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Jax, Our Cover Dog



Name: Jax

Hometown: Mayer

Age: Five

Who took your winning photo: Mom

Favorite brand of kibble: Jinx

Favorite people food: Chicken

Favorite toy: My squeaky monkey

Favorite outdoor activity: Running with the pack: two Irish Wolfhounds, Dylan and Laney, and my Corgi mate, Tara.

Favorite indoor activity: Meal time, morning and evening.



Favorite nap spot: On the couch, stretched out on my back.

Fitness regimen: I get all the exercise I need outside running around my fenced 2.5 acres.

Describe your perfect canine pal: A pal who will let me curl up next to them for a nap, play and run with me but don't tumble me, run up and down in the wood-shavings pile, and share all the toys and treats.







Describe your perfect day: Take a short nap after breakfast.

Then head out back and dig out gopher holes, flush quail out of the brush, and jump on all the big boulders.

Then come back up to the house and Mom brushes my coat carefully and checks me over.

After that, I'd like to go for a ride in the minivan to some place I've never been with just Mom and me.



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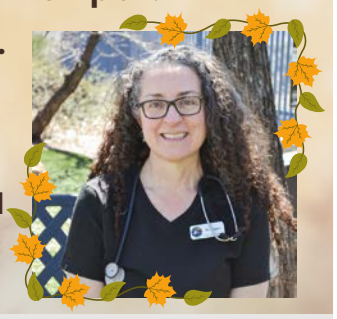
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Paws for Youth

By Jessica Gonzalez

So Excited!

Hello, *Prescott Dog* Paw-rusers!

I am beside myself (look... There I am, and there I am next to me) since Mom told me about an article that could open a whole new world to our pack family. This could be just as nifty as a shared conversation or the occasional song sung to us four-leggeds. Maybe even niftier, or super-duper nifty.

I don't want to give away too much, so read the article below by Jessica Gonzalez, and I promise I'll be back later with the results of our new endeavor. Well, after I convince Dad to be excited too.

I'll be here with plenty to say, next Pru Time, same Pru Channel.

~Promise Prudence Pepper

Read. Wag. Repeat.

Meet Ellie, the Therapy Dog helping children fall in love with reading. Ellie weighs just seven pounds. But every week, the little toy fox terrier with an important job to do trots confidently into a school.



Ellie Sits Pretty

Long before she arrives at school, Ellie already knows where she's going. She eagerly waits for the car ride and, once they arrive, her owner, Barb Kelley, slips on Ellie's canine partner's therapy vest. That's Ellie's cue. She immediately starts pulling toward the school entrance to see her kids.

"She knows," Kelley says with a laugh. "She can't wait to get in there."

Inside, excited children wave at Ellie in the hallway, hoping for a chance to say hello. But while Ellie enjoys the attention, the most important part of her day happens quietly, one child at a time.

Ellie and Kelley volunteer for the Animals, Books & Children (ABC) program through the Arizona nonprofit Paws for Youth. The organization helps children who have experienced trauma build confidence, resilience, and trust through the human-animal bond.



Barb and Ellie

A Listener Who Never Interrupts

Kelley has loved dogs for most of her life. Before retiring, she spent years working in an animal hospital, bred toy fox terriers for two decades, and dreamed of becoming a therapy-dog volunteer. As soon as Ellie was old enough to earn her certification as a therapy animal, the pair joined Paws for Youth.

For Kelley, combining children and dogs felt like the perfect fit.

"My dogs were my secret keepers," she says, reflecting on her own childhood. "They brought me a lot of comfort."

Now she watches Ellie provide the same comfort to children who need it. One visit stands out.

A young student sat quietly apart from the group, showing little interest in participating. Ellie wandered over, gently climbed into the child's lap, and settled in. As the student stroked her soft fur, a smile slowly appeared. Before long, the child was talking and joining the activity.

Moments like that remind Kelley why she volunteers. "It's fun to know my little dog is bringing such joy," Kelley says.

Small Dog. Big Impact.

The reading sessions are designed to build far more than literacy skills.

In the ABC program, therapy dog teams meet one-on-one with first- through third-grade students each week for twelve to fourteen weeks. As children read aloud, an adult volunteer offers gentle encouragement while their therapy dog provides a calm, judgment-free audience.

Throughout the course of the semester, Kelley watches children who were once unsure of themselves begin to look forward to their time with Ellie, smiling more and speaking more confidently.

Those transformations are reflected across the ABC program, where children consistently show gains in reading confidence, motivation, resilience, comfort and classroom engagement.

One social worker shared that a young student only wanted to come to school on Tuesdays because that was the day Ellie visited.

Another child never spoke in class but loved getting to read to Ellie each week. He gradually built enough confidence to introduce the tiny dog in front of all of his classmates. It was a significant breakthrough for the boy, whose teachers were amazed by his transformation.

For Kelley, those moments are unforgettable. "They never remember my name," she says, "but they always remember Ellie."



Therapy dog Angus and child's hand

The tiny canine isn't just a patient listener. She also knows how to make children laugh. Her signature trick is 'sit pretty', though she also spins on command and squeezes into a box that seems much too small for her.

Those playful moments help break the ice, and before long even nervous children are laughing, talking and reaching for a book.

Why Dogs Make Such Wonderful Reading Partners

Dogs have a remarkable ability to help children feel safe. Unlike adults, they don't correct mistakes or rush through difficult words. Their quiet presence reduces anxiety, which lets children focus on the story instead of their mistakes.

As trust grows over weeks and months, many children begin associating books with positive experiences instead of frustration, failure or fear.

Ellie is just one of nearly 150 registered therapy pets volunteering with their handlers through Paws for Youth. Together, these teams served more than 16,700 children statewide last year.

Five Ways Your Dog Can Become Your Child's Reading Buddy

Not every dog will become a certified therapy dog like Ellie, but almost any family pet can help make reading feel more enjoyable at home.

- **Let your child choose the book.** Whether it's a picture book, graphic novel or chapter book, children are more engaged when they pick the story.
- **Create a cozy reading routine.** Find a comfortable place where your child and your dog can settle in together without distractions.
- **Read with expression.** Encourage your child to show the pictures, use different voices, and talk to the dog about what's happening in the story. If your dog wanders off, ask your child to read a little louder so their four-legged friend doesn't miss the story.

(To read the rest of the story and learn how you and your dog can get involved in Paws for Youth, please visit PrescottDog.com.)



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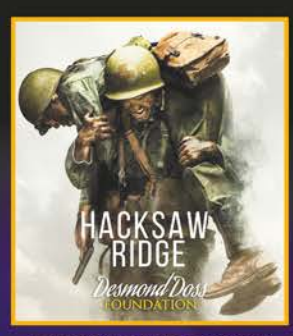


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Onsite: Tue-Sat, 10a-2p, 609 S. Granite St., Prescott. ssnsmart@yahoo.com

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MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE
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Offsite: Petsmart, Sat & Sun 11a-3p. misskittyscathouse.com

PET LOSS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
3rd Wed of each month 2p-3p, Unity Church, 145 S Arizona Avenue, Prescott. More info: Jennifer 928-899-0520 or jenleighaz@paws4compassion.net

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

YAVAPAI HUMANE SOCIETY (YHS)
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- SEP 12 Breakfast with Black Bear s
- SEP 19 Sip & Paint (Adult)
- SEP 26 Zoo by Moonlight
- OCT 3 Behind the Scenes Photo Tour
- OCT 10 Breakfast with Wolves
- OCT 12-6 Fall ZooCamp
- OCT 24-5 Fall ZooFest
- OCT 31 Boo at the Zoo

PETAPALOOZA PET FAIR
Sep 12, 10a-3p, The Center on Rosser. Pet-related items/vendors, adoptions, demos, family-friendly fun celebrating pets. Leashed dogs welcome. Info: 928-778-3000.

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- EXCA/COWBOY CHALLENGE STATE FINALS CLINICS AND COMPETITIONS. Sep. 11, 12, 13.
- DRIVING SCHOOLING SHOW. Sep 19-20.
- PRESCOTT SADDLE CLUB PLAYDAY. Oct 3.
- OPEN HORSE SCHOOLING SHOW. Oct 17.

