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Bucket, Our Cover Dog



Name: Bucket. I also go by Buck or Bucky.

Hometown: Portland, Oregon

Age: 5

Favorite brand of kibble: Purina Pro Plan

Favorite people food: Hot dogs and cheese and carrots.

Favorite toy: My squeaky coffee!

Favorite outdoor activity: I like to defend my yard from the birds and cats—especially the birds. I also like to chase after the ball in my yard, but not bring it back.

Favorite indoor activity: I like to lay in front of the window on the couch with my pillow and observe.

Favorite nap spot: Any spot on the couch where my parents are already sitting. Or in the sun.

Fitness regimen: Daily walks and treat-motivated physical therapy.

Describe your perfect canine pal: I like dogs who are smaller than me because then they can't push me around!

Describe your perfect day: Pup cup in the morning. Then we go to the off-leash park. Later, nap. And then the beach with my grandpa. And then maybe an evening peanut butter Kong.



HAZEL HOWLS

Excursion Into Over-Time

Recently, beautiful warm spring days gave way to the last reminder of winter's brisk and frosty cold. Dad spent the day trying to brace and protect the fruit tree's blossoms and other garden plants from oncoming nights of frost. The pack overall was disappointed with the weather and the fact we couldn't bolt in and out of the open back door as we pleased.

I've been around here long enough to be assured the warm days will come, and shortly after that we'll be seeking the cool of the house over the hot afternoons.

The two younger of our pack (Keira and Pru) decided to wrestle and mouth-measure over a bit of cardboard purloined from Mom's office waste basket, and take over the living room with their hijinks. Tucker—our beloved sheriff of the pack and my senior brother—was stationed behind Mom's office chair as she was *tapa tapa tapa* on her keyboard.

I decided to find a dark corner to curl up until the call for our one o'clock biscuit. Pru, then Keira, stopped by to see what I was up to, licking my muzzle in an attempt to get me to participate in what Dad calls their reindeer games.

Frantically licking my muzzle is not a way to get me to do anything; I really dislike my face being messed with. They tried though. One day they'll realize how fruitless their efforts are. Maybe.

Finally, when left alone long enough, I drifted off. What seemed like seconds later, I found myself in a very real feeling dream.

Standing at a narrow, worn path and surrounded by tall summer grasses and flowers, I decided to wander down the path in front of me. I hadn't gone far when the scent of flowers mingled with the scent of moving water.

Going a little farther, I came to small brook that was singing its song across long-worn rocks of different sizes. The sound was



so soothing, I decided to forego exploring further and just sit and listen.

Just as I was settling down, a man's voice said, "Come over here, little, for a bit."

I was startled, as I hadn't sensed any other living thing in this dream. I didn't hear birds or insects or two-leggeds. I had assumed I was alone.

I turned my head to the direction the voiced had come from, and just up the brook a bit was an old man sitting on a granite rock. Long silver hair and beard, and a similar frame and posture like my pack-Dad, but I knew it wasn't Dad.

It intrigued me that this man called me little, which is a moniker Dad uses with young or small animals that he hasn't named yet. When I was a wee pup, he would check in with me and say things like, "What are you up to, little?"

I had forgotten how comforting and gentle that phrasing was, so I had no hesitation getting up and walking towards the old man on the rock.

The old man smiled and watched me approach to sit near him. He had the scent of a friend. Actually, his scent was like all the friends I've known in my life. He poured something from a little bag into his hand and pointed to the water.

I couldn't help but wag, thinking he was going to give me some treats. Instead, he threw what was in his hand into the brook. The water's surface came alive

with thrashing faces of creatures I had never seen before as they gobbled up whatever he had thrown.

He laughed as I tentatively leaned towards the brook to see these mystery creatures as he tossed another handful into the water. Some had large heads with thick whiskers, others had rainbow-like colors on their side. Even though the water was clear like glass, there was so much happening so fast that I couldn't take it all in.

One, with the rainbow sides, came close and stared at me for a moment, then spun away. His tail broke the surface and threw water at me.

I looked back at the man as he poured something fine and small from another bag into his hand and threw it into the air across the brook. Birds of all colors came from all directions and landed to peck about, eating what he had thrown.

One of the small blue and red birds flew to me and plucked a bit of hair from my backside as she went past. The old man stood up to pat my offended posterior.

"She likes that you're here and wanted something to remember you by to put in her nest."

He began walking back up the path I had come down and waved for me to follow. I wondered if this place had a name so I could tell Dad about it. As if hearing my query, the man said, "For you, you could call this place over-time."

"Like in a hockey game? Are there penalty boxes, too?" I asked.

Dad on occasion would threaten to make penalty boxes for us on four legs if we didn't stop doing certain acts of extreme annoyance.

We got to where my journey had started, and the old man told me it was time to go. "Tell your dad to remember to expect the unexpected and keep the big view."

With that, he patted my side gently. A moment later, I was back home. For a fleeting moment, I could still hear the birds and the sound of the brook, then it all faded.

I leapt up and ran to find Dad still outside wrestling with fabric and twine, wrapping an apple tree. I skidded to a stop behind him and barked out the message I'd been given before I forgot it.

He dropped the twine and turned to me with the oddest look.

"Where on earth did you hear that?"

"From over-time land," I replied, wondering if I had said something wrong.

"That was one of the rules my first mentor had when I was young and full of foolishness." He looked at me questioningly.

"Like Pru?" I asked.

"Worse...much worse," he said.

"What's a mentor?"

"They're like the trainer who came when we were fostering service dogs," he answered, still looking deep in thought and puzzled.

I tried to imagine Dad on a leash, but just then I got sideswiped by Pru.

"Mom's in the kitchen getting biscuits you old cur," she declared. "Whadayawaitingfor?"

I turned to high-tail it for the pack's one o'clock treat, but Dad said, "Wait. Tell where did you get that message?"

"Can't talk now, Dad." I ran to the back door. "Oh, and Pru stole your twine."

~Hazel Bazel,
Dreaming Rocket Dog

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BLACKHAT HUMANE SOCIETY Shows adoptable dogs at Prescott Petco Sun 11a-1pm or by appt. 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

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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.

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MAY & JUNE EVENTS

HERITAGE PARK ZOO

- May 3 Evening with Wolves
- May 10 Breakfast with Bear
- May 12 Zoo by Moonlight
- May 17, 31 ZooLittles
- May 24 Sip & Paint (Adult)
- May 31 After Dark at the Park (Adult)
- June 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27 ZooCamp
- June 7, 13, 21 ZooLittles
- June 11 Zoo by Moonlight
- June 14 Breakfast with Lemurs
- June 22 Member & Parents Night
- June 28 Evening with the Jaguar



CHINO VALLEY EQUESTRIAN PARK EVENTS

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- May 10, Open Schooling Show Buckle Series, 8 am start.
- May 17, Open Driving Show for Horses, Minis & Ponies.
- May 17-18, Obstacle Clinic & Obstacle Challenge with Trainer Megan Bennett of Sunset Ranch.
- May 24, 4H Schooling Show.
- May 31-Jun 1, Chino Valley Cowboy Challenge. Sat. Clinic & Sun. Competition.
- Jun 7, Open Schooling Show Buckle Series, 8 am start.
- Jun 14, Open Driving Show for Horses, Minis & Ponies.
- Jun 14-15 & 21-22, Obstacle Clinic & Obstacle Challenge with Trainer Megan Bennett of Sunset Ranch.
- Jun 22, Western Dressage Association of AZ, Western Dressage Show.
- Jun 28, 4H Schooling Show.



