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Riley, Our Cover Dog

Name: Riley

Hometown: Sedona, Arizona

Age: 18 weeks

Favorite brand of kibble: Science Diet Puppy, but Mom makes me ground turkey with rice and pumpkin.

Favorite people food: Carrots and ground turkey with rice.

Favorite toy: I love them all, but the squishy squirrel is my favorite! And the rabbit. And the chicken.

Favorite outdoor activity: Hiking with Dad by the river!

Favorite indoor activity: Playing with toys and chasing my sister Leah around.

Favorite nap spot: I have a bed right next to Mom's desk, and a bed in the bedroom, and a bed in Dad's office, and a bed the basement, and a bed in the car. I like to nap in all of them!

Fitness regimen: RUNNING and chasing my tail until I fall asleep.

Describe your perfect canine pal: My sister, Leah, is perfect. She lets me bite her neck and chase her from one end of the house to the other.

When she gets tired, she jumps up on the couch where I can't reach her.

Then I go play with my brother Tommy, who is much less patient with me, but will play for a bit.

Describe your perfect day: I get to sleep in the bed with Mom, Dad, and my sister and brother. I wake Mom up around 5am by licking her face.

I have breakfast, and we go hiking.

After a hike, I'm tired and take a nap.

I get to play and hang out with Dad during the day. After dinner, I get to take a hike to the river with Dad.

Home in time for playtime, and soon to bed.



Tucker's Take

The Not Ready for Prime Rib Players

What began as perfectly good idea for Keira and me to pass the time in the brisk winter air became, well, something else entirely.

It started with passing the idea to Hazel. Well, actually it began the night before.

When Mom headed down the hall for bedtime, Keira and Hazel decide to follow since it didn't look like Dad was going to have any snacks while he watched a movie. Of course you understand that as a pack, it's our duty as four-leggeds to stay close and supervise any foodstuffs consumed by two-leggeds. I could explain more on the rules and application of our surveillance mode around food, but the most important part is that I decided to lay next to Dad on the couch and watch the movie with him.

I usually nod off during long stories displayed on the moron's magnet (T.V.), but the main character caught my attention. He seemed to really understand the art of tail wagging in an expansive way (for a two-legged, that is).

As the movie progressed, which I think was called something like *Man of La Munchhausen*, I felt inspired to become a knight currant too.

What I liked about the main character was that he was older (like me), he loved adventure (like me), and he was thin (like me under my thick coat). I knew – I just knew – if I had a chance to talk with him about the highs and lows of life as Sheriff of the Pack, he would empathize and probably have good advice (and sing a song to me).

Most of all, I liked his willingness to run headlong into battle.

Laying there next to Dad, I began to make plans to challenge our own giant in the garden. In my mind, the whirly-gig-thing in the garden was now my most fearsome foe, and I could hardly wait till morning. One problem began nagging me: what would I use as a sword?

As I pondered my swordless conundrum over and over, Keira came into the living room, yawned, and took a long stretch. When she raised up, the character Aldonza was fussing with the men around her, and Keira was intrigued. Towards the end of the movie, when the main character, Don Coyote, seemed to be dying, Keira stood and wagged slightly when Aldonza spoke her part. Then Keira abruptly headed back to the bedroom mumbling to herself, while I was left pondering how to carry on the work of a knight now that my new friend appeared to have died.



The next morning right after breakfast, I explained all this to Hazel who flatly refused to directly participate as my amour bearer, Punchy, but she did agree to speak with Dad about getting me something to use as a sword.

I was so intent on eliciting Hazel's help that I didn't realize Keira was behind me until she piped in to demand that Hazel also get her something to wear as a skirt. She wanted to be Aldonza.

Keira said she would help me in my quest if I would enact the last scene with her. I told her I would do that, but I wasn't going to die. She said I just had to look old and sick, and she would do her lines. I felt kind uncomfortable having her do a scene like that with me – her pack brother, her senior, and her Sheriff – but she is the baby of the family.

Hazel must've done a good job convincing Dad of our good intentions because Dad called us down to the studio and showed me how to hold Hazel's plush shark toy to stick out of my mouth as a sword. Then Dad took a green bandanna and tied it around Keira's waist for a skirt. Keira responded with wide body wags and a quick lick of Dad's face.

I was anxious to rush headlong into battle, but of course Hazel had to ask a question, and of course Dad had to pontificate for what seemed an eternity.

Hazel: What's the Aldonza character all about?

Dad: Well...how can I put this? Hazel, do you remember when we were in Tuba City and that tourist couple got out of their rental car with their Afghan dog?

Hazel: Not really.

Dad: And the Afghan must have been coming into season, and a group of neighborhood rez

dogs appeared from all directions and surrounded the Afghan and her Mom?

Hazel: I remember you jumped out of the truck and helped the husband get his wife and the Afghan back into their car, and by then the car was surrounded. They could barely drive away.

Dad: That was Aldonza's life, nearly every day.

Hazel: Wow....

Dad: But Don Quixote believed better things about Aldonza, and called her Dulcinea

because he refused to see life as it was, but how it could be. That seemed like his failing, but it was actually his strength. In the end, Aldonza decided to believe in better things for herself and her future. Perhaps that was Don Quixote's greatest victory.

