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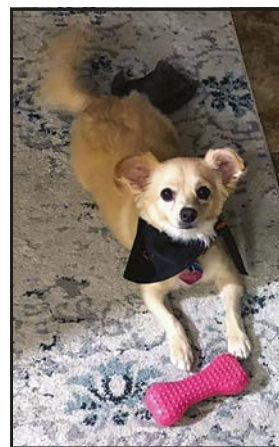


Lacey, Our Cover Dog



Name: Lacey
Hometown: Prescott Valley, Arizona
Age: I just turned one!
Favorite brand of kibble: I'm a Purina One Plus girl.
Favorite people food: I love it when my Dad makes me scrambled eggs and then adds cheese on top. Best breakfast ever!
Favorite toy: By far it's my stuffed green zebra. I can chase that zebra for hours.

Favorite outdoor activity: I like long walks with my Mom and Dad, and running after my zebra and others toys in the Arizona sun. I also enjoy riding around town in my command chair—I mean car seat—and a walk, as I have a great view of our beautiful town.



Favorite indoor activity: Tug-of-war and chase and snacks and naps.
Favorite nap spot: My Extra-large dog bed.

Fitness regimen: I walk twice a day with my Mom and Dad. I love running after my toys and playing with my cousins, Rosie & Poppy.



Describe your perfect canine pal: My pals are my cousins, Rosie & Poppy, and we play outside all day. When we get tired, we all lay down on the porch to rest.

Describe your perfect day: First, I get lots of pets and kisses from my Mom and Dad during coffee time. Then we play with toys—they throw, and I chase 'em. Then I get more pets and kisses all day long. Then we go for a walk. We come back just in time for lunch, then we go out for a drive with the back windows open and the music loud. It feels like the open road, with the breeze blowing through my ruff.



Tucker's Take

Tucker Responds to Your Letters

Dear Tucker:

I'm writing today because I had some questions after reading your last column.

My younger sister, Susannah (Suze), has me read your column to her whenever Mom picks up the new issue. Suze wants to get a dog like you someday. Between Mom's Pomeranian (Zeus) and my older brother's Mastiff mix (Tiny), we could use a pack sheriff around here. Zeus boss-es Tiny around all day long, and with the weather in the north country, we've been cooped up in the house together more than usual. We could use a peacekeeper.

What breed of dog are you again? We couldn't remember. We want to start looking for a dog like you to adopt. If Mom and Brendon (Bren) can have their dogs, why can't the sisters have one?

Also, Suze wasn't a big fan of your story about your snow-day (we're tired of snow), and she'd like a story about your relatives. Those are her favorites.

Yours,
Priscilla Montoya (Cill), 14
Northern Coconino County

P.S. Wish us luck on convincing Mom about a getting our own dog

P.P.S. Suze says hi to your deputy.

Dear Cill:

Thank you for your kind letter. Dad read it to me last night. I had already taken my position in bed, and Dad was waiting with me for Mom. Keira waited in the doorway, knowing Dad would say his goodnights and most likely head out to the kitchen to get a snack. Hence Keira's reluctance to jump up on the bed with us.

She impatiently ignored Dad's reading of the letter, because it was mostly about me, but got excited about Suze's personal greeting. She put her front paws up on the bedspread and stretched out her frame to get the scent of your letter.

Getting back down and wagging her hind-end around the room, she kept asking Dad when Suze was coming over. She wagged herself out of the bedroom to tell Hazel all about her new friend. I guess you could say she said hello back to you in her own way.

I can understand the Snow Party story not being one of your favorites. The pack here is getting



Zeus and Tiny

restless for warmer weather too, in part because Mom and Dad do a lot more outdoor stuff that we take part in when it's warmer. Hazel and I also miss lounging in the sun. We tried a couple of times recently, but a stiff, cold wind drove us back to the patio door where Dad was waiting. How did he know?

Now, about finding a new pack member. I'm going to be cautious with telling you what kind of dog to look for. Dad says the *right* dog can come in nearly any shape or size. He also says the exact same thing about the *wrong* dog. Now on to the style of dog, like temperament and stuff.

When you meet, take them away from other dogs and give them time to calm down and display their own... uh... rhythm. Dad showed me pictures of the two breeds you have at home now, and I think a medium-sized dog, like me, might help even things out around the household.

My birth Mom was mostly Samoyed with a bit of Retriever. She was white with apricot highlights, a lion's mane of white, a curled upright tail (again, like mine), and one upright ear and the other at half-mast. You could tell when my Mom was irritated, or listening intently to something, as both ears would stand upright. From puppyhood, she lived on a farm for two years with her brother Henry. Henry was the working dog of the farm.

Mom's days consisted mainly of herding the chickens back to their area, patrol for fox or weasel signs, and waiting on the porch for Henry to return from the fields. She told me that one day a rancher from down the road asked to borrow her for a few weeks to help with a new heeler they were having trouble with at the ranch.

Carli, the heeler, was learning her training and showed a lot of promise, but she had trouble calming down after her work day. Carli was prone to get into mischief if she was bored. The rancher, having observed Mom's peaceful but alert nature, was hoping she would be good

company and maybe help with bring a little calm to the household.

I remember when she told me about the day she left the farm for the ranch. I was only a few weeks old, and had wiggled up against her chest for a nap, and pressed my face into her ruff while she told me of the anxiousness she felt leaving Henry and the only home she'd known.

The next day, when the rancher lifted Mom out of his big truck, she was only on the ground for a few minutes when she saw that Carli the Heeler was certainly going to be a handful for Mom. She had barely gotten to check out her new environs when she heard fierce growling behind the house.

Racing across the yard, she caught Carli pulling the bedsheets off the clothesline. Mom lowered her head and straightway plowed her muzzle into Cali's side at full speed, with such force that Carli yelped and ran towards the house.

The rancher came out to see what all the backyard fuss was about and slowly surveyed the scene. Carli looked out from behind his legs, the bedsheets were on the lawn, and Mom was sitting calmly beside them.

The rancher took a bite of the biscuit he'd come out with and tossed it towards Mom. It landed right in front of her. "Go ahead, you earned it."

She waited and watched as the rancher scolded Carli a bit and put her in the truck to head off to work somewhere in the distance. Then she ate her prize, and... developed a lifelong taste for butter.

The rancher's wife came out and rehung some of the laundry and collected what needed to be rewashed up to the porch. She sat down on the front step and called my Mom over to her.

Mom sat at the wife's feet and listened intently to her concerns about Carli, and how she was glad my Mom could be there to help. The wife got up to tend to the laundry, but not before Mom got a friendly pat on her side and a shortbread cookie from the wife's apron pocket.

