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# Chase, Our Cover Dog

As told by Sir Chase to Jan Tomlinson

It's summer and most dogs can hardly wait to run and bite the sprinklers and swim in the river. But I am a Sheltie, and I don't even like to get my feet wet! I avoid all puddles, raindrops, and anything else wet. So I had to come up with an alternate plan for summer activities.



Aha, I've got it! How about learning tricks that I can do for my Trick Dog Titles? I can learn those in my nice air-conditioned house when it is very hot outside, and I don't even have to get wet! Let's see...I could learn rollover, sit pretty, spin, high five, take a bow, and push the ball. I took a class in Trieball and am learning how to do it. You probably don't know what that is, so let me explain it to you.

Instead of herding sheep into a pen, you herd this big ball into a pen! I think the pen is actually a soccer net.

What other trick could I do? How about pulling a sheep out of a hat? That should be worth a lot of points, and I could definitely qualify for a circus act with it. I wonder if my mom has a top hat around here somewhere.

If you're like me and don't like to swim or run in the sprinklers, you could start learning some tricks and earn your Trick Dog Title. I have had lots of fun learning them, and now I have something to show the people at the hospital when I start my therapy dog visits again. They think I'm really smart when I do tricks for them, but it really is an easy way to get those delicious treats my mom always has in her pocket.

I'm looking forward to the dog shows again in the fall since it's too hot now in Arizona to have any. This will give me time to think of new ways to be creative in the ring and drive my mom crazy since that is the most fun of all!

Happy Summer and until next time....

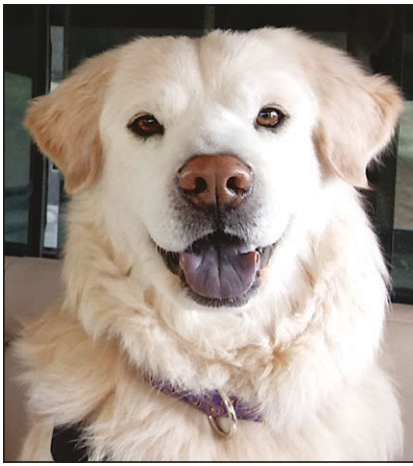
~Sir Chase - CD, RI, NJP, NAP, THDA

### More About Me

- My formal name is Paray's Chasing That Dream, but my fun name is Chase.
- I'm just seven years old.
- My hometown was Sacramento, California, but now is Cottonwood, Arizona.
- I have to be on very special food since I got my gall bladder out, so I am very special.
- My favorite people-food is pizza crust, as my mom eats lots of pizza!
- My favorite toy is my soccer ball. I am a super goalie!
- My all-time favorite outdoor activity is agility.
- My favorite indoor activity is eating!
- My favorite nap spot is under the ceiling fan in the dining area (I'm not stupid).
- For fitness, I can do doggie push-ups.
- My perfect canine pal is one who doesn't play rough but likes to play Chase (thus my name).
- My perfect day is doing lots of activities with my human.



# Tucker's Take



I'm surrounded by characters. Have you ever felt that way? The warm weather seems to have released a devil-may-care attitude among my charges, and it's difficult to keep some sort of order around here.

Getting out the backdoor to "take care of business" with three other four-leggeds has become a fur-and-dander traffic jam. Hazel wants to race out to chase lizards. Elle bolts out to bark and whirl like a bucking bronco to see if she spooks rabbits, squirrels, or quail that she imagines have taken over the yard in her absence. Kiera? She launches out with her head low, scouting for something to put in her mouth that she's not supposed to have – things like dove poop and rocks. Dad's always telling her "drop it", which she dutifully does in a sheepish way. Indoors, Kiera prefers underwear and socks, with which she parades through the house with great aplomb.

Like I said before, characters.

I, myself, prefer to sit and scan the hill behind the house for the rabbits that graze there each morning. They are beyond my ability for personal investigation since fencing restrains a

proper patrol. I do, however, warn them if they wander too far down the hill. Dad calls my warnings the "stomp dance".