With that said, Keira raced out of the studio and down the hallway and out the back door. I followed with my sword firmly set in my jaws.

Blasting past Keira in her green skirt, I set my battle stance right in front of the whirly-thing which was not only spinning, but waving back and forth in the wind.

I realized then that I ought to speak (bark) my declaration of war, but my mouth was full of shark, so I decided to resort to my stomp dance before lunging forward to tilt at the windmill. Just before I lunged, Keira blindsided me and took the sword-shark right out of my mouth.

She ran back and forth across the yard and taunted me to the point that I was so frustrated at the interruption of my knight currant duties, I caught her by her skirt and spun her around so hard, the purloined shark shot out of her mouth and right over Hazel's head where she was waiting at the back door to say her line. Hazel thought that was her cue and barked loudly, "Aldonza"!

Keira ran back into the house barking, "I am Dulcimer, I am Dulcimer...."

When Dad appeared in the midst of our chaos, he ignored Keira's barking and asked Hazel how it went.

She replied, "There seems to have been a bit of improvising."

Dad, walking back to the studio, said to nobody in particular, "I am so glad I didn't watch *West Side Story*."

Like I mentioned before, sometimes a good idea turns into something else entirely.

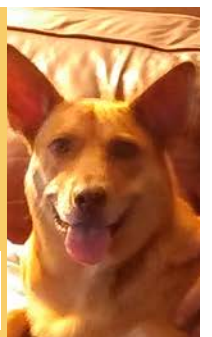


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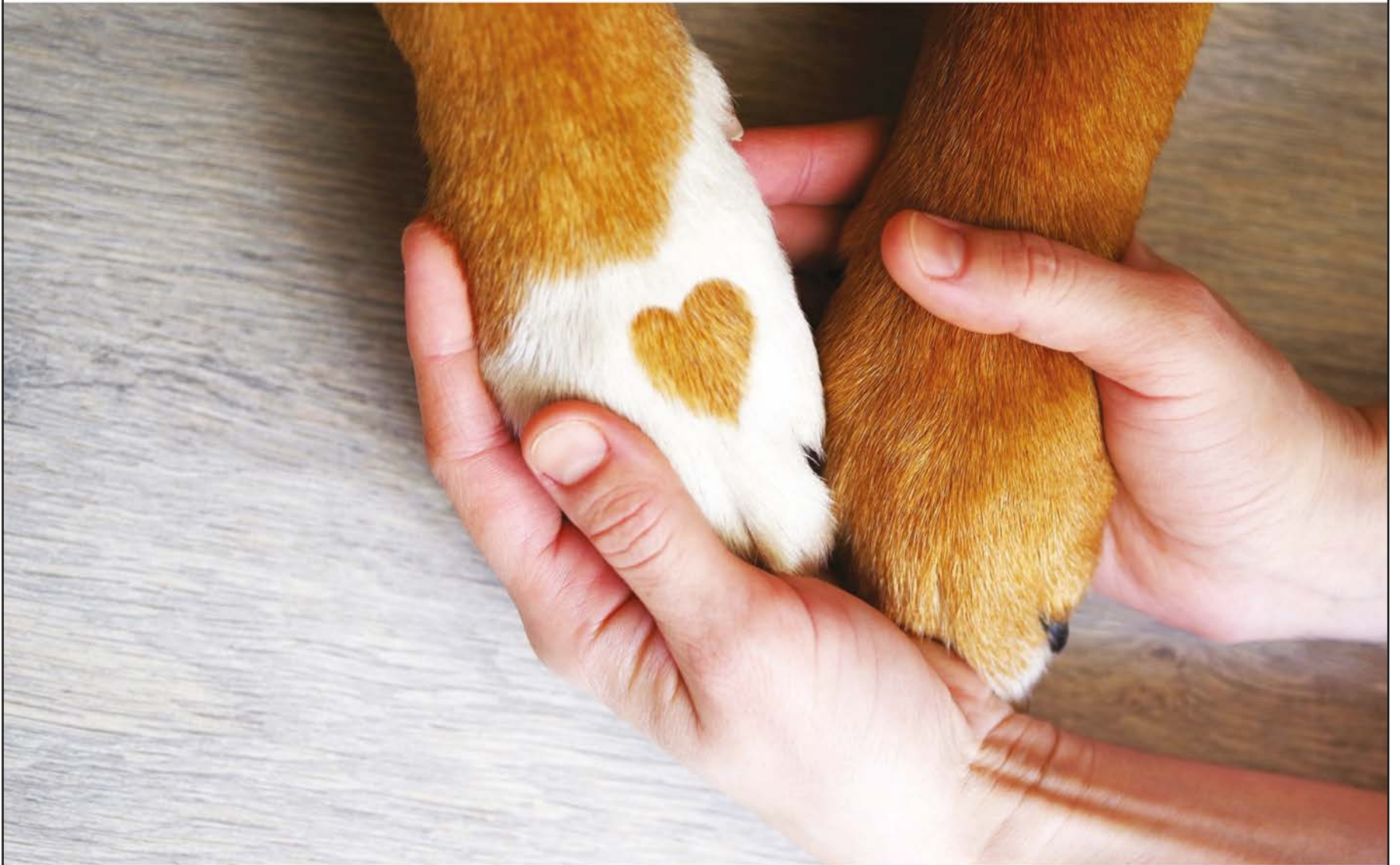
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Winter Woes and Our Furry Friends

By Shari King

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays behind us, we now embrace the quiet and serene days of winter. But for our pets and other animals, the cold can bring hazards and be quite dangerous, and for some animals, even life threatening.