Rescue Resources

For an expanded view of
Rescue Resources, visit PrescottDog.com &
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Little Orphan Animals is expanding to help more dogs (and the occasional cat, bird, guinea pig and fish). We started in 1999 and have operated in three states—now from our base in Central Arizona. Even though our services are primarily in the greater Phoenix and Northern Arizona regions, we have acquired pets from beyond state boundaries, have adopted a few to exceptional homes out of state, and have volunteers far and wide.

In addition to these long-standing pet services, we're especially proud of our advocacy for Boston terriers and our determined emphasis on preventing overbreeding. We actively acquire and spay female dogs to help reduce the overabundance of poorly bred, unplanned and unwanted puppies—especially for profit. We happily partner with other rescue groups such as Southern Nevada Boston Terrier Rescue and Anthem Pets, among others.

Website Coming Soon. We've applied for the domain of LittleOrphanAnimalsAZ.com, but didn't receive confirmation in time for this article, so keep checking! This will provide a broader presence online and social media. Our new email address is up and working: LOAAZ1999@gmail.com

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Caregivers. None of the above is possible without foster homes. Our pets need a safe place to land while they get their vetting done and await adoption—generally just a few weeks.

Caregivers need to have safe space and sufficient time to observe and address each pet's individual needs, recovery from surgery, etc. Just as a nurse or teacher tends to their charges, caregivers provide interim care until a forever home is found. Some fosters may also be interested in adopting, and that's certainly a possibility.

Transporting. Since we acquire and deliver dogs throughout the southwest, and most vetting is done in north Phoenix, volunteers who are able to safely pick-up and deliver dogs in their area—or beyond—are needed and appreciated.

Contributions. In addition to donations of time, we often need crates, harnesses, ID tags and microchips, as well as food and nutritional supplements—and financial support to purchase these items and medical services. We are establishing an Amazon wish list for those who would like to contribute. All donations are used exclusively to the direct benefit of the animals in our care.

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS ON A RESCUE MISSION

Spring is in the air! Flowers are blooming, and the feral kitten population is BOOMING. It's kitten season, and community cats have been busy communing.

Last year alone, United Animal Friends spayed or neutered 862 feral cats through our Community Cat Program, and there's still much more to be done.

Why do we work so hard to spay and neuter unowned cats? Unspayed female cats can have multiple litters each year, with four to eight kittens in each litter.

Each female kitten can begin breeding at just four months of age and unneutered males can impregnate multiple females, leading to exponential growth within the colony. It is estimated that a single female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens in seven years.

Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) is the proven way to reduce community cat populations, improve the health of the cat community, and reduce fighting behavior.

Concerned citizens humanely trap the cats and make an appointment to bring them to UAF's Snip n' Go™ Clinic, where they are spayed or neutered and ear tipped to indicate that they have been altered. They then return the cats to their outdoor homes, where they provide food and water, and watch for new arrivals who haven't yet been altered. UAF continues to help these colonies by providing food through our Community Pet Food Bank.

Even with all our efforts, kittens are still being born to outdoor cats. If you find a kitten or litter with no mom in sight, don't immediately try to rescue them. Kittens have a better chance of survival with their mom, who is likely looking for food and will return. Other times, the mom may be in the process of moving them to a new den one at a time.

If you are concerned, observe quietly for up to two hours to see if mom returns. It's important that you stay at least 35 feet away because she won't return if she detects your presence.

Healthy kittens will look plump, clean and will be relatively silent. Kittens who are dirty or meowing have likely been left alone longer. If you find it necessary to intervene, be prepared to care for them, at least temporarily, in case area rescues are all full. You



can find good information on caring for a community cats and kittens at alleycat.org.

Please visit unitedanimalfriends.org to learn more about our Community Cat Program, donate to the UAF Snip n' Go™ Clinic or Community Pet Food Bank, or to make an appointment for your pet to be spayed or neutered.



There are always a few nice dogs for whom every rescue shakes their heads and wonders why these loving pups get overlooked time and time again. The patient fosters don't understand, either, and you can certainly feel for the pup.

One very special girl who comes to mind is Ginger. A few years ago, she was a thin, shivering dog, wandering alone on a bitter, freezing night when she was sighted by her current foster mom as she was leaving work. Upon gazing down at her sweet face which was pressed against her leg, Margaret could not say no.

Ginger had her ears brutally cut off before she was saved. While she is amazingly loving with people, she doesn't share well with other dogs and needs to have a family to herself. We can't know the hard start she must have had, but she doesn't seem to associate it with people and is a friendly, happy girl. Ginger is petite and amazingly sweet, has a striking tiger-striped coat and an adorable, silly underbite. She is lowkey and an easy keeper, preferring to hang out inside curled up with her people. She's also a stellar hugger.

Granted, it's harder to find a loving placement for a pup who doesn't want to live with other dogs, but Ginger is perfect for a family who






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just wants one dog. She's been waiting for a long time for her chance at a home, and we know someone out there is perfect for this precious girl.

If someone is a one-dog family, Ginger is the pup they should meet because they won't be disappointed. Please spread the word and help us help Ginger find her new deserving home. Her start may have been hard, but we can make her future bright, and she will return the love tenfold.

Fortunately, most of the free-roaming dogs on the Rez are acclimated to other dogs which makes fostering and training much easier. And Spring always brings a flood of mamas and babies who need help to live quality lives.

So if you have a heart for homeless dogs or cats and want to lend a hand, we'd love to tell you more about the gratifying work Blackhat Humane Society does. Please visit us at blackhathumanesociety.org.



Prescott Meals on Wheels is recognized for delivering nutritious meals to those in need. We also extend care through a pet-meal program called Animeals.

This service provides supplemental pet food to neighbors once a week. Each year, we serve over 1,550 pet meals.

For many homebound neighbors, pets are more than companions: they are a lifeline offering emotional support and a sense of purpose.

Studies have shown that pets can help reduce feelings of loneliness and stress, as well as lower blood pressure. Pets provide routine, security, and unconditional love, which are especially crucial for those who may experience social isolation.

Addressing the Challenges of Pet Ownership

While the benefits of pet ownership are profound, the challenges can be daunting for individuals with limited mobility or financial constraints.

Ensuring that pets are well-fed and cared for requires resources that may not always be readily available to those relying on assistance for their own nutritional needs. In 2016, Prescott Meals on Wheels introduced the Animeals program to bridge the gap and support neighbors and their beloved animals.

The Animeals program operates entirely on donations, reflecting the community's generosity and commitment to its members. Each week, volunteers deliver supplemental pet food alongside regular meal deliveries, ensuring that the neighbor's pets receive the necessary nourishment without adding financial strain.



This service not only helps maintain the health of the animals but also alleviates the worry of pet owners who might otherwise share their own meals with their pets, potentially compromising their nutrition.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The success of Animeals hinges on the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Local veterinary practices and community supporters provide cat and dog food, treats, and monetary donations.

Committed volunteers Pam and Roger Finn manage the inventory and distribution logistics to our neighbors, so their pets receive essential care. This collective effort embodies the spirit of community and highlights the importance of mutual support.

How Can You Help?

- **Donations:** Contributions of pet food or financial support are always welcome.
- **Volunteering:** Those interested in delivering pet food or assisting with the program can reach out to offer their time and skills.
- **Spreading Awareness:** Sharing information about Animeals. This program is driven by donors and volunteers who implement it within the community.

Prescott Meals on Wheels is addressing the needs of furry friends and our neighbors. We want to ensure that no one—human or animal—faces the challenges of isolation or hunger alone.



Healing on the Rez: Underdog's March Clinic Brings Hope to Hundreds

Photo by Underdog Animal Rescue and Rehab

At Underdog Animal Rescue and Rehab, we believe every pet deserves access to lifesaving care, no matter where they live.