Rescue Resources

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

AARF ANIMAL RESCUE
6639 S. Country Rd., Mayer
aarfanimalrescue@gmail.com
928-925-7219, aarfrescue.net

ARIZONA BORDER COLLIE RESCUE
Tempe, 480-422-5366
azbcr.org

ARK CAT SANCTUARY
Parks, 928-635-5909
arkcatsanctuary.org

BARB'S DOG RESCUE
Puerto Penasco, MX
barbsdogrescue.org, 928-899-1426
barbsdogrescue@gmail.com

BLACKHAT HUMANE SOCIETY
Native American Reservation Animals
928-899-3942
blackhathumane@gmail.com

BLUE MOON RESCUE & SANCTUARY
1851 E Perkinsville Rd, Chino Valley
928-925-7724, bluemoonrescue.org

CATTY SHACK RESCUE
Prescott, (928) 778-6951
cattyshackrescue.org

CHINO VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER
1904 Voss Drive, Chino Valley
cvas@chinoaz.net, 928-636-4223 x7
chinoaz.net/164/Dog-Adoption

CIRCLE L RANCH ANIMAL RESCUE & SANCTUARY
Daytime 928-925-1926, Prescott Valley

COCONINO HUMANE ASSOCIATION
3501 E Butler Ave, Flagstaff
928-526-1076, coconinohumane.org

DESERT LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE
Glendale, 480-899-5227
dlrraz.org

DOGTREE PINES SENIOR DOG SANCTUARY
1525 S Dogtree Lane, Prescott
olddogs@dogtreepines.com
667-364-8733, dogtreepines.com

FREEDOM FRENCHIE RESCUE
Mesa, (630) 345-0493
freedomfrenchierescue.org

HEELING HEELERS HEARTS
Surprise, 623-226-2749
azblueheeler.com

HIGH COUNTRY HUMANE
11665 N, US-89, Flagstaff
928-526-0742
highcountryhumane.org

HUMANE SOCIETY OF SEDONA
2115 Shelby Dr
928-282-4679
humanesocietyofsedona.org

HUMANE SOCIETY OF WICKENBURG
4000 Industrial Rd, Wickenburg
928-684-8801
wickenburghumane.com

LITTLE ORPHAN ANIMALS
Mayer, 678-206-7505
orphananimals@aol.com

MISS KITTY'S CAT HOUSE
928-445-5411
misskittyscathouse.org

PEOPLE FOR PAWS AZ RESCUE
peopleforpawsaz.org
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PETEY'S PLAYGROUND
22448 State Highway 89, Yarnell
peteysplayground@gmail.com
928-713-1375, peteysplayground.org

RED ROSE INSPIRATION FOR ANIMALS
Thriftique: 31 Bell Rock Plaza, Sedona
info@redroseinspiration.org
928-282-5278, redroseinspiration.org

RESCUE A GOLDEN OF ARIZOINA
Phoenix, 602-404-9663
golden-retriever.org

SAVING PAWS RESCUE SHEPHERDS & MALINOIS
Glendale, 480-737-6089
savingpawsrescueaz.org

SUNRISE SANCTUARY & RESCUE
Prescott, sunrisesanctuaryrescue.org
sunrisesanctuaryrescue@gmail.com

TUBA CITY HUMANE SOCIETY
928-793-2364,
tubacityhumanesociety.org

UNDERDOG ANIMAL RESCUE & REHAB
Moab, 435-260-8033
underdogrescuemoab.org
info@underdogrescuemoab.org

UNITED ANIMAL FRIENDS
Prescott, 928-778-2924
unitedanimalfriends.org

VERDE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY
1520 W. Mingus Ave, Cottonwood
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AnimalDisasterServices.com

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ANNUAL PRESCOTT HIGHLAND GAMES & CELTIC FAIRE

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Izzabelle Jones

Watch powerful athletes toss massive cabers, throw heavy hammers, and compete in traditional stone puts, hear the stirring sound of pipe bands and drums. Explore clan tents, shop unique crafts, try axe throwing, sample hearty foods and regional drinks.

There's plenty for children to do in the dedicated kids' areas, and well-leashed dogs can take in the stunning views of the Granite Dells.

Don't miss our Dog-of-the-Year, Izzabelle Jones, when you see her at the Games.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Prescott, Arizona



The blessing of animals is a long-standing tradition in many Christian religions, and is both a spiritual act and a celebration of the human–animal relationship.

The blessing of the animals dates back over 800 years, rooted in the life and teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi. Known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, he viewed all creatures as brothers and sisters under God.

Animals remain an integral part of our lives. They bring comfort and joy, they teach children how to care for others, and they supply a certain kind of affection and companionship that we find consoling and attractive. When we bless them, we seek to foster all these things with a blessing on the help, sustenance, assistance, and comfort they provide.

The blessing of animals is a reflection of God's love for all creation and an opportunity to renew our commitment to caring for the world entrusted to us. Today, this tradition continues at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Prescott.

Please join us for the annual "Blessing of the Animals" on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 3:00 pm to 4:40 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Shepherd's Lane, Prescott (north of the airport).

Bring your pets to be blessed, this is an open blessing and we will be blessing your animals as you arrive; there is no service associated with this, so don't be shy. Please note that we require that dogs are on a leash and cats be in a carrier.

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Cootie Doo, a beautiful 40-pound Australian Cattle Dog mix, has had a long journey for her short four-year life, but she was lucky to find diligent caring people to help change her destiny.

Susan, a dedicated Blackhat Humane Society volunteer, lived near a dilapidated trailer where people and their large pack of unsterilized dogs were struggling to survive. When bringing them pet food, she found four older puppies with a mama, who was chained to a tree and being kept separate from the other dogs by a makeshift fence of pallets.

Susan knew she couldn't turn her back backs on the pups (the family would not surrender the mom), so she took them into the vet to get their care up to date and start work on socializing. One of the pups, Cootie, discovered that dog food and fresh water would appear daily.

After over a year of work, Susan felt Cootie was ready for her next big step, so Margaret and Mike took over her care. They focused on house-training, leash manners, and socializing her to rural suburban sights and sounds.

Cootie was still shy with new things but she made great strides and was gaining important self-confidence. Lynne and Tom agreed to take Cootie to the next level, and she then moved into a city environment complete with city noises, a pool, and more dog and cat friends. Her world was also expanded to include trips to home stores and car rides, and even more new dogs and cats to enjoy.

She still shows some anxiety to new things, which is understandable given her rough stressful start, but three caring homes have given her huge lessons, interesting experiences, and the realization that people can be kind and loving.

She now enjoys the company of other dogs and cats, is housebroken, thinks ear scratches are the best thing ever, she doesn't bark or chew on things, and she's gentle, loyal and calm. She still needs to build lher confidence and would benefit from a quieter environment, a secure fence, and other dog/cat buddies. A



predictable routine with established procedures will help her thrive.

Cootie is also smart and loyal, and she's showing herself to much more than her start in life, where everything was uncertain and unpredictable. She's now ready for an adopter who will help her reach her full potential, and she'd love to have a forever home that's willing to show her how good life can be.

Animal rescue involves people rescue far more than most people realize. While Blackhat's primary mission is to take in stray and abandoned animals for vetting and adopting, sometimes animals are in such desperate situations that offering help is the right thing to do to rescue the animals from their owners.

Essential components to Blackhat's approach to animal rescue includes providing pet food, assisting owners with options for spay/neuter, and arranging vet care to ease the suffering of injured/sick animals.

Visit our website at blackhathumanesociety.org to see adoptable pets, including the adorable Cootie or, if you cannot take in a new pet, please donate so that we can help animals who desperately need a hand. We all have the ability to help in our own ways, making our world better for animals who are suffering.

One Mission. Two Countries. Hundreds of Happy Endings.

Nearly 30 years ago, one woman looked around the streets of Puerto Peñasco, Mexico, and decided she couldn't ignore the homeless dogs that so many others had learned to overlook. Armed with little more than compassion, determination, and an unwavering belief that every dog deserves a chance, Barb Mumaugh began rescuing dogs, and Barb's Dog Rescue was born.

Today, that small act of kindness has grown into one of the largest dog rescue organizations in northwestern Mexico. More than 440 dogs call our Puerto Peñasco rescue home while they wait for families of their own.

Every dog receives food, veterinary care, vaccinations, spay or neuter surgery, and, perhaps most importantly, the love and patience they need to learn that people can be trusted.

For years, however, finding adoptive families remained one of our greatest challenges. While we were saving hundreds of dogs, we knew many wonderful families lived just across the border. We simply needed a better way to connect them. That vision led us to Arizona.

In April, Barb's Dog Rescue opened its first U.S. adoption center in Peoria. The facility has transformed the way we save lives. Dogs that have completed their veterinary care in Mexico can now travel to Arizona, where they meet families in a welcoming, cage free environment designed specifically for adoptions.

Our adoption center is truly spectacular, and the results have been remarkable. More dogs are finding homes than ever before. Families can spend time getting to know a dog before making a decision, volunteers have countless opportunities to help, and our thrift store helps generate funding that supports the dogs on both sides of the border. Every adoption in Arizona opens space for another homeless dog in Mexico to be rescued.

Although we now operate in two countries, our mission has never changed. The Mexico rescue remains the heart of our organization, where dogs receive the care they need to begin their journey. Our Arizona location serves as the bridge that connects those deserving dogs with loving families throughout the U.S., Canada, and beyond.

Prescott has become an important part of that journey. Several times each year, we bring adoptable dogs to adoption events in the Prescott area, where we've been continually inspired by the compassion and generosity of the community.

Many of our dogs have found wonderful homes here, and countless supporters have helped make our work possible through volunteering, donations, and simply sharing our story with others.

Every successful adoption means we can open up space to save another street dog—we are always at capacity. While we continue to hope and pray that the public will embrace spaying and neutering their dogs and end the suffering of these precious beings that are born to the streets, we will be here to save as many as we can. Dogs rely on humans to survive, and we will be here for them.

What began with one woman rescuing one dog at a time has become a cross-border mission fueled by thousands of animal lovers who believe that where a dog is born should never determine whether it gets the chance to be loved. We lost Barb in 2023, but her legacy lives on.

Learn more about Barb's Dog Rescue by visiting barbsdogrescue.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

Thank You

When we received our amazing donation to begin our spay/neuter clinics, we weren't sure how long we could sustain this needed fund. Our community's response was strong at our first clinic in June 2024, and with the help of several grants, since then we've been able to offer 13 clinics for over 640 animals. Our next clinic will be on October 10.

We are so grateful for the staff at Chino Valley Animal Hospital, and all of the veterinarians who have given us their time and experience.. We also want to send a big thank you to ALL of the responsible pet owners who brought their pets (sometimes multiple pets) to our clinics. Many of them have traveled a long distance to reach us.

