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A Newsletter
for the Friends and
Supporters of
The Animal League of
Green Valley

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The Many Facets of TALGV



The Animal League of Green Valley (TALGV) was founded in the 1980's to bring peace of mind to Green Valley residents unable to care for their beloved pets because of debilitating and life-threatening health issues. That founding principle continues today and for always.

However, over the 30 years since TALGV's inception, the community has grown, times have changed, and the mission—*A Home For Every Pet*—has expanded. One step at a time, our mission has come to include more and more ways to help pets in need as well as the people who love and care about them.



The Animal League of Green Valley is more than just a shelter...

* We are a **No-Kill** shelter. Each day, our volunteers provide clean kennels, walks, food, training, grooming, playing, loving and socialization for each pet, as appropriate. In September, 2015, we took in 30 cats and 55 dogs—giving us a total of 138 cats and 86 dogs available for adoption at month's end.

* We are working every day to be **Open Admission**—to offer help for *every* pet that is brought to us. If we do not have space that day, we will offer food and supplies to help the person keep the animal a few more days. If that is not possible, we will try to find a foster home; and if none are available, we pay to board the animal.

**It takes a whole community to be both
No-Kill and Open Admission.**

**There are few, if any, places that have achieved it.
TALGV is close.**

* **Adoptions** to good homes is paramount to our mission. All adoptions include spaying or neutering, shots, microchip, a training DVD, and transition food, toys, and treats. Dog adoptions also come with a \$100 training class reimbursement, a collar with identification, and a leash with appropriate gear for walking. For cats and dogs over 10 years old, we offer free vet care for life with their adoption. In 2014, our total number of adoptions was 881.



* We provide **Post-Adoption Support** for both cats and dogs. It includes follow-up calls on every adoption and counseling, training, equipment, and medical support for pre-existing conditions, as needed, to help the adoption be successful.

* TALGV seeks and provides **Foster Homes** for cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies for purposeful reasons:

- Recovery from illness and surgery • Assessment •
- Basic training—sit, off, down, stay, come & leash walking •
- Temporary shelter when the kennels are full •
- Rest and relaxation • Love and support •

We keep kittens in foster homes until they are 8 weeks old, at which time they are ready for immediate adoption. This protocol shields young kittens with immature immune systems from viruses and other "bugs" that could be lurking undetected in the shelter environment.

* **Education** is the key. Our education department provides classroom presentations in local schools starting with kindergarten, where the focus is on care and appreciation of pets. We subsidize the cost of the buses to bring 4th grade students to our facility for more advanced classroom instruction and hands-on experiences. High-school students can participate in the popular Youth Intern Program (YIP)—an 8-week summer project developed especially for them. After training, they work alongside our adult volunteers; and many of them return to help on weekends and other days off during the school year. At all grade levels, and most strongly with our YIPs, we emphasize that they are the future of animal welfare.



* Our **Free and Low-Cost Spay and Neuter Program** is vital to controlling the excess of homeless and unwanted pets in our local communities. Last year, we provided over 1500 community spay/neuter procedures, in addition to spaying and neutering all of our intact shelter animals.

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Mail from our friends...



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* TALGV's **Outreach Program** assists qualifying families (and there are many) with free and low-cost services to help them keep and maintain their pets in difficult times.



Depending on the need, we provide pet food, comprehensive veterinary care including transportation, equipment (e.g., collars, leashes, nail clippers, thermometers, scratching posts), training and home modification (e.g., doggy doors, fencing).

* We participate in **Community Events** throughout the year to inform the public about our services, to showcase available cats and dogs, and to recruit volunteers.

* Our **Pet Therapy** animals visit senior and assisted-living homes, working as a team with their owners. The dogs and cats have been temperament tested, and the dogs are American Kennel Club "Canine Good Citizen" trained and certified.

* We could not do all of the above without **The Attic Thrift Store**.



The low-cost selling of quality, donated goods generates funds for all other programs. The dedicated volunteers who process and sell the goods, the kind and generous people who donate "gently-used" articles, and our many loyal shoppers provide the "bread and butter" for TALGV's work.

TALGV has grown substantially in its 31+ years, and its mission and impact have grown with it. It is through the support of our greater Santa Cruz Valley community—its residents, friends, and donors—that we have the necessary resources to help needy pets and their people and assure *A Home For Every Pet*.

