

# Paw Prints



from The Animal League of Green Valley

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## 25 YEARS

It's time for a celebration, a celebration of 25 years of helping people and pets in Green Valley, and from Sahuarita to Rio Rico, west to the longtime ranches and settlements and east to Vail. The Animal League of Green Valley was founded by Margaret Roesch in 1984 with help from co-founder Bert Cowper. In 1984, a building to shelter homeless animals was an ambitious goal for the fledgling organization, and even though many helped, all agree that it never would have happened without the tenacity of Margaret. Two pieces of land, one on Camino Casa Verde and another on Beta Street, were bought and sold, under duress, before TALGV found its home at 1600 W. Duval Road. But things worked out for the best, because otherwise we would today be sandwiched in between the bowling alley and an apartment complex. Margaret was not initially an animal person; she was a people person. She was working in hospice and found people were concerned, not as much about themselves as about what would happen to their pets when they were no longer able to care for them. She felt their distress, and founded The Animal League of Green Valley so that people in Green Valley would have the peace of mind that comes with knowing that that a beloved pet would be always be cared for. Today TALGV also helps as many other cats and dogs in need as resources and facilities will permit.

Even though the struggle for a physical facility took 17 years, homeless pets were cared for during those years in foster homes, and many of the cats lived in Margaret's refurbished Arizona room. The initial phase of the shelter was opened to the public in 2001, and from that point on the growth and recognition of The League began to accelerate.

In 2004, 96 cats and dogs were adopted from the shelter. This year we will adopt out over 700. But the best part of this is not the numbers but what happens to these cats and dogs during their stay at TALGV. Each day they are lovingly cared for, fed, medical needs taken care of, brushed, played with, trained, walked, hugged and petted by a cadre of tireless volunteers. We joke about college professors cleaning litter boxes, but it's true. No job is too menial if it is for these innocent, loving beings that are entrusted to our care. So what are we celebrating? We are celebrating an idea that became a reality, a heritage of dedication and perseverance, that today is a highly respected organization operating on a firm foundation of policies and procedures, financial stability and a set of core values and beliefs about the care and worth of pets in our society. We are celebrating our volunteers, our donors, our Attic Thrift Shop, our foster parents, our adopters, and our four-legged residents. We are celebrating a shelter that is a model for others and a source of pride for the citizens of our community.

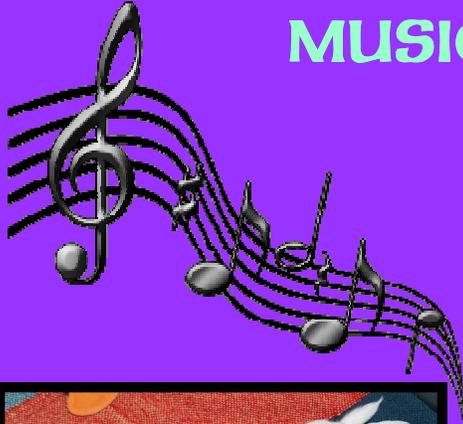
By Jean Davis, TALGV



**Margaret Roesch  
1915-2007**

# MUSIC TO THEIR EARS

by Geoff Knight



Once our new West Wing was up and running we realized the need to improve ease of communication and to quickly locate people in the expanded TALGV property. This led to the installation of an intercom system. A bonus of this equipment was that it presented the opportunity to play music throughout the kennel areas. Would this be good for the animals? Well, searching for opinions we found what seemed to be empirical evidence – or was it just folklore? – that dogs do indeed like music. How many of us secretly leave a radio or TV on at home to stop our pets feeling lonely? The findings showed that classical music had the greatest calming effect, and so it was decided that classical music would be played throughout the kennels at TALGV -- especially in the non-business hours. As we look back on the experience of the last few months even the most skeptical of the dog handlers attest that their charges are indeed calmer and less stressed with the addition of the piped music. Only now have we come across very recent scientific psychoacoustic research at veterinary schools in both the UK and the US that have evaluated the effect of music on the emotional comfort of dogs, especially in shelter conditions. Their conclusions are that not only is music found to be calming in itself, it is also effective in masking other noises that might be stressful – just as we have observed! After the hustle and bustle of the business hours the kennels become almost disturbingly quiet and noises such as the snoring or whimpering of a dog in a nearby kennel or even its footfalls, sight unseen, can be stressful. The music not only masks such sounds but is probably reassuring that all is well. What of the cats? Well cats are a little harder to read – but we suspect they are also serenely enjoying the soothing effects of the classical music!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR from Previous TALGV Residents

