength, and natural beauty. She's living up to her name by bravely waiting for someone to take a chance with her.

BH is looking for an adopter who recognizes how special Yama is, who can perhaps help with some of the medical costs and give her recovery care. Rehabilitation consists of limited activity for about six weeks for each surgery, and hers is not a difficult healing process.

Can you help Yama on her journey to health? You can learn more about her by filling out the pre-adopt application at [blackhathumanesociety.org/apply-now](http://blackhathumanesociety.org/apply-now), which doesn't obligate you. BH will be involved in her medical costs, too.

*With so many animals needing an extra hand up, we're grateful for donations to our medical fund to help bring a smile to these deserving animals. To support these important medical procedures, please visit [blackhathumanesociety.org](http://blackhathumanesociety.org) and be part of their good outcomes. Thank you.*

**Saving  
Mush-Face  
Furbabies,  
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at a Time**



Nestled in the heart of the Phoenix area, Freedom Frenchie Rescue is a beacon of hope for French Bulldogs in need. As the only French Bulldog rescue in Arizona, this foster-based organization has made waves since its inception a little over a year ago. With fosters stretching from Phoenix to Lake Havasu, and even temporary fosters in Southern California, Freedom Frenchie Rescue is on a mission to give these quirky, lovable dogs the second chance they deserve.

The demand for Freedom Frenchie Rescue's services is overwhelming. With intakes skyrocketing, the team works tirelessly to manage the flood of French Bulldogs needing medical care, love, and forever homes. However, rising intakes have come at a time when donations are at an all-time low and adoptions are slowing. For Monica Slusher, affectionately known as Mo, this is both a challenge and a call to action.

Mo, the rescue's passionate director, founded Freedom Frenchie Rescue after experiencing firsthand the struggles

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# CATTAIL COVE CANINE RESCUE

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz

It's ironic that a dog required rescuing at a place with cat in the name. Yet that's exactly what happened at Arizona's Cattail Cove State Park along the Colorado River.

We debated camping there again in April, with temperatures forecasted near 100, but decided to chance it. After all, we planned to spend plenty of time in our kayaks on the cool river.

One hot morning, as we kayaked the shoreline just below the McKinney Loop Trail, we saw a boxer of the four-legged variety frantically pacing the water's edge. He couldn't climb the small cliff he had come down and no owner was in sight.

We waited a bit and hailed a man coming down the trail. The boxer was his friend's dog, Max, so the man hightailed it down the trail to find help.

We waved down a couple motoring by and they tried to get the boxer to jump on the flat front of their larger boat. Nothing doing, he continued to pace and occasionally try to climb the cliff.

The couple and I stayed near him in my kayak as my husband paddled back to the boat ramp for help from the Ranger Station.

Before long, a huge boat appeared with a couple of rangers and the dog owner's friend on board. By then, the thirsty and panicked Max had braved the water, leapt to a more accessible place and scrambled up the cliff.

We watched him streak past the trail and head up the hill. They conveyed this to the owner and eventually, he got his dog back.

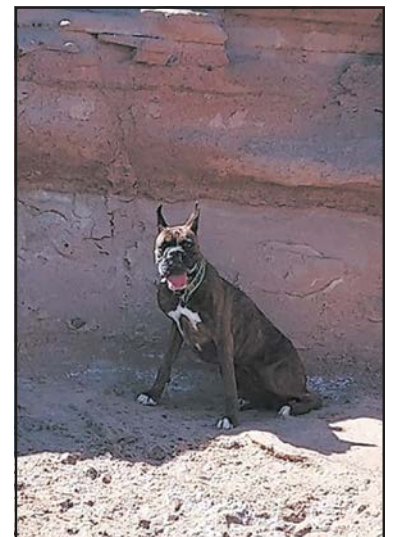
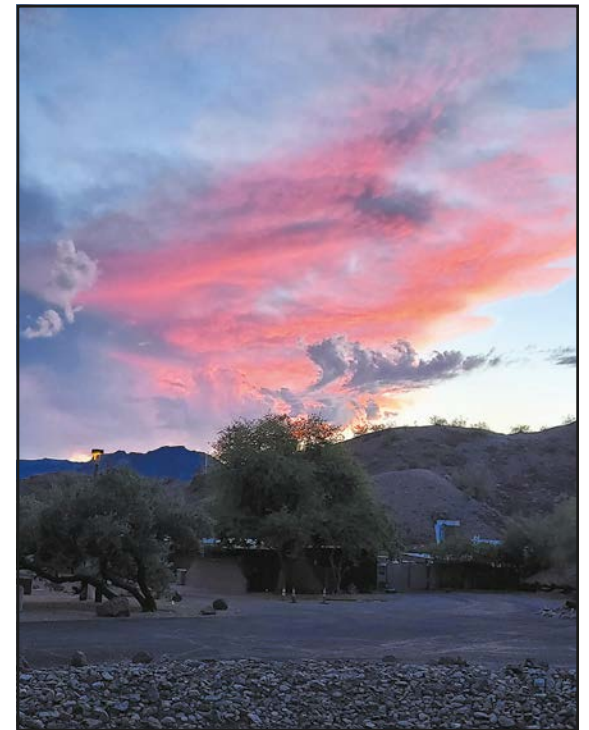
Turns out, this was a rescue of a rescue dog, that hadn't been with the new owner very long. He most unwisely let the dog off leash while hiking. Bad idea. Very bad idea.