Poisons

One of the most talked about and well know dangers for our pets in cold weather is antifreeze toxicity.

According to the Poison Control website, animals are attracted to antifreeze because of the sweet smell and taste. This chemical is absorbed very rapidly once ingested.

There is a narrow margin of safety when animals ingest these liquids, and even small amounts can lead to permanent damage to the kidneys. If a pet is suspected to have consumed antifreeze it is imperative that this pet be taken to a veterinarian immediately for treatment.

Something not often mentioned is pet exposure to carbon monoxide, an odorless gas. Carbon monoxide is poisonous to both humans and animals. Fires, car exhaust, generators, unventilated furnaces, and gas water heaters can emit the gas.

It's best to keep pets out of the garage, especially if your car has been running. If you think your pet has been exposed to carbon monoxide, head to your veterinarian so they

can administer oxygen and other treatments. Your pet may need medical attention if they have trouble breathing, or seem weak or lethargic.

Consider placing carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home to keep your family and pets safe.



Another poison not mentioned enough is ice melts. Most ice melts contain large amounts of sodium salts.

Some types can cause damage to the paw pads when stepped on. These granules can get stuck in the paws and between the toes and cause redness, cracking, or chapping.

Ingestion of melts can cause mild to severe toxicity resulting in upset stomach, vomiting, and neurologic signs.

There are "pet-friendly" ice melts that may help to minimize the chance of an injury or toxicity. Also, rinsing your pet's paws off when they come in from outside can be helpful.

During walks, your dog's feet, legs and belly may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic. Check your dog's coat and paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage, such as cracked paw pads or bleeding.

You may be able to reduce the chance of ice and other skin irritants accumulating on your dog's feet by hav-

ing a groomer clip the hair between his toes.

Rodent poison is another potential hazard for our pets and other animals.

Mice and rats commonly come into homes more often in the winter to seek warmth. So, not surprisingly, rat poisons are used more during the colder months and can cause great risk for your pets.

There are different ingredients in the blocks or pellets, and many look the same or are the same color. Always keep packaging from rat poisons in the event your pet ingests it. This will help your Poison Control to quickly identify the toxin and be able determine the specific treatments.

Rat poisons can cause multiple symptoms depending on the ingredient in the bait (internal bleeding, brain swelling, and kidney failure). When using rodent poisons, place the bait in protective bait stations and try your best to keep in areas where your pet cannot go.

Mice aren't the only animals that seek warmth in the winter. Stray and feral cats will often rest on the hoods of warm cars and will even climb up under the hood and put themselves in grave danger should the motor be started while the animal is hiding under there.

A good rule of thumb is to thump the hood of your car before getting in or a quick horn tap before starting. Post a note on your dash to help to remind you to prevent this tragedy from occurring. A

warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly.

Fires

Fires occur more often during winter months and puts our indoor pets at risk.



Space heaters cause more than 25,000 house fires every year according to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Space heaters run on electricity, propane, natural gas, or kerosene.

When investing in a small space heater know that the newer models have updated safety features. Select heaters that have the Underwriter's Laboratory label, which means the product has been tested, inspected, and certified.

If you have a permanent combustion space heater, make sure a professional inspects the ventilation every year. Space heaters should be kept on a level surface, up and away from where people and pets walk.

If you have a fireplace, be sure to cover it with a sturdy screen your pet can't knock over.

Cold weather also brings the risks of power outages. Prepare an emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water, and medicine to last for at least 5 days.



Exposure

Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather.

It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to the effects of cold weather because of their fur, but that belief is false.

Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Some thick-coated dog breeds like huskies and Saint Bernards are bred for colder climates and are more tolerant of cold weather. However, no pet should be left outside for long periods in below-freezing weather.

If you are unable to keep your dog inside, provide him with a warm, solid shelter against the wind. Make sure that they have access to fresh, non-frozen water.

The floor of the shelter should be off of the ground, and the bedding should be thick and dry. The door to the shelter should be positioned away from prevailing winds.

Super-easy cat shelters can be constructed from large plastic totes. Cut a 10-inch hole on the short side, 4 inches from the bottom and fill it with straw. Place in a sheltered area turned away from the wind.



Heated pet mats can be used but should be used with caution because they are capable of causing burns.

A dog or cat's cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health.

Be aware of your own pet's tolerance. You will probably need to shorten your dog's walks in very cold weather to protect him from weather-associated health risks.

Arthritic and elderly pets may have more difficulty walking on snow and ice and may be more prone to slipping and falling.