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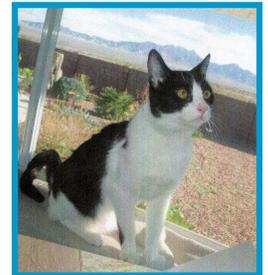
Dear Editor,

Just wanted to touch base with you after finding my "calling in life." I am Cesar, a Smooth Fox Terrier that had a rocky start being put up for adoption at four months and then again at a year old. It seems that I had too much enthusiasm for some people – but not for my current mom and dad, Jill and Steve. The first week after they adopted me, they took me to an agility trial to be a cheerleader for their other dogs. Cheerleader, my paw, I was hooked! They actually *wanted* me to run, weave, climb, jump, balance and pretend I'm a speeding bullet. This is the job for me! I love all the other dogs and people that attend the events – especially the young boys who have as much energy as I do. (Maybe there should be agility training for them?) And to top it off, I get to stay in fancy hotels with biscuit service! I'm sending along a picture of me "at work" – please show it to all the nice people who cared for me at TALGV. Living and Loving the Good Life, Cesar



Dear Animal League,

Thank you so much for taking such good care of me and helping me find my "forever home." I'm having lots of fun exploring and getting into mischief. I have several sunny windows to sit in and watch the world go by. I'm getting used to having food and water all to myself, although I do occasionally glance over my shoulder to be sure it's all for me. I snuggled right up to my person the first night here. I'm so glad I took that leap of faith into my Mom's arms when she walked in the cat room at TALGV. Tell all my buddies to give it a try, they won't regret it. This little "cookie" just can't stop purring! Home is where the toilet tissue unravels! Oreo, XXX



## HEALTH HINTS FOR YOUR PET

By Nancy Arnold



Pets can develop skin cancer and need summer sun protection just like we do. If your dog has a light colored nose and/or skin, thin or missing hair, or has been shaved for surgery, be sure to apply sun block to those areas. Check with your vet

for recommended sun blocks and apply every 4 to 6 hours when they are in the sun.

Plain pumpkin is a great digestive regulator whether for diarrhea or constipation. Use a generous tablespoon twice a day for large dogs and adjust down the amount for smaller dogs and cats.



If your pet has a flatulence problem, try a tablespoon of yogurt (a teaspoon for small dogs and cats) mixed into their food twice a day. Yogurt's probiotics help speed food absorption through the digestive system thus decreasing flatulence.



If Fido sips from the toilet bowl when the lid's up and you worry about bowl cleaning residue making him sick try this: Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of orange-flavored crystals (e.g. Tang) into the water, swish with a brush and let sit over night. The citric acid in the mix dissolves grime, leaves the porcelain sparkling, and makes the water safe for pooch's drinking.



## Heads Up Everyone Who Plays Mah Jongg

**Announcing the Second Annual Mah Jongg Fundraiser and Christmas Party  
This Year's Event will Benefit -**



**(Last year's beneficiary received \$2000)**

**1st place winner \$100 2nd place winner \$50  
3rd place winner \$25**

**Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2009**

**Place: St. Francis-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church Hall**

**Time: 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Check-in: 1:00 (must have ticket)**

**Tickets: \$20:00 each**

**Send Check Payable to: Rosemary Brophy  
90 Camino Manzana, #B Green Valley, AZ 85614**

**Send the names of your foursome or if playing individually a foursome will be assigned.**

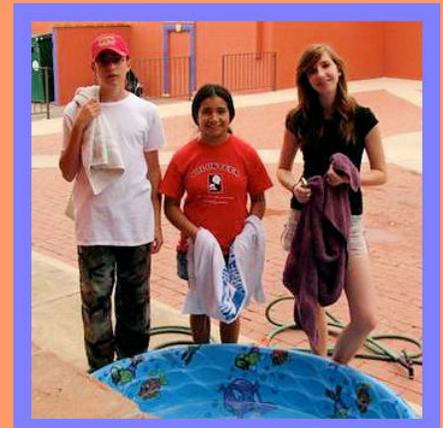
**Call 520-990-5107 for more information.**