When we continue to see animals—including pregnant moms—being given away or abandoned, and litters of puppies and kittens for sale or brought to shelters, we know we must continue our spay/neuter clinics.

Pet overpopulation is real, and any rescue or shelter will tell you that

managing this trend has become impossible. Still, everyone can help. And there are many advantages to having your pet spayed or neutered.

Help Us Help Them

If you'd like to help with a tax-deductible donation to our spay/neuter fund, please contact AARF at 928-925-7219. You might also call to sponsor a pet to be spayed or neutered for someone who can't afford this low-cost surgery. We aren't the only rescue offering this important service, so please check other local rescues as well.

Rescuing From the Heart: Lydia's Story

We always say, "It takes a village" to save the lives of those who have no voice. On February 15 of this year, Melissa Robinson posted about a stray dog. She was fifteen miles out on a dirt road in the wilderness off of Perkinsville Road in Chino Valley. If not for that post, we never would have known to start searching for this beautiful girl

Lydia was definitely one hard-headed doggie, and way too smart for her own good. She was being fed, had plenty of fresh water daily, and was being watched on the trap camera we set up. Before heading off to Wittman for another search, fellow trapper Jen Eastman and YHT founder, Katrina Karr, started a slow build of the missy trap. For those who don't know what that is, a missy trap is a large, modular, humane enclosure designed to safely capture fearful, skittish, or survival-mode lost dogs that refuse to enter standard small box traps.

This was not going to be an easy trap, and Lydia was in survivor mode.

After a very busy week , we came back to check on Lydia. Lydia would come every day, stay all night long, and often slept in front of the trap cameras. The ranchers also kept us updated on her whereabouts away from where we were monitoring her.

Lydia noticed everything, and she knew every time we added a panel



Lydia captured on a trail camera

to the trap. Sometimes it took her five minutes to go in and eat; one time it took almost eight hours, but the rescue team continued to monitor her and kept moving along. She finally decided to stop wandering and let herself be captured. Lydia spent some time decompressing at our Sanctuary and was absolutely adored by her rescuers. She's currently in board and training with Jessica Ruttle at Candid Canine Training.

We think Lydia (Lidy) is about a year or year-and-a-half old and a lab mix. She's fully vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed. This girl has so much potential, she'll soar in the right home. She needs structure, someone who will love her and keep training her, and someone who is active who will hike or even run with her. She loves to be loved and only wants to please. She'll do well as an only dog or with another well-rounded dog.

This is why we rescue on. To save lives like Lidy's. A rescue of a domestic animal ALWAYS starts with compassionate community members who post and bring awareness.

At only six weeks of age, Hummingbird (Hummie) was abandoned in a box in a Phoenix park restroom with a prolapsed rectum. A good Samaritan named Keely found the pup just as she was ending her vacation in Phoenix, but she couldn't return to Minnesota without ensuring that the tiny puppy was safe.

Keely rushed Hummie to Alta Vista Veterinary Hospital to receive emergency surgery, and then posted on the Arizona Rescue Lost Found and Rehoming Facebook Group page, seeking a recommendation for a local animal rescue to help when the pup was released post-surgery. LuAnn, a United Animal Friends Volunteer, was made aware of Keely's post and offered to help by fostering Hummie while she healed.

After saving Hummie's life and receiving constant updates from the veterinarian, Keely felt a strong bond and wanted nothing more than to have Hummie join her family forever. Because she



had just taken vacation time, Keely couldn't return to Phoenix to bring Hummie home to Minnesota, so with United Animal Friend's (UAF) backing, LuAnn found a way to get Hummie to her.

Melinda Carruth Dixon of Texas acted as volunteer transport coordinator, lining up eighteen volunteers to relay Hummie across the country. Three days, seven states and 1,650 miles later, Hummie was delivered to her forever home in Minnesota with Keely, Adam, and their dog Freya, where she is living a wonderful life.

While Hummie's story has a happy ending, many other dogs and cats at UAF are still waiting for someone to change their lives too. If there's room in your heart and home for a new dog, or if you'd simply like to meet some lovable pups, please stop by UAF's booth at *Prescott Dog's* DOGtoberfest on October 4 at Watson Lake. And if you already have a pampered pet, please consider picking up one of our pet scarves. Every purchase helps give animals in need a chance at the safe, loving future they deserve.

The pet-related fun doesn't end there. UAF's Hike for Hounds Fall Festival—which is sponsored in part by *Prescott Dog*, will be held November 7 at the UAF Rescue Ranch. Join us for a day of fun, food and shopping to support our programs and services. Please visit unitedanimalfriends.org/hike-for-hounds for more information.

An Amazing Rescue Story to Share

Today we received a call at the Humane Society of Wickenburg (HSW) about a cat that had been chased high into a tree by a dog.

The frightened cat had already been stranded for approximately five hours when the call came in around 11:00 a.m. By then, he was heavily panting and showing clear signs of heat distress.

While cats can often find their way down from trees on their own, this little guy was in serious trouble. With temperatures continuing to climb, time was running out.

HSW Humane Officer Brandi Burt immediately responded to the scene. Using a ladder, she climbed high



into the tree and safely rescued the exhausted cat before he succumbed to heat stroke.

Once safely at HSW, our animal-care team sprang into action. They carefully began lowering the cat's body temperature, providing hydration, and closely monitoring him as he recovered. Thankfully, he is now safe, and we're working to locate his family.

This is what we do at HSW. When no one else can help, we step in. Every rescue and every second chance is made possible because of the support of our incredible community.

We are especially grateful to the concerned resident who made the call, giving this cat the chance he so desperately needed. We also want to recognize Humane Officer Brandi for her courage and quick response, and our dedicated animal care team for providing the compassionate medical care to help this little survivor recover.

"Today's rescue is another example of our commitment to serving both the animals and the people who love them in our community. We are here to save lives," said Tammy Hankins, President and CEO of HSW. "This story would have had a very different outcome without the heroic actions of our humane officer and the dedicated animal-care team helping this little survivor recover.

"This is the difference HSW makes in our community every single day. We're able to continue this lifesaving work because of the generosity of our supportive community and our donors. Together, we're ensuring that animals have somewhere to turn when they need help most."

It truly takes a village, and HSW is honored to be part of one that cares so deeply for animals in need. Thank you to everyone who makes our lifesaving work possible.

NOTE: After this story was posted on our socials, the owner of Mr. Bombastic was located and returned.

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Dogs & Cats for Adoption



Jewels is a wonderful girl, a bit shy at first. Came to us as a mom. Has been with us far too long, loves her walks, needs patience. Come out to spend time and get to know her. She deserves her own home. AARF Rescue 928-925-7219



Butters is a handsome 5mo Border Collie/Lab. He's very friendly, is learning his leash manners and loves to please. Just wants a forever family of his own for fun and adventures. AARF Rescue 928-925-7219.



Leo is a sweet boy who really wants someone for his very own. He can initially be shy but we know he will make a terrific buddy. Please give him a chance to explore life.
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Minikin is a medium-sized 1yo. Great w/dogs & loves human interactions. May have Plott Hound & Cattle Dog genes. Would love his own human & home.
blackhathumanesociety.org or
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Jingles is a 10mo, 40 lbs happy labby. House trained, x-pen trained, leash trained, good w/dogs (w/intros) & cats. Zoomie ball-chaser. Would enjoy an active dog playmate & regular hikes/walks. blackhathumanesociety.org or 928-899-3942



Cammie is a 1yo cattle-dog mix, eager for love & security. Good w/ other dogs & cats; would love another dog to show her the ropes. Sure to become your shadow and doting companion. blackhathumanesociety.org or 928-607-6007



Cootie Doo is a 4yo Australian Cattle dog. Loves a steady diet of love & security, is leash trained, housebroken, good w/other pets, particularly likes men.
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Chief is a 1-2yo Labrador Retriever mix. Loves spending time w/people, gets along well w/other dogs. Neutered, microchipped, and UTD on Rabies, DHPP and Bordetella vaccinations. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 Ext.7



Bojangles is a 2yo mixed breed—possibly a hound mix—with a gentle heart and a playful spirit. Neutered, microchipped, received DAPP, Bordetella and Rabies vaccinations. Good w/cats. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 Ext.7



Brandy must have home w/at least 1 other friendly, confident dog-companion. Needs secure yard w/minimum 6-ft fence. Spayed, microchipped, current on vaccines. Chino Valley Animal Shelter
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Penguin is a 5-7yo Border Collie mix. Gets along well w/other dogs, needs an active home. Up to date on DHPP, Bordetella and Rabies vaccinations, has been neutered and is microchipped. Chino Valley Animal Shelter (928) 636-4223 Ext.7



Bowie is a 10mo, 55-lb. purebred yellow Lab. Leash trained, loves other dogs & cats, knows his basic commands. Happiest when he has company; doesn't like to be crated too long when his people are away. Web form: dlrraz.org/contact-us/



Jack is a 2yo chocolate Lab w/a medium-high energy level; needs home that's 1/2 adventure & 1/2 chill vibes. Crate-trained, knows several commands, loves to train, eager to please. Loves dogs & people. Web form: dlrraz.org/contact-us/



Samson is 10yo but has a young spirit. Kind, gentle, loves car rides, walks, playing with stuffed toys. A loyal companion who will stroll next to you as your shadow. Web form: dlrraz.org/contact-us/