I have found that the common barking method doesn't work with rabbits that are thirty feet away. Barking must be coupled with a demonstration of power and authority. Hence, The Stomp.

You begin by letting the energy and tension build in your front legs. Start slowly, with the slightest of distance between your front pads and the ground, and stomp both front legs in unison. Hard. Increase distance between paws and ground and decrease time between stomps. When you've reached a crescendo, punctuate each contact with the ground with a single, throaty bark of authority.

That's all you've got to do to instill awe and caution in those pointy eared rascals. Doesn't work on Hazel, though.

You can use the same method as a call to play chase and tag with other four-leggeds. It's also fun to have a toy on the floor in front of you and use The Stomp to challenge others to try to take it away.

You should try it with your friends, but I'm not sure how to advise two-leggeds which pair of limbs to use. Hang on a second, let me ask Dad.

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Sometimes I can't tell if Dad is pulling my leg or if he's serious. I asked him which set of a two-legged's limbs should be used in a modified version of The Stomp Dance that would inspire the most caution and awe. He said using the left arm and the right leg would most

likely garner the most reaction by others.

I couldn't quite picture that, so I asked him to demonstrate. For some reason he refused.

All that aside, I don't want to leave you with the impression that it's always a three-ring circus around here. There are calm and peaceful moments too, which Mom and Dad seem to relish more and more.

Bouts of chaos run in short spurts, and they fade into a routine where Hazel takes her position on the couch, while I take my position on the floor where I can see most avenues of approach while keeping a wary eye on Elle and Kiera.

Those two golden girls take the longest to wind down. The last phase for Elle and Kiera is lying next to each other and mouth wrestling, or taking the same toy from each other's mouth. Over and over and over again.

Eventually, Kiera wanders off to lay next to Dad or Mom. Elle will get up and wander around trying to find something to do. She is always the last one to settle down. Dad says there is a carousel in her brain with very busy and troublesome monkeys riding on it.

I asked him once what was in my brain, and he knelt down next to me and whispered, "Faithfulness, loyalty, and duty."

I was disappointed at first, hoping for a more action-oriented kind of thing. I mean, you can't picture more action than a pack of monkeys on a carousel flinging, well...you know. But when the words faithfulness and loyalty ran through my mind, they felt right. Good and fitting. The same feeling I

get when I'm harnessed in the back seat and Dad starts the truck...it just feels right. That is who I am, that is how I'm wired. Now, what is duty though?

I trotted outside to find Dad.

"Dad, what's duty?"

He looked at me, sighed, and sat down in the shade of the garden shed. He told me he'd been thinking about that a lot lately. In a two-legged world that he felt was turning in new ways and in unfamiliar directions, he'd been trying to find what *his* duty was. What are the decisions and actions he could do now that would strengthen those around him and the community?

"Maybe we got so concerned about our rights, and the injustices we believe needed correcting, that we somehow forgot duty – the actions we take to hold things together, to repair the framework that allows us to be good to each other..."

Dad trailed off while fiddling with a crescent wrench he pulled from the bench. He then jumped up...wait no, that's exaggerating. He unfolded himself and said, "Kiera, is that my sock?"

As he retrieved his now-wet sock from Kiera's mouth, he bluntly stated, "Tucker, duty is doing what needs to be done no matter how unpleasant, difficult, or uncomfortable it might be so that you and those around you can enjoy the days ahead a little more. And you Tucker, are a perfect example of that."

I admit, I got quite a warm glow inside when he said that. Still do whenever I think about it. I'd rather have that than a carousel of monkeys.

TUCKER'S TAKE



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# Local Rescues, Shelters Vary in Pandemic Response

By Jacqueline Vaughn

“We’re still open for business.”

That is the blunt response of Sue Marue, founder of The Ark Cat Sanctuary, when asked in mid-April about how her facility’s operations were changing as a result of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

While many rescues and shelters put a hold on incoming animals during the pandemic, Marue’s volunteers continued to hold off-site adoptions at PetSmart in Flagstaff, and in late April, took in kittens from the Tuba City Humane Society, which does not have facilities available for felines. She says that she never really closes, no matter what the circumstances, weather, or even finances.