**If you've already purchased a ticket - Thank You!  
For those of you who can't play, you can still make a donation,  
It's for The Animal League!**

*Until one has loved an animal,  
part of their soul remains  
un-awakened.*

## Dawg Days of Summer In The Green Valley Village . . .

was only slightly dampened by a sudden (but welcome) shower in the morning. Thanks to TALGV Volunteer Charles Zacher, our canopy was secured overhead so the rain didn't fall on "our parade!" Volunteers Nona Grinolds and Joan Butler staffed the booth, but the real heroes of the event were weekend high school volunteers Charles, Marilyn and Liz who got wet washing the "dawgs."





## A Day in the Life of a TALGV Cat as told to Sharon Knight by Cranberry

It's dawn at TALGV. The Pet Pals will start arriving soon, but we cats have been awake for hours checking things out and making good use of all the litter boxes (the Pet Pals really seem to enjoy digging around in them with their scoopers and we hate to disappoint them). Here they come now with our breakfast treat...a small scoop of canned cat food for each of us. YUMMY! After breakfast it's time for the

Pet Pals to get to work...scooping litter, sweeping, mopping, changing bedding, and making sure we have plenty of fresh water (and of course tons of toys to play with!). Before you know it everything is spic and span. Once the work is done, the Pet Pals give each of us special attention – they brush and comb us, talk to us, scratch our ears, and play games -- we love it! Then it's time for visitors and we try to be on our best behavior. The Pet Pals introduce us and make sure everyone knows how wonderful and individual we are so that we can find that special person who will adopt us and take us home. At 2 PM the Pet Pals leave and we're all ready for a nap. It's been a busy day and we need to rest up because tomorrow there will be more visitors to greet and the Pet Pals will be here again to help us look our best and maybe, just maybe, it will be **my** day to go to my forever family!

If you would like to spend some quality time with some wonderful cats (or dogs if you must!) we'd love to have you become a Pet Pal at TALGV. For more information contact Joan Matti, Volunteer Coordinator, at 399-1455.



You can help The Animal Rescue Site select  
**The Animal League of Green Valley**

to receive special funds to help our animals. Participating is simple and free. You can cast **one vote every day** for our rescue shelter. Seventy-three grants will be awarded for a total of \$100,000 from now until December 20th.

To vote, go to **www.theanimalrescuesite.com**  
Click on the tab on the right labeled: **Shelter+ Challenge**  
Fill in the Shelter name: **The Animal League of Green Valley** Country: **USA** State: **AZ** City: **Green Valley**

**You can vote once a day, every day.**

You can have a reminder sent to you by clicking in the left hand corner of the home page and you can also send an e-card from the website to friends and family so that they know how to vote also.



## AZ Legislative Update

Please thank District 30 Sen. Jonathan Paton and Gov. Jan Brewer for pushing through the state legislature and signing into law the Omnibus Animal Anti-Cruelty Bill which took effect September 30. Legislation was passed that:

- 1) Bans intentional, staged fighting of any species of animal.
- 2) Includes language designed to prevent puppy mills from taking advantage of licensing price breaks aimed at legitimate kennels.
- 3) Makes it possible for the inspection of kennels with a written warrant
- 4) Bans horse tripping which is roping the legs of a galloping horse
- 5) Creates a public registry of equine-rescue facilities
- 6) Requires shelters to spay/neuter and microchip unlicensed dogs and cats who have been impounded, or have bitten a person, before releasing the animal to the owner. If the owner wishes to forgo the requirement, they must pay a fee.

Our politicians often hear from us when we are unhappy about things. They should also hear from us when we are pleased. Hopefully it will also help give them the courage to speak up for animals in the future. You can leave a message for Senator Paton at 1-602-926-3312 and Gov. Brewer at 1-602-542-4331.