Short-haired pets feel the cold faster because they have less body protection, and short-legged pets may become cold quicker because their bellies and bodies are more likely to come into contact with snow-covered ground.

Pets with chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, or hormonal imbalances may have a harder time regulating their body temperature and can be affected from temperature extremes.

If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather and is reluctant to go outside, consider a sweater or dog coat. Be sure to hang it upon your return so you have a dry sweater or coat each time your dog goes out-

side. Wet coats can actually make your dog colder.

You can make a sweatshirt for a small dog with a pair of scissors and an old sweatshirt. Cut the sleeve off at the elbow and then two holes for the dog's front arms. Modify the length so the underneath ends at the belly and doesn't interfere with urination or walking.

When walking your dog, stay away from frozen ponds, lakes, and other water hazards. You never know if the ice will support your dog's weight, and if your dog breaks through the ice, it could be deadly.



Taking walks each day is a good thing for you and your pet, but try to find iceless paths and trails. If you have to walk around water, keep your dog in control on a short lead.

Pets can become lost in winter because snow and ice can hide recognizable scents that might normally help your pet find his way home. Make sure your pet has a well-fitting collar with up-to-date identification and contact information.

A microchip is a more certain and permanent means of identification, but you must keep the registration and your contact info up to date.



If your pet is whining, shivering, seems anxious, slows down or stops moving, or seems weak, get them back inside quickly because they may be showing signs of hypothermia.

Frostbite is harder to detect, and may not be fully recognized until a few days after the damage is done. If you suspect your pet has hypothermia or frostbite, consult your veterinarian immediately.

Feed your pet well throughout the winter. Feed a high-quality pet food without empty calories and fillers to ensure that their energy needs are being met. Watch your pet's body condition and keep them in the healthy range.

Outdoor pets require more calories in the winter to generate enough body heat and energy to help keep them warm.

Every season has its dangers, and it's up to us to protect our pets as best we can. Being mindful and learning is always our best defense to keep them safe.

So, remember when Jack Frost is nipping at your nose, he's nipping at our pets too!

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A Shelter Dog's Tale

This is the story of an amazing dog named Lily. Spoiler Alert – yes, in the end, the dog does die, but that's not what this is about. This is the story of a dog that touched the hearts of all who knew her, inspired a line of jewelry, and ultimately got her happy ending.

Our story begins early in October 2017. Lily, a Shepherd-mix dog, is transferred from the Maricopa County shelter to the Humane Society of Sedona. She was guessed to have been born some time in 2009, which upon her arrival in 2017 makes her a "senior" dog.

As the weeks pass, staff and volunteers get to know Miss Lily. She is kind, affectionate with her humans and... absolutely hates other dogs.

Walking Lily was always a dance of trying to find places where she wouldn't see other canines. She was the loveliest of walking companions – good on a leash, loved being out and about for a gentle stroll but....

Another dog approaches and boy oh boy did you have to be prepared. She may have been a senior lady but she could sure dish it out when it came to scolding another dog for daring to show themselves to her. She would literally lose her mind.

We all just loved her. To say she had a big personality is putting it mildly.

More weeks pass, and we all start wondering why she is being overlooked. Why is no one wanting to meet her?

To us, she was a beautiful queen, but to others just seeing her for the first time they saw something else. They saw the dog with the somewhat shabby



coat due to alopecia (hair loss), the older dog that maybe didn't have a whole lot of time left, the dog that had a bit of a stiff gait due to her arthritic hips.

The Humane Society of Sedona did all they could to figure out what was best for Lily. After exhaustive research, a treatment for the alopecia was found – a simple dose of melatonin. Though she never regained all her fur, her coat did begin to fill in, and she looked much, much better.

Months pass and still no one for Miss Lily. She does, however, have an active happy social life. A long-time volunteer, Anne Marie Kraus, regularly comes to pick up Lily for the day and takes her to her home where Lily would relax and chill out while Anne Marie and another volunteer, Linda Brecher, would assemble beautiful pieces of jewelry.

Lily was such a big help in this endeavor (her modeling skills were beyond reproach) that Anne Marie and Linda came up with the idea to call the jewelry line "The Lily Collection". The ladies donated the beautiful pieces to the Humane Society to be sold – all proceeds from the sales to benefit the Emergency Medical Fund for helping with the care of the animals. Lily became a star – the face of the "The Lily Collection."

More months pass. It is now July 2018 (9 long months in the shelter with no prospects). Lily still goes to Anne Marie's, she still goes for walks with her favorite staff and volunteers, she still gets lots of attention but...

something shifts. She begins to get a little cranky with some folks, and she shows signs of kennel fatigue.

One day, I had returned from a long trip and came to the shelter for my afternoon shift. I was warned by staff to be careful with Lily, that she wasn't acting like her usual self with some people.

I went to her kennel and found her sitting with her face to the wall. I called to her and took a chance and entered her kennel.

She came to me right away and sat down next to me but it was different. Rather than sitting facing me as she usually would (she was a dog that engaged in a lot of eye contact with those she loved), she sat with her hips touching mine but her head turned away.