Buddy is a 2.5yo housetrained, crate-trained terrier mix. Enjoys walks & car rides. Would do best in a calm adult-only home where he can be the only pet so he can soak up all the attention he deserves. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Parsley is a 1yo, 25-lb girl. Happy hanging out & can also entertain herself with a favorite ball. Gets along w/other dogs, has the calm, respectful nature that helps her blend right in without causing any fuss. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Molly is a 3yo pup who loves people & does best w/calm canine companions. A fun-loving girl who will thrive with an active family. Fully housetrained, comfortable in a crate, not much of a barker. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Ivy is a 5mo, 28-lb mix. Playful, sweet, full of puppy charm. Adores people, enjoys spending time w/other dogs. Needs a family ready to help her continue learning while giving her plenty of love, cuddles, & fun. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Sophie Sue is a sweet and friendly girl with a gentle personality who enjoys being around people. Around 2 years old, she's past the tiny kitten stage but still young, playful, and full of affection. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Itachi is an 4.5yo Lynx-Point Siamese mix. Exceptionally friendly, confident, enjoys being with other cats. His easy personality makes him a joy to be around and a good fit for many different types of homes. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Dixie is a charming 1yo black & white tuxedo cat. Thrives on human interaction & loves to curl up on laps. Gets along well w/cat-friendly dogs. United Animal Friends 928-778-2924



Merle thrives in country life—space to roam, fresh air to sniff, and a job (or at least supervising one). He's a steady, loyal companion who appreciates routine and room to stretch his legs. Humane Society of Wickenburg 928-684-8801



Bowser has a loving gaze and committed heart, Bowser is the kind of dog who gives his whole soul to his people. He is dog friendly and certified best dog on earth. Humane Society of Wickenburg 928-684-8801



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Nikki is a 14yo girl. A bit shy but warms up once she's comfortable. Very friendly, could go home to a place with other kitties. Needs a special person as she doesn't have teeth. Yavapai Humane Society 928-445-2666.



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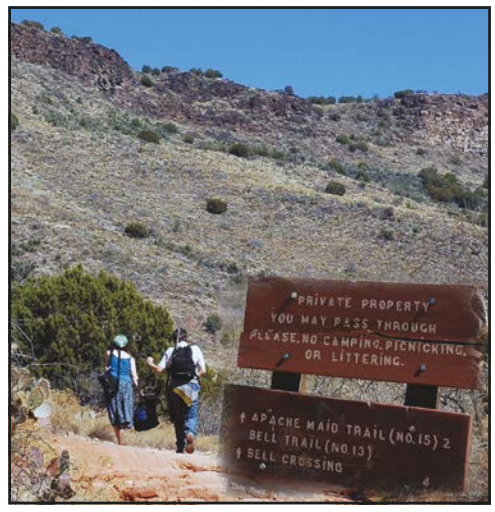
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Wet Beaver Creek Provides Relief Along Bell Trail No. 13

Story and photos by Cheryl Hartz



Reflection



Hikers appear well prepared for a day on Bell Trail

Part of the Coconino National Forest near Sedona, Bell Trail No. 13 runs parallel to Wet Beaver Creek, so opportunities abound to find a swimming hole and cool off. You might have to share with a great blue heron or a muskrat, but beavers aren't so likely.

My family liked to name the swimming holes we visited often at our favorite creeks. Since our kids grew up, married and moved away, we haven't frequented those cool respite spots very often, but hope to show them to our grandson someday.

He's only two, but he will love Boulder Pool, Barney Pool (named after Barney the diving dog), Jungle Book Pool, Panther Pool (where my hubby scared up two mountain lions resting under a bush) and Bugsy Pool (named for a little hunting dog we rescued on that backpacking trip). So many fun memories and good stories chock full of cuddly canines.

A very popular swimming hole along Bell Trail is called The Crack, where the intrepid leap from cliffs into a deep pool far below. I did that once. It's a seven-mile round trip and crowded with people crazy enough to plunge into the cold, cold water.

But back to hiking. Situated in Wet Beaver Creek Canyon, Bell Trail is named for Charles Bell, who built it in 1932 to move cattle up and down the Mogollon Rim. Now, many more people than cattle enjoy this trail on the Colorado Plateau's southern rim in Red Rock country. (FYI, you'll need a Red Rock pass or an America the Beautiful pass to park.)

Rated moderate by the U.S. Forest Service for the first four of its 7.4 miles, Bell Trail is basically flat and smooth through red dust and rock. Two side trails—White Mesa and Apache Maid—join Bell at 1.7 and 2.2 miles, respectively.

Four miles in, Bell crosses Wet Beaver Creek at Bell Crossing and begins a 1,200-foot elevation gain up to the Mogollon Rim, where Sedona and the San Francisco Peaks are visible.

Prickly pear cactus prevails in the mostly full sun along the trail. Temperatures can reach well over 100 into September, so rangers advise taking plenty of sunscreen, water and snacks.

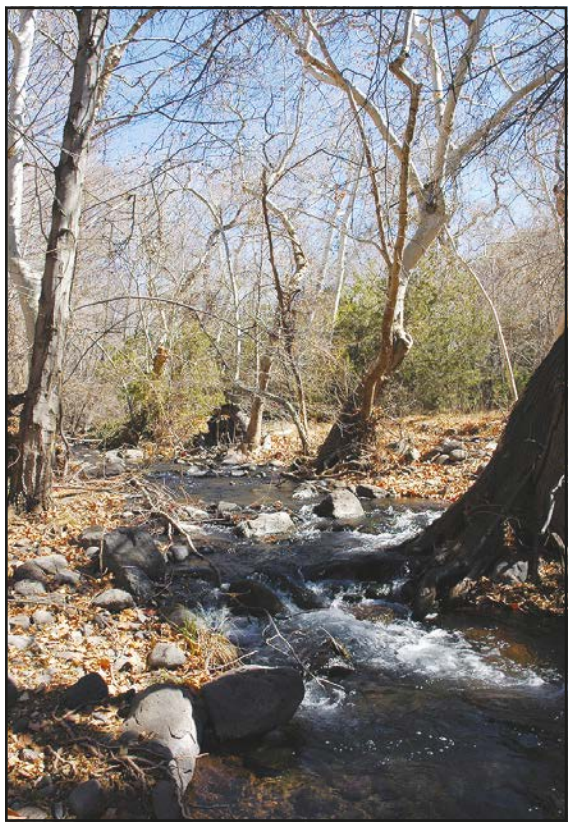
Below the trail, ancient cottonwoods and sycamores shade the creek. Wildlife pausing for a cool drink in this fragile riparian area could include mountain lions, coyotes, javelina, deer and an occasional elk, along with dozens of bird species.

The Wet Beaver Creek Wilderness starts 2.7 miles from the Bell trailhead. Trailhead elevation is 3,872 feet and overall elevation gain is 1,502 feet over the entire 7.4 miles of Bell Trail. That's one way. And no, I have not hiked the entire thing. Yet.

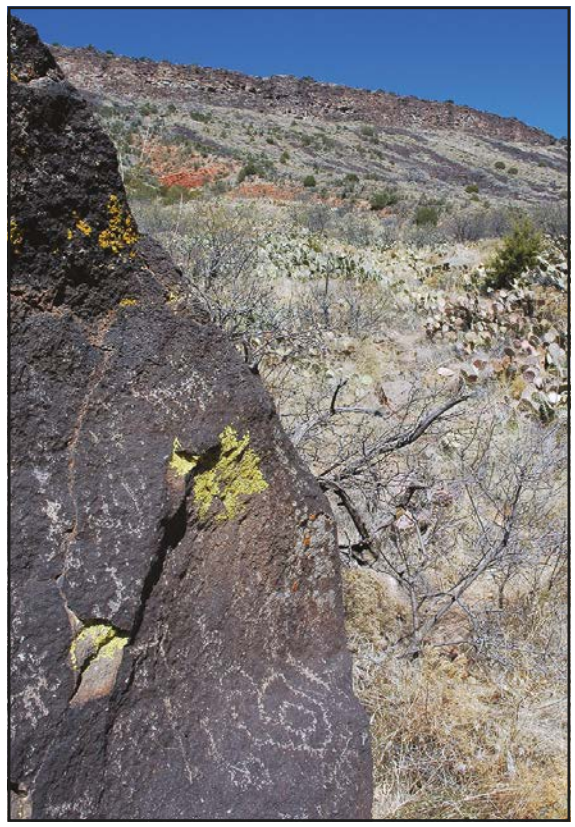
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Prickly pear cactus abounds here



Wet Beaver Creek runs clear and cold



Petroglyphs carved into rocks show evidence of ancient habitation of the area



Prickly pear cactus close up







(Rescue Tales cont'd from page 11)

Yavapai Humane Society

September is National Pet Memorial Month, a time set aside to honor the animals who have shared our homes, our lives and our hearts. But anyone who has ever loved and lost a pet knows that remembering them isn't something we do for just one month. We remember them every day.

We remember the sound of their paws coming down the hallway. The spot on the couch that always belonged to them. The way they knew when we needed comfort without us saying a word. We remember the walks, the car rides, the funny habits, the mischief and the ordinary moments that didn't seem important at the time but somehow now became the memories we treasure most.

And no matter how many years we are fortunate enough to have with them, it never feels like enough. Saying goodbye to a beloved pet is one of the hardest moments any of us will ever face. They are never "just a pet." They are family, constant companions and keepers of enormous pieces of our hearts.