Tuba City Kittens

Although kitten season appeared to be starting a bit late this year, The Ark still had its hands full rescuing some of the most at-risk felines in the region.

The decision on how to respond to the coronavirus has varied considerably throughout northern Arizona as policies have changed. Governor Doug Ducey closed schools on March 15, bars and restaurants on March 19 and issued a stay-at-home order on March 30. That order allowed people to carry out

essential tasks such as working, exercising, going to the doctor, grocery store or pharmacy. It otherwise required people to stay at home and barred nonessential businesses from operating as usual. The order was renewed for another two weeks when it expired at the end of April, although the governor relaxed some restrictions through May 15.

Rescues like The Ark saw adoptions continuing during the latter part of February and into the first two weeks of March, but Marue notes that with fewer people leaving their homes, even adoptions at PetSmart had slowed down considerably by the first of April. She noted that volunteers continued to take care of the cats at the store, which remained open for business, and were there to meet any members of the public interested in adopting a cat or kitten.

In some ways, The Ark never closed since their participation in social media and PetSmart continued unabated. As kitten season burst into May, they put out a call for fosters to help care for the hundreds of tiny felines that had begun to appear.

The Coconino Humane Association in Flagstaff is one of the organizations that experienced adoption numbers that one staffer referred to as “phenomenal” in a Facebook post.

In late March, adoptions began to increase at the shelter facility, with speculation that even with guidelines to avoid non-essential travel, people had time on their hands and a desire to help. The shelter limited visitors to ten at a time and had a set of procedures in place that asked those who felt sick or who had a family member who felt unwell to stay home. They asked visitors to practice good hygiene both before and after petting or feeding companion animals and shelter pets.

The situation with municipal shelters has also varied. Many facilities have been required to stay open because they implement contracts for cities and/or counties to take in stray animals. For instance, the Humane Society of Sedona, which holds the contract for providing care for incoming cats and dogs



Red Rose

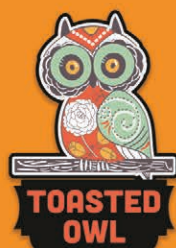
within the city limits, found that local residents following the stay-at-home guidelines were eager to help the shelter by fostering animals and adopting them.

Executive director Jennifer Brehler and managers at other shelters initially decided to stop taking in out-of-area animals to leave room for an expected influx of animals whose owners could no longer care for them. But by early May, the shelter had no dogs available for adoption, and only one adult cat – evidence that, at least at this point, the expected arrival of animals in need had not occurred.

Some shelters in Phoenix stopped taking in owner surrenders altogether, but the HSS worked with owners whenever possible by asking them to wait, to try rehoming through social media, or helping to find a foster.

At most times, the shelter housed only a small handful of dogs and cats, asking potential adopters to make an appointment to see those that were available due to owner surrenders or strays that were not reclaimed. The facility also changed its staffing patterns by dividing some staff and volunteers into one of three teams that would not overlap each other’s shifts to reduce exposure.

The group’s call for fosters, which helped make room for unwanted animals, was quickly answered, mirroring the case nationwide. Representatives from the non-profit Best Friends Animal Society reported



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that the data management system Pet Point analyzed figures from 1,200 animal welfare organizations, and for the week of March 14-20, the groups saw an overall 93% increase in animals going into foster homes compared to the previous week.

What the shelter needed most, at least for a brief period, was face masks that could be washed and reused, since that type of Personal Protective Equipment or PPE is not part of the typical shelter supplies. While some items, such as gloves and hand sanitizer, are usually found there, face masks were not. But social media requests quickly were answered with a colorful supply of the masks made by local volunteers.



Face Masks

In May, the shelter also resumed its popular Yoga with Cats event, although the yoga “studio” was virtual instead of being held at the facility. By early May, however, with the number of Covid-19 cases remaining at only ten for Sedona, with no reported deaths, HSS began to transfer cats from Phoenix into its shelter to ease the pressure on Valley facilities.