We hoped he had learned his lesson, but later heard the dog was unleashed in camp again. I guess he didn't get fined for an unleashed dog or asked to pay any rescue fees. Some people just are not responsible dog owners.

Another new experience was, we saw a couple filming in the campground, and met the delightful Alan and Mitzi. With their daughter's help, they launched a YouTube channel called Adventure Awaits with Alan and Mitzi@AdventureAwaits1313, about full-time RV-ing. They certainly are enjoying their retirement and we enjoyed their company.

Anyway, Cattail Cove is lovely, with some short, easy trails. Scenery of the surrounding mountains, river and distant dam is spectacular. Take plenty of water if you aren't hiking in winter.

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of adopting French Bulldogs with medical needs. Inspired by her own Frenchie with Intervertebral Disc Disease (IVDD), she began driving to California to rescue these dogs from shelters. What started as a personal mission has evolved into a dedicated team effort, with Mo and her volunteers finding joy in rehabilitating and rehoming these special dogs, especially the tough medical cases that many overlook or are red-listed for euthanasia.

The success of Freedom Frenchie Rescue hinges on its fosters. The organization provides all medical care and, when available, supplies for fosters to help care for the dogs. But with only a handful of fosters on the roster, there's a pressing need for more volunteers.

"Fostering is key to giving these rescues a fighting chance," Mo explains. "These dogs deserve love, stability, and care, and our fosters provide that bridge to their forever homes."

The rescue team includes amazing Foster Coordinator Klarissa, and two creative content creators Cassidy and Salena who share the dogs' journeys online. We can't forget Zack who has revamped their website, making everything a bit easier. However, without enough fosters, many Frenchies stay in rescue longer than necessary, particularly the medical cases that require extra

time and attention.

To support their mission, Freedom Frenchie Rescue hosts monthly fundraising events filled with fun, community spirit, and amazing raffle prizes. These events often include friendly competitions between dogs and their humans, spreading awareness and raising crucial funds. Every dollar raised goes directly toward covering transportation, medical bills, supplies, and more.

"People think we have money on hand to cover everything, but that's far from the truth," Mo says. "It's only through donations, fosters, and our incredible volunteers that we can keep doing this work and advocating for this breed."

As 2024 comes to a close, Freedom Frenchie Rescue is looking ahead to 2025 with hope and determination. They're inviting animal lovers to join their growing team of fosters and volunteers. Whether you're interested in fostering, adopting, or simply supporting the rescue's efforts, there are plenty of ways to get involved.

- Visit [freedomfrenchierescue.org](http://freedomfrenchierescue.org) to learn more about fostering, adoption, and upcoming events.
- Donate to help cover the costs of medical care and supplies.
- Attend a fundraising event and help spread the word about this life-saving organization.

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For more information on Freedom Frenchie Rescue check them out on Instagram at @freedomfrenchierescue; on Spotify Podcast at Freedom Frenchie Rescue; and on Facebook at Freedom Frenchie Rescue.

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2024 was an unusual year for us with fewer adoptions (but some great ones), so fewer intakes. But our amazing volunteer walkers stepped up big time and gave our residents quality time six days a week. Most important, with the amazing Chino Valley Animal Hospital,

we were able to create a low-cost spay/neuter program for our communities, and will build on the 186 pets already done. Thank you to all those responsible owners.

2025 will also have challenges, but we hope people are becoming more aware of the problems in shelters and rescues and will do their best to keep their pets. If adoption is in your future, please consider all the options. Such amazing animals are everywhere waiting.

Can you help? The answer is a definite yes on helping. There are so many ways: there is a comfort zone in the world of rescue for everyone. If you are physically able, you can provide walks, transport, help at adoptions, work on our property, build, repair, create a garden or a flowerbed.

If you are not able, do you belong to a group or a club that could hold a fundraiser or donation drive? Have a birthday or anniversary fundraiser. Are you part of a larger community where you could write stories about us or promote our dogs? Networking is critical if you are on any social media sites.

Could you donate? We are volunteer-based and there is always a need. We encourage monthly donations, no matter how small, for constant dollars provide security in many ways. If you

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# VOLUNTEERS KEEP LOCAL RESCUES FUNCTIONING

By Heidi Dahms Foster

If you want to enjoy your passion for animals and make a difference while you do, volunteering at a local rescue might be a wonderful way to start the New Year.

Foster families that can take in dogs and help raise vulnerable puppies and kittens are always needed. Rescues can always use people with writing, media, fundraising and graphics skills to get their message out to the public. Love to walk dogs, or just spend time with them? Many dogs are just waiting for someone to walk with them, throw a ball, or give them ear scratches. Specific rescues have unique needs, and there is something for everyone to do, whether you have a lot of time to give or a little.

Most local rescues prepare for and attend several events per year, including adoption days at pet supply stores, such as Petco adoptions, Dogtoberfest in Prescott and Woofstock in Prescott Valley, the annual Stocking Stuffer Bazaar non-profit fundraiser in Prescott, and more. Volunteers are always needed to make these events run smoothly.

## United Animal Friends

United Animal Friends is a rapidly growing rescue, and volunteers are much appreciated. UAF is always in need of new foster families. It's a time and effort commitment but truly rewarding.