I hope you find what you are looking for, Cill. I'll save the story on how I was born the next spring on that very ranch for you and Suze next time.

Speaking of Spring, Dad said a small flock of robins came through the yard this morning. Stopped by on their way to their northern homes. Dad says it's a sure sign of Spring's approach. Bet they're on their way to your town by now.

~Tucker (Tuck) Oso



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Peanut's Tale...

Peanut was brought in as a stray to a shelter in Phoenix about a year ago. He was there for about two weeks when he was given the opportunity to come to the Humane Society of Sedona with a transport along with several other dogs on April 4, 2022.

One by one, his previous shelter-mates found their forever families. There were a couple of times he thought he had his too, but alas, it was not so. As time went on, he has begun to struggle. Spending over a year in a shelter environment, no matter how kind and loving it is, is still not a home.

Peanut can be very fearful of new people, but when he warms up he is a sweet boy that loves to cuddle and sit in your lap. He is affectionate with the people that work with him.



He really needs his own person or family that he can cuddle up with all the time.

He loves going for walks and does very well on a leash. He is potty-trained and knows some commands. He has been clicker-trained and would just need a little refresher to start using those skills again. He loves scent games and sniffing at everything on his walks.

Peanut loves to play (especially tug-o-war). He absolutely loves rope toys. He has a blast playing in the snow- as you can see from his picture. He also loves going for car rides as well as going on hikes.

Peanut is a very smart dog and is eager to please. He is ready for his forever family and very much needs one. He needs a loving and patient person or family who can be consistent with him. He would do best as the only pet in the home because of the amount of love

and attention he will need, especially in the beginning.

Peanut is a Basset Hound mix, about 2 years old, around 35 pounds, neutered, microchipped and has all his current vaccines. His adoption fee has been sponsored.

As with all of our adopted animals, Humane Society of Sedona would provide post-adoption support to his new family, register Peanut's microchip for free, and provide a free health exam to a local vet, plus other after-adoption benefits. Peanut would also do well in a foster home until he finds his forever family. Humane Society of Sedona provides

any needed supplies as well as 24-hour support to our fosters.

If you are interested in Peanut—either to foster or to adopt him—please call the Humane Society of Sedona (HSS) at 928-282-4679. If you are not able to foster or adopt Peanut, you can still help him by sharing his story with your friends and family.

Please feel free to post Peanut's tale to your social media page. The more people that know about Peanut, the better chance he has of finding his forever family!

Foster homes provide a special place for animals with medical, behavioral or age-related needs. It can make a massive difference in the life of a shelter animal to be placed in a foster home. In addition, foster homes allow us to take in more animals from our community as well as to help other animal welfare organizations currently struggling with overpopulation.

If you are interested in finding out more about our foster program or to become a foster, please visit our website: HumaneSocietyOfSedona.org. You can also give us a call at (928) 282-4679.



Lucky Has Luck

Pets Return Home (PRH) is blessed with amazing volunteers and animal welfare connections. Lucky, a Labrador pit-bull mix is one of many family rescue stories. She and her three puppies came to us in January 2022. Winnie, an animal lover, crawled fifteen feet up an underground culvert pushing a laundry basket to rescue Lucky and her family. She put the three pups in the basket and backed out in the ice.

Winnie contacted Blackhat Humane who knew PRH had the facility and experience to care for the three week old, malnourished puppies and mother. Chuck, a PRH volunteer, drove the twelve-hour round trip to bring them to us. We placed them in one of our nursery wards, where they received high calorie food, vaccinations, and parasite treatment.



Lucky, Tootsie, Candy, and Koko were integrated with our free-range pack of fifty adult dogs who helped them learn dog manners, socialization, and most importantly, to build confidence. All the pups were adopted.

Lucky had no sound when barking. She had a hard time breathing when playing, so we took her to Verde Veterinary Hospital and Danza del Sol Veterinary Hospital for diagnosis. X-rays showed a BB lodged in her shoulder next to vertebral fragments.

The BB destroyed her voice box, and scar tissue from the BB penetrating her esophagus caused an airway blockage. Consults with two surgeons revealed that an operation would not yield much improvement.

A remarkable family, Janet and Mike, stepped up to adopt her despite the airway issue and lack of

bark. Unfortunately, Lucky's luck did not end there. When she left our facility, we thought she had a little bleeding related to her spay. It was actually a uterine tumor. She was examined by specialists in Flagstaff and Gilbert. The type of cancer she had was treatable/curable with chemotherapy.

We offered to take Lucky back to keep Janet and Mike from incurring the cost. Just like so many of our other adopters, they said, "No, we won't give up on Lucky, we love her." After a year of chemotherapy by Oak Creek Small Animal Clinic, Lucky has been certified CANCER FREE.

Janet, Mike, Lucky, and Pets Return Home are looking for help paying the \$4,800 bill. Will you please help Lucky, and her parents offset some of the cost by donating, sharing, and recruiting others? Lucky has had bad luck and good luck, so let's give her one more round of GOOD luck.


Five veterinary hospitals, two Rescues, four individuals, and \$5,000 saved Lucky to be a lifelong loving companion.



Thank you for helping. To help and see more of Lucky's story, including pictures and videos, go to www.petsreturnhome.org/Lucky.

Pets Return Home saves unadoptable, abandoned, neglected, and abused homeless dogs. Our dogs run free (40+) on our seven-acre campus to build confidence and trust, resulting in stable and loving companions. We are a NO-KILL shelter staffed by volunteers and provide shelter, behavior/medical rehabilitation, adoption, and sanctuary for our dogs.

(Rescue Tales continued on page 12)



I gave you my house,
when you were alone.

When I walk through the door
it now feels like a home.

Tail wagging and waiting,
our bond quickly grew.

I gave you my heart,
and you gave me yours.

Such unconditional love.
Who rescued who?



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Proper Dental Care is Critical to Overall Pet Health

By Heidi Dahms Foster

Dental health greatly affects overall health in pets as much as it does in people. Dental cleanings are often expensive, especially if it involves pulling teeth or other surgery. Problems cannot always be prevented, but there are many precautions people can take to encourage proper dental health in their pets.



Dr. Michael Walker, a longtime Prescott Valley veterinarian at Bradshaw Mountain Animal Hospital, said certain breeds and sizes of dogs can have more dental problems, thus needing a bit more attention. These include small dogs such as chihuahuas and papillons, and Brachycephalic breeds (those with short noses), such as bulldogs and Pekingese.

To make matters worse, he said, many smaller dogs do not appreciate having their mouths touched. He suggests that owners work on a regular basis to handle their dogs' mouths, rubbing the gums and looking at the teeth, so that vets can properly examine them during health visits. "Certainly, a lot of other problems such as fractured teeth and teeth growing improperly can be found during vet visits," he said.