One of those cats was seven-year-old Ginger, a community cat who had been trapped, spayed, and returned to her colony. The colony monitor noticed a wound on her face, and she was taken to the Arizona Humane Society for treatment and healing. The AHS found that she had Polycystic Kidney disease, and that she would require a special, but inexpensive, diet. The disease often results in cysts growing in the cat’s kidneys. There is no medication for treatment, and it could result in advanced kidney disease. Ginger could live a normal life, and the HSS agreed to try to find a quiet, calm home for her.

High Country Humane, east of Flagstaff, also took steps to limit public exposure and



Ginger

risk. The organization’s new executive director, Liz Bohlke, says that her challenge was to respond to a situation that appeared to change every day.

In a March 19 announcement, the shelter noted that part of that response included closing their spay and neuter clinic at the shelter “for the safety of our community and for the safety of our employees.” High Country Humane also suspended its low-cost vaccine clinics until further notice but ran an adoption special of \$50 for cats and dogs, which included spay or neutering, vaccines, and microchipping.

The discounted fee structure was implemented to help the shelter balance the need to take care of incoming stray animals – part of its contract with the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County, and to make room for an anticipated need for more space for owner surrenders. They also put out a call for assistance for their Pet Food Pantry, expecting that as some owners lost their jobs, they might need pet food or other supplies.

In May, High Country Humane scheduled its regular pet food distribution held on the fourth Saturday of every month from 1 to 3 pm at the Flagstaff shelter. The facility invited families in need to pick up dry cat or dog food from its warehouse and also offered delivery to those unable to come to the facility in person.

One of the consequences of the pandemic for non-profit groups was a dramatic drop in revenue. Red Rose Inspiration for Animals, one of the area’s smaller rescues that work primarily with stray and feral cats, experienced the pandemic in a different way. Instead of adoption events, they set up appointments for potential adopters to visit animals at fosters’ homes.

Red Rose also continued their TNR—Trap, Neuter, Return operations with volunteers. But they were forced to cancel their fundraising events and close their thrift stores – activities that raise more than 90 percent of their revenue. While the group continued to function and kitten season finally arrived, the funds it relies on did not.

Red Rose re-opened its two thrift stores in Sedona on May 8, one of the first retail operations in the area to open back up after seven weeks.

The closure of the two thrift stores operated by the Humane Society of Sedona also meant a loss of one of the group’s major funding streams. While fosters volunteered to help with the animals, other types of fundraising were put on hold in favor of direct mail and online appeals.

Two national online giving events – one in April and one in May – helped the two shelters, but they could not begin to replace the normal revenue stream, nor could adoption fees. The amount raised through AZ Gives Day in April only allowed Red Rose to pay for the alteration of four cats and one visit to a veterinarian.

It is still too early to tell how rescues and shelters will have to adjust their everyday operations for the long term, or when they might open and begin what may now be “normal” activities, such as fundraising events. But there is no doubt that the impact of the global pandemic will continue to be felt in Northern Arizona for many months, if not years, to come.



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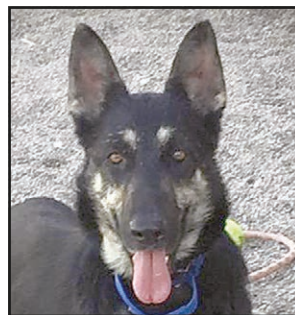
**DUKE:** A 2-year-old male Pit Bull mix. He is sweet, loyal, and a bit timid where he is now, but getting braver every day. He's very smart and is learning basic commands. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



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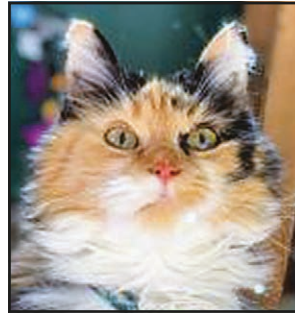
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# Hiking with Annie: Cottonwood

By Melissa Bowersock

There are a couple places in Cottonwood that immediately come to mind when talking about dog walks.