I noticed she was panting (sign of stress) even though it was cool inside.

Being very concerned for my friend, I took out my phone and videoed her behavior, which I then later sent to our shelter manager, Liz Olsen, and voiced my concern.

Liz listened and decided to post the video on Facebook as a plea to find a foster home for sweet Lily. It was obvious she had to get out of the shelter and into a home in order to save her life. She was going downhill fast and losing hope.

Thankfully the video was seen by Deb Grafe who had been following Lily's journey on the Humane Society of Sedona's website and Facebook page – plus her husband, Ron, was a long-time cat volunteer. Bless the Grafes because they stepped up immediately and offered to foster Lily in their home.

Now, mind you, the Grafes are not 'dog' people. They'd never had dogs as pets. They were more of the cat people variety and at the time had a lovely cat named Bert.

Deb and Ron took Lily into their home, and they all just immediately clicked. Lily followed Deb

around the house to the point where Deb would tell her "It's OK, you can stay there – I'll be right back."

At first Bert the Cat and Lily the Dog where not too sure of one another. There is a wonderful photo they took of Lily laying on the living room floor and Bert perched high up on a pot shelf. With time, however, Lily and Bert developed a great friendship – and Lily finally got to have an animal friend.

After a couple of weeks in "foster" a miracle occurs – the Grafes decide to make it official and adopt Miss Lily.

There was never a happier "Foster Fail" as far as all of us were concerned. It was such a joyous event that a party was thrown in Lily's honor. Staff, volunteers, friends all came to the shelter for a pot luck lunch to celebrate Lily and witness the signing of the adoption papers.

Lily was so happy to see everyone, she walked around the room visiting and "holding court" all the while wearing a party hat that she never tried to take off. What a gal!



Deb gave a beautiful heartfelt speech during which she said that "Lily filled the dog shaped hole that had been in her heart." There wasn't a dry eye.

For most of us, it was the last time we actually saw Lily, but every time we'd see Ron he'd fill us in on how well she was doing and the latest 'Lily' story. Deb and Ron Grafe gave Lily what she deserved: a home where she knew she was loved.

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Set Up for Success at Humane Society of Sedona

Every companion animal that enters the Humane Society of Sedona (HSS) has a story. Not all of these stories are happy, but the HSS Animal Care Team ensures that each animal starts with a clean slate where they can create a new future filled with hope and look forward to a new, loving family. None of this would be possible without the HSS staff, volunteers, and HSS's amazing supporters!

The key basics are taken care of—vaccinations, if needed parasite control, and a spay or neuter surgery with the help of local veterinarians. Behavioral and medical exams are also worked into the animals' first few days in between socialization or walks by HSS volunteers and staff.

All of these Shelter "basics" are covered by donations to the General Fund which pays for



the majority of HSS's expenses.

These funds come from sales at HSS's two thrift stores and lobby shop, general donations, grants, fundraisers, events, donation canisters at local businesses, and commemorative plaques.

More serious medical treatments are paid for by HSS's Emergency Medical Fund that is supported by specific grants and fundraisers including the Lily Collection volunteer-created jewelry line.

Dental procedures, surgeries, and tests are scheduled so that the health of all of the animals is better than when they arrived to HSS.

Each adopter can rest assured that every possible benefit is given to the animals to ensure they start their new life on the right paw and can write a paw-some future "happy tail"!

Stay safe and wash your paws.



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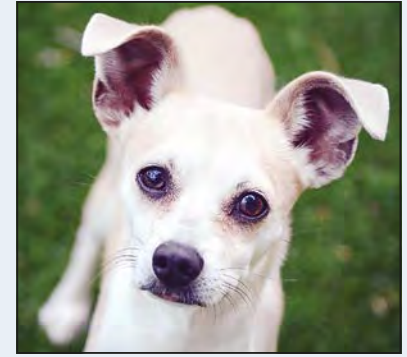
We're sponsoring onsite Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics on February 5 and February 19, and again on March 5 and March 19 from 8am to 10am. No appointments are necessary, and you can find all the information on our website at:

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Volunteering is so rewarding and extremely beneficial to our animals, so please consider joining our team today! We have Volunteer Orientations every week, and you can find more information at:

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We have Adoption Events at the Flagstaff Petsmart, Flagstaff Mall, Bookman's, and more! For ongoing dates and times, please keep an eye on



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highcountryhumane.org/calendar/

Please consider donating to our Pet Food Bank during our shelter's open house open hours (see last paragraph) or purchasing an item for \$5 or less from our ongoing Pet Supplies Garage Sale. The garage sale will be open during our next food-bank distributions on February 26 and March 26 from 1pm to 3pm.

For more information, or to download a pet food bank enrollment form, please visit:

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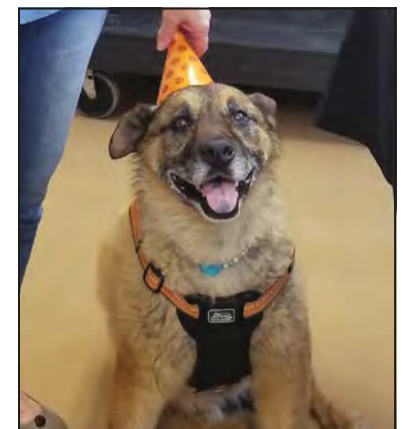


(Shelter Dog, continued)

The last few years of Lily's life were, we dare say, most likely her happiest. For a dog that had bounced around the shelter system probably for years, and Lord knows what kind of life she had prior to that... well, she had won the lottery.