**Sometimes I'm not sure which one of us is the caregiver.  
The animals in our lives give us love, comfort and joy so extravagantly.**

Wendie Malick, Actress

# HAPPY TAILS

By Artie Collins and  
Terry Nelson



**CHARLIE**, aka Drifter, a three-year-old Staffordshire terrier mix, was found in April "drifting" down the highway near Mission and Helmet Peak Roads in Sahuarita. He and his family were relocating to Arizona from California and were staying with friends temporarily when he decided to go for a stroll. Being new to the area,

Charlie promptly got lost. His people were frantic and hunted everywhere (except TALGV!) for him, with no luck. He was gone, and they were heartbroken.

Fast forward three months: Chris and Katherine and their three children found a house in Green Valley within shouting distance of The Animal League. One day, Katherine stopped by the Attic to do some shopping and "just look" at the dogs. While there, she spotted a picture of "Drifter" on the up-for-adoption board and was stunned to see that he looked just like her Charlie! When the dog handler brought him down from the play yards and Katherine walked out the door, he reacted like a "Marmaduke" cartoon and dragged the dog handler across the patio to Katherine, who fell on her knees for the miraculous reunion. It was her Charlie, alive and well, three months after she'd given up ever seeing him again! It was like he'd never been gone. Charlie even went home with the original collar Katherine had bought for him back in California. It was a happy, teary, reunion and one of our greatest "tails" of success.

**Precious**, a one-week-old kitten was brought to us by a lovely lady who found her alone and crying on her patio one morning. Precious' eyes weren't even open yet, and she was going to need to be hand-fed every few hours 'round the clock. We desperately needed to find someone to take this tiny little thing to heart and act as her surrogate mama for a few weeks.

Up stepped Suzette, a volunteer at the League, who had never been owned by a cat in her life. She couldn't



resist this tiny ball of fur that was so young she could barely walk. It was only going to be temporary, she said, but that plan went down the tubes pretty fast. Suzette and her husband, Dale, were hooked, sharing her care and training every

day (and night!). Even Jack, their Chinese Crested, lent a paw. Precious now follows Jack around, trying to imitate what he does, and just doesn't understand why he won't use the litter box! Precious has her own little perch in a kitchen window where she loves to lie on her pillow and sunbathe. She and Jack help to make the bed every day, and will play with absolutely everything, moving or not. She has her own scratching post, which she uses religiously, and she and Jack wrestle and run through the house like a couple of kids. To say that Suzette and Dale have just excelled in raising a sweet, lovely, well-behaved kitty would be an understatement. Little did they know she would become the joy of their lives and a Daddy's girl, to boot!



## Helpful Hints For Pet Photos By Georgia Puttock TALGV Photographer

- Know your camera
- Exercise patience
- Wait for them to calm down
- Have an empathetic helper
- Lots of light is important
- Take a bunch of pictures
- Focus on a collar or eyes, something other than fur
- Try again tomorrow
- More patience

## The Animal League of Green Valley

### Board of Directors

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**The Animal League of Green Valley**  
*Invites You to Its Gala*  
**25th Silver Anniversary Celebration**

*Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 pm in The Crystal Ballroom  
 at The Quail Creek Madera Club*

*Silent Auction of Original Works by Local Artists  
 During Social Hour & Cash Bar*

**Dinner Entrees**

*Chicken Picatta with Sliced New York Steak or Eggplant Parmesan*

*A Tribute to TALGV:  
 A Multimedia Presentation*

*Tickets available at TALGV Office or by mail.*

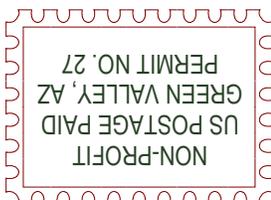
*You may use the enclosed envelope - Check  Ticket Request*

*Send a check for \$30.00 per person or \$300.00 per table of ten.  
 You must indicate entrée choice for each ticket.*

*Deadline for ticket purchase is November 14th.  
 Limited Seating & Dinner Attire Suggested*



OR CURRENT RESIDENT



**October: National  
 Adopt a Shelter Dog Month**

TALGV Residents and Volunteers recently made a trip to the Green Valley Village and the Green Valley News to promote this event.

**LOCATION & MAILING ADDRESS**

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

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*"In a cat's eye, all things  
 belong to cats."  
 TALGV Office Cat:  
 Tipsy-ism, from our*

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