Like people, some dogs have dirty or problem teeth, and others may rarely need cleaning. While there is no guarantee that it will prevent all dental problems, Dr. Walker suggests that dog owners find toys and treats their pets will chew on, to help avoid tartar buildup. Brushing with a soft toothbrush and pet dental paste can help, but Walker admits that less than two percent of pet owners brush their pets' teeth.

Regular vet checks are an important way to catch dental and other health issues. Some signs of dental problems include tartar buildup and brown calculus on teeth. A gum line that's red and irritated can indicate gingivitis, a periodontal disease. "We want the gums to be pink, not bright red," Walker said.

Just as dog food has improved over the years with healthy ingredients, there are many dental treats that not only improve dental health, but are easily digestible. Many toys are also available for dogs that will chew on them.

"You want to look for some chewing action," Walker said. "Find toys that rub on the teeth, that have nubs or ribs. Rawhides get a bad rap – owners have to be cautious as dogs can chew off chunks - but rawhides can work well for chewing action.

"My recommendation is that owners supervise the dog with a rawhide for 30 minutes, and then take it away. They'll get some chewing action but it won't get soft enough for the dog to swallow it. Rawhides are digestible but in large quantities they can cause a blockage."

Some of Dr. Walker's other recommendations include dental chews such as Greenies™, if the dog will chew them and not just swallow them whole. "Oravet™ chews are more likely to be chewed, and they have a human grade product that helps with plaque, tartar and bad breath," he said.

He added that dogs love raw beef marrow or knuckle bones, but the drawback is that enthusiastic chewers can break teeth. He has also removed numerous marrow bones that have become stuck on the canine teeth and the dogs can't get them off.

He also favors the toys in which treats can be inserted, such as Kongs™ and other similar toys.

Below are some of the available dog toys and dental treats to help maintain your pets' dental health.

Dental Treats

Look for the treats made with natural ingredients, easily digestible, that have nubs or ridges to help clean teeth. They should also be the proper size for your dog. It may take some time and experimentation to find the treat that your dog will enjoy and that will clean his teeth properly.

Some popular dental treats include:

- Halo Herbal Dental Chews™ help to clean teeth and scrape away plaque and tartar. Made with peppermint oil for fresh breath Oravet™ Dental Chews come in sizes for dogs from 3.5 lbs. to over 50 lbs. Contains an ingredient that coats the teeth, tongue and gingiva to create a protective barrier against bacteria.
- Merrick Fresh Kisses™ are digestible chews with nubs, and come in several flavors such as coconut and botanical oils or with mint flavored breath strips.
- Greenies™ chews are easily digestible, freshen breath, and also come in sizes for all dogs.

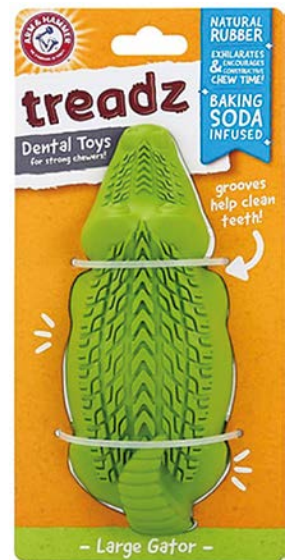


Treats Containing Dental Toys

Treats containing dental toys include those that can be loaded with a variety of healthy treats for dental health and hours of chewing stimulation. Some, such as Kong™ toys, can be filled with anything that's safe for a dog to eat. These may include kibble, canned dog food, treats, fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, cheese, yogurt, or canned pumpkin. A great summer treat is to fill and freeze the toys before giving them to your dog.



- Starmark Everlasting Bento Ball with Dental Treat™ Tough Dog Chew Toy is made for tough chewers, with nubs to clean teeth. Another benefit is the hours of mental stimulation from chewing.
- Kong™ toys have been popular for years, and there is a wide variety to fit any dog and help with dental health.
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- Playology™ has a line of toys made to entice senior chewers, which can have the most dental problems. The toys are gentle for fragile senior teeth, Deep, brush-like grooves help clean dogs' teeth as they play. They are infused with an attractive scent that won't wash away.
- Bark Box™ is a subscription box that contains not only natural treats but innovative, size-appropriate toys for tough chewers and more. It's a monthly box of fun that you and your dog will both look forward to.

Cats

While cats generally don't like to chew, there are literally hundreds of varieties of dental treats available for even the most finicky cat.

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(Rescue Tales continued from page 8)



Izzy

Everyone please meet little, Izzy. She's been seen a couple times in a residential neighborhood, then hanging out at High Desert Park in Black Canyon City. Neighbors tried to catch her. They provided her food and water, but she wouldn't let anyone get close.

We set out to try to secure this little one before anything happened. As luck would have it, we pulled into the park, and we immediately had eyes on her...scared and on high alert... We tried to gain her trust using shy dog tactics. However, a noise from a passing vehicle spooked her. We scrambled and set the trap and cam, and we reversed back out of the area, gave her space and waited

While waiting, we met a lovely lady who had been trying to catch her

and gain her trust since this morning. She was concerned about the coyotes in the area.

A few minutes after we left the trap site, she came to investigate it. First, walking around the back and looking on top. I was worried she might be trap shy and not go in, but she did! And Izzy was safe!! She was shivering and so thirsty.

Rescue notes: She's resting safely at my house starting last night. She's warm, fed, and sleeping. She's exhausted from continuous running. She literally fell asleep sitting up. She will rest easy tonight.

She looks like she's had a litter or two of pups. She looks swollen, and she wasn't comfortable. Allowed one pet on the head. Don't want to push her. She's been through so much yesterday. Was able to hold and check her this morning. No active milk production. She al-



lowed me to hold her and pick her up. She's still very nervous and shy, but so incredible sweet. She does need a bath, but that will wait until there's more trust established."

It has been a few weeks since her capture, and her milk ducts are drying up. She is on the schedule to be spayed in a few weeks. We are so thankful that she hasn't been out in the cold weather that we have had.

Izzy has a possible adopter who came and visited her and fell in love. YHT is devoted to saving lives!

Volunteer of the Month

Volunteer of the Month for March goes to a very dear friend, fellow trapper, and Director Jen Eastman of Yavapai Humane Trappers Animal Search and Rescue.

Jen is amazing her care and concern for not only animals but for

people as well is something to look up to she is like the mother hen making sure our team is ok.

Jen has help me carry traps at 2,3,4 in the morning through snow and mud and has always done it smiling knowing we are saving lives. Jen goes the extra mile each and every time when we have boot on the ground.