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- 738 life-saving vaccines
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- 48 sick pets with treatment

All told, 421 pets were seen through wellness, vaccine, and surgery services.

Among our patients last month were three dogs treated for transmissible venereal tumor (TVT), a highly contagious, sexually transmitted cancer in dogs. While rare in most of the U.S., TVT is common on the Navajo Nation, and without treatment it can be devastating. Thankfully, TVT is highly treatable and responds very well to vincristine sulfate, a chemotherapy treatment for TVT that we provide at our clinics so these pups can get on the road to recovery and back to living their best lives!

Our clinics are all about saving the lives of pets and improving the lives of the humans who love them. Every shot given, every surgery performed, and every animal treated means another pet gets to live a better, healthier life.

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CHINO VALLEY K9 TERRITORIAL STROLL WRAP-UP

By Donna Armstrong. Photos by Linda Zimmerman.

Chino Valley Canine Obedience Training Club would like to thank everyone who helped with the inaugural Territorial Dog Stroll on March 29 at Memory Park in Chino Valley.

The stroll was created to benefit our Chino Valley Police Department K9 unit. Officer Sellers with Officer Sirius led the stroll.

"Our first stroll was a huge success and great fun," said Donna Armstrong, organizer of the Stroll.

"Thank you for all of the support I received from my committee: Linda Zimmerman, Erin McKee, Lisa Duntly, Kerry Shultz and club President Sharon Bryan.

"Town staff did an amazing job concurring the weeds and closing Reed Road. Make It Happen Marketing donated their time and expertise to get the word out. The Arizona Rangers-Granite Mountain Company not only kept us safe as we strolled, but donated \$500 to CVK9."

We couldn't have done this without our sponsors who donated goodies for our Welcome Bags and raffle. APS came through, as they always do, for our tri-city community with tote bags and water bottles, along with



Officers Sellers & Sirius



Chino Valley Animal Hospital, Penny Hubble-State Farm, Circle L Animal Hospital, and Olson's Grain.

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There were so many great gifts, along with refreshments provided by Over Flow Coffee and Encore Donuts.



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GOLDIE: A beautiful lady. For more information, please contact...
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CYRUS: A 6-month-old Australian Cattle dog mix. He is active and athletic and would make a great agility prospect. He is friendly, curious, and calm. Good with other dogs and cats. Black Hat Humane Society/Toby at 4lvdch@gmail.com



ZEUS: An 8-month-old male cattle dog mix. He is friendly and social and enjoys the company of both dogs and people. He is mastering walking on a leash.
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FLEA: An 11-month-old male Australian Shepherd/terrier/heeler/??? mix. His red-hot-chili-pepper personality puts off other dogs, but he'd rather spend time with his toys and his people. Black Hat Humane Society/Toby at 4lvdch@gmail.com



FIFE: A medium-sized female Heeler/Australian Shepherd cross. She is sweet, playful and energetic. She is also very smart and learns easily. Good with other dogs and cats. Black Hat Humane Society/Toby at 4lvdch@gmail.com



POOH BEAR: A 7yo male Great Pyrenees cross. Mellow, low-energy guy who loves being petted and hanging out with his people. Black Hat Humane Society at 4lvdch@gmail.com/foster mom Susan Mayne at elmorromaynes@gmail.com



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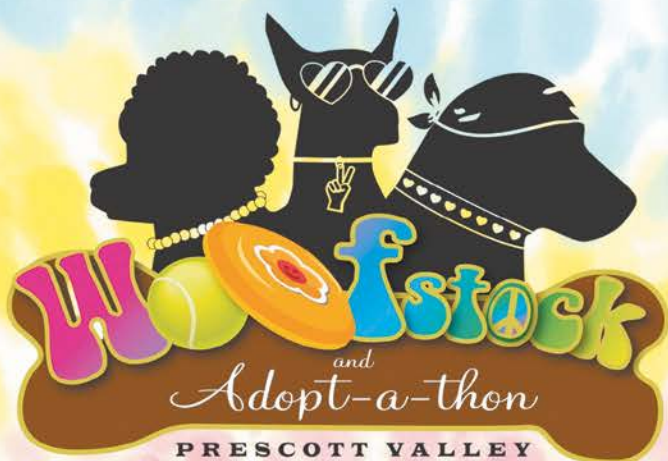
ROCKY: A 4-year-old male American Bully who is a lover. He enjoys kisses and cuddles, will be a lap dog if you let him. Walks well on a leash, good with other dogs. Yavapai Humane Trappers 928-710-4632



TEZLIN: A spirited 1yo female Husky mix. Silly, sweet, smart, and has different colored eyes. Good on a leash, loves walking, hiking. Agility prospect. House trained. Good with dogs and cats. Yavapai Humane Trappers 928-710-4632



REED: A medium-sized 8-month-old Australian Shepherd/Heeler mix. He is affectionate, energetic, and loves attention. He is crate, car, and leash trained. Black Hat Humane Society/Susan Maynes foster at elmorromaynes@gmail.co



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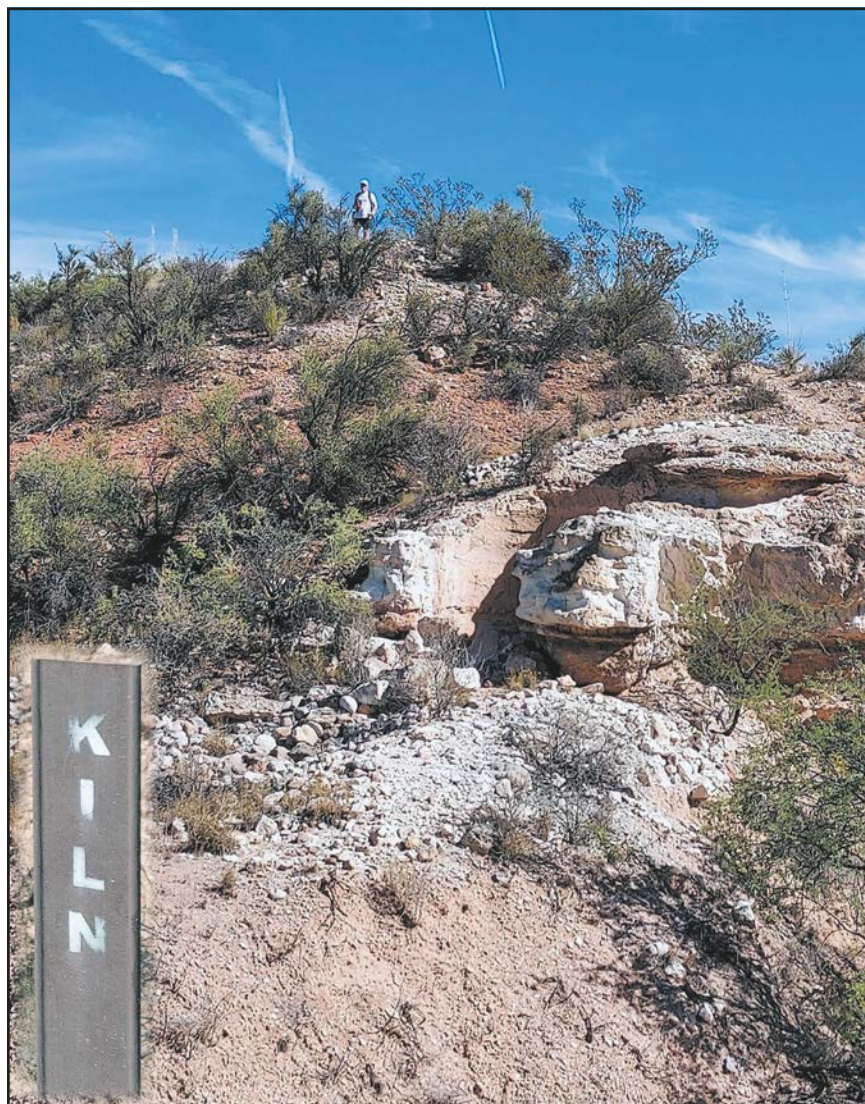

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Hike Through History on Lime Kiln Trail No. 82

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz



The mountain and defunct lime kiln dwarf a hiker.