The first is the Riverfront Dog Park, located on 10th Street, just north of Main. It's tucked back behind some baseball diamonds and not easily noticeable, but worth the hunt. It's 1-1/3 acres, fenced into three separate areas: the large main section, for all dogs, a smaller section for shy dogs or dogs under 25 pounds, and a third section for training or for a respite from the main run. Rules of the park are posted, and violators are reported. It's a popular place, and it's not unusual to find dozens of dogs there.

The main section is mostly grass (at least until heavy rain turns portions of it to mud), and there are a few trees to provide shade. There are several buckets placed around for water, a faucet with a hose for wash-offs, and a few patio chairs where you can sit and relax. People who go on a regular day or at a regular time can usually find a like-minded group to chat with.

My husband and I took our Airedale Annie there when she was young, to socialize her, and she had a ball. Not a real ball—Annie does not chase balls, although many dogs there do—but she found some besties in a Doberman named Ryker and a Great Dane named Hendrix. For two solid hours, they would run



Annie and Hendrix at the Cottonwood Dog Park



Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood

and bowl each other over, play bitey-face and only stop briefly for a head-dunking to cool off, then they'd be off again.

Annie has a habit of sticking her head into water up to her ears in order to cool off — not necessarily drinking — so I guess she goes more for the evaporative effect rather than cooling from the inside out.

Like all dog parks, there are pros and cons. The pros, of course, are the socialization, the play time, the chance to run wild and get completely exhausted (Annie would usually sleep the afternoon away after a morning at the dog park). The cons are the dogs that tend to be snippy or downright aggressive, and the owners who don't discipline their dogs when they are out of line. I'm sure every dog park has its share.

When the dog park either becomes too wild or too crowded, there's a quieter alternative. Just a half mile or so farther down 10th Street is the entrance to Dead Horse Ranch State Park, located along the Verde River. This used to be a working ranch, and the story goes that when the family was looking for a place to buy, there was a dead horse lying nearby.

Later when the family conferred about which property they liked best, the kids unanimously voted for the "dead horse" ranch. Thus it got its name, and when the property was sold to the state, one condition was to keep the name.

Dead Horse is a calm respite from whatever frazzles you or your dog. There are several ponds with trails around them. Some trails are paved, while others are dirt, but all are mainly level with only a few ups and downs unless you head out into the hills.

There are over twenty miles of trails, most shared-use for hikers, dog-walkers, bicyclists, and equestrians. Four of those trails lead up into the Coconino National Forest, while others stay closer to the Verde River.

Dogs can wade or swim in the ponds, but people also fish there, so be respectful and keep your dog from splashing around too close to the anglers and scaring the fish.



Annie cooling off with a good head-dunking at the Cottonwood Dog Park

Trees abound, so there is plenty of shade. Obviously, there is water for the dogs to drink, but during the hot summer months, there can be concerns about blue-green algae, so packing water then might be a better idea. I have never heard of blue-green algae being found in the ponds, but the water is static, so better to be safe than sorry.

With all the water, trees, and heavy reeds that line some of the shores, there is an abundance of birds: redwing blackbirds, quail, great blue herons, ducks, and other water birds. Desert cottontails and jack rabbits can be found anywhere, but park visitors may also see shy denizens: javalina, fox, deer, and even river otters. The best way to keep dogs from harrying off after any of these tantalizing targets is, of course, to keep them leashed. You might, however, consider a long leash (15'-18') to give your dog the latitude to go swimming or wading.

While there are many more outlying, more rugged areas around Cottonwood (Cherry Creek Road, Sycamore Canyon, Mingus Mountain, etc.) these two in-town areas are by far the easiest to access and require the least preparation. Whether you want abundant exercise for your dog or a quiet interlude, Cottonwood has all the options.