Recognizing that bond and understanding the need for compassion during one of life's most difficult moments, Yavapai Humane Society created Serenity House. It was created with a simple purpose: to provide a tranquil, home-like place where families can slow down, hold their pet close and simply be together.

There are no cold clinical surroundings and no feeling that this incredibly personal moment needs to be rushed. Soft lighting, comfortable furnishings, a private room and a peaceful garden view help create an environment where families can talk, cry, remember, hold their pet and say goodbye in their own way and in their own time.

Recently, one family's experience at Serenity House reminded us just how important that can be. A mother shared that her daughter faced the heartbreaking decision to say goodbye to both of her elderly Chihuahuas at the same time. One was 18 and her body was failing. The other, 16, was living with congestive heart failure. Both were adopted and for 15 years had shared their lives together.

Their family knew separating them in the end would be heartbreaking. Instead, they came to Serenity House together. She described the experience as calm and peaceful, and spoke of the compassion, care and time her daughter was given to hold both of her dogs for as long as she needed, until they peacefully fell asleep. She called it "the most humane situation you could ask for."

Along with her words, she shared a beautiful poem about the impossible decision so many pet families eventually face. One line in particular says what so many grieving hearts understand: "We let our hearts break so their bodies can finally rest."

There is so much truth in those words. Choosing to say goodbye does not mean we are giving up on them. Sometimes it means loving them enough to accept the pain ourselves so they no longer have to carry theirs.

Serenity House offers our community an affordable way to ensure their pet's final moments are handled with dignity, compassion, respect and, most importantly with you by their side. More than a service, it is a place of support and understanding when words can be difficult to find.

And perhaps that is part of what National Pet Memorial Month is really about. It isn't only about remembering how our pets left us. It is about remembering how they lived. It's remembering the puppy who grew up

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The Dogs of 9/11 Still Have a Legacy 25 Years After Attacks

By Heidi Dahms Foster

On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked four commercial aircraft, crashing two into the World Trade Center towers and causing their collapse, one into the Pentagon, and a fourth in Pennsylvania after passengers and crew resisted.



A search and rescue dog rests at Ground Zero shortly after the attacks. 2001 photo to courtesy Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team.

In the aftermath, first responders and volunteers played a huge role in bringing closure to the families and friends of the 2,977 people who died in the attacks. Among these were 300 canine heroes, highly trained search and rescue and therapy dogs that, with their handlers, brought hope and comfort to families of those who died and to the first responders working the disaster. The legacy of those four-footed heroes lives on 25 years later.

Then Central Yavapai Fire District Battalion Chief Pruett Small—a Prescott Valley resident at the time—was a supervisor on the Southwest Area Type 1 Incident Management Team, currently part of 17 such teams nationwide that specialize in planning, mapping, supply orders and coordination, rescue and safety.

The devastation at Ground Zero was overwhelming, and during an interview in early October 2001, Small mentioned the impact of the dogs on emergency personnel. "Everyone has pets at home," Small said at the time. "It's a reminder of normal life. Seeing the wag of a dog's tail reminds you, 'Hey, there's still some good things out there.'"

More than 300 search and rescue, recovery, and therapy dogs were deployed to Ground Zero, the Pentagon, and the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania following the September 11 attacks. These dogs worked in hazardous, unstable wreckage to find survivors and recover remains.

Dogs and their handlers navigated dangerous wreckage to locate remains, bringing closure to families whose loved ones died in the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum article, *Four Legged 9/11 Heroes,* stated that as time passed, rescue and recovery workers realized the chance of finding survivors was slim. As rescue operations changed to a recovery mission, cadaver dogs—trained to find human remains—were brought onto the scene.

Working alongside their handlers, the four-legged heroes worked tirelessly climbing huge piles of debris while fires still smoldered. The search for signs of life or human remains was mentally and physically taxing on the dogs. The dogs began to get discouraged and lose their search drive.

Aware of the importance of morale in these dogs and to keep their motivation high, their handlers would stage a "mock find" so the dogs could feel successful. Veterinarians were stationed at the site to help care for the dogs, which worked twelve-hour shifts and more on the pile.

In an interview with the American Kennel Club, Dr. Cynthia M. Otto, a veterinarian who worked at Ground Zero and the founder of the Penn Vet Working Dog Center, said the work of the dogs during 9/11 is what made her facility possible, and changed forever the perception of search dogs and their value. Search dogs had been around for decades, but the public had little understanding of what they could do.



Riley. U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 1st Class Preston Keres (U.S. Government released)

"There was some sense that they might be able to find a lost Boy Scout in the woods, but nothing of the scope and impact of a national disaster (even though they had a critical role in the Oklahoma City bombing and several natural disasters)," said Dr. Otto. She said media coverage of 9/11 focused on the dogs as the one "ray of sunshine" in a bleak landscape, as Pruett Small found as a first responder.

Another organization that played a big part in the operations at Ground Zero, according to the AKC, was the nonprofit National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (NSDF), founded in 1995 by retired teacher Wilma Melville. The Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 was her first deployment, and she recognized a need for more dogs specifically trained for this kind of work. Shortly after, she founded the NSDF.

"Most people in this country had never heard of disaster search dogs [before 9/11]," said NSDF Executive Director Debra Tosch. When the news media started focusing on the dogs at Ground Zero, she said, "public knowledge really exploded."

Tosch, and her NSDF-trained black Labrador Retriever, Abby, were among the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-certified canine search specialists—part of California Task Force 1—at the World Trade Center.

Tosch estimated that of the 300 search teams that responded to 9/11 disaster locations, only about 100 were prepared for a disaster of such proportions in a major city. Many were wilderness search and rescue dogs, experts at finding people missing in the woods. They could not cope with the enormous mounds of twisted metal and glass, the smoldering rubble, and the urban noises.

But Tosch said television coverage of the search dogs caused awareness and funding that helped to make the National Training Center, a twenty-year dream of Tosch's, a reality. "It's designed to give canine candidates the opportunity to practice on a variety of simulated disaster sites," she said.

Along with the search dogs, therapy dogs also played a crucial role post 9/11. Ursula Kempe co-founded Therapy Dogs International, in the mid-1970s. TDI sent 100 teams to New York, where they worked at the Family Assistance Center on Pier 94 and Pier 50 at the Pentagon. They spent about four weeks there.

As time passed after 9/11, the stories of these courageous and invaluable dogs continued to emerge, one by one.

The only working dog that lost its life directly in 9/11 was Sirius, a yellow Labrador retriever and explosives detection dog for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department. Sirius died in his kennel in the basement level of the South Tower (2 World Trade Center) when the building collapsed on September 11, 2001. His remains were recovered on January 21, 2002, with a Police Honor Guard present. His collar, badge and training leash are displayed in the National September 11 Memorial & Museum exhibition dedicated to 9/11 working dogs.

Trakr, a German Shepherd dog, was responsible for finding the last of only 20 survivors, Genelle Guzman-McMillan, beneath the rubble 27 hours after the collapse of the World Trade Centers. Trakr searched for two days on the pile, finally collapsing from smoke inhalation, exhaustion, and painful burns. After he was treated for his injuries, he returned home to fully retire as a police dog.

Riley, a four-year-old golden retriever, is featured in one of the most famous photos from 9/11 as he was transported above debris at the World Trade Center. Riley was not trained to be a cadaver dog, and after finding only lifeless bodies, he became depressed. He was reassigned as a comfort dog, helping relieve stress from firefighters and police working through the rubble. Riley passed away in 2010 at 13 due to cancer believed to have been caused by his 9/11 rescue missions.

Apollo, a German Shepherd, was the first canine responder at the 9/11 scene, arriving at the South Tower just 15 minutes after its collapse. Only two years old, this German Shepherd graduated from the New York Police Department's Special Operations Division and became one of the city's top dogs in the 1990s, working with the first K-9 Urban Search and Rescue team. Apollo searched for survivors for 18 hours a day for weeks before he had to be forced to stop from exhaustion.

Bretagne, a Golden Retriever believed to be the last surviving 9/11 Ground Zero search dog, died at age 16 in 2016. She was a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She worked 12 hours a day for two weeks, uncovering numerous victims who had died. Sept. 11 "was her first mission, but she worked it like a pro," said her handler Denise Corliss in an interview with Scripps News. "A lot of times, firefighters would come by and pet her, talk to her and tell her stories."

Sage was a Border Collie who deployed to the Pentagon and successfully recovered the remains of the terrorist who piloted American Airlines Flight 77.

These are just a few of the memorable dogs of 9/11. Each of these 300 dogs is a story in itself.

In the AKC interview, Dr. Otto said that she believes the need for dogs trained for all kinds of serious work is going to increase even more in the future. More money, facilities, and people willing to become handlers are desperately needed. "There is a shortage of dogs and funds to support them," she says, "as well as the research to keep them healthy and performing optimally."

"People are realizing all of the different ways we can use these K-9s," Tosch added. "We're only limited by our imagination."

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beside us. The kitten who became the cat who stole our pillow for 17 years. The dog who knew every walking trail. The cat who waited at the window. The gray faces, slower steps and longer naps that quietly told us time was passing.

The animals we have loved may no longer be physically beside us, but the lives we shared with them don't disappear.

This September, we remember them. Just as we did yesterday, and just as we will tomorrow. Because saying goodbye may end their time in our arms, but it will never end the love they left in our hearts.