The "Father of Cottonwood," Charles Willard, is credited with building the kiln that gives the Lime Kiln Trail in Cottonwood its moniker. The trail follows part of the old Lime Kiln wagon road in the White Hills to a kiln carved out of a limestone ledge in the 1880s.

Local lore has the Willard brothers, Charles and G.M., constructing the kiln to aid in building a house in Cottonwood for their widowed mother, as well as their own. Limestone was burned to make lime, essential in mortar used for building fireplaces and chimneys.

The road was built to transport the lime to the brothers' home construction sites and settlers used it instead of the main road to cut their travel time. It eventually extended to a route between Sedona and Jerome.

The kiln, now about six feet deep with an open top, has the remains of a rock and mud mortar wall in front. At its peak (pun intended, I can't help it), the kiln stood twenty feet high with a solid cap.

The 15-mile-long trail running from Dead Horse Ranch State Park to Red Rock State Park is classified as strenuous and consists of nine miles of non-motorized and six miles of motorized access. I really needn't say we hiked only a couple miles of this, but took in some spectacular views, just the same.

Twenty years ago, the US Forest Service listed the Lime Kiln Trail as a Centennial Trail, to celebrate

the USFS's 100th birthday. Hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders all use it lightly.

Users and pets should stay on the designated trails and scenic overlooks to protect the area's rare plants.

The Verde Valley Botanical area was established to protect the endangered Arizona cliffrose, Verde Valley sage, Ripley wild-buckwheat and Heathleaf buckwheat. Equestrians should please refrain from letting their horses graze in the area.

The Lime Kiln, Thumper and Raptor Trail make a loop that the park service encourages mountain bikers to ride clockwise. The loop's rating is intermediate to expert. Hiking the Lime Kiln Trail from its start in Dead Horse Ranch State Park, we viewed the expert part.

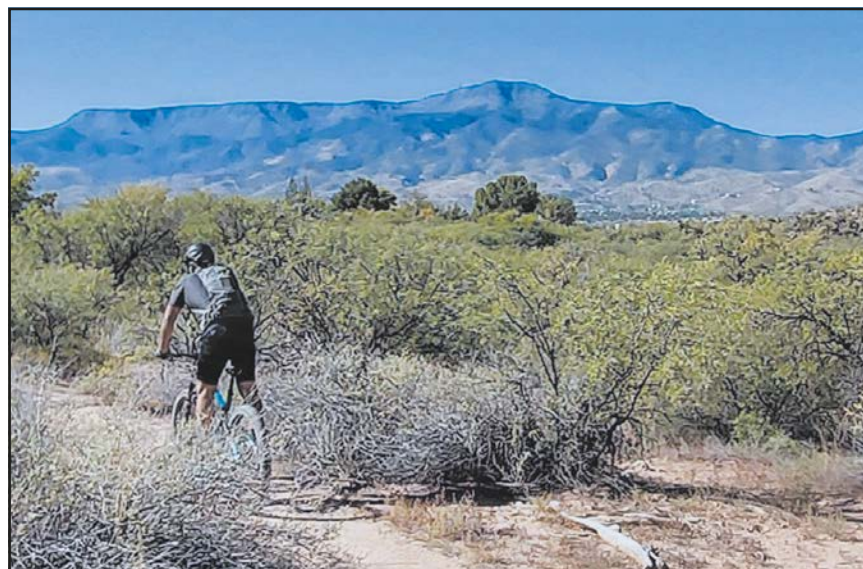
I watched in awe as bikers passed us, jumping down steep rocky trails that I cautiously stepped down. They moved so quickly I didn't have time to put a camera to my eye and shoot.

Well, I admit I was so in awe of their skill and daring, I froze for a few seconds before my brain got the message it would be very cool to get a photo of a biker in mid-air. Oh well. You need to see it to believe it, anyway.

Happy historical hiking!



Limestone blankets the hills and trails north of Dead Horse Ranch State Park.



Mountain bikers don't get much easy riding on the Lime Kiln trail.





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SCENT WORK CREATES A SOLID BOND AND HIGHLIGHTS YOUR DOG'S AMAZING SKILLS

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Dogs' noses are 10,000 to 100,000 times more sensitive than human noses. Most people are familiar with police K9s that can sniff out even the most carefully hidden drugs, or track a stealthy criminal or a lost person. Now, canine scent work has become an extremely popular sport with dog owners who enjoy working and competing with their canine companions.

In scent work, dogs search for cotton swabs saturated with the essential oils of Birch, Anise, Clove, and Cypress. The cotton swabs are hidden out of sight in a pre-determined search area, and the dog has to find them. Handler and dog must work together—when the dog finds the scent, he has to communicate the find to the handler, who calls it out to the judge.

The sport of scent work gives your dog carte blanche to sniff to its heart's content, and turns this essential dog trait into a fun game for handler and canine alike. In many dog sports the handler is in control, but that's not true in scent work. This is a challenge to a lot of handlers as they must learn to trust their dog and allow it to work, rather than directing every move. In a scent work trial, neither the dog nor handler knows where the target odor is hidden. The handler must learn to follow the dog and read its signals, which could be something as subtle as a change in behavior, a tail or ear change, or a more obvious alert such as a sit or down. Then the handler must remember to indicate to the judge that their dog has found the scent.

The American Kennel Club website outlines their scent work trials or competitions, which are divided into different categories, known in the sport as elements. Each element involves a dog conducting a different type of search or searching a different environment. There are four different scent work elements in AKC competitions: container, interior, exterior, and buried.

- **Container:** an odor is hidden inside of a container, such as a cardboard box or briefcase. Dogs are faced with a variety of boxes and must alert their handler to which box the scent is hidden within.
- **Interior:** an odor is hidden in an inside search location. However, unlike with the container element, the odor can be hidden anywhere within a defined indoor area.



Darla Cassidy's Halo indicates a find in a scent work trial. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster.

- **Exterior:** an odor is hidden on or in an object within a defined outdoor area. These searches can be more complicated for dogs because they must consider factors such as changing airflow and weather conditions, as well other changing natural or environmental distractions.
- **Buried:** an odor is hidden within a container, which is then buried in sand or water. The dog must sniff out the presence of the hidden scent, and alert their handler to which container it's buried in.

Each element has four different classes, or levels of difficulty. These are Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master. For each element, dogs start competing at the Novice level, then work their way up.

In AKC scent work, birch oil is used for the Novice level: birch and anise oils for the advanced level; birch, anise and clove for the Excellent level; and birch, anise, clove, and/or cypress for the Master level. Other registries have similar containers and scents, with variations.

An online search will reveal several other registries that exist for training and putting on scent work events, including the National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW), United States Canine Scent Sports (USCSS), and more. Additionally, many single breed registries such as the Australian Shepherd Club of America have scent work programs in which dogs of all breeds and mixed breeds can compete. Locally, the Chino Valley Canine Training Club hosts scent work trials and seminars on a regular basis.



Maggi Lieber's Cairn Terrier indicates a find in a scent work trial. Photo courtesy Maggi Lieber.