As a state park, there is an admission fee for day use or camping. The entrance fee is \$7 per vehicle (1-4 Adults) or \$3 per individual or bicycle. Both my husband and I volunteer at Fort Verde Historical State Park in Camp Verde, so as volunteers, we get into all state parks for free.



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# Equine Emergency Evacuation of Yavapai County

By Rita Thompson Tinsley

If you are at all familiar with the Yavapai County equestrian community, then you will not be surprised that when faced with peril and the demand of putting together an emergency evacuation program, they will come to the table (and the stable) with all the right plans and resources.

EEE, as it is called, has a mission, and that mission is to provide the best possible outcomes for large animals affected by disaster in Yavapai County.

The organization is a 501(c)3 tax exempt entity and enlists an all-volunteer crew dedicated to assist equine owners in the event of wildfire and other emergencies. Furthermore, they serve as a Community Organization Active in Disasters (COAD) which is a FEMA designation.

The volunteers operate at the direction of Yavapai County Emergency Management which allows them to obtain permissions from the county's Sheriff's Office Incident Command to transport large animals out of evacuated areas. What does all this mean?

EEE has designed strategies and processes, adopted practices from existing large animal evacuation groups that deem effective in order to provide efficient help for the Yavapai County equestrian community. But this takes vital reciprocal steps and responsibility from the horse community in return.



It is important that horse owners make themselves familiar with EEE and their procedures so that the organization is better able to do their job in an emergency. Equine Emergency Evacuation provides owner awareness programs as well as incident preparation and planning resources.

In emergency situations, EEE has over 25 designated staging areas situated around Yavapai County that can be used as a base of operations near the site of the Incident Command (a management system designed to enable effective, efficient incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications within an organizational structure).

In the case of smaller incidents, it is a somewhat different setup. Dispatchers are assigned to receive calls on the EEE Emergency Hotline. Henceforth, as a virtual team, they direct evacuation vehicles to the specified locations where needed.

Many times, the animal's owner has a pre-planned location

for their animal to be delivered, a method highly recommended.

What can you do as a responsible equestrian to be fully prepared?

You may be surprised to know that many horse owners do not have a horse trailer to evacuate their animals. As an all-volunteer program, EEE has limited operational capabilities. You should NOT rely on them or the county for evacuation.

The Equine Emergency Evacuation website, [eeeyc.org](http://eeeyc.org), has an ideal Check List for you to follow BEFORE an emergency occurs.

### Equine Emergency Evacuation List

1. Sign up for the Sheriff's "Ready, Set, Go" advisory system.
2. Review the "Disaster Planning Guidelines" and "Disaster Planning Worksheet".
3. Review the Check Lists for you, your family and your animals.
4. If you have a trailer,

you can make arrangements with a friend to take animals to their place.

5. Practice loading your animals.
6. If you don't have a trailer or you have more animals than trailer space, talk to a neighbor or friend who can help you.

7. Form a Neighborhood Group to assist one another.

8. Know in advance what you are going to do with your animals and yourself.

9. In wildfire season, have your trailer ready to be hooked up and keep truck fueled.

10. Give yourself plenty of time. It takes substantial time to load your animals and be ready to depart. Wildfires can move very fast.

11. Keep the EEE Emergency Hotline phone number handy (833-922-9333).

12. Do not call the EEE Emergency Hotline for non-evacuation situations.

The objective of EEE is to provide flexible and responsive evacuations as the circumstance dictates. Your familiarity with their procedures and operations coupled with your knowledge of a current emergency, will prove invaluable for the greater safety of you and your animals. And you know we all love a happy ending.



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# Put This on Your Après-COVID Bucket List

By Stacey Wittig

Our last trip before COVID-19 shutdowns was to the fantastic Best Friends Animal Sanctuary near Kanab, Utah. The nation's largest sanctuary of its kind rests in the red rocks of Angel Canyon, just 30 minutes from Zion National Park.



*Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile*

The no-kill shelter that houses over 1600 animals at any given time should be on the bucket list of each and every animal lover. Whether your love is dogs, cats, birds, horses, rabbits, pigs, or wild animals, you're sure to meet them all on a weekend visit. Tours, workshops, and opportunities to volunteer make this an educational and fun getaway.