Sweet Lily passed away on December 15, 2021. In her own bed, in her own home, in the arms of the people who loved her the most.

As I write this the tears are flowing. Everyone who knew her I know feels the same: it was an honor to share her journey and



be a small piece in the puzzle that led her to the happiness and the loving home she deserved.

Rest in Peace, Lily
2009? to 2021

Be Their Voice

We've all seen the photos and heard the stories about the dogs tightly chained to a tree in the heat of summer or the frigid cold of winter. The dog shivering outside in the cold hoping to be brought inside to the warmth of a home and its family. The dog that is driven out to a remote area and dumped....

The dog running after the car and then sitting there for days waiting for their person to come back for them. The couple that lived next door and had their great dog, but they had to move because of "landlord issues" with the dog, so they just leave the dog there and drive away.

Sadly, this happens every single day of the year! These animals have no idea what they've done wrong, why they're being treated like they are, and what is going to happen to them. It's heartbreaking!

I must confess: I'm writing this article because during the last couple of years I've been TRYING to figure out why some people can be so callous and cowardly when it comes to their pets.

Most recently it was a situation where a local family moved out of their home and



left their family dog they'd had for 10 years, chained inside their living room with no food, no water, no heat, and nobody there.

After a couple days, someone heard this dog crying and immediately called Animal Control to check out his cries for help.

This precious pup was brought to Yavapai Humane Society where it was treated medically, given food, water, warmth, and love, and has since found a new family that loves him beyond all belief!

This dog is alive and prospering because of a caring person who decided to act and advocate for an animal that was in need.

So why is it that when some families have a dog that they've had its entire life and then get a new puppy, and the puppy and the family dog don't get along, they decide to surrender the dog they've had for all those years? Do you think that dog isn't confused, sad,

and heartbroken...wondering what it did wrong?

I just don't understand how some people can be so heartless. Some of these dogs are old, in poor health, some deaf or blind, and now they are away from the only family they've ever known.

Dogs are some of the most loyal animals around. We've all seen the pictures of dogs that lay on the sidewalk outside of a hospital waiting for their person to come out.

Or the dog that lays at the grave of his person, grieving and yet continuing to be loyal even into eternity.

I don't know what we did as humans to deserve this kind of love and loyalty, but what I do know is those dogs deserve our love and loyalty in return for what they give us!

Believe or not, here we are in 2022 and there are still people who think that animals don't have emotions, feel pain or loss, or get con-



fused. There are still people who think, "Oh, it's just a dog."

No, it's not "just a dog." It's a life, and moreso, it's a life that MATTERS!!!

That's the message I'm trying to share with you. Be their voice, be their advocate, be their hero, be the person that may even save their life.

If you see something, call and report it. If you hear something, call and report it.

Even if you're not sure that something might be wrong, be willing to take the chance and make that call. It takes all of us to make this world a better place not only for ourselves but also for other people and for the animals who share this amazing place that we call earth.

I had some t-shirts made for us at the shelter that say "Caring for animals isn't just what I do... It's who I am". If you're still reading this, I know it's who you are too. For that, I say THANK YOU!



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A Dog Called CALL

By Joseph Wilson

I love dogs. Always have. But I walk with a cane and thought my dog days were long gone. I went to Woofstock in Prescott Valley figuring I could get a dog fix with no commitment. Sort of like "It's Just Lunch". I had no idea what I was in for.

I stopped by the tent staffed by Saving Paws AZ. They described their fostering program called Seniors for Seniors. I qualified for one half. Not long afterwards they called with the canine half – a female German Shepherd.

Off I went to Glendale and, with the staff's help, got the big dog up and into the backseat. Just in case she got away from me the first day, I had an ID tag made up that said: CALL with my phone number.

This dog had a rough beginning. She toiled in a Phoenix puppy mill until she could no longer breed. She was then dumped in a remote area and fended off attacks by feral dogs and coyotes.



When Maricopa Animal Care and Control got her, she was covered with bite wounds. I can feel the scars. She also had an ear infection that was so severe that both ear canals were removed. Skin was harvested from each of her ears and sutured over the holes where her ear canals had been. Consequently, her ears droop and she's stone deaf.

We had a rough beginning. She would wake up at 1a.m. and bark until dawn. This went on for three weeks, I was so sleep deprived the bags under my eyes looked like carry on. Then she started at 2a.m. Then 3, then 4 and then stopped.

With the barking, another issue was eating. She hated commercial dog food, kibble or canned.



I experimented with all types of inducements. Then discovered she liked what I eat. So, mornings we have poached eggs on toast together – hers in a bowl on a bed of fancy trout kibble. Evenings she cleans her bowl of chicken vegetable stew made in a crockpot.