Maggi Lieber has competed in scent work with her Cairn Terriers, successfully reaching the advanced levels in the sport. Her Cairn, Mazie, competes in both AKC Scent Work where she is close to completing her Overall Master Elite Title, and in NACSW where she has her Element Title in Vehicle, Interior, Exterior and Containers and one leg towards her NW3 Title. Her Cairn Dottie also competes in both venues, currently working towards her Excellent Elite Titles and her NW2. The NW numbers indicate the level of scent work the dog has achieved.

"Scent work is a wonderful way for a withdrawn or shy dog to gain confidence as it is one of the few sports where the dog is basically in charge and they are using their biggest asset, their nose," she said. "I started my Cairn Terrier Dottie in scent work to help her gain ring confidence as she lacked animation in conformation. After doing scent work, she gained that attitude and finished her championship."



A spaniel indicates a find in a scent work trial. Photo by Heidi Dahms Foster.

Scent work is one of the few sports that forces a handler to closely read the dog, spotting subtle clues for when the dog is "in odor" or has found the scent. It helps handlers better understand their dog. "As for myself," Lieber said, "It helps to grow that handler/dog bond because it is a team sport."

Scent work is easy to begin, and one of the best ways is to find a class or trial where you can familiarize yourself with the basics. "For beginners," Lieber said, "I cannot think of a better way to get involved in this sport then going to a trial, or two or three, to watch and/or volunteer to help. Most elements you can watch and clubs are always on the hunt for volunteers. Without volunteers these events just wouldn't happen."

Bambi Ellis, another CVCTC member who competes in scent work with her Australian Shepherd Hemi, got started in the sport after trying herding and finding it was not a fit for them. "If you know Australian Shepherds, you know they need jobs. It's nice to be a team with the dog. Hemi is pretty good at scent work," she said. "I'm fortunate that she picked her own alert posture and it's a down – it's obvious when she thinks she has found the scent."

Darla Cassidy currently competes in scent work with her Samoyed Halo. She previously competed with two other Samoyeds who are now retired. She likes what working with her dogs in performance sports for the bond it creates between handler and dog, and the physical health and mental benefits it provides.

"Anytime you're working with your dog in performance sports it is going to create a tight bond, not only from time in the trials but from all the practice and camaraderie it creates with other people and their dogs. These events keep my dogs active, which keeps them in good health in regards to weight management and structural soundness. The dog not only has to use its nose in scent work but they have to "think" which helps to keep their cognitive process working on daily basis."

No matter how far handler and dog go in scent work, seeing your dog thrive at something they are built to do is gratifying.

"Scent work is a thinking sport for dogs. It's a mental game for them. I have no idea how they do it, how they pick a scent that's hanging in a tube on a bush that doesn't belong there. It amazes me—dogs are so smart," Bambi Ellis said.

Scent Work Resources

- Chino Valley Canine Training Club: cvctc.net
- Release Canine <https://releasecanine.com>
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SPRINGTIME TIPS AND TRICKS FOR KITTY KITTY

By Kay Luckett



Ah! Spring has sprung. The trees grow fruit and the flowers bloom, but before you pick and prune, BEWARE! If you want to bring home that pretty bouquet or that blooming potted plant, remember this: kitty may decide to munch and lunch, and while many plants are okay for chewing, some are dangerous while others are very deadly.

Symptoms may include excessive drooling, coughing, vomiting, difficulty swallowing, and some plants, such as with the most poisonous plant—the lily—even a tiny bite ingested can cause serious illness. In fact, a small bite out of a lily plant can cause death within minutes or hours. See the list below for ideas, and keep the pet emergency-room poison control number on your fridge.

- **Toxic:** lillies, pothos, aloes, philodendron, monstera, rubber plant, jade plant, dumb cane, snake plant and even that cute little lucky bamboo plant on sale everywhere. I bring my list with me whenever I go out to be prepared.
- **Safe:** spider plants, money tree, ponytail palm, Boston fern, prayer plant, baby tears, parlor palms, areca palms among others. Cats often munch on these and love to burp them up as they like greens for their health. My cat particularly loves to nibble on our spider, ponytail palm, and Boston ferns. Home-grown herbs, along with catnip, are generally safe for cats to eat.

Another hot topic for Spring with our windy days is evacuation. For pet owners, now is the time to be getting an evacuation plan ready when it is unneeded. Our babies are totally dependent upon us, so we want to be ready in case certain circumstances require us to take kitty away from their safe haven.

One of the basics for every cat is to be sure kitty is chipped but also has a tagged collar. Even when a cat is chipped there is still no guarantee that during a panic someone would actually have time to find you, as the chip requires a phone call.

The collar should be kept with the cat carrier and ready to be placed on kitty before leaving home. This gives any rescuer a visible and immediate way to contact you should the need arise.

Prepare an emergency kit with a handle or in a backpack for quick escape in case a kitty carrier is in your other hand. Instant cat carriers can also include pillow cases or laundry baskets. Emergency kits should contain much of the following depending upon your needs:

- Canned and dry cat foods (6 cans wet; 4 lbs. of dry unopened)
- Can opener (in case flip-tops fail)
- 2 each of water and food bowls (plastic or disposable)
- 6-pack of bottled water (just for the cat)
- Portable litter box
- 1 bag of litter with a scoop
- Plastic litter bags for car
- A blanket and/or bed
- Treats and catnip
- Favorite toys
- All cat medications as needed

I keep duplicate cat medications, so one is ready to grab. Many of the non-perishable items can be permanently stored in the car.

Research nearby cat shelters or hotels, have a backup person to help if needed, and have photos of kitty posted in your home and with your emergency kit. Search the internet for any other ideas so that you will feel safe and secure. Keep your cat carrier out so kitty can be familiar with it just in case. A ready and accessible carrier with a blanket, catnip, and a treat or two is suggested.

Other items should be purchased ahead of time and assembled appropriately in car and home: a pet first-aid kit (or make your own); post sticky rescue-stickers in your home and car that indicate an animal is present; have flashlights, extra batteries, wet wipes, and disinfectant spray....

The list goes on, so take only what is reasonable and practicable for you.

Most importantly, trust that you've done all you can to keep yourself and your pet safe. Remember how sensitive our furry friends are to our moods, trust the process, enjoy each day, and take a breath. Just breathe, knowing that right now all is well.



Now let's talk about a cat's ever-changing whims when it comes to feline cuisine. Who can predict what kitty wants today? If you're lucky, it's a given. But for my sweet cat the answer seems to be a moving target. Does this depend upon mood? Sometimes it is just a guess, so serving healthy foods is the key.

Keep a variety of canned and dry foods along with healthy treats on yourself depending upon their individual tastes. Dry foods have many varieties and best to keep the ones with healthy proteins and without fillers. Beware of carrageenan which has been linked to potential side effects in both animals and humans.

It's important to pay attention to the stages of growth from kitten to senior as their needs change over the years. Remembering that senior cats have lower metabolism than kittens is a good place to start.



When purchasing foods, look for those made specifically for your cat's age group, size, and breed. Some vets recommend a certain amount of calories for every pound of body weight so please investigate.

How much and how often to feed kitty is the traditional question for almost all cat owners.

My cat Shadow is only 6 lbs., and at 13 years old she basically tells me when she wants to eat. I put out a small amount and if she wants more, I'm here to serve with a smile. Having dry kibble out for on-demand feeding is discouraged as it can lead to over-eating and weight gain.

I give my cat a small amount of dry food when she wakes up and then later she gets her wet meals (two or three). Smaller meals are better, just as with humans. Adding a small amount of warm water to wet foods makes the meal easier to eat and keeps the food moist and edible.