Jen got involved in trapping and rescue when a neighbor put out a Nextdoor call for help looking for a dog that had been hit by a car in town. For some reason, she just said to herself that she needed to help. She just happened to drive down the right street at the right time and there he was...the dog! The dog's owner was so happy and the dog was so happy to see him that she felt elated!

On her way home, she got a call from a woman who said, "Hi, I'm Katrina and I run a rescue and we could really use help. Would you be willing to help us?" Of course, she said yes and she has never looked back.

Thanks, Jen, for all you do for our team and animals.



Events

- **Public Low Cost Vaccination Clinics** on April 1 and May 6 from 8-10am. No appointments necessary! Most vaccines are just \$25 apiece. All info can be found on our website.
- **Adoption Events** at the Babbitt's Backcountry, Westside Veterinary Clinic, and more! Keep an eye on our Facebook and website calendar for dates & times.
- **Pet Food Banks** on April 22 and May 27 from 12-3pm. We are ALWAYS accepting donations of pet food to give out to community members in need!



How Do You Create Happiness?

- See a dog to be "given away" on Craigs List
- Go get that dog (Genny) right away - feeling Happy!
- Fall totally in love with new dog
- Vet Visit - find out new dog is pregnant!
- Alter plans
- Call Liz at AARF for help!
- Liz acts as midwife for nervous owner
- New mom has one healthy, perfect puppy
- Fall newly in love with mom and her puppy
- Realize puppies are cute but lots of work!



Little Rusty under Mom



Rusty and Mom

- Foster puppy through AARF Animal Rescue
- Enter lady who also falls in love with puppy
- Lady adopts puppy (Rusty) and,
- Everyone involved is SO HAPPY!

These types of situations often happen in and through rescue but not all turn out so wonderful. These merit sharing.

Thankfully, this kind person is also a volunteer with AARF, and Liz (our founder) served as Midwife during three litters born at AARF. Many thanks to them for the creation of this double Happy Tails story.

If you would like to volunteer with AARF and create your own happy tale, please call 928-925-7219 and come out for a visit.



FACT: ANY dog can bite!

FACT: ANY dog can be dangerous!

FACT: DON'T judge a dog only by its breed!

We recently received an email from a woman who wrote, "Our puppy was killed by a pit at a local doggy daycare. Your organization should be ashamed for offering dangerous dogs to the public, and I will not ever again donate to your cause and will encourage others the same. Those dogs were bred to kill and need to be humanely euthanized to save other innocent dogs and human's lives."

While we were all saddened to hear what happened to her puppy, this email took me to a new level of frustration with what was suggested, and it is what prompted me to write this. (On a side note, the dog that killed her puppy was not from Yavapai Humane Society.)

When it comes to our canine companions, where do we draw the line between generalization versus certainty in terms of an animal's behavior, personality, and temperament as it relates to their breed? This is a far-reaching question to which there is not one definitive yes or no, black or white solution, and it's laden with the opportunity for overstatement on both sides of the equation.

The way a dog turns out depends on how it's raised, treated, and his living conditions. So yes, there are some breeds of



dogs who are more predisposed to aggressive behavior than others, but this doesn't mean they're all going to turn into violent dogs with a mean streak. It just means if they're treated poorly, they're more likely to become aggressive than other breeds of dogs.

If raised correctly, not abused, and cared for by a loving family, they say even the most notorious dog breeds can be friendly and peaceful. Let us dive even deeper into the world of dogs and ask ourselves—does every puppy in a litter sired by two grand champions make a grand champion? Does every top working dog sire a litter of all magnificent working dogs?

Most, if not all of us, instinctively know that the world of selective breeding does not work this way. For this reason, while we may be fully aware of a given breed's traits, we would be remiss to assume or assign 100% correlation with either the best—or worst—case scenario of a given breed's profile when considering an individual representative of that breed.

Unfortunately, there are degenerative people who train Pit Bulls to fight each other for profit, and a big part of the training process involves starving, beating, and

torturing them to prepare to fight to the death. It's one of the cruelest crimes imaginable. Drug dealers abuse these dogs to train them to protect their drugs, guns, and money with their lives. For all

these reasons, these dogs have a bad reputation they don't always deserve.

Yes, there have been hundreds of stories of horrific attacks by Pit Bulls, but there are also thousands of stories of them being amazing, loving, family pets. They've also been known to save lives.

In August 2016, a woman in Georgia was being attacked by a man with a knife. A stray Pit Bull was nearby, and he lunged at the man, scaring him away, but the dog was stabbed five times first. This dog saved the life of someone he didn't even know. The dog did fully recover, and the woman ended up adopting him.

But you do all realize that Pit Bulls aren't the only breed considered to be aggressive or dangerous, right? The extensive list includes Alaskan Malamutes, Chow Chows, Dalmatians, Doberman Pinschers, German Shepherds, Great Danes, Rottweilers, Siberian Huskies, Bull Mastiffs, American Bulldog, Wolf Hybrids, Saint Bernards, Boxers, Labrador Retrievers, and even Cocker Spaniels.

Does this mean that all of these breeds should also be "humane-

ly euthanized?" Any breed of dog can be aggressive or dangerous! Do the research: Read the good and the bad, but don't judge by the breed.

At YHS, we take each dog as an individual and do our best to evaluate them in an unbiased manner and describe their traits, personalities and propensities to adoptive families. As with any behavioral science, our assessments represent one set of observations in one context, at one given point in time.

Dogs can and do change or evolve from what they may show from one day to the next or one setting to the next, and our relationship with our dogs should always be viewed as highly dynamic. I would argue all living beings deserve the fairness and dignity of being judged as in individual and on their individual merits, all of us can in some manner relate to this, or at times our failure to experience this in some way.

Do you know how many Pit Bulls get overlooked every day in shelters across the world? TOO MANY! We can tell potential adopters about the most amazing dog, who loves to play, cuddle, go for walks, is good with kids and other dogs... and they're so excited to meet this dog, until you mention it's a Pit Bull. So, this perfect dog they were so excited about meeting, gets blown off without even giving it a chance!

On a lighter note, have you ever been around an angry chihuahua? Now, that's something that should terrify you!