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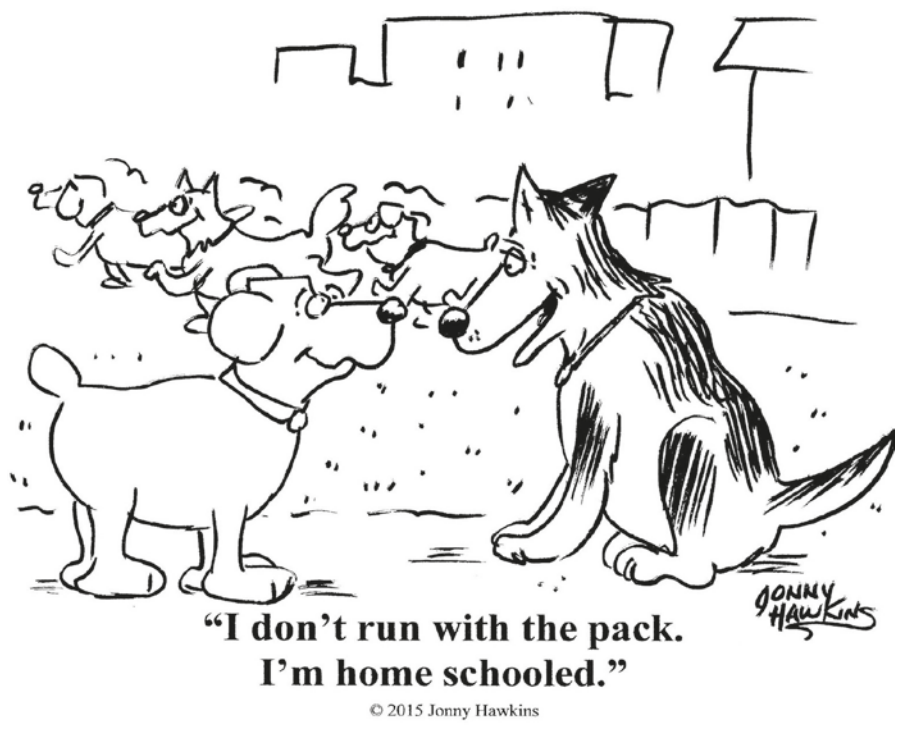
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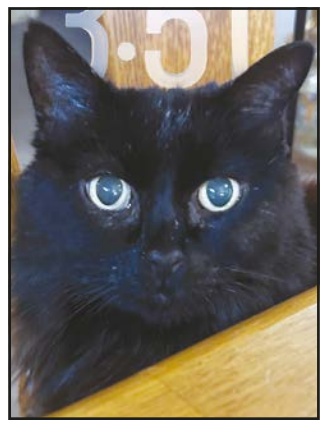
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Shadow's Birthday Tale

By Kay & Shadow Luckett

My Name is Shadow, and I am Mama's mystical black cat. I just turned 15 this July.

Truth be told, Mama is mine. I rescued her, and what a good mama she is. She still has her naive human ways as she answers my every beck and call. I do appreciate her being my loyal servant, but it would not be to my cat-advantage to let her know this in any human way.



This is me, Shadow, at age 15.

I show my love by letting her pet me under my chin for an infinity of time, by grooming me first thing each morning, and by the serenity we both experience when we cuddle together.

It is summer weather for my yearly birthday, and I want you to be aware of the hot, humid weather we're experiencing right now. Remembering to provide us kitties some cool places to hang out with lotsa water is life saving. Mama has three water stations for me in our home.

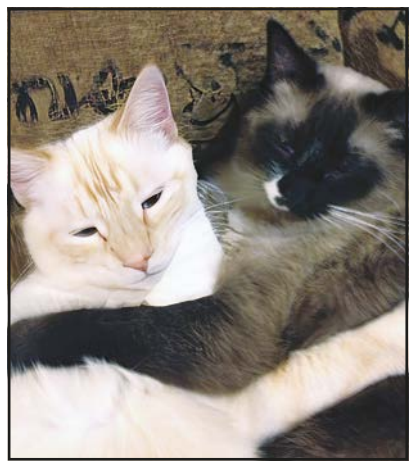
You should keep checking for any difficulties related to your own fur-person's water stations and put a little ice in our water dishes everyday. It's so hot and humid, and I for one do not like it unless I've chosen to nap in the sun. No hot fur for me today: I prefer my nice, cool apartment under the bed.



Katie says, "I know what I want."

I've made so many friends this year—different kitties who all have stories, and their human folks. So today I'm making an exception for my birthday by sharing my gratitude and appreciation for some of my pals and their significant humans. But first, a bit of history.

My story starts when I was born. I was the cutest tiny, black girl-kitty anyone had ever seen, even though everyone thinks, 'They all look alike'. Fat chance on that. I am gorgeously unique with my green-eyed stare and auburn tint to my fur from sunbathing. My first-ever mama took care of me until she....



Teddy and Sammy sending love from across the rainbow bridge.

Do humans cross the Rainbow Bridge? Well, my mama did, and suddenly at age 12 my life, my world, my security, all fell apart. Heartbroken and scared, I was sent to a safe place with lotsa cats, where I quietly hid myself in a corner cat bed.



My name is Tilly & my mama was once a cat.

Mama came to take me exactly one month later, hoping all the way that she would be my forever home. Upon arriving, I proceeded to find the deepest, darkest corner and settled into my personal abode for five weeks. I felt such relief at finally being in my own private space, but I still came out only at night after Mama was asleep to eat, drink, and use my personal litter box.

The wicked best part about that very stressful time was feeling Mama's angst and listening to her calling my name, "Shadow, Shadow, Shadow", while she searched for me everywhere. I moved a few times, and each time it took her a few days to find my new digs. She couldn't see me in the dark because I'm black.

Feeling merciful one day, I allowed her to look into my eyes. We had a moment then and there, and in that moment I sensed that I was officially adopted and that together we had created a forever home.

Some of the friends I met this year, I didn't actually meet in real-fur time, but in our psychic-cat way. When Mama and I write about kitties together it is 100% akin to bringing them alive into our hearts. For instance, today Mama went to take care of the Main Coons—remember them from last year? Their names are Sparky, Tilly, and Riley.

When Mama was there, she wasn't aware that I was there too, in spirit. It was their mom, Barb, who said that she loves felines "because they choose you, and because cats know who their people are". She also confessed to being a cat in a previous life.

I met so many others too, such as Bella & Buddy, Charlotte's four cats, and Roamer. Honorable mention goes to Steve, who is dad to Katie in Colorado. Steve says, "You get no fake friendships from cats. They are their own person and generally know what they want".

Another notable cat dad is Bill from the Museum of Indigenous People. He adopted two senior black boys sight unseen—Malachi and Levi. Bill says, "They've done a marvelous job at training me and have learned to tolerate me quite well."

My world feels complete with 76 cat-years behind me (in my current lifetime), cat-guides from across the rainbow bridge and beyond, my doting Mama, and plenty of treats.

I'm giving a second big birthday shout-out to all of us catty-cats, and lotsa thanks to all our humans who are indispensable parts of the mystical feline network.

Meow.

Welcome at Rainbow Bridge

By Alexander Theodore Bovier

Many of you have read the story of Rainbow Bridge. It tells the story of where our pets go when they die and how they will be waiting for us to arrive when it is our time. A while ago, we found another version of this story as it relates to the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

Welcome at Rainbow Bridge is the true epitome of the loving, forgiving nature of our beloved pets.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, there was an unprecedented amount of activity at the Rainbow Bridge. Decisions had to be made. They had to be made quickly, and they were.

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An issue, not often addressed in the Heavens, is the fact that many of the animals up here have no loved one to wait for. Think of the pups who lived and died in hideous puppy mills—no one on earth loved or protected them. What about the many who spend unhappy lives tied in backyards, and ones who were abused? Who are they to wait for?

We don't talk about that much up here. We share our loved ones as they arrive, happy to do so. But we all know that there's nothing like having your very own person who thinks you are the most special pup in the Heavens.

Last Tuesday morning, a request rang out for pups who weren't waiting for specific persons to volunteer for special assignment. An eager, curious crowd surged excitedly forward, each pup wondering what the assignment would be.

They were told by a solemn voice that thousands of loving people, unexpectedly and all at once, had left Earth long before they were ready. All the pups—as all pups do—felt the humans' pain deep in their own hearts. Without hearing more, there was a clamoring among them.

"May I have one to comfort?" "I'll take two, I have a big heart." "I have been saving kisses forever." One after another, they came forward begging to be assigned.

One cozy-looking fluffy pup hesitantly asked, "Are there any children coming? I would be very comforting for a child because I'm soft and squishy, and I always wanted to be hugged."

A group of Dalmatians came forward asking to meet the firefighters and be their friends. The larger working breeds offered to greet the police officers and make them feel at home. Little dogs volunteered to do what they do best: cuddle and kiss.

Dogs who on Earth had never had a kind word or a pat on the head stepped forward to say, "I will love any human who needs love."

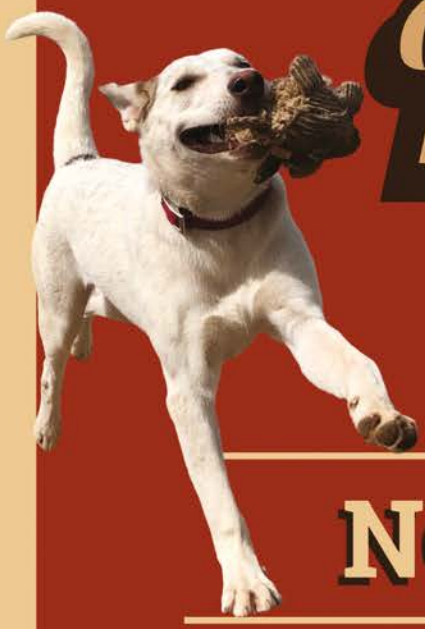
Then all the dogs, wherever on Earth they originally came from, rushed to the Rainbow Bridge and stood waiting, overflowing with love to share—each tail wagging an American flag.