Pets who have lived in a foster home are more attractive to potential adopters because they know what it is like to live in a home, they're usually more socialized, and have been undergoing manners training. The foster families know the animal's individual personality and needs that will help to make a successful match.

UAF will pay all veterinary expenses for foster animals, and can provide food, bedding, crates, and cat needs if fostering a feline. Another volunteer opportunity is to help transport animals from the foster to the vet or to adoption events.

Volunteers also help at the UAF Snip n' Go Clinic. The clinic provides affordable spay/neuter surgeries and vaccines for Yavapai County cats and dogs. Volunteers help on clinic days with intake, sit with pets as they come out of surgery, and assist with cleanup, laundry and other tasks.

Other UAF volunteer opportunities include dog walkers and spending time in the play yard with the animals. When the rescue has puppies, volunteers help with cleaning and other puppy care. In the "Cat-sita," a special cat area, volunteers help to clean, feed and socialize cats, and transport them to the cat adoption area at Prescott Petco.

Administrative volunteers are appreciated at adoption and fundraising events, answering phones, and writing thank you notes.

To find out more about volunteer opportunities at UAF, and fill out a volunteer application, visit [unitedanimalfriends.org](http://unitedanimalfriends.org).

## Yavapai Humane Society

The Yavapai Humane Society has myriad ways for animal lovers to volunteer.

Dog walkers and cat cuddlers are always needed and welcome. If you're active, walking or playing with a



dog in the play yard is a great way for volunteer and dog to get some fresh air and exercise. Cat cuddlers are self-explanatory for those who just want to sit and enjoy a purring critter!

Customer service and donation sorters are needed at the YHS Thrift Shop, and ambassadors are welcome at events, information booths and more. The shelter always needs help feeding, washing dishes, doing laundry, folding towels or any number of other necessary tasks.

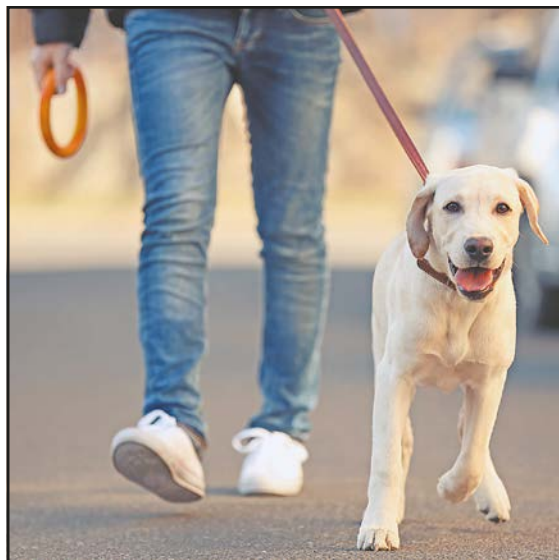
A benefit of volunteering at the Humane Society, said Loree Walden, Marketing Manager, is the extensive training program. The training for volunteers includes dog behavior and learning about body language, how to interact with other dogs, training tips, and more. It's a great way to learn more about all kinds of dogs. YHS also has a foster program and welcomes suitable foster homes.

Volunteers are also welcome at the Humane Society's equine center. Opportunities include cleaning stalls, help to feed and groom horses, and other related chores for horse loving people.

For information and to fill out a volunteer or foster application, check out the Yavapai Humane Society online at [yavapaihumane.org](http://yavapaihumane.org).

## Yavapai Humane Trappers

Yavapai Humane Trappers has built a solid reputation as the go to place when a dog is lost or abandoned in Yavapai County, or sometimes beyond. This search team has found dogs who have run from traffic accidents and returned them to grateful owners,



humanely trapped abandoned, starving or injured dogs and transported them for medical care and later adoption, and found numerous family pets that have escaped and happily returned them home.

YHT's Foster Program allows pets to live in a home setting while they wait for adoption. Those who want to increase their medical knowledge can foster injured and ill pets and learn invaluable skills. YHT provides vet recommended medical services for fosters, and trainers to coach with the behavior needs of the foster animal. YHT also assigns a mentor to new fosters to answer and help with any questions or concerns. Fostering can include animals with more intense needs, such as bottle feeding puppies or kittens.

YHT has many animals for adoption, and has recently opened an adoption branch for cats. Volunteers are needed to transport pets from fosters to the site each Saturday, and assist with pet meet and greets. Other volunteer needs include administrative duties such as fundraising, social media and media, and events.

Check out the website at [yavapaihumanetrappers.org](http://yavapaihumanetrappers.org) for more information on all things YHT, and fill out a volunteer application!

## Dogtree Pines

Dogtree Pines nonprofit senior dog rescue and sanctuary located on six acres in the pines of Prescott. The sanctuary is dedicated to seniors in need of a forever home, medical, hospice and end of life care, and houses high risk, medium to large breeds 10 years and older. The sanctuary adopts and fosters out a few, but the majority are there to stay until the time of their passing. The Pines currently houses about 22 dogs.

Because the sanctuary is specialized, volunteer opportunities also are unique. Some opportunities include dog walking, feeding and other loving care of these special senior dogs. Find out more at [dogtreepines.com](http://dogtreepines.com) or email [olddogs@dogtreepines.com](mailto:olddogs@dogtreepines.com).