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MARSHMALLOW: A sweet 3yo Chihuahua mix female with beautiful eyes. She is a little spooked by the shelter environment, but with a patient family in a quiet home, she will blossom. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



MALACHITE: A 9-month-old male shepherd mix. He's a happy, goofy guy who loves to play and go for walks. He is good with other dogs, walks well on a leash and is very smart. Humane Society of Sedona 928-526-0742



SANDY: A cute and tiny 3-year-old terrier mix female. She weighs 6 pounds. She is charming and ready to meet your family. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



HENRY: A 9-month-old male mixed breed. He is quiet, dignified, and a bit submissive. He loves people and would like to be a lap dog. Dear Henry just wants to be loved. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



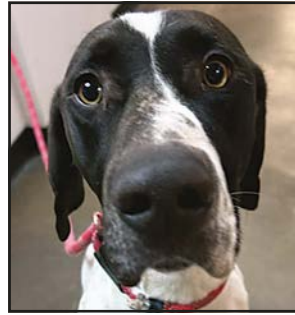
SHADOW: A 3-year-old male Malamute/Shepherd cross. He is an active and affectionate boy who knows basic commands and is housebroken. He would love to go on adventures and hikes. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



LITTLE GIRL: A sweet golden Chihuahua mix, 3 years old. She is affectionate, but a bit skittish. She is just dying for affection, very cuddly and loving. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



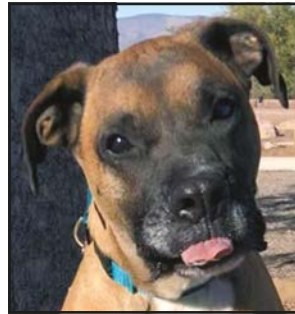
NOVA: A 3-year-old female Great Pyrenees mix. She is super affectionate and high energy, so if you want a walking, hiking, or running buddy, Nova is your girl! Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



DUKE: A 2-year-old male German Shorthair Pointer mix. He is a sweet, affectionate guy who wants his own people to run and play with. He'd be a great jogging or hiking buddy. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



PERCY: A 6mo large male mixed breed, some of this-some of that dog. Very affectionate, loves everybody, including other dogs. Super smart & learns fast. Loves walks/hikes/camping. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



GEORGIE: This big, handsome boy is a giant cuddle bug. Loves attention, knows sit and stay and walks well on leash for a big guy. Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



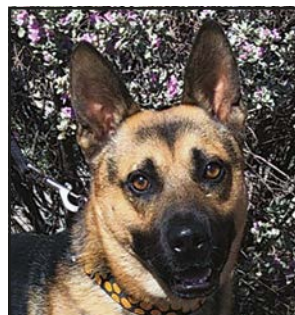
FLUFFY: A 2-year-old female Pit Bull mix. She is wonderfully affectionate and loyal. She loves everyone, and she is very smart. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



VIKING: A gorgeous guy, affectionate & playful. Weighs about 60 lbs & enjoys being around people. Strong on leash & would love a fenced-in yard to play & romp in. Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



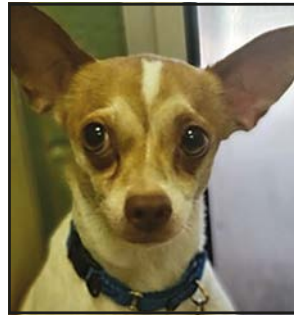
CLEO: A 2-year-old female mixed breed, white with brown patches. She is friendly, affectionate, active, super smart. She loves learning tricks and showing them off. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



SHERMAN: This fun, handsome guy looks like a small German Shepherd. Looking for attention and exercise. He is around 5yo & weighs about 50 lbs. An affectionate love bug! Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



BRINDIE: A beauty who is sweet, a little shy and very athletic. Brindie is looking for a home that will provide plenty of attention and exercise. Weighs around 53 lbs. Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



CLEOPATRA: A 5-year-old gold and white Chihuahua mix. She is a bit shy in the shelter, but when she warms up, she is a sweet and loving little cuddlebug. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



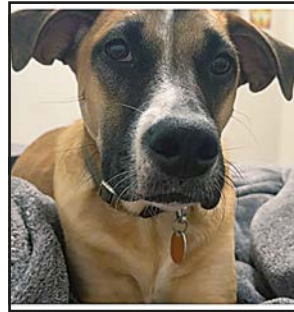
CANNON: This little fireball is a friendly, energetic guy who loves to play. He is looking for an active family that will keep him busy. Cannon weighs about 40 lbs. Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



CAMILO: A charming male terrier mix, 9 weeks old. He is smart, lively, and playful. For more information please contact the Humane Society of Sedona. 928-282-4679



ANNE: A 3-month-old female Doberman/Bloodhound cross, she could not get any cuter. Very smart & socializing well with other dogs. Would love to have the love of a family. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



SPUD: A 3yo retriever mix. Smart, full of energy & affection. He loves people, loves adventures, and loves going on adventures with his people. He would make a super jogging or hiking buddy! High Country Humane 928-526-0742



HEIDI: A 1-year-old female Australian Cattle Dog mix. She is super smart, and of moderate energy. She likes playing with her toys outside and curling up to cuddle at night. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



SPARKLE: A sweet lady, filled with personality and affection. She is smart, walks great on a leash, loves people and car rides. She will make a loyal lifelong friend. Verde Valley Humane Society 928-634-7387



DIXIE: A 1-year-old female terrier mix, rough coated. She is sweet, a bit shy yet, and loves to cuddle. She would love having her own people to love and to love her. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



VALLEY: A 9-month-old female Shepherd mix. She is friendly and affectionate, with a fun personality. She loves getting pets. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



NINA: A 2-year-old female Akita/Alaskan Husky cross. She is a super sweet girl who wags so hard her whole body wiggles. She wants so badly to have her own people to love. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



HARRY: A 3-month-old male black and tan Bloodhound/Doberman mix. He is a sweet puppy, smart and learning about potty training and other things puppies should know. Coconino Humane Association 928-528-1076



MARLO: A 9-month-old female Australian Cattle Dog mix. She is brindle in color and has lots of love to give if she could only find her own people. Coconino Humane Association 928-526-1076



GATOR: A handsome 6yo mixed breed male with a beautiful brindle color. Smart, happy, & loves everyone. He walks well on a leash and would love to go on adventures with his people. Humane Society of Sedona 928-526-0742



Rufus is a Buddy Now

As so many of the Shelter companion animals do, Rufus came into the Verde Valley Humane Society under sad circumstances on December 9, 2021. His owner had been evicted.

The animal control officer who brought Rufus in described him as skinny and said that he could be defensive aggressive. To add to that, Rufus is an American Pit Bull Terrier—not a breed that’s high on the list for many potential adopters.



Things were about to change for the better for Rufus.

Through the months, with the loving care, compassion, and dedication of VVHS volunteers and staff began to make a positive impact on Rufus’s overall wellbeing. Soon his Shel-

ter description included, “Rufus is an active guy looking for an active home. Rufus would love a fenced-in yard in which to run and romp and work off some of his playful energy.

He’s an affectionate guy who is selective about his doggie friends. Rufus weighs around 40 pounds. Rufus loves his baths!”

