

# Paw Prints



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## TALGV's New Days & Hours

The Animal League of Green Valley is now open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week! The new afternoon and Sunday hours provide additional opportunities for people to visit and interact with our adoptable animals and shop at The Attic Thrift Store, which is a major source of the funds needed to care for the 60 to 100 cats and dogs living at TALGV on any given day.

Even though these new hours have impacted the daily schedule of many of TALGV's several hundred volunteers, these people have adjusted their lives and embraced the extended hours because they are "for the animals," the standard by which everything that is done at The Animal League is measured. The volunteers who care for the animals (pet pals and dog handlers) start at 8:00 a.m. or earlier, so a new, second shift is being recruited to continue through until 2:00 pm. It begins at 10:30 a.m., perfect for late risers or otherwise committed early risers.

The increased hours went into effect on January 25, and with them came an increase in adoptions and Attic sales, and, at least for the time being, a more leisurely, less crowded experience in the afternoons.

Every cat or dog that is adopted means there is room to take in another, as we all work toward the goal of a "no kill community", a community that takes care of all of its homeless pets.

So . . . . . Visit, Adopt, Shop, and Tell Your Friends.

By Jean Davis



**TALGV Rent-A-Dog Booth**

**5th Annual Quail Creek Run/  
Walk Feb. 14, 2009  
Benefiting TALGV and the  
Community Food Bank  
11 Participating TALGV Dogs**



**Thanks  
Quail Creek**



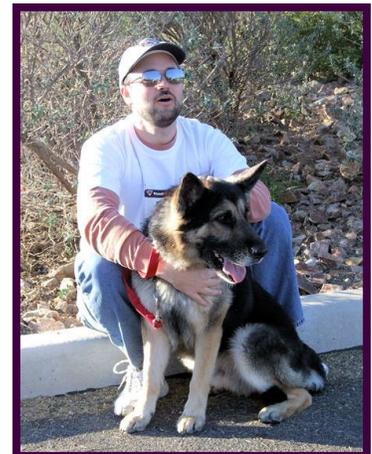
**George is the center of attention**



**Shelly won "Sweetest Dog"**



**Buddy struts his stuff looking for love**



**Rex waits for his saddle**

## I Rescued a Human Today



Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel, I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage.

As she read my kennel card, I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in

someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and the side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gently fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors - so many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

***I rescued a human today!***



Pictured above are: Jean Davis, President of TALGV, Delores and Arvid Erickson, longtime TALGV supporters and Leslea Johnson, artist

## Artist Reception

**By Ann Slagter**

On January 18, TALGV's Board of Directors and Special Events Committee hosted a reception for artist Leslea Johnson to meet those who responded to our fundraising drives for the new building with donations for her framed, personalized, hand-painted tiles. These colorful tiles are now hung on the west wall of the new entry hall. Donors who attended received pictures of the wall of tiles and also took their own pictures. Refreshments were served to guests as they chatted with Leslea, TALGV volunteers and each other.

Leslea has been associated with TALGV for many years. When the first building was completed, she was commissioned by TALGV founder, Margaret Roesch, to paint several groups of tiles which included names of donors and these were placed in the front courtyard. Since then, she has created more hand-painted tiles on request of individual donors and they have been added to the original collection. Leslea is a local artist with a studio located in Carmen, just south of Tubac.

## Why to Adopt a Senior Pet and How it Helps You and Them



Senior animals can be superior companions for human seniors. They aren't overly energetic (like puppies and kittens), don't need to be housebroken and know not to scratch or chew the furniture. Moreover, it's not true that "old dogs can't learn new tricks" - Broadway animal trainer William Berloni adopts all of his performing animals from shelters and prefers mature animals, saying they are happy to accept new living patterns in exchange for obtaining "a new leash on life." And, since young animals are the most frequently adopted, you'll also have the satisfaction of knowing that you may well have saved your new pet's life.

If you don't share your home with a companion animal, and especially if you live alone, you're missing out on all the health benefits they offer - companion animals can...

- Instill a sense of well-being
- Promote lower blood pressure
- Decrease the likelihood of depression in older adults
- Promote higher self-esteem in older people than those who don't care for companion animals

And one last dog-specific advantage: they can provide motivation to take daily walks, which is good for the creatures on both ends of the leash.