We eagerly checked into the new Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, purpose-built for pet-centric travel. Architects designed the lodging complex for the needs of our furry friends and we were excited to explore the state-of-the-art facility.

While sniffing out the off-leash dog park, we came upon a dog splash. In the pet spa, grooming table and stainless steel dog-washing stations made clean up easy after fun times on muddy trails. The free DIY spa provides complimentary pet shampoos, towels, and hair driers for guests of the hotel.

Art celebrating pets and the outdoors was everywhere, and the side-by-side



*Courtesy Best Friends Animal Sanctuary*



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outdoor drinking fountains at both pet and people's height were so cute, they're Instagrammable.

Our cheerful guestroom was outfitted with durable fabrics and textured materials designed with pets in mind. The feel is clean and contemporary with sleek whitewashed laminate floors, sliding barn doors and a natural gray, blue, and orange color palette. Light wood tones of the bed, wardrobe, and Alder wood barn doors make the space feel bright and airy.

I imagined that the trendy hexagon tiles on my bath floor were black St. Bernard noses. Fluffy cotton robes, mood-setting Lutron lighting fixtures and controls, and the Nespresso coffee machine were my personal favorites. Your pooch will love the doggie bed platform with a pet mattress that slides out of the human bed like a trundle.

Other pet-friendly features include the two-door entry, which provides a vestibule or mudroom to separate the exterior door from the entry door.

The door system developed by one of the Best Friends founders ensures that pets will not slip away. The safety feature is also useful for guests doing doggie sleepovers with adoptable animals from the sanctuary. Sleepovers with adoptables are available for Best Friends volunteers.

Rooms decorated with artwork of real-life Best Friends Sanctuary pets are appointed with furnishings built 18-inches or higher to avoid pet entrapment or calamities. Earth-conscious C.O. Bigelow bathroom amenities are cruelty-free.



The courtesy guest laundry room is handy if you're staying in the area for a while.

The Wave hike (permits necessary), Zion and Bryce National Parks, Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, and Little Hollywood Land are a few of the reasons to stay for more than a weekend.



*Cat World*

Arrange ahead for pet walking and pet sitting services. After a vegan breakfast, included with your stay, a complimentary shuttle can take you to the nearby Best Friends Animal Sanctuary Welcome Center.



*Guinea pig at the Bunny House*

Pets are allowed to visit Best Friends Sanctuary, but with some safety restrictions. Dogs must be leashed, and you cannot leave them unattended in your vehicle. Pets also can't go into any of the animal care areas. If you register for a tour, you'll follow the tour van in your personal vehicle, where you hear the guide via your FM radio.

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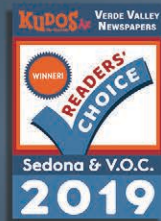
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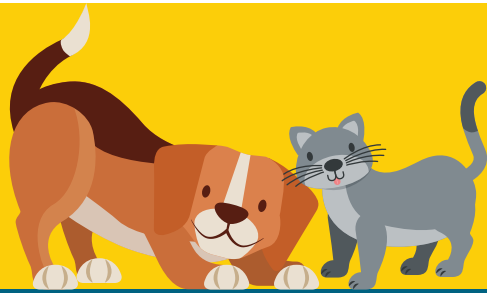
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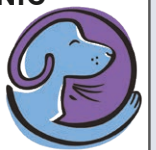


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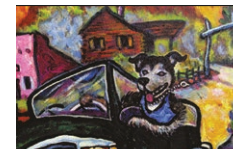
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# Celebration of Life: Jesse

By Cherie L. Dreves

This is a story of hope, tragedy and how a quarter of a second can change lives.

Back in 1996, during a previous career, one of my salesmen headed out for an evening appointment. Arriving at the address, he found a suburban home in a quiet neighborhood. As he approached the front walk he noticed this little brown ball of fur laying on the porch it was chained to. Walking by he realized the collar on the dog was adjusted too tight. After speaking a while with his prospect, the salesman came to the realization that the little ball of fur on the porch would be leaving with him that evening.