Still, Rufus needed that forever home that is the long-term vision for all of the Shelter’s dogs.

Rufus waited and waited—a total of 218 days—then the magic happened. An empathetic VVHS volunteer decided that just socializing

and walking Rufus at the Shelter wasn’t enough—Gary wanted to make the match official.

Gary adopted Rufus on July 15, 2022, and changed his name befittingly to ‘Buddy.’

A recent update from Gary tells the heartwarming story of Buddy’s transition from abandoned to accepted. Gary writes, “Enclosed are some pictures of Buddy and his friends. He has a better social life than I do.

“There is a life after living in a shelter, a really good life. Buddy has adapted very well to his new home. He is a happy, loving dog.

“He has so enriched my life. I can’t imagine life without him. I am so thankful that I volunteer at VVHS. It allowed me to meet Buddy and give him a forever home.”



Driving through the 27,000-square-mile Navajo Nation, one is struck by the vast expansive beautiful but harsh environment and the many, many stray dogs roaming the areas.

An estimated 250,000 to 350,000 stray dogs and cats reside on the reservation, and most live day-to-day trying to survive. The hopeful news is that many caring people, both non-Natives and Dine’, are coming together to change these dogs and cats futures for the better.

One such group, Blackhat Humane Society, a registered 501c3 that has been working tirelessly on the

Navajo Reservation since 2001, is taking the determined approach of saving one animal at a time. Today, 22 years later, they are as determined as ever.

Blackhat is a unique group on the Navajo Reservation, as we are one of the few that actually fosters animals through to adoption, but will also try to transport animals to other shelters and rescues.

Blackhat is credited with adopting out over 200 dogs and cats every year, offering medical support for injured animals and spay-neuter services through grant providers like Best Friends.



Blackhat also has a network and partnering relationship with many other legitimate pet rescue organizations in the surrounding areas that we are working on expanding so that even more animals can be saved.

The challenges are daunting with only three small shelters to support these tribal lands, which makes Blackhat’s foster-based rescue efforts even more critical.

With an increased push for volunteers, we are hoping to expand into the Prescott and Sedona areas (and enhance our Flagstaff presence) to assist with foster-adopt, support, and marketing programs.

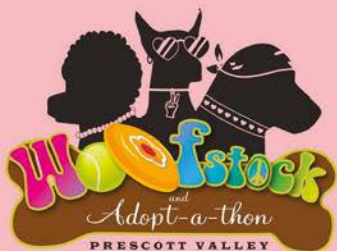
All dogs and cats are special, but Rez dogs are credited with being smart, resilient, devoted and grateful for the chance to live a secure life free of burdensome pregnancies and illnesses. We are actively looking for fosters, transporters, adopters, people to network these animals, and of course financial supporters.

Our website shows our many success stories through our newsletters, available Petfinder listings and success stories. You can find out more at blackhathumanesociety.org.

Please consider helping Blackhat’s critical efforts for the deserving pets waiting on the rez for you. There are so many ways to help and so many dogs and cats hoping you will. Sign up on the website to get started.

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Chase's Corner

Chase & Jan Tomlinson

I think I was born into royalty because everyone keeps calling me the Prince, and my mother's official name is Shooting Star's Posh Princess! Life at the Palace is good. I have a staff of two servants that meet my every need.



My day starts when I decide it is time for my breakfast. I have to wake up the one servant, usually at 5am. When it is cold and dark in the winter, I have a hard time waking that servant up to serve me my breakfast.

My dog food has gotten boring lately, so I get to have a topping on it to make it more interesting. I get my choice of vanilla yogurt, salmon treats, my favorite low fat treats, or salt-free chicken broth. Oh, by the way, I got a new topping for Christmas. It is beef and cheese crunchy treats!

I love to play the game of having my servant figure out which topping I want that day. When the second servant gets up, then I have my toast before getting my heart medicine wrapped in string cheese. This is because I have learned to pick it out of my food and leave it in my bowl!

If it is cool outside, then it is time for

my walk around the Palace grounds or sunning myself on the front porch to watch the activities of the day. Sometimes my servant and driver takes me to the jousting field, where I get to run and play. It's like a playground where there is lots of equipment like jumps and tunnels and high walks and a teeter and hoops to go through. Whew!

If I don't go to the jousting field, then we have a great dog park right here at the Palace. We also have a large play room where I can practice my scent work and other exercises.

When I have to go outside, I just ask one servant to go and open the door for me. If one of them says, "Wait a minute," then I just go ask the other servant to do it!

For a royal prince who lives in a palace, I have a very small space outside. I will have to talk to the palace carpenter about doing something about this situation.

Now it's time to do my business work. I have to work on the computer to write my column for the Flagstaff-Sedona Dog Magazine. And my mom keeps coming up with ideas and projects for me to do.

A prince has a lot of business to take care of in the Kingdom. For example, my mom keeps bringing these little stuffed Chase Juniors into the palace, and I have to take care of them and train them all to be therapy dogs. There is also the business of practicing my scent work, obedience, and therapy dog work. I passed my therapy dog test and now, as the royals do, I have to go out and visit those who are sick or lonely.

After a busy morning, it's now time for my nap. I might decide to take

my nap in the front hallway, the dining area, or on the porch in the sun.

After my nap, one of my servants takes me for a refreshing walk around the Kingdom. When we get back, it's now time for my dinner. I get to choose a new topping!

After the servants serve me my dinner, then they can eat theirs. Then it's TV time until bed. I like to watch the dogs doing agility or the doggie beauty contest. They don't seem to be on the TV very often, so then I am forced to watch a lot of football games! It looks way too rough for a prince like ME.

The sun has now set, the palace is quiet, and all is peaceful. Time for my last outdoor trip, my bedtime snack, and off to bed. I usually go in my crate for two seconds and then prefer to sleep in my favorite places during the night.

I am a lucky Prince to have such a wonderful Kingdom, and I wish the same for all of my four-legged friends.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful life.