## LASER (Large Animal Shelters & Emergency Readiness)

The Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM), alerts the LASER Large Animal Shelter at the first notice of an incident that could threaten human life and/or property in areas where there are barn animals. 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.

The organization is always in need of volunteers who can deploy when the shelter is activated. Some opportunities include being a greeter at the shelter when it is in operation, intake (gathering needed information from owners), and practical needs during shifts including feeding, cleaning and other care of animals. Volunteers train and drill several times during each year so they are ready if the shelter is opened.

Volunteers are also welcome for administrative duties such as fundraising, events, newsletter, and more.

Find more information or fill out a volunteer application at [laser-shelter.org](http://laser-shelter.org) or email [info@laser-shelter.org](mailto:info@laser-shelter.org).



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**Love in Action: How Shoshanna Found Help and Healing**



Story & photo by Jennifer DeFosse

Underdog Animal Rescue and Rehab, our monthly free/low-cost veterinary clinics on the Navajo Nation, offers spay and neuter surgeries, vaccines, and wellness services on Saturdays and Sundays.

One particularly unique service we offer is door-to-door wellness visits on Fridays. These visits allow our team to reach animals and their families who might not otherwise have access to care due to transportation barriers, age,

or mobility challenges. We're honored to bring veterinary services directly to those who need them most.

Last month, during our door-to-door Friday, we came across a dog in a ditch eating a diaper. She was severely underweight, and her ribs and hip-bones were painfully visible.

One of our volunteers quickly scooped her up and brought her back to the clinic, where she was named Shoshanna. Our veterinary team realized immediately that Shoshanna had recently given birth as she was leaking milk, but her puppies were nowhere to be found.

Determined to reunite the family, we formed a puppy search-and-rescue team. With Shoshanna leading the way on a leash, our Operations Manager and team followed her back to the area where she had been found.

She led us to her puppies hidden nearby, and we safely transported the entire family back to the clinic to begin receiving the food and veterinary care they so desperately needed.

Soon after, we located Shoshanna's owner, and it was clear that they cared for her. Unfortunately, like many fami-



lies on The Rez, they were overwhelmed by circumstances beyond their control—limited resources, no transportation, and the challenges of providing for a dog and her growing litter.

After a compassionate conversation, they made the difficult decision to surrender Shoshanna and her puppies to Underdog. It was a heartbreaking choice, made out of love and a desire to give the family a chance at a better life.

Shoshanna and her puppies were immediately brought into foster care with

Katy, Underdog's CEO and founder. Katy provided round-the-clock care, feeding Shoshanna wet food, dry food, and formula to help her regain her strength. Shoshanna's transformation has been remarkable—she's transforming from frail and exhausted to a happy, healthy mama.

Her puppies are also thriving, gaining weight and receiving the care they need to grow strong. Once they've been fully vetted, spayed or neutered, and medically cleared, they'll all be ready to find loving forever homes.

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# HERE'S TO YOU KITTY, KITTY, KITTY

By Kay Luckett

## January: What's New Pussycat?

Let's count the toys Kitty got for the holidays. The basics are feathers, balls, crunchy things, wands, interactive toys, Kongs, catnip toys, scratchers, and the best of all... empty boxes, and ribbons with wrapping paper. Lasers are great for evenings, and puzzle toys with treats are good all day. Motion toys with mice, feathers, and those making sounds are also very popular.



## February: Cats are connoisseurs of comfort.

A snuggle-up winter month with Kitty purring on our laps for a TV show, a good book, or just a cat nap. Our Kats may make muffins, purr, groom, or just snooze when given this special time. A good neck massage or tummy rub depending on personal preferences. A guarantee: Kitty will let us know what is best.

## March: The phrase "domestic cat" is an oxymoron.

While the wind blows Kitty dear will get a pedicure and a good grooming. Pussycat especially loves to be cooched under their chin and often lean into it with their soft mane. Our King or Queen stretches upward while their bottom is petted, and it is impossible to stop the loving until suddenly a paw swipes gently to announce that enough is enough for now.

## April: Cats have it all—admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it.

Sunny days ahead and Kitten searches for a place to stretch in the warmth. There's a cat tower, scratch pads, the top of the couch, chairs, numerous window sills, and even our precious bedtime pillow. There are no boundaries in a feline's world.

## May: Time spent with a cat is never wasted.

The weather is great with cool breezes and all the windows are open. This time and any time is a good time to play a game. Watch for clues to see which toy Kitty-Kat loves the most, for it is surely to be great game. But remember that Kitty-Cat wins each round as the favorite toy is bound to change on a whim.

## June: How we behave toward cats here below determines our status in heaven.

Today visitors come and Dear Heart decides it's a good day to hide under the bed. How to show Kitty off? Maybe guests will have to tiptoe and peek, or



maybe they will meet our Babydoll by seeing the dozens of photos and videos taken each and every day. Kat's choice.

## July: I have lived with several Zen masters—all of them cats.

Watering the house plants to keep them healthy during the heat waves and making sure that Kitty can eat only the ones preferred and are the best for health. One of the essentials of keeping our master safe is to search and buy only plants that have been proved and certified as animal-safe. We are ever aware of the flowers and plants that do and do not belong in our Feline's world.