The salesman wrote the dog “into the deal” essentially, he had taken the dog as the down payment for the customer’s home improvement project. The salesman believed it would all be fine with me..., as soon as I saw her the next morning. That evening they shared dinner, fast food hamburgers and fries, that she happily gobbled.

The next morning the salesman brought her to our office, got her right up to my office door, and slipped her leash off and let her walk into my office alone. Here was this beautiful, young chocolate lab. The salesman followed shortly after and explained what he had done the night before. I laughed. “I couldn’t leave her there. I rescued her for you,” he related, “She’s just too beautiful. I just couldn’t leave her there like that, she didn’t even have water to drink.

Jesse had a delightful personality. She was very gentle and a real lover. It was “head over heels” at first sight for me and I knew the same would happen at home. At the end of the work day, Jesse and I left the office to retrieve my daughter from school. I remember she was running and squealing from the front door of the school to the car door. She was overjoyed! There was a dog in our car!

The two of them were inseparable. Jesse followed her everywhere. They read books together, did homework and



chores. The community we lived at was quiet and small. Even at 10, my daughter was allowed to walk Jesse. She was very watchful and cautious when they were outside alone. Jesse was the first dog of her very own.

Thanksgiving night when we had come home from dinner, my daughter grabbed the leash and away they went out the door for the day’s last stroll. My attention was immersed in the kitchen when she came bursting back through the door. “MOM!!! MOM!!! JESSE RAN AWAY!” Unknown to us, people began setting off fireworks in our common area. Jesse became terrified and bolted. For a nine year old, Jesse’s flight reaction was overpowering enough to break free. I grabbed my keys and out the door we went.

Up and down and around and around, we scoured that neighborhood. Street after street with no luck. Desperation and the determined will to see Jesse safe at home with us, kept us going. We searched for hours, by foot, by car, no luck. I was left with a fitfully sleeping 10-year-old in the back seat and no Jesse. I called off the search, vowing that we would get up early and start again. Hopefully, someone had grabbed her and we would hang lost signs in the morning, and she’d be back by lunch.

That next morning, we had arrived back home from hanging flyers and searching when our phone rang. I thought to myself, oh goodness it’s worked and someone was calling us to come pick up Jesse.

“Hi, I saw your flyer on our mailboxes,” there was a long pause, “I think I know

where your Jesse is”. The caller went on to explain that she had checked her mail before going shopping. She stopped the explanation for a moment, “I’m sorry, I think I saw her on the northbound shoulder of I-17 just above Thunderbird.” My heart sank and I was struck dumb as I hung up the phone. (I have to relate to you that if you ever are faced with telling a stranger this kind of news, please follow through and do it. As hard as it is, it is a kindness, it just doesn’t feel like one at the time)

We got in the car again and drove to that area. Sure enough, there Jesse lay.

At the time, we lived near 19th and Cactus, but she had travelled all the way to Thunderbird and I-17. A lot of ground to cover, only to meet her senseless demise. To this day, I don’t know how we didn’t find her.

Anyway, I told y’all that this was a story of hope, of tragedy, and how a quarter of a second can change lives. Jesse had found her loving, comfortable, forever home when the salesman rescued her for me. The tragedy was that she perished way before her time, without those that loved her near.

Now I want to talk about that quarter of a second. Jesse was killed by fireworks on Thanksgiving night of all times. Not usually an effusive time with grandpa’s old revolver or a fistful of fireworks. Each year many dogs are frightened, freak out, bolt and are lost due to municipal fireworks as well as the kinds you buy in the store. Most dog owners, aware of Fourth of July issues take precautions. Jesse lost her bright future, her family and ultimately her life, because of a 12-cent fire cracker set off in a parking lot by an unthinking person.

If you use fireworks, please make sure people aren’t out walking their dogs, dogs are not loose in the area; owners, stay alert to protect your dog.

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