The internet is a good source for info regarding what and how to feed a cat. It's suggested that some wet and some dry each day gives a balance and too much kibble (even grain-free) is not as healthy as wet from either cans or home-made. Be sure to search the news for any recalls of commercial cat foods, and be sure that your cat food is safe.

These Springtime tips will save you time and stress and help you to give your sweet kitties the best care ever. The trick is to stay current with all the info out there about their care, as they are family.

More tips and maybe some tricks for each of the different seasons are coming up, so stay-tuned. In the meantime, keep your babies petted and purring.

Meow.



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DRIVING MISS MADDIE ROSE

By Rita Thompson Tinsley

On the road to adventure, you must appreciate the ride. Mine will be fueled by pony power. I've discovered that pony driving requires a grasp of a whole different vocabulary.

As equestrians, we are familiar with reins, saddles, cinches, bridles, bits, and breast collars. But for equine driving gear, the parts include a harness with breaching, a breast plate, wrap straps, tugs, a crupper, a bridle and bit complete with blinkers, or blinders and, in Maddie's case, a cart.

Another important ingredient to this new adventure is a driving instructor who has been there, done that and is meticulous in every way. Luckily, I was familiar with Gary Gang, one of the best driving experts in our community. And I knew that Gary would make this a fun and safe experience. So far, nary a bruise.

Lesson Day One

When we arrived for Maddie's first driving lesson, Gary was busy working a couple of Percheron draft horses pulling a big, impressive carriage.

I placed Maddie in the round pen to get out of the way as the carriage horses approached. We were totally impressed and certainly relieved to see Maddie Rose walking toward the oncoming rig without hesitation. She was not afraid of its enormity, power and loudness.

(First clue that I may have a future driving horse.)

The first day of training was kept simple. Gary began with an efficient surcingle and longlines, but also added the bridle and bit with blinkers. She accepted the tack and training accessories with fair ease.



Parade Horse Maddie Rose



Maddie Rose hitched up to cart



Maddie wearing her blinkers

Gary began working Maddie using long reins to guide her forward and through turns. She seemed to take each cue willingly, but at times would struggle to turn around and see Gary and what was behind her.

truly would allow anyone to touch and manipulate our tail over a crupper? (Show of hands?) Maddie Rose took the new equipment like a champ.

More longlining (ground driving using long lines for guidance) was executed, and then we were done. Not



Gary and assistant adding weight to assimilate the pulling of a cart

Gary patiently turned her back on course speaking to her gently. Next, the surcingle was removed, and the driving harness tack was introduced including the saddle, breeching, girth and crupper. How many of us

scenario. I must admit that I was thinking this meant perhaps the handlers were going to tie barbells to her feet or tail but then, after further explanation, I realized this was not the case.



Trainer Gary Gang Longlining Maddie

having super-long sessions is important, so the working equine does not become over-inundated or frustrated.

Lesson Day Two

Our second driving lesson was a continuation of longlining with this new-to-her harness gear which she was adapting to pretty well.

The game plan for this session was to begin adding weight to the

Adding weight to her movement meant that while trainer Gary was longlining Maddie, his assistant began adding pressure to her breast plate little by little pulling from behind.

The weight is the pressure she feels while pulling a cart. (Add this to your driving vocabulary.) Maddie Rose was fine with accepting the new weight.

Lesson Days Three and Four

We graduated from the round pen to the larger driving arena. The equipment was donned, and the longlining began. Also, the cart was present in the arena so that she was constantly walking or trotting past it.

After a few laps around the new setting, Maddie was halted, and I brought the driving cart around. The first steps were easy... for me.

Gary instructed me to pick up the shafts of the cart, then drop them loudly onto the ground behind her. The first time this was executed, Maddie was startled. The second time, she didn't seem to care as much. The third time, ho-hum.

Next, Gary taught me a very important technique called the Comfort Cuddle, where you take the pony's head in your hands and rub and massage until they reach their ultimate creature comfort.

When she achieved her true pony-peace, I brought the cart closer so that the shafts were on each side of her, bumping her occasionally for training purposes. I repeated this procedure a few times before Gary and I hitched her up, placing the shafts through the tugs and the traces through the single tree rings, which are bolted to the cart.

Gary put it succinctly. "The pony is our motor, going forward and stopping on command. When we halt, the breaching—the straps that embrace her hind end—hold holds her butt. As she pulls on the breast plate, her energy transfers to the single tree."

There you have it. Equine driving dynamics as deciphered by the most novice of drivers on the speedway of life. I look forward to parking my pony cart with unprecedented precision. Because that's the way it will be, driving Miss Maddie Rose.

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By Solana Kline, honorary four-legger



The pack bike touring Bryce Canyon

"Yaooooooooooooo!" I howl as we pick up speed.

My tires echo a low warble off the red cliff walls. Faster and faster we roll, the 90 pounds of pup in the trailer behind my bike giving us extra momentum. We follow the curves of the canyon, ducking into the shadows' cool March air, and boomeranging back out into the high-altitude sun blasts that immediately make you sweat.

I look back over my shoulder. Betty's nose thrust forward as far as she can get it ahead of the bike trailer, the wind pushing her long terrier ears and hair back into their full aerodynamic rocket-dog state. Mickey's smile couldn't get any wider, wrapped around his big pitty face, floppy boxer lips rippling in the wind as we descend into Red Canyon.

I tuck in to be more aerodynamic, eyes up, chin down, pressing down into the pedals as we all lean into the turns, grinning ear to ear and yowling some more, "Yewwwwwhewwww!".

I have been watching the weather in Bryce Canyon, Utah, since November, waiting for a window to come pedal the Red Canyon Bicycle Trail with the pups. At 8,000 feet, the colds are cold and the hots are hot, especially for the pups.

The Bryce Canyon Trail is nearly 20 miles of paved bicycle and pedestrian path rolling 13 miles from Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon City. Just outside of Bryce Canyon City, the paved trail becomes the Bryce Canyon Multi-Use Bike Path and continues up into Bryce Canyon National Park for another 5 miles.

This gives us 18 miles to explore the coral-goblin-canyonlands of the Bryce Canyon area on the bicycle and trailer with no cars, no roads, and all the smiles and sniffers we can handle!

Over the past couple years since our motorcycle trip, me and the hounds have been practicing miles and adventures with the bike trailer, a trailer designed for

humanoid children, converted for canine comfort: plush down blankets lining the bottom, front and rear that can be either fully open for lounging and sniffing, screened in, or fully enclosed in clear waterproof material. This means that we get to explore in any weather and any season, yippee!

Betts (aka Senorita Snuggess) and Micks (aka Mister Mingleberries) took to the trailer immediately. When we first got it, we would go about two miles from home to the single-track trailhead for their walkies beasting in the forest.

After our walk, we would ride another mile to the local shop for a delish breakie-burrito. The pups would sit attentive in the bike trailer knowing a piping hot bacon burrito was about to be delivered! And, of course, looking that adorable; they received many pets and coos from passing aunts and uncles while I was in the store.

The pack pedaling started as a hairbrained scheme to use less gas in our adventuring. We all had such a blast on the motorcycle sidecar together, why couldn't we do that same thing human-powered, earning our turns?

And earn them we do. It ain't no joke hauling nearly 100 extra pounds on a bicycle without a motor! After experimenting with different types of roads and surfaces we have finally honed in on the sweet spot in pack pedaling: rails-to-trails paved and graveled bike paths! There are no cars, no roads, just the doggos delighting in the ride-by squirrel sightings and endless sniffers along the routes.

The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy specializes in building and advocating for the rails-to-trails and they created this awesome website mapping all of the rails-to-trails across the U.S.: traillink.com. The rails-to-trails are relatively flat and accessible for all ages and abilities.