## August: It is a habit of kittens that, whatever you say to them, they always purr.

Is Kitty-Kitty comfy? How is the temperature today? Shall we put ice cubes in the water bowl? Is it to be a nice cool corner with a pet bed? Does our Sweetie-Pie have enough places to stretch and scratch? Whatever Kitty wants, Kitty gets.

## September: Meow means woof in cat.

Soft breezes carry the leaves as they begin to fall, for it is almost autumn. Can our DollyKins go for a walk on a leash? Or does Kitty just enjoy watching the seasons change from a favorite perch? Quiet days inspire cat talk, special meows, and kitty conversations from the heart that only we and our babies understand.

## October: The smallest feline is a masterpiece.

Does kitty have a favorite costume? Is it time for a witch's costume or a silly hat? Or does Sweet Baby just like to watch TV? Our special angel enjoys the aquarium whether real or on TV and truly loves to sit in front of the fire (real or on TV!), a heater, or just in the waning sun as previews of the holidays appear.



## November: Cats choose us: we don't own them.

Wanna play a game of dare? At those times our Royal Feline may get riled up and dare us to pull our hand away unscathed whereas another would roll over on their back for a tummy rub. Some would crawl up onto our chest to nap even when weighing in excess of 20 pounds. All of these and more create sweet bonding times with our Lord and Master. What does Catty want? More and more right now is the routine.

## December: A dog will flatter you, but you have to flatter the cat.

This time of year we remember that healthy foods for our baby probably include no human food unless picked from the 'human-food-safe-for-cats-list'. We are especially careful to leave no leftovers out within reach of our Sweetheart, for enjoying the holidays with our healthy, happy baby is the holy grail we attune to all year 'round.



Please enjoy the kitty blinks, nose-to-nose rubs, licks, and head bumps. Enjoy the new and old toys, rubs, grooming, games, snuggles, quiet times while searching for Puss-Puss in hiding places. Keeping the many special cat places clean and safe, spoiling with treats like catnip and dental chews, speaking in special meows along with smiles and blinks are the pleasures for us all. Then grooming, grooming, and more grooming, massages and petting, and all of these for as long as our Precious Feline wants. These spells love for Kitty, and it fills our world. And, for our efforts, what do we get? The special love and devotion that only true cat and animal lovers understand.

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partners, we're able to be a lifeline for animals and families facing unimaginable challenges. We're addressing the root cause of the animal overpopulation crisis on the reservation so that families aren't overburdened with unwanted litters and puppies aren't born into suffering.



It's hard to believe we're in our thirteenth year of operation. We began in August 2012 with a very narrow focus, targeting a very specific population in a very specific rural remote area of northern Arizona. Our mission in the beginning was to provide short-term foster care for the pets of seniors while the owners gave much needed attention to their own medical needs, usually emergencies once we became involved.

As we worked, we realized the impact we could have on the relationship between seniors and their pets was so much more multifaceted than just the short-term emergency care.

Today we help seniors find the pet that best fits their preferences and their abilities. We help re-home their pets if

their living situation changes due to health issues, and we help pay veterinary bills for unexpected and serious medical issues their pets are experiencing.

In 2020, we purchased a building in downtown Yarnell that had been unused for many years. Thanks to individual donations and grants from the Arizona Community Foundation and other corporations, we gutted and restored that building into what has become the hub of the services we provide.

Our adoptable cats and kittens are housed there while they wait for their forever homes. Local residents can stop by and usually find something they need to use just one or two times for specific animal-related issues.

We have traps for feral-cat projects; carriers to use for transport to vet visits; bowls, leashes, and beds for newly acquired pets; and a self-service dog bath in the back and a quick nail-trim by Barbara when she is working.

We received two unexpected gifts this year: one from an anonymous donor



that paid off our mortgage for us, and another from a supporter who passed away and left us enough money to create a quarantine area for our cats for when they first come in or become ill while they here.

We couldn't do what we've done without the large gifts, but just as heartwarming and fulfilling are the small monthly donations we receive from people we've helped pay a vet bill that allows their cat to pro-

vide joy for longer, or adding a dog to someone's home when other rescues have said they were too old to care for one.

We're also grateful for the organizations that have thought of us when they have fundraising events and share the results of their efforts: Prescott Arts Cooperative, Delci McQuire for her on-line auction, Yarnell Presbyterian Church, and Congress Crafters. Working together is the answer to so many things that seem insurmountable alone.

We're grateful for all the things we've been able to do thanks to your support. Wishing everyone the best for 2025.

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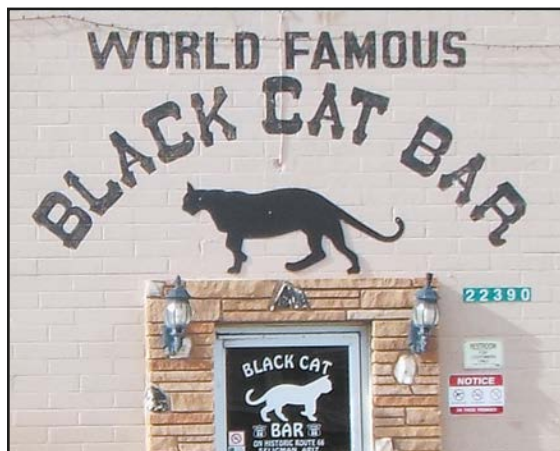


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# THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF CECILIA PEMBERTON

By Rita Thompson Tinsley



Black Cat Bar in Seligman, Arizona.