~Sir Chase, Prince of Dogdom



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CHASE'S CORNER



MAX: A handsome senior Russian Blue mix. He is that amazing silver/blue/gray/color. He is sweet, mellow, affectionate, and is looking forward to finding another loving family. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



CINDER: A 1-year-old male Tuxedo cat with lots of white. He is funny, playful, loves everybody. And he's a talker, meows every time he sees you. Loves pets, toys, cuddles. He's just perfect. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



SARAFINA: A beautiful 5-month-old female tortoiseshell kitten. Striking with a dark sable & light gold coat & big golden eyes. Gentle, affectionate, looking for a family of her own. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



JOSEPH: A big red tabby male with green eyes. For more information, please call Verde Valley Humane Society. 928-634-7387



VALENTINA: An elegant 2-year-old female gray tabby. She is quiet, gentle, and affectionate, but a bit spooked by the shelter environment and will need a bit of time to settle. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



HAPPY: A sleek and shiny House Panther with striking green eyes. She is 5 years old and looking for love. For more information please contact the Coconino Humane Association. 928-526-1076



PENNY: A 2-year-old brown tabby lady. She is everything nice you can have in a cat. Affectionate cuddlebug. Sweet, playful, loves making you laugh. Humane Society of Sedona 928-282-4679



LITTLE MAN: A 5-year-old Siamese mix with gorgeous blue eyes. For further information please contact the Coconino Humane Association. 928-526-1076



COLLIN: A 1-year-old handsome classic Tuxedo cat with striking white whiskers. He is a bit reserved, but quiet and affectionate. He likes to sit near you and watch what is happening. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



MEERKAT: A sweet 3-year-old female, white with orange spots. For further information please contact the Coconino Humane Association. 928-526-1076



DAFFY: A beautiful House Panther! She is a 7-month-old female all black kitty with big golden eyes. She is a loving lap cat, a cuddlebug, and a wonderful companion. High Country Humane 928-526-0742



TINK: A sweet little lady with an unusual Torbie coat pattern (that's tabby stripes over a tortoiseshell coat). She is 4 years old. For more information please contact the Coconino Humane Association. 928-526-1076



PEPPER: A cute 7-month-old male. He's white with black spots and green-gold eyes. Loves everyone – adults, kids, dogs. He just sociable. Loves pets, toys, and laps. He's just the perfect cat! High Country Humane 928-526-0742



PINKIE: A classy 1-year-old gray tabby lady. For more information please contact the Coconino Humane Association. 928-526-1076

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Happy Trails: Lafayette and Cajun Country

By Stacey Wittig



King of Krewe des Chiens Mardi Gras Parade. Photo courtesy Krewe des Chiens.

Call me naïve, but until assorted visits to Louisiana, I had no idea that family-oriented, pet-friendly Mardi Gras celebrations existed. Like many westerners, I mistakenly thought Marti Gras was an adult-rated, hedonistic, New Orleans-only tradition.

We're just back from Cajun Country and family-friendly Mardi Gras in Lafayette, Louisiana. And so now I understand that Mardi Gras celebrations can be fun for the whole family, including Fido. What's more, I got a sampling of why Lafayette was named the Happiest City in America for humans.

I can attest that the city smack dab in Cajun Country could also be one of the happiest for traveling with your pet.

Take Lafayette's Mardi Gras, for instance. As one of over a dozen family-friendly nighttime and daytime parades throughout the Mardi Gras season, Krewe des Chiens Mardi Gras parade rolls during the day with dogs, strollers, families, and fun.

All funds generated from the pooch parade (minus those retained to produce the February 4, 2024 procession) are shared with animal rescue groups who opt to participate by walking adoptable dogs in the parade.

Pet owners who think of their fur babies as royalty (don't we all?) can purchase the designation of Grand Marshall, King, Queen, or other Royal Court positions for their furry friend. Then they can strut their four-legged stuff on elaborate floats or fancy convertibles. During the festivities, the Krewe collects cat and dog food donations.

But Mardi Gras isn't the only event in Lafayette that welcomes your canine companions. Since there's always something to celebrate in the Happiest City in America, many of the dozens of music and cultural festivals (<https://tinyurl.com/3y87mp85>) are critter-friendly. Simply check the events website before you go.

Another favorite is the Dog Days of Summer fundraiser at Acadiana Cane Cutters baseball stadium in Youngsville, with "tail" gating, pup photos with the players, adoptable pets from local shelters, and interactive dog events.

Lafayette provides many happy places for your four-legged traveling companion, with parks for off-leash fun and socializing.

Moncus Park is a 100-acre green-space in the heart of town with an off-leash dog park (<https://tinyurl.com/47hdm33x>), accessible treehouse, weekly pet-friendly farmers market, and Orlando Mountain, the highest point in Lafayette.

World-renowned Pete Nelson of Animal Planet's Treehouse Masters



Mardi-Gras-Fur-Baby. Photo courtesy Bee & Bear Photography.

designed the treehouse knit within the limbs of a majestic Live Oak and sports a cargo-net hammock. Brown Memorial Dog Park also has a grassy off-leash area.

Sniff out Louisiana forests at Acadiana Nature Center and Trails right in the city limits. You and your leashed pooch can scamper over six miles of mostly wooded trails that incorporate boardwalks along the way. There is even camping with hookups for tents and RVs.

We were delighted with our stay at dog-friendly DoubleTree by Hilton Lafayette, but over four dozen other Lafayette hotels will also welcome you and your pet. In addition, plenty of RV camping is available around the area.

If that doesn't make you happy enough, over 50 Lafayette restaurants offer hospitality to dog-accompanied patrons at their outdoor tables. Along with the rest, unleash your tastebuds at Old Tyme Grocery for their woof-worthy sammies.



Lafayette, the Happiest City in the U.S. Photo courtesy Bee & Bear Photography.

For *lagniappe* or 'a little something extra' in Cajun French, don't miss perusing paintings of the "Blue Dog" at Rodrigue Studio. Artist George Rodrigue, born in New Iberia, near Lafayette, moved his studio here after Katrina.

His Blue Dog Series had launched him to worldwide fame in the early 1990s, and today dog and art lovers continue to lap up his pop work.

Learn more about the Happiest City at lafayettettravel.com.

Stacey Wittig writes about traveling from her home near Flagstaff. Get more travel inspiration at her website, unstoppablestaceytravel.com.



Pet-friendly Mardi Gras in Lafayette. Photo courtesy Bee & Bear Photography.



Krewe des Chiens. Photo courtesy Lafayette Travel.

Puppy School

By Leland P. Gamson

You are now in puppy school
You will learn that you do not rule.

You are not going to learn
How to cook or to sew
But you are going to learn
What a dog needs to know.

You are not going to learn
How to read or how to write.
But you are going to learn
That you may not bite.

You are not going to learn
How to drive and to park.
But you are going to learn
When not to bark.

You are not going to learn
How to surf on the tide.
But you are going to learn
When I call, do not hide.



We will not teach you
How to walk up the slide
But we will teach you
How to walk by my side.

You are not going to learn
How to sing or how to dance.
But you are going to learn
Not to chew on my pants.

You are not going to learn
How to cook a good meal.
But you are going to learn
How to sit and to heel.

You are not going to learn
What does dog food cost?
But you are going to learn
How not to get lost.

We will not teach you
How to field or to bat.
But we will teach you
How to ignore the cat.