Since we got the bike and trailer, we have seen some of the most beautiful terrain across the West, getting to roll through nature instead of driving on a freeway.

The pack favorites so far have been the Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville, Colorado touring through the old mining haunts Northeast of Leadville, 18 miles at 10,000 feet elevation (mineralbelttrail.com); the Rio Grande Trail which runs 42 miles from Carbondale to Aspen, Colorado featuring protected wet-



Exploring Leadville's Mineral Trail

land habitats and community chalkboards to write the wildlife you've seen (rfta.com/trail-information); and, of course, the Iron King Trail right in Prescott that is 4.5 miles of flat packed gravel and tours through the lesser-known side of the Granite Dells with its wonderful wildlife and single-track trails (traillink.com/trail/iron-king-trail).

But today we are in Bryce Canyon, about to reach our turn-around destination for the day: the Bryce Canyon National Park sign. This will be our longest adventure with the bike trailer so far—20 miles!

"C'mon out everybody, let's get some sniffers!"

Betts and Micks happily oblige, waiting for me to angle the bike so the back tire is out of their exit path before they hop out into the Ponderosa Forest. They begrudgingly pause for a family photograph in front of the national park sign—their first national park visit!

We sit and enjoy a mid-adventure snackie, and the afternoon suns keep us warm while we beast around in the lingering spring snowpile. I watch Betts and Micks wrestle in and out of the wet corn snow and can't imagine a time I've been so happy.

We get to move through the landscape at a slower speed than a car or motorcycle. We get to socialize with humans and animals along the journey. These weird adventures together are just pure joy, my two favorites in the world: bicycles and my dogpack! And here we are, together on a bicycle out exploring the world.

I smile the entire time we are on the bike, in awe of the pups and wondering what they are thinking. It never gets old looking over my shoulder at them in the trailer, usually Betts on full alert, nose-forward, and Micks cozily napping facing out the back window, drowsily picking up the passing olfactory gems.

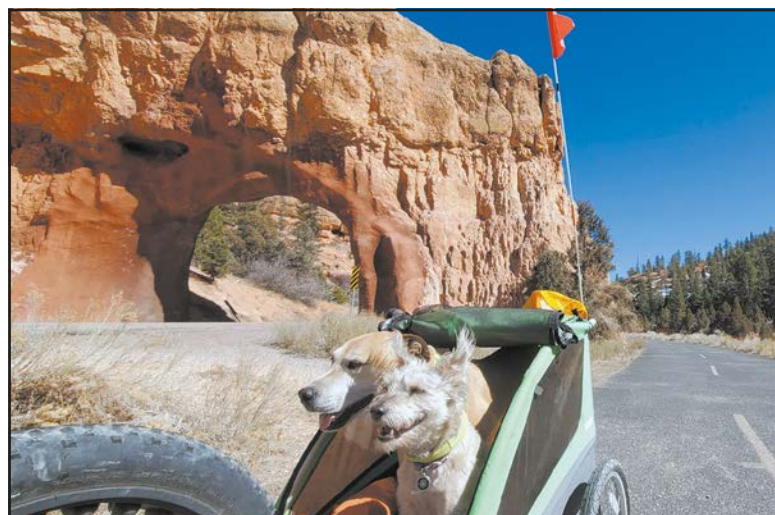
We are home now, and I am mentally mapping our future biking adventures... plotting the pedals and foibles of overnight pack bike-packing... stay tuned!

Until next time, Happy Tails and Happy Trails!

~Solana, Betty, and Mickey



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Riding through Red Canyon Trail

Too Hot to Handle: Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

By Loree M. Walden

Summer in Arizona is no joke. As the temperatures skyrocket, it's not just us humans sweating it out; our pets are feeling the heat, too. And unlike us, they can't peel off a few layers, crank up the AC, or grab a cold lemonade. They depend on us to keep them safe and cool. With triple digits becoming the norm, it's time to talk seriously about how to protect our furry family members from the dangers of extreme heat. Of course, there's still room for fun in the sun, but only if we're smart about it.

Let's start with one of the biggest offenders when it comes to summertime pet hazards: the pavement. What looks like a simple sidewalk to you can be scorching hot to your dog. When the air temperature hits the upper 70s, pavement can soar to a blistering 125 degrees. On hotter days, it can reach well over 130. That's hot enough to fry an egg and definitely hot enough to burn a dog's paws within minutes. And remember, dogs are much closer to the ground than we are, which means their entire body is absorbing the heat radiating from the surface.

Before heading out for a walk, try the back-of-the-hand test. Place your hand on the pavement and hold it there for seven seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. This quick check can prevent some serious paw damage.

To keep your walks safe, plan your outings early in the morning or later in the evening when things have cooled down a bit. Stick to shady areas when you can, and grassy paths are always a better option than bare asphalt. Bringing along some cool water for both you and your pup is also a great idea: hydration is just as important for them as it is for us.

Now, let's talk about one of the scariest and most dangerous threats pets face during the summer: heatstroke. Unlike humans, dogs don't sweat all over. They cool themselves by panting, and when the air around them is too hot, panting alone isn't enough. Heatstroke can come on quickly and can be deadly if it's not addressed immediately.

Some dogs are especially vulnerable: flat-faced breeds like pugs, bulldogs, and boxers struggle more to breathe efficiently in the heat. Dogs with thick fur coats, those carrying extra weight, older dogs, and even darker-colored dogs can absorb and retain more heat, putting them at a higher risk.

Signs of heatstroke can range from heavy panting and drooling to disorientation, vomiting, and even collapse. You might notice your dog acting confused, walking unsteadily, or developing a bright-red tongue or gums. In some severe cases, they may show signs of shock or pass bloody diarrhea.

If you suspect your dog is overheating, get them out of the sun immediately and into a cooler space. You can use cool water—not ice cold—to soak a towel and gently place it on their body, especially around their armpits, belly, and paws. Don't force them to drink but offer small sips of water and call your vet right away for further guidance. Acting quickly could save their life.

While we're on the topic of serious threats, let's revisit something we unfortunately still hear about



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every summer: pets left in hot cars. Please, please never leave your dog in the car, even if it's "just for a minute" or the windows are cracked. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a parked car can hit dangerously high levels in just 10 minutes. At 90 degrees outside, it can become deadly in even less time.

Dogs can suffer heatstroke, organ failure, and even death in a matter of minutes. The best rule? If your dog can't come inside with you, they should stay home in the AC. It's just not worth the risk.

Now, here's something many people don't realize: pets can get sunburned, too. Especially dogs with light-colored or thin coats, and those with exposed areas like their nose, ears, or belly.

If your dog is spending time outside, consider pet-safe sunscreen to help protect their skin. And never use human sunscreen, as many of the ingredients in our lotions can be harmful or toxic to animals. Keeping your dog in the shade and limiting time in direct sunlight are both safer and more comfortable alternatives.

Arizona summers don't just bring the heat; they bring monsoons, too. Storm season can offer a break from the sun, but it comes with its own set of challenges. Loud thunder, flashing lightning, and howling winds can be terrifying for pets. It's no surprise that more pets go missing during monsoon season and fireworks holidays than any other time of year.

Be sure your pets are indoors when storms roll in and create a safe space inside your home where they can retreat if they're feeling anxious. A cozy blanket in a quiet room can work wonders. If they're prone to panic, talk to your vet about anxiety aids or calming tools like wraps and diffusers. And of course, make sure their microchip information is current and that they're wearing ID tags, just in case they get spooked and make a run for it.