Smokey & Tiger

In 2010, we adopted sisters Smokey and Tiger Baby from your shelter. They continue to give us much joy, and we continue to give them personal time whenever they ask for it. They are our "children" and we treat them as if they were. Discipline consists of hugs and kisses—Smokey welcomes them but Tiger truly thinks they ARE a form of discipline.

Rest assured that these two get the best we can offer.

Frank & Debbie Carr



Cassie (aka Zelda)

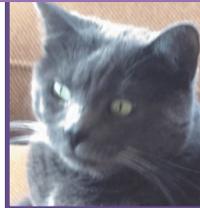


Mom adopted me 5 years ago in August. You took me in, fed me, and gave me shelter until Mom took me home. I've put on weight, go for walks every day, and have three cats that need my attention. Mom fosters kittens, so I get to supervise them also. I'm a busy girl! Life is good.

Thanks for all your caring
Cassi (aka Zelda) Humphreys

Buddy (aka Curly) & Bebe (aka Pharoah)

Thank you TALGV for the two beautiful cats we adopted. Buddy is a Russian Blue who loves to sit in the sun. Bebe is our long-haired Persian mix, who races from one end of the house to the other and plays and jumps over his toys. He can catch some of the balls in the air. The cats love each other and play and sleep together quite often. They have a few spats, too. They both love to cuddle up with me or Ken in our chairs and get brushed every day. We feel so lucky and blessed to have them. We love TALGV and all that you do for our animal friends.



Gwen & Ken Becker

wish list

Cat trees ✦ Little Friskies canned cat food

Hartz or Nylabone chew bones—made in USA—large sizes for strong chewers

Leashes—4ft. to 6 ft.—no retractables and no leashes with a light inside

Kongs ✦ Dog Collars—small

Choke Chains—14" to 22"



Calling All Crafters!

Small CAT BLANKETS needed
for Kitten Going-Home Bags

Approximate size = 20" X 20"

Knitted, Crocheted,
Quilted or Stitched—
all are appreciated





The public is invited to attend

ANNUAL MEETING

The Animal League of Green Valley will hold its 29th annual meeting for members

Friday - Dec. 4, 2015 @ 2 pm

TALGV'S Multipurpose Room
1600 W Duval Mine Road Green Valley, AZ 85614

- ~Overview of the year
- ~Outreach Video
- ~Vote on 3 board members

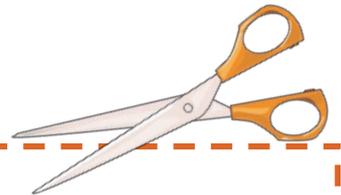
TALGV Job Jar

*We have a job for you
Please Volunteer*



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

-Anne Frank/Diary of a Young Girl



To find out more, please fill out this form and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope. The Volunteer Coordinator will contact you soon regarding orientation.

Name _____

Local Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Which volunteer opportunities are of interest to you?

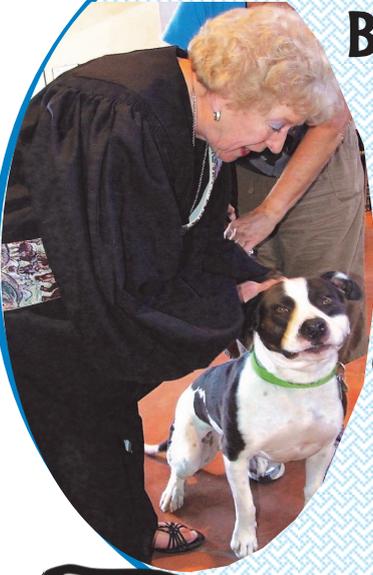
Looking forward to 2016



*Give Your Heart
to the Animals*

*Dinner, Dance and
Silent Auction*

*Saturday, February 6, 2016
Quail Creek Madera Room*

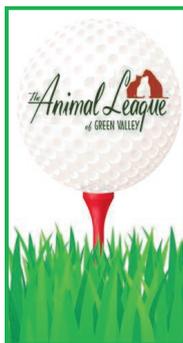


**TALGV's
Blessing
of the
Animals**

**Sunday,
March 6, 2016**

@The Animal League
of Green Valley

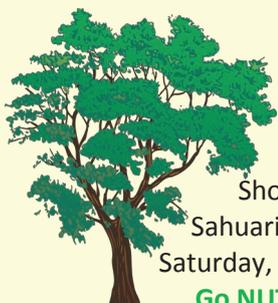
1600 W. Duval
Mine Rd.