On a warm summer day in 1958, nine-year-old Cecilia Pemberton loaded up her trusty mare with supplies for a trip from her family's ranch in Prescott to visit the Black Cat Bar in Seligman nearly 75 miles away. This was a journey full of adventure, but then Cecilia was used to that.

The Pemberton family moved from the Phoenix area to Prescott when she was seven. From day one, Cecilia begged her parents for a horse. A couple of years later, a close family friend, legendary world-class rodeo champion Chuck Sheppard, came through with her much-desired wish. He arrived with a small dark mare in tow which he referred to as a "broom tail pony."

When Cecilia got a glimpse of that horse, it was love at first sight. She approached the mare, and it laid its head on her chest. Her arms encircled the mare's neck in a warm embrace. She had arrived in a halter that sported a heart embellishment, so she named the horse Sweetheart.

Cecilia and Sweetheart became fast friends and constant companions. She rode the horse almost every day and everywhere, mostly bareback. She compares her exhilarating rides to being in flight, her arms outstretched at each side like wings.

Flying was something that runs in her family. Cecilia's dad was a pilot in the US Army Air Corps. Like his daughter's love for flying by equine, Leonard Rhett Pemberton became at one with a flying machine.

After learning multiple maneuvers in war duty, Leonard found himself to be exceptionally gifted. Keenly in control of every move, his flying instruments were powered by sheer passion and precision. Leonard became a flight instructor and went on to perfect his capabilities of aerobatics or stunt flying.

Aerobatics are taught to military fighter pilots as a means of developing flying skills and for tactical use in combat. For Leonard, aerobatics became more like tricks and great fun in the air.

Prepared for her long journey, Cecilia and Sweetheart trotted off for Ash Fork. But the horse and rider were not

completely alone. Along came Smokey, the tough-as-nails blue point Siamese cat, who would scamper along with them.

When he grew tired, Smokey would stop, and Cecilia would ride to him so that Smokey could jump up onto Sweetheart's withers and take a well-deserved cat nap. The family duck decided to waddle along as well.



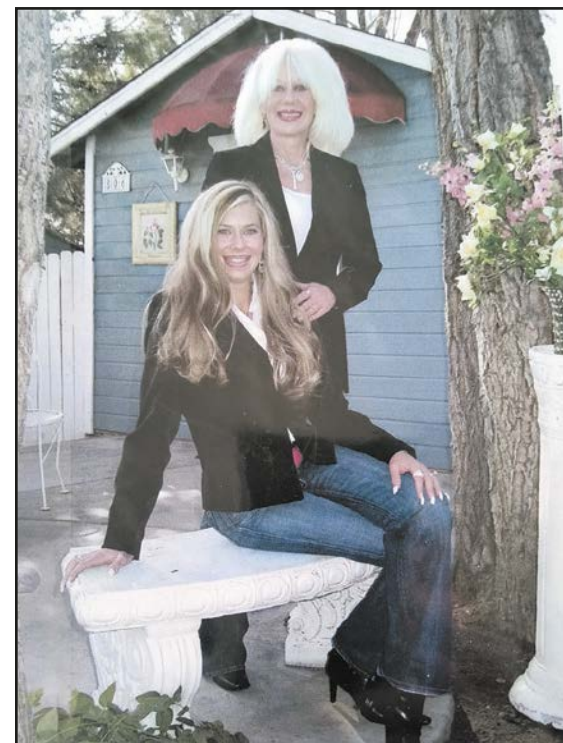
Prescott Rodeo Queen Cecilia, 1967, posing on barrel horse Squeaky Linda. Photo courtesy Prescott Daily Courier.



Cecilia Pemberton today, proprietor of Cecilia's Salon, near the Prescott Courthouse Square.

But a family trip would not be complete without Dad Leonard flying overhead in his Cessna, ensuring that Cecilia and Sweetheart were correctly on route. He would even fly low and tip his wing toward a creek or water source he could see from the air so that Cecilia would know where to take Sweetheart to quench her thirst and graze for a bit.

When the travel crew arrived at Seligman, they found the Black Cat Bar, which happened to be an old and treasured establishment because of its location on Route 66. Cecilia looked around but couldn't find any hitching posts or rails where she could tie Sweetheart. About that time, several men came spilling out from the Black Cat, curious to what this young girl, her horse, and a feline furball were doing in the parking lot.



Mother & daughter entrepreneurs featured in Prescott Women: Cecilia's Day Spa, Beauty and Wellness and interior designer daughter Staci Gagnon, House of Floors. Photo courtesy Prescott Women.

When it was apparent there was nowhere to tie her horse, they insisted she bring the horse into the building which she did without hesitation.

Sweetheart made quite an impression that day, along with Smokey—who took advantage of the abandoned drinks at the bar. Meanwhile, her dad found a field in which to land and got a ride to the Black Cat to join in the fun and excitement.

This was a day when hoof prints made more than an impression on the ground. A girl got her dream on her dream horse with the best of loyal friends surrounding her, including her dad watching over her from the air above. What more in life does a gal need?



Cecilia's dad Leonard R. Pemberton, US Army Air Corp. (Front row, second from right.)