Let's not forget the basics: hydration is absolutely key. Just like us, pets need plenty of fresh, cool water available at all times. Make sure their bowls are cleaned regularly, refilled often, and try to keep them out of direct sunlight where the water can quickly get hot.

Some pet parents like to get creative with hydration by making frozen treats: try freezing low-sodium broth or pet-safe fruits like watermelon (without seeds) for a cool, tasty snack. It's a fun and refreshing way to keep

your pet cool and happy.

Even with all these cautions, summer can still be a season full of joy and adventure. You just have to be mindful. Instead of long walks during the heat of the day, consider early morning strolls or indoor play sessions to burn off some energy. Setting up a kiddie pool in the backyard can offer a safe way for your pup to splash and cool down. If you're the DIY type, creating a little agility course in the living room is a great way to keep things interesting.

At the end of the day, our pets rely on us to be their voice and their protectors. When the temperatures rise, it's not just about comfort. It's about survival. Whether you're going for a hike, lounging in the backyard, or just running errands, being aware of the dangers heat and storms bring can help you make better choices for your furry companion.

Let's make this summer a safe one. Watch the temps, plan ahead, and be prepared. With a little extra care, you and your pet can enjoy the sunshine, stay cool, and make memories that will last long after the summer heat fades.

And remember: if your home has a little extra room in the heart and on the couch, there are so many wonderful animals waiting at Yavapai Humane Society for their second chance. Stop by, meet your new best friend, or consider fostering a pet who needs a break from the shelter during these hot months. You can also help by donating. Every dollar goes toward food, medical care, and comfort for the animals in our care.

Let's keep our pets safe, loved, and cool this summer, because they'd do the same for us.

TOO HOT TO HANDLE SUMMER PET SAFETY TIPS

HOT PAVEMENT = HOT PAWS

over 130 °F when it's just 86 °F outside!

If you can't hold the back of your hand to the pavement for 7 seconds, it's too hot for your dog.

Walk early morning or late evening. Stick to grass and shade.

HEATSTROKE IS DEADLY

Watch for signs like:

- Excessive panting
- Drooling or vomiting
- Staggering or collapse
- Red gums/tongue

WHAT TO DO:

- Move pet to a cool area
- Soak a towel with cool water and place on body
- Offer water (don't force)
- Call your vet ASAP

NEVER LEAVE PETS IN HOT CARS

Even with windows cracked, the inside of your car can reach 114–124°F within minutes. Leaving a pet in a car "just for a minute" can be fatal.

STORM SAFETY

- Thunder & monsoons = scared pets
- Keep them indoors & create a calm space
- Check microchip & tags in case they bolt!

KEEP COOL & HAVE FUN

Keep them cool, keep them safe, and maybe... give a shelter pet their forever home this summer.

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Too Hot to Handle: Summer Safety Tips for Your Pet

Sit. Stay. Swim. TRAVELING TO PETOSKEY AREA, MICHIGAN

By Stacey Wittig

Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Bay Harbor in Northern Michigan are charming destinations that warmly welcome four-legged globe trotters. With pet-friendly beaches, eateries and natural attractions, these towns on Lake Michigan offer you and your furry friends the perfect watery getaway.

Little Traverse Bay Ferry

One of the most convenient and enjoyable ways to travel between these three towns is via the Little Traverse Bay Ferry. This pup-friendly ferry service connects Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Bay Harbor, offering a rare, relaxing and scenic mode of transportation.

Don't worry about ruff seas during the half-hour crossings because you're sailing in a protected bay. Pets are welcome on board, making it easy to explore all three towns without the hassle of driving in traffic. Good buoy!



Little Traverse Bay Ferry at Harbor Springs.
Photo by Stacey Wittig.

Petoskey

Ruff Life Pet Outfitters

In Petoskey, start your visit with a trip to Ruff Life Pet Outfitters. This well-provisioned pet store provides everything you might need for your four-legged traveling companion, from food and toys to grooming supplies and accessories. It's a great place to ensure your pet is well-prepared for the adventures ahead. Check out their Facebook community for bi-monthly leashed dog walks in the Northwoods.

Lunch at City Park Grill

When it's time for a break, visit City Park Grill for a pet-friendly dining experience. The restaurant's sidewalk dining offers a welcoming atmosphere for dog-accompanied patrons, with a menu that includes local favorites and delicious meals perfect for refueling after a morning of exploration.

We chose the City Park Salad with dried cherries, the iconic fruit of northwestern Michigan. Ernest Hemingway fans will want to sit at the Victorian bar where the author extinguished his cigar right into the wood. Bone appetit!



Zoll Street Beach. Photos courtesy Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau.

Harbor Springs

The Highlands Resort

The Highlands Resort is a real tail wagger for pet-friendly accommodations in the Petoskey area. This ritzy resort offers a range of pet amenities, including designated walking areas and pet-friendly rooms with plush dog beds, shiny stainless-steel bowls and chew toys. Enjoy the various activities available at the resort, from hiking trails to scenic views.



The Highlands pet bed. Photo by Stacey Wittig.

Zoll Street Beach in Downtown Harbor Springs

Doggy paddle with your pooch at Zoll Street Beach, where dogs are welcome. The water is clear, and the sand is deep. It's an excellent spot in downtown Harbor Springs to relax and breathe in the lush green surroundings.

Bay Harbor

Bay Harbor, a picturesque, pet-friendly village, is connected to the other two towns by ferry. Sniff out the town's charming streets, shops and restaurants, many of which welcome you and your four-legged friend.

"People here are so nice to me and my dog," smiles Doug, a summer boating resident. "That's why I keep coming back."

Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the waterfront or docks with your four-legged buddy, enjoying the beautiful views and relaxing atmosphere. Be sure to snap a photo of you and your Nauti Boy enjoying the ferry ride.

Activities Beyond the Ferry

Boyne Valley Vineyards and Blu Dot Farm and Vineyards

You and your four-legged pal will be on cloud wine at Boyne Valley Vineyards, where you can enjoy wine tasting while your sweet pup relaxes by your side.

Blu Dot is a horse farm turned winery where over 300 horses were once born or raised. Now, you can sip and play cornhole at the 10-acre vineyard known for its vintage 1973 Airstream tasting room. Get off-leash at



Boyne Valley Vineyards. Photo by Stacey Wittig.

nearby Ridge Run Dog Park in Boyne, an excellent spot to socialize with other dogs.

Rockhounding at Solanus Beach

For a unique experience, head to Solanus Beach for some rockhounding. This beach is known for its Petoskey stones, a fossilized coral naturally polished by the water, that are popular souvenirs. While exploring the beach, your rock hound can enjoy the outdoor adventure alongside you.

Petoskey State Park

Petoskey State Park offers stunning natural beauty and a variety of trails to explore. Although the beach area is not dog-friendly, there are plenty of other areas within the park where you and your K-9 friends can enjoy scenic walks and take in the local flora and fauna.

Lunch at Pond Hill Farms

Pond Hill Farms is another lovely spot for a pet-friendly lunch. The picturesque setting enhances the farm-to-table dining experience, and furry friends are welcome to join you on the patio as you enjoy fresh, locally sourced meals. Afterward, wander the farm's trails to the vineyards and outdoor areas.

Traveling with your pet to Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Bay Harbor offers a delightful mix of activities, natural beauty and welcoming places to eat.



Nauti Boy on deck! Photo by Stacey Wittig.

From the convenience of the Little Traverse Bay Ferry to the pet-friendly vineyards, beaches and restaurants, these towns provide a perfect getaway for you and your four-legged friends. Embrace the adventure and create unforgettable memories with your canine companion in these pet-friendly Northwestern Michigan destinations.

Catch a direct flight from June to August between Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport and Traverse City, Michigan.

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