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What Animal Habitat Would You Choose?

By Njeri Dean

There are lots of biomes that animals populate. From the grasslands of Africa to the polar regions of the arctic, animals have adapted to fit in with their environment and survive. Many animal habitats provide home and comfort for human beings as well. Many people wonder if they are compatible with the different environments that are featured around the globe. Which animal territory would suit your personality and be a perfect match for you?

Temperate Forest Habitat

You love high altitudes, and staying grounded for long periods of time can make you feel stagnant and powerless. You're great with directions, but like to get lost sometimes because you like to discover new things in your own back yard. You anticipate the changes of seasons because you love the change in scenery and the array of new animals that may pass by and come your way. Since the forest has resources that can help you survive, you don't feel any need to go into survival mode and panic. Since you anticipate change in your environment, you're adaptable and not much surprises you in the long run. Change can be good, but being addicted to change can make it hard to stay in one place for long or get into a routine.

Rainforest Habitat

You love meeting new people. You like to live where there is diversity and where you can learn new things and different ways of life. Your temperature runs warm, so when you feel a cold chill coming your way you immediately head for the exit. Since you crave the warm environment, you're used to going out and exploring your surroundings. Your friend group consists of people who share your personality, but everyone also differs in the way they conduct themselves and live their lives. You love to stay grounded because there are many layers to you. Enjoy life and seek out people who cherish you, but be aware of people too: not everybody is who they say they are.

Grasslands Habitat

You're built for survival, and knowing you have limited resources really makes you focus. Planning ahead and worrying about your livelihood is always first on your mind. You know you can have fun and even relax, but most of the time you take life too seriously. The good thing is that you work hard to build a life for yourself, and you're thankful when somebody helps you when you least expect it. Although you run hot and can anticipate the weather, you know deep down that you need to have fun. Traveling to see family and friends might be a good way for you to get out of survival mode—who knows, maybe you'll discover more about yourself and relax.

Savanna Habitat

Your life is unpredictable, so sometimes you feel safe and sometimes you don't. You never know what the weather might bring, and that makes you sad because sometimes you'd like to know the outcome before Mother Nature strikes. You get lost easily for the most part because your environment is consistently flat, yielding nothing to differenti-



ate itself from the scenery. You feel stuck, but you also know you don't have to stay where you find yourself. Seeing the same people day every day makes you venture far from home to seek different people and explore new things. Remember that being consistent and having a routine is fine, but if you're not growing the way you want to, you can deprive yourself of new experiences.

Desert Habitat

You are extra cautious because you know there are dangers out there, and if you let your guard down you'll be very vulnerable. You weren't born with a silver spoon in your mouth, and you know how to survive extreme circumstances. You don't play with your food; if you're not hungry, you save your food for when you are ready to eat. You go to great lengths to make sure that you're healthy for another day. Although there are dangers, you love your habitat because of the warm days and chilly nights. Knowing you're a survivor sets you up to endure more and get the job done.

Aquatic Habitat

You're not burying yourself in the sand: you seek adventure and travel to keep your brain flowing. You glide through life because you love to talk and know how to get out of harrowing situations. Knowing you can't keep your feet out of water worries some people, but not you. You love aquatic life because you feel like the weight of the world is off your shoulders. Jumping in and figuring things out on the spot is your specialty. You're still discovering new places untouched by man, and you won't stop being adventures any time soon. Since life seems lighter every time you dive into a situation, life is sweet and not full of worries. Just be careful of your expectations; not everything in life is picture perfect.

Polar Region Habitat

You don't mind isolation. You have a subdued nature and aren't stimulated by constant human interactions. Since you don't mind being by yourself, you're very creative when you want to stimulate your mind. You know resources are scarce, so you plan ahead and act accordingly. You tolerate the cold weather and believe that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. The wildlife in your environment is a constant reminder that you are strong and built to survive almost anything. Since your contact with people is limited, you resort to watching people onscreen. Human beings are social and not meant to live alone. It's okay to seek out a friend or two, even if you always think you can handle things on your own.

Mountainous Region Habitat

You know you don't have a solid foundation. You're always on the move and you don't mind, regardless you know that one wrong move can send you falling down. Always cautious, your moves are calculated with safety in mind. You don't like high elevation because you know that it's difficult to survive there. Standing at the base, on sturdy ground, provides a sense of comfort to you. Moving away from freezing, dangerous weather brings you great comfort. Returning to your home when the dust settles also brings you joy and a sense of accomplishment.



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4-H and Future Farmers of America Junior Rodeo

Adventure time with our youth in mind

By Rita Thompson-Tinsley



YCJRA Pee Wee contender Dummy Roping

Nowadays, what's a kid to do? How about... EVERYTHING!

Yavapai County youth have lots of opportunities for fun, adventure, learning, growing and friendship forming. Being a western community, we have dynamic organizations such as 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA) and Yavapai County Junior Rodeo Association (YCJRA) where a kid can find great activities with skilled, dedicated leaders. Many of these kids become leaders themselves after graduating.

The familiar 4-H clover represents the organization's four H's which are included in their pledge: "I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living."

Project leader Jessica Daugherty explains that her "4-H Horse Project is not a 'riding club'. You learn bookkeeping, putting on demonstrations, public speaking and public service by actually *serving* the community."



FFA Members sampling the corn. L-R Lindsay Norrell, Andria Gasho, Ariana Jhonson and Jacob Vigueria

These 4-H programs set kids up for adulthood with an emphasis on community. They meet Thursday evenings at Chino Valley Equestrian Park where they also hold seasonal equine schooling shows. The Horse Project venue features teachings and demonstrations from professionals such as an equine dentist, a farrier or experts on horse saddles and tack. For more information, Jessica's two clubs—Prescott Shamrock Hustlers and Ash Fork Sunsets—can be found on Facebook.

FFA (referenced from ffa.org) is the "premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture." They have a strong presence in our community with dynamic programs and structure. Former Chino Valley FFA President Jacob Vigueria shared, "FFA really gives students a place like a home away from home with outstanding premiere leadership, career success and personal growth." As a 2026 high-school graduate, Jacob was recently voted FFA State Treasurer. And, as with many of the Ag students, he was previously involved in Chino Valley Breakaway Latigos 4-H club.

Advisor Amy Dillard comes to Chino Valley as an advisor with lots of great background in both 4-H and FFA. She is one of the three teachers who will be in the Ag classrooms. Some of the subjects to be taught are Animal Science, Equine Science, Horticulture and newly added Ag Mechanics.

The Chino Valley FFA chapter boasts somewhere around 200 members who participate in community events including the annual Corn Dinner, a long-standing tradition which brings back many alumni who help at the event. The students grow the corn and manage its processing which is harvested for the Labor Day weekend event to be served at Del Rio Middle School. Their farming operations are in the Cooper Ag Center donated by the Cooper family close to 3 decades ago. This will be the 76th Annual FFA Corn Dinner.

Yavapai County Junior Rodeo Association (YCJRA) rode into the spotlight in 2023, supporting Arizona youth 18 and under through the sport of rodeo. Bringing youth rodeo to central Arizona, YCJRA aims to keep Western Heritage alive in America and especially in the State of Arizona. Formed by community parents who grew up doing similar equine events in the Camp Verde area, the organization promotes professional conduct and good sportsmanship.



YCJRA Grand Entry at Jackpot Ranch

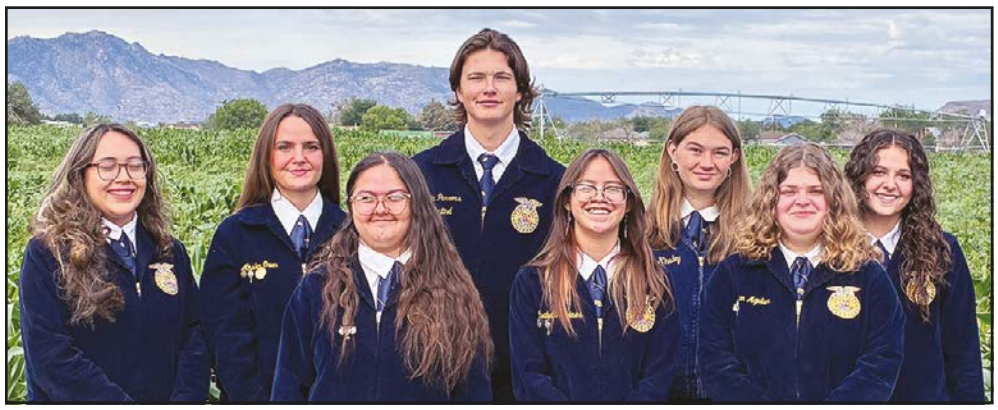
YCJRA events take place from March to September with six weekends at the Jackpot Ranch in Camp Verde and two weekends at the Prescott Rodeo Grounds. They offer an amazing schedule of categories that serve as a perfect fit for each age group.