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2024 has been a year of heartwarming new beginnings for some of our longest-resident dogs here at Yavapai Humane Society (YHS). These incredible animals, who had waited patiently for their forever homes, finally got their second chance at love, happiness and belonging.



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Augie

Each dog had a unique story. Harold spent over eight months in our care, winning the hearts of our team with his love of playing fetch, snuggling up for belly rubs and his smile when he saw you coming. Our volunteers absolutely adored Harold and loved seeing his tail wag like crazy when he got excited. When Stephanie came to meet him, it was love at first sight. The two are now inseparable, and Harold is thriving in his new home, enjoying cuddles on the couch, long hikes and the life he deserves.

Similarly, Eden—a charming lady with a sparkling personality. She’s a smart girl who loved to stay active and was always eager to try new things and make her friends here proud. When she wasn’t busy sniffing out new smells or going on exciting escapades, Eden adored lounging around for cuddles and having her ears scratched behind the scenes. Eden had the most endearing wink when she saw you coming, and her tail wagged with glee whenever she was having a paw-some time. After a-year-and-

a-day of waiting, she now has a home with Patricia, where Eden is cherished, loved and understood.

Seeing these dogs experience love and joy reminds us why we do what we do.

These adoptions are more than just happy endings: they’re the start of beautiful journeys for dogs who deserved their chance to shine. Stories like these are made possible through the unwavering support of our community—people who adopt, donate, foster, volunteer, and spread the word about the amazing animals at YHS.

While we celebrate these successes, we also remember the dogs, cats, and other animals still waiting for their new beginnings. Each one has so much love to give and is simply waiting for the right person to open their heart and home.

Take Augie for example; He’s been with us since May of 2024. He’s an 8.5-year-old Labrador Retriever Mix who’s as handsome as can be. He’s smart and while here has learned sit, down, roll over, shake, speak and fetch. Everyone loves him, and our volunteers can’t wait to come see him every day. He does need to be the only animal

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in his home, which makes it harder for him to find his furever, but he’s hopeful that the right person will come along and give him all the love he deserves. We can’t wait to celebrate Augie’s adoption and share his story.

Whether you’re ready to adopt, interested in fostering, or able to support our mission through a donation, your involvement can make a world of difference. Together, we can ensure that every animal at YHS has the chance to find their happily-ever-after.

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# HAPPY TAILS & HAPPY TRAILS: DOGPACKING THE HIGHCOUNTRY

By Solana Kline

Finally, the cool and still of July sun-setting, especially at 10,000 feet, some rogue nerves rumble around my guts. A healthy dose of excited and scary keeps us humble as humans.

The dinosaur theory, I call it—my observational and completely unscientifically tested hypothesis of contemporary human existence: if dinosaurs still existed, humans would be much more kind, grateful, and would never, ever forget to tell their dogs or humanoids that they love them before they left the house because there would be a 4/10 chance they would get eaten or stepped on by a dinosaur 20 times their size on their commute to work.

Nerves shake us loose from the everyday. They spark the physiological shifts that allow us to be brave and grateful, to experience new adventures, to become beautiful versions of ourselves. They also cause us to dive headfirst into the strange, where no matter how well-prepared you are, dinosaurs stomp your perfect vision of the Fourth of July holiday in the high country....

This particular Fourth of July, me, Betty (aka Snuggess), and Mickey (aka Mingleberries) are backpacking up into the quiet of the San Juan Mountains for four days of burying our toes in the cool grasses and feeling 12,000-foot winds in our hairs. The plan was simple: shove a bunch of warm and tasty goods into packs, strap them on, and hit the trail after the July 3 dinner bell.

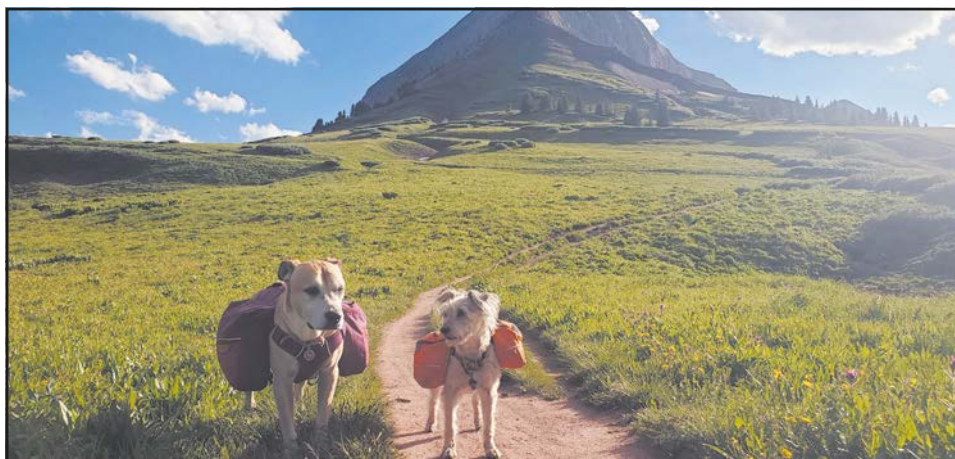
Betts carries the lightest gear, like their doggie raincoats. Micks totes the mid-weight goods: dog food, bowls, emergency kit. And I trudge the six-mile, 2,000-foot elevation gain with all the water, tent, and just-in-case gear.