We have made fair accommodation of each other's frailties and idiosyncrasies. I don't walk well. She doesn't like going for walks. I can drive. She LOVES going for drives. She can't hear but can read my hand commands, lips and mind.

Hands down the smartest dog I've ever known. This dog is thriving. It makes me so happy to see her trot across the backyard dragging her extra large dog bed. Chase her tail.



I have a lot of mismatched socks because she has taken to burying them in the backyard. And, best of all, we are each other's biggest fans!

When she wakes from a nap I can hear her barreling around the house crashing into door jambs, walls, furniture and appliances hell bent on finding me. I get her. She gets this three legged man. The initial aggravation pales against the dividend of unconditional love and friendship. I love this dog to smithereens.

When I picked her up at Saving Paws I learned her name was Mary Anne. But she's deaf. No point in getting a new ID tag. She's CALL. Warrior dog.

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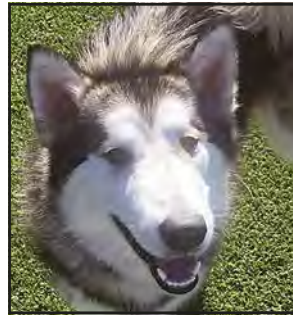
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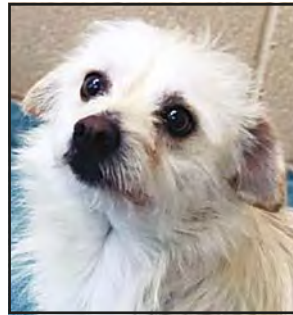
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Best Places to Go with Your Pet in 2022

By Stacey Wittig

With 2022 in full swing, you and your four-legged traveling companion might be looking for your next port of call. Here's a list of the best pet-friendly destinations for the upcoming year—let us know which one you choose!

Kanab, Utah

Be sure to put **Best Friends Animal Sanctuary** near Kanab, Utah, on your 2022 bucket list. The nation's largest sanctuary of its kind rests in the red rocks of Angel Canyon, just 30 minutes from Zion National Park.

The no-kill shelter houses over 1600 animals at any given time. Whether you love dogs, cats, birds, horses, rabbits, pigs, or wild animals, you're sure to meet them all on a weekend visit. Opportunities to volunteer, tours and workshops make this an educational and fun getaway.



Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile in Kanab.

Stay at **Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile**, purpose-built for pet-centric travel. Architects designed the lodging complex for the needs of our furry friends. While sniffing out its off-leash dog park, you'll find a dog splash water feature. The DIY pet spa, grooming table and stainless steel dog-washing stations make clean-up easy after fun times on nearby trails. Art celebrating pets and the outdoors is everywhere, making this memorable escape even more exceptional.

San Diego, California

Get your toes and paws in the sand at one of many dog-friendly beaches. First, go off-leash at the **North Beach Dog Run at Coronado**, with incredible harbor views. Alternatively, play fetch at renowned **Dog Beach**, one of the first official off-leash beaches in the country. This beach offers a 24/7 off-leash pleasure in the **Ocean Beach neighborhood**. After a day at the beach, head to **San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter**, where you'll find a multitude of dog-friendly restaurants.

St. Augustine, Florida

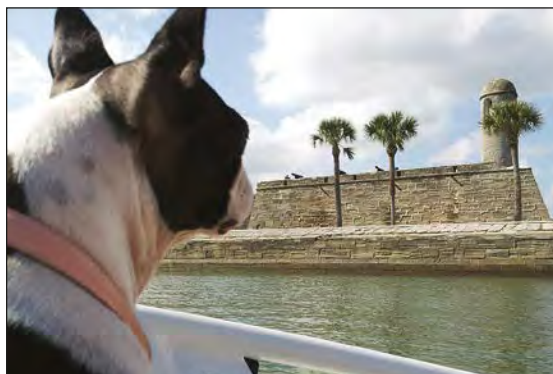
Another woof-worthy beach escape is **Florida's Historic Coast**, with 42 miles of dog-friendly beaches and handy outdoor showers that rinse



Windansea Beach, San Diego. Photo by Lisa Field, courtesy SanDiego.org.

the sand from two feet or four paws. At night, enjoy the local food culture, which includes ultra-fresh seafood, at almost 100 restaurants that offer pet-friendly patio dining.

St. Augustine, the oldest European city on the continent, welcomes four-legged guests at many of its historical attractions, which draw visitors from across the country. Don't miss drinking from the natural spring at **Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park**, exploring the **Oldest Wooden School House**, or poking around the **Spanish Military Hospital Museum**—all with your furry friend.



Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine, Florida. Photo by Leigh Cort, courtesy FloridasHistoricCoast.com.

Santa Fe, New Mexico

Santafeans love their pets, and that love transfers into making four-legged travelers and their humans feel exceptionally welcome to "The City Different." The foodie destination is known for its unique cuisine, a blend of Native, Spanish, and Frontier flavors. And the good news is, you needn't leave your canine companion behind during dinner.