Shaelyn with 'Red' attending 4-H Schooling Show

A sampling of the categories: seven and under Pee-Wee Division offers Dummy Roping, Flag Race, and Sled Dummy Steer Stopping. The Junior Division offers Breakaway Calf Roping, Girls Barrel Racing, and Boys Goat Tying. Senior Division has Steer Stopping, Girls Breakaway Calf Roping, and Chute Dogging. Go to ycjra.com for complete details.

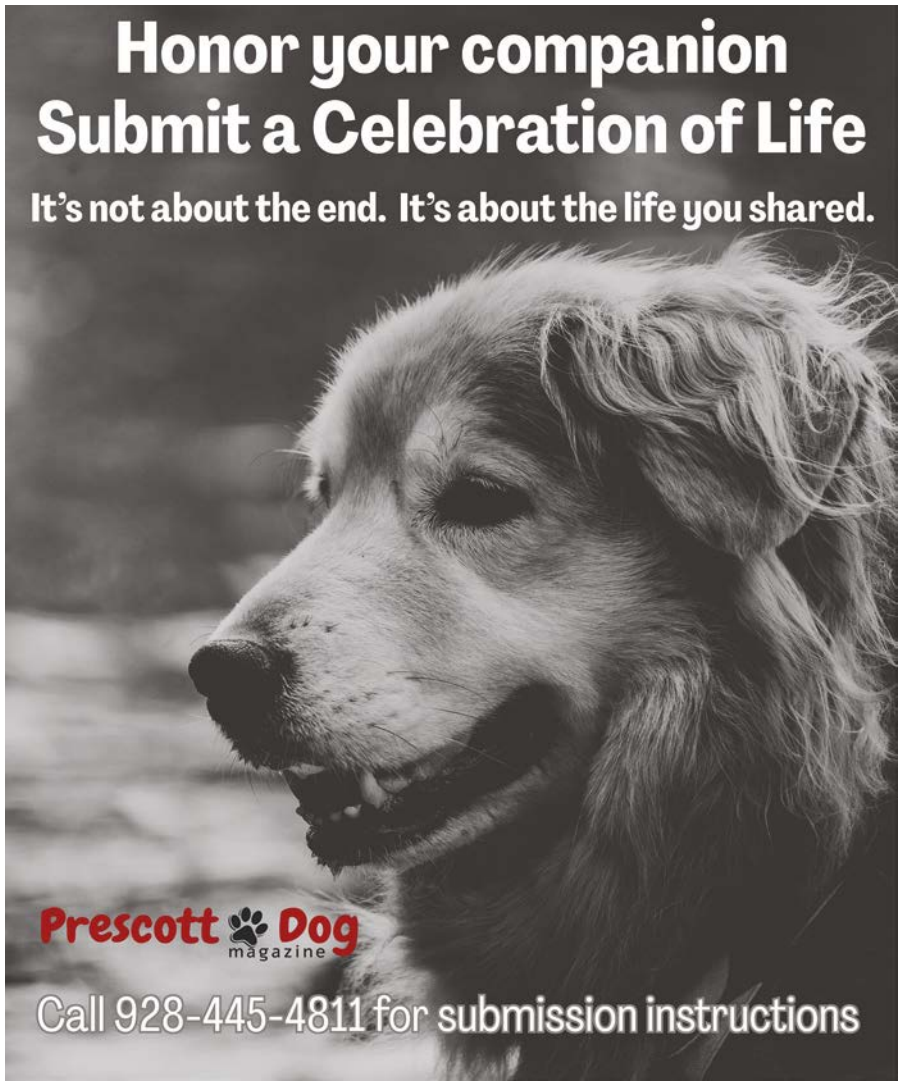
Yavapai County continues to be a family friendly and supportive area. All these youth organizations create an outstanding springboard into the sea of life and it's clear to see that these student club members will have great success in their future endeavors.



FFA Officer Team for 2026-27



4-H Horse Project Group receiving Certificates of Achievement (Volunteer Rochelle Hawkins far left & Leader Jessica Daugherty far right)







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Angels and Adoptions: Mickey's Origin Tail and the Volunteer Who Made All the Difference

By Solana Kline, lifelong animal adoption advocate and honorary four-legger

This morning is crisp, we've been waiting for this, Betts and me. It is early November of 2018, and the oppressive Reno Summer broil is coming to a close (but they say it's a dry heat, right?). We gallop out the door for our usual morning jog straight from the house into U.S. Forest Service land, through the ponderosa and high alpine planty-communities, snagging a newly ripe apple from the yard on our way out.



Mickey (aka Bowser) keeping his top knot warm in Cedar City, Utah

The trail carries us up into the South side of Slide Mountain, decomposed granite shifts under our feet and the vanilla perfume of the Summer Jeffries Pines is winding down. Betts sprints off ahead squirreling and I smile. Here we are, running in the Sierra Nevadas, not a human in sight.

Me and Betts have been on our own as a pack for the past three years, I never thought to add to the pack, we were both super content beasting around as gal pals. But, for some reason, just this morning, I can't shake the pull to go to Reno Humane Society, one of those little bolts from the universe that you just can't ignore.

And I did try to ignore it, mid-PhD and recovering from adrenal failure, this seemed like the absolute worst time to get a new pup. And I'm not much of a window shopper when it comes to adopted hounds, I'd bring them all home if I could.

One day I'll have 100 acres to bring them all home to, like that South American dog rescue, Territorio de Zaguates (territoriodezaguates.com). Let 'em all roam free with adopted tortoises and wild horses and donkeys, and any other non-humans who deserve to be wild and belong to a weirdo diverse pack filled with joy, love, and delicious snackies!

But today, trotting through the forest with Betty, I knew I had to go to Reno Humane Society, I didn't know why and I didn't need to, it was intuition.

Me and Betts walked into the doggie kennels, all concrete and metal, no windows, pups nervously shifting around and whining, tense energy filling the space between these wonderful wagglers waiting for homes. The second me and Mickey made eye contact I knew exactly why we were there.

Each pup had a good-sized indoor run with a barrier to retreat behind. And that is precisely where Mickey's big boxer eyes and squished wrinkly forehead were peeking out from. He couldn't handle the ruckus of the collective rebellion of his fellow block-mates and wouldn't emerge from behind the wall.



Soaking up January sunshine in Hanksville, Utah

I asked the volunteer on staff if I could meet with him. They brought Mickey in to meet me in a tiny psych-ward-esque room. I offered him toys and snacks, sat on the floor, and he wouldn't come near me.

Even from across the room, he felt familiar, like his soul and mine and Ms. B's had lived many lifetimes together, had many intergalactic adventures.

I asked if we could go outside. The volunteer helping us hesitated but finally agreed to yard time. As soon as we stepped into the sunshine, little terrier Betts ran up to Mickey, jumped and spun around near his haunches to get him to play.

His ears and body posture were relaxed now that we were outside. He dipped to play, looked around for assurance, but was afraid to engage. Play was new to Mickey's world. Little did he know it would become his daily existence. I knew he was our packmate, and I adopted him right then and there.

The desk volunteer filled me in: Mickey's conditions had been reported to the City of Reno, he was an abandoned junkyard dog, starved and chained, triggered by guns and fire and smoke. I knew that he was soon to be healed by nature and love and play.

As I was filling out his adoption paperwork, a woman walked over to me.

"Hi, I'm Cathy. Are you here to adopt Bowser?" Hope and relief filled her eyes. Bowser was Mickey's name back then in his jailhouse days.

"I am. I just knew immediately, and so did Betty." I looked down at Betts, her gaze transfixed on the door that Mickey would come through to join us, tail waggling in anticipation.

"Oh, thank goodness you're here, I'm so happy. Bowser has been here for over a year. I'm a volunteer here and have been coming everyday to sit with him outside on the bench, and give him hamburgers and bacon. I kept telling him to be brave, to show his face, to let the people see him so he can be adopted." She had been terrified of his possible fate if he didn't get adopted soon. She stood with us as we waited for Mickey to be discharged.

I will never forget my first impression of him as he tentatively poked his head out following the volunteer's lead—that fat pit noggin and endless smile, all the boxer wrinkles, and a wiggle butt just waiting to bust out the joy. He climbed right up into the back seat of the Tacoma and rested his head above my left shoulder, sniffing the Fall air and his newfound freedom.

We headed straight for the mountains. Mickey's angel-volunteer auntie, Cathy, came along too, after picking up her own adopted hounds of course. Out there under the towering ponderosas, sprinting along the chortling Brown's Creek, Mickey eased into nature, into himself. He filled with life and possibility and shine.



Mickey leading the pack in the Mosquito Range, Colorado

I think of Cathy often, how big of a difference she made for Mickey's time in lock up, how his fate may have been different without her, how her loving presence brought him peace and calmed his nervous system, how she gave him a chance when everyone else had written him off.

A couple times a year, we text and send photos back and forth. I share Mickey's progress and adventures with her, she sends her lab-mix rescues rolling around in her backyard fields. I am forever grateful for the time and love and energy and snackies that she shared with my boy, I am fully convinced that she saved his life.

There is a special place in the stars for humans who volunteer in the rescues, who foster the shelter animals, who donate to keep the lights on and tummies full in these four-legger halfway houses. Every single one of us can make a difference for the four-leggers in this world, every single day. We can all change the world for even just one four-legger, and that, is the beauty and magic of the unconditional kindness, compassion, and comradery that they offer us every day of their lives.

Until next time, adopt, volunteer, donate!

And, as always, happy tails and happy trails.



Mickey taking Betty on a Sunday drive in Camp Verde, Arizona

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