DOIN' IT FORE THE ANIMALS

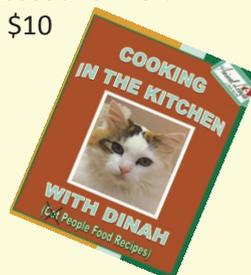
TALGV's 5th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, May 2 @ Desert Hills Golf Club
Registration forms available soon

There's still time to...



Show your face at
Sahuarita's Pecan Festival
Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 am—5 pm
Go NUTS for the animals

Purchase Dinah's cookbook
Makes a great holiday gift
Hurry...Just a few left
\$10



**Have A
Happy Thanksgiving**



Baby Jane ~ The Cat With Nine Lives

by Linda Moser

“Quality of life” undoubtedly means different things to different people. Having spent the better part of my career working with physicians, I’m also aware of the “first do no harm” dictum, and thus must admit I’ve always been in the “let’s not prolong suffering” camp when it came to both humans and animals and making the difficult decision to “let go.” Until Baby Jane came along.

Eight-year-old Baby Jane lived with a family all her life until she was abandoned at TALGV because they wanted to begin traveling and it was “inconvenient” to take a cat. They had no idea how devastating their decision would be for her.

As with many cats, we expected it might take a few weeks of settling in time for her to adapt to new circumstances, so her lack of appetite was ascribed to that initial adjustment period. But as the weeks went by, Baby Jane became more and more depressed and listless, finally refusing practically all food.

The volunteers made her a special project, spending as much time as possible giving her comfort and attention, including hand feeding, until ever so slowly she began to come around enough to be considered for adoption. And then that happened.

A gentleman adopted Baby Jane several weeks later. Having been told her history, he was admonished to carefully monitor her food intake since cats simply cannot go longer than three days without food, and was told to call us immediately if there were any problems.

Sadly, it wasn’t until seven days later that he called to say that she had not eaten *anything* during that time, and brought her back to us weak and severely jaundiced in late stage hepatic lipidosis.

Since she was once again refusing to eat, the volunteers began tube feeding—a process that I’ve since learned is not nearly as invasive or distressing as I’d thought. Weeks went by. She weighed half what she did when she arrived, but with the nourishment she was getting, the jaundice began to fade. She slowly added ounces. Then a pound. But she still wouldn’t eat on her own.

Cancer was suspected, but blood tests and an ultrasound scan showed nothing. The lipidosis had disappeared.



As she gained strength, nourishment by tube was replaced by syringe feeding. Another process I’d always thought dreadful. It’s not. As more days went by, Baby Jane would jump up on the treatment table and await her feeding—sometimes even opening her mouth in anticipation. She knew the routine (and, some would say, was beginning to get spoiled)!

Each day, the volunteers offered her food on a dish, but still couldn’t get her to eat on her own. Then by chance one day a bit of the mixture spilled on the table, and when they turned around, Baby Jane was giving it a few tentative licks. They added more. She licked more. And on it went, until now she’s eating more than a can of food on her own every day. And patrolling the halls with her buddy Dinah (who hasn’t seemed to mind sharing her domain one bit!).

To say that I had a dim view of Baby Jane’s survival chances would be an understatement. But she—and the persistent, incredibly devoted volunteers—taught me two proverbial lessons: “*Never give up*” and “*Miracles really do happen.*” I’m a believer.

You go Baby Jane!



Keep Your Pets Safe From Household Poisons

Every year in the U.S., there are hundred of thousands of pet poisoning cases, most caused by common household substances found in typical homes. According to the ASPCA and the Poison Prevention Hotline, these items are the most prevalent:

Human Prescription Medicines

Many pet poisonings occur when your pet chews into a pill bottle left on the counter or in a purse, or picks up a pill dropped on the floor. Cardiac medicines, antidepressants and prescription pain meds are the most frequent culprits.

Although some medications can be taken by both humans and animals, never give your pet any human medicines unless prescribed by your veterinarian.