With over **75 restaurants allowing pets at outdoor tables**, it's easy to explore the walkable city with your furry companion. Then, head to **The Cat resale stores** to sniff out designer and high-end

fashions, collectibles, Native jewelry, vintage clothing, and original art. Locals donate to the boutique, which benefits homeless cats and dogs at the Santa Fe Animal Shelter. Add the many trails perfect for getting outdoors and stretching all four legs under the enchanting New Mexican skies, and you'll find **Exploring walkable Santa Fe, New Mexico**. Santa Fe is an ideal destination for you and your pup.



Mesa and Queen Creek, Arizona

The East Valley, filled with wide-open spaces and water holes, is the perfect pet-friendly getaway. The area is très pooch-friendly with many restaurants and breweries that give a tail-wagging welcome. Don't miss **Queen Creek Olive Mill**, where food is spot-on, the Superstition Coffee is said to be the best in the Valley, and dogs are welcome on the patio under shady olive trees. Enjoy Olive Oil tours happening daily to blind-test the farmer's award-winning virgin olive oils.



Paddleboarding on Saguaro Lake, 30 miles north-east of Mesa, Arizona.

Hike the 3.5-mile, out-and-back **Wave Cave Trail** that climbs through Saguaro forests to a large cave with surprisingly comfortable sandy floors.

Pet-friendly accommodations include the unique glamping experience at **The Cozy Peach** located on **Schnepf Farms in Queen Creek**. **Vintage Airstreams** sport original light fixtures and crazy cool 70s features upgraded with Netflix on the flat-screen TV, microwave, comfy new mattresses, and 100% cotton robes. Hence the term 'glamping,' enjoyed when experiencing nature meets glamorous amenities.

Stacey Wittig is a travel writer who makes her home near Flagstaff. If you enjoyed this article, then check out her tips and travel inspiration at unstoppablestaceytravel.com.

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Chase's Corner: Getting Ready for Shows

By Chase and Jan Tomlinson

I have been so busy lately trying to practice again for my dog shows. And how does one do that? Well, let me tell you the ways.

Since my mom is the teacher, she can't put me in her class since I would have to do the exercises all by myself. Now, that's not possible. How could I hold the leash and still do the exercises?

So, the first thing we do is go to the training field and practice by ourselves. Sometimes there are other dogs there, and I get to practice with them. That's with my mom holding the leash!

Then, two weeks ago, she told me that we were going to attend a mini-seminar. I don't know what that is, but maybe all of the dogs are mini dogs? So, she signed us up and off we went.

It was at 8:00 in the morning, outdoors at our training field, and it was freezing cold! I could have slept another hour in my nice warm house. But no, we had to get in our car and go to the cold field!

When we got to the field, there were other dogs who were grumbling about the same thing. It's a



good thing that I have a thick winter coat to wear.

The first thing we did was a warm-up exercise heeling around a set of cones in a line. I had to keep my head up and totally focus on my mom.

Do you know how hard it is to walk with your head up? You can't see where you are going, and there might be an alligator lurking in the grass! Then she got out a super

delicious treat that I had never seen before, so it was worth keeping my head up and trying to walk.

I then had to walk into the ring paying total attention on my mom. I couldn't look at the judge to see who it was or at any of my friends sitting outside the ring.

Now, this was the most boring thing I ever had to do. There is so much to look at and do while you are in the ring doing your exercises. I always like to get creative and do something different like arranging my dumbbell with my foot before I pick it up. I really can't pay attention to her while I am doing that!

Then we practiced moving from one exercise to another while I kept my head up. She also had to focus on ME, but didn't get any treats for doing it. I guess I did a good job, because I got lots of praise from the teacher.

I also like to bark in the ring because I am really happy to be doing the exercises. But my mom says I can't do that because we lose points for every bark. I didn't know that barks are worth points. I could rack up a bunch of points in the ring! I thought lots of points were a good thing. Anyway, every

time I barked, she stopped dead, put her hand around my muzzle, and said "Quiet!" What fun was that?! I guess getting lots of points isn't the answer.

After my mini-seminar, we had a fun match at our field the next weekend. I thought fun matches were supposed to be fun, but now I had to practice what I had learned and keep my head up and focus on my mom. It really paid off though, because I did the best job ever! And I think I had more fun doing it.

Now my mom is taking a class on the computer on Focus for dog sports. She always comes up with these crazy ideas, but I just go along with them. She keeps telling me that I will be a super dog if I learn these things. I've always wanted to be a super dog so I could get a cape with a big S on it and learn to fly!

So these are the first steps to becoming a good show dog and being successful in the ring. And, having more fun while doing it.

Happy showing to everyone and until next time....

~Sir Chase

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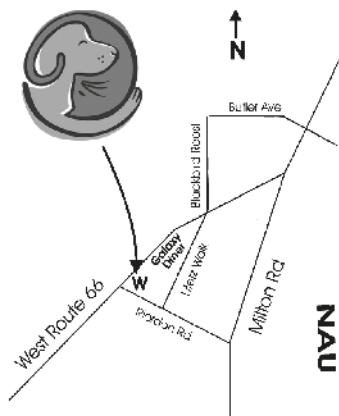
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