Our first foray into pack backpack adventures was up Humphrey's Peak in Flagstaff, midsummer, where there's no flowing water to purify, so I lugged it all with us. It was exhausting. I think we all came to the consensus that it wasn't enjoyable enough to do again. But now, here we were: everyone with their packs all loaded up, just before sunset, ready to hit the trail.

The dogs, not yet accustomed to their new girth, provided some levity on the ascent, pinballing off each other as they galloped down the trail. I was busy convincing myself how great my calves would look after all this. But really, in this high country, there's a whole helluva lot to be distracted by.

It's Springtime here. There's a particular shade of green that emerges only at sunset in monsoon season high country. A green that's been waiting all year, or perhaps a lifetime, to shine. Maybe it's the way the sun sets, particular fractals of light reverberating in and with the vibrancy of life. It becomes impossible not to dance with the humming energy of the skunk cabbage, taller than me this time of year.

Betty ventures off-piste into the skunk cabbages, I trace her whereabouts by the rattling topknots of the cabbage



Reaching camp



Betts carrying her weight up trail

field. Children of the Corn in the high country I chuckle to myself.

Micks barrels past me, nose to the ground, huffing in the evening wildflower show. Upward and onward we go, over roots and granite, over crick and mossy slicks.

Thick dusk rolls in around us. The deep of the firs has us all a bit bristled with a tender ear out for mountain lion and bear. We all breathe a bit easier as we reach the tree line and step into the sunset once again.

Perfect timing. We will scout a tent site with the perfectly oriented mountaintop view to have coffee with in the morning. We ramble off into the greenery, and the doggoes hound off around the little butte I'm fixing to set up camp on.

I unfasten my pack, get ready for the relief of tossing it on the ground. And then, as per usual when we aren't paying attention as pack leaders, the dogs rustle a fiasco.

Mickey howls and screams from behind the butte. I can't see him. Worst nightmare when you're wrestling sixty extra pounds and just can't get to them fast enough.

I sprint as best I can, lofting over the strewn boulders and knee-deep foliage. Logic says it's a mama bear and her cubs. I pull my bear spray as I'm run-

ning, screaming as loud as I can to scare them off.

Cresting the butte, I finally see Mickey hightailing it outta dodge, blood dripping down his face and arms. Betty is charging full-frontal towards the hillside, fierce warrior.

Their foe finally comes into focus, trapped between Betty's front legs: a huge adult marmot, seething, frothing, and pissed as all get out.

I chase in between him and Betty, snapping Betts out of her squirrel-high. The marmot trundles back into the safety of his rock lodge, where he maintains safety-scout look-

out position at the opening, chirping his warning.

I shoo the dogs down to the trail to assess the damage. It's almost full dark now, and it's tough to tell who and what is bleeding. I bust out the saline, which squirts clean through Mickey's lip and out the bottom of his chin. Crap, a gnarly marmot bite.

Mickey is always into the skunks and porcupines. Doggie curiosity is the mother of misfortune out in the prickly and defensive spring wilderness.

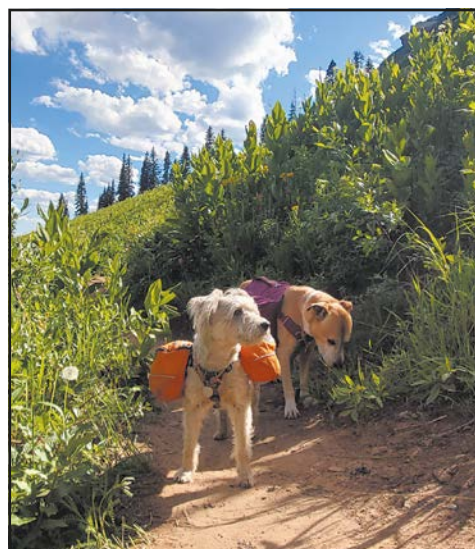
Jeesh, now what? Do we descend tonight in the dark? I'll call an emergency vet.

I feel around for my phone in my pack's zipper pocket. Nothing. Increasingly urgent, I check all my pockets. Nothing. My phone fell out when I ran across the hillside, or after I'd grabbed the dogs and ran a few hundred meters down the trail. It's too dark to find it now.

Exhausted, I didn't even have the energy to let the explicatives fly. I was worried for Mickey, and for the poor marmot friend. Executive decision: we descend now, get down to the rig.

The pups are coming down from their adrenaline high, all tuckered out. I carry their packs the last half of the descent. I sing Johnny Cash and Bonnie Raitt, jogging wide awake, running high on thoughts of a wild-cat fresh on our heels.

We've never been so grateful to see our rig, except maybe after the two-month doggie-moto trip! I think maybe we've sworn off dogpacking for good this time... well... at least until next time....



Betty and Mickey in the Skunk Cabbage



The pack stopping to smell the flowers

*Happy trails and happy tails!*  
~Solana, Dr. Sausage, Dr. Wiggles

P.S. After a solid round of antibiotics and professional cleaning, Micks healed up great. I biked up to find my phone the next morning. After two hours of searching, I discovered that a trail angel must've set my phone, along with someone's windbreaker, on a rock. I hooted and hollered to the heavens in gratitude! Mr. Marmot friend was out guarding his rock hut again that morning: I sent him telepathic apologies and hopefully he remains unscathed!

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