Over-the-Counter Medications

Common pain relievers and NSAIDs (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) can cause ulcers and kidney failure. These include: Aspirin Aleve (Naproxen)
Advil (Ibuprofen) Motrin
Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Likewise, cough, cold and allergy medicines are composed of painkillers and decongestants that are highly toxic to pets.



Rodent & Insect Poisons

Slug bait, mouse bait or rat/pack rat bait can be fatal, as can eating a rodent that has been poisoned by the bait. Be careful using these in your yard, and be especially vigilant when walking your

dog—they like to explore unknown territory.

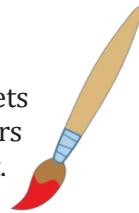
Insect bait stations, such as ant traps, can cause bowel obstructions if your pet swallows the hard plastic shell.

Cats should never be dabbed with flea or tick medication intended for dogs. Both cats and dogs can be poisoned if they ingest the flea/tick insecticide from collars, sprays or shampoos.

Household Cleaners & Chemicals

Many household items are attractive to your pets because they taste good. Keep common cleaners and chemicals out of reach or stored in a closet.

Dangerous items include bleach, detergents,

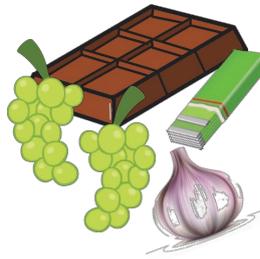


fertilizers, herbicides, paint & paint thinner, pool cleaners, drain cleaners, antifreeze, zinc (found in pennies made after 1982), fire logs, and hand sanitizers (they contain ethyl alcohol).



Human Food

Chocolate, grapes & raisins, garlic & onions, raw yeast dough, coffee grounds, chicken bones, fat trimmed from meat, alcohol, and sugar-free products containing xylitol (sugarless gum/candies/toothpaste), can all be a source of pet poisoning.



Plants Hazardous to Cats

Aloe
Azaleas
Chrysanthemums
Cyclamen
Daffodils
Dieffenbachia
Kalanchoe
Lilies
Lily of the Valley
Marijuana
Mistletoe
Poinsettia
Rhododendron
Tulips



Plants Hazardous to Dogs

Autumn Crocus
Azaleas
Cyclamen
Daffodil
Dieffenbachia
Foxglove
Hyacinth
Kalanchoe
Lilies
Oleander
Rhododendron
Sago Palm
Tulips
Wild mushrooms
Compost

Choking Hazards

Pets, like children, can choke on any small object. Beware of dental floss, string & yarn, holiday decorations (including lights & tinsel), and toys with small or movable parts. And last but not least, brightly colored glow sticks/glow jewelry are oh-so tempting.



What to do in an emergency

In cases of accidental poisoning, contact your vet @ _____

Call a local 24-hour emergency vet, such as:

Southern AZ Veterinary Emergency Center @ 520-888-3177
141 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. Tucson, AZ 85705

Call the Pet Poison Hotline (\$49 charge) @ 1-855-764-7661 or 1-800-213-6680

Call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (\$65 charge) @ 1-888-426-4435

Photo Shop



This beautiful lady was abandoned on our doorstep one summer morning, bare-pawed and pregnant. She sort of looked like a California girl to us, so we named her Cali. A week later, she presented us with 10 puppies—Frisco, Diego, Angelo, Berkeley, Sonoma, Napa, Malibu, Lodi, Gilroy and Blythe.

In the Attic, dedicated volunteers are sorting and stocking, labeling and pricing... preparing for another busy day.



Fuji is searching for hazards—will she find prescription drugs, sugarless gum, dental floss, OTC pain relievers, a chocolate bar or hand sanitizer?

What's in *your* purse?



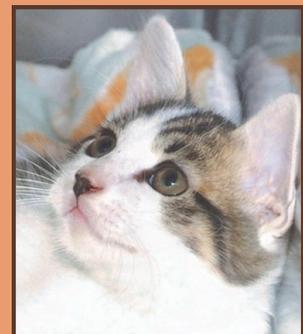
YOU
can
help

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~Margaret Mead

Together, we can continue to change our corner of the world into a better place.

Please give generously for the animals.



Thank you!



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Tipsy thinks:
"Women and cats
will do as they please; and
men and dogs should relax
and get used to the idea."
— Robert A. Heinlein

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