You are not going to learn
How to shoot a machine gun
But you are going to learn
How to play and have fun.

You are not going to learn
How a ribbon is tied
But you will learn that
You must pee outside.

You are not going to learn
How to tell fern from moss.
But you are going to learn
That you are not the boss.

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Lady Shepherdly: The Snow-Skiing German Shepherd

On August 4, 2022, this big old girl was pulled from a canal by Buckeye PD and Fire. They reported, "Dog tried to walk but could not stand on either hind leg; hind right leg shook before giving out, and hind left leg looked completely useless and mangled; according to buckeye PD, dog was found in a canal."

"NO NAME" was taken directly to Maricopa County Animal Care and Control where she was evaluated and was to be added to the euthanasia list on August 7, 2022. She was estimated to be approximately 12 years old and looked exhausted in her intake pictures. We'll never know where she came from or how she got in that canal, but from the moment I saw her picture, I knew I could help. You see, we have had old dogs for years and know that they can easily overwork their hind legs and have trouble standing once they get exhausted or panicked. With a little time, and sometimes meds, they usually recuperate.

We jumped into action and started Operation Save the Canal Dog. On August 6, we drove down to Phoenix to rescue Lady Shepherdly as she became known.

They loaded her into the back of my car with a sling and she sat quietly as we drove back up to Prescott, stopping for McNuggets & fries (as I do with all the rescue dogs). By the time we arrived at the sanctuary, she had decided that I was her person.

I have to admit, I was a bit hesitant to get my face too close to her. I usually don't bat an eye, but she was big, and strong, and we hadn't rescued a full-bred German Shepherd before. Once we were home, the pack introduction went incredibly smoothly and she moved into the house immediately. She had no intention of staying in the quarantine area for the night.

We loaded her up on pain meds and anti-inflammatories, and she slept about 24 hours. Like I suspected, with some rest and meds, she recovered and was easily walking and even running in the forest. She did great for the first month or so. Then we then started to notice issues with her hind legs.

Upon recommendation from our vet, we ordered up a test and she was diagnosed with Degenerative Myelopathy (DM), a disease that affects



the spinal cord in dogs. It causes progressive muscle weakness and loss of coordination, similar to Lou Gehrig's disease or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) in humans.

Her inability to control her hind legs has progressed fairly rapidly; she now cannot support her own weight. We've never had a dog in a wheelchair before and wasn't sure it would be successful, particularly due to the terrain at the sanctuary. Her mind is 100% though, so we had to give it a shot.

We had a pair of wheels donated, strapped her in, and could not believe our eyes when she immediately tore off through the forest with the rest of the pack. She was a natural!

She chases the other dogs through the forest amazingly fast, barking all the way. She is a sassy strong-willed lady which I believe will keep her going much longer. We have since upgraded her wheelchair to a more off-road version, which has been invaluable for her happiness and quality of life. She ABSOLUTELY LOVES IT!

When winter arrived, we modified an extra wheelchair with snow skis that we picked up at Noah's Thrift Store. Lady now skis around the property in the snow.

Watching her, I am amazed at how adaptable dogs are. She can maneuver that wheelchair like it's a part of her body that has been there for years. She actually backs up to get out of tight area and can wheel over logs and rocks with ease. She also wears heavy-duty booties to protect her feet. Her favorite past time is wheeling down to her Gram's house for a treat every afternoon. She flies down that driveway ever anxious for the beloved piece of jerky.

I won't kid you, she is a full-time job. She knows her body is compromised and needs assistance moving about the house, therefore wants to be with me every minute of every day. When I'm out of sight, she calls for me. Dad is okay, but she prefers Mom. We sit on the couch together, sleep together and she is my permanent sidekick.

I don't see any sign of her slowing down in the near future; however, DM is a progressive disease so we make the most out of each day. We love her so. She is the perfect Lady!

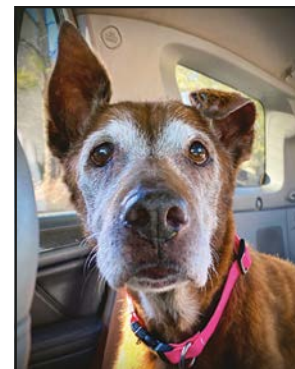


Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary currently has sixteen dogs onsite and five in foster homes. We not only take senior dogs, but most all are medical dogs as well, meaning that they have fairly extensive medical issues preventing them from being adopted. Every dog has an amazing story and we'd love to share them with you.

This year we are starting a new program: SPONSOR A SANCTUARY SENIOR (SASS for short). It's easy!

1. Come meet the dogs of Dogtree Pines or browse their stories online.
2. Pick the dog that speaks to you the most (that's a hard one).
3. Sponsor the needs of that dog to whatever extent you'd like.

If you can't adopt or foster, you can still help a senior that touches your heart by becoming their sponsor angel! A sponsorship is a gift of \$25 or more made in honor of an animal at Dogtree Pines Senior Dog Sanctuary. You can sponsor a dog in your own name, or as a gift or memorial for someone else. Your name or the name you choose will be listed on that senior's page as his or her angel. You'll also get regular updates on your sponsor dog to let you know how he/she is doing and the difference your sponsorship has made to them. Here are just a few examples of the dogs you could sponsor:



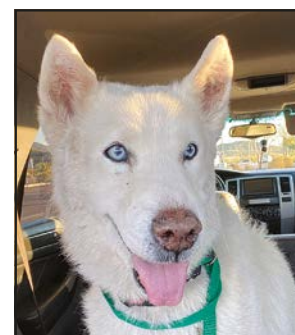
EMMA BEAR: Emma is our sweater girl and oldest resident at the ripe old age of 16½. It's Christmas sweaters year around for our girl. Emma has Cushing's Disease, causing her hair to thin, which means that Emma is cold all the time and she is HUNGRY all

the time! She also needs weekly medicated baths for her dry skin. Emma is about the sweetest thing around and can usually be found on her heated down comforter.



BELLA: Bella is a beautiful Señorita rescued from Rocky Point, Mexico. She's about twelve years old and came to us covered with infected wounds. Despite her past, Bella is happy as can be and can be seen frolicking through the forest with

a smile on her face. Bella has cancer and needs daily supplements to help keep her cancer at bay. Sweet Bella is a volunteer favorite.



FROSTY: Frosty is a fourteen-year-old white Siberian Husky with the most beautiful crystal blue eyes. Frosty was rescued off the euthanasia list and came to us with severe dental disease that had fissured into his nasal cavity. He had

withered down to only 35 lbs. Frosty is coming into his own and finally eating. He has a special diet of lowfat foods to help his pancreatitis.

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