# HAPPY TAILS

By Artie Collins and Terry Nelson



## Cowboy

Cowboy is a young Terrier mix who was found wandering in Rancho Sahuarita, wondering where his next meal was coming from. He was rescued and brought to TALGV where he immediately consumed enormous quantities of food, water, and, most especially, ATTENTION! He was a wiggly, exuberant and outgoing little guy who barked a lot and never saw an enclosure he

couldn't escape (being an Olympic-class jumper!). Fortunately for Cowboy, a new group of dog handlers called the "Dog Growth Group" had just been formed. They took Cowboy in hand as their special cause, and with much hard work, made an almost-new dog of him.

One of his handlers was Dagmar, and she and Cowboy bonded immediately. She became his sole trainer and made huge strides in his training with long walks and stints on the treadmill and lots of toss-and-fetch games that helped give his enthusiasm new outlets. Subsequently, Dagmar fostered Cowboy with an eye to adopting, and in January, she made that commitment. She had a hunch that if he were in a quiet home, with lots of love, consistent training, and fewer distractions, his true personality would emerge.

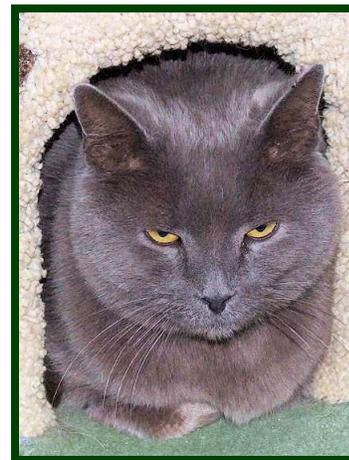
In just a short time, he has managed to worm his way into the hearts and lives of his new family and, as his training progresses, they see the real Cowboy emerge -- calm, playful, devoted, and a couch potato (at least until a golf cart goes by!). Dagmar says golf carts and bicycles are still fair game for Cowboy!



## STORMY

For two years, a wonderfully patient man fed Stormy, a charcoal grey kitten (who turned into a handsome cat), before discovering that he wasn't feral after all when Stormy jumped right into his lap one day! Stormy had been living outside in the desert the whole time, and was understandably wary of everything. He was brought into TALGV in December 2008, and in less than a month, was adopted by Carol, of Sahuarita, who needed a furry friend to love and protect from the wilds of "the great outdoors."

When he first arrived in his new home, Stormy disappeared for seven days, stealing from room to room, hiding under beds and chairs. Although he came out furtively to eat, drink and use the litter box, he managed to avoid all human contact. But after that first week, he decided that no one was going to hurt him and he did a "one-eighty," becoming a loving lap-sitter who sleeps in the bed with his people every night. He is now the boss of the house and demonstrates his contentment and thanks each day with rubs and purrs and lots and lots of snuggles. Stormy is a true success story of a tough, independent gentlemen (and a tribute to the patience of his people!).



### ANIMAL LEAGUE BENEFIT

Sponsored by  
The Ladies Association of  
The Country Club of Green Valley



A Luncheon and Fashion Show was held on Feb. 20th to benefit TALGV. There were 144 people in attendance including this table of TALGV volunteers. Jean Davis spoke about The League and was presented with a generous donation from the Ladies Association. Thank You!



This is the month to pay your annual TALGV Membership Dues. There is an envelope enclosed for your convenience. Our Animals Thank You!

### The Animal League of Green Valley

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- President - Jean Davis
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# Raffle Prizes

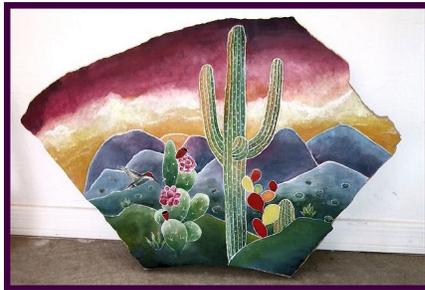
On Display in the New Lobby

Tickets available in TALGV Lobby  
 \$2 each or Six for \$10  
 Drawing on April 17th  
 You need not be present to win.

You may take as many chances as you wish on each prize.  
 All profits go to help the animals.



Hand-carved, intricate wall clock made of Baltic Birch donated by John Morgan, friend of TALGV



Hand-painted oil painting on flagstone with finish that withstands sun exposure - useable indoors or outdoors - donated by Rena Superneau, TALGV Office Volunteer



Colorful handmade, crocheted Royal Ripple afghan also donated by Rena Superneau



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*Making a Difference for People and Pets*

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### **KENNELS and ATTIC THRIFT SHOP**

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 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

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[www.talgv.org](http://www.talgv.org)

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Tipsy-ism, from our TALGV Office Cat:  
 The difference between cats and dogs is, dogs come when they are called, cats take a message and get back to you.

**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**